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New and returning Exonians gather to meet new friends during the first week of school.

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New Reverend Takes on Old PEA Traditions

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Traditions like the opening assembly, Meditation and Evening Prayer are characterized each year by the notable presence of Reverend Robert Thompson, who is on administrative leave. In his absence, students have had mixed reactions to the rituals without him. Reverend Thompson, commonly referred to as "Rev," was appointed in 1987 and was a member of the class of 1972.

Religion instructor and Rabbi Jennifer Marx Asch delivered the opening prayer at opening assembly last week. Reverend Heidilee Heath has taken over Thompson's previous duties in Phillips Church, including the weekly protestant service and officiating Meditation and Evening Prayer. Reverend Heath is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ, and also serves as a part-time Associate Pastor for a congregation in East Derry, N.H. "I am honored to be joining the Exeter community at such an important chapter in the life of the school and students," she wrote in an email.

Students noted differences at the year's first Evening Prayer on Tuesday night, at which student musicians and seniors Kevin Elaba and Chris Nivera performed. Along with the presence of some administrative members, two campus safety officers stood in the side doorway for the duration of the service. Additionally, more lights were on than had been in previous years.

Reverend Heath also broke from tradition and did not follow the methodology many students were used to from Reverend Thompson's Evening Prayer services. For example, she did not say "Welcome to Evening Prayer," as is the

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138th Board Discusses Website's Privacy Changes

By the 138th Board of THE EXONIAN

In response to recent press about our school, many of us are troubled by actions of our peers and mentors, and are now provoking thoughtful action for the future.

The Exonian's 138th Editorial Board and Brandon Liu, Chief Digital Editor, write this now to reaffirm our commitment to all in the Exeter community, past and present. As a student newspaper, our role is to report the news of Phillips Exeter Academy and the diversity of student voices on campus. Simultaneously, we share the important obligation to respect the privacy and ensure the safety of students on campus, many of whom are minors.

In order to make our work accessible to the entire Exeter community, we find it essential to publish all content online where those off-campus can access it, and where the content

can be digitized for future generations of Exonians. We also recognize that the scope of our work reaches much farther than the immediate Exeter community, mostly for better, but sometimes for worse.

In consideration of the safety and privacy of the school's students, The Exonian's Executive Board proactively put the website "under construction" over the summer to take time to clarify and formalize our standards as a publication. The result was two documents: The Exonian Charter, and The Exonian Media & Content Use Policy, both of which can be found on our website.

Our Charter's purpose, like its counterpart at Andover, is to define our newspaper's broader responsibilities as a publication and establish, in writing, the boundaries between the school and the student press.

The aim of our Media & Content Use Policy is to provide transparency in our practices and prevent our con-

tent from being lifted without permission, so that community voices are not unduly removed from proper context, or singled out for expressing their views.

Our policies are the product of months of prior discussion, consultation with The Exonian's advisers, school administrators as well as outside journalism legal experts, and ultimately allow all, including those outside of Exeter, to retain access to our content.

In addition to this, on Sept. 9, 2016 The Exonian Executive Board implemented a login screen that requires new visitors to submit their email and a standard password. The password is "FreePress" and displayed publicly on the website. The screen serves not to prohibit certain groups from viewing the page, but to remind all visitors of accountability, and to act as a step to discourage potential misuse of personal information that

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T2T Collects, Offers Goods To Students

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Trash 2 Treasure (T2T), a student initiative that reuses disposed student belongings with the hope of reducing waste on campus, began operating on campus after nearly a year of planning and organizing.

The group put its first project into place last spring in the coming weeks of students moving out of dormitories, an event that accumulates a surplus of waste.

During last year's end-of-year cleanup, the group collected fans, clothes, furniture, school supplies, books, rugs, kitchen tools and supplies and other practical items that students would be able to use again when returning to campus this fall. The team meets in the Exeter Exchange, which is located at the back of the Davis center, where they are currently sorting through all of last year's collected items.

The group was founded to address the large amount of waste accumulated every year by students moving out of their dorms, and the subsequent repurchasing of many items that could be recycled at a lower cost and environmental



Trash 2 Treasure gives away free fans and other materials.

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impact for all students. Many usable items were being thrown out, and items were not being recycled properly.

Upper and member of the T2T team Pedro Sanson said, "In previous years, students would throw away so many items that were in good shape and sometimes even new."

The mission of this project was inspired by a similar project founded and run at the University of New Hampshire, where a group of students formed PLAN (Post Landfill Action Network) with a goal to create a zero waste dorm cleanout due to the egregious waste accumulated over the year.

Inspired by Climate Action Day, Sustainability Education Coordinator Jason BreMiller and Senior Management of Sustainability Jill Robinson spoke to PLAN about how Exeter could take action. Along with many colleges across the country, Exeter is the first high school attempting this program with help from PLAN.

The idea is to collect, sort and give back the materials collected. Although the plan is still in flux, the group hopes to either sell materials back to students at a very cheap cost or give it away for free and offload the surplus to local

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StuCo Debates Voting Rights, Causes Dissent

By CLAIRE JUTABHA
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Student Council (StuCo) held its first meeting of the 2016-17 school year and implemented changes to the structure of the committees this Tuesday. In an unprecedented move, the Executive Board reseated committee heads and elected members, announced the joint Policy and Services Committee, disbanded the Dining Hall Services and Constitution Committees and discussed voting rights. Many members felt that the length of the procedures was excessive.

StuCo president and senior Matthew Robbins created a plan for reform of the council during his campaign last spring. Vice president and senior Hojoon Kim and secretary and upper Jackson Parel plan to work with Robbins to effectively change StuCo in an effort to solve issues that students have illuminated in the past.

Because Robbins anticipated the meeting to run overtime, the meeting began at 7:40 p.m. compared to the usual 8:00 p.m. The first order of business was rearranging the seating into permanent positions compared to non-assigned seats in all former years of StuCo. Students who were not elected but went to StuCo that night were not assigned seats and remained in the back of the room.

Although the board hoped that assigned seating will make attendance more efficient, members felt that the process took longer than needed because of the time it took to assign seats and numbers to each person. The Dining Hall Committee and the Constitution Committee were disbanded because they had "too little of a purpose to give them full committee power," Kim said. Although Kim had not participated in StuCo before running for vice president last spring, he said that in past years Constitution and Dining Hall committees regularly

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Student Council Restructures Seating, Committee Leaders

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made no reports and that the roles can be combined to form a "more inclusive" Policy and Services Committee. He hoped that the restructuring of the committees will reinforce the responsibilities of the chairmen. "There's a lot of things Constitution can work with but by combining the workforce with Policy, we can tackle many more problems at once, especially with the school rule changes with sexual assault," Kim said.

The board also established a new Technology Committee with plans to improve communication between students and members of StuCo through a website to facilitate document sharing and work to improve the election system. In the previous StuCo executive board election, students raised concerns of the iPad system and the lack of privacy it brought.

The council debated about whether or not to give select members, people that aren't elected into StuCo, the right to vote during meetings on topics such as policy proposals. The executive board proposed that while select members—students who have been part of StuCo for more than a term—were welcome to join and attend StuCo, they do not deserve voting rights.

Upper and class representative Taylor Walshe said that although StuCo is an elected body of representatives, students who still attend meetings should be able to vote.

"Taking away their voting powers would give more control to the reps who have been elected, but I think the majority of the student council felt that if we want to be more democratic then we should allow select members to vote," Walshe said. The council tabled the decision until next week's meeting because they did not come to a conclusion.

Students expressed conflicting interests with the new and more formal atmosphere of StuCo. Walshe said that he liked

how the new setup will put the council in the right direction, comparing it to the unproductive environment in the past.

However, he also said that most members are concerned that the changes are too "extreme and almost counterproductive." The reseating took up the majority of the first part of the meeting because all of the class representatives, dorm representatives and committee heads had to be assigned and tested to see if they could remember their seat names. Walshe added, "...although we went strictly by the constitution, we voted on voting and did other tedious procedures that took up time."

Upper and class representative Michael Bamah said that he did not like the first meeting because he found it to be "very long and ineffective." He found that the seating arrangement process was very time consuming. However, he understood that the assigned seats will make attendance easier and more efficient in future meetings. "It was pretty unorganized, but I guess it was because it was the first meeting," he said.

Parell felt that his first meeting serving as secretary went well. He understood the frustration of the members, and he explained that "people are often against change initially and this is what this year will be about."

He was hopeful for the future success that comes from the reform. "We have a lot to work on but we are confident in our ability to get things done," he said. The board hoped that they could implement future adjustments to help meetings run smoothly following the sudden changes from last night.

In order to create a less disruptive environment, Kim explained that the council will work towards "adopting formal rules for debate and motion presentation." Next week, they plan to continue debate over voting rights and additional changes in structure and protocol for the upcoming year.

Website Password Protected at PEA Administrations' Urging

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may be published on our website. This addition to the website arises out of a conversation between *The Exonian* and the administration that originally centered around our digital policy, but moved towards this solution of a login screen as the administration pushed for a more concrete way to ensure the protection of student safety and privacy.

We stand firm with the school administration in the critical goal of preventing the unfair targeting of students and misappropriation of personal information.

That being said, our board was reluctant to construct any extra barrier for those seeking to visit our website, read our content and learn more about the school.

It is the 138th Board's belief that the strongest response to this issue is not to screen, restrict or impede access to our newspaper's website in any way, but rather to inform, educate and reaffirm our commitment to safety and journalistic integrity, throughout our student staff and readership. We sought to accomplish this through the thoughtful formulation and dissemination of clear, specific policy, with the Media & Content Use Policy and *The Exonian* Charter.

Moving forward, the 138th *The Exonian* Board is now more than ever committed to informing the community. If Exeter is to heal, and ultimately grow from this year's news, we need to begin with a newfound culture of candor, and a rededication to open discussion.

Reverend Heath Joins Exeter During Thompson's Absence, Affects Traditional Events

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custom, at the beginning of the evening. In addition, she left most of the candles burning at the end of the night, instead of snuffing them out.

The changes in Evening Prayer disappointed many students. "I felt the magic of EP took a blow when we were forced to keep the lights on in the back. Gone were the times of floating in darkness, feeling like you could be alone in that huge church, the only sound Rev's booming voice flowing over you," upper Chase Ryan said. "Seeing everyone around you removes a large part of the meditative state I felt when I attended EP prep year ... attending the service last night actually made me feel stressed," he added.

Some students felt that the tradition of Evening Prayer was fundamentally altered. Students anonymously posted in the Facebook forum "Bus Ride" that "the magic of EP is gone" and that it was a "trainwreck." Ryan echoed those sentiments, feeling that newer students were robbed of the full Evening Prayer experience. "It was a shame for our new students to see such a beautiful tradition in a way that showed it no justice," he said.

However, other students felt that the audience, not the lack of Reverend Thompson, accounted for the unorthodox EP experience: there were intermittent bursts of laughter throughout the service, and the crowd was louder than usual.

Responding on Facebook to criticism of the evening, senior Peter Chinburg said, "EP may never be the same, but it

will never resemble anything close to the tradition we love unless we are better audience members, and set a better example," Chinburg said.

Other students were appreciative of Reverend Heath. "She is trying to fill the big gaps that Rev Thompson left behind, and I appreciate that," Elaba said.

Chinburg was also thankful for Reverend Heath's efforts. "[Reverend Heath] did her best with what I can only imagine was a very limited amount of knowledge regarding this special and unusual tradition," he said.

Those who were critical of the service disappointed Nivera. "We're supposed to be a group of people who are tolerant, accepting and willing to embrace the flaws in a person. It just seemed like people were angry and frustrated that EP wasn't exactly the same as it always was; of course it's not going to be, because [Reverend Thompson] was not running it."

Heath acknowledged the difficulties of change in an email to *The Exonian*, saying "Change in any form can feel hard, but I hope the students will know that I'm on your team and here to help support you in any way I can."

The various reactions to changes on campus has made it clear that Reverend Thompson's departure has impacted Exonians.

"I think Rev's departure strikes a chord in all of us. Whether it be because you miss Rev because of his beautiful voice, or condemn him for his actions, there is no doubt that the Exeter community will change because of his absence," Nivera said.

