



## New Amnesty Clause Added To the E-Book

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The visitations policy in the 2016-17 E-Book has been amended to ensure protection against disciplinary action for students who leave an illegal visitation out of concern for their personal safety or out of discomfort with their choice to violate the visitations rule. Though it is expected that all students will follow the long-standing visitations policy, the new addendum reflects the Academy's emphasis on student well-being as their primary concern and therefore encourages students to leave the room and seek an adult if faced with an uncomfortable or unsafe situation, without fear of disciplinary consequences.

As is done each summer, the E-Book was reviewed, updated and revised to reflect current practices and policies, according to Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove. These changes were overseen by Dean of Students Melissa Mischke, who worked with the new interim Director of Student Wellbeing Tina Sciocchetti and the other members of the dean's office. The change in the visitation policy, though only officially added to the E-Book this year, came after several years of discussion surrounding the appropriate response to students leaving illegal visitations for safety reasons.

The question was initially raised three years ago during a dormitory proctor meeting. Proctors reported that some students were choosing to remain in an illegal visitation they felt uncomfortable or unsafe in, rather than face the potential disciplinary consequences that may come with getting caught while leaving

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Upper Jaynee Anaya urges students to join her club, "Pen Pals for Haiti?"

## ESSO Interest Night Attracts New Students

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Agora was buzzing with students eager to learn about the extensive variety of ESSO clubs offered on and off campus this past Friday. Leading up to the interest night, ESSO completed several changes to start the 2016-17 school year.

The acronym, ESSO, which formerly stood for "Exeter Social Service Organization" now stands for "Exeter Student Service Organization." ESSO Director of Communications and upper Lucas Schroeder explained that ESSO leaders hope the name change will better represent the organization's focus and mode of operation to the community. The name change was also incorporated because ESSO is a student-led program. As explained on their website, the organization emphasizes direct service to the Exeter community and students are encouraged to "think globally, act locally." Leading up to the start of this academic school year, ESSO worked to reduce the number of clubs it encompasses in an effort to make the organization's focus more directed and purposeful. Last year, the board managed over 80 clubs, which has now dropped to just over 70. Schroeder said that instead of focusing on the pure quantity of clubs that ESSO has the capacity to oversee, they have reduced the number of clubs under their umbrella in recent years to "make the greatest impact and [add] strength the organization's focus." Each of the board members also has personal goals to improve and streamline access and participation in the network of clubs and organizations.

ESSO also made a new website, designed by On-Campus Clubs Coordinator and upper Jackson Parel. The website gives ESSO a dedicated space to attract students, while also providing students with an easy and clear way to navigate information. Along with this source of information, the website offers a new survey that can help students determine what is the best club for them. Co-Director of Communications and senior John Ragone, said he was enthusiastic about the improved communication an ESSO website is bound to provide. "This year I'm looking forward to ESSO becoming radically more accessible and user-friendly. Last year, we were tucked into a hidden tab on the terrible ExeterConnect." The new site can now be found at [pea-esso.com](http://pea-esso.com)

The group is also looking for leaders to head a new club at the local YMCA down on Linden Street. The YMCA reached out to the Exeter community for recruiting students to lead an interactive family activity, such as dance or music, on Sunday afternoons. One of the heads, lower Andrew Hong was excited to spend some of his free time to serve. "When [Community Service Coordinator Elizabeth] Reyes contacted me about helping to lead ESSO YMCA, I was thrilled about the opportunity to use my time giving back to the greater Exeter community." For now, neither Reyes or Hong are exactly sure where the

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## Rule Revisions Include Principal Discretion

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The addition of a new clause explaining exceptions to cases handled by the Disciplinary Committee joins changes in the E-Book policy pertaining to sending and possessing sexually explicit material digitally—or sexting—in the internet and social media policy. In addition, the E-Book identifies "sexual misconduct" as a major rule violation, and clarifies policies surrounding sexual misconduct, visitations and mandatory reporting policies.

Dean of Students Melissa Mischke and newly-appointed interim co-Director of Student Wellbeing Tina Sciocchetti revisited the E-Book policies this summer with an eye toward student safety and as part of the Academy's sexual misconduct response and prevention plan.

The changes are intended to make

sure that the school has "the right pieces in place to properly address prevention of and education around sexual misconduct," according to an email sent by Mischke to the student body over the summer.

Though policies involving sexual misconduct are new, Principal Lisa MacFarlane said that principal's discretion is not. "[It] was already in the E-book... All we did this summer was make it more visible."

The newest edition of the E-Book now has a section dedicated entirely to sexual misconduct. The terms "sexual misconduct," "sexual assault," "sexual penetration," "sexual contact," "sexual contact" and "consent" are defined in this section. The policy outlines the process behind reporting sexual misconduct, including what steps would be necessary of both the school and any students

involved.

The E-Book now clearly states when staff and faculty would be required to report incidents to the police under the New Hampshire Safe School Zones Act. The addition of the policy on sexting defines the term, and clarifies that sexting can lead to criminal charges under federal and state laws, as well as leading to disciplinary action, and could possibly fall under the principal's discretion.

MacFarlane said that principal's discretion would only be used "in very rare and limited situations. For example: when a DC process might interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation; when the situation involves harm to others or the community and an outside independent investigation is appropriate; and in situations where there are highly sensitive privacy considerations, especially those

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## Teams Pushed Off Fields After Summer Drought

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Due to the extreme drought that the town of Exeter has experienced in recent months, water usage at the Academy has been restricted and its athletic fields have suffered. After a winter of minimal snowfall followed by an abnormally dry summer, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services issued an official drought alert for most of the state on August 3.

There is currently a precipitation deficit of over 20 inches for 2016 and the Exeter River, already affected by dam work, has gone down several inches in the past few weeks alone. Furthermore, the gauge that monitors how much water flows through the River has reported the lowest amount in a 20-year history. Since last Tuesday, drought conditions have escalated from severe to extreme and are expected by climate experts to persist late into the fall.

As water levels decrease and Exeter must

rely on its surface water, the town is primarily concerned with providing good, safe water. Therefore, in an attempt to preserve access to such water, the town placed municipal water users under mandatory water restrictions.

Additionally, following the recommendation of the Public Works Department, selectmen in Exeter voted to enact a ban prohibiting all outdoor water use. In light of this ban, the Academy is required to shut off all irrigation serviced by municipal water or from its private wells. Consequently, the irrigated turf fields have begun to show significant signs of drought stress.

In addition, the boathouse has faced difficulties caused by the drought. A brand new dock was recently put in and the boat house manager has had to hand-scrub it daily rather than rinse it off because the school is now reliant on town water and cannot use river water.

Roger Johnson, Senior Manager of Grounds and Athletics, explained that even prior to the water ban, "the ongoing drought



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Fields decay in the summer drought.

affected all of the natural grass athletic fields, particularly the ones that do not have irrigation systems." This includes fields south of Phelps Stadium and the Day Fields near the Grainger Observatory. Now, given the recent implementation of the water ban, these fields have suffered even more.

The Academy has also struggled with new regulations adopted by the town of Exeter last spring restricting all fertilizer use in the Aquifer Protection Area, which includes the entire PEA athletic field complex. According to Johnson, "these rules present new challenges to keep the

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# ESSO Interest Night Involves Community, Invites Participation

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program will go, but both are excited about the prospect of involving Exeter students further in the surrounding community, and Hong added that the YMCA is an ideal locus for all types of community service.

ESSO co-President and senior Connie Cai mentioned the possibility of partnering with Exeter High School to assist low-income communities in Exeter. Other new clubs include ESSO Spanish, run by lower Mark Blekherman and upper Alex Renaud, which aims to address the lack of language education opportunities for elementary school students in the area. Instead of its traditional location in Agora, next year's ESSO Interest Night will be held in Grainger

Auditorium to provide clubs with more space for advertising. ESSO leaders noticed that some Exonians, especially some of the preps who they were trying to cater to, turned away from the massive crowd as many found it to be overwhelming. The goal is to inform "ESSOnians" about the clubs offered so that they can determine whether the commitment is right for them. "However, with the loud noise and dense crowd, it can be difficult to convey all the necessary information. With those concerns in mind, we've decided to move it into Grainger for next year," Schroeder said.

Off-Campus Clubs Coordinator and senior Aivant Goyal said he looks to increase ESSO's interactions and reach out to the larger Exeter community all the while focusing on implementing systems to make sure that clubs remain

efficient and successful. "Personally I want to work on some of the technology so that things can run smoothly, but as I work with off campus clubs, I hope to be a bigger part of some of those interactions as well—perhaps adding some clubs that expand the ways we interact," Goyal said.

Schroeder agreed. "As the Director of Communications, I believe that educating people about service opportunities is almost as important as the service itself. If Exonians don't know what ESSO has to offer, then it will be much harder to provide our help to the Exeter community," he said.

Children's Clubs Coordinator and upper Emmett Shell believed that this year ESSO can improve upon communication between co-heads and coordinators. This change, Shell said,

will allow club heads to access more resources and allow coordinators to more easily follow the performance of their clubs. ESSO will start using MyAT, a program that all clubs will use to track attendance. "Coordinators will be able to access the same account as the club heads so they can follow how well each club is doing with attendance. This will also make it easier to track how much each person has come to a club when the time for co-head decisions rolls around," Shell said.

Co-Director of Communications and senior Joanna Papadakis said that a major goal for this year is to have every student at Exeter involved in one ESSO club or event. With such a large and diverse student body, ESSO expects to see a big impact in the community with the help of so many enthusiastic club members.

# Summer Precipitation Deficit Damages PEA Athletic Fields

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turf healthy and conditions safe for field use," particularly during a season of extreme, prolonged drought.

It will be difficult for the fields to survive excessive use from athletic teams practicing on them. Sydnee Goddard, science instructor and JV field hockey coach, observed that the fields will not be able to tolerate this amount of stress and "are likely to get destroyed with kids running around on them." Likewise, Johnson predicted that "the existing turf will go into dormancy or dry out because of water deficiency, then bare spots will develop on the fields, especially where there is heavy use from practice drills." The continuation of the drought through the next several months will only further weaken the athletic fields.

In the hopes of protecting the fields most at risk, measures have been put in place to limit their use. The varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams were asked to practice on different fields for a week in order to preserve their regular fields for games throughout the season. This was in part due to the extensive work put into those fields over the summer. Phelps West, where the girls'

team practices, was redone and new sod put in place. Director of Athletics Shane LaPointe explained, "we want the new sod to take root and water helps with that." The Lovshin field, where the boys' team usually plays, is sand-based, which lends itself to drainage but if there is a shortage of water, it suffers from lack of water retention. These two fields in particular need special attention and care, which is why the soccer teams were temporarily moved to other fields. However, LaPointe confirmed that both fields are back in use, and coaches and teams are "very well aware that they need to be mindful of how they use the field." This means distributing their drills to different parts of the fields and "really trying to move around so that no piece of the field gets too worked over," LaPointe said.

Though the soccer teams were only asked to stay off their regular fields for a week, this request was not met agreeably by some. Senior Quentin DiStefano, who is captain of the boys' varsity soccer team, complained that "the soccer team was not allowed to use our usual field and as a result we had to play on an inadequate playing surface." He went on to say that even the field they were moved to was "visibly affected by the drought." In turn, the poor conditions of the

fields have affected their playing. Lower Jonah Johnson described the track field as "very dry, which causes the grass to be very stiff, which affects our touches."

Senior and soccer captain Tarek Khartabil also noted the lifelessness of the grass on the track field. "Even the temporary fields that we used behind the stadium during preseason were not only half dead, but the surface itself was very hard," he said, recalling an instance when he heard a football player fall after a tackle and "it sounded like they hit concrete." DiStefano also felt the field conditions made it "tough for us to train smoothly." He continued, emphasizing his frustration at passing the ball to his teammate and having the ball bounce more than usual. "Regardless, we are working through it and hope to see an improvement."

However, these steps could be merely the first of many if conditions on the natural turf fields deteriorate due to the drought, as they are anticipated. Teams may need to begin more use of the synthetic turf on Hatch Field and Phelps Stadium to help preserve the natural grass fields. These synthetic fields can tolerate daily practices from multiple teams while still remaining in adequate condition for games.

Some coaches have expressed concerns about the condition of the natural grass fields, and the athletic department has had to explain the consequences of overuse during a drought, including rapid deterioration of the turf.

Ultimately, the Athletic department may need to develop rotating schedules on the synthetic turf fields, so that all teams can be accommodated for their practices. This would limit the amount of time teams could practice on a daily basis and possibly prove detrimental to their performance throughout the season. Goddard, whose team practices on the Hatch Field, said that she is not currently affected by the drought but if these restrictions were actualized, "all of the programs may be affected." However, LaPointe remains optimistic about the condition of the fields. "Our fields have held up really well despite the lack of rain," she remarked, adding that "we're actually in better shape than most schools in the area." LaPointe expressed gratitude for facilities management, who have been "phenomenal to work with." She also pointed out that last winter, most of the US was in a drought and New England was the only place that was not. "This is our turn now, and our turn really hasn't been that bad," she said.

# Principal Clarifies Official Right To Manage Disciplinary Responses

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involving students other than the one who is facing discipline—those that require a more confidential process than the DC is able to accommodate."

Certain cases, defined in the E-Book as those in which "there is harm against others or a threat to the community," or those where law enforcement or government officials may conduct an investigation, may now be handled through a process separate from the current disciplinary system at the "principal's discretion." Principal Lisa MacFarlane and the Dean of Students would work in consultation to run an investigation, or appoint an investigator, and decide the appropriate disciplinary response or action to the case. MacFarlane said that this protocol are not only for sexual misconduct cases, but that those cases do typically meet the conditions for principal's discretion.

The added E-Book clause also details the principal's power to place any student on probation or leave, or require them to withdraw from the school following entry into either the regular disciplinary process or the process detailed under the principal's discretion. The principal may also withhold diplomas or choose not to award a student with a diploma, according to the E-Book. Some members of the community are supportive of principal's discretion as a disciplinary measure. "Principal's discretion is the best solution to dealing with charges of student-to-student sexual misconduct, cases that may involve the police and that can be extraordinarily difficult to resolve," science instructor Townley Chisholm said.

Other members of the community were wary of how such power being placed solely in the hands of the principal. "I think it's a bit weird because it's just one person who gets to decide everything. How can we put our fate in one person's hands?" upper Chiara Perotti-Correa said.

History instructor Michael Golay was concerned about the implications of extending the usage of principal's discretion outside of cases of sexual misconduct. "I think the implications of [principal's discretion] are immense. If it's confined to sexual misconduct, that might be one thing. If principal's discretion is applied to other areas of student life, of school life, that could be a very different thing and I think we really need to talk about that," he said.

Golay further expressed discontent about the lack of discussion and clarity that occurred prior to making changes in school policy and administration. "The faculty wasn't consulted about those changes and I think that's a problem... Principal's discretion challenges a fundamental notion of governance of the school. We have seen nothing like

this before now. At minimum, we need a clear definition of what's meant by the phrase," he said.

Lower Joseph Hong felt that principal's discretion undermined the authority of the disciplinary process.

"There's a whole system, such as the [Discipline Committee], and the principal doing that overrules it, making it useless," he said.

Although some questioned the effect principal's discretion may have on the DC, MacFarlane said that it "is definitely not intended to undermine [that] excellent and thoughtful work."

Perotti-Correa questioned whether the principal really has the final say during cases of principal's discretion in practice.

"Everyone is going to pressure her into doing whatever the Board of Trustees wants and she will most likely never truly have the final word," she said.

Despite his general support of the policy, Chisholm said he hoped that the Discipline Committee would still review cases of sexual misconduct that don't involve the police, and expressed concern due to the lack of transparency that would occur if such cases are reviewed through the principal's discretion. "When the DC has voted [for Requirement to Withdraw] for students involved in sexual misconduct cases in the past few years it has acted in the best interests of the school and the charged students, and sent a clear message about community standards, a message that the confidentiality of principal's discretion will lack," he said.

Chisholm noted that the overall additions to the E-Book were part of a greater change at Exeter towards addressing sexual misconduct, and felt that the changes were necessary and justified. "Campus culture is definitely shifting as we pay much more attention to educating students and faculty on reporting laws and on what giving clear consent means in a sexual context ... I am easily persuaded that these changes are good and needed," he said.

Perotti-Correa also felt that the reflected a greater trend, but felt that the new rules were restrictive. "I think that with everything that's been going on with the school...they've just been so uptight with the new rules and not only with the principal's discretion rules, there's the sexting thing, the social media thing," she said, referencing the clarification of E-Book policies.

Chisholm further expressed a desire for students and faculty to work together in instituting change to address sexual culture, saying, "I hope that students will work with the faculty to make our school culture one in which students show each other respect and kindness in sexual contexts as in all others."

