



Returning and New Students Crowd Campus

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Throughout campus, old friends reunite, new students don lanyards and receive Lion Cards and parents wave their final goodbyes. As with the start of every school year, most students look forward to 2016-17 with ambition and a little apprehension. However, with this new school year comes several changes as reminders that Exeter is constantly updating and improving itself.

For most returning students, the happiest part of coming back to campus is reconnecting with friends after months apart. "I can't wait to get back to school!" said lower Hanna Pak. "I'm really looking forward to seeing my friends again, and I'm excited about moving back into my dorm."

Senior Julia Friberg agreed. "I am thrilled to be arriving on campus, mostly to see all my friends again," she said.

The first few days of school can also be a sentimental time, especially for seniors as they approach their last year at Exeter. "It does feel special moving into Exeter for the last time," said Friberg. Nostalgia aside, returning to campus reminds students of their heavy workload for the fall term. "I'm not terribly excited about college stress," Friberg added.

Pak also explained her apprehension about the workload. "I can't say that I look forward to the homework load or inevitable stress, but that's all just part of the Exeter experience," she said.

Although they are preparing for a busy fall, many upperclassmen are already wondering how to make new students feel at home. "I'm looking forward to welcoming new international students and new students in the dorm," said upper Megi Topalli, who remembered arriving at Exeter for the first time from her home in Albania.

Dorm proctors attended information sessions about how to welcome new students and

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PEA Places At Business Competition

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The Exeter Business Club (EBC) competed and found great success at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) nationals in Atlanta, Ga. this June. Senior Melissa Lu placed third in Business Law and upper Tim Han placed fourth in Public Speaking.

Though founded in Fall 2014, EBC is already a Gold Seal Chapter in N.H., an honor awarded to the top three chapters of each state. The award is based on a point system which takes into account membership, community service involvement, competition attendance and victories. EBC ranked third overall.

According to Lu, becoming a Gold Seal Chapter is her proudest EBC achievement, even over the time she won her own personal award. "It evidences how far we've come in just two years, and what we've achieved together as a club," she said. "It acknowledges all the hard work everyone has put in, and that feeling is so rewarding."

Members of the club qualified for the national competition in March at the FBLA state competition in Manchester when 26 of EBC's 34 students placed top four in their respective competition.

FBLA nationals were held over a period of four days with about 13,000 competitors. The different varieties of competitions ranged from computer programming, public speaking, business law and accounting. Some of these events were knowledge based, others involved role play and some mea-

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Proctors in Dunbar Hall welcome new students and parents to the dorm Wednesday afternoon.

Sexual Assault Galvanizes Alumni Advocacy

PEA Updates E-book, Hires Experts to Address Concerns

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In the wake of the Exeter community's response to reports of misdemeanor sexual assault on campus, administrators have taken a series of measures designed to ensure student safety and well being. On July 12, *The Boston Globe* published an article detailing reports that the Academy had mishandled an alleged sexual misconduct between two students.

Community members have expressed outrage and anguish following the publication, and some alumni threatened to withhold donations until the

administration changed their handling of sexual misconduct.

Over the summer, in a letter to PEA Principal Lisa MacFarlane and the President of the Board of Trustees Nicie Panetta, Zoha Qamar '15 called for the administration to implement changes to school practices and procedures. "Past attempts at dialogue have repeatedly illustrated fundamental failures in Exeter's administrative responses," she wrote in her letter. "These empty promises to simply 'talk' or 'listen' dilute the truth, urgency and gravity of the situation. Exeter needs to make substantive changes in response this time. We will not accept continued deferral, nor silent

head nods."

The Academy's investigations into the sexual misconduct case detailed in *The Globe* article resulted in Rev. Robert Thompson—who allegedly intervened with the student's complaint—being placed on leave. MacFarlane said she could not comment specifically on a legal investigation or on employment matters.

"We are doing our own review, and we are committed to taking appropriate action. I truly wish we could more fully respond to your questions," she said, "but the specific situation you are inquiring about is in the hands of law

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Expansions to Concert Hall Ready for Use

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Renovations to the Exeter campus announced last spring are now well underway. Though incoming students may not recognize any changes, returning students and faculty members have been surprised during their return to campus by just how major the changes made over the summer were.

Most notably, the new Forrestal-Bowld Music Center, which stands adjacent to the original music building, is now officially finished and ready for use.

According to music department chair Peter Schultz, the music department has been in need of a new and improved space for some time. As the music program has expanded considerably over the years, the department found itself overcrowded and inconvenienced.

Schultz noted that with community members taking full advantage of the music facilities and resources, "We didn't have enough teaching spaces for our adjuncts to teach lessons in, some of our ensembles were rehearsing in rooms that were way too small or were in places that were inconvenient for everybody."

"The Forrestal-Bowld Music Center, before the new addition, was being used to capacity," music instructor Eric Sinclair said. He added that every room from teaching studios to office spaces to rehearsal and practice



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The new addition to the Forrestal-Bowld Music Building.

rooms were all full "almost all of the time."

However, both Sinclair and Schultz gratefully acknowledged the quality of the original musical building which has served so many students in the past and has created a vibrant music community on campus. "The faculty, teachers and students who worked in and regularly used the building simply just made the best of it," Sinclair said. "Even crowded, it was still a fabulous space."

Still, the new concert hall comes with several perks. It will allow the music department to hold the majority of their concerts in the music building, rather than in other locations, such as Phillips Church and Assembly Hall. Other new additions include a Harkness classroom, a musicianship studio, several large teaching and ensemble studios, new offices and a much expanded Music Library.

Schultz expressed gratitude for the recent changes. "It is a major upgrade to our already beautiful building, and of course we

are thrilled and delighted to be able to make music with Exeter's students in it," he said.

Sinclair echoed Schultz's excitement. "All of this will give the faculty, teachers and students that are Exeter's music program room to breathe and a wider variety of spaces in which to learn, explore, grow and be inspired to create ever more wonderful music," he said.

Music instructor Jon Sakata expressed his hope that the new spaces and resources provided by the music center will inspire the Exeter community to unite in a kind of shared creativity. "As the music world—and indeed what music even 'is'—continues to expand, multiply, diversify, mutate, it will be exciting to see how the new additions contribute to our ongoing individual and collective responses and engagements with these growths and unfoldings."

Schultz agreed. "It's always been my

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sured skills such as speaking on the spot. Some were held as team events or entire chapter events, whereas others measured individual aptitude.

When Exeter students were not competing, they attended workshops held by famous speakers such as David Novak, Chairman & CEO of Yum! Brands, one of the world's largest restaurant companies, which owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC. During their down time, students in EBC explored the city, visiting the Atlanta Aquarium and Atlanta's famous Coca Cola Factory.

Despite finding the competition somewhat stressful, upper Katie Lee felt grateful for the experience she had during her first school trip. "I'd never been to Atlanta before," she said. "It was an enjoyable experience just being able to explore the city."

EBC prepared for the competition throughout the year by collecting and providing study resources from online and hosting several FBLA preparation meetings. In addition, they hosted an in-house to simulate the real competition. Lu explained that this was an effective way to get the club ready for nationals. "I thought the in-house was a really great move," she said. "It concretely showed our club members where they were at, what they needed to work on and where they stood in possibly placing."

Lu competed in Business Law, which tested her expertise in areas such as contract law and tort law. She attributed her success to the interest she has in learning about laws. "It's something I would've done on my own any way, so it made preparing for the competition not so much of a task, but something that came along with a subject I was interested in learning about already," she said. "In this way, the competition didn't feel so much like a contest, but a fun experience that challenged me to explore a topic of interest."

Han competed in the public speaking category for ninth and tenth graders, and was required to prepare a speech for the judges. In his nationally ranked speech, he spoke about the importance of encouraging and nurturing talent to enable success. According to EBC, Han's natural talent and ease shone through on the stage. "You can see when Tim speaks he loves it," Lu said. "He's in his element. He is a great speaker." For Han, it was the support of his fellow Exonians that ultimately led to his success. He explained that his roommates spent much time critiquing and helping him improve his speech prior to his competition. When he looked up to begin his speech, he was glad to see all 13 of his teammates, EBC advisor and admissions officer Porter Hayes and additional New Hampshire friends. "I couldn't have done it without a great group of friends supporting me," he said. "It felt awesome when I was giving my speech at finals. I'm grateful for their support."

Upper Emily Green too found the feedback she received from EBC to be effective, explaining that the support "definitely boosted [her] confidence." Hayes, who chaperoned the students in Atlanta, credited the EBC co-heads and members for their dedication to preparing themselves for competition. For him, watching Han present his speech was a highlight

since every Exeter student attended to support Han.

He also found the awards presentation that recognized Han and Lu was exciting. Since Han had to depart early from Atlanta, the group chose a representative to stand in place of Han if he placed in the top ten. When Han's name was called, upper Jack Baker stood in for him on stage. "It was pretty funny, seeing Jack up on stage in front of over 15,000 kids," Hayes said.

Upper Jackson Parell competed in Sales Presentation, a 10 minute pitch of a product to a panel of three judges. To prepare, he collected materials for his pitch and rehearsed his speech. At the competition, the product Parell was selling broke halfway through his presentation. He said that the mishap "did not look too good in front of the judges."

Despite this, Parell enjoyed FBLA nationals, and explained that the connections he made with Exonians and other students from around the United States made the competition a "truly rewarding experience." Other EBC members shared Parell's sentiment, commending the camaraderie at the competition. Senior Harrison Wladis and uppers Thomas Stucke and Aash Bhuva felt confident for nationals after they placed first in Sports and Entertainment Management in the state competition. Their event challenged the group to take a situational problem and present a stance or resolution after 20 minutes of preparation. "Even though we didn't place, I'm really proud of at least making it to nationals," Wladis said.

Bhuva agreed with Wladis, adding that he felt pride for his fellow Exonians. "Overall, we were happy with our performance, but [we] know there is always room to improve," he said. Now entering their third year, EBC members plan to hold more events in addition to attending competitions. Lu explained that for her, the club's focus is on much more than competition. She stressed the real world applications of business and its potential to be used for good. "We want to emphasize that business is not just about money or investing," she said. "We forget that business, if we will it, is a tool to improve communities." She continued, explained that businesses can provide significant services to humanity. "Businesses actually have a huge potential to constructively improve society with private internal revenue," she said.

In accordance, many of EBC's activities for the coming year will revolve around social innovation. The club hopes to collaborate with ESSO to develop this idea. Ultimately, the club is aiming to host a series of workshops and invite New Hampshire FBLA to compete in the Phillips Exeter Academy Social Innovation Think Tank (PEASITT) this spring. PEASITT will challenge teams to come up with and present realistic and innovative solutions to various social problems.

"The competition prompt would seek innovative ideas to combat poverty and improve the quality of life for impoverished and underserved communities," Hayes said.

Despite EBC's considerable success competing, Lu hopes more that the club will continue to explore business in progress's name. "The biggest lesson we want club members to take away is the tie between business and community," she said. "It's a tie we can't forget."

Student Club Advocates Against Sexual Assault

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enforcement, and therefore the school administration will not be sharing any additional information."

Other Exeter administrators and faculty were contacted by *The Exonian* but could not comment due to the ongoing investigation.

Following the publication of the *Globe* article, the Academy hired Tina Sciocchetti, a former federal prosecutor, and Jane Stapleton, who leads the University of New Hampshire Prevention Innovations Research Center, to serve as the interim directors of Student Well-Being. The Academy has also updated several sections of the E-book. "Sexual misconduct" is now a major rule violation and will be handled separately from regular discipline cases; the visitations policy was amended to support amnesty for those leaving unsafe illegal visitations; further, the sexual misconduct and mandatory reporting policies were clarified and a policy around sexting was added to the E-book.

In addition, the Academy published a Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Action Plan, updated the staff and faculty handbooks and Code of Conduct to reinforce the Academy's stance on sexual assault and revised the Memorandum of Understanding with the Exeter Police Department. The school hired legal experts to review current policies and procedures and consultants to report on and investigate cases of sexual misconduct. MacFarlane has been in touch with members of the community throughout the summer, detailing the steps the Academy has taken to address the concerns raised in and as a result of *The Globe* article.

Meanwhile, also following the publication of *The Globe* article, more than 1,000 alumni signed a petition to withhold donations to the school until concrete changes are made in handling cases and supporting victims of sexual assault. The authors of the letter, led by Evan Soltas '12, were "outraged and deeply concerned by several recent reports of sexual assault and by the Academy administration's incompetent handling of these incidents," and felt that "there can be no illusions left about the Academy's breathtaking inadequacy on sexual assault."

The vast number of signatures represented an "emotional response," said Michael Whitfield Jones '75. He said that many former students felt betrayed by the authority figures of the school, explaining that people don't want to support and donate to the school if there is even a chance for "young and vulnerable open minds" to be abused and not supported. He condemned the deans who spoke with the student, but did not report the alleged sexual assault, noting that there was great disparity between the "assuring letters" during reunions and the steps taken to address the issue.

In addition to alumni efforts, current PEA students have also expressed concern and disappointment. Senior

Claire Dauge-Roth spearheaded the authoring of an open letter addressed to the trustees. The signatories of the letter felt that "the disregard shown for current students and their trauma is troubling" and that "Exeter must do better."

The letter specifically advocated for clarification on the process of reporting a sexual assault, for the administration to meet the needs of assault victims by ensuring access to therapy and support systems and for leaders in the community to be adequately trained concerning sexual assault.

In addition, students in the letter have demanded that the administration not threaten victims of assault through no-contact contracts among other methods, for statistics on sexual assault and harassment on campus to be released annually and for the correction of inconsistencies between the E-book and New Hampshire Law concerning sexual assault and harassment.

Dauge-Roth also worked with faculty and administrators to found a new club, Exonians Against Sexual Assault, which intends to advocate for student safety. Uppers Vinayak Kurup and Will Soltas and senior Emily Robb have created a new publication called MVMMENT Magazine, to encourage awareness of sexual assault and rape culture. Robb hoped that a publication would encourage parents, students and alumni to create more "thoughtful and less impulsive discourse." Although there was productive conversation online, she believed MVMMENT could prevent impulsive comments and insensitive remarks.