Trash to Treasure Initiative Reuses, Distributes Goods To the Exeter Community

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charity organizations who have constituents benefiting from the project. On the topic of sheer volume, BreMiller said, "We have more volume than we can possibly process, and so it's important that we get it into the hands of people who need it."

Coordinator of ESSO Liz Reyes explained how she sought out PLAN to help her manage the task of "continuing to limit the amount of waste into the dumpsters by donating goods to the Exchange and working with local organizations to come pick up reusable items."

The program is expected to be very beneficial to the Exeter community by preventing waste and allowing students to exchange items rather than throw them out.

This is intended to especially benefit students traveling long distances who can't bring everything from home. Upper Meg Bolan said, "So many of my international friends have to throw down a large sum of money at Walgreens or Walmart as soon as they get here." The dorm-cleanup left the Davis Center stocked with great utilities to serve students at a give-what-you-can basis, saving Exonians lots of money. Senior and T2T member Nora Epler said, "Honestly, once this is more organized, students should stop by the Exchange. If I had known I probably

would have saved like \$100-150 this year."

The project intends to involve and impact every student on campus.

"We believe that everyone could work better on their waste management, and so we hope we can reach as many people as possible with our ideas," upper and E-Proctor board member, Lara Galligani said.

When asked why she dedicates time to the program, Galligani said, "I work with them because I think that the amount of things people throw away on this campus is way too big, and I wanted to help work on a plan to lower the amount which is thrown away." Epler expressed similar thoughts. "I really care about the environment and I heard about the zero waste dorm clean out initiative and thought it would be a good thing to bring to campus," she said.

The program will also help students involved learn how to coordinate efforts and resources. Reyes said, "[T2T] is a good educational tool on how to run and manage a small business."

Robinson hopes to also emphasize the other side of this project, which is the consumerism aspect. She would like to see conversation where students say, "Wow it looks like we're buying a lot of stuff that we're just throwing away at the end of the year" and take on the responsibility of reducing waste in the following weeks.

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Teachers Offer Their Services at Writing Center

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Opened this fall, the new Writing Center is a collaboration between the English, history and religion departments and was formed to serve as a central location for students to receive faculty feedback on their writing assignments.

During most evenings and daily formats, at least one teacher has offered to meet with students in the library commons. The center will offer assistance with any in-class papers or college application essays for seniors, offering feedback and suggestions. Students are encouraged to make an appointment at a time most convenient for them.

The idea for the Writing Center originated two years ago from the Dean of Academic Affairs Karen Lassey. There was a proposal during a department chairs' meeting for a learning center, and it was received with mixed reviews from faculty. The former chair of the English department Lundy Smith and chair of the history department William Jordan decided to redraft the idea.

"We thought it was a really good idea," Jordan said.

Last year, when English instructor Ellen Wolff became chair of her department, she and Jordan worked together and held several meetings with teachers who wanted to volunteer to offer help. The group created a set of guidelines to follow when reading papers written by students they didn't have in class. For example, teachers at the Writing Center will not read a paper already commented on by another teacher or give a potential grade for the paper. The purpose of the extra help is to receive feedback and suggestions from a teacher who they do not have in class.

English instructor Alex Myers is organizing the appointments and schedule for the center. Before he came to Exeter last fall, Myers worked at St. George's School and started a similar faculty-run writing feedback system. He explained how the situation there was similar to how it is at the Academy—teachers offer extra help to students when they are on duty in the dorm—and how it benefited students in need of help.

"You'd be like, 'Oh I'm supposed to be looking after the dorm, but I'm also helping students with their writing,'" he said. "We just formalized it."

Myers said a system with appointments worked well for years because it helped students make deadlines for their writing. In addition to this, it allowed students to hear a different viewpoint or more advice.

"Something I saw at St. George's was students would say, 'Okay I have an essay due on Friday so I'll make an appointment for Thursday morning and that will make me actually write something,'" he said.

Jordan believed the Writing Center will work well alongside the Peer Tutoring Center. He pointed out that while some students feel comfortable going to their classmates for feedback, others may not. "So maybe this will open up a door for people to get more help with their writing," he said.

Upper Aum Bhuva was excited by the news and plans on utilizing this new resource and pointing lowerclassmen toward it as a source of help for learning how to improve their writing.

"This will be a great resource for all students," he said. "We are very lucky to have teachers who are willing to put in the extra hours to help out students."

Along the same line, upper Emily Green hopes to utilize the Writing Center for U.S. history papers. "I think that will be really helpful for when I'm tackling the 333, so I'm happy they decided to make that this year," she said.

Upper Gavin Hickey also plans on making an appointment. "I think a lot of people will do this because it's very helpful and easy," he said.

Upper Michael Bamah described the new center as "a great implementation" to the school's academic help team. "Coming in as a prep, I had never written a narrative before and would have loved to have someone read my papers," he said. "I do think everyone should try and do this at least once during their time at Exeter because teachers who are busy are taking the time to help you out."

Prep Mai Hoang appreciated the support of the teachers. "It's great that they are willing to help students that they don't teach themselves and are willing to give up some of their free time for that," she said.

Myers is excited about the Writing Center because it is one of the few times departments can work together.

"We all teach writing, and so this is a way we can all be apart of teaching that skill together," he said. "Students don't have to write a certain way for history and another way for English and another way for religion. Good writing is good writing."



Penang & Tokyo closes after 17 years of cuisine and service to the Exeter community.

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Students Saddened by Penang & Tokyo's Closing

By EMILY PELLICCIA
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Local restaurant Penang and Tokyo (Penang) permanently closed its doors after 17 years in business on June 19. Penang's menu offered a selection of Chinese, Malaysian and Japanese food and advertised itself as somewhere customers could taste one half of all Asian cuisine. As the only restaurant that offered sushi in the town of Exeter, its broad menu and dependable service will be missed by Academy students and nearby residents alike. Many students realized the closure upon their return to campus.

For Exonians, Penang served as an inexpensive alternative to the dining hall menu and environment. Upper Aiden Roberts, who said he ate there once or twice a week, described it as his "go-to food supply when the dining halls had nothing." He said, "I hate that Penang closed."

Echoing Robert's disappointment, upper Lucas Stevens also called Penang his "go-to restaurant for Chinese food take-out." He explained that, while growing up in Exeter, "it kind of became the norm for my family and me." Likewise, lower Sophie Faliero said that Penang was the only place that she ordered Chinese food from.

Upper Jacqui Byrne, who ate at Penang fairly often because it was the only nearby place with sushi, mentioned that the food was not only "yummy," but that the restaurant harbored many memories from her past two years in Exeter. Similarly, upper Chiara Perotti recalled Penang as the first place she went to eat with her friends when she was new.

"We all just kept on going there as a weekly ritual," she said. "The lady there already knew my order by heart, and she would always give us the booth seat by the river."

Perotti also explained that because Penang was so close to campus, "everybody went there, and it was nice to see people from Exeter." Senior Cady Crowley felt that Penang

had the "nicest atmosphere," especially with its windows facing the water.

In contrast with the other two nearby Asian restaurants, Szechuan Taste of Exeter and Pad Thai, Penang was a favorite of many. Faliero preferred Penang because of its wider selection of menu items, while Roberts felt that Pad Thai lacked the "stereotypical Chinese takeout feel" that Penang provided him.

According to Roberts, though the quality of Penang's food was "definitely a little sketchy," that was a desirable characteristic of a cheap Chinese takeout meal. With its low prices, tasty food and wide variety of choices on the menu, Roberts felt that it "blew Szechuan and Pad Thai out the park." In addition, he observed a "slightly dirty feel" to the Pad Thai facilities.

Upper Elly Lee explained that she liked General Tso's chicken from Penang more than from Szechuan, while Faliero listed her favorite order as scallion pancakes, an appetizer not offered at Szechuan.

Lower Kate Denny, who agreed that Szechuan "lacks variety," also noted that Pad Thai was much farther away than Penang. Furthermore, the low prices at Penang are hard to beat and Lee even described Pad Thai as expensive.

Denny said that "a lot of people will miss [Penang] because it's cheap and good for the price." Roberts listed the sesame chicken, the friendly delivery people and the sushi as the things he will miss most about Penang, while Perotti stated that she will miss going to her "regular spot" and seeing the people there.

"I was sad and disappointed when I heard it was closed because now it means I have to walk more, and I can't go back to the place I made memories in my first year at Exeter," she explained.

However, others expressed ambivalence towards the closing of Penang and felt that their cravings for Asian cuisine could be sufficiently satisfied elsewhere.

"Szechuan is great for takeout and has similar dishes that are sometimes better and Pad Thai has a whole different cuisine that I

also love," Byrne explained. Likewise, Crowley said, "I don't care too much. It was mixed Asian cuisine but Szechuan has better dumplings and general food, and pad Thai is also better, so I'm not heartbroken."

In fact, senior Ali Hassani described Penang's food as "overwhelmingly average and mostly flavorless." He said, "I, for one, will miss Penang's cheap sushi and duck, but Exonians will not be missing much, as Szechuan and Pad Thai offer similar cuisines."

Lower Anna Clark said that Pad Thai "serves much higher quality food than Penang" and concluded that Penang closing will make no difference to her.

Though the closing of Penang may go unnoticed by some, the considerable absence of a sushi place is a sore spot for many.

Mathematics instructor Jeffrey Ibbotson emphasized that "the need for good sushi in the Exeter area has never been at such a crisis level as it is now." He continued, saying that Penang "certainly produced some okay stuff," but hopes to see more restaurants that will fill this need.

On a similar note, history instructor Meg Foley said, "The thing I liked about Penang was that it was the only place in town where you could get sushi, so that was a great option even though the sushi wasn't particularly good."

Denny agreed, "I'm sad it's gone because Japanese is my favorite and although it wasn't that good there, it was kind of the only way to get Japanese food," he said.

Given the need for a sushi place in the town of Exeter, a new restaurant may emerge, especially after the large amount that have closed recently. The past year has seen the closing of Rogan's Bakery and Restaurant, Good Karma, Pimento's, Fireside and now Penang.

While Ibbotson said, "I dislike seeing so many restaurants in town close." Crowley remained optimistic that new ones will open to fill their spots. "Hopefully somewhere better will open up soon for the lowerclassmen," she said.

Library Installs Soundproof Group Study Rooms

By ARIELLE LUI and
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The library will open new non-reservable study rooms on the third floor in October as part of its Library Renewal project, intended to be used by groups of three to six students to work together. In addition to the new rooms, the library refurbished the fireplace lounge area on the third floor this summer.

The study rooms were designed by an Ann Beha architectural firm in Boston, which has been working on the Library Renewal for the past five years. The new spaces and refurbishment of the third floor correspond with the Library Commons and classroom on the Ground floor. Beha began her career in working with communities to preserve their historic buildings, much like the Academy's library. Her firm has also designed spaces for several college campuses such as the music building at the University of Pennsylvania, the Carl A. Fields Center at Princeton University, Saieh Hall for Economics at the University of Chicago and a new student life and performance center at the New England Conservatory of Music.

According to head librarian Gail Scanlon, the wall mounted monitors should be installed this week and the lighting next week. The tables and chairs should arrive by early October.

"Unfortunately the project has taken longer than I had hoped, but the rooms will be great additions to the library when they are completed," she said.

The rooms, which are walled with both glass and whiteboard, have already stirred excitement within the student body. Upper Menat Bahnsay has heard about the rooms and is awaiting their opening so that she can

use them with her friends.

"I think it's very important to have a space for creative, collaborative, perhaps loud, work that will not disrupt anyone else in the library," she said. "The modern architectural feel will spark motivation and creativity, as opposed to sitting at a table together, making sure to stay quiet."

Upper Will Soltas agreed. "As an upper who'll be spending a lot more time working and researching, these rooms won't only be a great resource to people who need to work in groups, but it'll also keep the upper levels of the library, where students often work alone, much quieter," he said.

While the rooms only partially dampen sound, library proctors are hoping they will help minimize the noise that sometimes occurs on third floor where groups tend to meet for projects. Library proctor and senior Grace Pratt feels that many students will take advantage of the new space because they are on a first come, first serve basis.