# Students Free to Leave Unsafe Vs

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the room. When asked at that time, Cosgrove responded that there was unwritten rule that "if they were in a situation where they were choosing to leave because they felt uncomfortable or unsafe, they would not face disciplinary consequences." But until then, he recalled no such questions being raised and he was not aware of any policy in place to address them. "Dean Mischke and I felt like it was important for this response to be stated [explicitly] in writing in the E-Book," Cosgrove said.

The change also comes after a year-long effort from Student Council (StuCo) to establish an open-doors visitations policy that would emphasize gender-neutrality and inclusivity. Tony Ryou '16, who served as a head of StuCo's Policy Committee last year, said "we were looking for ways to incite a positive change to Exeter's sexual climate by making it more inclusive and safe." Though the proposed change was never implemented, some students reserve hope that the addition to the E-Book will pave the way for future reform in this direction. Lower Grace Grey said, "the ideal policy would make everyone, of all gender identities, feel comfortable getting visitations." However, she recognized the challenge of achieving this and expressed satisfaction with the recent change "because it helps foster a safe community."

As part of the Academy's larger efforts to prevent occurrences of sexual assault on campus, the revised visitations policy helps place students' safety and well-being at the focus. Director of Studies Brooks Moriarty was careful to point out, however, that "no one thinks this alone prevents sexual assault." Moriarty hoped that the change will empower students to make safe choices without worrying about disciplinary consequences and added that any potential abuse of the policy is "outweighed by the essential 'good' of keeping kids safe." Given that the school's primary responsibility is to ensure student safety, it sometimes must prioritize this duty above doling out disciplinary consequences, especially if these consequences have resulted in students choosing to remain in possibly dangerous positions rather than risk being caught. "There may be instances when student safety and rules have an uneasy relationship and don't line up perfectly," Moriarty said. "This is one example ... and so it makes perfect sense to prioritize student safety with visitations."

Though some faculty members and students felt this policy change was long overdue, many recognized that even before it was added to the E-Book, it was already in practice. History instructor Michael Golay found it unlikely that a dean or faculty member ever would have instituted a disciplinary procedure against a student who left a compromising situation during illegal visitations at the risk of being caught. "It's been perfectly clear to me for a long time that that wasn't really an issue," he said. "The deans did a good job about that." However, Golay also noted that "this [change] should've been done a long time ago."

Even for students who heard through word of mouth that they would not be punished if caught leaving an illegal visitation in which they felt unsafe, uncertainty existed around the unwritten rule. Upper Emily Green, though she

knew about the unofficial rule last year, shared confusion with many of her peers as to whether it was actually practiced since it was not in the E-Book. "I think putting it in print will help clear up confusion and make people feel like they have more of an ability to leave a dangerous situation without disciplinary repercussions for themselves," she said. Ryou emphasized the inadequacy of the rule existing merely as a spoken assurance from the administration, rather than as a part of the E-Book. "There's a difference between the rule being 'known' and actually being a part of the school's rulebook, not to mention the fact that many still didn't know about it last year," he pointed out. Ryou recalled that before the official addendum, many students felt pressured to stay in the room despite how uncomfortable they felt, a situation which according to him, "only escalated the issue of sexual assault on campus."

Most students considered the new rule a positive addition and thought it could help students feel safer. Senior and Student Council President Matthew Robbins described it as "a fundamentally good change." Despite the policy being "a little ambiguous," he believed it "does provide assurance to people that they won't be penalized when facing a very tough situation." Additionally, the policy has the potential to "prevent some terrible things from happening," according to lower Olivia Ross, though she expressed surprise that it was not already a rule.

Though students were generally supportive of the new policy, most were quick to point out that it would not come close to truly preventing sexual misconduct on campus. Senior Jaden Wood said, "Ultimately, this will not stop sexual assault completely, and probably nothing in the future will, but it is a step in the right direction for administration." Similarly, senior Connie Cai felt that the change will by no means fix all of the issues facing our campus regarding sexual assault, but it serves as a helpful measure.

Lower Euwre Park simply stated that she is "unsure if this is the best course of action to fix these problems," while lower Chimenum Tasie-Amadi raised the possibility that "people will get unauthorized visitations and then be able to leave and avoid disciplinary action." However, senior Hillary Aristotle felt that while there is a chance students might abuse the rule, "you've got to be a pretty selfish person to do so because then you'd flat out be breaking the only safety net out there for people who actually need it."

While the visitations addendum has been widely supported, students have reiterated their demand for greater measures to address sexual assault on campus. "There are many more issues surrounding sexual assault that still need to be addressed more directly, such as the prevalence of seniors pursuing preps in their first term at Exeter, or the expectation of intimacy in certain situations such as fives or 'let's go watch a movie,'" Herness said.

While the Academy continues to adapt its policies in response to this sexual climate, its ability to keep student safety and wellbeing as its top priority will be paramount. As students and faculty alike have agreed, the updated visitations policy is a step in the right direction, largely because, in the words of Stenor, "rules shouldn't be more important than students' safety."

# Student Clubs Host Annual Interest Night

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New and returning students filled Grainger Auditorium to take on Exeter's annual Club Night last Saturday, an annual event with representation from each student club on campus. Club co-heads set up booths, drew colorful signs and put out candy and other treats to lure interested prospects to their sign-up sheets. Club Night is one of many ways that Exeter seeks to include new students in the events of the school in a friendly, community-centered way at the beginning of each year.

Senior Aivant Goyal recalled his first few weeks as a new lower, and how Club Night helped him as he worked to integrate himself better in the on-campus student community. Goyal had an excess of free time, but did not know many people. He described the experience of Club Night with an analogy. "[It] gives new kids that opportunity to pick their commitments like as if they were in a grocery store. They get to see everything, get excited about things, meet new people and decide what kind of hobbies they want to pursue," Goyal said. Goyal hoped to see other Exonians engage in his interests such as computer science, ethics, business and the Indian Subcontinent. Understanding that Exonians have limited time to spend on extracurricular interests, he hoped to give them almost a taster of what is to come at his metaphorical grocer. "I want to showcase even just briefly the different kinds of things you can do at Exeter, even if they don't end up actually going there," Goyal said.

Like Goyal, prep Dawson Byrd said that he enjoyed the experience of shopping around for clubs and hobbies he might like, even if he had never tried them before. "I liked how people encouraged you to join even if you did not have previous experience," Byrd said. "I signed up for ones that I otherwise would've glanced over." Similarly, prep Andrea So commented that she "loved the energy and the variety of all the clubs." However, So said that the environment was a little overwhelming with all the noise, students packed into the relatively small auditorium and somewhat aggressive approach some club heads took to recruit members.

Senior Alec Howe recognized the importance of Club Night for the clubs themselves as well as new students. "Club Night allows less well-known clubs to advertise themselves on a level playing field with others, and for students of all grade levels to discover new interests and new friends," Howe said. He aimed to engage with the variety of students that attend the Academy, especially in his Republican Club. "I hope to attract liberals and conservatives alike so that we can better serve the community as an open minded forum for discussions about contentious issues," he said. Excited to see new and old faces, Howe said he hopes to put his passion on display and possibly join a club or two himself.

Returning lower Adrian Venzon said that he felt out of place coming into Exeter last year. However, through joining clubs like the Pinoy Society and the GSA, he gradually assimilated into the Academy's engaged culture and community.

"It's important to have club night so that new students are able to find groups that they can feel comfortable in or familiar with ... I hope to start lasting bonds with new students and reconnect to returning students," Venzon said.

However, things were viewed slightly differently from the other half of the club advertisements. Some new students mentioned their dislike of the loud, confusing and intimidating atmosphere at Club Night. Some thought that at times the campaigning became too aggressive and too personal, and how declining an offer became personal conflicts. Prep Will Hamilton said, "It's awkward how people solicit you into joining their clubs." Hu agreed, saying "I felt uncomfortable denying certain requests because if you know the co-heads they're very likely to reach out to you." Despite this, Hu ended up joining about two-thirds of the clubs he was approached by, and ended up finding a way to fend off the excited upperclassmen and take care of his own interests.

In addition to the questionable guilt-tripping for club sign-ups, many attendees mentioned the discomfort of the Grainger venue. Hu commented, "It was really loud, rowdy and crowded. Sometimes it was difficult to find signs of clubs that I was interested in." He added with emphasis, "If there was A/C in Grainger it would've been a lot better."

Club Night, although accompanied by some flaws, will serve as a basis for integrating Exonians into the community. Senior Kaitlyn Kang believed strongly in the role of Club Night in the lives of new Exonians. "I am just hoping to leave people with an impression of my clubs, as something that they'll remember," she said.

Kang also ties this to the importance of the availability of clubs and the pursuit of personal interests at Exeter. "If you're going to ask about the importance of club night, you might as well be asking about the importance of club," she said.

Overall, it is a night and a tradition that has benefited many and serves as a gateway into each school year, as well as an entrance to careers at Exeter. Senior Richard Chen said, "Joining clubs is one of the best ways I got to meet and know so many of the wonderful people I know today. It opens people up to step outside their comfort zone and try something new, perhaps something that they'll enjoy for their lives."



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Students scout clubs and join the email lists of organizations that interest them.

## Dorms May Unlock at 6 a.m. Instead of 5 a.m.

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The deans office and dorm heads plan to continue discussing the possibility of changing the time students may leave their dorm from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. This conversation is a continuation of a similar one last year among dorm heads, when dorm heads suggested and recommended the change. According to Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove, it is possible that a recommendation will be brought to the faculty to vote to change the time.

"Student safety is the primary reason we would consider making this change," Cosgrove said.

This summer, Cosgrove asked the Head of Archives and Special Collections of the Academy Library Peter Nelson to research if there had been any discussion over the 5 a.m. rule in the past. Nelson found that in April 1959, there was a recommendation from the Executive Committee to clarify the hour in the morning when students could leave their dormitories.

The amended motion was carried as follows: "When a boy has checked in at his dormitory for the night, he is not to leave the building before 5 a.m., except with permission of his faculty adviser."

Since 1959, the time has not changed. However, since female students now attend the Academy, the original wording has changed, and there was an addition of a seven a.m. visitor rule, so that no non-dorm members would be in the dormitories before that time.

The current E-Book rule regarding this issue is the sixth and final point on "Hours of Reporting" and reads: "Students must not leave the dormitory before 5 a.m. and, in order to maintain the dorm's security, must never prop open locked dormitory doors. Visitors are not permitted before 7 a.m., except by arrangement with the resident faculty or a dean."

Dorm head of Bancroft Hall, Director of Studies and English instructor Brooks Moriarty expressed that he would not be surprised if the earliest departure time is changed to six a.m. because nothing is open on campus before that time, and therefore does not need to be accessed by students.

"[I]t sounds sensible to me," he said. "And it makes sense that the hour of the fitness center opening would align with the hour when students would be permitted to leave the dorm."

Dorm resident in Webster Hall and history instructor Alexa Caldwell agreed with Moriarty and added that "improving safety for the students is always a priority."

"It seems sensible to make the time that buildings open correspond to the time students can leave the dorm," she said.

When asked about the purpose of the 7 a.m. rule and its relationship to the 5 a.m. rule, Cosgrove said that the times are meant "with the times when the Phelps Student Center and the Dining Halls—with the exception of weekends—open."

However, several students and even proctors were unaware of the 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. E-Book rule. Seniors and Amen proctors Hillary Aristotle and Antigone Clark both were sur-

prised to hear about it. They both felt this and the potential change are an attempt to dampen what they described as the "hook-up" culture at Exeter.

Students have been known to take advantage of the 5 a.m. permitted exit hour to visit others for sexual or romantic purposes. "I think there needs to be a more direct way of addressing the problem than just changing the hours," Aristotle said. Clark agreed. "I mean, people are still going to have sex," she said.

Senior and Bancroft proctor Zoe Marshall admitted that students are confused about why this change could happen.

"There will always be students who break the Vs policy [regardless of a time change]," she said. "It's a rule universally seen as okay to break, at least compared to every other rule."

Senior and proctor in Wentworth Liam Oakley also believed the administration is trying to decrease the amount of sexual activity happening on campus.

"Five o'clock is traditionally the time when couples leave their dorms in order to hook-up," he said. "By moving this to six they think it will change, but all it does is confine the same amount of activity to [fewer] hours in the day."

Fellow Wentworth proctor and senior Graham Rutledge agreed with Oakley. Rutledge thought that students who get illegal visitations early in the morning are already breaking a rule and "adding another rule will not serve as a deterrent." He also worried that this could affect athletes, such as wrestlers who lift in the morning.

Some students were also concerned that this would delay their athletic practice because they leave their dorm around 5:45 a.m. in order to arrive at the gym right as it opens.

Upper Jon Chen was very upset to hear of the potential change because it would push back his workout routine half an hour.

Lower Liz Williams empathized with

Chen. "Personally, that would impede on my ability to practice," she said. Williams continued to explain that her morning swim practices are already cut short when she has 8 a.m. classes. "I like to get in the pool right at six."

Lower Ashley Lin agreed that this would push back her swim time as well since she leaves her dorm 10 minutes before the pool is open.

Williams added that she does not think the hour will make a difference when it comes to students breaking rules. "There isn't anything I can imagine you can get away with at five that you can't do at six," she said.

Dunbar proctor and senior Isabella Thilmany also thought this time change would do little to stop any inappropriate activity that happened at 5 a.m., saying "people can just go at six instead." She added that it could also be "an inconvenience for people who might want to go on an early morning run or Dunkin Donuts run."

Upper and proctor Lara Galligani said she understood why the administration is considering this change. She believed they want to limit the amount of time students break the visitations policy which then could minimize the possibility of sexual assault.

"There is no faculty [member] available to intervene if there was to be a situation where a student wanted to leave an illegal V's situation," she said.

But while she understood the motivation of the faculty to instigate a cultural shift, Galligani was not optimistic. "I don't think this will do anything," she said.

Clark believed the sexual climate at Exeter is dually over-exaggerated and under-exaggerated by various parties on campus. "Students think a lot more people are having sex than they really are, but also I think there are more people having sex than the Academy acknowledges."

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## Paul Ryan: A Study in Losing Power

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Guest Contributor

How? How did we get here? How did we arrive at Trump? Ross Douthat, the youngest op-ed writer in *The New York Times*' history, and a noted religious conservative, came to the Academy Monday and Tuesday to share his thoughts on the state of the Republican party and how we ended up with Trump. In his talks, Douthat documented the GOP's move into a post-religious right wing, "The religious right has lost the culture war." Yet the religious right is not the only loser in this election cycle.

It seems that when it comes to Trump, everyone loses. Among many others, immigrants lose when they feel the verbal and physical abuse of some xenophobic Trump supporters, minorities lose when Donald Trump belittles them with comments such as, "You're living in poverty. Your schools are no good. You have no jobs," and the First Amendment loses when Trump de-legitimizes its advocates by openly supporting the violent and uncalled-for physical and verbal assault of American citizens who are simply demonstrating

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Grand Old Party. You are the heir of a legacy that stretches from Jack Kemp to Reagan to Eisenhower to Lincoln. If you were to oppose Trump, you would enjoy the enthusiastic support of the Bushes, Romney, and McCain: your party's three most recent candidates. Even Jeb Bush, who was belittled throughout the campaign for a perceived lack of gumption, has the stones to clap back at Donald—something that you lack. Paul Ryan, you are one of the most powerful men in arguably the most powerful nation in mankind's history. How is it that you are unable to disavow the monster that is Trump?

Paul Ryan has publicly admitted that Donald Trump is a racist, calling He-Who-Wants-to-Bang-His-Own-Daughter's comments about Judge Gonzalo Curiel the "textbook definition of racism." At almost every step of the long, tortuous and torturous road to Trump, Ryan has denounced Trump's words and actions.

And yet, Paul Ryan is still publicly endorsing Donald Trump for President. Why?