The Globe's July 12 article is part of a larger series highlighting sexual assault, misconduct and harassment at New England prep schools. It follows several other articles on sexual misconduct committed by former Exeter employees Rick Schubart, Steve Lewis and Arthur Peekel. Following the publication of the original article on the alleged sexual assault, *The Globe* published several more articles documenting the community's reaction and the investigation into school officials triggered by said article. *The Globe's* Spotlight team has investigated sexual assault and misconduct at 67 private schools in New England, including recent stories on Phillips Academy and St. George's School.

Though members of the community have felt disheartened by the series of sexual misconduct cases, they also view the backlash created by *The Globe* article as an opportunity for substantive change. Tez Clark '13, who responded along with other alums to the recent administrative response in a blog, "Do Better, Exeter", hopes that the recent news incites self-reflection and growth within the community.

"The story, as reported in *The Globe*, is certainly unacceptable—but in addition to the specifics mentioned in the article, I hope that the response to the allegations takes into account that this seems to be a systemic problem at Exeter, rather than a problem localised to a few individuals," Clark said.

Forrestal-Bowld Building Expanded With New Renovations

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dream that every Exeter student spend some time in the music building during the course of her/his career here," he continued. "I hope this addition will be so attractive that my dream will come true!"

The concert hall represents the first of many big changes on campus. According to Director of Planning & Facilities Roger Wakeman, other renovations are coming along nicely. "All [is] proceeding according to plan," he said. Some projects are still in the planning stage.

In another nod to the arts, preparation

for the building of the Goel Center for Theater and Dance has begun on the south side of campus, adjacent to the Love Gym. The center will include two theater stages and two dance venues, as well as classrooms and technical studios. Until now, theater classes have been taught in scattered classrooms across campus. Exeter's student-run theater group, DRAMAT, will also have its own space in which to rehearse and perform. The Goel Center will be ready for use by Spring of 2018.

This summer also saw the demolition of Exeter's Thompson Cage, which, despite being a treasured historical gem, had aged and worn past the point of practicality and safety.

In its stead, Exeter will see the erection of "the Field House," an 85,574-square-foot facility that will begin construction in October. The Field House will come equipped with a 200-meter track, enabling the Exeter track team to host home meets, as they did in the Cage's glory days.

The Field House will also feature four indoor tennis courts, an infield, two batting cages, a wrestling room, a new set of bleachers and NCAA-regulation areas for shot put, high jump, long jump and pole vault. A new 14-court tennis center, complete with an elevated viewing plaza, will provide further opportunities for aspiring athletes at Phillips

Exeter. These renovations are scheduled to be finished by the spring of 2018, and will elevate Exeter's athletics to a new level. Exeter also has designed several green spaces and a "pedestrian lane," which will establish easy access to all locations on the South Side of the campus. These too will be completed by spring 2018.

In addition to the larger projects tackled over the summer, such as the erection of the concert hall and the demolition of the Cage, contractors also refurbished Amen Hall and the third floor of the Library.

"A lot happened over the summer, on many small projects as well as the larger ones," Wakeman said.

Academy Kicks Off 2016-17 School Year with Orientation

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help them cope with problems like homesickness and stress, especially over the first few weeks of school. "The most important part [of proctoring] is being honest with new Exonians: sometimes dorm life and homework is miserable here, other times it's amazing," Friberg, who proctors in McConnell Hall, said. "It's all about knowing you have a support system behind you."

Senior Alison Dowski, who proctors in Langdell Hall, said that the most important part of proctoring is being available to listen or give advice when students want to talk. "As a senior, I've accumulated a good amount of experience, and I want to be as open as I can when helping others with their transitions," she said.

As they arrive at campus, many new students feel the culmination of a summer of anticipation. "I really have been living in a constant state of trepidation and excitement looking forward to beginning school at Exeter," said prep Alba Clarke. While being a little nervous, most new students are excited to experience all that Exeter has to offer. "I look forward to making friends, using the Harkness method, joining clubs and sports—well, basically everything!" Clarke said.

Prep Ginny Little said that she is excited to meet Exeter's diverse student body. "Living with other students from different backgrounds will be a unique experience for me," said Little, although she also mentioned that she is "a little nervous about living away from home for such

a long stretch of time."

New students are not the only change at Exeter for the 2016-17 school year. Both students and faculty are excited to utilize the new addition to the Forrestal-Bowld Music Center: a glass-enclosed concert hall seating 250 people, in addition to a Harkness classroom and more practice rooms. Instructor of music Vanessa Holroyd was enthusiastic about the new venue's ability to showcase the "performers of the highest caliber" who come to Exeter as a part of the Gilbert Artist Series. "The 250 [person] capacity enables us to continue to provide the incredible opportunity for students to appreciate such artists in a very intimate setting," she said.

Student musicians are also looking forward to performing and practicing in the con-

cert hall. "The recital hall looks gorgeous and I can't wait to test out its acoustics," said Pak, who plays the trumpet. Clarke, a vocalist, called the addition, "a testament to Exeter's commitment to the arts"—a commitment which she sees as the mark of a "forward-thinking community."

With all the excitement of the new school year and the many changes taking place on campus, some students may find it hard to think about long-term goals for their remaining time at Exeter—whether it be four years, one year or any amount of time in between. However, Clarke found a few minutes to consider her larger aspirations. As she enters Exeter, she anticipates "developing the work ethic, perseverance and organization to do all the things I dream of doing."

Exeter Medals Add Up at IMO

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Kevin Sun '16 and seniors Yannick Yao and Qi Qi each won medals at the 57th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) in Hong Kong in July. Qi, the highest scoring female participant, earned silver. Sun and Yao, who achieved perfect scores along with four other contestants, both took home gold.

IMO is an annual mathematics competition for high school students around the globe. This year, over 600 students, representing 109 countries, participated in the two-day examination which consists of six problems. Both days, contestants are presented with three problems to solve within four and a half hours; calculators are not permitted.

Yao competed on the winning U.S. team, while Sun and Qi both competed on the Canadian team, which finished in 12th place. This was Qi's and Yao's first time competing at IMO. Sun, however, won bronze in 2013 and gold in 2014 and 2015, securing him a place among the top 20 contestants in the IMO hall of fame.

To prepare for IMO, the three Exonians worked on various practice problems and learned techniques to strengthen their problem-solving skills throughout the school year. In addition, they spent three and a half weeks at the Math Olympiad Summer Program (MOP), a camp held for the IMO team members, along with many future candidates. At MOP, students attend lectures, practice problem-solving and compete in mock olympiads.

Qi, who has attended this camp in previous years, described the training as "very effective," but also noted that its intensity made it "pretty difficult." The additional pressure of having to go to the IMO soon after meant that she "could not slack off at all," Qi explained. She went on to say, "unlike in my first summer at MOP, I pushed myself to work hard even during free time, so overall the camp was very stressful but productive." Fortunately, Qi and the rest of the Canadian team were able to spend several days in Banff relaxing before heading to Hong Kong for the IMO. In contrast to MOP, the olympiad felt "almost like a relief."

Yao explained that much of his preparation occurred during the school year at math club, where students work on challenging problems and talk through solutions together in order to reach the best problem-solving strategies. He, like Qi, attended MOP which further prepared him for the IMO. One of the most difficult parts for Yao was the night before the first day of the examination. Since the IMO was his first international contest and he was determined to do well, he described getting "quite nervous" in the hours leading up to the first test. "Fortunately, listening to music helped me reduce stress and I felt better as I walked into the exam room," Yao said.

Yao's preparation certainly paid off and, given his perfect score, he "cannot be more satisfied" with his performance. Nevertheless, he admitted that luck played a part in his success because none of the problems on the examinations tested his weak points. "For instance, geometry is my weakest subject, but there were no hard geometry problems in the test," he said.

Qi also felt happy with her performance, though she expressed some disappointment at not being able to solve problem 2 or 6b of the test, either of which would have given her at least two points and pushed her into the gold metal cutoff. "Nonetheless, I'm cool with a silver, since my performances in mock exams places me at around silver medal level," Qi said.

Mathematics instructor Zuming Feng was also impressed with Yao, Qi and Sun's performance. "They again did very well even though our bar is extremely high," he said. He listed "talent, interest and attitude" as important components to their success. Likewise, upper Brian Bae attributed their success at the IMO to a combination of "passion, hard work, and a bit of innate talent." Bae is a member of Exeter Math Club along with Qi, Yao and formerly Sun, and is also a member of ESSO Math Counts club, of which Yao serves as a co-head. Bae described Yao as a "great teacher," and recalled seeing Yao and Qi always working on some type of math problem. "I can literally feel their passion for the subject when I'm talking to them," he said.

As Math Club leaders, Yao and Qi also work hard to organize events such as the Exeter Math Club Competition (EMCC), a math contest for middle-schoolers hosted by Exeter annually. As one of two people on the problem committee for the EMCC, Qi gathered problems as well as wrote her own, and then sorted them by difficulty to create the final problem set for the competition. According to senior Eric Tang,

"it's a really involved process and requires a deep understanding of not only how to solve problems, but also how others solve problems and how hard those problems are." In preparation for last year's American Regions Mathematics League (ARML), Yao organized practices, selected questions and moderated mock relay rounds, which Tang described as "enormously helpful."



Seniors Joonho Jo and Bliss Perry pose for a picture after a dig day in Orvieto, Italy.

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Exonians Travel and Learn Around The World

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From Greece to Japan to Hawaii, dozens of Exonians had the opportunity to see the world this summer. The trips varied in destination and purpose: students took trips to France, Italy and Greece on Classics Department programs, Japan for language immersion or physics research at RIKEN laboratory, Hawaii for the Student Global Leadership Institute, Cambridge for the Global Citizens Youth Summit, Atlanta for the Future Business Leaders of America national conference, Indiana for a Junior Classical League conference and numerous other places for athletic trips. Additionally, a number of seniors individually participated in internships and jobs across the United States.

Director of Exeter's Global Initiatives and English instructor Eimer Page anticipates the summer programs will remain in place and that new language, social service and science-based options will be created as options for younger students. "I'd love us to offer more travel for students finishing prep year, since most of our programs are designed for older students," Page said.

According to Page, the internships are "highly selective" as there are multiple applicants for each slot. Only the top students in their respective subject are chosen and given a stipend to cover expenses. Seniors Myles Haigney and Arjun Rajan participated in a six-week internship as an extension of the Biology 670 genetics course at Seung Kim's Pancreas and Diabetes Research Lab at Stanford University. They were the only high schoolers working full-time alongside postdoctoral and graduate researchers in this molecular and genetic medicine lab. Their goal was to map the distinct expression patterns of the transgenes they inserted into around 30 fly lines. To accomplish this, they dissected stained proteins and used fluorescence microscope imaging. Haigney found it intriguing to participate in research where the result wasn't predetermined.

"It was a really amazing experience working with such an accomplished and intelligent bunch of researchers," he said. "They were all really helpful and often explained really difficult and complex concepts when we struggled."

Seniors Dirk Komarnitsky and John Wang traveled to Tokyo and stayed with a host family for a week before their two-week summer program at the Nishina School at RIKEN. The program, which is normally for undergraduate and graduate students, is held every year by Dr. Takashi Kishida of the Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science, and Exeter students who have taken AP Physics have been attending it for four years now.

While at RIKEN, the students listened to a week of lectures before conducting a week of experiment and data analysis which culminated into a 30-minute presentation.

Komarnitsky said he would recommend the trip because it a great experience to work in a top-notch institution like RIKEN, while also heavily financially subsidized. "Who doesn't love a nearly free trip to Japan?... Most importantly it was really exciting to see another culture and immerse in an interesting branch of physics and be part of a world class institution like RIKEN," he said.

Exeter's internships also extended to the island Oahu, Hawaii this past August where senior Mac Perry worked with the Student Global Leadership Institute. According to the Punahou School, the Institute's mission is to "galvanize positive social change" by enabling students to take action regarding global challenges and develop into international youth leaders. The Institute fosters development in skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, communication and multicultural perspectives.

When asked what he hoped to get out of the experience, Perry explained that his goal was to gain a greater understanding of climate change and how it affects the planet through the eyes of students across the globe. Students heard several speakers throughout the trip and collaborated in group games and problem solving exercises.

Perry said that one of the most notable experiences of the program was hiking to the top of the Makapu'u lighthouse trail where the group sang a traditional Hawaiian sun chant as they watched the sunrise. "I would definitely recommend [this internship] to a friend due to the fact that you are able to learn so much through the conversations you are able to share with the other students on the trip and experi-

ence the natural beauty of Oahu," Perry said.

The Classics department hosted three trips that traveled across France, Italy and Greece. This included a six-week archaeology dig at Mount Lykaion in Greece for three graduated seniors and a four-week archaeology dig in Orvieto, Italy for four rising seniors.

Instructors of Classical Languages Paul Langford and Megan Campbell chaperoned a separate Roman-Gaul group. The ten rising lowers and uppers spent two weeks learning about archaeological excavations at the Gallo-Roman site of Bibracte and another week discovering the Roman remains of southern France.

Many students were attracted to the Roman-Gaul trip because it complemented several history and Latin classes they had taken during the school year. In one Roman history class, students discussed Caesar and the Gallic War, which is why lower Janiva Dimen applied. She described the trip as "one of the best experiences" of her life. "One of my favorite memories from the trip is swimming under the Pont du Gard," she said. After a long day, it was great to cool off and watch Mr. Langford's synchronized swimming."

Lower Taylor Robertson described the trip as a "traveling Harkness class that never ended." He joked that they all improved in their archeology since the students had never done it before. "We bonded like a family over those three weeks," he said.

For the final reflections regarding the trip, Campbell sang high praises on her blog for the participating students and their dedication to the program. She touched upon her appreciation for the respect, kindness and good humor consistently shown by the participants. "I also loved the unquenchable curiosity that they brought to every site and museum that we visited; never seemed to tire of visiting one more site or monument," Campbell wrote.

Lower Calvin Henaku found the long hours of archeology work to be rewarding. "This was my first time really travelling internationally I didn't expect it to catch me so off guard how beautiful France is at every turn, how different the culture is and, most importantly, the people that you'll bond with on the trip," he said. "That alone made it a life-changing trip for me."