"I think it was a good idea because even if they aren't completely soundproof, they still provide a great area for group study," she said. "I will definitely use them with my friends."

Likewise, upper Alyssa Kuwana was excited to use the rooms when they open. "This will be really cool because the library can get really loud sometimes," she said. "Hopefully it will quiet down the third floor so that you don't have to go to the basement to get a place to study. It is also great because the glass walls will allow the natural light to enter into the room which is something you don't get in the basement."

Senior Caroline Davis hoped this will allow her and her friends to study together without bothering other people. "We're normally pretty loud in the library so this will make it easier," she said. "They also look really

cool!"

Senior Olivia Liponis said she knows people will use the rooms because the library is a convenient place to study. However, she is worried that the same groups of people will monopolize the rooms.

"As a library proctor, I'm also concerned that the walls will give people a false sense of privacy," she said. "I hope the noise coming from the group study rooms isn't loud enough to affect the quiet studying atmosphere of the library, especially for students in the surrounding carrells. I do think the addition of the rooms is an improvement to the library, and I can't wait to see our community take full advantage of them."

Several students have noticed the utility of the rooms. Senior Liam Breen pointed out that students will also use the space to do quiet research for papers. "I think people will probably end up using them for history classes because it's more convenient than meeting in the basement," he said.

Meanwhile, senior Alex Papadakis pointed out the unique addition of whiteboards and TVs for projecting. "These will be accommodations not found in other spaces for student access on campus, so I think it is a great addition and will be used productively," she said.

In addition to group studying, the space will offer a place for smaller clubs or boards of clubs to meet and make plans.

However, upper Tim Han pointed out that since they are non-reservable, it would be difficult for a club to decide to meet there weekly.

"But it'll be really exciting to be able to use the new rooms for the club boards I am on, like Exeter Business Club, because we are just a handful of people looking for a place to speak without disrupting others," Han said.



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Holiday Tracker

By BILLY O'HANDLEY
Joyous Boy

This week: The Fourth of July.

Origin: WE BEAT THOSE TEA SIPPING PAN-SIES!

Does date of celebration change: No, Donald, it doesn't.

Reason it still exists: Blind Patriotism for a country that doesn't resemble the plucky underdogs who beat the British at all.

Gifts: FRRRRREEDOM!!! Actually, that might be a bad movie to quote, considering that the scots got their butts handed to them.

Is it religious: Masses of people, excluding a few select athletes, singing "anthems" together in praise of a higher power? Saying that we are "under God?" Huddled together to watch non-natural things make lights in the sky? I'll get back to you later.

How to celebrate: Spend an entire day waiting to see fireworks, the same ones you see every year. Sit in a middle of a crowded field right next to the port-a-potties. Watch an underwhelming light show in the sky. Drive back home, but get stuck in traffic on the L.I.E. Yell at Dad to cut down the space between you and the car in front of you so the person on your right who was trying to use the exit lane to get home faster won't be able to change lanes. The person tries to change lanes anyway, and you watch in horror as it slams into the car behind you. As your dad drives away hear the sickening cries of an unimaginable pain exactly like Regina George in "Mean Girls."

People who dread it: The British. Imagine having a pet dog who decides to leave your house because you're mistreating it, then gets a degree, gets hired by Apple and eventually becomes the CEO while you sink into obscurity.

It's easy to notice it's the 4th because...: You've been invited to five barbecues.

What you'll feel when it's over: Bloated. From the Consumption of the British.

Canadian version: The Day When The British Finally Forgot That We Existed.

Who Said It: Donald Trump or Bambi?

By BILLY O'HANDLEY
Donald Trump or Bambi?

Underneath are 10 quotes. Some are from the reality television star and walking endorsement for birth control Donald Trump, and some are from the movie "Bambi." Can you guess which is which?

1. "Love is a song that never ends."
2. "The beauty of me is that I'm very rich."
3. "My IQ is one of the highest — and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure; it's not your fault."
4. "You know, it really doesn't matter what the media writes as long as you've got a young, and beautiful, piece of [fun]."
5. "There's nobody bigger or better at the military than I am."
6. "If you can't say nothing nice, don't say nothing at all."
7. "If you're scared, just be scarier than whatever is scaring you."
8. "Hillary wants to abolish -- essentially abolish the Second Amendment. By the way, if she gets to pick, if she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks. Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is, I don't know."
9. "Bing bing, bong bong bong, bing bing. You know what that is, right?"
10. "Where one thing falls, another grows. Maybe not what was there before, but something new and wonderful all the same."

2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 are Trump.

1, 6 and 10 are Bambi.

I think 7 is just Bambi, but it could be both.

Dorm vs. Dorm Winner

Five DJ Khaled Keys to Exeter

By CHARD SHANE
Probably Ewald

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...

Runner-Up

By JESTIC HUNE
Hoyt Hall!

1. Announce your name at the beginning of every discussion with "DJ Khaled!!!"
2. Ensure that all you do is win.
3. Keep your Snapchat game sharp and add faculty.
4. Instead of clapping, whisper "bless up"
5. Work hard, play hard, but don't play yourself.

Preps, writing for humor is an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable experience! Uppers, do it for college.

Submit to exonianhumor@gmail.com.

A Guide: Writing for Humor

By ELIZABETH YANG
Trying to Figure It Out Herself

1. The best humor articles are lists, especially lists that are under ten points. It's not like we barely get any articles and are running on Grill cookies and each other's pain. What kind of credible secondary school newspaper organization association would that be?
2. The points should be short too, to leave this wonderfully beautiful white space:
3. If you're not using the Humor Page to address personal things, you're not doing it right. Please tell us about the guy who stole your almost-girlfriend (who conveniently doesn't know you exist, yet) and how much you hate preps (now that

you're a big, bad lower). The more bridges you can burn, the better.

4. Nobody ever writes about how bad they think D-Hall food is, how glorious Alex the Geologist is and how day students are socially awkward, wear glasses and are named Elizabeth Yang. You should definitely write about one of those things.
5. Write about how much you love Jeb Bush. We really miss him. A lot.
6. Have someone else, someone funnier write your articles for you. Call it a "collaboration." Become a humor editor this way. It's a good idea, trust me. All the humor editors last year went to Ivies and that's

7. Try putting the preps into their place. No one's ever done that before.
8. Use this space to make fun of all the sports that you cannot do. Athletic people know to pick on people their own size, so you'll be safe.
9. Do not write anything humorous. Rather, know that the editors will publish anything that you submit and thus make the humor page the stage for your personal beliefs and your TMI issues.
10. If you were planning to send a piece to the Opinions section, email it to us instead. This way, you'll at least be taken seriously.

Recipe for Disaster

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Receives Bacon Bits as Presents

Eat this every day and you'll be a tri-var athlete!

Success and Athleticism (contains peanuts)

1. Egg yolks (protein)
2. Spinach (green)
3. The cheese on the top of Front Row's pizza (calcium)
4. The math problem that no one puts on the board (fiber)
5. Peanuts (peanuts)

"I blend all the ingredients together and put the mix in the

oven at 50 degrees for 45 minutes every morning," boasted Megan Campbell, vegan (and thus health expert) of 37 years. "With each meal of Success and Athleticism I feel an odd sensation throughout my entire body, and this sensation is without a doubt the reason I am on varsity football, swimming and crew." Campbell first became the manager for these teams when she was in her upper year.

While the dining hall does not provide each ingredient, they

are easily found around campus. "Someone nailed a glob of cheese to my door and now I realize that no, it wasn't hazing, but rather a dormmate helping me stay fit," stated new student Michael Buble. "At least I hope it was cheese."

The administration, which rations out the food on campus, has yet to comment on the new development. If you have any recipes of your own, email them to Exeter's own recipe club at exonianhumor@gmail.com.

"We deliver news on a silver platter."

By HANNAH PIETTE
Bribed the Last Board with Pizza



RIP HARAMBE

Humor Misses You <3

John Phillips is Rolling in His Grave

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Doomsday Prepper

During the 2016 opening assembly Principal Lisa MacFarlane decided to not recite Phillips Exeter Academy's Deed of Gift in its entirety for the second year in a row. The choice to refrain from reciting the whole document has not been cause for much controversy in recent years, but is now the subject of scrutiny.

"I never really thought about the Deed of Gift until PMac, who we all know is an Andover graduate, revealed that she wasn't going to read it to us at assembly," said student Michael Jackson. "Is she trying to hide something from us? Has Andover been plotting this for years? Is she a Phillipian plant?" After Jackson posted anonymously online about the suspicion, polls indicated a drop in MacFarlane's trustworthiness ratings.

The Phillips Academy has not answered my texts and therefore has not commented.

Still, Exonians like senior Depe Chemode blame the lack of Deed of Gift on different factors. "It's the dang liberals," shouted Chemode. "I suppose that PMac has never officially told me that she's a liberal, but she's an English teacher and rides a bike around campus, which is pretty indicative." Chemode has been against PEA's education system for years. "They say it's like a liberal arts education, but why not a conservative arts education? Speech is being stifled and not being able to listen to all those land grants is proof."

According to the local morgue specialist, Anthony Kiedis, the neglect of the Deed of Gift is a matter of life and death. "John Phillips is

going to come after us all," Kiedis stated while packing a few pairs of pants and holy water. "We're all doomed." Kiedis explained that much like the legend that states that grave robbing places a curse on the robber, those who do not oblige the wishes of people both dead and named John are subject to receiving a visit from the wronged John. "The only thing you can do is hide and wait for him to arrive." Kiedis has been missing for three days. If you see him, forget that you saw him.

Due to resulting uproar, the humor section of *The Exonian* will be creating a new and improved Deed of Gift to appease the masses. If you would like a say in who gets what clump of trees in the woods, tell us after submitting an article at exonianhumor@gmail.com.

Dorm vs. Dorm Playoffs

Next Week: Wheelwright Against Dunbar

Each week, two or three dorms will be pitted against each other. Members of the chosen dorms will submit a reply to the Humor section's weekly prompt. The funniest, most appropriate response will be published in the

Humor Section and the dorm with the best response will win the round. Submissions must be emailed to exonianhumor@gmail.com before EP on the Tuesday following this edition of *The Exonian*.

This week's prompt: 5 Low Expectations You Have for the Year



ExeterLife



An aerial artist shows off her impressive strength during one of the night's performances.

Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Big Red Carnival

By **ARIELLE LUI** and
EMILY PELLICCIA
Staff Writers

The second annual Big Red Carnival (BRC) took place last Saturday night in Love Gymnasium. The entire Exeter community enjoyed the ice-cream, cotton candy and popcorn, games by Mini Midway and performance by Circus Dubois.

In the center of the gym, a four-legged Aerial rig displayed Aerial silk and suspended hula hoops. Beside this, tightropes and bins held everything from juggling balls to a unicycle. Along the sides of the gym were several different free games that gave away prizes or booths: whack-a-mole, ring toss, balloon darts, strength tester, break-a-plate, a photo booth and caricature artists.

The main performance featured juggling, unicycling riding, Aerial silk dancing, hula hooping, contortionism, slack and tight wire walking, sword-swallowing and stilt walking by Circus DuBois and Todd Barker.

Michael DuBois is a first generation circus performer, and his girlfriend Viktoria Gimmy is a fifth generation performer and Broadway actress in the musical Pippin. DuBois grew up in upstate New York and first became interested in performing after attending a Ringling Brothers' show when he was four years old. "I have always loved the Circus," he said.

They performed at Exeter at the be-

ginning of the summer for the employee party, and the act was well-received. The Assistant Director of Student Activities Kelly McGahie then thought it would be a good idea to bring them back to campus for the BRC. "[The employee party] was so successful, and since last year was our first Big Red Carnival there were things that needed to be improved," she said. "I thought 'oh this would actually be a great event for the students too.'"

McGahie spoke with DuBois ahead of time, and they both agreed that having small shows throughout the night would allow students to both see the shows and go to the surrounding booths. However, something McGahie noticed was that after the first show a large number of students left. She believes this was because the students thought that the first show was the only show. "[This confusion] was very much what I understood and what I heard as feedback, so if we were going to do this again next year we would do another midway and maybe even spice it up a little bit more and have one big show at the end."