My own theory, one shared by Mr. Douthat, is that Paul Ryan feared that a rejection of Trump in the primary would signal a mass exodus

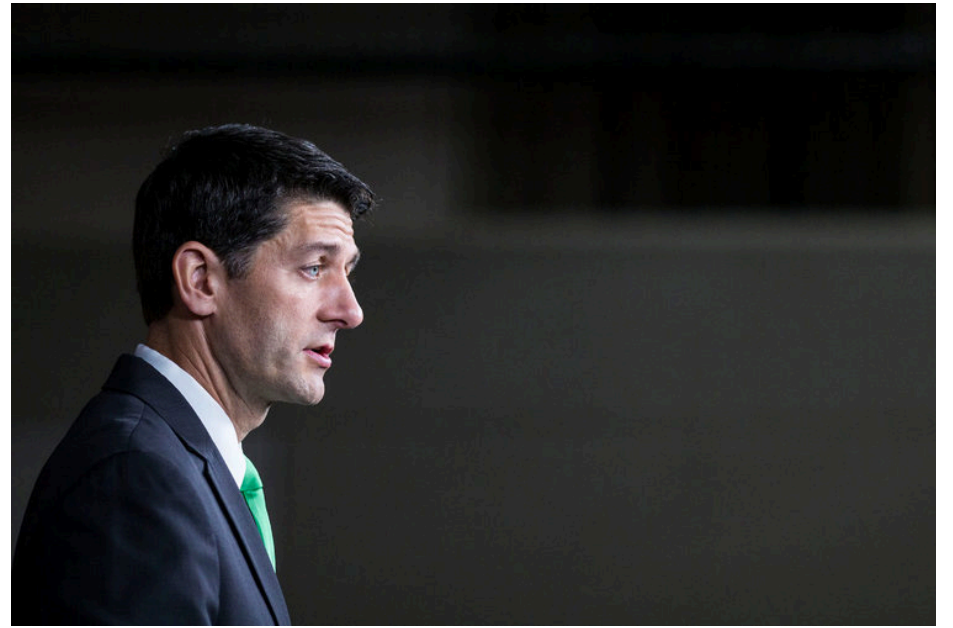


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the first reports came out. According to Matthew MacWilliams's Politico report, a University of Massachusetts-Amherst national study found that the most common ideological value amongst Trump supporters was a shared attraction towards authoritarianism and authoritarian figures. MacWilliams explains that, "Authoritarians obey. They rally to and follow strong leaders." By refusing to take a strong stance against Trump, Paul Ryan enabled Trump's destructive rhetoric to take hold. In the absence of leadership from Paul Ryan, the man whom the entire right wing looked towards for just that, Donald Trump was able to step in and become the strongman authoritarians craved.

So after Trump won the primary, what was there left to do? This is the moment when a good leader steps in. This is the moment when a good leader chooses to actually lead, and gamble his or her political career for what he or she truly believes is best for the country. Paul Ryan refused to lead, failing the constituency who had put him in power to do exactly that. Ryan took the easy choice, one where he could hide behind the excuse of the 'will of the party.' He endorsed Trump for President.

But in doing so, in supporting a man whom he admits is racist and dangerous, Ryan publicly indicated his approval of what Trump has done and is doing. The Nation's John Nichols sums it up nicely, "[Ryan and Reince Priebus] have also made it absolutely clear that Trump is acceptable to them as a nominee. As such, they have signaled to Trump backers and to swing voters that the billionaire is a comfortable enough fit for the Republican Party."

*Five-Thirty-Eight* recently posted an

article entitled *Is it Paul Ryan's Party or Donald Trump's Party?* The fact that such a question even exists signals a major departure from Paul Ryan's firm grip on the GOP.

Much in the same way that one might blame a spoiled child's entitled tantrums on his/her parents' failure to discipline the child, one might place equal, if not more, blame on Paul Ryan for his failure to discipline the spoiled, tantrum-throwing, tiny-handed orange cookie monster that is The Donald. Although

my characterization of Orange Hair in that last sentence might lend me towards accusations of bias and improper journalism, I would posit that there is no way to fairly cover a xenophobic, racist, misogynistic,

bigoted, perverted, sexually-predatorial, faithless, maritally uncommitted, incestuous, gluttonous, torture-celebrating, nationalistic, unpatriotic, military-hating, vulgar, braggadocious, hypocritical, heartless, violent, loud-mouthed, impulsive, opportunistic, avaricious, ostentatious, pathologically lying extremist who has hijacked one of America's two major political parties.

Paul Ryan, seeing all that Trump has done to your country and your party, how can you still endorse him for the Presidency? No matter what Paul Ryan's intentions were, the fact of the matter remains that the GOP's foremost champion stood idly by while Trump stole his party from him. Let history note that Paul Ryan, handed a formidable deck of cards, squandered his political power by refusing to lead. Let history note that it was Paul Ryan's reluctance to be a leader that opened the door for Trump to become the face of the radical right wing.

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their rights to peacefully protest at his rallies.

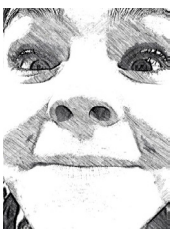
In the wake of Trump's nomination—one which came on a wave of anti-establishmentarian sentiments nationwide—the leadership and traditionally respected members of the GOP have lost as well. Who is to blame for this debacle? I would posit that Paul Ryan and the Republican leadership are as responsible for Donald Trump as anyone else.

Paul Ryan, you are the face of the

of Trump supporters from the GOP, a schism that would at the very least cripple the party for years. While one might sympathize with his plight, Paul Ryan effectively compromised his morality for a big political gamble: that Donald Trump would lose in the primary. He didn't.

What Paul Ryan failed to understand about Trump supporters was a strange political phenomena that made headlines when it first came out and something that the Speaker of the House should have been informed of the moment

## Not "Just" a Birther



ERICA'S AMERICA

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Back when a Trump presidency seemed just as likely as President Obama actually being born in Africa, Donald Trump's odd fixation with the birther movement was weird and racist, like an old relative. Now that we could possibly see Trump in the White House in a couple of months, the fact that Trump would entertain such a ludicrous myth for so long, despite clear evidence proving otherwise, taking until just a couple of days ago to refute birtherism, is disturbing. In a TV personality, it almost makes sense. Obviously Trump would do whatever it takes to get more attention, so as to in turn make more money off of the publicity. However, the United States will be led to ruins if led by a president who allows his or her pride to make him or her avoid confronting the truth, who naively believes ridiculous conspiracy theories and who entertains racist rhetoric. The fact that Trump has finally refuted birtherism doesn't redeem him in any way, and that he would make the

absurd claim that Hillary Clinton spread birtherism continues to prove that Trump lives in a world of fantasy.

The prevalence and persistence of birtherism has never ceased to amaze. Believers fit right in with holocaust deniers. Both movements somehow remain existent despite clear evidence otherwise and discriminatory tones. Birtherism is clearly rooted in racism, and yet a fair amount of the American populace insist upon perpetuating it.

A white president never had to deal with his constituents questioning his nationality in such a way. Obama's dark skin made him inherently "foreign" to those questioning his birth. Birtherists used the movement to justify their feeling that Obama doesn't belong in office by virtue of the circumstances around his birth. The persistence of the movement despite the release of Obama's long form birth certificate proves that the theory is not grounded in fact, but in the discomfort a portion of our population feels at the decline of their supremacy and the rise of minority groups.

That someone who served as the poster child for such a movement has found such success in popular politics reveals an

uncomfortable truth about the American electorate, or rather the Republican electorate. The people who support him are comfortable supporting someone who doesn't make decisions grounded in fact, and who continues to believe in wild fantasies despite strong evidence otherwise. They support someone who promotes racist rhetoric. Just because Trump has finally dropped the ridiculous fallacy that is the birther movement in an effort to appear more presidential or rational doesn't mean that birtherism is no longer relevant to this election. Just three days prior to Trump's announcement denouncing the birther movement, Trump refused to refute the birther movement. No one of presidential material would even question renouncing a clearly racist conspiracy theory, let alone actively promote it. While Trump may have finally made an active effort to shed birtherism, the fact that it has taken him this long, and that he continued to espouse it despite clear evidence being made available to dispute it remains relevant evidence on his character.

Trump refusing to apologize for his role in perpetuating the birther movement, and that he would make the ridiculous claim that Clinton is somehow responsible for the advent

of the movement also gives reason to question Trump's suitability for the presidency. It's basic decency to apologize after disrespecting someone. Trump has once again prioritized his ego. Trump has replaced one conspiracy theory with another, again showing that his reasoning is rooted in fantasy and delusion, albeit this time the theory isn't rooted in racism.

With the presidency of the United States comes immense power. In electing someone to that office, the American people must take extreme care in selecting someone with the proper temperament to hold that office. The birther movement is one of many examples that highlights why Donald Trump is not suited for the presidency. Although I feel that in saying that Trump doesn't have what it takes to be president, I'm beating a dead horse; poll numbers suggest otherwise. A fair number of American people either don't care or don't realize what kind of man Donald Trump is. The presidency is far too important of an office to risk putting a man such as Donald Trump in it. For that reason, we must continue to shed light on Trump's character, and highlight the impact of his choices as much as possible, to ensure that the American electorate knows exactly what it's getting into on election day.

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## Our Villified Deans

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There seems to be a strange misconception on campus that our administration is actively trying to hurt us or even endanger us, and that it is too incompetent to be running our school. I assume these thoughts and feelings are the result of bad journalism, petty gossip and our generation's desire to hop on the activism bandwagon. The deans' jobs are to protect us and listen to us, and in my opinion, they are actually doing that. If you do not like our deans because they make you go to Assembly, fine. But if you do not like them because of a poorly written, one-sided story presented by the *Boston Globe*, I suggest you reconsider your reasons.

First off, students are upset because we cannot and will not know the truth. The idea that we believe we deserve a detailed explanation about sensitive, private matters proves to me how entitled we are. But we are children. Yes, we are very intelligent children. We are the "best and the brightest." That said, we should be content knowing that our administration is here for us. They have clearly laid out what is right and what is wrong, what they will do and what is to be kept private—believe it or not, people, especially minors, are entitled to their privacy. Our deans and principal are here to listen to us, to answer questions and to address any issues we may have. They genuinely

mean it when they tell us this. They are not lying. What would they achieve in lying to us? In ignoring our concerns? Nothing.

Some students also believe that members of our administration—specifically Dean Cosgrove—are biased towards certain students. The accusation that Cosgrove is at all preventing the punishment of student athletes is blatantly incorrect.

**It is so easy to place all of the blame on our administration, but I think something a lot of students are struggling with is the fact that it's on us. It's on us to stop sexual assault.**

Our deans responsible for overseeing the disciplinary process and helping students understand the rules and procedures to follow when they are broken. In addition to this, they are required to report any suspicion of sexual assault, just like every other adult on campus. They won't brush aside the cries of a victim because the accused is a soccer or hockey player. Not only is this claim insulting to the deans, but to the entire school.

My goal here is not to trivialize the experience of any survivors of sexual assault and rape. That being said, not all cases of sexual misconduct merit the same response. It is great that we finally acknowledge the fact that sex—whether consensual

or not—happens on campus. I just wish this discussion did not have to begin with the demonization of our deans, who are wonderful people that everyone should get to know. It is so easy to place all of the blame on our administration, but I think something a lot of students are struggling with is the fact that it's on us. It's on us to stop sexual assault.

I'm not saying that our administration can't help us accomplish this. In fact, they actually are helping us accomplish this. They are educating proctors and student listeners. They have brought in speakers and "SLUT: The Play." If you think they aren't doing enough, maybe instead of complaining to one another about science teachers running our school, you should actually say something. Make a recommendation or a complaint. Don't just sit around.

As for the truth behind the monkey bread case, that is not for the students on this campus to decide and debate. We were not there. We cannot be certain of who is at fault. The only thing we can be certain of is that the administration is actually here working for us and with us. I am not claiming that our administration is perfect or that the students should stop fighting for change. However, I do believe the only way to spark a positive change is to be respectful. There are many unpublicized, properly-handled cases, and the few controversial, publicized cases are seen through only one lens. Don't be so quick to surmise that the administration has failed you.



Kurdish fighters in the battle for Tel Tamer, Syria, courtesy of Google Images.

## A Futile Fight

### In the Middle East



WORLD  
COMPASS

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Daesh has yet again claimed responsibility for a recent stabbing attack in a Minnesota mall, and the explosion of a bomb in New York City that left 29 people injured reminded many about the growing presence of terrorism in the Western world. In the wake of many fatal terrorist shootings, political experts have suggested that only economic development and democratization can root out terrorist groups in the Middle East. At first glance, this policy makes sense: Advanced democracies, like the United States and Japan, have spurred an insignificant number of extremist groups. Institutional explanations—the lack of representation in politics, the lack of economic liberalization—seem to explain the temptation of many young adults to join terrorist organizations in order to alleviate their isolation and humiliation. Some have advocated for humanitarian aid and increased ground presence as a way to restore stability and peace to the region. While this approach seems ideal, it fails to take into account the complexity of terrorists' demands, as well as the road blocks to and consequences of modernization in the Middle East.

Terrorists, in general, exhibit a strong hostility towards modernization. In fact, radical Islamic terrorists see modernization as the West's crusade against Islam. Terrorist organizations despise Western influence and see it as a barrier to fundamentalism. Though they had lived in France and Germany, respectively, for many years, the suspects in the Nice and Munich attacks this summer were nonetheless motivated to commit acts of terror. It is also unclear whether wealth correlates with one's susceptibility to extremist ideology. Osama bin Laden came from a rich family that had close ties with the Saudi monarchy; it was not poverty, but rather the United States' presence in the Middle East during and after the Persian Gulf War, that led him to create Al Qaeda. Poverty is a naïve, fabricated explanation that underscores the terrorists' political goals.

Efforts to impose democracy on Middle Eastern countries lack feasibility. Interestingly, researchers have found that countries rich in natural resources (i.e. oil) have lower levels of human productivity and are less democratic, a phenomenon known as the "resource trap." In countries with scant resources, like South Korea, governments are motivated to provide a variety of public goods, improve education and build infrastructure to increase economic productivity and become competitive on the international stage. Since the Arabian Gulf contains two-thirds of the world's oil, leaders and monarchs have an incentive to exploit the resource for their own benefit. To them, the prospect of a stronger middle class—and thus, a powerful revolutionary force—discourages investment into the growth of the economy. The value of the resource encourages leaders to secure their regime through patrimonialism, the elimination of civil society and sometimes coercion. In other words, the problem with Middle Eastern democracy roots not from the leaders themselves, but rather from the environment and resources empowering them. The Arab Spring confirmed the lack of opportunities for individuals to express themselves politically, but also highlighted the futility of changing leadership in the Middle East.

A second problem arises from the many ethnic and religious divisions within countries of the Middle East. In Syria, the Shiite dictator Assad rules over a majority Sunni population. The disproportionate presence of separatist Kurds in the North and Christians in the South compounds this self-destructive diversity. Because of the religious nature of this conflict, even a democratic regime will fail to incorporate the interests of all the sects in the country.

So it's not sufficient—and nor is it correct—to say that improving economic conditions or installing democracy in the Middle East will somehow reduce the amount of extremists. As our fight against Daesh continues, we must learn from our mistakes and realize the pointlessness of forcing regime change in the Middle East as we did with Saddam Hussein. Unnecessary American involvement perpetuates the terrorists' "anti-American" narrative. In fact, the phrase "regime change" is a euphemism for the stark reality: dictatorship, followed by dictatorship. In Egypt, Mubarak's autocracy was replaced by an even more authoritarian military rule.

I am not arguing for a fatalistic stance towards the Middle East, but rather a pragmatic one that fully accounts for the traditions, demographics, and wealth of the region. Ask yourself the question: How can we contain Daesh without prompting the growth of a deadlier organization?

## Accept Aging and Resist the Media

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Guest Contributor

While surfing the Internet recently, I came across a side column commercial advertising Dove's newest "Tria Beauty At-Home Age-Defying Laser Kit." Below there was an image of a small machine that was promised to zap, fraction and stretch your skin in a non-ablative, FDA-approved method. I absolutely could not believe my eyes. It seems in the last decade that more than ever, the most popular tagline on the cosmetics market is "Age-defying." Are you more prone to cancers and long-term skin damage if you use these tools? Sure! Then what is the drive? Women have to get it out of their heads that only young skin can be beautiful skin, that only hair with color is attractive hair.

Finally, someone began to tackle it. In 2007 a book came out called "Going Gray-How to Embrace Your Authentic Self With Grace and Style" by the renowned Fast Company columnist and novelist Anne Kreamer. The book was first introduced to me by the wonderful Maria Heeter of the Class of 2018, who as I recall exclaimed to me

one day, "After reading it I wanted to dye my hair gray!" It is one of the only volumes to criticize the widespread practice of women preserving their physical youth with artificial means. Kreamer's message is one that is overseen when we talk about self-love and self-respect; her message is that

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our goal should not be to defy age, it should be to accept it.

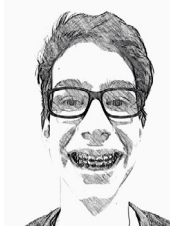
Why is it so easy not to? It's because of companies like Dove, L'Oreal, Pantene, Revlon, and Covergirl. On the front of their boxes we see 20-something-year-old woman displaying to its much older consumers what this magical tool inside will make you look like if you buy it. We are easily fooled into thinking we are the minority, that everyone is like that girl on the box, that we are 99% imperfect and the only way to fix our

imperfections is by using products like the almost \$500 "Tria Beauty At-Home Age-Defying Laser Kit". People make money off of our insecurities every day. Companies benefit with millions of dollars every time we look at ourselves in the mirror and are dissatisfied.