Lu '16 Selected as National Presidential Scholar

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This summer, recent graduate Mandy Lu '16 was named one of 160 American students awarded with a Presidential scholarship. Ellie Ward '16 was named a semi-finalist. Twenty members of the class of 2016 were eligible to apply.

According to the Department of Education's website, the U.S. Presidential Scholars program was created to "recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors." The selection process is rigorous, and the committee deems students most qualified based on their "academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities and an analysis of their essay."

To be eligible, students must graduate high school between January and August of the program year, must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident and must either be nominated by their Chief State School Officer, a partner recognition organization, score above a certain threshold on the SAT or ACT, show outstanding academic and artistic talent and are required to participate in the YoungArts program or show achievement in career and technical programs. Students who qualify are sent applications, which they are given the option to fill out.

Scholars receive a paid trip to Washington, D.C. the June of their awarded year and receive a commemorative medallion in a ceremony at the White House. The Presidential Scholars program is not a scholarship program, but is intended to recognize outstanding students in the United States. Lu was grateful to receive the prize. "It's a great honor to be selected as a [Presidential] scholar to represent my country," she said.

Lu found that the Exeter community encouraged her academic success and created a community filled with opportunity to pursue her interested. She credits the academic drive of the school as a tool which helped her find the success required to receive the Presidential scholarship.

The versatility offered by the Academy's resources proved an asset to her. "Being a presidential scholar means doing well academically, but also being well-rounded and being involved in one's community. As an Exonian, I have had access to wonderful and inspiring teachers on the academic front and vibrant club and volunteer opportunities," she said.

Lu further credited Exeter for allowing her to pursue unique interests unavailable elsewhere. "For instance," she said, "if I hadn't attended Exeter, I never would have started learning Latin or Greek since they're not offered in my home town, and wouldn't have developed my love of classics." Lu also credited her interest in and passion for computer science to the introductory course she took as a part of Exeter's graduation requirements.


Lu found the trip to Washington, D.C. to

accept her scholarship to be the most rewarding part of the experience. During this trip, she spent time with fellow scholars, went to the White House and toured sites of importance in the capital city. "The biggest impact for me was meeting all the other scholars in D.C. during the few days of programming for scholars around the ceremony," she said.

Those who knew Lu during her time at the Academy were unsurprised to hear of her most recent success. Lu's dormmate in Lamont Hall, Jade Moses '16 said, "I wasn't surprised when she told me. I knew it was something she was working towards, and she works really hard so I figured she could pull it off. That's how awesome she is. I'm so proud of her!"

Jennifer Shang '16 agreed with Moses. "Mandy is wonderful and smart. She definitely deserves this award," Shang said.

Shang was quick to laud Lu for her hard work and subsequent, well-earned accomplishments. "She never failed to help others who were struggling in any subject that she could help in," Shang said. "[Lu] is hardworking, but never forgets to have fun and have some time for herself."



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Solving Sexual Assault from the Bottom Up



THE LIBERAL AGENDA

Jordan Davidson
Columnist

Sexual assault at our school has evolved from a few issues to what many consider a rape culture. The current administration at Exeter has tried to propose solutions to this issue, but after trial and error, these solutions have failed. From covering up cases of sexual assault to forcing all students to attend the play SLUT, our community has not notably made a difference. And while change does not happen quickly, there are more productive and efficient ways to truly change the current climate at Exeter.

The administration has time and time again brushed the traumatic experiences our peers have had to endure under the rug. In the cases regarding Michaela and Mr. Schubart it seemed as if the greatest concern of the administration was not the well-being of the students, but the possibility that these incidents would be made public.

Yet this past school year, three cases of sexual assault at Exeter have been made public. The cases involving Mr. Shubart, Mr. Lewis, and Michaela were reported by newspapers as large as the *Boston Globe*. The acknowledged mishandling of these issues has led to the administration making steps towards changing the climate at Exeter by hiring a Director of Student Safety and Well-being and hiring legal experts to review our policies. In an email sent to students in which all of this information was relayed, there was a section which claimed that there have been student generated and faculty driven initiatives to prevent sexual assault, although no actual program was listed. Even if there have been student generated, faculty driven programs on campus, that is not the best way to approach this issue.

It is true that teachers know the students at Exeter well. They understand what it's like to be a teenager because they were one just like we are. They have

the training to deal with students and the experience, as many of our teachers have been teaching for years. Yet there is one thing training and experience cannot provide: a genuine connection. Teachers lack the ability to connect with students because they are not students themselves. I know that even though I trust and listen to my teachers, if the conversation around

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sexual assault was being held with a friend of mine, I would share my opinions much more candidly and ask questions that might be embarrassing to ask a teacher. This is because fellow students can empathize about what it's like to be me, living in 2016 at boarding school. This connection and understanding between students can be harnessed to create change. If we have student-generated and student-driven programs that do not have faculty intervening in the creative aspect of them, change will occur. A health teacher sitting in the classroom while there is an "open" discussion about consent will

not do us good. It is when we are with the people like our friends when we feel comfortable asking any question; not with our teachers. If students of Exeter can start open forums led by friends or trusted peers who understand sexual frustrations, urges, and boundaries, change is bound to happen. Student-driven, student-generated programs are the answer.

MVMENT Mag is a new publication that was started over the summer by three students, two boys and one girl. This magazine is planned to come out online every term. The idea as stated on mvmentmag.com is, "MVMENT is an outlet through which survivors (of sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, abuse and more) and their allies can describe their first-hand experiences and thoughts to the community." This is the perfect example of an idea that has the ability to change the sexual climate at Exeter, to make it a better place. With all of the power the faculty have, they do not have the ability to transform our school into the place we want it to be. We, the students, are the problem, and we need to be the solution.

The Worth of Volunteering Abroad

Arielle Lui '18

Guest Contributor

This summer I had the opportunity to volunteer abroad in Cusco, Peru with Global Leadership Adventures (GLA), a company many other Exonians traveled with both this summer and summers past. However, I would never do it again, and I would not recommend going on a similar trip—at least without actually thinking about why you're going and what help you're actually bringing to that country with your two-week "Let's experience poverty!" vacation.

First off, trips like these are probably doing more harm than good. My group was in charge of digging a terrace into a mountain to begin the foundation for a cuy or guinea pig house. In the morning, we worked side-by-side with Andres, the owner of the adobe brick home situated next to the massive hill we were to level with only shovels and pickaxes. The entire time we dug, which was only four

hours every day, Andres worked tirelessly as we took constant water breaks and complained about not having a bulldozer. After two hours of "hardwork," we'd play with the local children (who should be in school at that time), Andres and his wife prepared a free lunch for the six of us "volunteers."

Playtime was awkward. Many of us didn't speak Spanish, and those of us who could, only told the kids to *sonrisa* or smile for pictures. Mealtime with Andres' family was also awkward, but it was then that I learned the truth behind the outdated, unsafe adobe brick architecture. His wife told me that the government forced them to build their homes this way since they lived in a tourism district. Essentially students or "voluntourists" are coming in to help build adobe brick homes each year, and the Peruvian government is

making money off of their visits. To keep tourists coming, whether or not they even come to see adobe brick homes, the government began to make laws that have inadvertently kept their people in poverty.

This vicious cycle is not uncommon. For example, rich American teenagers have begun to visit African orphanages for a couple of weeks. Then they leave, and another set of teenagers come in and bond with the orphans. At the end of the summer, these distraught children are then left trying to understand ended relationships while the teenagers get a boost in their resume and a new Facebook profile picture. While the emotional pain may not be intentional, it is a dangerous thing to teach young children that abandonment is normal.

Another reason to reconsider volunteering abroad would be the price.

Depending on where and for how long, the trip could cost several thousand dollars. Properly donating that money would make a bigger, more positive impact in people's lives. A long-term solution to poverty begins with strengthening the government in each country, so spending two weeks digging holes is nothing compared to working with officials and explaining why their laws are forcing their people into poverty.

When I returned from Peru, I did not feel fueled with excitement over the "hard work" I had done. I felt embarrassed knowing I chose that country from a long list of others solely because I wanted to visit and help out a Spanish-speaking country in South America. At the time, I didn't think about the long-term effect of trips like these on these countries. I didn't think about how heartbreaking it would be to experience voluntourism knowing I could've spent that thousand dollars on something more productive for Peru than moving dirt.

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Khizr Khan: a Wrong Approach to Immigration



WORLD COMPASS

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Columnist

During the Democratic National Convention, Khizr Khan delivered a politically-fueled narrative about his son—a Gold Star hero who lost his life fighting bravely in Afghanistan. His speech reflected the true patriotism of his family and the courage of a Muslim American. To my surprise, Khan did not restrain himself from making sweeping, largely inaccurate statements, attacking Donald Trump for not reading the constitution and for making no sacrifices.

Despite my true respect and admiration for the Khan family, I cannot be more frustrated and enraged with the way Hillary Clinton's campaign and liberal media outlets exploited the heart-wrenching story of this grieving family. Instead of commemorating Humayun Khan and alleviating the family's struggles, the Democratic National Convention baited Mr. Trump and used the death of an American soldier to spur a controversy. As expected, Trump responded inappropriately, making comments that sharpened Ghazala Khan's sorrow.

Mr. Khan's speech demonstrates the ignorance of the Democratic Party towards the spread of ISIL and other

terrorist groups. Unfortunately, Khan's story does not represent that of all Muslim Americans, and nor does it justify the loosening of immigration rules. At a time when ISIL storms trucks into streets in Nice, takes civilians hostage in Bangladeshi bakeries, and blows up buildings in Afghanistan, the United States must focus its attention on rooting out ISIL and preventing its infiltration into Western society. While Humayun Khan serves as a poignant reminder of the patriotism of many Muslim Americans, he cannot eradicate the growing presence of ISIL from our country's agenda. It is upsetting that neither of the candidates has proposed a viable solution for destroying ISIL and installing stability in the Middle East, and it is even more upsetting that Democrats refuse to even mention it.

Many Democrats have repudiated Trump for his stance on Muslim immigration. While his initial proposed ban on all Muslims deserved disapproval, his revised stance—banning Muslims from certain territories—correlates with the opinions of most Republican politicians. Though I am skeptical about the implementation of such a vague plan, I believe that temporarily restricting immigration from volatile regions like Northern Iraq or Afghanistan would mitigate the security concerns of many troubled Americans. Democrats have it wrong: it's not about restricting Muslims, but rather about restricting terrorism.

According to a CNN article written on August 2, Khan's company specializes in immigration and international business law, implying that Khan has both a personal and financial interest in preventing a Trump presidency. Why would Khan turn the sacred image of his own son into a hot political controversy? Why would Khan deliver a touching tale, only to follow it with abject remarks about Trump's "black soul"? The heroism of an American soldier is so precious, that it cannot be juxtaposed with rude ad hominem assaults or public policy discussions.

When Khizr Khan pulled out a copy of the constitution, he asked Trump to look for the words "liberty and equal protection of law," implying that the US government should not discriminate when letting immigrants into the country. Yet the government's priority should be the protection of American lives, and not the lives of people aspiring to enter the United States. When those two conflict, the government must prioritize the former. If anything, I wonder if Khan looked for the words "equal protection of law" when the FBI and Justice Department listed all of Hillary's wrongdoings and then prescribed no punishment. More importantly, I wonder why Khan opposes an immigration policy that would prevent the same terrorists that murdered his son from entering the USA.

Khan's sacrifice is the highest

sacrifice one can make for our country. No presidential candidate has ever made sacrifices that could rival or eclipse that of Humayun Khan's. Yet, while Khizr Khan scorned Trump for making no sacrifices, I asked myself the question: Has Hillary Clinton made any sacrifices? If anything, Hillary has sacrificed her integrity by consistently changing her

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policy positions (i.e. accepting Bernie's policies), receiving sketchy donations through the Clinton Foundation, and lying about her emails. This is not to say that Donald Trump is any less corrupt than Clinton, but rather to point out that Khan's argument fails on logical grounds.

Whereas Democrats rejoice in the oratorical prowess of Khan's speech, I skeptically approach his assertions. I do not deny Humayun Khan's gallantry and valor, but question why his father would use him to gain exorbitant power and influence in the presidential race. Of course, Trump's response was inappropriate, but does he not have the right to be angry (though perhaps not vocally) at erroneous statements about his views?

Khizr Khan has grown to become more than just a dad remembering his brave son. He now serves as a powerful critic of Trump's policies on many media outlets. Is this what Khan wanted in the first place, when he signed up to speak at the Democratic National Convention?

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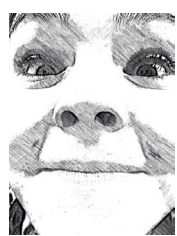
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Exonians, Please Stop Complaining



ERICA'S
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Exonians love to complain. The strange desire that Exonians seem to have to broadcast and amplify their own sadness, to need to be more stressed and unhappy than all of their peers in a twisted misery-olympics is well acknowledged on campus. We all seem to find some sick satisfaction from being more overworked, more miserable and more unhappy than our peers, like that somehow makes us tougher and better than those around us. We seem to find ways to hate everything about Exeter, from the noisy heating system to the formerly dilapidated cage. I myself am guilty of this, complaining about anything and everything I can think of, such as the lack of kale crisps in the Wetherell salad bar. And yet, every break I find myself feeling a deep longing for campus. I dream of lazy days on the quad in the spring, late night Chinese food with my dorm, the sense of purpose my classes and my extracurriculars give me. This is especially amplified by the length and idleness of my summer break. I know I'm not alone in this. Many of my friends also feel this longing and love for the campus we all call home when we're away. This school year, we should

all carry this affection with us when we return to campus and eliminate the culture of misery we have cultivated thus far.