Many students enjoyed the wide range of activities offered at the carnival. Senior Caroline Davis and lower Sophie Faliero both mentioned the cotton candy and the photo booth as two highlights of the event, while senior Graham Rutledge particularly enjoyed the balloon dart booth and the plate breaking station. "It was satisfying to break things," Rutledge said. For upper Kate Babcock, the "food, performance and

prizes" were the best parts of the carnival, and upper Athena Stenor "liked pretty much everything that was there."

The performance proved a favorite among many, including upper Grace Duisberg who remarked that she "enjoyed the acrobatics show and tricks the most." Upper Silas Lane described the acts as "really cool," especially the sword-swallowing and the contortionist, and upper Julian Perez, who also felt the show was "cool to watch," commented that "it was something new we don't really see at Exeter." The performance impressed Upper Jackson Parell, who said that the performers "were very professional and put on a good show." The addition of the performance made the carnival better than last year's, according to Babcock. Faliero, who recalled leaving the previous carnival early to go to Stillwells instead, said that this year, she "did have fun." She found the acts entertaining and said that it was "funny to watch friends try to tightrope walk and hit darts at balloons."

However, some students noticed that the performance made it more difficult to socialize with others at the event. Perez explained that last year, the carnival served as a type of "meet and greet for the whole school where you can easily meet up with new people" and pointed out that there was not as much social interaction this year because it was based on a single show. Likewise, Lane felt that it "wasn't as interactive as last year," where there were more activities as opposed to the professional

circus. Stenor agreed, describing the carnival as "a little slow at times" and recalling that there was more to do at the previous one. Davis, who left because the performance "got old," added that it was an "okay" start to the year but "could have been better."

Echoing these complaints, Parell suggested that there should have been "more carnival games to accommodate for the larger audience." Lower Hanna Pak also believed that more booths would have solved the problem of waiting in long lines, which Duisberg listed as her least favorite aspect of the event. Pak explained that there were was a large attendance, but "not a whole lot for them to do without waiting in a long line," which was a downside of the carnival.

Nevertheless, most students felt that overall, the event was a successful and fun start to the school year. Parell said it "brought people together, returning and new, and demonstrated Exeter's school spirit." For Faliero, the event was an opportunity to meet new people and even make friends. "It really helped new people meet others, for instance I made a lot of new lower friends because of it," she explained. The "relaxed atmosphere" was a great way to bring people together, according to Babcock, and Pak pointed out that it allowed students to socialize and meet others "without being too pressured to interact." Parell concluded that "it was a wonderful way of bringing people together and overall it was a lot of fun."

New Student Mixer

By **CLAIRE JUTABHA**
Staff Writer

The new students of Exeter gathered on the Academy Lawn to play icebreaker games at the student mixer on Sunday afternoon. The Student Activities department organizes the event every year to introduce students of all grades to each other in addition to International Student Orientation and smaller events held for the prep class.

The mixer featured casual mingling between students and contests that recognized fun facts such as the longest name and youngest person. Prep Kiana Silver won a \$10 gift card for having the "coolest type of pet." She said that she was pleasantly surprised that her bearded dragon had won her money. "I wasn't expecting to win but the prize was nice," she said. Although she had not met any new people, she enjoyed spending time with her friends.

Snacks included chips such as Cheetos and Lays, ice cream and Capri Sun. Prep Alexander Norton said that his favorite part was the free snacks. "It was very hot out there, but I got to learn some new names and have nice ice cream," said prep David Kim.

Although the goal of the mixer was to meet new people, some of the students felt that the interactions were forced and preferred to stay with people they were already familiar with. During some activities, students were split

up by age. Norton said that the activities such as the ball toss question-and-answer-esque activity felt a little forced because they had to answer the questions on the ball instead of having organic conversations. Silver agreed, saying that the questions on each ball for the separate groups were the same. "It was a little repetitive and soon became uninteresting," she said.

Many of the topics were not standard questions the students would necessarily learn from each other in a conversation along the path. Prep Andrew Sun enjoyed the mixer because of the activities he participated in. "I participated in like this game where we had to say what items we would bring on a deserted island," he said. Although he left early, Sun was glad that he made a new friend.

Prep Nivan Dhir felt that even though it was success, there was some confusion about the organization of the activities. "It was a good experience that allowed me to meet new people, but I wish it would've been better coordinated," he said. Some students had only showed up for the snacks and then left without actually attending the event.

Overall, the mixer left students excited for the upcoming year. Prep Jinwoo Kang felt that the event was a success. "It was really nice getting out there and meeting new people. I appreciate the Student Activities department for setting it up," he said.

ESSO in Action

By **JOHN RAGONE**
Contributing Writer

Welcome back Exonians and welcome back soon-to-be ESSOnians! I am John Ragone, Director of Communications for the E-Board, and I cannot wait to meet all the new students and, hopefully, volunteers! If you are new to Exeter, you are probably wondering what I mean by "ESSOnians" and "E-Board." In short, every community service club at Exeter is under the umbrella of ESSO, which stands for Exeter Student Service Organization.

We ensure that all these clubs have the necessary equipment, transportation and volunteers that make their invaluable work possible. An ESSOnian is simply an Exonian who is involved with ESSO, whether it be as a volunteer, co-head or faculty adviser. The E-Board is a small collection of students who work ensure that everything concerning ESSO is in order, such as attendance to clubs, student outreach, expansion and so on. This article is a hand to you, the reader. I hope that you will join at least one of the clubs that receive a spotlight in this weekly column.

Today, I will not talk about Beach Clean-ups' incredible cookout of the century this Sunday from 1-5 p.m. meeting outside the Academy Center, but I will instead share with you the importance of this week in ESSO. Throughout the school year, ESSO does its best to keep students intrigued by the clubs and events that take place every term. We spend the year drawing students in through methods such as newsletters, Facebook pages

and this very article. However, this is a very special week for ESSO. This is the week where ESSO comes to the Exonians. On Friday, we have our ESSO assembly, where the board talks to new and returning students about the rewards, challenges and lifelong lessons of ESSO. That night, we also hold ESSO Interest Night in the Academy Center's agora. Over 70 clubs have stations there, and everyone, even faculty members, can approach a club and inquire how to join. This is a special week, because ESSO opens its arms to embrace its new members and welcome back its old.

If you worry about wandering aimlessly amongst a sea of clubs, have no fear, for ESSO is introducing an interest survey, among many other novel features of the organization this year. This survey will provide a handful of questions, which will in turn yield a handful of clubs that the user may enjoy. Usually, this survey would be available on Exeter Connect, but not today! On-Campus/Global Clubs Coordinator Jackson Parell '18 has created for ESSO its very own website, which can be accessed at pea-esso.com! This is a great leap in ESSO's outreach and a revolution in its accessibility. It will become easier to display news, discover surveys and learn about the ESSO's mesh with local and global communities.

This Friday, visit our new site, take a survey and find your place among hundreds of ESSOnians. Whether you are struggling in academics, looking for a friend or having an empty weekend ahead, ESSO is here to mold your foundations and build a diverse substratum that will affect every aspect of your life as an Exonian and onward.

SeniorSpotlight

Juni: Baker Extraordinaire

By ERICA HOGAN and
ELEANOR MALLET
Staff Writers

It's 8:30 on a Thursday evening, when the scent of freshly baked cookies wafts down the halls of Wheelwright. Enticed by caramelized edges and molten chocolate bits, the girls of Wheelwright Hall make their way down to the common room for a sweet treat courtesy of their very own Juni Terry. Throughout her four years at Exeter, Terry has brought energy and warmth to all aspects of her life at Exeter, from the women's cross country team to ESSO Gal Pals. With running season in full swing, Terry has *The Exonian* spotlight this week as an accomplished athlete, student, baker and friend.

In the fall, Terry is a member of the varsity cross country team, in the winter the junior varsity swimming team, and in the spring the varsity track and field team. Gwynneth Coogan, coach of the cross country team highlighted Terry's effect on the team. "She downplays her own fatigue and disappointments and focuses on what she can do and how she can enjoy this moment with her teammates," she said. Coogan further highlighted Terry's positivity, saying "Juni is a hardworking, positive, down-to-earth kid who comes to every practice and race with a can-do attitude."

Terry's teammate on the cross-country and track teams, senior Sarah Brown echoed those sentiments. "She



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brings spirit to our team every day," she said. Terry's adviser, Amy Schwartz of the history department, noted how unusual Terry's dedication to running is, saying, "she has trained for at least one marathon in her time here; she likes waking up really early and going for a long run. Right away, you know you are not dealing with a typical Exeter student when you are talking about a 6 a.m. voluntary workout!" Terry plans on continuing her dedication to an active lifestyle beyond Exeter, wanting to hike the entire Appalachian Trail after she graduates.

In addition to her involvement in

Baking Club, running and Gal Pals, Terry spends school nights in the Peer Tutoring lounge helping fellow Exonians with their math homework. When asked about what she enjoys about peer tutoring, Terry responded, "I think the whole study of how people learn things is really interesting." In her remaining free time, Terry tutors a local sixth grader.

Terry has additionally proven herself to be an adept student, tackling the difficulties of Exeter life with a cool focus and tenacity. Coogan, who also taught Terry in class noted her ability to work out difficulties and work with others. "Juni is an insightful and adept

problem solver and team-player who again focuses on learning and sharing," she said.

Schwartz noted Terry's positivity, and the positive effect she has on those in her life, especially at Exeter where it can be easy to get lost in stress. "She doesn't get too stressed out, or if she does, she doesn't share that in a way that drags others down. She is usually quirky and upbeat and encouraging and funny and positive ... I think she just enjoys her life and the people around her," she said.

Schwartz went on to praise Terry's approach to troubles. "When she struggles in a class or on a test, she shakes it off; she is philosophical and doesn't dwell on it too much. I wish everyone (including me) knew how to do this. It's so fundamentally healthy. She has an ability to double down and improve her work in a course without getting freaked out about the need to do so," she said.

Throughout all aspects of her life, teachers, coaches, and friends have all mentioned Terry's incredible ability to be comfortable and happy in her surroundings, whether it be on the track, dorm, kitchen or in the classroom. Schwartz says it the best, "Juni never tries to be someone she is not. She is herself, and that makes everyone around her comfortable." Good luck to Juni as she embarks on her senior year at Exeter, onto college and off into the world! We are sure she will do big things.

Upcoming: TV

By SOPHIA ZU
Life Editor

There are a lot of things to be excited about in the fall; oversized sweaters, apple picking, and pumpkin carving somehow find their way into all social media as soon as the leaves turn orange. Perhaps even more exciting, however, is the fresh new roster of TV shows that will soon dominate your computer screens on Saturday nights. Below are some of the most anticipated TV shows premiering this fall!

This Is Us - Premiering September 20, 2016:

Starring Milo Ventimiglia ("Gilmore Girls") and Mandy Moore ("A Walk to Remember"), "This is Us" follows a group of five characters with the same birthday. Praised to be NBC's next big hit, "This is Us" has already garnered a 100% "certified fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes—be sure to catch it when it comes out!

Pitch - Premiering September 22, 2016:

"Pitch" tells the story of Ginny Baker, an aspiring Major League baseball player who becomes a pitcher for the San Diego Padres (and becomes the first woman in the league as well). With "Twisted" alum Kylie Bunbury starring, Pitch offers another empowering female role model for our screens.

Timeless - Premiering October 3, 2016:

Creators Eric Kipke ("Supernatural") and Shawn Ryan ("The Shield") bring to the table an oldie but goodie. With leads Abigail Spencer, Matt Lanter and Malcolm Barrett, "Time-

less" follows the characters in their quest to stop a criminal who recently stole a time machine with the intent to change American history (Goran Visnjic). While the premise sounds like most other sci-fi TV, Kipke's superb work on "Supernatural" makes us optimistic for this upcoming show.

