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Community Prepares for Return



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By ANNA KIM, HENRY LIU and CATHERINE WU

With campus planning to open in two weeks, students and faculty are preparing to return in light of Principal William Rawson's schoolwide Jan. 12 email announcing return protocol.

According to the current plan, boarders can elect to return to campus on Feb. 11-13, March 13 or March 20. All returning boarding students will be required to complete a week-long quarantine from home and will have to take a COVID-19 test prior to and upon arrival. Once on campus, students are scheduled for a week-long quarantine.

Some faculty members cited concerns about student safety, especially with the high density of students returning. "With all students returning at once and in such a short timeframe, it will be crucial for students to follow the mask, distance, capacity, etc. rules," Math Instructor

and Wheelwright dorm head Brandon Hew said.

"I was not involved in this planning [for the 3-day student return] but am trusting that those who were believe this spacing gives the health center adequate time to process the COVID tests which will be done before students enter the dorms," Biology Instructor Anne Rankin said.

Health Instructor and Mc-Connell dorm head Michelle Soucy is "optimistic" and looking forward to students' return to campus. "Being on campus was more beneficial to our students['] mental health than remaining at home, in my opinion," Soucy said. "I am hopeful [that] with the move to more in-person classes in the spring, the learning will be more meaningful than ever."

"I think for some it will help bring more stability and familiarity. I think for some, particularly those students who do not return, it may create more difficulties and challenges," Hew said. "Ulti-

RETURN, 2

Spring Term Schedule Announced

WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:50 AM	BU Field Trip	AT Field Trip	TLC	DW Field Trip	CV Field Trip
9:00-9:50 AM	В	А	А	D	С
10:00-10:50 AM	Faculty Meeting	Meditation/ Advising	В	Anti-Racist Work	Assembly (10:00-10:25)
11:00-11:50 AM	С	С	С	А	A (10:35- 11:25)
12:00-12:50	D1 /Lunch	D1 /Lunch	Assembly (10:00-10:25)	B1 /Lunch	B (11:35- 12:25)
12:30-1:20	D2 /Lunch	D2 /Lunch	Lunch	B2 /Lunch	Lunch/ Jummah
1:30-1:20	E	E	D	E	E
2:30-3:20	F	F	Dept. Meetings	F	F
6:45-8:15	Music Ensembles			Music Ensembles	

A through F and reserves, with times written in EST. Classes will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each class, including the reserve blocks in Week 2, has the opportunity to meet four times a week.

In Week 1, A, B, C and D formats will have extended time from 8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Classes will have the option to go on "field trips" on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Faculty meeting, meditation, advising, anti-racist work and assembly take place throughout the week from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Music ensembles are scheduled from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Additional changes include the random designation of B1 or B2 and D1 or D2 for B and D formats. "That will determine whether students will have class before or after eating lunch," Saltman said. "That is to stagger the lunch times-otherwise all students would have to eat in [the same] 40 minute window." Week 2 will have no Wednesday classes; however, music lessons, meditation and sports will still take place.

News-In-Brief

Details about quarantine procedures and campus logistics were revealed in the Jan. 26 Student Council Minutes outlining a Q&A with Dean Moriarty and Dr. Lilly.

Logistics

- Students will be tested and held in the Field House for up to 45 minutes.
- · COVID testing will be in-dorm for boarders twice each week. Dorms will receive testing supplies monthly.

By JESSICA HUANG, SAFIRA SCHIOWITZ, ELLIE ANA SPERANTSAS and ELINA YANG

The Academy created a new academic schedule for the upcoming spring term, altering its current remote model to accomodate in-person classes.

Otto Do/The Exonian Most notably, the new schedule eliminates the G and H format evening class blocks. The schedule consists of a two-week cycle, each with formats

Community Reflects on Anti-Racist Workshops

By SELIM KIM, EMI LEVINE and CLARK WU

Students and faculty gave praise and raised concerns in a schoolwide survey on the anti-racist mini-courses. After receiving feedback, workshop facilitators met on Jan. 27 to revise the program before the second session's launch on Feb. 17.

In a Jan. 22 email to course facilitators, Director of Equity and Inclusion Stephanie Bramlett disseminated student feedback from a Jan. 14 schoolwide reflection survey. According to Bramlett, the 245 students who responded rated their mini-courses on average eight out of ten points.

Overall, students "love[d] the facilitators, mixed grade sections and topics, [and] showed interest in the materials and remained engaged," Bramlett wrote.

"The facilitators are being asked to do a job that people base their entire livelihood off of for free, and expected to do an excellent job of it," upper Charles Falivena said. "The design in itself I find to be a bit flawed—I believe that the best anti-racist work is done by the self, but I suppose the trick there is getting people to actually do that work themselves."