Exeter has its flaws. Certain events of this summer have made that all too evident. To love and appreciate the school and institution that binds members of our community together does not mean ignoring that which we don't like about it. Yes, life at Exeter is stressful at times. Yes, D-hall food isn't the same as a home cooked meal. That doesn't change the fact that every member of our community benefits from being a part of it. We students especially are lucky to have access to the resources afforded by Exeter, to be surrounded by a community of passionate individuals, to be guided by some of the strongest minds in the world among other things. In our constant complaining and need to be sadder than the rest of our fellow students, we not only make each other's Exeter experiences more miserable, but also disrespect the generosity of those who have made our experience possible and take our gifts for granted. We can recognize aspects of our lives that at Exeter that we don't like as much without disparaging the institution as a whole. Indeed, we should be striving to improve our school and the culture that binds us because of our love for the Academy rather than in spite of it. Rather than sitting around and complaining about how awful everything is and how much

everything sucks, we should remember the attachment many of us feel towards Exeter, and channel that love of our academy and the frustrations we feel towards its shortcomings into positive change.

As any year at Exeter can be, this upcoming year may be tough. There will be late nights and early mornings, papers and tests and projects all joining together in a perfect storm of misery. There will be nights when we feel hopeless or empty. There may even be moments when we feel absolute fury due to the shortcomings of the Academy. However, there will also be hours spent with friends in D-hall or Grill, late-night bubble tea orders and long walks on Swasey. There will be that one golden class that hits the Harkness sweet spot. There will be that one teacher who just gets you. There will be the sweet relief that comes after hours spent pouring over a paper, when finally, everything is complete. There will be tricky readings decoded, tough math problems solved and archenemies defeated. As we navigate the school year ahead, hold on to those sweet moments and cling to the nostalgia we felt over the summer. Exeter isn't great, but it certainly isn't all bad. Much of what people find to complain about at school is just in our heads. We like to feel miserable because it's something to bond over and something to attack when things go wrong. We deserve a positive experience at the Academy, rather than a cesspool of misery.



Donald Trump addresses a crowd in Greenville, North Carolina.

Immigration Makes America Great



LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT

Jack Stewart
Columnist

I am fiercely proud to be a citizen of a country that supports inclusiveness of all cultures. I am also proud that we, as a nation, have the capacity to be the home of so many other beautiful cultures and hardworking immigrants. However, it is disheartening to see politicians nowadays spouting forth vicious rhetoric in an attempt to scare the American people into turning against foreigners and immigrants.

The United States was founded by immigrants escaping religious and social persecution from all over Europe. It was formed on the backs of those original risk-takers, traveling across an ocean with nothing but hope to chisel out new lives for themselves. Even though most immigrants aren't coming to America by boat anymore, most of them are filled with the same excitement and anticipation those early settlers had. It is of paramount importance that in this day and age, America still welcome and provide shelter for those seeking refuge.

The United States has been and will continue to be the fantastic "melting pot" of the world; it's a place where cultures, languages and customs all intertwine and become the amalgam that is America. This country wasn't founded on the idea that hearing another language or seeing someone do something different than yourself would be scary, unpleasant or threatening. Instead, other cultures and languages were meant to be admired, curiosity-inspiring and most importantly, respected. At an institution such as Exeter, we are all fortunate to be able to see this and use it to our benefit as we learn languages and take foreign history courses.

Yet, sadly to see, many Americans do not have this

opportunity and do believe to some extent that other cultures and people shouldn't mix with "true Americans." However, they don't realize that without so many different cultures and nationalities, America would not at all be where it is now. Immigrants have shaped the United States from its conception, and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

When a man like Donald Trump walks on a stage and preaches to crowds that immigrants are rapists and drug dealers, he is being more than xenophobic. He is going against the intrinsic American value of tolerance and kindness. In the day-to-day lives of Americans, immigrants play a huge role, whether performing operations or cooking in the local diner. If 11 million immigrants were to be deported, it would do irreversible damage to this country's image that would take years, if not generations, to fix.

The long and the short of it is that America is a country that was arguably conceived to provide a safe place for immigrants to express themselves. The United States has always been the top of its class when it comes to immigration, and if we stop opening our arms to everyone seeking refuge or a better life, this image of America will cease to be. Instead, the world will think of us as scared, unwelcoming and ungrateful.

Even aside from the cultural values that immigrants bring to our country, they also bring incredible economic power. A majority of immigrants are active members in the workforce, with recent statistics showing that seven in ten have stable jobs and three in four are active and contributing members to their communities. These numbers aren't nothing—they prove that immigrants are willing and happy to work and contribute to the economy and well-being of the US.

America has always been the land of opportunity for all. This pertains to everyone, and applies just as much to a first generation immigrant as it does to a person who had ancestors who crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower. Immigrants are the backbone of this country and without them the United States would be a very different place than it is today.

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Getting Over Homesickness



QUIPS

Année Reach
Columnist

We've been back at school for a brief amount of time. For some students, this is their first experience living away from home. As a person who suffered from severe homesickness last year, I can tell you that you are not alone; it affects nearly 70 percent of all people who have been away from home.

Homesickness, the distress which is caused by spending time away from home or a familiar environment, especially prevails in younger children and adolescents, who have not spent much time away from their parents or environments for extended periods. Though the affects of homesickness vary from person to person, common triggers usually center around the length of time spent away from home, a greater distance between home and a new location, and the unfamiliarity of a new environment. Anxiety may set in even if someone has been away from home before; you may have gone to summer camp for several weeks at a time, but at boarding school, you may be away from your family for a much longer period.

It can be combated, though. Most of the time, homesickness

recedes after a while. If it must go away quickly, the best way to get rid of it is to trick yourself into thinking differently. With positive thinking, a person can lessen the sadness they feel when thinking of home, and accentuate the excitement or happiness they feel in a new place. By reframing your sense of time you can make a length of time seem shorter and breaks come faster. You can also count your blessings. By counting

The very best cure, however, is getting outside your dorm room and doing other pursuits.

your blessings, you are more likely to focus on the good things about your new environment rather than the good things at home.

The very best cure, however, is getting outside your dorm room and doing other pursuits. Some activities, such as making friends, are very good ways to kick homesickness, as they provide you not only with a reason to stop thinking negatively, but also function as a support system for you if you ever feel lonely or depressed. Other activities, such as going to dances or eating Stilwells ice cream, are places you can go to make friends or to solidify friendships. Make sure you experience all the aspects of Exeter's campus; the things you do

in the very first weeks of your year at Exeter will frame how you feel for the rest of the year, and if you catch yourself feeling negatively about Exeter, you can think back on the fun you had at the beginning.

Of course, not everyone gets over homesickness right away. Environmental factors, age and stress can impact how homesick a person feels. Other mental health issues, too, can lead to heightened feelings of homesickness. If a severe case of homesickness begins after a person arrives at Exeter, and does not subside in a few weeks, it is best to go to the health center and discuss your symptoms with the the caring and capable staff. It may mean that there are other underlying factors leading to severe homesickness.

Your homesickness may not go away entirely until you return home. Though I was extremely grateful to go home over Thanksgiving, I missed my friends at Exeter and truly wanted to return. My homesickness went away completely during the first two weeks of winter term, once I had realized that I loved Exeter more than I realized.

Homesickness is a normal part of life. At some point, everyone longs to go home and play with a pet, or eat better food than is served at D-hall. However, homesickness does go away with the more experience and ease a person feels at Exeter. Have fun here, and the sadness will go away.

The Latino Millennial Voice

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Guest Contributor

Earlier this summer, a friend of mine John Rudolph launched the mobile application Unidos. Unidos is a virtual tool that targets the sizable population of Latino millennials in America, the largest population of non voters between the ages of 18 and 27 of any ethnicity. John's work with Unidos got me thinking. So I did some research and came across some alarming demographics.

Many things come as a surprise when we talk about the upcoming election, but the significance of one statistic spans nationally and could determine our country's future. Only 44 percent of Latin Americans in our generation say that they are planning to vote in the 2016 presidential election. Polls show that young Latin Americans do have strong opinions about political topics such as LGBTQ rights, women's rights, and the rights of immigrants, but are so suppressed by certain parties that many feel "sitting it out" is a safer option.

Here are the facts: 800,000 Latin Americans turn voting age (18) every year, which means that there are nearly 3.2 million new eligible Latino voters since the last election. Of these people, nine out of ten are legal U.S.

citizens, a key stipulation which allows them to vote. Less than half of these people plan on voting, leaving a total of 13 million eligible voters out of the polls. In Florida alone, it is estimated that if all of the eligible, young Puerto Rican immigrants who aren't planning on voting actually cast a ballot, it is possible for the entire outcome of the election to shift.

I believe that the Latino voice in this election is incredibly important.

So many people our age omit their votes, and I think it's about time we fix that.

I don't say this in promotion of a certain party, I say this as an American who believes in the democracy that our founders constructed. It is a system that has worked for hundreds of years that is based on the needs and concerns of the people, and right now that design it is not living up to its profile as long as such a sizable portion of our population is being silenced.

So I reach out to my peers in hope of spreading an important message, and I understand that Exeter is not be the most relevant

audience since we are all educated and opinionated young individuals, but it is still our job to try to sway the tendencies of our generation to a more favorable and equal outcome. It is the time of year when the big election day is begins to creep closer and closer - this is when it counts. Those of you who can and don't plan on voting, consider how that choice may encourage those around you to make the same decision.

This is our future that we are talking about. This president will carry us into college, to our first jobs, and into the beginning our professional careers. He or she will be making the decisions for our country that will determine the health of its citizens, the environment we will grow up in, and one day the wellbeing of our families. It is therefore imperative that the leader who is selected has been somewhat influenced by the voice of our generation, by us, by what we want for ourselves and the future. We must see this election as a long term decision that will lay the groundwork for us later on, rather than an immediate solution to our problems. So many people our age omit their votes, and I think it's about time we fix that.

So go check out Unidos, go inform yourselves, and go get some opinions. We have a voice, people!



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Restaurant Guide for New Students

By ARIELLE LUI
Foodie

Green Bean - Don't go here. It's just a wanna-be hipster place that only serves beans done 30 different ways.

Las Olas (LasO) - Some people will tell you this is a taco/burrito place. Do not believe these people. This is actually a surf shop... Think about the name it literally means "The Waves" Stillwell's - This is a really expensive and fancy restaurant. Only go here with your parents.

Orange Leaf - The only place to get ice cream frozen yogurt in town.
11 Water Street - The cheapest place in town to get a quick bite to eat. A great place to go chill and do homework.

Me and Ollie's - Friendliest service. (Especially the old ladies that work there!)

Pad Thai - A safe place to eat Thai food.

Billingsgate Deli - The most popular place for sandwiches. Everyone that's anyone goes here.

St. Anthony's Bakery - They only sell cross-shaped cakes here.

Laney & Lu Cafe - A great place for burgers, BBQ, and fried chicken wings.

Good Karma - Open 24/7 for delivery

Penang & Tokyo Restaurant - Exonians refer to this place as "Tokyo."

Lexie's - Only open on Mondays and Tuesdays, Lexie's is owned and operated by a grandmotherly figure named "Lexie" who has a new meat surprise every time that you walk in.

Elm - Located next to the library, all the nerds go there to avoid the athletes. Its brick oven furnace is known for making the best pumpkin pies around.
Wetherell - Go there if you want to avoid your teachers. Make sure to sit on the salad bar side.

Local gas station - Great for baklava!

Grill - Only sells grills.

McLaughlin's Cornbread and Questions - Everyone is invited! Get to know the most popular teacher on campus and sample the cornbread that'll make you think that you're right at home in his apartment.

Mushrooms on the Lawns - Planted there by the government, don't eat them.

Steve's Diner - Super close, the number one breakfast stop for students.

Szechuan - Szechuan, pronounced Zee-chan on campus, has the most authentic Chinese food in Exeter, New Hampshire. Order the orange chicken.

México Lindo - Battles are waged here. Lives are lost. Bridges are burned.

Gerry's - Don't mention the whole 'G' and 'J' thing.
Station 19 - Settled near the train station, Station 19 only serves those who claim at the entrance "I like trains."

Supreme's, Front Row - They deliver salads!

13 Tips for the Sad Prep in Your Life

By EMILY GREEN
Needs Help

1. If you cry while holding a pillow close, you can pretend you're back at home crying into your mother's bosom.
2. If you close your eyes while petting a faculty cat, it's pretty much like having your younger sibling back.
3. Quietly whisper to yourself, "What sin did I commit to get me to this hell?" when you have a hard time falling asleep. Perhaps God will pity you and give you an easy biology teacher.
4. If you put enough salt on the D-Hall potatoes, they almost taste real.
5. If you get sick, ask your roommate to rub vaporub on your chest. I promise that they won't be weirded out.
6. When you're really sick, go to the health center and they'll give you some ice for that virus.
7. When you're terminally ill, go to the health center and they may even give you some toast.
8. Reach out to some uppers for advice. They'll definitely agree that being homesick is harder than The Suffering".
9. Eat your feelings.
10. Express all of your emotions in poems that you will ultimately submit to PEAL.
11. Humiliate yourself because the action is so familiar that it'll give you a sense of comfort.
12. Try to communicate with your friends back home via cauldron.
13. Instead of being homesick, join the humor page and rid yourself of sadness by replacing the void of your emotions with bad puns and snarky list articles.

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Now get to work.

Submit to exonianhumor@gmail.com.

Prep Pretends to Read *The Exonian* in Order to Avoid Interaction

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
We're Leaders: Follow Us



Nolan Peacock/Try Hard

Letter from Member of Class of 2020

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Megan Campbell

Hello, my fellow classmates! I'm Megan Campbell from Detroit, Michigan but totally a SoCal girl. (Can't wait to go!) Phillips Exeter Academy has been my dream school since my parents forced me into a life of private institutions and individual tutors! I am SO ENTHUSED to meet all of you suuuper soon.

So, a bit about me. Like I said, I'm from Detroit, so I'm really into Canadian foods, car manufacturing, the band KISS, and bankruptcy. My three main interests are writing (I want to be a professional blogger), studying for the SATs (LOL), and numismatics. I'm go-

ing to assume you don't know what the latter is, so I'll just tell you: the study of coins, medals, and paper currency. I thought about taking Latin this year but decided I valued practicality more, so am now enrolled in Spanish. Let me know if you are too and want to say "hola" some time ;).