The Good Place - Premiering September 19, 2016:

Kristen Bell (Veronica Mars, "Frozen") plays Eleanor Shellstrop in NBC's upcoming TV show "The Good Place." After getting hit with a tractor carrying products for erectile dysfunction, she finds herself in heaven after getting mistaken for another woman—a human rights lawyer. Surrounded by people who don't drink, swear or lie, Eleanor works with her "mentor" Michael (Ted Danson) to become a better person in her afterlife. Fans of "The Office" and "Parks and Recreation" should look forward to this one—Michael Schur, co-director of "Parks and Recreation" and writer for "The Office," directs the show, which will be sure to bring lots of good laughs and tears.

We are also anticipating Brooklyn Nine-Nine (September 20), Grey's Anatomy season 13 (September 22), How to Get Away With Murder (September 22), Bob's Burgers (September 25), Jane the Virgin (October 17) and Gilmore Girls (November 25 on Netflix).

Happy watching!

Life Advice

By BELLA EDO
Life Editor

Hi everyone!!

Welcome back to school! As our first full week of school wraps up, I wanted to answer some questions that might be on your mind whether you're a prep stressing about who you're going to eat dinner with or a senior stressing about whether or not you're going to go to college.

What is Back in Black?

Back in Black is the first dance of the year hosted by Dunbar Hall. In the past, this dance had mostly been held on the first Saturday all new and returning students returned to campus; last year it was moved to the third weekend of the term. Personally, I think Back in Black is better a little later in the year because it gives new kids a chance to get to know their classmates and everyone can settle into the swing of things before being jumping around in a sweaty, strobe light-filled function hall for two and a half hours.

Should I go to breakfast in the morning even if I have no one to sit with?

Different people will give you different answers, but I think yes. I know your first couple of weeks here are stressful and the idea of waking up at 7 a.m. and walking into a room of people you don't really know can be mortifying, but it's not as big of a deal as it seems. Breakfast is a good way to start your day off and chances are you'll see someone you recognize that you can just plop down next to. And even if you don't recognize anyone, it's really okay to just sit alone! I know a lot of people that prefer to eat breakfast alone so they can have a little more quiet time before having to be a part of discussions all day. You have to eat, so don't let a fear of not knowing anyone in the dining hall keep you from starting your day in a healthy way. :)

Will I go to college?

I've been asking myself this question a lot lately, but at the end of the day, I know the answer is yes. For any senior reading this: WE WILL ALL GO TO COLLEGE. I know how stressful it can be with club, sports, homework and whatever else you have going on in your life, but I promise you if all the graduating classes before us could get through it, we can too. As important as it is to worry about finishing your Common App or writing the perfect essay, this year is the last year we're going to have at the place that's been our home for the past three years. Take some time to be with the people you love and don't take yourself so seriously that you end up not really having any fun.

How do I make good friends?

I think one of the worst things you can do while at Exeter is get caught up in only hanging out with a few people and not exploring friendships with all of the other amazing individuals we have here. Everyone will tell you to not expect your friends from Prep Fall to be the friends you have for the rest of your life, and while there is some truth to that, it is very possible to meet your closest friends in the first couple of weeks of school. Some of my best friends are people that I went to Orange Leaf with during the first weekend of my prep year. At the same time, be open to meeting new people or giving old people a second chance. There are people that I am closer with than anyone else that I only became friends with last year! So, I guess my advice would be to have fun and be open to anything because you never know with whom you're going to form lifelong relationships.

I hope you all are enjoying the start to your term and good luck!!

Love,
Bella <3

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FacultySpotlight

Matthew Catron

By JAMIE CASSIDY and
HILLARY DAVIS
Staff Writers

Since he was 16 years old, Exeter's new theater intern, Matthew Catron, has pursued studies in playwriting, design work, acting and education with passion. Catron is assuming the roles of Cary Wendell, Exeter's technical director and light designer who is taking a term on sabbatical. Catron was first introduced to stagecraft at his public high school in Roanoke, Virginia. Appreciating literature from a young age, Catron took his talents and curiosities to Wesleyan University, where he found a healthy balance of theater and work in education. His days were often engrossed with playwriting and light design along with tutoring students in an after-school program. Believing that both of these interests were highly fulfilling, Catron was concerned that his future career might limit him from being involved in both passions. However, he found that it was possible to merge the two.

"When it came time for me to graduate, I was torn between continuing my work as a teacher and my work as an artist. When I found this technical theater position here at PEA, I realized that I didn't have to choose between these two paths," Catron said.

As Catron's college career developed, he became more attached to the aspect of design over other theatrical options. It was this passion for design that in-



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fluenced him to become a lighting and sound designer at the Academy.

"After applying and meeting the Theater faculty and students here, I felt that this was the place for me, and I am incredibly grateful and excited to be a part of the Phillips Exeter community for this year," Catron added.

Theater and Dance Chair Robert Richards met Catron last year when he was applying for the position. Richards said he was looking for talent and collaboration skills. "Matt certainly fit the bill. His obvious talent as a light designer, as well as his many other theater skills and abilities were impressive," said

Richards, who is excited to see what Catron will offer. Catron will be involved in production meetings throughout the year and manage lighting in the theater, which is what Richards calls, "one of the many essential elements to any stage production." Among the many tasks of a lighting designer, some of the prominent responsibilities include shifting the emphasis of different locations on stage along with evoking a certain mood and style for the production.

Wendell said that after interviewing Catron for the position, he welcomed him to Fisher Theater for the matinee performance of "The Laramie Project" last May.

Krista Sonia, another new Theater and Dance intern, was also in attendance at the play. "The fact that both interns took the time to come to PEA to see how we work and witness the quality of our shows is testament to their enthusiasm and commitment to our program," Wendell said. "I really appreciate Matt's enthusiasm for theater and expect that he will thrive in our environment."

While Catron will be working as the lighting and sound designer and master electrician, Sonia is taking on the roles of Production Stage Manager and Production Manager, as well as helping out with Technical Direction.

"Matt is outstanding! He is one of the most cheerful people I know and I'm very happy to be working with him this year," Sonia said.

Catron looks forward to having more time to focus on his artistic practices. In college, Catron felt like he was doing a million things at once. With classes, homework and work, his days provided little room for his studies on stage. Catron's excitement also extends to working with the next generation of theater-makers on campus, which he hopes to inspire, having worked so much with education.

Looking ahead, Catron said, "You all will be the ones creating the next wave of exciting and boundary-pushing art in the years to come, and I can't wait to see what the students here create today and in the future."

MOVIE REVIEW: SIXTEEN CANDLES



By ERICA HOGAN
Staff Writer

For many people on campus, returning to Exeter means that we are now restricted to watching movies and television shows that can be found on everyone's favorite internet streaming services. With that in mind, this week I am reviewing "Sixteen Candles," the 80s teen classic, which can be found on Netflix.

While watching the film, it's clear that it was made for an audience of a different time. The racism in this film is utterly unnecessary and mars an otherwise charming film. The character of Long Duk Dong is a shallow, offensive caricature who does nothing to further the plot, or strengthen the emotional core of the film; he only serves to provide cheap laughs at the expense of Asian people. Every scene with Dong pains me to watch. The racism is not all that is problematic with this film. The scene in which Jake "gives" an unconscious and inebriated Caroline away to Farmer Ted is very uncomfortable. The fact that the producers of this film thought it was acceptable to condone date rape is disturbing. It's unfortunate that an otherwise charming film is ruined in this way.

While some aspects of the film are dated, the emotional core of the film still resonates. With the advent of the smartphone, teenagers may no longer need to pass physical notes in class or share a phone line with their whole family, but we still struggle with our family and dream about our crushes. The timelessness of Sam's emotional struggles and the empathy we feel for her as she reaches her low point, then triumphs, is what makes this film so loved. I know exactly

how Sam must feel when her family forgets her birthday, how she feels when she sees Jake (her crush) in the halls, how she feels when she finally gets the birthday she wants. Molly Ringwald is spectacular, realistic and sympathetic in her role as a typical angst teen. In her conversations with her best friend, her messy room, fights with her siblings and parents, I see myself. I know how it feels to think your own body is imperfect, how mortifying it must be to have your grandparents point out your biggest insecurity. I know the heartbreak she must feel when watching her crush with his girlfriend, how forgotten she must feel when her family ignores her in favor of her prettier older sister. In watching her story I feel like I'm watching my own story. In her triumph I feel like I'm at my peak too.

Anthony Michael Hall is also a standout as the geeky Farmer Ted. He is another character I sympathize with as he tries to find some social capital as a nerdy freshman. I root for him as he tries to get his friends to think he's cool, as he tries and fails at interacting with girls. I feel so proud of him when he makes it to a senior party and gets kissed by the most popular girl in school. The high school pressure to be cool is relatable to anyone. Just as I found myself in Sam, I see myself in Farmer Ted.

At its core, "Sixteen Candles" is the perfect coming-of-age movie. It's so unfortunate that it's dragged down by racist and creepy scenes that are utterly unnecessary. John Hughes is better than relying on racist schticks to get cheap laughs. He has proven his ability to make heartfelt films that channel teenage nerves so beautifully. "Sixteen Candles" has so much of that soulfulness.

Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

Fashion week has added more buzz in New York City with designers such as Proenza Schouler, 3.1 Phillip Lim, Hood by Air and The Row displaying their Spring Summer 2017 Ready to Wear collections. During NYFW, we'll normally spot a lot of fashion editors, bloggers, models and celebrities running all over the city to attend the different fashion shows. This means that we can give you all an update on the street style trends! This NYFW, we've spotted a lot of colorful coordinate set outfits that definitely stood out from the crowd. Tops with oversized sleeves were also worn by a lot of fashionistas, adding a unique element to their outfits. For shoes, we definitely have to give a shout-out to the babouche-style loafers that were spotted everywhere on the streets.

We have good news for those of you who are in love with both fashion and sportswear. Alexander Wang has recently confirmed the rumors of his collaboration with Adidas. After his fashion show ended last week, models strutted on the catwalk with tracksuits that had Adidas logos printed on them. Wang created 84 unisex pieces of clothing and shoes for Adidas. Although the items are going to be official sold in the spring of 2017, there are already pop up trucks around New York city selling pieces from this collaboration.

Everyone was looking sharp on the first few days of school, so it was really hard to find people that stood out. As usual **Dolapo Adedokun '18** had his style on point. According to him, "He tries," so I can't say it is effortless. **Winslow MacDonald '18** and **Tayo Zenger '17** are giving Main Street a good image with their eccentric ways of dressing. They recently matched in hunting coats, catching everyone's eye. **Sarah Ryou '19** rocked a pair of gold sandals with a laced white pencil skirt, pink fitted crop top and grey knitted cardigan. **Julia Friberg '17** looked effortlessly chic in her striped skirt, oversized cardigan, high-top white converse and brown leather bucket bag. **Jacqueline Byrne '18** looked stylish with her white flared dress and gray-laced high heel sandals.

We have seen a step up in the clothes game here at Exeter. Everyone is dressed well and excited to be back at school. The current trend for the past couple of years has been wearing old throwback clothes. For example, the different variations of the Stan Smith Shoes, which were also popular during our parent's teenage years, have been exploding not only in the states, but all over Europe as well. To differentiate their Stan Smiths, people have started painting and stitching threads through them.

Another trend that has not hit Exeter yet is the Fjallraven Kanken Backpack. This backpack is taking over the Herschel movement that has been going on for the past three years. The Kanken backpack is a simple box shaped backpack, about the size of your science textbook. It has a small front pocket and a white circular patch in the center with the logo, nothing more.

Hope you all had a wonderful first week of school, and we'll keep you up to date with the fashion trends on campus and around the world.

Stay stylish,
Connor and Tanya



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Let's Talk About Sex

Eleanor Mallett '18

Guest Contributor

Within the first few days of school, rumors and angered opinions have infiltrated many of our conversations. In hushed voices, we have all shared our passionate opinions, but quietly enough so not to offend each other. Today, I speak my voice a little louder without fear of being disagreed with. This summer I have thought a lot about the series of unfortunate events surrounding the sexual climate at Exeter. These events are difficult to talk about because they involve our friends, our classmates, our teachers, coaches, the administrators we admire, or role model figures in our lives. They are incredibly sensitive cases to discuss, but it is also equally important to have these discussions.