Thankfully, I do think Kreamer's word is getting across to the masses. Last week I saw a young girl at the Exeter Train Station with her hair intentionally dyed a silky gray. It made me smile to see that. I think this is becoming a real trend as people begin to realize the blunt unimportance of maintaining youthful features.

When I look at my mother, I see the exemplification of beauty. She has both the attitude and comeliness of the woman I want to become as I grow older. With gray curls interweaving the blonde ones proudly and publicly, I want to have the same type of security with my body and age as she does. I don't know about you, Dove, but I think the color gray is beautiful and foxy and glistens like the stars. I think that wrinkles show wisdom and scars show perseverance. And I definitely think that I am sick of the public media trying to take our self-respect away from us.

## We Should've Expected Trump



LET'S TALK  
ABOUT IT

Jack Stewart  
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question. But the point is that there really isn't that good of an answer. Even so, I believe there is one decent explanation for how he became the political candidate we know today. The reason Trump is the Republican forerunner and may be our president is because of the innate nature of the Republican Party.

I understand that that is quite a blanket statement to make, and I am not at all suggesting that it is the nature of members of the party; I know many level headed, open minded and thoughtful conservatives, both from back home and from Exeter (some of whom also support Trump). But there are inherent problems within the party itself.

Before we can examine what specifically lead to Trump, we have to go back in time, recounting the changes and developments within the party. The Republican party was founded in 1854 by anti-

slavery Whigs and gained national traction in 1860 with the election of Republican President Abraham Lincoln. Since that point, it has gone through several flips (quite similarly to the Democratic party); until the mid-20th century, it was actually a remarkably progressive party. Republicans were pro-Civil Rights, and during their "golden era" of the mid-19th century onwards, Republican majorities established groundbreaking amendments and mandates to our constitution (most famously being the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

Eventually and inevitably, the

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party changed. The election of President Ronald Reagan inspired this, and (in a sense) almost single-handedly converted the party from liberalism to conservatism. It began to take hold in the deep South, with Evangelical white people finding things in common with the new GOP (such as the idea of small federal government). And thus, they switched roles—those voters who were Democrats became Republicans, and those who were Republicans became Democrats.

Now, fast-forward to 2016—

Mr. Trump has a very valid chance to be president. And he is true-blue (pardon the phrase) Republican. He embodies everything the Republican party didn't want to be when it was made; he's loud, impolite, lacks basic courtesy, and spits out insults faster than the media can keep up. It's not even worth it comparing him to Ronald Reagan.

Yet as I said, he is definitely, without a doubt, perfect for the Republican Party. Even though many affiliates of the party struggle to disavow him, or tell the world he isn't really Republican, or even fully disassociate themselves from him, they fail because they are wrong. A "Donald Trump" has been in the works for a long time—all that was needed was the person. And now, in this election, we have him.

Certain members of the Republican Party find much in common with Mr. Trump—they have a distrust, or even fear, of immigrants; they find fear in those who are different from themselves. Even though Mr. Trump may appeal to the lowest common denominator among conservatives, this past year has proven that this group is just as big as anyone could have expected—at the very least, big enough to put a demagogue at the head of their own party. If voices like Donald Trump's are commended by his party, conservatism will find its end. And maybe, the time has come for the outdated party to go quietly into the night.

# CCO Calls for Respectful Emails

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As fall term progresses, seniors across campus will buckle down for their last big slog: applying to college. As they go through the process, they will be guided by a team of college counselors who have worked with them since upper year.

Unlike other faculty members at Exeter, counselors do not take the summer off. The College Counseling Office (CCO) encouraged seniors to work as much on applications as they could over the summer, so that they could have time to focus on their classwork and enjoy senior year when they returned to Exeter. As they work, students communicate frequently with their counselor to ask questions as well as share drafts of their essays and copies of their completed applications.

In a recent all-senior CCO meeting, Director of College Counseling Betsy Dolan reminded the students to be respectful in their communications with each other and with their counselors. Dolan explained that she made the comment after she and other college counselors observed unkind and inappropriate behavior between students and their counselors last year and over the summer. “I asked seniors to be respectful and responsible in how they communicate with one another,” she said. “With adults too, but most importantly to each other.” Dolan continued that she has high expectations for the Exonians she works with. “Students can do better, must do better,” she said.

According to senior Bonnie LaBonté, Dolan explained to the class of 2017 that when text or email is being employed as a means for communication, things can be easily misconstrued. “It’s a high stress situation so they wanted to make sure that the communication is positive and clear,” she said. “There can be so much miscommunication between text and email. Sometimes it can wait for your meeting instead of sending a pressing email.”

She acknowledged her own propensity to misinterpret messages, but added that the college counseling office had been patient with her confusions. “Sometimes I misread emails, but I find that they [the CCO] are really understanding and really open to help,” she said.

Historically, autumn has been a notoriously tense time for seniors as they wait to hear back from colleges they have applied early to, but this problem has yet to manifest too extremely, according to seniors.

Though LaBonté reported a few awkward interactions surrounding college conversations, she explained that she has yet to note any real hostility. “I think right now because it’s so early in the game, there’s really nothing to be competitive about because it’s such an open door,” she said. “Maybe that will rise as acceptances go up, but I hope it doesn’t.”

Senior Daniela Nemirovsky conceded that a few students behave more intensely about the college process than she would wish. “When it comes down to it, the whole senior class every year is kind of competing against each other,” she said. “Every year there’s some people who have to know everything about everyone’s applications, and I think that’s kind of tough because a lot of people want to keep that private.”

Senior Abigail Africa agreed with

Nemirovsky and encouraged her classmates to avoid measuring their self worth in terms of the college they end up attending. “It’s important to remember that your own value—or anyone else in this community’s value, for that matter—is not defined by a college acceptance or rejection,” she said. Following in this vein, LaBonté expressed hope that seniors will take Dolan’s message to heart in all aspects of their interactions with people. “Their big message was: Let’s keep it clear and let’s keep it positive,” she said. “In all aspects of your life this is a good skill.”

However, some students and their parents, had less satisfactory experiences. The mother of one of last year’s seniors expressed frustration with the CCO’s lack of involvement as her daughter applied for college. “We were disappointed with the lack of guidance when it came to checking the applications and offering to edit essays,” the mother said. She went on to explain that she and her husband ended up having to help more with the applications than they expected to. They had expected the CCO to review their daughter’s documents and essays and offer constructive criticism, as well as acting as a “sounding board” whenever their daughter needed help. “We had to be a lot more involved than we wanted because the College Counseling Office wasn’t doing what we thought they would do,” she said.

Nemirovsky saw things differently, but acknowledged that due to the CCO’s busy schedules, students who seek help need to ask for it explicitly. “How much support you get is dependant on how much support you ask for,” she said. “So if you don’t reach out to ask for help editing your essays or applying or whatever else you might need, you’re not going to get it, because there are a lot of students here.”

Dolan described the inevitable challenges that do crop up in the autumn, explaining that some students and their parents choose to take advice from others over their college counselor’s advice. “There are many challenges at this time of year, particularly when it comes to our advice about college lists and essays,” she said. “The College Counseling team has many years of experience working with Exonians and colleges; no one has more information about the Exeter college admissions process experience than the college counselors who are in it.”

Dolan acknowledged that the CCO’s advice can be occasionally misinterpreted as unsupportive because it can counter the ambitions of a student or parent. “It would be irresponsible of the college counselor not to share their professional advice,” she said. “Even if it didn’t align perfectly with the expectations of a student or parent.”

However, according to Dolan, the fulfillment of the job well outweighs the difficulties. “We wouldn’t be in this job if we didn’t enjoy working with students,” she said. “Exonians are interesting people, offering unique perspectives that make our work together fascinating. Most of us have been at Exeter for a long time in large part because of its students.”

Nemirovsky also pointed out the incredible task that the CCO faces each year: to help every student feel that they will attend a college that fits them. “I don’t have any ways that I think [the CCO] could be better,” Nemirovsky said. “I think they have a commitment to do the best they can for every student.”



Diana Davidson/The Exonian

Ross Douthat, *New York Times* columnist, shares his take on conservatism in America.

## NYT Columnist Discusses The Need for Conservatism

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Ross Douthat, *New York Times* columnist and co-author of “Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream,” spoke on Monday evening and Tuesday during assembly. His speech, “Why America (Still) Needs Conservatism,” detailed the history and future of the conservative movement.

Douthat graduated from Harvard University in 2002. Before becoming the youngest op-ed columnist in the *New York Times*, he was a senior editor for *The Atlantic*. He admitted in his talk that a large part of his career has become relaying conservative views while on the staff of more liberal publications. “I think it’s a good thing to do because a lot of times we have people who already agree with each other talking to each other,” Douthat said. “Talking to people who disagree with me is a blessing, not a burden.”

Religion instructor Kathleen Brownback, who helped organize the assembly, noticed that several people on campus read his column regularly. “We have always had several conservative speakers a year but wanted to take some time in this unusual election year to hear a thoughtful and reasoned approach to conservatism,” she said. However, many students felt it was uncommon to hear from a conservative assembly speaker. Upper Harrison Lian was happy to hear Douthat’s insight and his explanation of American exceptionalism in particular. He agreed with Douthat on the idea that the United States is “exceptional” because it was the first large constitutional republic, has the most free market and and is the most diverse nation in the world. “This was a rare opportunity to see a conservative speak,” Lian said. “In an overwhelmingly liberal school that also invites liberal speakers, it was a breath of fresh air to hear something from the other side.”

The co-heads of Exeter Political Union (EPU), seniors Ali Hassani, Abhijay Saran and Bonnie LaBonté, all believed a speech from a modern conservative was important for the community.

Hassani described Douthat as “a great choice” for an assembly speaker because he felt the conservative voices on campus were calling for more conservative speakers and it was important to respond to them. “It can be easy to be dismissive of a republican agenda because of the stigma against them in New England, but I thought Mr. Douthat had well informed Republican logic that was free from hate and discrimination,” LaBonté said.

Several students attended the evening talk

as part of an assignment for the American Politics and Public Policy class, which is taught by history instructor Bill Jordan. Senior Rohan Upadhyayula said Douthat’s point about the establishment missing the demographic of lower class Americans highlighted a class discussion about how the Republican party will need to change “in order to survive.”

Senior Nick Moore, who is also in the politics class, disagreed with Douthat on the topic of the Democratic Party moving to the left. He thinks the Democratic Party’s inaction on issues such as fracking, regulating Wall Street, support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership and a “more hawkish” foreign policy are all signs of the Party moving to the right. He did acknowledge that the Trump campaign proves the GOP is not representing the people well. “The Republican establishment needs to realize that the current system isn’t working for everyone and the people want change,” he said.

Science instructor Frances Johnson attended the evening talk in hopes of hearing something new. “I think it is important to hear from a wide range of viewpoints,” she said. “You may become more clear on why you believe what you believe—or even change your mind.”

Several liberals were impressed by the speech. Senior Alejandro Arango, who is a co-head of the Democratic club, was interested by Douthat’s assertion that the Republican party can learn a great deal from the rise of the Donald Trump administration. Arango agreed that Trump’s success or the “nightmare of the Republican establishment” presents a large problem for the identity of the party. “I think both parties have much to learn from this election,” Arango said.

Co-head of the Republican club and senior Matthew Robbins agreed with Arango that there is a divide between “the DC elites and the regular voter” of the Republican party. However, he felt that Douthat was not empathetic with Trump supporters. “These people vote based off of experience, not off policy, which can be really hard for people like Exonians to understand,” Robbins said.

The main point that Douthat hoped students took from his speech was that the conservative movement can adapt to the political culture of the United State without losing its long-established morals. “Sometimes the conservative perspective is the wrong one, but not always,” he said.

Upper Oren Stern was grateful for the opportunity to hear a conservative speaker. “There has never been someone who has truly vocalized my own political beliefs,” he said. “I could connect with what he said on a personal level, and I learned a lot from his insights on the state of conservatism and the Republican Party.”

# Post Office Flooded With Beginning-of-Year Packages

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In recent years, the mailroom has seen an unmanageable increase of package deliveries. Two weeks before classes even started, staff members constantly worked to maintain order in a growing pile of deliveries. Now, when early morning classes are dismissed and swarms of students enter P.O., these employees have to sift through deliveries from the morning and days beforehand.

“A few packages are fine here and there, but don’t send your whole room,” Joseph Goudreault, PEA mailroom supervisor, warily joked. Everyday, the mailroom receives and sorts anywhere from 200 to 300 packages. In order to adjust to the rate of growth over the past two to three years, they have added additional mailroom hours and hired additional part time employees. “We’re learning how to make things run smoother at the right times and have people in place to do the right thing,” Goudreault said.

From Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, a total of 24 working days, there was an average of 250 mail flats, flyers, magazines and large envelopes delivered daily. There were about 500 United States and international letters and around 64 boxes and packages per day. From Sept. 1 to Sept. 15, the average number of boxes shipped daily continued to rise to almost 250. This data did not even include packages moved between departments on “daily courier runs, other internal distributions or daily transactions.”

Lower Ursula Sze said that she ordered

items to the mailroom so often last year that the employees knew her name. However, she did not order anything to Exeter over the summer, explaining that if she wanted to order something, there was no need to send it to school and wait an entire summer. “I just get things I need when school starts or go to Target,” she said.

On the other hand, Upper Alex Brufsky had a dozen packages delivered to him over the past two weeks. “I was excited to receive my packages, and when P.O. notified me, I went to get my package as soon as I could,” he said. “To be honest, I did not know that the P.O. was having trouble. I do feel bad partially,” he said, acknowledging the trouble that the staff experienced. “But it is the job of the post office to try to anticipate the flow and act accordingly.”

Goudreault emphasized that the facility that students nicknamed P.O. is not a post office but a mailroom at the Academy. “We resemble a P.O.; we look like a post office. But, we can only do limited services and sales here,” he said. Unlike other departments, only cash sales are permitted. The box number is assigned at the beginning of the academic year is a PEA number — a subset of the post office at 20 Main Street.

He continued to explain that one of the major issues that the staff runs into is the mislabeling of packages. Misinformation ranging from students with the same names, the names of parents, packages with no name or box and outdated box numbers only seem like a minor inconvenience to students. However, when a number of packages are not addressed properly, the staff spends much more time on an issue

that could be easily solved when students take an extra moment to check the address before shipping while online shopping.

Perishable packages bring up another concern for the staff, as the mailroom does not have any way to store goods that are likely to expire without refrigeration. They coordinate with the staff in Grill by sending the packages before the mailroom closes. Afterwards, they let students know through email to pick up his or her perishable package at Grill before 10 p.m. at night. However, this configuration is not completely effective because they sometimes receive the perishables shortly before closing time and must choose between staying late and ensuring the items’ quality.

The mailroom now gets packages from the post office on Sundays because there was such an increase in volume. The post office delivers on Sunday, and when the staff come in on Monday morning, they sort and deliver around 40 to 50 packages that were held in a storage room overnight.

Packages come in during all hours of the day. “It seems every time we turn around, there are more packages being delivered on our dock,” Goudreault said. He hoped to work with the students in understanding that every package is important, but the mailroom should not be used as a storage room. Students received reminders through email and the packaging slips they found in their P.O. boxes. He explained that after three weeks of sending second and third notices and notifying the adviser of the students, they send the overdue package to an

off-site storage where additional payment is required.

The mailroom opens at 8 a.m. until about 10 minutes before four in the afternoon, with the exception of Sundays. Goudreault encouraged students to pick up packages during Saturday morning, adding that it is still open on Saturdays with classes.

While most students believe the P.O. staff only interact with them in the Academy Center, Goudreault explained that their job also includes “interoffice transactions between departments.” They travel around campus twice each day in a mailroom van to the Alumni Office, Davis Center, Lamont Health and Wellness Center, Love Gym, Bissell House and the accounting offices.

Acknowledging the obstacles that the staff must deal with everyday, students expressed appreciation for the efficiency and helpfulness of the mailroom. Upper Ellianne Lee said that she loves ordering things online, and after two days since returning to campus, she picked up her packages and the mailroom employees were extremely helpful.

Goodreault hopes that P.O. can continue its role in Exeter student life, but needs students to help free up valuable space in the mailroom for future shipments.

“Ordering packages has gotten so much easier, but it’s at a point where we’re going to need to stop receiving [packages], because we have so much coming in...we can’t make it happen until students can work together with us to get them out.”

# Netflix Binge Watching as an Exonian



### QUIPS

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During my lower spring, a friend recommended to me a cartoon which was available on Netflix. Though I normally don't watch cartoons, I was intrigued—this friend has excellent taste in television, and I decided to go ahead and sample the show on a Friday night. Fifteen episodes, one bag of Doritos and a Saturday later, I turned off my laptop to get some work done. Feeling guilty, I confessed to my mom that I had spent a good chunk of my Saturday watching cartoons. She responded as any responsible parent would, by locking me out of our Netflix account.