I do equestrian, but because there aren't any horses on campus (unless you count me when I'm hungry LOL) I think I'll settle for trying out for field hockey, squash, and lacrosse. I did tee-ball for two years as a toddler so I think I'm up to speed. (Although I've been watching Doctor Who and Sher-

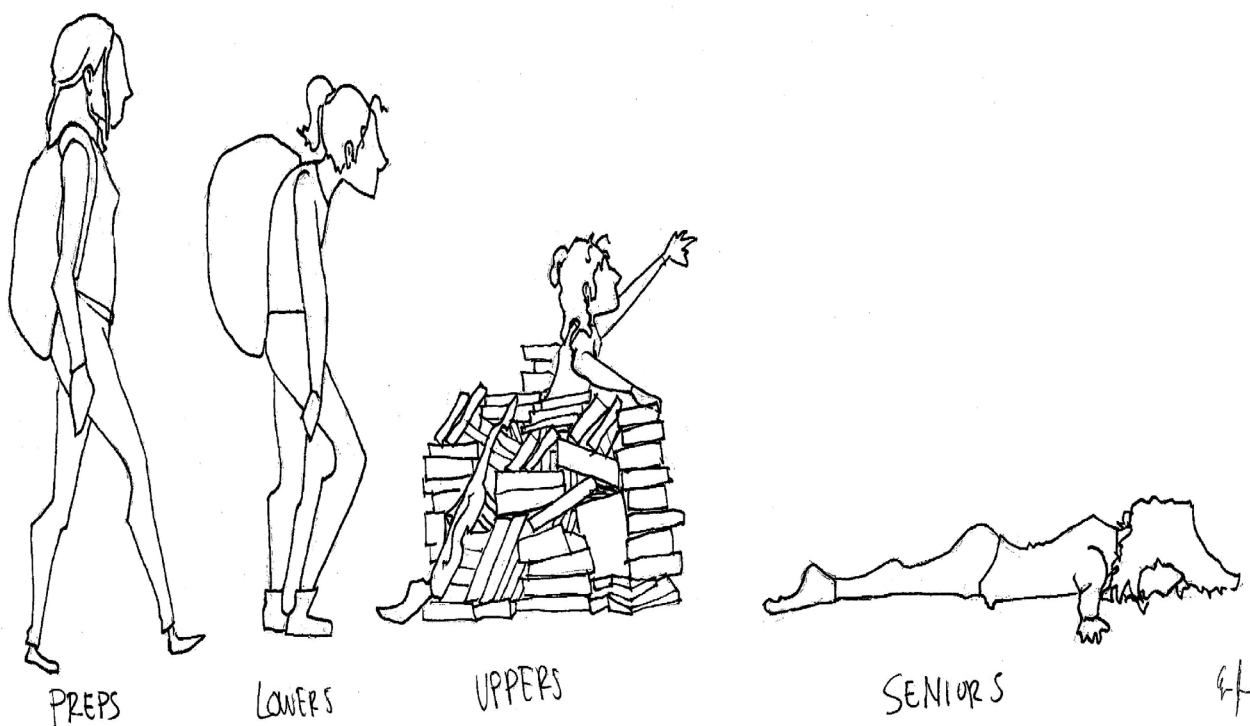
lock all summer so I have a food baby LOL.)

Super happy and nervous to join Modeul UN and Debate! I've done both since I was two, so hopefully they'll take me.

In conclusion, I'm really excited to try new things and old things and meet all of you! If you want to talk about anything, especially numismatics or RuPaul's Drag Race, let me know! And if you have questions about anything (I've done a lot of research) feel free to ask!

Your future class president,
Megan Campbell '20

The Devolution of Exeter Students



Letter from Member of Class of 2020

By ELIZABETH YANG
News Editor

Greetings, Exeter! It's been quite the summer, hasn't it? To help out our friends who spent all of it doing "rewarding", "life changing" volunteer work in the middle of nowhere, I've summarized the biggest news of Summer 2k16. This way, our peers can start on even ground with the rest of us as their 650 word summers get passed around from Harvard to Stanford to Yale.

Let's start with Brexit. Most Exonians were against the "Leave" campaign, though that opinion was mainly formed through all the facebook posts their friends shared that they didn't read. This came as a surprise to exactly no one because of how good Exonians are at sounding thoughtful and a touch condescending when all they really know about the topic being discussed is

the first and last paragraph of the reading they were assigned.

The Forrester-Bowld Music Center renovations were finished this summer, and while a number of Exonians are excited about the new and improved destination, others are not as pumped. "I wish they'd delayed it for another year, or three," one student who chose to remain anonymous told us. "Now I don't have an excuse to stalk the new prep posse instead of practicing."

Exeter swept the podium at the National Engineering, Robotics, and Differential geometry competition (NERD for short) this summer. When interviewed about the event, Average Joe said, "It's good to know that an average joe like me can become someone great at

Exeter." Reports say that Average Joe is currently in his room binge watching Stranger Things for the 37th time this summer.

Donald Trump said many words this summer, and everyone in the world clung to each and every one. Here are some of those words: "the", "to", "an", "that", "if", "it", "there", "was", and "paper clips".

The Olympics, also known as the Ryan Lochte Disaster struck in August. The Olympics allowed the people of the United States of America to be proud of their country, and the olympic swimmer brought Americans back down to a steady, normal level of disappointment. According to Fox News, Simone Biles won all her medals thanks to a kiss from Zac Efron.

The War of 1812.

Dorm vs. Dorm Playoffs Next Week: Peabody Against Ewald Against Hoyt

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 DJ Khaled Keys to Exeter

Corruption Strikes the Feeble Heart of Phillips Exeter Academy

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE

Affected

The student body elected Matthew “Matt” Robbins as StuCo President in 2016 with high hopes that the then-upper would introduce a more democratic system to the school while also being a voice for student health concerns. After his win he received dubious amounts of praise, but PEA’s admiration is about to end. Though Robbins ultimately achieved the populist vote, many of his past supporters did not anticipate the extent to which power would corrupt him.

Multiple community members discovered that the current POTUS (President of the Unimpressed Students) had been participating in sibi-like conduct after the first few weeks of

gaining his position. “So I was in Wetherell waiting for my tots and Matt came out of nowhere and cut me in front of the whole squad!” agonized senior Miguel Pérez-Glassner. “I thought that he was one of the people, you know? I guess not.”

Part-time teacher and full-time spy John Campbell said that last Wednesday he spotted Robbins handing out lanyards to preps. “At first I couldn’t see what he was doing and thought he was supporting the innocent kids,” stated Campbell. “Then I got closer and realized that he was actually pulling out lanyard after lanyard and encouraging the preps to wear and use them. The preps didn’t know any better and

immediately put them on.” Campbell shuddered. “Some of the lanyards even came embroidered with an image of the Assembly Hall.”

Still, Robbins has worked to infringe upon an even younger crowd. According to Tim Tebow, Mrs. Tebow’s son, Robbins has been using “fac brats” for his own purposes. “I was playing in front of the dining hall, like I usually do, when a big kid came up and strapped a camera to me,” Tebow said. “No matter what I did, I couldn’t get the camera off. I started talking to fellow children and they too had a camera strapped to them.”

Robbins secretly launched a program called Big Sib Lil’ Sib that allows him to

spy on the student body by monitoring the campus via cameras attached to faculty children. The cameras are impossible to take off and are water-resistant. The children, parents of the children, and dorm members that have to listen to the crying children were not asked permission for the attachment of the cameras.

And that is only the beginning. Rumors that Robbins has met with Crooked Hillary behind closed doors, that he has received four dickeys but no stricts, and that he took the last bagel are also circulating Phillips Exeter Academy.

We all should have known not to trust the conservatives.

How to Woo Me

By EMILY GREEN

She’s Waiting...

Listen up, boys. As you have probably figured out by this point in your Exeter career, I am the pinnacle of all modern humans. I do debate, a practical requirement for the esteemed Ivies. I write for *The Exonian*, so yes, mama I made it. I make it all the darn time. I also take Spanish, which will be of a lot of use once our favorite orange-faced yam takes power. I break the rules by wearing leggings, so you get a pinch of spice to go with that sugar. Last but not least, I wore legwarmers last year, which are super retro.

And last but not least, I am more of a humanities person so I will probably never be a financially stable doctor.

If at this point you aren’t completely enthralled by my evolutionary prowess, I urge you to stop reading now, for you are not worthy. For those of you who are already entranced by my presence, here is how to woo me, the perfect woman.

Start by asking me out. The way to successfully do this is to sit outside my history class every day for a month. At the first new moon after that month is over, buy me a scoop of mango Italian ice from Stillwells and bring it to my dorm room when the clock strikes 8:37 p.m. Give me the Italian ice, then dance around me to the tune of “Unwritten”

by Natasha Bedingfield. Once the song is over, grab my hand and write, “Date?” in Sharpie on it. If I agree, I will nod yes. If I don’t, I will let out a primal scream alerting you to go away.

Once I agree to go on a date with you, you should take me to the Lamont Gallery to look at paintings and act pretentious. Make remarks such as, “I think this piece really symbolizes the inner strength of the French diaspora,” even if the painting is clearly abstract and not by a French person. I will be impressed by your pretend knowledge of the rebel French art scene, and will agree to go on a second date.

On the second date, take me to D-hall. Make me a cup of green tea with honey (good for my vocal chords) and tell me a bit about yourself. Are you a cat person or a dog person? Do you prefer physics or bio? French food or German food? Note: There is a wrong answer for all of these questions. You will know the right answers if you truly are my soulmate. (Or if you’ve spent any time looking at my social media accounts.)

If you’ve made it this far, you have probably thoroughly wooed me and we can go on a third date. I suggest either D^2 or a helicopter ride. Either is hipster enough for me.



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Cow Disease is Coming for You

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE

Got a Bad Disease

At the beginning of every school year the Exeter campus is hit by some sort of illness. In past years plagues of hand-foot-mouth, H1N1, and teenage angst have ravaged the student population. As new students put their sweaty, grimy, stubby paws all over door handles, each other, and their hearts as they swear loyalty to our principal, PMac, everyone is starting to realize that the hot new craze of 2016 is mad cow disease.

Mad cow disease, or as it’s more commonly known, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, manifests itself in symptoms such as aggression and lack of milk production. (If you are experiencing either of these symptoms please contact your local cow specialist immediately.)

The first case on campus is reported to have started with prep Bill

Jordan who was in an argument with his new roommate when his roommate, prep Thomas Ramsey, called him a “mad cow.” Startled, Jordan paused in his quest to bring up false statistics and instead reevaluated his life. “I spent nine weeks in the health center,” Jordan stated after his first week on campus, “The buttered toast was great.”

To combat the recent outbreak, health proctors have put up signs around campus advising students to “Wash, lather, rinse, and repeat” and to “Wash your hands until you’re positive all your sins have been cleared!”

If you are concerned that a friend or teacher has mad cow disease, contact Exeter’s own Secret Police and they’ll take care of it for you. If you are generally concerned, contact no one.

DJ Khaled Drops Pothole Remix

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE

Undefeated at Rap Battles

The majority of students are familiar with the sweet, delicious sounds of “Pothole,” a song that is performed by The Sinclair whenever he is allowed back on the Assembly Hall stage. For years Sinclair sang the song while playing the guitar, but guitars and vocal cords have recently been marked as “inefficient” and “expensive” by the StuCo budget committee, so DJ Khaled was commissioned to create a remix.

“I think Khaled is really going to turn this school around,” said rap-enthusiast Christina Agoolera. “He is a professional that students can certainly look up to and I believe that he represents a modern humanism that

just has not been acknowledged yet.” Agoolera spent her youth listening to rap and helping hide Tupac, making her our prime expert.

Unfortunately, not all students share Agoolera’s positivity. “I really thought we were going to bring Frank Ocean out for this one,” lamented Philip Kuhn, diehard fan of the ocean. “I feel like I’m always getting tricked.”

Khaled’s plane will land in Exeter next Sunday and the administration is in need of students to act as a landing strip. If you or a friend are willing and capable to act as a private jet’s parking spot, please contact your local parking spot bishop as soon as possible.

Do You Stink? Find Out Here!

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE

Regrets This Article

- When was the last time you brushed your teeth?
 - This morning.
 - Last week.
 - Does brushing someone else’s teeth count?
- Do you chew mint gum?
 - All the time. I’m getting jaw surgery this week because my addiction has dislocated jaw.
 - When I’m stressing out over all the homework I haven’t done.
 - No. I hold it between my teeth because it’s a metaphor and I don’t give it the power to kill me.
- Do you use mouth wash?
 - I use it as a protein shake after my 5 am workouts.
 - One time my grandma washed my mouth out with soap because I called her a “fusty nut with no kernel.”
 - I sold it on the black market but didn’t have time to clean my mouth with it because I was busy selling it on the black market.
- How did the last person you tried to kiss react to your attempts?
 - Had to take a visit to the hospital because my breath was too fresh to safely inhale.
 - Sneezed and told my mom.
 - Nothing because no one deserves that high level of proximity without first being a better Pokemon trainer than me, which has yet to be achieved.
- Do you believe in aliens?
 - No, aliens are a concept created by the government in order to hide the fact that crop circles contain the entrances to *Big Brother’s* headquarters.
 - No, my cousin is an alien and I am pretty sure she does not exist.
 - Yes, I was abducted two years ago and am regularly poked on Facebook by the aliens I met aboard the spaceship.

- One of the alien’s names is Mike Pence.
 - How will the world end?
 - In fire because I’m so lit.
 - In ice because I accidentally left the freezer door open oh goodness what the hell is wrong with me.
 - Your face.
 - Where do you sit in class?
 - At the teacher’s desk in order to assert my dominance over everyone, especially people over the age of 22.5.
 - Near the door so I can slide out of my seat and escape whenever the best opportunity presents itself.
 - As far away from the door as possible because I have a gripping fear that the aliens will return to abduct me again and I’m just not ready to face the pear that is Mike Pence.
 - At what age do you plan on going off the grid?
 - 18 because it sounds like a great gap year full of novel experiences that all the colleges that previously didn’t accept me will admire.
 - 22.5 because it is a very ripe age and everyone will assume that I am just “exploring myself” by eating only Ramen noodles and spending every Friday night wandering the streets.
 - 78 because it reminds me of Tokyo.
 - Have you ever been called “Peter,” “John,” or “Caroline”?
 - Yes! I am called PeterJohnCaroline all the time!
 - Yes, everyone mistakes me for my three twins, Peter, John, and Caroline.
 - Yes.
 - How many siblings do you have?
 - 0.
 - 1-3
 - 3.01+
- If you answered mostly...
As, Bs, or Cs—your breath stinks.