The events of this summer have yet again put into question the security of the support systems at this school and obviously the sex culture that exists around us. I am a believer that the best way to begin to solve a problem, especially one of this magnitude, is to not be scared to talk about it. Sex, rape, consent, sexual assault, harassment and misconduct. Although they are words packed with rage, personal attachment and emotion, we must not be scared to use them. They happen either way.

What I would like to address today is *how* we talk about them. For a great example of how not to appropriately discuss these cases,

we can look to *The Boston Globe* for what I believe to be a completely journalistically inaccurate, one-sided and often offensive portrayal of the multiple allegations that have occurred. "Phillips Exeter Academy under fire again for its handling of sexual misconduct allegations," "Minister in bread 'penance' case allegedly had role in other cases," "Phillips Exeter sued over kicking out student who had sex."

In the first *Globe* article covering the Ikpeazu, Henry case, the reporter displayed the facts of the story most completely from Henry's side. I am not denying the facts she put forth for the article, but I am skeptical of the disproportion of voices from each side. Aside from the biased nature of the piece, I am most upset by the false and unfair portrayal of Reverend Thompson's role in the story. I look at Thompson's stance with sympathy as I try to understand the difficulty in balancing the religious trust given to him while also trying to find a fair consolation which each party could peacefully agree upon. It made me imagine how much fun the *Globe* would have if priests everywhere were held accountable for all confessions.

I am absolutely not doubting the reality that there may have been gaps and lapses in the decision-making of the adults handling this case, but as a student writing directly to my peers, I am focusing on telling you what I think we, among ourselves, can do to help prevent sexual assault, harassment and misconduct cases

from rising in the future.

First and foremost: check yourselves. If you are unsure that participating in sexual activity is something you feel comfortable doing, first of all don't do it. Second of all, if you disregard those intuitions and do it anyway with consent, then the actions that may proceed should not be the

prepared for sexual predators in the world, to always carry a conscience and a pepper spray in our purse. However in my experience it is rare for the same conversation to occur between father and son- for us to teach our boys not to harm a woman, that she should be respected as an equal and not an object. Unconditionally.



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boy's fault. And boys, please oh please always have in mind the comfort and interests of your counterpart in sexual situations. Ask. Yes or no is black and white. If the answer is not a clear yes, don't continue! It's not that difficult to wrap our heads around.

Furthermore, I am frustrated with society's approach on how to fix the systemic problem of rape culture. Girls are taught by their mothers to be

Until we start talking, nothing will change.

I say all these things with care and understanding at the forefront of my mind. My pure motive in sharing my opinion here is to try to help people lead the safest and healthiest lives possible. I love this school and I love my classmates and the last thing I want to see are the names of more Exonians on the front page of *The Boston Globe*.

Hillary's Deplorable Mistake



LET'S TALK

Jack Stewart
Columnist

uncalled for.

I am a supporter of Mrs. Clinton; her and her party's policies match with mine. And I am very disappointed that she would call supporters of her opponent "deplorable." In doing this, she has not only lost millions of voters; she has brought down her integrity and dignity (something important in all presidential races, and daresay even

Earlier this week, while Hillary Clinton made a speech at an LGBT fundraiser in New York City, she made a joke. It was something small. It was something that, at the time, was greeted with chuckles and knowing laughter. And it was completely

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more so in this one). One could even go so far as to say that she has finally stooped to the level of Donald Trump.

Since the beginning of this race, Mr. Trump has always been known for his fiery insults and mocking statements. He has been known to disparage and continually estrange vital groups; Latinos, women, and African-Americans being brought up the most. But as of now, this behavior has been unique to Mr. Trump.

In general, Mrs. Clinton had refrained from attacking any mainstream groups. This does say something compelling about her character; she is, for the most part, not willing to play dirty like Mr. Trump. She has to keep this up, however. Now is not the time to start making vast generalizations and enforcing somewhat incorrect stereotypes. It is without a doubt true that many of Mr. Trump's supporters are



absolutely deplorable; some are racists, sexists, homophobes and xenophobes. But it's of paramount importance to always remember that most Trump supporters are normal, middle-class people, disgruntled by a flawed two-party system.

Mrs. Clinton's image has been tweaked by the media into one of a cynical, rich and powerful woman who doesn't care enough for the well-being of her stable electorate and who cares too much for her own legacy. With one statement, she may have changed the course of her campaign awry. However, it is unlike her to spur off a proclamation such as that. Mrs. Clinton is known for her even-handedness and ability to handle situations well and

confidently. So what happened? We may never know.

As it happens, Mrs. Clinton appears to have played directly into the hands of her critics. The very day after her fateful comment, right-wing publications such as Fox News and the New York Post slammed her for dissing the majority of Mr. Trump's predicted voters. And they rightfully did so. Even though it pained me to see Mrs. Clinton put on the hot seat again, it was, in the end, deserved. I am in full support of media truthfully dissecting and critiquing what politicians say. Yet mistakes have happened before.

In 2008, President Barack Obama made his infamous comment about conservatives "cling[ing] to guns

and religion." Did he get flack for it? Certainly. Many had feared that (just like Mrs. Clinton's comment) it alienated an incredibly powerful group. Yet did Mr. Obama still become the president in November? The point is that no matter what one-time off-color remark a politician makes, as long as it's not too controversial, they're in the clear.

Mrs. Clinton's comment will, eventually, be forgotten. She will most likely ascend to the presidency, beating Mr. Trump by a clear margin. But for now, as polls undulate and quiet voters stir, it's a pretty important reminder that even those who are intelligent, capable and eloquent can make gaffes in the most startling of ways.

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Wake Up, UN



WORLD COMPASS

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In August, the United Nations confirmed that their peacekeepers instigated the Haitian cholera epidemic that swept away many lives. At first denying its association with the outbreak, the United Nations has finally taken responsibility for one of its latest mess-ups. Established in 1946 with the hope of preventing conflicts like World War II from recurring and to ensure collective security, the organization has once again proven its inability to respond objectively and effectively. More importantly, the event begs the question: do we even need the UN?

Though the UN's charter encouraged member states to "take effective collective measures for the prevention and removals of threats to peace," the actions of the UN couldn't be more petty and biased. The Security Council (the main governing body of the UN) was set up to appease the interests of the most powerful states in the world. The five permanent members—USA, UK, France, China, and Russia—often exploit their veto power to shut down any resolution that could potentially harm them or their closest allies. The Cold War made compromise within the Council almost impossible, and US support for Israel and China's aggression in Tibet and Taiwan further complicated issues.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, the countries on the Security Council trembled in fright—not because Iraq was breaching international law, but rather because much of the world's oil was at stake. Having just deposed Gorbachev, Russia willingly sacrificed its relationship with Saddam Hussein in order to improve its reputation with the West. Yes, the Persian Gulf War was a true success, but think twice before you call it a UN success; US generals led the operation with the most troops and assumed the most casualties.

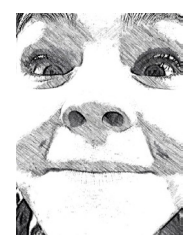
While the countries in the United Nations patted themselves on the back for their fight against Hussein, militant Serbian and Croat rebels tortured the majority Muslim population of Bosnia; the Tutsi and Hutu rebel groups battled themselves to the death in Rwanda. The UN deployed a lightly armed peacekeeping operation (UNPROFOR) to parts of Bosnia—but there was no peace to keep! Instead of providing troops with the resources and instructions to fight off the Serbian perpetrators, the UN mandated that its troops remain neutral and distribute food and medicine to civilians who were still in harm's way. In 1995, the Serb forces overran one of the UN's "safe havens" in Srebrenica, overwhelming the peacekeeping forces and massacring 8,000 Muslim men and boys. In Rwanda, the Belgian peacekeeping force pulled out of the country when the fighting broke out, and the world watched in childlike awe as close to one million Tutsis died. Absent a compelling financial interest (oil), the

United Nations acts halfheartedly and carelessly to uphold its charter. In most cases, the UN's mistakes are not the result of external factors, but rather its members' apathy towards devastating events that occur in small countries.

The United States tested the UN's power to prevent unilateral action when it invaded Iraq in 2003. China, France, and Russia looked down upon the United States' doctrine of preventive war, and vetoed any proposal to enter Iraq. Without explicit UN support, the United States and Great Britain went ahead with their plans, proving that private state interests inevitably prevail over tacit UN barriers.

The list of UN failures could go on and on. One could rescind the UN for its weak response to the Sudanese government's systematic killings in the Darfur region, or become infuriated about rape committed by peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. But all of these horrific stories would be deviating further from the question posed in the beginning: do we need the UN? Yes, we do. While the organization cannot hinder its members from free-riding on other states' actions, it nonetheless creates an image of global cooperation and forces some dictators to hesitate before committing illegal undertakings. Despite unsuccessful humanitarian interventions, the UN arranges forums for countries to debate policies and formulate implementable solutions. The cholera outbreak is a wake-up call, a distressing reminder that the UN must not only write eloquent, verbose resolutions, but also execute them in an organized fashion.

Two-Party Problems



ERICA'S AMERICA

Erica Hogan
Columnist

In the 2016 presidential election, to vote for any candidate that is not Hillary Clinton is the equivalent of voting for Trump. It's tragic that our rigid two-party system quashes the viability of any and all third-party candidates. Whether we like it or not, our political system is run by the political and financial machines that are the Democratic and Republican party.

In an election with stakes as high as this one, in which we risk putting a racist demagogue into office, refusing to vote or voting for a third candidate has the same effect on the election as voting for Trump. Republican abstainers need to realize that the only way to kill the wing of their party that brought Trump to power is to destroy it. Libertarians need to realize that Gary Johnson's 10% is nowhere near a majority and will not get any closer before election day. Green Partiers need to stop being so "kumbaya" and wake up and realize that Trump will be significantly less receptive of their hyper-liberal ideals than Clinton.

Admittedly, in certain states individual votes make almost no difference. Voting for Trump in Massachusetts will have no effect on the general election. The state is so overwhelmingly Democratic that any vote for a candidate other than Clinton will easily be negated. The same principle applies to deep red states, such as Mississippi and Alabama. In states with more electoral significance however, the difference between the two main candidates can be miniscule. In tight races, the difference between a victory and a loss could be bridged easily by increasing turnout and preventing third parties from siphoning away votes. All voting for third parties can achieve in a two-party system is to ensure one party loses, rather than ensuring the victory of their chosen third party. It's clearly more beneficial to society to vote for the lesser of two evils than to pursue the pipe dream of electing a third party candidate.

Those who think that a Trump presidency is worse than a Clinton one yet refuse to vote in an effort to gain some moral high ground and self satisfaction are doing their whole nation a disservice. They are being selfish, in knowingly placing their own smugness over the wellbeing of the nation. While American culture promotes individualism

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and freedom endlessly, the state of the nation and the government undoubtedly have an effect on all of us. The nation has more of an effect on some citizens than on others. A Trump presidency will clearly affect Muslim citizens more than upper-middle class white citizens who will likely fare decently well regardless of what president is elected. This is clear to anyone who has observed this election cycle and found Trump's rhetoric to be repugnant. Anyone who abstains from voting or votes for a third candidate understanding just how much worse a Trump presidency will be for certain voters will be complicit in the destruction of their livelihoods if Trump were to win.

In a perfect world, our electoral options would not be limited by two political parties that make decisions to ensure their survival rather than to serve the will of the electorate that brings their candidates to power. The ideologies of a nation as large and diverse as our own obviously cannot be lumped into two categories. Its sad that many people in our nation are being forced to choose between two candidates they aren't particularly enthusiastic about.

However, just because we don't like something doesn't mean that it isn't the way things are. It's too late in this election cycle to break the hold of the two-party system. Anyone who believes otherwise is delusional. Those who would like to have more viable options in future races should accept that third party candidates aren't viable this time around, but take the misery of this election and use it as an impetus to institute political change over the next four years.

It's good to demand more of the institutions that affect our lives, but to create real change, realism is just as necessary as idealism.