Don't lie—you've probably also watched an unhealthy amount of TV through a streaming service, be it through Netflix or Hulu or Amazon. You've probably also dealt with the shame of finally closing out the browser window, facing a tremendous amount of guilt and the homework you haven't done. It's called binge-watching, and there's a lot of psychology and manipulation that makes you click the "Next Episode" button.

The definition is a little hazy, but binge-watching is defined as watching an inordinate amount of TV in one sitting.

More strict definitions put that number at three or four episodes, more realistic ones stretch it to seasons. In the past, this practice was called "marathoning." Television networks would employ it to get people to watch more popular shows during their off-seasons, continuously running an entire season in a day. With the rise of internet TV streaming services, more people can now watch more than one episode of TV and don't have to wait for a network to marathon a show as people did in days gone by. In a few short years, binge-watching has become a very common way to consume a weekend.

There are certain things that writers, producers, and online streaming services include in a season of a show that makes it more appealing and enticing to people who watch it. A good TV show will have a "hook" episode in every season, which is an episode that appears early on in the season and grabs people's attention. More than seventy percent of the people who watch a hook episode will watch the rest of the season. If you watch a

show until you hit the hook episode, the chances that you will binge-watch rise significantly. This mechanism for addiction is excellent for Netflix, but not so great for you.

Binge-watching, besides sucking up your weekends, is also linked with depression and loneliness. Consuming many hours' worth of "Orange is the New Black" in one sitting is also not good for you physically; sitting for a long time, not exercising and eating an unwholesome amount of popcorn can lead to weight gain, diabetes, and an overall degradation of your physical health. If you binge-watch only once in a while, you will not wreck your life. If you binge-watch regularly, however, it becomes much more of a serious issue.

There are a couple of things you can do to get out of a binge-watching session if you don't want to be in one. The first, surprisingly, is remorse. If you feel guilty before watching TV, or anxious because of all the work you have to do,

you're much more likely to watch only one or two episodes than to binge-watch. The nervousness you experience while binge-watching on a school night doesn't feel good, and your body naturally wants to get rid of the anxiety by logging out of your Netflix account. Conversely, if you turn to Netflix with the express purpose of binge-watching, you will most definitely watch a whole season of "House of Cards." If your Hulu habit is so serious that even the nagging of your conscious cannot repel you, timers to regulate how many episodes you really want to watch are very helpful. Doing so, however, still requires you to have the fortitude of spirit to actually turn off the TV when the alarm sounds.

Binge-watching is a relatively new phenomenon. As the way media is delivered to the consumer changes, consumers' viewing patterns will adjust, as well. Binge-watching reflects people's responses to new technology and their ability to cope with it, and, in a way, is a continuation of years of advancements and people's abilities to abuse them. Over-watching will never go away, unless a new technology replaces it, but it does provide an opportunity for people to observe the way tools affect us and figure out ways to cope with bad habits.

And for your own sake, don't watch eight hours' worth of Netflix shows. It's like battery acid to your grades.



# Hillary's "Deplorables": A Necessary Comment



### THE LIBERAL AGENDA

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On Sept. 9, Hillary Clinton spoke at the LGBT Gala for Hillary in New York City. Her speech became controversial for just one paragraph. The media highlight of the speech was her comment on Donald Trump supporters: "You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic—you name it." The 2016 race has been centered around insults. And although Hillary Clinton's remarks may not be backed by any statistic, the statement made was a bold, yet necessary move for Hillary to make.

Throughout this whole presidential race, Donald Trump has never been shy regarding his views about his opponent. With terms such as "Crooked Hillary," Trump has insulted Hillary without provocation or response. Tossing political correctness out the window, Trump speaks his mind regarding Clinton without a thought or hesitation. Trump is not the only one who voices his opinions in a brutal manner—his followers do it

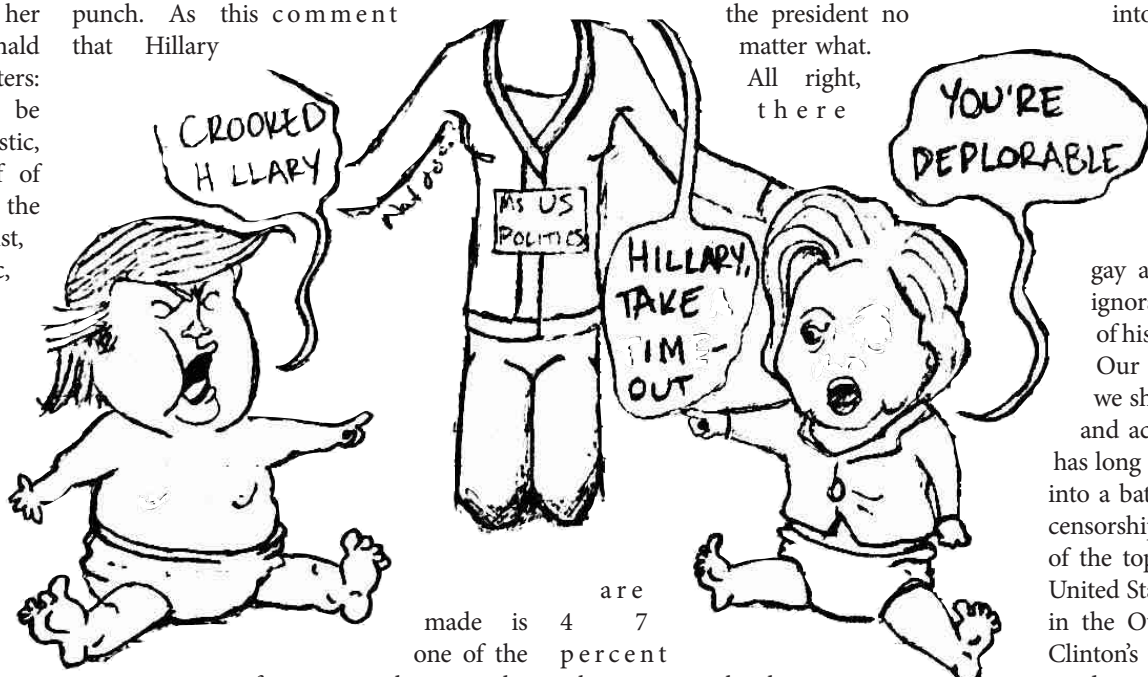
with just as much ignorance. Violence and vulgar language at Trump rallies are a representation of what his campaign stands for. Disgusting language has been used against minorities, entire religions and Clinton herself. After months of personal insults and no proportional response, Hillary has finally delivered a punch. As this comment that Hillary

commonplace in this election. If Trump hits hard, Hillary should hit harder. That is how elections work.

In addition to backlash towards the comment, Hillary's statement has been compared to Mitt Romney's "47 percent" speech claiming that "[t]here are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right, there

for their lives." The 47 percent comment hurt Mitt Romney's image immensely. And although the generalizations in the two statements are similar, it is not fair to compare them. The 2016 race and the 2012 race differ as this race has been arguably the least politically correct with the most insults. Hillary's comment should be put into perspective with its own race, just as Romney's statement was.

Clinton's remarks may not have been completely accurate, but there is some truth to them. Many videotaped rallies have caught Trump supporters using racial, gay and religious slurs. The complete ignorance of Donald Trump and many of his followers makes them deplorable. Our country should not foster hatred; we should build a community of peace and acceptance. The time for politeness has long passed. This race has transformed into a battle of the cold-hearted. A lack of censorship has made Donald Trump one of the top contenders for president of the United States. But if we do not want Trump in the Oval Office, negative responses to Clinton's comment should not exist. We need to support her response to insult and offense. We should accept Hillary's statement as just another step in the fight against bigotry. Trump has hit Hillary hard, but it's time for statements like these to knockout Donald once and for all.



made is one of the first that can be paralleled with Trump's comments, the media has had a field day. Yet the thing that is nonsensical is the overwhelmingly negative reaction to the comment. These kinds of gross generalizations have become

are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims. my job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care

# Complaining About CCO is Sibi

If someone came up to me and wanted me to prove to them why I thought Exeter was a prime example of elitism, I would give this answer: our College Counseling. We get wildly better college counseling than most Americans across the country, and yet if you've been on campus for a decent amount of time you are guaranteed to hear someone complain about the counseling they received, or the counseling someone else received. How can this be? Well, I would argue the answer is as we began: plain and simple elitism.

Let me first explain why I think we have some of the best college counseling in the country. I don't know about private schools, but public schools have one to two counselors per every 250-457 students according to the Washington post, and this data was taken in 2008-09, prior to big budget cuts a lot of states made that went to these funds. According to a more updated Times article, the national ratio is closer to 500 students to 1 college counselor. We have about 5 or 6 college counselors per 332 students, which means each counselor is in charge of about 55 to 60 students. They obviously still have their hands full, but they're handful is manageable, and they have the ability to give each of their students personalized guidance.

But size of the students they have is only part of it; they also have resources, education and time. We start the college process at Exeter in the winter of our upper year, and are expected to spend a significant amount of our time working with our counselor. The friends I have that go to public school nearby don't get nearly as much time with their counselor, and are given much less guidance overall. Not only did they start the process in their senior year, but one of my friends decided to go to community college simply because he didn't feel like taking the SAT's. He's a smart kid and he was selling himself short—something the college counselors at Exeter would never let us do (unless we really, really insisted, I guess).

Additionally, the counselors know what they are talking about. Exeter hires people they know have training and will be able to give exonians the best counseling. They are educated well, and they are also given the money and time from Exeter to be able to give students up to date information, books, advice and personalized information. If you have specific requests for your college experience, like discussion based classes or a strong business program, the counselors know where to direct you. They know what kind of work you need to do in order to get the most out of the college process, and they set up deadlines for you, like for teacher recommendations or the common app essay, which they will help you with before senior year even begins.

And yet I always hear students talking about the college counseling office bitterly, even before they begin it. They sneer about the faulty advice one of their senior friend's got, or how their counselor sabotaged them because the counselor "didn't like them." First of all, the counselor's job is to help you get into the school you want, and they want to help you, so I highly doubt any of them would sabotage a student simply out of spite. Having known teachers all my life, I know that people who work closely with guiding teenagers don't care enough to actively make them look bad despite the actual work the student put it. But the biggest complaints I hear always seem to relate to students getting into (or more likely not getting into) Ivy League colleges.

I have not met one Exonian who doesn't want to go to any Ivies, nor one that has not decided to apply to at least one. According to naviance, 81 exonians last year applied

to Harvard and 64 applied to Yale (which is the second smallest amount of Yale applicants from 2002-2016). Compare that to a school like Sarah Lawrence; only two people

applied, or Bard, to which only 6 people applied. But, as everyone at Exeter knows, only a small amount of people from Exeter will actually get admitted to Harvard or Yale (or any other Ivy); only 8 were admitted to Harvard last year, and only 15 to Yale. So the

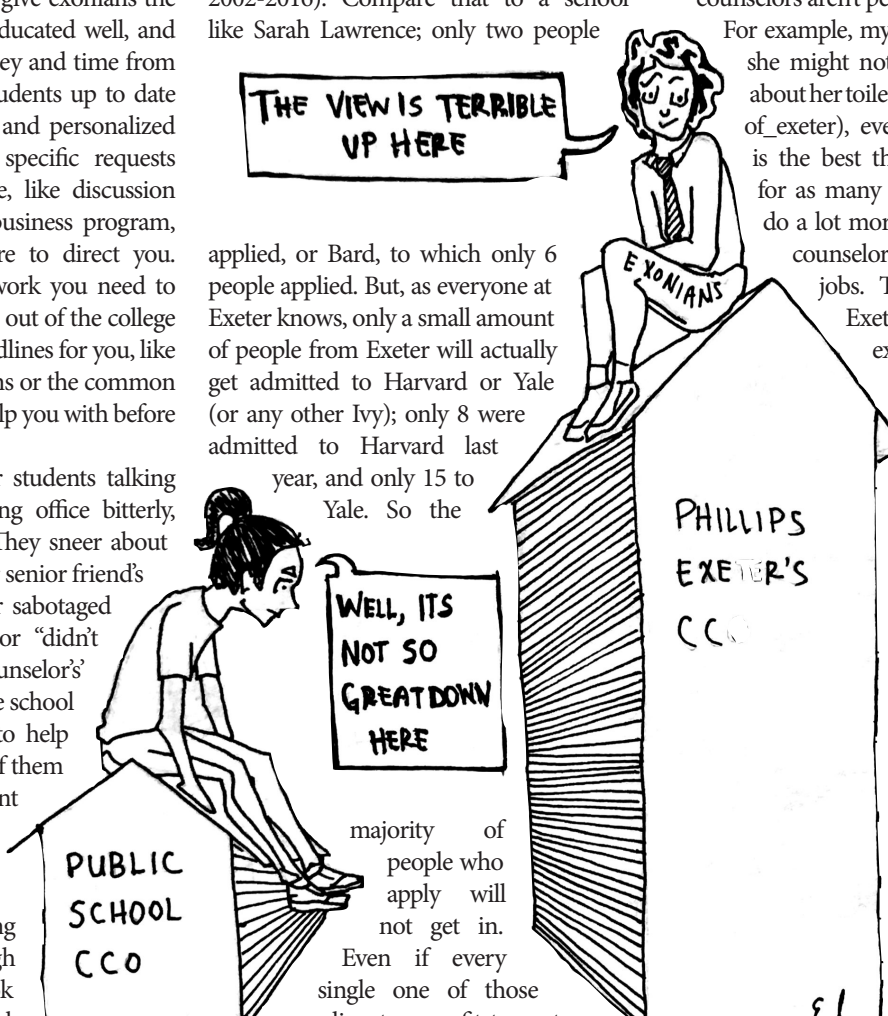
majority of people who apply will not get in. Even if every single one of those applicants were fit to go to those schools, as I'm sure they are, those schools are never going to admit every Exeter applicant. So even if it was the college counselors' job to get students into one of those schools, they still wouldn't be able to.

But even more importantly, it's not the college counselor's job to get students into an Ivy; it's not their job to get students into

any school. That's the student's job. It's the counselors' job to help make the student's job easier and less confusing and more informed.

Of course, the CCO and the college counselors aren't perfect. They make mistakes. For example, my sister's counselor told her she might not want to tell colleges about her toilet review Instagram (toilets\_of\_exeter), even though that Instagram is the best thing she has to offer. But for as many mistakes they make, they do a lot more things right. The college counselors are damn good at their jobs. The fact that students at Exeter cannot appreciate this is explained simply: Exonians are obsessed with getting into elite institutions, and can't imagine why they wouldn't get accepted to them, except that someone else made a mistake or hurt their chances of admission. If Exeter was doing a better job teaching non sibi and turning students into caring, intelligent citizens, students would be more upset about the fact that public school students don't get nearly the amount of quality guidance Exonians and other private school students get, than the fact that Exeter's college counseling didn't live up to their fondest dreams, or is possibly not the "very best" CCO of all American private schools. Now, I could be wrong about this. If you have read this Op-ed all the way through and it has made you mad, I encourage you to write an op-ed in response, and restore my faith in Exonians.

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# ExonianHumor



## Holiday Tracker

By BILLY O'HANDLEY  
*Our Little Billy is Growing Up!*

**This week:** Birthdays

**Origin:** Your parents went to sleep one night and now you exist. Or in vitro fertilization, which actually creates more children but it still feels like republicans would be against it anyway.

**Does date of celebration change:** It's September 24th. For some people.

**Reason it still exists:** People don't realize that you could have been born on any other day within a two-week span just as easily. Birthdays are just a social construct.

**Gifts:** Tickets to a Giants game. On a completely unrelated note: I'm going to be out of town this weekend.

**How to celebrate:** Go to New York to watch a football game (Go Giants!).

**People who dread it:** Old people. It's just another year closer to death.

**It's easy to notice it's your birthday because...:** You wrote a humor article so people would know it's your birthday. A friend of mine did that once.

**What you'll feel when it's over:** Happiness, because people remembered your birthday and said happy birthday to you (hint hint).

**Canadian version:** The Day You Learn to Ice Skate

## Upperclassman Destroys Argument, First DC of the Year

By MARICHI GUPTA  
*Intellectual PG*

An upperclassman student has earned the school's first major discipline case of the year after bullying a student in a single significant instant. The incident happened during class, where the upperclassman and the other student, a prep, had engaged in a heated debate. The prep had just finished explaining their full argument when the upperclassman refuted the prep's principle premise in one swift blow. After class, the prep felt that the upperclassman had attacked their intellectual property, and reported the incident to the administration. Damage to property, not excluding intellectual property, exists under the definition of Bullying in the E Book (refer to page 20), and is

thus considered a major offense.