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This Week’s Event Calendar:

Turtle Racing, Thursday 9:30 p.m.

Daily Nagging from Family, Saturday 7:47 a.m.

Watch Crew Practice, Saturday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Annual Burning of ACT/SAT Books, Tuesday 1:15 p.m.

Weekly Conversation with Roommate, Wednesday 2:33 a.m.



Seniors Kevin Elaba and Chris Nivera help a new prep move in.

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The Summer of a Latin Scholar

By WILLA CANFIELD
Staff Writer

The annual National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention has something for everyone, according to senior Lyle Seeligson. But Seeligson had a particularly special experience this summer when she attended the convention for the fifth time and saw one of her childhood dreams reach fruition: she ran for—and was elected to—the position of NJCL president.

Seeligson has been going to the convention, which unites students studying classics from all over the U.S. for four days, since 2012. The NJCL was founded in the hopes of encouraging an appreciation for the language and culture of Rome and ancient Greece in younger people. “[The] convention is always a blast,” Seeligson said. “It brings classics students together from across the country to celebrate our shared passions for studying classical civilizations.”

Seeligson joined the NJCL in seventh grade, and learned about the convention through the Texas State Junior Classical League. From the very beginning, Seeligson was smitten with the convention. “I started going to nationals with my middle school

classmates, and fell in love,” she said. “The NJCL convention is one of the highlights of my summer every year, and I would not miss it for the world.” It was then that she developed her dream of running for NJCL president.

This year the convention was held from July 25-29 at Indiana University Bloomington. Seven of the eight people in the convention’s New Hampshire delegation this year were current or graduated Exonians, including lowers Michaela Phan ’19, Gillian Quinto ’19, Andrew Hong ’18, Tim Han ’18, Kofi Ansong ’17 and Hannah Cherenfant ’16. Chair of the Department of Classical Languages Nicholas Unger, who acts as the New Hampshire JCL State Chair, accompanied the party, acting as sponsor and chaperone.

At the convention, students participated in academic contests, graphic and creative arts contests and generally pursued their shared love of Classics. Seeligson applauded the laid back and fun atmosphere of the week, saying “There are so many wacky traditions and competitions between state delegations, and no one there has a fear of having fun because no one is judging them for it.”

Because she was running for president,

Seeligson found that she met many more students at the program than she would have otherwise. “Being able to actually campaign was an unbelievable experience,” she said. “And it was great getting to talk with them [the attendees] and tell them about my ideas for improving the JCL.”

Seeligson’s campaigning took considerable confidence and bravery. “Standing on stage in front of the 1,600 people at convention definitely made me nervous, but I knew what a friendly audience I had in front of me,” she said.

Han, who made Seeligson’s introductory speech at the convention, celebrated the fact that the new NJCL President will come from and represent Exeter. “I think it’s great that Exeter finally has a National Officer again after a long drought—and a President at that,” he said. “For a program run by some of the most resourceful and passionate teachers and made up of hundreds of brilliant students, it’s awesome that Lyle got the chance to bring us some recognition.”

Han continued, applauding Seeligson’s diligence. “Lyle’s a hard worker and she absolutely deserved the job,” he said. “We’re all happy for her.”

Seeligson’s job comes with considerable

responsibility. On top of attending to her regular Exonian workload and filling out college applications, Seeligson will work to make the 50,000 member organization an even more extraordinary program.

Already, Seeligson has begun working with the six national officers to plan various JCL events and competitions that will occur over the course of the year. The seven of them have begun preparing for the Fall Planning Meeting, a multi-day meeting for the entire National Committee in October. At the meeting, Seeligson and her colleagues will accomplish much planning for the coming year’s national convention. “I’m excited to organize the 2017 convention and make it as inspirational for everyone there as I have found my past national conventions to be,” she said.

Despite the weight of her responsibilities, Seeligson is more than up to the job, and knows how rewarding she will find it. “The JCL is one of the most accepting and friendly organizations I have ever come across,” she said. “Being elected by those delegates meant so much to me, and I’m excited to serve the organization that has fostered my personal growth and acted as a community to me these past five years.”

A Trip to the Rainbow Nation

By EMILY PELLICCIA
Staff Writer

Though apartheid ended almost 23 years ago, the port city of Cape Town, located on the nation’s southwest coast, is still experiencing the long-lasting effects of this policy of racial segregation. This summer, upper Menat Bahnasy spent three weeks in Cape Town, South Africa exploring education as a human right under apartheid’s legacy. There, Bahnasy studied the school systems around the city, where socioeconomic conditions vary greatly, to study the discrepancies in the quality of education that children receive as a result of apartheid.

Bahnasy was initially intrigued by South Africa after hearing others in her life express their love for the country, its sights and its people. She connected with her friend’s father who does charity work in Cape Town and arranged to stay in a flat in the suburb Rondebosch with students from around the U.S. who shared her interest in the education system. Several Capetonians offered to spend the three weeks showing them around.

Bahnasy had the opportunity to explore many of the city’s gems: she hiked the mountain Lion’s Head, toured the graffiti of the suburb Woodstock, saw the penguins on Boulder’s Beach and took photos at Chapman’s Peak. Though Bahnasy described the entire trip as “absolutely wonderful and beautiful,” her favorite memories from her time in Cape Town were eating meals at local homes and sitting in classes with students of all ages. During these encounters she met people with viewpoints both similar and opposing to her own.

“They would tell me about their favorite Capetonian foods that I just had to try, and I would tell them about Exeter and my favorite movies,” Bahnasy recalled. Talking and laughing with the people she met in Cape Town was the highlight of the trip for her.

Through connecting with locals, Bahnasy developed a deeper understanding of

South Africa’s history. During her visits to the apartheid Museum and the Hector Pieteron Memorial in Johannesburg, South Africa’s largest city, as well as to Amy Biehl’s Memorial and Robben Island, Bahnasy felt that her experience was heightened by the first-hand testimony from those who had lived through apartheid themselves. “Most of these visits were lots of facts and pictures, but what made them come to life were the locals who witnessed all of it,” she said, adding that most of these locals were “very willing” to discuss their nation’s history. “In fact, my tour guide on Robben Island was a political prisoner at the very prison he gave tours in,” Bahnasy continued. Given that apartheid occurred so recently in South Africa’s history, there is still a great deal to learn. “Visiting now makes it more than just visiting museums,” Bahnasy said.

Bahnasy emphasized that her trip to Cape Town was not one of service, but rather one of “impact, learning and exploration.” Having only stayed for three weeks, she recognized that the most she can do after witnessing injustice within the education system is spread her knowledge and plan for further learning, impact and perhaps a longer trip with a focus on service in the future. Inspired by her time there this summer, Bahnasy has “no doubt” that she will be heading back soon. “For reasons now familiar to me, everyone falls in love with Cape Town,” she said.

South Africa is often referred to as the “rainbow nation” for its newfound unity and multiculturalism, and after her three weeks there, Bahnasy confirmed that the country lives up to its nickname.

“If you want to try new things, meet new people from all over the world and learn about South Africa’s history with apartheid, uprisings and racial segregation, as well as see its effects today, I highly recommend visiting South Africa,” she said. She concluded, “it truly is the rainbow nation!”

An Internship with Google

By HILLARY DAVIS
Staff Writer

Lower Ogechi Nwankwoala spent her summer doing more than just enjoying the sunshine. She participated in an internship with Google that she found through Prep for Prep and Prep 9 Students, a program based in New York which prepares minority students for the challenging academics of independent schools. The internship was called IFE—Institute for Entrepreneurship, which partnered with Google. For four weeks, five days a week, Nwankwoala attended a class at New York University to learn about starting a business. The goal of the internship was to “create a business plan and present it to people who work at Google in hopes of winning and getting money to start your business,” said Nwankwoala.

Each night, the interns worked on their business plans and prepared presentations that they would eventually present to the Google judges. “We went to a business incubator called Matter to talk to a Prep for Prep alumnus who was working on his business there. He gave us tips on how to make our business plan more clear,” Nwankwoala said. She also had the opportunity to work with a mentor from Google. One of the most memorable experiences, though, was when the group visited NASDAQ in Times Square with Dale Alsopp, a Prep for Prep alumnus and Google employee, where they were invited to stand with him as he rung the closing bell for the stock market. “This experience was particularly fun because we were on TV and our faces were broadcasted on the NASDAQ building and a board in the middle of Times Square,” Nwankwoala said.

The internship concluded when the interns presented their business plans to

the judges and a winner was appointed. Though she did not win, Nwankwoala valued the internship as an educational summer experience. “This internship has changed me because I have learned that if you’re confident and you present yourself as confident than people will want to listen to you.” She shared that she participated in the internship to provide a helpful and worthwhile summer experience even though she doesn’t necessarily plan to go into business when she’s older.

Aside from interning, Nwankwoala went on a retreat to Bryn Mawr College with students from the Prep 9 program who also attend boarding school. While there, they stayed in dorms and visited Dorney Park. “We also had sessions where we talked about our boarding school experiences and life experiences,” said Nwankwoala. When she didn’t have plans, Nwankwoala went to Manhattan with her friends, where they went to Washington Square Park, Central Park, Shake Shack and others. Nwankwoala attended multiple weddings and birthday parties throughout the summer which were hosted by Nigerians.

“I went to “traditional” weddings where you get married how weddings are in Nigeria and then you have the other wedding later with the white dress and church ceremony and all that... there are a lot of cultural aspects like the different music and dancing and throwing of money,” she said.

As the exciting summer came to an end, Nwankwoala spent time watching soccer on the weekends with her dad. It’s a tradition they are carrying on from last summer, as she said, “we did that a lot before I went off to Exeter.”

Senior Spotlight

Eric Tang

By ELEANOR MALLET
Contributing Writer

Whether it's being a member of the Debate Team or being a proctor in Ewald, Eric Tang is greatly respected and admired on campus for his tenacious work ethic and ability to be a caring friend. A member of Model UN, Math Club and ESSO Coding, Tang is as versatile as he is dominant in his interests and passions.

Over the summer, Tang participated in a teaching program called 826 Valencia. This education nonprofit in San Francisco, his hometown, allows elementary students all over the city to receive a free education thanks to volunteers like Tang. In addition to education, Tang enjoys working with technology and coding in his free time. This year, he finalized an iOS app with friend and classmate Aivant Goyal. Tang also teaches coding through ESSO to youth in the Exeter area.

In the classroom, he particularly excels in the studies of math and computer science, but there is one subject that really stands out to him: "History, because there are so many differing perspectives and so many questions to unpack, but it's also grounded in facts and reality," he said. Tang explained how he had always been enthralled by The History Channel growing up, as well as history exhibits and displays in museums.

"The thing about history," Tang said, "is that the discussions always carry on outside the classroom. History applies to politics and current events too." Due to



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the strong history curriculum at Exeter, Tang says he has learned a lot through writing papers in the Exeter U.S. history sequence. It has also allowed him to create a valuable list of his role models, with his idol, Clara Barton, at the very top.

When asked why he loves history so much, Tang reflected on a quote from a teacher at his past public school. "When I asked him why he chose to teach history out of all the disciplines, he told me something along the lines of, 'History is the great unknown, unfinished story, and

every time we talk about it, we brush off some dust and flip a few more pages.'"

Dorm mate and senior Jesus Rivera admired Tang's driven attitude in school and his organizational skills. "Since prep year he was always on top of his work, and would usually go to bed by 10," Rivera said. "Eric Tang is truly on another level. I think that beyond that though, what I admire the most about Eric is that he cares so much about those he loves and is willing to give up sleep sometimes to help them."

Rivera remembers coming into room

17 of Ewald hall on his first day of prep year and feeling slightly lonely. Not long after, Tang came in, introduced himself, then went on his way so that Rivera could unpack. By dinner time, Tang came back to make sure that Rivera went out to dinner with the rest of the dorm. "That moment has stuck with me my whole time at Exeter," Rivera said.

Combining his passion for computer science and education, Tang pondered ideas for pursuing a career after Exeter. "I hope to work at Khan Academy one day, which creates a huge array of online resources for students to learn for free, from anywhere in the world," he said. If not at Khan Academy, he also expressed interest in other jobs like the company Nava, which Tang explained, "Created the web interface for Obamacare and is now turning to improving other government digital infrastructure."

In addition to technology and education work, Tang went on to describe his enthusiasm for other fields such as government and even journalism. He concluded his interview by saying, "I just want to do something good for the world."

When asked how to describe Tang in one word, Rivera said, "Curious." As he embarks on his final year of high school, Tang itches to achieve great things beyond Exeter. Rivera said, "He's always ready to take on a new challenge and reach his goals." Whether it be in the classroom, on the computer, at the Harkness table, in front of a crowd or in the dorm, Eric Tang is always taking on new challenges.

Rio in Review

By JAMIE CASSIDY
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Amidst an Olympic games plagued with detrimental conditions and concerning headlines, the United States thrived in Rio this past August, raking in a staggering 121 medals, 46 of which were gold. In Rio, veterans such as Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt continued to cement their legacies as all-time greats, while many rising stars came onto the scene such as gymnast Simone Biles and swimmer Katie Ledecky.

After hosting the 2014 FIFA World Cup before the Olympics, riots flooded the impoverished streets of Rio. Controversy swelled in the months leading up to the opening ceremony due to the incomplete infrastructures, alarming risks of the Zika virus and heavily polluted water that plagued the strife. To make things even more interesting, a report came out in mid July claiming that Russia had been running a state-wide doping program for years. As a result, the World Anti-Doping Agency proposed issuing a blanket ban for all competing Russian athletes; however, the International Olympic Committee made a final ruling of allowing 271 athletes to compete, just over two-thirds of all eligible Russian competitors.

The U.S. women's soccer team, reigning FIFA World Cup champions, had an abrupt halt to their dominant run in Rio, losing in the quarterfinals to Sweden in a shootout. Another U.S. superstar team that expressed instability was the men's basketball team. The group was projected as a heavy favorite despite missing veteran players such as LeBron James and a long list of all-stars including NBA mvp Stephen Curry. The United States struggled to survive in the early rounds, edging out Serbia 94-91 and Australia 98-88. However, as things began to click for the young group, it cruised to a comfortable 96-66 win in the gold medal match against Serbia.