Resistance Through Flight: Mennonite Pacifism



QUIPS

Année Reach
Columnist

Over eighty years ago, Mahatma Gandhi led his first large-scale demonstration against British rule in India. In 1930, he and ten thousand others marched to the sea to protest the salt monopoly which the British Empire used to keep the native population under control. As the clamor for freedom from British rule grew louder and Gandhi's popularity swelled, the governors of India ceded to the Indians' requests. Gandhi's activism and civil disobedience made him famous the world over, and soon others adopted his nonviolent tactics.

The protests about which we hear are the ones that are the loudest. By 'loudest,' I don't mean riots where people chant their desires and shout slurs at each other, or demonstrations that turn nasty and law enforcement comes in with guns blazing. I'm talking about protests that are, by the numbers, huge. They comprise many protesters and many supporters, often outnumbering the people against whom they are protesting. They resonate with people, even ten or twenty or fifty years later. They are protests which make the news, and when people look back on them they are surprised by the sheer number of people who stood up to those in power to say, "No." They promote real change, and the ones that are held up as examples for how demonstrations should occur do not end in the burning of books and buildings but in tangible shifts in a society's paradigms.

Sometimes, the little protests work too.

In Eastern Pennsylvania, there reside many communities of 'plain folk.' The most famous of these is the Amish, but another group, called the Mennonites, live there too. More tolerant of advancing technology than their buggy-driving cousins, Mennonites emerged in the Rhine region of Europe in the 16th century as part of the Anabaptist

movement. Mennonites in particular preached pacifism, and along with other Anabaptists, split from the state-run churches in the Holy Roman Empire to form their own congregations. The Empire was worried about the schism; not only did they lose religious control over a portion of their people, but a section of their population exempted themselves from military service. To curb the conversion of new Anabaptists, the Holy Roman Empire killed them off.

Mennonites up and down the Rhine were stripped of their land, thrown in prison, tortured, and burned alive in the name of religious purity. Leaders of the movement were concerned about the fate of their little sect of Protestantism and argued with each other about what to do. Bolder Mennonites, less meticulous in adhering to the tenets of their denomination, advised that they stay in Europe and fight off their persecutors. Their schemes, promising liberation and vengeance, appealed to a great many Mennonites. Another group, more zealous in their faith, and worried about the staggering numbers of people who wanted to kill them, suggested that they escape Europe and emigrate to the New World. They would be penniless and friendless, but they would be able to freely practice their religion without violating their vow of peace. The difference in opinion split the Mennonites; some left for America, while others stayed behind in Europe.

The Mennonites who left the battleground could be viewed as cowards, as people who fled the scene of conflict rather than fought. It's a little hard to envision a protester as someone who would rather go live somewhere else than change his or her own community. But it's not the end of the Mennonite narrative: after settling in Pennsylvania, where their denomination was accepted by the governing body there, the peaceful Mennonites flourished, their numbers growing to three times the size of their original number, and took over the eastern portion of the colony. Their belligerent brethren, still in Europe and weaker than the Holy Roman Empire,

were eventually eradicated by the military they had refused to join. Today, there are just a handful of the Anabaptist sect still living in Germany.

There will always be people who have a less-than-civil dislike for your opinions. They may want to shut you up, or harm your reputation or even your well-being. Large-scale, attention-grabbing demonstrations are extremely effective but they have their place. A group as big as Gandhi's followers can peacefully and openly protest the injustice of a small and uncaring ruling elite. A scattering of Anabaptist churches demanding religious freedom from a large and uncaring bureaucracy will not fare so well using the same tactics. Similarly, if you found yourself surrounded by a group of people who differed in their beliefs, you would have to carefully consider your tactics. Of course, you want to defend yourself, but it does not have to result in hurt feelings or physical harm.

So just leave. Rather than shout at the people with whom you disagree, you can exit the conversation and continue with your own perspective and growth. Admittedly, backing down is a path of least resistance, but it will allow you to think freely. You won't throw yourself in the way of people who want to cause you harm, and by retreating you can limit quite a few of the negative repercussions of joining an unfettered shout-down. If you are battling alone, you can be as easily crushed as the Mennonites who remained in Germany. Rather, use the opportunity to leave, or to listen to your opponent's arguments before offering an opinion. It confuses them when you act civilly, as they are expecting resistance.

The brave thing to do, when faced with an injustice, may seem to actively but civilly disobey the governing power and demand change. It is, however, not always the bravest or even the wisest method of defiance against a power. Rather than pillorying yourself, you can shrug it off and find solace in likeminded people, and wait until you are strong enough to overcome your iniquities. When you are ready, fight as hard as you can.

Social Justice via Sports



THE LIBERAL AGENDA

Jordan Davidson
Columnist

This year and the next, the NCAA has decided to discriminate, but in a good way: discrimination against wrongdoing. The NCAA has banned numerous championships from being held in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. The bans have been the result of North Carolina's House Bill 2: a bill not allowing transgender people to use the bathroom of the sex they identify with. North Carolina's House Bill 2 also does not allow workers who have been fired because of the color of their skin to bring the issue up in court. The absurd bill also does not allow

anyone who has been fired because of their sex to sue. In an increasingly more progress world, bills like North Carolina House Bill 2 are viewed as ignorant and discriminatory, as they should. The NCAA has banned the 2017 All Star Game from being in Charlotte, along with many more tournaments. Even Duke University, a school with much to lose (because it is in North Carolina and it is one of the biggest basketball schools in the country) is supporting the audacious backout. These strong stances against discrimination that sports is starting joint should be celebrated and continued as the fight for equal rights for all makes headway.

Throughout history, sports has been used as a tool for team building, sportsmanship, unification, and now, social justice. Sports are a part of everyday life for children in elementary school, middle

school, high school, and college. Not only have schools made sports a major priority, but the fanbase for professional sports, especially in America, is huge. By having the NCAA join the fight against sexist bills such as the North Carolina House Bill 2, all fans of the many NCAA sports become aware of an issue that many may not have known about before. Not only does sports have the power to inform, but it has the ability to influence. Fans of basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis, and lacrosse (sports originally holding championship events in North Carolina) will be given a message of tolerance and acceptance. Popular sports players and teams are viewed as role models by millions. That is why these are essential messages for making change in states such as North Carolina with ridiculous bills.

Sports as a whole, not only the NCAA,

has the chance to be an active and helpful vehicle for social progress. If sports can unify strangers to be a part of a fanbase community, it has the ability to provoke social change in our nation and in others. The NCAA sets the example for what we should all be doing, regardless of our ability level. Middle schools and high schools can have teams outwardly stand against discrimination. Professional sports players and franchises can rally and not play in states that are not accepting, such as North Carolina. We still have a problem around the world with tolerance, and it is not a luxury, it is a necessity. To make the world go round we need to work with those who may not be like us. While this has been an issue forever, I know that if the power of sports is harnessed to its full potential, the next stepping stone of progress will be right under our feet.

Boys' Soccer Starts Season with Three Scrimmages

By EMILY PELLICCIA
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The boys' varsity soccer team faced Brooks School in a scrimmage last Friday, as well as both Buckingham Browne & Nichols (BB&N) and Belmont Hill School in scrimmages on Saturday. Though the team lost 2-1 against Brooks and tied 0-0 against BB&N, it went on to redeem themselves, defeating Belmont Hill 4-0 in the end.

Despite the disappointing outcome of the Brooks scrimmage, the boys were not discouraged, and instead took the initial loss as a starting point from which to improve. Lower Jonah Johnson, who felt that it "didn't go as well as it should've," attributed their loss to the team's nonchalance and laziness during warm-ups.

"Because of this we had a slow start and we conceded two goals early," he explained. Upper Dolapo Adedokun added, "we were disorganized at the back and weren't really able to build up the field." However, the team found its stride later on in the scrimmage when they "regained focus," according to Johnson. The scrimmage allowed them to better understand their areas of weakness and served as a "valuable lesson," senior Collin Shapiro said. Senior and co-captain Quentin DiStefano agreed, saying, "we didn't get the result we wanted in the Brooks scrimmage, but it opened our eyes up to how we should be playing."

After being outplayed by Brooks, the team learned from their mistakes and successfully reclaimed victory the next day at Belmont Hill School, where they had two scrimmages. In the first, which was against BB&N, the team experimented with a new formation "to give our back line some size," Adedokun said. This allowed them to move some players up the field, as well as take the

better players on the opposing team out of the game and create more chances.

Adedokun remarked that this tactic worked well for them. Likewise, DiStefano felt the BB&N scrimmage "went much better." Not only did the team have lots of opportunities through it, but they allowed a mere two shots on net for the entire game. DiStefano was also impressed with some of the younger players on the team, specifically mentioning prep Billy Menken, who "hit crossbar on a shot." Though the scrimmage ended in a tie, the team's overall performance was already significantly better than the previous day.

Again, many young players stepped up in the scrimmage against Belmont Hill. The team was able to score early on, which "crushed the confidence of Belmont Hill," according to Johnson. They went on to score three more times. Shapiro described it as a "great game" in which they were consistently "controlling the play and creating some good chances."

Senior and co-captain Tarek Khartabil felt that these scrimmages allowed the team to make changes "that will hopefully be for the better." He continued, adding that the main lesson they took from them was that the team is a "working progress." Expressing confidence in their ability to perform in the first game, he predicted that "the guys will improve as a unit as the season progresses."

The team is scheduled to play against the Loomis Chaffee School on Saturday and against Bridgton Academy on Monday. "For the first game we are looking to start off strong and to stay focused throughout," Adedokun said. Shapiro echoed this, stating "We know we can compete with any team but we need to stay focused for the entire 90 minutes to do so."



Senior Tarek Khartabil sends a corner kick into the field.

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Girls' Soccer Pleased With Debut Performance



Senior Margaret Coogan sprints away from a defender.

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By ARIELLE LUI
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Exeter girls' varsity soccer kicked off their season at the Berwick Academy Jamboree this past Saturday. The team first lost to Berwick, then tied against Tilton School and finished off the day with a win against Holderness School.

Lower Ogechi Nwankwoala thought the team had the potential to win all three games because they were closely matched. She mentioned that one of the team's strongest components was their passing and communication, crediting their success to through-balls that girls ran onto and scored on. "We kept getting better each game we played at the jamboree despite the fact that we were tired," Nwankwoala said. "I think that showed us that with more and more practice we'll get a lot better as the season goes on."

Upper Maria Heeter agreed with Nwankwoala that the team improved as the day went on. "If we were playing the level we were at the end for the entire event, I'm confident that we would've won all three," she said.

The team is scheduled to play Holderness again later this month. Senior Hannah Gustafson pointed out that Big Red still needs time to learn how to work together as "one unit." She pointed out several errors that can be improved such as hesitating before shooting and slow transitions up the field. "Even though we beat Holderness it does not mean they won't improve and come out firing at the end of the season when we play them," Gustafson said.

This year, the team is welcoming several new players, such as postgraduate Katarina Cucullo. Upper Louisa Bartkovich praised her for her hard work. "[Katarina] really helped us play harder," Bartkovich said.

Cucullo mentioned how the "quick tran-

sition from tryouts to a game" was something she was not used to. However, she found the jamboree to be a fun learning experience for the team. "The girls were super nice and welcoming at preseason," Cucullo said. "It was nice to go to preseason if you were nervous because you could get a few days in before tryouts."

Prep Dennesha Rolle feels that the girls are already becoming close. "The team is really inclusive which I know I appreciate, and they are also really supportive," she said. "Even with the varying ages and classes, the team works very well together, and I'm excited to see that grow as time goes on."

Senior and co-captain Daniela Nemirovsky is proud of how the team played and optimistic about the season because of the talent of the new players. "We not only possessed the ball through all three games, but responded quickly to coaches' criticism," she said. "This is a huge testament to how much our team dynamic has and continues to improve with the new roster."

Senior and co-captain Grace Pratt also felt like the jamboree went well. "Seeing as we finalized our roster on Friday night, we haven't really had time just as a varsity team, so it will be interesting to see how we improve after we've practiced together for a bit," Pratt said.

Big Red's first home game will be Saturday at 2 p.m. against Choate Rosemary Hall. Last season, the girls lost 0-5. However, they are hopeful that the game will be closer this year.