The upperclassman, who will remain anonymous, did not intend to inflict damage to the student's idea. "I didn't mean anything bad about it - there were just some holes in their reasoning and I poked through them. Maybe if [the prep] had done the reading this wouldn't have happened," the upperclassman said in a statement.

Students present in the class were asked to withhold from commenting on the case, but some couldn't refrain. "I was shocked," one upper said. "It was literally the most savage thing I've seen a student do during my time at Exeter." Classmates did not intervene (nor did the teacher),

contributing to a bystander effect. When asked if this could've been prevented, the upper replied that the situation could've been resolved had there not been seven minutes of silence following the upperclassman's comment.

The deans could not be reached for a comment, however it is possible that they are unable to comment due to the nature of the case and (poorly defined) federal laws protecting intellectual property.

When asked whether damage to intellectual property should constitute a major offense, the upperclassman replied that "it normally should, but there was nothing intellectual about what they said."

## The Exonian's 139th Board Turnovers

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE  
*Promoted to Non-Editor*

The Exonian, the Academy's school newspaper, will hold board turnovers earlier in the year than anticipated due to one major change. Since the newspaper's inception on July 4, 1776, staff positions have been occupied by students of Phillips Exeter, but due to recent concerns about management, those positions will now be occupied by members of the administration. This will enable the administration to move from the sibling-like (big brother-esque, if you will) relationship with Exonian writers and advisers.

Proposed articles from the administration include pieces such as *Students Appreciate Peer Tutoring*, *Big Red Has Fun Despite Loss*, *Dining Hall Salads are Healthy* and *We Love our Superiors*. Noting the upcoming articles, an administra-

tive member said, "I'm very pleased that we get to finally portray the real Exeter. Student rhetoric always got in the way of making The Exonian great again."

Surprisingly, some students think that the turnover is a bad idea. "I want to relate to my authority figures as little as possible," commented senior Phil Collins. "Although I am sure that their news articles would be wholly unbiased, I think that I can live without sports commentary on how similar our football team is to the one back in '32. And people would be compelled to nervously laugh at the humor section more often than usual."

"There will be a lot of dad jokes," predicted soothsayer Peter Gabriel. "And as someone who came to Exeter in order to escape

her parents and ultimately disappear until it's time for college and become even more financially dependent on family, I just can't respect that."

Even more, the possibility of school politics being a factor in the turnover worries Exonians. Average thinker Jack Black stated, "We can't give the administration the power to determine what should and shouldn't be said in The Exonian. We have a moral obligation to make the school newspaper as true to the students as possible."

Still, the administration raised an interesting point against critics. One member said, "I bet they're all conservatives, and we don't like those, right?"

In conclusion, I wish the administration luck. It's not easy pleasing everyone.

## "We Are Sensitized"

By HANNAH PIETTE and NAT LOVE  
*Very Safe*



## Get Yourself a Date

By GRACE DUISBERG  
*Thought This Through*

Hi, I'm Grace and I'm here to give you some tricks for how to ask your crush out. For most of my prep year, I struggled with asking my crush out to EP, but then a senior passed down this sacred Exonian tradition, one that John Phillips first employed to ask out his wife Elizabeth. Now it's time for me to pass it on to you.

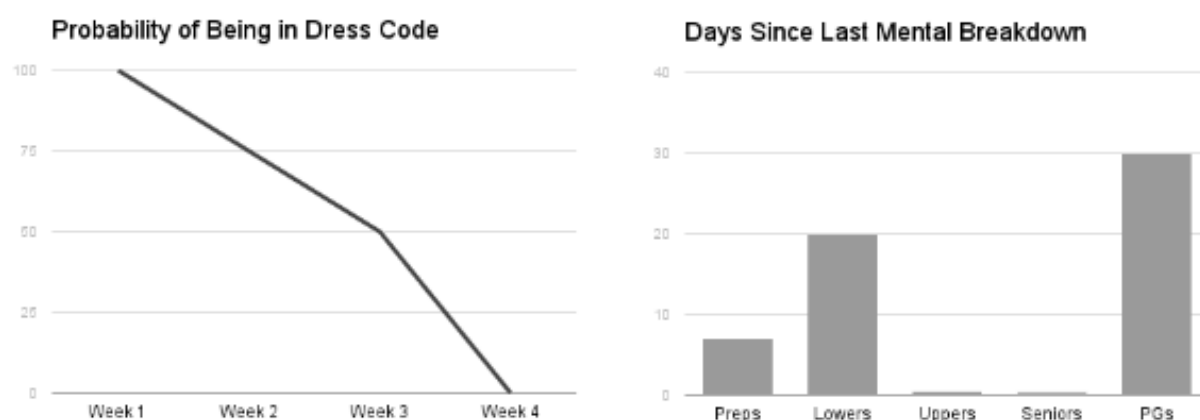
1. Start by identifying your object of desire. You could find that special person in the dining hall, your English class, your dorm or on your sports team.
2. Approach this person you have identified. Find out a thing or two about them, and let them know about you.
3. Next, make sure they know you're interested. The best way to do this is by introducing yourself, then letting out a primal scream every time they make eye contact with you or say your name. Alternatively, introduce yourself as John Cena and sing the theme song whenever they walk by.
4. Wear shorts that are half a millimeter shorter than fingertip length. Rebellious streaks are extremely attractive.
5. Make sure that they know you're going for the classical diploma (even if you aren't really). If they don't appreciate it, they're not the one.
6. When they tell you that Latin is a dead language (because they inevitably will), bawl your eyes out and tell them about how your eighth cousin three times removed who died before you were born loved Latin and saying that Latin is a dead language is an insult to her memory. Your crush will apologize and give you a hug. Physical contact is a big plus.
7. Your crush will now accept your proposal for an EP date. The best way to propose is by leaving a trail of rose petals and lipstick kisses up to their room, where you have spelled out "EP" in giant glitter letters on their brand-new carpet. Don't forget the candles! They may be a fire hazard, but they are oh so romantic.
8. At the end of the last song, gaze into their eyes. Allow a single tear to leak from the corner of your eye as you whisper to them how beautiful and moving the EP was. Maybe also tell them how being at EP with a date makes you gassy. Honesty makes relationships last.
9. Congratulations! Enjoy your relationship, which I'm sure will stand the test of time, even when you choose Harvard and they choose Yale.

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## Exeter Statistics 101 (Or Now 501)

By EMILY GREEN  
*Uses a lot of Words*



## Faculty Stage Anti-Saturday Classes Protest

By THE HUMOR EDITORS  
*Stirring the Flames of Unrest*

Last Tuesday, 56 faculty members posted their grievances against Saturday classes on the coffee machine in Grill. Denouncing their association with the Academy until their requests had been met, they stood protesting outside of Agora, hoping to attract the attention of prep posse, the most powerful entity on campus.

Saturday classes interfere with hobbies which, despite popular belief, faculty members have. "Every Saturday night the English department gathers to peel oranges," stated English teacher Tina Turner. "It's an event that we really have to mentally prepare for, and not having the morning to steel ourselves takes away from the experience." Overall, Saturday classes take away from the outside lives that the faculty actually do possess.

Similarly, the extra day of classes prevents teachers from "recharging." Overworked classics scholar Megan Campbell said, "At

the end of a long week of correcting grammar and gladiator fights I need an outlet. Literally. I typically reserve Saturdays for plugging myself into an outlet and recharging. Teachers are not humans."

One group of faculty also feel that students do not actually show up to Saturday classes enough to warrant Saturday classes. Between sports, club events and college testing, extra class meetings are not viable for all students. "I figured no one would show up," said religion teacher Duran Duran. "So I haven't shown up in the past 17 years."

Still, a number of faculty members are pro-Saturday classes. "It gives me an excuse not to see my children," confessed parent Orlando Bloom. "I love them and all, but I prefer my mornings to be calm." This comment was met with enthusiastic nods, even from the parents of Exonians that chose to sit in on the Saturday class meeting.

Some students have chosen

to protest with the faculty. Upper Frodo Baggins told *The Exonian*, "Even though I have the privilege of being a student, I believe that this issue affects all of us and we must thus all fight for those less privileged than us."

Senior Mac User agreed with Baggins. "We always think about how Saturday classes affect us as students, but the truth is that we only have to suffer through them for four years while faculty are stuck with them. These kinds of small details are the things that slowly chip away at one's happiness."

The protests have affected both the coffee consumption and lowerclassmen group mentality on campus, leading the administration make a quick decision on whether or not Saturday classes should continue to exist at Exeter. Ultimately the will of the people was thwarted and protesters were left to go on about their lives.

## Dorm vs. Dorm Playoffs 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](mailto:exonianhumor@gmail.com) before EP on the Tuesday following this edition of *The Exonian*.

This week's prompt: **5 Similarities Between Back in Black and Academy Life Day**





A carving in an antler displayed in the Lamont Gallery.

Jena Yun/The Exonian

## Rock, Paper, Scissors

By **WILLA CANFIELD**  
Staff Writer

Collagraphs, serigraphs, photographs. Encaustics, jewelry, woodwork. The local artists of Exeter Fine Crafts (EFC) do it all. In celebration of EFC's 50th year, the Lamont Gallery opened its current exhibit, "Rock, Paper, Scissors: 50 Years of Fine Crafts," last Friday night. Dozens of community members attended the reception, as well as some of the 60-plus local artists who contributed to the exhibit.

According to Lamont Gallery Director and Curator Lauren O'Neal, opening night was a success. "The reception was fantastic," she said. "Everyone has been thrilled with the outcome."

Featuring an extraordinary diversity of work, ranging from weaving to glassblowing to woodturning, the exhibit was alive with color and the unique authenticity of local artists. The show boasted novel pieces of artwork such as the Boston sky line created from meticulously stitched seed beads, a handcrafted urn and delicate handmade scarves.

According to upper Diana Davidson, the broad display of different types of art made the show particularly appealing. "I liked the variety of pieces in the gallery," she said.

O'Neal was also intrigued by the creative techniques used to make the art. "The range

of techniques, from weaving to woodturning, is significant," she said. "This is probably the only exhibition where we've had a portrait of the Academy Building made from hundreds of tiny beads and work made from pressed flowers grown by an artist in her garden."

She said that not only the variety of pieces, but also of the contributing artists, set the exhibit apart. "The collaborative nature of this show is also a wonderful example of a creative partnership between PEA and another organization," she said.

EFC was founded as a non profit organization in 1966. It opened in downtown Exeter as an extension of the Exeter Home Industries Group and as a gallery for the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. "EFC actually began as a way to help small cottage industry arts businesses to get started," EFC manager Janice Earley said. "It has always been a community effort and focuses people's attention on locally made products."

Over the course of the past 50 years, EFC has continued to preserve, as well as promote, handcrafted arts, celebrating the cherished craftsmen and craftswomen of the day. EFC raises public awareness about the value of craft in the past, present and future, through its educational programming and its gallery.

"We are extremely proud to be able to showcase some of the best work in the country," Earley said. "And also offer classes in traditional and modern techniques."

O'Neal explained that she had long been considering hosting a show featuring con-

temporary craft. Around the same time as she was thinking about this, EFC was busy brainstorming how to celebrate its 50th anniversary. This was a happy coincidence, and EFC and the Lamont Gallery decided to partner together. "It was perfect timing for us to join forces," O'Neal said.

Earley explained that EFC's role in the exhibit was mostly logistical and organizational. EFC reached out to their membership of well over 200 artists, soliciting submissions. Over 25 percent of members contributed to the show, eager to celebrate EFC's 50th anniversary. EFC also helped with storing and transporting artwork properly over the summer.

For Earley, the work involved in organizing the show was well worth the final product. "Accommodating this many exhibitors and their varying work and exhibit schedules can be a large undertaking," she said. "Getting a quarter of our membership in one place at one time was worth the effort."

O'Neal echoed this sentiment. "We are especially pleased that the exhibiting artists have enjoyed the show so much," she added.

New Hampshire is renowned for its tradition of supporting and promoting fine craft, which has encouraged social, civic and even economic growth statewide.

According to Earley, art and the tradition of craftsmanship are integral parts of a community's identity, particularly in smaller towns. "We view art as an essential part of a community's structure," she said. "Often it is

what draws people to an area and enhances the lives of the community in many ways."

In addition to this, Earley pointed out the economic benefits of an active arts scene in a town or area. "Business development planners throughout the country have started to realize that a healthy arts scene in their communities can be a catalyst to draw people and other businesses to an area," she said. "It is not just a 'nicety,' but [it] plays a vital role in a thriving economy."

O'Neal expressed gratitude at the chance to showcase the work of local artists and celebrate New Hampshire's traditions. "New Hampshire has long been recognized as a leader in craft, and we have an exceptional community of artists and craftspeople right in our midst," she said.

She commended the EFC for their long-lived success. "The exhibition is also testament to the longevity of Exeter Fine Crafts, an organization that has survived and thrived for 50 years," she said. "This is an incredible accomplishment for a business of any kind, but it is particularly noteworthy for an arts organization."

In turn, Earley applauded O'Neal and her co-workers for their execution of the exhibit, which is emblematic of the vast skill that Exeter artists bring to the community. "The staff at the Lamont gallery did a fabulous job of displaying a very eclectic mix of work," she said. "The exhibition highlights the fact that local artisans are and have been creating world class work for many years."

## MOVIE REVIEW: THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY

★★★★★

By **CLAIRE JUTHABA**  
Staff Writer

"The Gods Must Be Crazy," a South African film written and directed by Jamie Uys, received critical acclaim during its time in the box office in 1980. I first watched the movie when I was in third grade, and back then, I thought it was the most entertaining combination of human interaction and cartoon humor. The film follows the stories of unrelated characters: Xi of the San tribe in the Kalahari Desert, a biologist named Marius Weyers who analyzes manure samples and a village school teacher named Kate Thompson. It includes moments of romance, violence and comedy that appeal to anyone who fancies a quick laugh. Although it is not one of the classics that can be watched repeatedly, it is a sure way to brighten up your day.

The beginning of the film is structured like a documentary one may have seen during a dull night on the Discovery Channel. It introduces Xi's tribe as a peaceful and resourceful community, contrasting this to the monotonous, scheduled lifestyle of the West. After witnessing the evils of a mysterious Coca-Cola bottle that fell from the sky as a gift from the gods, Xi tells his family that he'll take the weapon to the edge of the world and return it to them. Although this conflict is not addressed until the end of the movie, which will frustrate the viewer during the film, it sets

the stage for an extraordinary journey that examines the experiences and mistakes that make us human.

Once Xi departs on his mission, he comes across a strange array of people and even stranger animals with long, snake-like tracks that just happen to resemble tire tracks. The film includes long scenes of cartoon humor such as the "guerrillas fail to load a bazooka gun and blow up a banana tree" and the "car that cannot brake on a hill rolls down when the driver exits to open the gate." Uys transformed the repetitive violence in children's animated shows and made a movie with human cartoons that people cannot help but laugh at. The dramatic irony in the film can be labeled as "too dramatic," but overall, it is a light-hearted film that brings perspective to the value of the people and materials in our life.

Most of the characters are well-written, and some are almost too pitiful to be believable (such as the lonely man who can barely perform his job of collecting the feces of animals). The majority of the movie is composed of ridiculous dialogue and action, but that makes the awkwardness of many of these interactions very relatable to the viewer. Although none of these characters should have any circumstances that would bring them together, by the end of the film, each of them leaves a lasting impression on the relationship between man and man—and perhaps gods.

## ESSO in Action

By **JOHN RAGONE**  
Contributing Writer

Hello again! I'm back to talk about my club, Beach Cleanup, as we have a cookout coming soon. If the weather is good, it will hopefully be held this Sunday. We will be cleaning Seabrook Beach and then heading over to Hampton Beach to have a cookout. There will be hot dogs, burgers, chips, fruit and everything that makes a cookout great. Come to clean the beach or to throw a Frisbee along the shoreline with a hot dog in hand. Send senior Issay Matsumoto or me an e-mail if you want us to save you a seat!

Now I want to explain what Beach Cleanup is, how we work and exactly why it's the greatest club on campus! In short, Beach Cleanup is exactly what it sounds like: We go to a beach, namely Seabrook Beach and clean it up. The first Sunday of every month, Ms. Schoene, who directs the cleanups and is also a very nice librarian on our campus, sends out emails to members of the Unitarian Universalist church across the way from the Elm Street Dining Hall and the Beach Cleanup club assists Ms. Schoene by providing plenty of volunteers. Ms. Schoene organizes everything by bringing gloves, trash bags, many more items and a sheet on which we document what is picked up from the beach. The information from said sheet is sent to the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation. Other groups all along the northeastern coast send similar information from their beaches to the Blue Ocean Society.