Michael Phelps did the unthinkable, again, adding five more gold medals to his untouchable resumé of 23 gold and 28 medals overall, double the amount of any other swimmer. Throughout Phelps' final journey of Olympic prowess, teammate and rival competitor Ryan Lochte's own fame unfolded, but in a very different light.

In a bizarre series of events, Lochte and three other US swimmers claimed that they were robbed at gunpoint by Rio police imposters. However, later evidence and video footage showed that the intoxicated athletes had actually been stopped by security guards for urinating on a nearby gas station and vandalizing the facility's bathroom. The unfolding incident was quickly referred to as "Lochte Gate" and all four commercial sponsors of his severed ties with the swimmer as a result of his actions and handling of the situation.

Alongside these two household names, Katie Ledecky became a swimming sensation overnight. Medaling in all five of her events, Ledecky won four gold and one silver. One of her most notable events was the 800m freestyle, which she finished 11.38 seconds ahead of the next fastest swimmer in the pool, silver medalist Jazz Carlin, a victory margin that is generally unheard-of in the modern swimming era. Ledecky's time also shattered her own world record by nearly two seconds, clocking in at 8:04.79.

The other 19-year-old female to take Rio by storm was USA gymnastics phenom Simone Biles, who took home four gold medals. For her first Olympic appearance ever, Biles is already debated as one of the greatest Olympic gymnasts of all time. Biles came to Rio as the heavy favorite having won the past three world championships and didn't disappoint, medaling in every event at the games. But above all else, what separates Biles from many of the greats is that she continues to perform acts never done before. Her signature floor routine "the Biles" consists of a double back layout with a half twist and exceeds most exercises seen in the history of the sport. It's Biles' consistency and excellence that makes teammates such as Aly Raisman tell *USA Today*, "Even when the coaches talk to us, they're like, 'Don't even count Simone. She's just in her own league.'"

With Biles bore the U.S. flag out of Maracana Stadium for the closing ceremony, the world was able to watch all-time greats conclude their fairy tale endings beside young athletes who completed milestone in their promising careers. In the games, filled with triumph, heartbreak and everything in between, the Olympics may have been just what Rio needed, bringing life to a city that had all odds against it.

UPCOMING

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THE BIG RED CARNIVAL

Saturday, Love Gym

MEDITATION

JAMIE POHOTSKY

Wednesday, Phillips Church

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ALL-SCHOOL COOKOUT

Today, McConnell Lawn

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OPENING ASSEMBLY

Friday, Assembly Hall

Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

Hope you all had a nice and restful summer break! Now that we are all back on campus, I would like to give you guys a recap on the summer trends and an update on the upcoming fall trends.

This summer was all about the off-shoulder tops and dresses for the ladies. Celebrities, models and fashionistas were often spotted sporting this trend, whether it be in the form of flowy off-shoulder maxi dresses, body fitted off-shoulder crop tops or off-shoulder tunics. Another summer trend—this one is most likely going to trickle into the fall—were chokers. Chokers were spotted everywhere from the magazines to the streets and fashion blogs. There were many different types of chokers from plain black to crystal embellished. They were an accessory that helped everyone look put together during their lazy summer days. Laced-up sandals should also be put under the summer spotlight. The many different types of laced-up sandals added personality to outfits, while also helping elevate many simple summer looks.

In terms of men's summer fashion, we normally think of the beach shirts—a classic summer staple—that were spotted on the streets and fashion magazines. Another men's summer fashion trend, that was spotted on the Men's Summer 2016 fashion shows, was neck-scarfs, a simple accessory that added a pop of color to summer clothes. The dad caps and colored flat lens sunglasses should also get a shout-out for being such a chic sun protecting accessory for everyone.

When we think about fall shoes, boots first come to mind. However, this fall's "it" shoes are going to be a fusion of the summer and winter: the furry sandals. These shoes are a nice way for students to show off their toes while still keeping it warm. Another fall trend spotted in the Fall 2016 runway shows is the one-shoulder tops and

dresses, which let you show a little bit of skin during the colder season. The extra long sleeve tops, which graced the Hood by Air, Vetements, and Marc Jacobs Fall 2016 shows, are also going to be one of the trends this fall. Not only will long sleeves automatically make your outfit stand out, but they will also keep your hands warm from the cold November chills. Another Fall 2016 trend are the classic bomber jackets. Bomber jackets are an easy layering piece that are versatile and can help you look put together with just a simple t-shirt and jeans.

I hope everyone is settled in and ready to say hello to fall term!

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Claire and Erica Take the Internet

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Welcome back to a brand new season of Claire and Erica Take the Internet! Hope you all have started unpacking, and for the new students, we'd like to give a special hello. We are back after a delightfully meme-filled summer ready to roll and excited to share the delights of the meme-iverse with you. We have returned to the Life section from our brief vacation in Humor and are very happy to be here. For those of you unfamiliar with our lovely corner of *The Exonian*, this is the column in which we share our wisdom on all things dank and beautiful with you, the Exeter community.

A major summer highlight—Rio 2016! Some of our favorite athletes traveled to Brazil and delighted us with expressive photos. The fastest meme in the world, Usain Bolt, was caught cheesing during the 100-meter semi-final. Angry Michael Phelps transformed into Grumpy Cat while at the same time keeping a Darth Sidious aesthetic. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe appeared as Mario to celebrate the upcoming 2020 Olympics in Tokyo (Japan pride!) Abe wasn't the only star sporting the iconic plumber's look—many folks acknowledged Chance the Rapper's stylish over-

alls and hat at the VMAs.

As the 2016 elections are soon upon us, both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have made Pokémon Go related statements. Back in July, Clinton made a joke at her rally in Virginia. "I don't know who created Pokémon Go, but I want to figure out how to get them to have Pokémon Go to the polls," Clinton said, trying not to give herself a high-five. Trump released an ad saying "Crooked Hillary NO." In the video, Clinton was caught in a Pokeball. This will definitely be one of our old people stories when we're 80-years-old.

Our next feature is not exactly a meme, but since it was one of the top stories this summer, let's nod our heads to the Kanye and Swift cup of tea. After Kanye's song "Famous" called Swift out, many fans and supporters of both artists have turned against each other. Who is the real snake? Did Kanye commit "character assassination?" As we head into the new school year, please remember: Keep your friends close and your enemies closer, but don't trust any snake. Sneaky bunch.

Now that we've tried to make this Life-worthy, let's get into the Arthur memes. Why are these screenshots of characters from the childhood show so popular? More importantly, so relatable?

The over-exaggerated reactions from characters like Mr. Krabs contrasts the subtle blandness of an aardvark. One specific photo is of his sister, D.W., standing behind a fence and wearing a stylish pair of sunglasses. Honestly, there's no point in questioning it.

Of course, we can't discuss summer 2016 without paying our respects to the beloved gorilla Harambe (may he rest in peace). Outrage spread across the internet following the primate's passing. The world rallied together to mourn the marvelous mammal through memes and other forms of media. Soon enough, the meme spread to the point at which just the mention of the word "Harambe" triggered reactions. In the words of Venkatesh Rao of the *Atlantic*, Harambe achieved "memetic perfection."

What can we expect in the last few months of 2016? There's a trend in frog-related memes; dat boi joined of the ranks of Kermit the Frog's "That's none of my business" and rare Pepe. Weather forecast says the internet may just conjure up one more for Pepe's sake. The first presidential debate between Clinton and Trump is on Sept. 26, so we are expecting some jokes, as this entire election has included many cringe-worthy moments. Join us next week, same time, same place (unless we get kicked back onto Humor).

SUMMER QUOTEBOX

By **ARIELLE LUI**
Staff Writer

"I went to the Dominican Republic with two other Exonians to help out communities and learn about the environment. We shoveled a lot of dirt, built a couple bottle houses and spent the afternoon playing in the cool water. It was a humbling volunteering abroad with Global Leadership Adventures!"
-Chloe Scocimara '18

"I had a job this summer waitressing at a Perkins. It didn't pay well and the managers weren't very nice, but I got a taste of what it's like to live outside of the Exeter bubble. It's definitely not easy, so I finished this summer with a lot more sympathy for people less privileged than I am and a lot more appreciation for the opportunities Exeter has given me."
-Emily Green '18

"I worked for a nonprofit organization called Green Below 14 that improves parks and playgrounds in downtown Manhattan. It was definitely an eye-opening experience because I never knew how much work went into running and growing a nonprofit. It was also really great to see the payoff of the team effort that went into providing programming and sanitation for the parks."
-Emily Cardenas '18

"I spent this summer at Tripp Lake Camp in Poland, Maine where I've been going since I was nine. It was so much fun and a really nice way to de-stress from the school year. We don't have technology for the whole seven weeks, so it was kind of crazy coming back and being totally out of the loop."
-Grace Khaner '18

"I went on a trip to France with the classics department. We bonded like a family over those three weeks. It was like a traveling Harkness class that never ended. Ten of us students and two teachers trying to figure out how to do archeology and then playing follow the leader to the ancient locations in Lyon, Nîmes, Arles and Paris. I'm pretty sure we improved at archeology, or at least looking like we knew what to do."
-Taylor Robertson '19

"This summer I did a three-week business program at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. We got to visit a bunch of businesses such as T. Rowe Price, American Express and Morgan Stanley, and we even presented a case study in front of McNeil Pharmaceuticals. At the end we had a business plan competition with real venture capitalist judges. It was a really great opportunity and a great way to spend three weeks that I would've otherwise spent watching Netflix."
-Chris Agard '17

"I spent my summer focusing in on my artistic pursuits. For the month of July I worked in the New York City studio of my favorite artist Richard Phillips in assisting him from everything to cleaning paint bushes to helping create pieces for his next show in Brussels. During my small amounts of free time I was busy creating the last piece of my portfolio, a 4x6 foot oil painting titled Ground Control."
-Ally Grounds '17

MOVIES OF THE SUMMER

By **ERICA HOGAN**
Staff Writer

Summer is the perfect season for movies, with an abundance of time available for typically busy Exonians to relax and take in the best releases. This year we were lucky enough to have new releases appealing to a broad variety of tastes, from dumb comedies to sweet kids movies and esoteric indie pieces. While some films from this past summer missed the mark ("Suicide Squad"), others proved to be a good use of two and a half hours. For those of you looking to catch movies from over the summer, below are my top picks.

Expectations were high for this sequel to a Disney classic and "Finding Dory" did not disappoint. To follow a film as beloved as "Finding Nemo" is no easy feat. Sequels often fall into the trap of trying to imitate the original film to pander to the high expectations of the original fan base, leaving the new film with no unique identity. This film had to dodge that trap by not only appealing to fans of the first film, but also to a younger generation that didn't grow up with Nemo. It had to maintain a certain sense of nostalgia and familiarity while also seeming fresh. It needed to be more than just a continuation of "Finding Nemo," but a strong story in its own right. Bringing back beloved characters such as Dory, Marlin and Nemo, while introducing touching and hilarious new characters (such as my personal favorite, the meme-able Gerald

the sea lion), the film toes this line perfectly. The movie shows off Pixar's skill at creating heartwarming animations that appeal to audiences of all ages. In addition to the plot, the visual aspects of the film were fantastically executed, leading to an overall enjoyable experience.

"Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" is indubitably dumb. The characters lack depth, while the humor is largely reliant on cheap jokes and crass gags. However, this film is extremely enjoyable, and the cast is excellent. Stars Aubrey Plaza, Anna Kendrick, Adam Levine and Zac Efron land their jokes and push their caricature like characters to comedic extremes. Plaza in particular was incredible. Her quirky personality and deadpan delivery provide some of the highlights of the film. The supporting cast also did a wonderful job, particularly Sam Richardson as the groom of the titular wedding and Kumail Nanjani in his short appearance as a masseuse with certain unusual talents. The film admittedly pushes its fun and carelessness a bit too far to the point of boredom. The immaturity of Mike and Dave can get annoying once the humor fades. One scene that involved a nude, drug fueled romp with horses was a bit too much. Nevertheless, the movie was still funny. Kendrick and Plaza proved to be fantastic foils to each other, partnering up perfectly. This film is the perfect comedy to

watch for an easy laugh.

I've watched "The Lobster" three times this summer and I still don't really get it. I remain unsure quite what genre this film fits in. The narration can be quite comedic at times, but the dystopian themes of the film are dark and the imagery is graphically violent. However, it is not necessary to have a full grasp on the film to be utterly captivated by it. The alternative universe it presents—this universe is very similar to our own, yet with an utterly different social structure that leads to devastating consequences—is fascinating. In an industry flooded with similar takes on love and life, "The Lobster" provides a completely new outlook and message, criticizing undue pressure put on those to find a soulmate as well as those who pressure others to avoid romance altogether. Meanwhile, the film satirizes the artificial connections people make between themselves in an effort to connect. The film expertly juxtaposes two opposing forces: the mainstream culture that shoves coupledness down the throats of its citizens with the threat of being turned into an animal, and a rebel faction that punishes romance with death. Although the two factions are on the opposite ends of the spectrum ideologically, they prove to be quite similar. Overall, this film is intelligent and quirky, just as much a thought exercise as a visual experience.

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Boys' Soccer Rounds Out Young Squad

By EMILY PELLICCIA
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After a successful season of hard work that ended in a disappointing loss to Andover last year, the boys' varsity soccer team is determined to reassert their dominance on the field this fall. With a total of nine wins, five losses and three ties last season, the team already holds a competitive position in the league and has the potential to improve significantly over the course of the upcoming season. A strong performance in their first game against Milton Academy, against whom they lost 2-3 last year, will be crucial for them.

The team as a whole is much younger than it was last year, during which over half of its members were postgraduates or seniors. Consequently, it has "a pretty different look" this year, according to senior and co-captain Quentin DiStefano. "We lost about half of our team and brought in lots of new and talented guys," lower Jonah Johnson said. Despite many of last year's key players graduating, the team is making up for the loss with renewed focus and energy. "We're looking to switch up the way we play a bit, fitting our gameplan to the players we have," DiStefano explained.