Lower Samantha Weaver thought the jamboree was a great way to start the season and believes they will improve as the season progresses. "Choate always has a really strong team but we have the advantage of a home field so I anticipate the score to be much closer than last year," she said.



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: ISSAY MATSUMOTO, JIRO MIZUNO AND GARRETT PITT



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Six days before preseason, boys' cross country co-captains and seniors Issay Matsumoto, Jiro Mizuno and Garrett Pitt stuck their tents in a Pawtuckaway State Park campground. They, along with several other teammates, prepared themselves for senior year and a successful season during what they called "Jip Week," the name originating from Mizuno's beloved nickname.

Jip Week, which began the summer before their upper year, is an annual week-long training tradition that consists of daily, intense runs through Pawtuckaway State Park's rugged, rocky and densely forested mountains.

While resting between runs, the boys enjoy eating hotdogs, singing hits by Nina Simone and the Beatles around a campfire and talking late into the night.

While the peril of this adventure was highlighted by the occasional bloody foot or navigation mishap, the event also displayed the boys' dedication to their sport and the close connection of the team.

Through their separate personalities, each co-captain contributes to the spirit of the boys' cross country team in their own way. Pitt, one of the team's top two runners, is quiet but fierce.

Through his dedication and determination to improve, he serves as a leader and an inspiration to his teammates. "His presence inspires

confidence," teammate and senior Atticus Stonestrom said, also adding that Pitt is "unreservedly dedicated and willing to put the work in, incredibly consistent in racing and training and consistently a leader by example."

Matsumoto, for his part, provides support for the team. Outgoing and humorous, Matsumoto uses his natural charm to gain his younger teammates' trust and companionship.

His devotion to his teammates has impressed the boys' head cross country coach, Brandon Newbould. "Issay shows real devotion to his teammates and would never hesitate to place their interests ahead of his," Newbould said.

Stonestrom also admired Matsumoto's endless support, saying, "He puts more time into helping less confident runners learn the ropes than anyone else on the team."

Finally, to use Newbould's words, Mizuno is the "cheerleader." At meets, he cheers the loudest, which gets everyone else "fired up."

Teammate and senior Aidan Oakley reiterated Newbould's sentiments. "Jiro tearing his throat out cheering at a tough part of a course is pretty much guaranteed for me to hear every meet," he said.

Mizuno's team spirit also helps pull the team through tough races. "Even if he had just killed himself running in the varsity race, he still brings all of his energy and support to others on the team," Oakley said.

Newbould recognized Mizuno's devotion to the team as extraordinary.

"Jiro could get shot in the leg during a race and still get himself to the finish line if the team needed him," he said.

Though each captain is undoubtedly dedicated to running, he wasn't always devoted to the sport. All three boys developed a love for their running by accident. Pitt was cut from the JV soccer team his prep year. Determined to make the team the following year, he ran winter track to stay in shape. To his surprise, Pitt grew attached to running and dedicated himself to the sport year-round. Pitt now sees running as "an intoxicating and euphoric experience that is unbeatable."

Mizuno also turned to running after discovering that he wasn't cut out for ball sports. After setting off an alarm at his old school while playing volleyball, he decided to stick to something he knew how to do: run.

The more he ran, the more he began to enjoy the simplicity of running. "There are no fancy technical things. No tricks. No balls. No nothing. Just running shoes, sweat and pain," Mizuno said.

Matsumoto stumbled upon the sport in middle school, when he signed up for cross country to become closer with his crush. Though he stuck with cross country then, he didn't begin to fall in love the sport until he came to Exeter, where he met people like Sam Gray '14, Tyler Courville '14 and fellow co-captain Mizuno, whose determination inspired him to become a better runner.

"All three of them represent what

we stand for as a program—normal students with no prior running background working together to become strong endurance athletes and fierce competitors," Newbould said.

For nearly four years, Matsumoto, Mizuno and Pitt have been learning from each other and their teammates. Together, they have shaped the team into a fun-loving, supportive and hardworking community.

Though the captains are dedicated and hardworking, they also know how to have fun. Whether it consists of building elaborate shrines in the woods, slathering their bodies with mud or collecting deer ribcages, every adventure is memorable.

But one of the most enjoyable aspects of every run is the group of captains. Each captain is "easy to talk to and joke around with, which is a nice distraction if I'm struggling on a run," according to teammate and lower John Martel.

Matsumoto, Mizuno and Pitt will lead a determined and unified team toward a promising future. As teammates and close friends, they will preserve old memories while creating new ones.

Hopefully, their love of running will continue long past graduation, as will their belief in the mysterious motto that seems to have strengthened their ties to the team: Ache Te Vitu. Whatever happens this season, Matsumoto, Mizuno and Pitt will ensure that the legacy of the Phillips Exeter Academy boys' cross country team will live on.

Field Hockey Starts Season at Jamboree Girls' Team Ties Twice After 90 Minutes of Play

By TAYLOR WALSH
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The girls' varsity field hockey team participated in a jamboree against multiple different schools this past Saturday. These scrimmages were only practices, so the scores of each game were not as important as the learning experience for the Exeter team.

Big Red faced off against Nobles, Brooks and Lawrence for three 30-minute games. These three teams usually give Exeter a taste of how the season will go because they are all around the same skill level as the rest of the teams Exeter will face this season.

Lower Catherine Griffin said, "We were about evenly matched with our opponents, but we played mostly

defense." The team only lost once in a 1-2 game and then tied their other two games. The girls feel optimistic after being able to keep up with all three teams, and they hope their performance will carry throughout the season.

The team had many successes in each of their games during the jamboree. The chemistry between all 11 players on the field was evident as they all worked well together and communicated well. Exeter excelled when they were transitioning from defense to offense because they worked the ball quickly up the field with accurate passes.

Even though the team excelled in many areas of their play, it still has a few key skills to refine if they want to improve. Lower Michaela O'Brien

explained that the team "needed to improve on making better decisions." Griffin added that they "still need to work on taking more shots on goal."

The team plans to improve in these areas so that they can be more successful on offense. O'Brien followed up by saying, "Those are things that will easily come with the season and everyone feels very optimistic."

After 90 minutes of play, the team was definitely exhausted, but it was well worth it. One of the highlights from the day was senior Michaela Corvi's goal. Griffin explained that Corvi's goal was her favorite moment from all three games. The team expects to put up many more points on the board during the rest of the season.

The team rotated the full roster onto the field so that everyone had

the chance to play a decent amount of time. This opportunity enabled the new players to practice playing with some of the more experienced returners in a real game.

Coach Melissa Pacific commented on the mesh between new and old players. "We saw some nice things from returning players, and the players' impact is definitely going to make a difference this year," Pacific said. The team hopes to integrate the newcomers into the team's system as fast as possible.

Exeter field hockey has a busy schedule ahead; after playing Groton yesterday, they will play Milton this upcoming Saturday. The team plans to translate their momentum from the jamboree into their future games and start the season off with wins.



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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PREPS FOR 3-PEAT *Captains Anxious to Lead Team to Victory at NE Champs*

By JACK BAKER
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Coming off of last year's 17-1 championship winning season, the girls' volleyball team looks to carry its success into the upcoming year. Though it lost five members of the class of 2016 to graduation and only has three seniors this year, the team remains optimistic that its younger players will still be able to succeed and to win the championship for the third year in a row.

Over the summer, the team spent a week in Casco, Maine at Team Prep Camp—a preparatory sports program—getting ready for its upcoming season. Co-captain and senior Kat Dumoulin commented on the bonding experience. "At prep camp, it seemed like people made a seamless transition into their friendships from last season, which allowed the new people to be included faster and also become friends with returning players," she said.

Dumoulin added that with these new friendships came competition, and that every player, returning or not, was working hard for a starting position. Upper Molly O'Day elaborated on the progress the team has been making. "The returners have been putting in work this summer and it shows in their strength and skill level," she said.

Every day during Prep Camp, the team had four sessions and a scrimmage against another prep school. Throughout the week, the team played Andover, St. Paul's and Taft. In its free time, the team spent time bonding in the cabins, playing gaga ball in the gazebo and even participating in a dance competition against the other schools.

"I'm happy to report that the Andover teams took fourth and fifth, while St. Paul's got first (because the judges felt bad



Senior Nora Epler goes up for a ball.

Steven Kim/The Exonian

they only had six people), my Exeter team took second and Rachel's team took third," Dumoulin said, commenting on Exeter's performance at the dance competition.

Because of the team's success in the past years, it doesn't plan on making too many significant changes. However, the team does hope to build confidence in its younger players so that going forward it can dominate its competition. "As always, one thing that everyone notices we do well is cheer each other on. I'd like to think we

are one of the most inclusive and supporting volleyball teams in our league, which helps us rally even if we're down 0-24 in the final set," Dumoulin said, commending her teammates' encouragement.

"It's the support of your teammates that really change the momentum of the game, especially when you know even if you mess up your teammates have your back and will pick up your slack," Dumoulin said.

Senior and co-captain Rachel Luo ex-

panded on Exeter's potential this year. "I definitely think a three peat is possible, but I think the biggest challenge will be staying grounded. There's a ton of pressure to bring another championship to Exeter, and as much as we want it I think it'll be tough making sure it doesn't get to us," she said.

Big Red will play their first game at home this Wednesday against St. Paul's, and hopes to start the season off with a win.

Last Season's Records

Football 3-5
E/a Score 14-29 L

Field Hockey 5-8-4
E/a Score 0-1 L

Boys' Cross Country 2-2
E/a Score 29-26 L

Girls' Cross Country 3-1
E/a Score 34-21 L

Boys' Soccer 9-6-3
E/a Score 2-3 L

Girls' Soccer 4-11-2
E/a Score 2-2 T

Girls' Volleyball 17-1
E/a Score 3-0 W

Boys' Water Polo 8-7
E/a Score 7-5 W

NBA's 2016 Hall of Fame Is Inducted

By CJ OBIOFUMA
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Last Friday the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inducted the class of 2016. Among the 10 new inductees is an assortment of NBA and WNBA players, coaches and referees. NBA players Shaquille O'Neal and Allen Iverson headlined a class brimming with star power. While undeniably talented, the two No. 1 overall picks faced their share of difficulties on their way to Springfield.

From the moment he stepped on the court, the 7'1", 300-pound O'Neal dominated the game. By his third year in the league the Rookie of the Year, had led his team to a finals berth and refused to slow down, winning the MVP award in 2000 and the NBA championship from 2000 to 2002, and 2006. As brilliant as his career was, however, it was still surrounded by what-ifs. What if his feud with teammate Kobe Bryant had not driven him from the



The 2016 inductees to the NBA Hall of Fame.

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Lakers? What if he had stayed in shape towards the end of his career? What if he had learned how to shoot a free-throw? Nevertheless O'Neal left his mark in the game, cementing himself as one of the NBA's best centers.

Controversy seemed to dog Iverson from the moment he picked up a basket-

ball. Adolescent legal trouble resulted in a brief stint in jail while players and analysts alike assessed the point guard as selfish on the court and hard to coach. Despite his faults, Iverson dazzled NBA fans night in and night out with his scoring prowess. Playing bigger than his 6'1", 196-pound frame would suggest, Iverson

led the league in scoring four times and took home the 2001 MVP as dragged his team of role players to the NBA finals where he lost to O'Neal's Lakers. While comparably diminutive in stature, Iverson's influence on the league was monumental. He brought the hip-hop culture to professional basketball.

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Boys' Soccer



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PEA's boys' soccer team is looking forward to a new season with new talent. Read more on 10.

Athlete of the Week



Steven Kim/The Exonian

Seniors Issay Matsumoto, Jiro Mizuno and Garrett Pitt lead the PEA boys' XC team. Read more on 11.

Girls' Soccer



Steven Kim/The Exonian

The girls' soccer team took a win, a loss and a tie this weekend. Read more on 10.

SATURDAY GAMES:

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| Boys' XC | Away | 2:20 pm |
| Girls' XC | Away | 4:00 pm |
| Field Hockey | Away | 3:00 pm |
| B. Soccer | Home | 3:00 pm |
| Football | Home | 3:00 pm |
| G. Volleyball | Away | 2:30 pm |
| B. Water Polo | Away | 2:00 pm |