You may be wondering if our club consists of going out in bright orange jumpsuits with trash bags and sticks, picking up trash as we go. Actually, we go in casual clothing and judiciously differentiate trash and recycling. Seabrook Beach is also not a beach covered in industrial sludge. It is a beautiful golden beach with cerulean ocean that crashes on the jetty's rocks. This begs the question: Why clean up a beach that is already pretty? Seabrook Beach is just one of the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of beaches affected by water pollution. We are not only cleaning the trash of the locals, but also the trash of those on the other side of the world. Trillions of tiny plastic pellets enter the ocean every day. These pellets move around for years, never degrading. Eventually, some will wash up on Seabrook Beach, where we collect them for proper disposal.

Beach Cleanup is a staple of community service, and I genuinely believe that if you have not signed up for it, you have yet to sign up for ESSO. Simply, we clean beaches, but we do much more by raising awareness of water pollution through our data collection and saving the lives of many animals that ingest these indigestible plastics, only to starve to death from plastic accumulation in their stomachs. So please, come to Beach Cleanup at least once this year. Listen to Mr. Trafton, our faculty adviser, educate us about environmental info or just come to be on the beach. I promise that you will find an environmentally conscious self you may have never known you had.

## SeniorSpotlight

## Peter Chinburg

By JAMIE CASSIDY and  
CHIMENUM TASIE-AMADI  
Staff Writers

A raucous crowd jumps from their seats as senior Peter Chinburg strikes the last chord of his guitar, allowing the strings to resonate throughout Assembly Hall at an EAR concert. The four-year senior is well known for his work as a co-head of the a capella groups PEADs and Exceteras, his commitment to the football team and for being one of the most approachable people on campus.

Chinburg has been singing since preschool and started playing the guitar in sixth grade, so he was familiar to the music stage upon his arrival at Exeter. Chinburg was selected for the a capella group PEADs as a prep, and he continued to pursue vocals in his lower year as he joined another a capella group, the Exceteras. He noted that last year the group faltered at times with leadership, in which case he would pick up the slack and run rehearsals for the ensemble. Chinburg appreciates getting to work with two very different group atmospheres, claiming that they each "have very different feels," yet remain tight in their regimented singing.

Chinburg's passion for music stems from a desire to push himself. "I like singing because there is a challenging



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aspect to it," he said. He finds that performing solos is less nerve racking than Evening Prayer performances because he can vibe with a larger group.

Chinburg also reminisced on the many nights he's played guitar with senior Will Ayscue. The pair have performed in school concerts for the past four years, most recently playing jazz at Senior Mic Night. Chinburg even wrote a song which was performed this past Friday for the senior class. Chinburg emphasized that for EAR concerts and nights such as Senior Mic Night, the focus isn't entirely on being

perfect and tight, but rather having fun and bringing lots of energy to the piece.

After having played football since he was young, Peter joined the football team as a prep. "As an underclassman on the football team guys like Alex Farley and Will Edwards were always great guys to look up to. They taught you how to work hard," he said. "Exeter has definitely taught me how to push myself more and just be a better person overall." Following the example of the graduated seniors before him, Chinburg became a role model for everyone on the team. "Lighthearted, generous and

dedicated," are the first three words senior and co-captain Jack Farrell of the football team used to describe his teammate. Chinburg's drive and passion on the field are a motivation to everyone, and he has been a symbol of the team's motto "TOGETHER." Even now, despite the fact that he is unable to keep playing due to too many concussions last year, Chinburg is always one of the first out on the field, supporting and making up for his lack of physical participation by boosting morale.

So far Chinburg has been having a great time in his last year at Exeter, largely due to his freedom in choosing senior studies he found interesting and knows little about. He stressed that finding a place that is as academically diverse as Exeter has been an important checkbox on his criteria for where he will attend next fall. "One thing I've focused on, especially in this year and last year, is getting the most out of my Exeter experience in the way of diversity. I think that's become very evident and important in my college process," said Chinburg.

Senior Tamer Sullivan, one of Chinburg's best friends since prep year, said, "In my life, I don't really like to put myself out there, but Peter is a guy who always says his mind and drags me to do things. Supportive and positive, that has rubbed off on me."

# The Birth of Modern Mormonism

By EMILY PELLICIA  
Staff Writer

The Academy Library hosted a reading by religion instructor Thomas Simpson to celebrate his new book, "American Universities and the Birth of Modern Mormonism, 1867-1940" on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Simpson outlined an intellectual history of the Mormons far richer and more expansive than the perception held by many Americans regarding the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Originally from upstate New York, Simpson attended the University of Virginia (UVA) where he majored in religious studies and classics. He received his master's degree in theological studies from Emory University before returning to UVA for a doctorate in modern religious history. Simpson heard about Exeter while teaching in Wisconsin at the college level. Though he had never attended or taught at a boarding school, his interest in working with students both inside and outside the classroom drew him to the community. Now in his ninth year at the Academy, he has taught numerous courses in the religion department, coached JV baseball and served as a dorm affiliate of Ewald Hall.

In his research and writing, Simpson has concentrated on the Mormon students who studied at Harvard, University of Michigan, Cornell and other similar colleges in the 19th and 20th centuries and their intellectual influence on Mormonism. Simpson opened his talk by saying that he hoped to discuss "the academic study of religion as a humanizing discipline." This, he explained, is a way to counterbalance much of the "othering" that

happens in society and the dehumanization of certain groups who can simply be disregarded and ridiculed as brainwashed or incapable of independent thought.

Simpson's book is the product of extensive research on Mormon intellectual history and its core lies in an argument which he described as "provocative and revisionist." He set out to prove, through a thorough compilation of individual stories, letters and historical documents, that Mormon academic migration was how Mormons became Americans; the way that they felt they belonged in America was by succeeding in the American university. "No other cultural or institutional space in the United States allowed Mormons to belong," Simpson argued, emphasizing that, during the 19th century, Mormons were the most despised people group in the United States. He characterized the pilgrimage to American colleges as a radical transformation of identity and consciousness which created a sense of belonging for the Mormons, and in turn, a sense of being fully American.

Simpson also connected this idea to the Exeter community and the "good work we're doing related to religious identity and difference." He described how Mormons at American universities were taken care of by the adults there and told, "if you can do the work, you are one of us." Likening this to Exeter, Simpson observed that the schools brought in students from every quarter, including the Latter-day Saints, and that a certain loyalty was bred for generations if a sense of belonging was present on campus. "This is the essence of the Mormon experience in the American university," he concluded.

For many of the students and faculty in

attendance, the reading provided insight into a religious history previously unfamiliar to them. Religion instructor Kathleen Brownback remarked that it "brought the tradition [of Mormon intellectualism] alive in a way that it hadn't been for me before," while religion instructor Russell Weatherspoon felt that the "vast amount of what he [Simpson] was talking about was new for me." Similarly, upper Alex Renaud conceded that he knew little about Mormons prior to the reading, except that "they wear funny hats and many live in Salt Lake City." Senior Abigail Africa also explained that she had overlooked the Mormons and their intellectual efforts to fit in within American society. She elaborated, saying "I've never mentally excluded Mormons from 'Americans,' which is actually a phenomenon Mr. Simpson described, but I guess I've stereotyped them." Africa recognized the hypocrisy of this, given that she herself is a non-denominational Christian and finds it "frustrating when people think all Christians are the same." The reading illuminated her own unfair perception of Mormonism and reminded her that "everyone's faith is different."

History instructor Betty Luther-Hillman found it interesting to learn about the integration and assimilation of Mormons into elite universities and said it "challenged my previous assumptions about the lack of diversity in those institutions prior to the present day." Recalling a story Simpson told about a Mormon student whose fees were excused by the president of Harvard, Luther-Hillman observed the parallel to the ideals of "youth from every quarter" here at Exeter. "It also made me think about the role of higher education and universities in creating diversity in elite spaces," she added.

Noting that Exeter is classified as one of these "elite institutions," Renaud was also struck by the reading's relevance to our own community and pointed out the contrast between the Mormon's view of higher education as a "spiritual experience" and the common Exonian view of Exeter as "a grind and something that we have to put up with." He continued, saying "the Mormons challenge this perspective and reminded me that Exeter is not just a typical school, but a sacred community."

Perhaps the strongest message from Simpson's reading was that those groups which provoke the greatest initial hostility in us are those which need to be the most closely examined. As Weatherspoon put it, "generally speaking, we certainly as Americans don't do well with ideas that are distinctly different and ideas that try to change established norms." In the case of the Mormons, polygamy generated massive hostility from both the U.S. government and the populous until the practice was renounced. Yet, to this day, Mormons face deep prejudice from Americans who refuse to learn about the true history of Mormonism. Renaud observed that Simpson "rightly emphasized the importance of 'doing your homework' before you judge or comment on another religion." Echoing this, Weatherspoon listed the Islamophobic rhetoric pervading the current presidential campaign and the Black Lives Matter discussion as two examples of people failing to challenge their own assumptions. "Of course that's why people are supposed to get an education," Weatherspoon continued, "so they can not only learn some of these things, but they can also take out into their lives the routine of asking better questions and seeking better answers."



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ClubSpotlight

# Student Listeners

By **ARIELLE LUI**  
Staff Writer

Imagine it's midnight, and you can't sleep because tomorrow is your mom's birthday—this is the first time you won't be with her on her special day. All you want is to talk to someone who understands. You don't know many kids in the dorm yet, but you know there's a Student Listener on your floor because of their blue name tag. You go knock on their door, and they welcome you in to talk for a few minutes. You finally go to bed, feeling better and more at home at your new school.

The Student Listener (StuLis) program was founded in the early 1990's by Patty Schwartz, M.Ed, who was a counselor at the Health Center. Since then, the program has always been coordinated through the Counseling Department.

Student listeners are uppers and seniors who have been appointed the position through a layered selection process at the end of each spring term. The application entails a personal statement and a faculty recommendation. From there, the applications, with applicants' names removed, are read by at least three current Student Listeners. In addition, Morse receives input from Listeners and dorm heads from each applicant's respective dorm. "The result is a wonderful group of Listeners, yet we know we also end up



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having to turn away some very caring and giving students due to so many applicants for such few spots," Morse said.

Listeners meet on Mondays for weekly training sessions that include topics like anxiety, listening skills, depression, supporting a LGBTQ+ student, positive psychology, sexual pressures, parent and teen relationships, coping with disappointment, eating disorders, qualities of healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol, DC and ASAP process, Health Center Resources and more. According to Counselor and Student Listener Coordinator

Connie Morse, the program is the largest of its kind at any of Exeter's sister boarding schools.

Student Listeners are available to their peers to offer a non-judgemental, helpful support system. Most issues are kept confidential. However, if a Listener believes another student is in danger, they must reach out to the Health Center or a dorm faculty member. If the Listener is unsure of what to do, they can speak in hypotheticals to discuss what to do in certain situations.

"We do not want students worrying

alone about their peers—we want them to reach out to grown-ups and seek help," Morse said. "Many [StuLis] have helped students access help and counseling over the years and have made a big difference in a student's life by being there during hard times."

"The StuLis training sessions have been really helpful to work on certain conversation skills needed to communicate with my fellow students," second-year listener and senior Kevin Elaba said. "Most of my dorm mates come to talk about their everyday lives at Exeter, which usually revolve around relationship, academics and family troubles."

Upper Mila Cherie joined the Student Listener Program with a desire to be there for peers in need. She also pointed out that StuLis gives her the opportunity to help dorm mates she doesn't know well yet. "I'm excited to help make my dorm a more united and happy place to live for everyone," she said.

Senior Abigail Africa applied to become a Student Listener because she thought having training on listening skills could teach her how to become a better friend and dorm leader. "I love being a connected part of my dorm and campus and just being someone people can turn to for friendship and comfort and support, because people who have done the same for me have made all the difference in my time at Exeter and years past."

## GREEN CORNER

By **MATTHEW ALBURN**  
Contributing Writer

After a serene afternoon spent trooping through the forest, watching chipmunks climbing up and out of our way, learning to identify the surrounding trees and even stopping to eat a handful of dark brown fungi growing on a mossy rock that was identified as both tasty and safe to enjoy, we stopped under a crooked old pine tree whose growth was stunted by the thinness of the air. Excited for the scenic views promised us all afternoon, we burst above the trees and scrambled up a sheer rock face. I looked back over my shoulder and a breathtaking panorama of the White Mountains fully clad in their fall colors caused me to slip, almost tumbling back the way we came. The next thing that hit me, quite literally, was the wind. It instantly dried out the moisture clinging to my body and reminded me that, despite the 80 degree weather down below, winter was on its way. After a quick lunch behind a large windbreak, we strode towards

the highest of the peaks that lined up to form the Franconia Ridge.

Phillip Exeter's Outing Club has offered me some of the best weekend trips of my life. Between the many day hikes on nearby trails and the memorable overnight backpacking trips, I have bonded closely with an unlikely group of people. Consisting of a wide variety of Exonians interested in everything from quantum theory to cross country, members of this group constantly surprise me with their love and knowledge of the outdoors. Each trip, and there are many to choose from, provides us with an excellent excuse to be free of the Exeter Bubble. Casting aside homework and other responsibilities of Exeter to conquer a more immediate and tangible mountain is one of the most liberating things I have experienced, and I would strongly recommend the experience to any reader, regardless of any misgivings they have about hiking ability or schoolwork.

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## Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

New York Fashion Week just ended last week, and we have a runway trends report for you! Giving classic pieces a new twist, slits in nontraditional areas were found all over the runway. Brands such as Monse, Orla Kiely and Milly were adding slits and rips in their tops and dresses, giving the models a unique look. Asymmetrical ruffles were also everywhere in the NYFW shows. Designers have added ruffles on the sleeves of dresses, through the middle of tops and on the sides of pants, adding dimension to the different outfits. Whether it is a pair of acid jeans, bright prints or puffy sleeves, many of the clothes were clearly inspired by the 1980s, but also had modern twists in them. Go to vintage shops (or maybe even your parents' closets) and you might find fashionable pieces that are similar to the ones in the fashion shows.

Statement accessories, such as shoes, hats, jewelry, scarves, belts and bags, are a must have for this fall. Not only will these accessories help jazz up your outfit, they will also make dressing up in the morning easier for you. You can just throw on a pair of jeans, basic top and a statement accessory and you'll walk out of the door looking effortlessly fashion forward.

This week, many Exonians looked on point with their street style outfits. **Hannah MacKay '17** looked chic in her grey Phillips Exeter t-shirt that she cut into a crop top, a midi a-line skirt and a pair of white Jordans. **Aimee Hong '20** rocked a pair of black Doctor Martens boots with a green flannel lace up dress. **Ore Solanke '17** brought back the 90s with her high waisted denim pants, beige fitted top, and black leather belt. **Nacho Roitman '17** has also been dressing well the past few days. Yesterday, he was wearing a cardigan with chain links instead of buttons. Today, he was looking very professional with his jacket and briefcase. **Samantha Resnick '19** is a consistent closet genius: the setup game could not be stronger. On the other hand **Phillipe Louis '17**

and **Kelechi Nwankwoala '17** are revolutionizing the male fashion on campus with their crop tops.

You may have seen a lot of pictures on Instagram of a shirt with white and black stripes on it, similar to a streetwalk. This company is called Off-White, created by designer Virgil Abloh. Virgil designs mix urban clothing with unconventional shapes and prints. The trademark is the simple stripes left on some area of the clothing. There has been a movement of people taking pictures of their back with the shirt on. No matter what background or color, the shirts seem to blend in very well, but yet stand out from everything else. These are timeless pieces that will never go out of trend simply because of its simplicity.

Congratulations for almost making it to the weekend! We'll definitely keep you guys posted on any new fashion news and trends around the world.

Stay stylish,  
Connor and Tanya



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## The Exonian

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# Football Struggles in Opening Scrimmages

By JOHN BECKERLE  
Contributing Writer

Coming off a 0-6 loss in last week's scrimmage against Noble & Greenough School, the varsity football team scrimmaged Proctor Academy last Saturday. The game consisted of 10 plays on offense and 10 plays on defense, followed by two quarters of football. While the team fell 0-12, they hoped to learn from the loss before their season-opening game against Worcester this weekend.

Exeter started strong with their defense, keeping pace with the Proctor players and preventing them from scoring. On Exeter's first drive, the offense, led by quarterback and senior Jake Smith, moved the ball, but was unable to score.

The game remained scoreless until two minutes left in the first quarter, when Proctor Academy scored a touchdown. Down 0-6 at the start of the second half, Exeter's offense began to struggle, finding difficulty in moving the ball forward and grabbing first downs. As the game clock wound down, Proctor scored one more touchdown towards the end of the game, while

still managing to shut out Exeter.