"People need to realize that the Academy cannot be anti-racist for them, they have to put that work in themselves," Falivena added. "The workshops should not be seen as the end all be all of solutions to the chronic illness known as racism that's plagued this school for its entire existence; rather, they should be seen as a springboard to other anti-racist resources."

Lower Anish Mudide, who served as a facilitator for "A Vision of Justice: How Art Opens Eyes, Touches Hearts, and Transforms Society," expressed concern for the varying levels of participation among student participants. "[After joining,] no one is courageous enough to be the first one to turn on their camera, so we end up keeping them off," Mudide said.

"This turns the course into something 'second-class,'

"After the February break, there are 18 weeks

SCHEDULE, 2

less important than, say, their German class where they are being graded," Mudide continued. "This pits anti-racism as something of less importance than their typical subject, when, in fact, the reality is the opposite."

Prep facilitator Finn Tronnes also noted how students tended to be more active in activities outside of Zoom, rather than in discussions. "We found that the students and faculty... were much more engaged and shared a lot more writing their thoughts down rather than sharing in a big group... We cut down on the group discussion time and just had people put all of their ideas or questions in a shared Google doc, anonymously," he said. "We just communicated more that way because it just seemed like people could articulate better."

Upper student facilitator Kaylee Bennett recommended organizing students into small-

ANTI-RACISM, 3

- Students will continue to use a symptom checker.
- Day students will receive testing supplies monthly with designated drop-off times.
- March student arrivals will be provided with delivered meals and supervised outdoor activities.
- Most classes will be in-person barring medical exceptions.
- Students will be assigned seats.
- Adjacent students will be considered close contacts of each other.
- · Rooms will have capacity limits to potentially allow for in-person club meetings.
- Campus will open up to "November levels" after seven-day "hard quarantine," where buildings will be mostly closed.
- Exeter students are phase 1B for vaccines, while teachers are 1A.
- COVID vaccine likely required for next year barring religious and medical exceptions.

Athletics

- Intra-team competitions are scheduled for weekends in the winter.
- · Possibility that teams may compete with schools north of Exeter.
- Team competitions will be held at the same time on weekends.
- · Regulations for sports will mirror November protocols.

Social

- "Living rooms" will be provided in the following gym spaces:
 - Room with wooden floors.
 - · Outside squash courts.
 - Third floor.
- The town will not be open.

Events and Food

- · Ordering opens after the seven-day quarantine.
- Grainger Auditorium is to be converted to a dining hall.
 - Run by catering company
 - Different menu
- Grill will
 - Continue protein tent
 - Offer purchasable products
- · Coffee house and Field House games will be weekly events.

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Spring Schedule Announced Cont.

Jonathan Chen, currently before the end of school. work the night before my Within that time, there will living in California, said. classes [with the current be a brief break between "I also like that we won't schedule]

terms, but not the extendbe having asynchronous Lower Enzo Nakornsri ed break to which we are classes and more in-person from Bangkok, Thailand accustomed." Director of classes. sleeps from 10 a.m. to 6 Studies Scott Saltman said. N. Chen found asynchrop.m. and does his home-"Those Wednesdays are nous blocks to be inconvework throughout the night. to provide a regular break nient. "For students living Despite having to shift his in the rhythm every other in East Asian time zones, daily routine to fit the time week for rest and reflecthis block occurs 40 minzone, Nakornsri said, "I betion. utes past midnight, which lieve this term's timetable "I feel like if you have can be a little bit difficult would accommodate me a long period of free time, incredibly well regardless, to manage. then you're not very proensuring I get an appropri-For many, the removal ductive. If I had a free day ate amount of sleep.' of evening classes has been in the middle of the week, However, the lack of a cause for celebration. "I then it would make me prefer to have all my classevening classes could nega lot less stressed for the es before I have sports atively impact internationother four days. I would be because then you're done al students, forcing them to able to spread out my work with that," upper Keona take classes late at night. better," upper Allison Kim Edwards said. "Having classes that early said. "I think that reduced in the morning forces peo-"It leaves more time stress during the week will ple around my time zone for me to do homework at make up for not having a go nocturnal," lower night and to not have stress long period of relaxation.' Franklin Chow from Hong or rush having class soon "I don't know how to feel Kong said. "For students after sports practices and about no Wednesday classoutside of the EST time club meetings," J. Chen es because they [might] zone, having classes after added midnight might completeincrease the workload on Upper Liza McMahan other days of the week," ly ruin their daily schedule agreed, adding, "Having upper Nicholas Chen from and health. to get yourself back into a