With so many new members, developing chemistry both on and off the field will be essential for the boys' success. Senior and co-captain Tarek Khartabil hopes to foster a team that "blends well." Likewise, DiStefano described building "a strong team chemistry that's fully inclusive to all our teammates" as one of their main goals and further explained that "strong chemistry equals a happy team which equals good play."

Johnson agreed, citing team chemistry and "getting a better understanding of who everyone on the team is as a player," as two important challenges for them to conquer in order to attain the results they want. However, senior Collin Shapiro felt that this could be initially difficult given that only a few of the starters are returning players. Johnson remarked that "the first couple of games of the season are going to test how well we overcome this challenge."



Senior Soren Rossi defends against upper Jack Baker in a practice scrimmage.

Jena Yun/The Exonian

DiStefano observed that the team has already started to grow close at prep camp, saying, "We saw our on-field chemistry grow with each time we played." Similarly, upper Lucas Stevens noted that their team chemistry "has been developing quickly" and suggested that the first few games will likely reflect this achievement. Johnson also expressed confidence in the team's ability to perform in their first games "because we have a focused and hardworking group of guys with the common goal of winning."

Nevertheless, Khartabil predicted that the first games will be "battles," since Exeter is up against an array of strong teams early in the season. He recognized that it can be easy to "psyche ourselves out prior to big games," and

stressed the importance of approaching each game with the same confidence and competitive drive. DiStefano stated, "We're going into every game with the notion that we can and will win." With that mentality, the team will have a good chance of dominating this season and hopes to "come out hard in every game," according to Johnson. Echoing this desire, Shapiro said "I expect us to compete hard and try to come away with a few wins in our first couple games."

One goal in particular for the team will be making the playoffs and progressing in them as far as they can. The team also has their sights set on defeating Andover in their final game of the season; after last year's crushing 2-3 loss, the players are resolved to redeem

themselves. "I'm most excited for E/a because it will be our only chance to beat Andover after last year's tough loss at home," Johnson said.

Many players expressed excitement at seeing how the team develops. "It will be interesting to see how we stack up against our competition," Stevens commented, going on to say that their success "will come from playing well as a team." Though Shapiro listed Khartabil and goalkeeper and senior Max Gross as two key players for the upcoming season, Khartabil emphasized that he does not see key players as a real part of a successful team. Adding that he is excited for "another great season with an outstanding group of guys," Khartabil concluded that "with chemistry and working together, all players on and off of the field are key."

Field Hockey Optimistic About Upcoming Season

By TAYLOR WALSH
Staff Writer

The girls' varsity field hockey team comes into this season with high hopes. After finishing last year with five wins, eight losses, and four ties, it looks to improve its record with a couple more victories this fall.

The team captains have not been announced yet, but the eight rising seniors on the team offer plenty of leadership. Seven seniors graduated from last year's team, and their presence will be missed. Even though there are some big shoes to fill, the returning players feel confident that they are up to the challenge.

Lower Michaela O'Brien expanded on her team's projected roster. "We have a lot of new recruits coming in, so it will be a good building year and they will help make up for the seniors that we lost this past year," she said.

There are many positive aspects from last year that the team would like to retain this season, but they also need to improve if they want to win more games. In particular, Exeter's defense was strong last year, helping the team stay competitive against tough opponents. However, at the same time, they were not able to produce many quality shots, and the games often resulted in ties. Senior Caroline Grace explained, "This year, we are looking for more shots on net and definitely more goals."

All but three games that Exeter played last season were decided by two goals or fewer, so even a couple more goals this year could take the team a long way.

Of course, winning more games this season is not going to be easy, and the girls know that they will need to play their best, which is why they have been keeping their fitness up throughout summer vacation.

Grace described the team's training workouts from the summer offseason. "We have been working all summer on lifting, practicing, and perfecting that 7:40 mile," she said.

The girls' efforts to increase their strength and endurance while on vacation will not go unnoticed, and they hope to outplay all of their opponents for every minute of each game.

For this fall, the team has many matches that are expected to be close. However, the team does not fear these tough opponents. Upper Emma Wellington said, "Our game against Hotchkiss is one that the team always looks forward to. They are historically a very strong team, but we held our own against them last year, so I'm pumped to rematch again this year."

After battling many skilled teams, Exeter will save the best game for last, and take on Andover at the end of the season. After losing 0-1 to their rivals on E/a last year, the team will be playing with a chip on their shoulder and out for revenge.

Big Red field hockey will play in a jamboree against three other teams the first weekend they get back to school. After those scrimmages, they have two away games in a row against Groton and Milton. Their first real home game will be against Governor's Academy on Sept. 21.

Boys' Cross Country Seeks Redemption on the Trails

By ASHLEY LIN
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Each night at dinner in the fall, approximately 90 percent of Elm Street Dining Hall's noise originates from the table in the middle, coming from a big group of boys in sweaty tank tops over elastic short-shorts and crowded with three plates of food per person. The boys' cross country team, referred to as a cult, is known as the closest (and the loudest) team on campus.

The team was undefeated for four years until last season. After their third place finish at last year's Interschols, the boys have been working hard and are determined to come back and conquer the title. Whatever you want to call their third-place finish—a fluke, a minor setback or even a success—the result was nothing compared to their previous four-peat.

The team that grabbed the title from Exeter at Interschols was Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH), even though Big Red beat them on home turf just a few weeks before during parent's weekend. The boys did not let this loss discourage them and have been training for a comeback ever since. If the boys beat NMH once, they can beat them again.

"We will be preparing to take back our Interschols title from NMH," senior and co-captain Issay Matsumoto said. "We are all returning as seniors, so this last Interschols will mean a lot to us."

The boys have a pretty good chance of claiming the title at this year's Interschols, and all the cards are betting on them. To set the scene: last year's seven-man varsity team

consisted of only uppers, meaning all of them are back this season, stronger and faster after another year's dedication to the sport. To further their assets, this year's Interschols will be held on home turf, giving the boys the advantage of knowing the course inside out. What more good luck can these boys expect?

Nonetheless, Big Red's biggest competitors are also looking fast. Teams to look out for this year are the same ones that were close to Big Red last year, as they have all remained strong through their younger runners.

"Andover has a bunch of underclassmen coming out of the woodwork, and Loomis is always very deep," Matsumoto said.

Andover, the team's biggest rival, beat Exeter during E/a last year. Fortunately, Exeter edged them out at Interschols the following week. Besides the scrimmage at Choate, Exeter did not have the opportunity to race against Loomis prior to Interschols. During the final race of the season, Loomis pushed past the team at Interschols, beating them by eight points.

Aside from competition, the main reason people enjoy being on the team is not the many titles they have won or their legendary reputation, but the connection everyone has with each other. There are no divisions within the team regardless of age difference, speed or anything that usually divides a team.

Lower Jeremy Xu, a new member to the team, commented on the team's positive atmosphere. "I'm excited to be a part of a team that has so many traditions and is notoriously such a tight knit group," he said.

Girls' Soccer Looks to Improve Record

By ARIELLE LUI
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This season, the members of the girls' varsity soccer team hopes that their record will reflect their competitive play. They plan on improving their team camaraderie and cohesiveness in order to recover from last fall's 4-11-2 record. The girls anticipate close games against Brooks, St. Paul's, Kimball Union, Brewster, Groton and Tabor.

One of the biggest challenges for the team last year was their connectivity on the field. "We had some pretty good individual talent, but we really just could not piece it together during the games," senior Hannah Gustafson said. She explained that in order to win more games this year, the girls will have to "have

some better team chemistry" and work together during practices.

Upper Louisa Bartkovich mirrored Gustafson's sentiments. She said, "If our team chemistry gets stronger, so will our ability to play better." Bartkovich explained that one of the team's goals is to have midfielders, forwards and defenders utilize the field and piece together smooth passes. She feels that this will allow them to score more often. "Too many times [last year] there would be spaces in the middle of the field where none of our players were," she said.

Upper Samantha Weaver agreed with Bartkovich that strengthening the bond between the offense and defense would be crucial this season. "Often times as soon as the ball was cleared by the defense the ball would be turned over again right away," she said. "I think the new

recruits will help us keep the ball and control the game."

Weaver, along with 21 other girls, attended the annual summer Team Prep Camp in Casco, Maine. The four-day event allows new students to meet and bond with returning Exonians. The girls are also joined by other prep schools as they practice twice a day for two hours each morning. In addition to this, the different schools play each other in the evening.

Co-captain and senior Grace Pratt recalled meeting her first friend at Exeter while attending the camp the summer before her prep year. "There were a couple girls that seemed very talented at prep camp, so I'm excited to see them again at tryouts," Pratt added.

Senior Emily Ryan is hoping to see a positive change in unity not just within the team but

with the coaches as well. "I think we are really excited for a season with a big senior class of girls who have been on the team for a while," Ryan said.

Although they were not a title contender team last year, the girls managed to tie during the highly anticipated E/a games. Andover then went on to win the championship. "Anything can really happen on E/a," Gustafson said.

Co-captain and senior Daniela Nemirovsky feels that the game against Andover is reflective of many games from last season. "We played a very competitive game, and in the case of E/a the score showed that," she said. "I think in a lot of other games we had a similar situation, but we didn't capitalize on our chances to make our record reflect that. Going into this season, that's the biggest change I want to see from our team."



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Boys' Water Polo Prepares For Comeback Season *Team Hopes to Qualify for Liquid Four Tournament*



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Big Red Bear Polo battles it out in the pool.

By ERICA HOGAN
Staff Writer

With strong leadership, a fresh attitude and a new workout plan, Bear Polo is ready to get back in the pool with an optimistic outlook on the season ahead. The co-captains for this season, seniors JP Mullins and Liam Oakley, will lead the team through their season, starting with their first game against Suffield.

The boys' water polo team faced a difficult season the previous year as a result of a strained team dynamic and an attitude problem. "Relationships were strained among teammates and, because of that, the team chemistry was interrupted," upper Jackson Parell said.

Oakley felt that the mindset of the team going into games last season further contributed to their failure. "In the past

years, Bear Polo has been a bit overconfident when going into some games and hasn't been able to take on some of the tougher teams," he said.

Although Bear Polo finished with a winning record, their performance was subpar by the team's standards. "We had the potential to do much better," upper Taylor Walshe said.

However, the team has learned from their struggles last season. "We were quite disappointed with our performance last season and are trying to use our failure as fuel for a successful season this year," Mullins said. He emphasized the importance of a strong bond among team members.

Parell also expressed a desire to mend relationships on the team. "We hope to work on our team play which seemed to be somewhat lacking last season," he said.

Walshe said that the team intends to "never say 'we could have beaten them if we had played up to our true potential at the end of a game.'"

The team has taken advantage of the long summer break, with the captains regularly emailing the team to ensure overall fitness. Returning members of the team will face intense workouts during the preseason training sessions to whip Bear Polo back into shape.

Team members are optimistic looking forward. "This season we're going to really kick it into high gear with more intensive training and our goal is to not lose a game this season, which I feel is quite possible with our hard work," Mullins said.

Parell is hopeful that changes to the team will prove fruitful. "Overall, with a solid leadership and a new practice

plan, things are looking up for the Exeter water polo team, and I am excited to see our performance in the coming season," he said.

The team also hopes to win enough games this season to qualify for the Liquid Four tournament at the end of the year for a chance to claim the title of New England champions. While the team qualified for the tournament in 2014, they fell short last fall due to their season record.

Overall, the team is ready to get back to work. "This season is looking great. Everybody on the team is extremely excited to get back to work in the pool," Oakley said.

Bear Polo will have the majority of their games at home this season, providing the Exeter community with plenty of opportunities to watch as the boys get their redemption.

Football Anticipates Exciting Season

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Together. For Exeter football, that word captures the spirit they hope to bring into the coming season. The football team arrived on campus on Sept. 1, almost a full week earlier than most students, full of spirit and looking forward to a competitive season.

In the five days the team had the campus to themselves, they worked on building a strong foundation for the season. The team endured a grueling schedule with two practices a day, a morning lift and nightly chalk talks.

In previous years, football was separated into JV and varsity for practices and games. However, this year the program is looking to decrease the gap between the two teams by combining practices. Upper Andrew Atsalis reflected on the benefits of an integrated team. "We are inviting in many new, younger guys that will benefit from the combination of JV and varsity practices. Being able to practice and maximize the reps day in and day out alongside those that push you to higher levels is important for younger players in preparation of being called upon come game time."

Atsalis also commented on the role of preseason in creating bonds, especially with the football team's packed preseason schedule. "Whether it be two-a-days during which a sense of camaraderie arises or

simply spending all of our time together, it's vital to the success of the team once the season starts," Atsalis said.

Amongst the team, there's a consensus that one of the biggest challenges the group will face is integrating new players into crucial roles. After graduating 19 upperclassmen, several new additions have joined the roster. Still, senior Austin Scronce is confident that "[the team has] all the puzzle pieces to be great and [they] just [have] to put them together."

Some players on the team such as co-captain and senior Jack Farrell already felt the team connecting well after just the first few days of practice. Farrell attributed part of this success to the coaching staff, commending Coach Robert Morris for his dedication to the program. "The team has become very close this preseason thanks to the culture of the team and the work of Coach Morris," he said.

Last season, the Big Red football team carved a story of resilience. Despite an initial four-game slump, the team managed to turn the season around, winning three of the last four games. They finished with a 3-5 record.

Atsalis described the team's main goal coming into the next season: simply winning more games. "As a team we have discussed our goals and one major theme that was present was that of unity as a team, no matter the circumstance. A more tangible goal however, first and foremost is to simply win football games," he said.



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Exeter football held pre-season training throughout last week.

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Girls' Soccer



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Girls' soccer hopes to improve their record this season from last. Read more on 11.

Field Hockey



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Big Red's field hockey team is amped and ready to go this fall. Read on 11.

Cross Country Boys



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Boys cross country hopes to win Inter-schols this year after losing it last year to NMH. Read on 11.

SATURDAY GAMES:

Field Hockey	Home	2:00pm
B. Soccer	Away	3:00 pm
G. Soccer	Away	3:30 pm
Football	Home	4:30 pm