Several of Big Red's players such as lower Michael Indelicarto felt the team "could have done better," but pointed out that several of his teammates were injured and should be returning in time for next week. Prep Ethan Rosenthal also mentioned that he thought the team "could have played and executed better."

The football team is heading into this week with plans to review their past scrimmages and train hard before facing Worcester at 6 p.m. on Saturday. In Exeter's first game last year, the team played a close match against Worcester, eventually falling 34-42. A win on the road against Worcester could give the team the momentum they need heading into the rest of the season. The last time Exeter beat Worcester was 2013, which was also the the last time the varsity team had a winning season.

Smith is hopeful going into preparation this week for Worcester. Smith said that he expects the team to do well and added, "We'll be much more prepared."



Postgraduate Jake Smith blazes past two Nobles players.

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## GIRLS' SOCCER FALLS TO CHOATE IN 0-1 MATCH



Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

Upper Anna Reaman prepares to strike the ball.

By ARIELLE LUI  
Staff Writer

The girls' varsity soccer team lost 0-1 against Choate Rosemary Hall on Saturday. This was the first home game of the season for the girls. Last year, Exeter's game against Choate was its toughest loss of the season, with a final score of 0-5.

Both teams battled it out during the first half. However, the ball remained on Big Red's defensive side throughout most of the game. Upper Louisa Bartkovich described Choate as "a solid team" that created several combinations between its offensive and defensive players. She continued by saying that their defense was "very sound" and disrupted its offensive plays.

Bartkovich praised fellow teammate and upper Jen Zecena for her aggressiveness on the field. "She would step up against the other team even though they

were twice as big as her," Bartkovich said. "She did an amazing job putting her body in and getting the ball and then kicking it back up the field."

Another star player during this game was Exeter's goalkeeper, senior Veronica Galimberti, who remained composed and consistent throughout the long game. Upper Samantha Weaver admired Galimberti for having "a great game" and making "some truly incredible saves."

Senior Hannah Gustafson agreed with Weaver. "Our goalkeeper was a very valuable player in this game," she said. "She faced a lot of shots on net and corners which she handled very well."

Choate was only able to score once, in the second half after Exeter's defense had worked tirelessly to get them out of Big Red's half. "Although the score was close, the ball was definitely in our defensive half for the majority of the game," Weaver said. "We barely had any oppor-

tunities to score, which is something we will have to work on for our next match."

Gustafson pointed out that the team had difficulty taking shots in the "attacking third," which is the third of the field that contained Choate's goal. She attributed this problem to the communication errors between the attackers and strikers, as well as the spacing issues across the field. "I think everyone needs to talk more next game in order to have more success on offense," she said. "Our defensive communication improved this game, but it needs to be better on all parts of the field."

Bartkovich commented on the team's improvement since last year. Big Red was able to shut down Choate's attackers, lessening their goal count. "We need to work on more combinations, but I feel like our team is a lot more cohesive than last year," she said.

Co-captain and senior Grace Pratt

agreed with her. "I think the game was quite close, especially in comparison to last year," Pratt said. "There were some opportunities to score, but we need to work on connecting more offensively."

Co-captain and senior Daniela Nemirovsky applauded Pratt for her work on defense, saying, "She's always a key player and it really showed in this game." Nemirovsky said that she'd like the team to work on maintaining possession on attack to open up more opportunities to score. "I'm really proud of how our team held our own against Choate," she said. "Our players matched the aggression of those on Choate and stayed organized against their strong attack."

The girls' next home game will be Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. against Holderness School. Earlier in the season, the teams faced each other and Big Red won 2-0. The girls are hoping for support from a home crowd.



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: DANIELA NEMIROVSKY

By WILLA CANFIELD  
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Staff Writers

The leaves are changing color, the air is turning brisk and the unmistakable voice of soccer captain and center back Daniela Nemirovsky resounds as she directs and organizes her teammates on the field. As captain of the girls' varsity soccer team and valued member of the varsity track and field team, diligent leader and athlete Nemirovsky is known widely for her positive power on the field, her dedicated desire to be a better athlete and her ability to lift others up.

Nemirovsky began playing soccer when she was seven on a small local recreational team. Her love for the game grew, and she joined CY Competitive, a club team at her home in California, a year later. She has not stopped competing since. "Ever since I started doing competitive soccer it's been a part of my identity," she said. "Through up and down, it's always been there."

She joined varsity as a prep, and has been an invaluable member of the team ever since. Assistant soccer coach Alexa Caldwell described Nemirovsky's athleticism. "On the field as a central back, Daniela does an excellent job reading and anticipating the play, enabling her to consistently be in the right positioning to stop the other team's offense," she said.

Senior Hannah Gustafson, who has played alongside Nemirovsky for four years, described her diligence and spirit. "She is one of the most positive and encouraging people I've ever met," she said. "If you ever need someone to cheer you up or get you pumped for a game, it's Daniela."

Fellow defender and upper Jen Zecena echoed Gustafson's sentiment. "She can always be heard yelling words of encouragement," she said. "Due to her amazing leadership on the field, the team is able to keep its shape and move as a unit."

Nemirovsky's co-captain and fellow center defender, senior Grace Pratt, also spoke about Nemirovsky's positive influence on the team. "She comes to practices and games focused and ready to compete, which helps everyone else get into that same mentality," she said.

Nemirovsky joined the track team her lower winter, intending to cross train for her spring sport: lacrosse. To her surprise, she fell in love with track, and chose to sprint and hurdle in the spring instead. "I think the track team is one of the best teams on campus, just because it's fun and it's supportive," she said. "It's hard work but it's such a great community."

Nemirovsky's teammate, upper Dolapo Adedokun, applauded Nemirovsky



Rachel Luo/The Exonian

for her work ethic and her impressive dedication towards running multiple events. "Daniela is a great athlete and role model as both as a leader and an athlete," he said. "She also is incredibly versatile in doing nearly all the sprinting events."

"She works hard during practice and will never back down from a challenge," he added.

Track and field coach and former girls' varsity soccer coach Hilary Coder has spent many hours and many seasons coaching Daniela, as well as serving as her adviser. According to Coder, Nemirovsky's desire to work harder and do better is unparalleled. "It doesn't matter what it is—athletics, academics or even hobbies," she said. "She simply wants to know more and more about it while working toward mastery."

Toyin Augustus Ikwuakor, who has worked closely with Nemirovsky as Exeter's hurdle coach, agreed with Coder. "I can't think of a time when she complained about a workout," she said. "She embraces the work knowing it is making her better."

While overcoming many of the challenges all athletes face, Nemirovsky has also dealt with the effects of chronic injury over her high school career as an athlete. Since prep year, she has been

plagued with shin splints and stress fractures. However, she has not allowed this to impede her training, her playing or her positivity. "Daniela has learned to weather the storms when they show up," Coder said. "I have seen her react to an injury by showing up to help others get better."

Ikwuakor agreed. "She has sustained injuries throughout her time here," she said. "And her approach to these obstacles has been to seek the appropriate help and healing while still showing up to do any part of the training that her body allows her to do."

Nemirovsky explained that part of her motivation to work and play through the pain is a desire to treat every practice and game like her last. "It's really important to me that I always step off the field and know that I've given everything," she said. "And that there's nothing I regret even if it wasn't my best game."

For Nemirovsky, the team has become a family. She described how fulfilling it has been for her to go from a prep on the team to a respected leader. "It's really rewarding to have been on the team for four years and to have looked up to all the captains I had," she said. "And then being able to take all of what they taught me and try to put

it towards being a leader on the team."

She went on, explaining that as a captain, she seeks to lead by example and show her teammates the importance of hard work. "Even though every game might not be your best game, you have to walk off the field knowing that you did everything you could have done," she said.

According to Pratt, Nemirovsky has done more than lead by example. "She is such a positive influence on the team," she said. "She comes to practices and games focused and ready to compete, which helps everyone else get into that same mentality."

Nemirovsky brings an extraordinary work ethic to athletics, but she also brings an inspirational love for sports.

Assistant soccer coach Alexa Caldwell commended Nemirovsky's true commitment to soccer. "Daniela brings a genuine passion for soccer and a love of competition that elevates the level of play every day at practice," she said.

"Soccer has always been my release," Nemirovsky said. "I spend a lot of days before or after practice taking shots because I love it and it calms me down. I love touching the ball and it makes me happy."

She went on, explaining the joy she gains from pushing herself everyday. "I love sports in general because I love to compete, but it's very much with myself," she said. "Competing to be better physically is a very cool thing. Being able to have a sport where you can really clearly see indications of how you're improving is amazing."

In both the soccer team and the track team, Nemirovsky has found a supportive group of people to support her on her journey as an athlete. "Having a team that's so much fun and so supportive and a great community is irreplaceable," she said. "It's win together, lose together and you're bonded as more than friends."

A hard worker and a true leader, Nemirovsky is emblematic of a real and passionate athlete.

"Daniela is the girl who puts in the work and is ready to get on the line, or step onto the field and check in with how much progress she has made," Coder said. "She is not afraid of either outcome and that makes her a formidable athlete."

Coder went on. "She has both a rare tenacity and a rare level of selflessness that makes for one amazing person," she said.

Ikwuakor agreed. "Whether defending her field space in soccer or hurdling on the track, Daniela is a force to be reckoned with," she said. "We as coaches are so very proud of this young lady!"

## Field Hockey Picks Up First Season Win *Moxie Triumphs Over Milton 2-1 on Saturday*

By TAYLOR WALSH  
Contributing Writer

The girls' varsity field hockey team traveled down to Milton Academy this Saturday for its second game of the season. After starting the season with a 1-2 loss against Groton, the girls were eager to capture their first win—this eagerness and energy shined through in their offense as they topped Milton 2-1.

As the game began, Exeter brought vigor, fighting hard for every ball while also maintaining a high level of passion and intensity. Although the Milton field consisted of grass instead of turf, the girls were able to adjust and kept up well with their opponents.

Exeter controlled most of the game and worked well together. The girls were tenacious to get the ball and used the big field to their advantage by spacing out.

Senior Caroline Grace explained the team's offensive success. "We do a good job of spreading the field and getting fast break always on offense."

These fast breaks led to plenty of shots on goals. As the team's hustle up and down the field started to exhaust Milton, prep Allie DeCoste was finally able to put the ball past the goalie and give Exeter the lead.

While the team's offense remained strong, Exeter's defense showed itself to be the biggest contributor to the team's success. Both captains, seniors Bella Edo and Abby Yu, lead the team

from the defensive end, allowing Exeter to hold their opposition to just one goal during the entire game.

However, Yu explained that the defense still held some flaws. "We had trouble with marking up players and communicating effectively... and defensive corners," she said.

Any areas where Exeter's defense may have slightly lacked were redeemed by lower Katie Young's debut as goalie. She had no trouble stopping shots that slipped past the defense.

Yu said that Young "made plenty of close saves," and added, "Milton's only goal was simply lucky, because it wasn't clear if their player had kicked the ball in."

On offense, Exeter attacked the goal for the majority of the game, with DeCoste and lower Johna Vandergraaf's scoring the team's two goals. Lower Catherine Vandergraaf's goal was the highlight of the game.

Along with her goal, Vandergraaf also threw many aerials, showing excellent accuracy as she passed the ball through the air.

The team had been practicing this skill during the week leading up to the game, and it proved to hold a big impact on Exeter's offense.

The team is excited to have its first win in the books and are hoping many more will come in the future. It will take on Cushing Academy at 3:45 p.m. this Saturday.



Diana Davidson/The Exonian

Senior Bella Edo takes aim for a pass.



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## BOYS' WATER POLO STARTS STRONG

*Bear Polo Opens Season With Wins Against Suffield and Hotchkiss*

By ERICA HOGAN  
Staff Writer

The boys' varsity water polo team started their season strong this past Saturday, winning both of their games against Suffield and Hotchkiss 14-13 and 15-9, respectively.

The team went into their first game expecting a challenge, since Suffield placed second in the league last year. Following a less-than-stellar performance against them in the previous season, Exeter was excited to get back in the pool and redeem themselves. "We wanted some revenge," upper Taylor Walshe said.

The boys maintained a lead throughout the game and were up 5-4 at the end of the first quarter, 9-7 at the half mark and 13-9 with a quarter to go. Walshe credited Suffield's resurgence in the last quarter to negligence on the part of Bear Polo. "We got a little lazy and let them come back into the game, so we only won 14-13," he said.

The second match, which was against Hotchkiss, proved to be less of a challenge for Bear Polo. While their game play grew a bit sloppier, they maintained enough of a lead to allow their bench players to play in the fourth quarter and still win by six points.

Players across the team pointed to their strong defense as the reason for their success. "Our superior defense and strong offense gave us the advantage over both teams," co-captain and senior JP Mullins said.

Upper Harry Saunders explained how their defensive strategy allowed the team to make offensive moves. "A big highlight of the games was our strong defense,



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Upper Jamie Cassidy winds up for a shot.

which led to numerous fast break opportunities," he said. Similarly, Walshe credited the team's drive and attitude for their success, saying, "We were hungry to win."

The team relied on cooperation and well-practiced plays throughout the game as part of their strategy. After one of their players earned an ejection, Exeter ran their set "6-5" play. They were able to score a few times with this advantage as Walshe, the team's leading scorer, received passes in front of the goal.

While the team was happy with their performance, they remained wary that the season is only beginning. "I am very happy with how we played both games, but there is still a lot of winning left to be done and we have to work even harder to get it," Mullins said.

Walshe pointed to specific changes the team can make to improve their performance in coming games. "One thing we need to work on is to pass the ball around better on offense and have

more movement so we get open," he said. Saunders also felt that the team had more work to accomplish. "I feel good about the outcome, but we definitely are not satisfied and want to improve throughout the season," he said.

Overall though, the team was excited to start off on a such a strong note. "We are really happy to start the season out with two wins," Walshe said.

Bear Polo will be playing Andover at home next Wednesday.

### Weekend Scoreboard

Field Hockey	2	Girls' Soccer	0	Girls' Volleyball	3
Milton Academy	1	Choate Rosemary Hall	1	Hotchkiss	1
Boys' Soccer	1	Football	0	Boys' Water Polo	15
Loomis Chaffee	3	Proctor Academy	6	Hotchkiss	9

## Girls' Volleyball Rallies Against Hotchkiss and Taft

By JACK BAKER  
Contributing Writer

The girls' varsity volleyball team played two matches away at Andover against Hotchkiss and Taft last Saturday. Big Red managed to edge out Hotchkiss, winning 3-1, but fell to Taft, losing 0-3.

At the beginning of the Hotchkiss game, things were not clicking for Exeter. The team was able to collect themselves after losing the first set 20-25, and really started gaining momentum going into the next set. Co-captain and senior Rachel Luo commented on the team's ability to get themselves back in the game. "Going into the second set, we looked more like ourselves, and in the end it was just about making sure all the mistakes happened on the other side of the net," she said.

In the Hotchkiss game, co-captain and senior Kat Dumoulin's serve allowed the team to go on a 12-point run in the third set. "When we focused and came together as a team, we were able to beat Hotchkiss," Luo said.

Despite the team's struggle to find their stride against Taft, they kept working until the end. Upper Chloe Scocimara described the team's determination. "Against Taft, it was harder to pick up all the scrappy shots, but we

kept on pushing through," she said.

Both Taft and Exeter are of comparable skill, but Exeter was burdened with a few questionable calls in the second set, which was tough for the team to get past. "One thing we did especially well the second game was serve to target, and cover after hits," Luo said, taking positives away from the Taft game.

Due to several injuries, new faces and a small window of time to prepare, the team has not been able to have everything completely worked out. Going forward, they hope to maintain their high energy and plan on working hard in practice.

Lower Sophie Faliero stressed some of the problems the team faced, saying, "We need to work on some of the basics like passing better balls and waiting on our approach to get a stronger hit. As a team, we need to work some on communication, especially on the second ball if the setter passed the first one or if it was shanked," Faliero said.

The team has two weeks to prepare for their next game against Choate. In that time, Exeter hopes to improve technically and better understand one another on the court. If Big Red is able to execute plays, maintain their composure and rally, they will have a good chance at beating their opponent.



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Big Red's girls' volleyball team huddles up.

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#### Football



Rachel Luo/The Exonian

The team has lost two straight scrimmages; however, they hope to improve moving forward. Read more on B4.

#### Athlete of the Week



Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Senior Daniela Nemirovsky captains the girls' soccer team. Read more on B5.

#### Girls' Soccer



Diana Davidson/The Exonian

The girls' soccer team struggled in their first match but are optimistic, for the rest of the season. Read more on B4.

#### SATURDAY GAMES:

Girls' XC	Away	11:00am
Field Hockey	Away	3:45 pm
B. Soccer	Home	3:00 pm
Football	Away	6:00 pm
B. Water Polo	Away	2:00 pm