Taipei explained. "school mode" after a few In terms of morning hours of relaxation is extimes, the new schedule tremely difficult and hard opens earliest at 8 a.m., and to keep consistent." includes TLR, denoting "Not only does it [the tender love care sessions. new schedule] give you "I'm not a morning permore time to do homeson, so having to wake up work, but it gives you more at 7 a.m. my time sucks, but time to spread it out," up-I don't think the Academy per Aletheia Zou said. "I'm could have made the schedin Asia, so it means that I ule any better to accommohave to do all my homedate all time zones," prep

WEEK 2

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2:30-3:20	F	F		F	F
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Others questioned the practicality of COVID-re-Lower Maggie Chang stricted in-person classes. from Taipei noted the challenges the new schedule "I heard [in-person classes could pose for her. "The last term] were really hard field trips and having because you couldn't hear people with all the plexi no evening classes push glass and the masks," Kim classes to end later-D2/ said. "I feel like it's not B2 starts at 12:30 a.m. for worth the hassle and the me," she said. "Having classes this late would porisk. I really like being on campus, so I'm fine with tentially impact my perforbeing on campus even mance and it's also bad for without having in-person mv health.

classes." with an upperclassman mentor," ISO Student Co-The Academy hosted a ordinator Jennifer Smith Zoom session for new in-"Students will be ternational students who added. receiving an email with will be arriving on campus these resources listed from for the first time. This virme prior to travel." tual session informed stu-

dents of what their experi-"We are still working on ence on campus might look how we will provide a suitlike during the pandemic. able program for remote students, particularly those "As we did have ISO [International Student Orin distant time zones. Saltman said ganization] leaders for the fall, students may be paired

Biology Research Course (BIO 670) Altered

By ELLA BRADY, SHEALA IACOBUCCI. **ANVI BHATE**

volve following a three spring term, applications Fourteen seniors and 13 disappointing that only "I think senior priority generation fly crossing were due on Jan. 20, and uppers applied. Selection about a quarter of the ap- makes sense... uppers will program, dissecting fly featured a problem cover- of the final six students plicants will be accepted have a chance next year," will be based on appliantibody

attendance this term to **Student Restrictions Lifted**

By ALIA BONANNO, **DAVID CHEN and MAYA COHEN**

able to check in with stu-The Academy altered student absences proto cols due to the schoolwide switch to remote learning. According to Dean of Student Health and Well-'And. ness Johnny Griffith, who serves on the Attendance Committee, the Academy will notify parents when students receive two unexcused absences, as opposed to the traditional four. Coaches and teachers are also now required to submit absences on the same day they occur, instead of at the end of the

"We have enacted these two changes so that we know more quickly when while school is remote. absences occur, so we are

dents more quickly and hopefully provide support before students accrue an excessive number of absences," Griffith said. parents/guardians know more quickly about absences and can help provide the support students need while they are home and not here on campus and can be in touch with us so that we can work together.' In previous years, students have served restrictions after accumulating four unexcused absences.

Now, although academic

records still reflect all accrued absences, students will not serve restrictions

Attendance committee

member Cooper Walshe

explained that, "we didn't

want people to come back

to campus and have re-

strictions as soon as they

got back. We thought that

it'd be better for their

mental health that they

Walshe emphasized that

the committee was work-

ing to accommodate stu-

dent needs with the new

policies. "We're not just

there to handle restric-

tions. We're also there to

talk people through the

[could] start fresh."

make sure that people aren't falling off the wag-Griffith noted that stu-

up too well to the expec-Post-graduate Claire tations for students here,' Wiest expressed that some Wiest said. teachers did not recognize

Griffith said.

to be in touch with me,"

"I think it's a combidents can clear absences or did not understand the if a parent or guardian challenges she had to connation of people being front. "I had four sinus contacts either the health unprepared for any illcenter or the Dean of Stuinfections in a month and ness because we're all so many health center visits, dents office. If a technical separated all the time and issue resulted in the stuand teachers did not seem no one being able to tell dent's inability to attend prepared to deal with when someone is actualclass, teachers can also it, [such as] one teachly sick because nothing's

vouch to clear absences. er taking personal issue in-person," Wiest said. with my illness. By that. "It is important for stu-"The most important I mean teachers would exdents to know that teachthing for us is that we pect me to either particidon't view [the revised ers are asked not to 'expate or just skip the class, cuse' absences and cannot policy] as a punishment; which I didn't want to do do so once an absence has we view it more as help because I didn't want to been recorded. Once a [to] guide people back on get too behind," she said. student has been issued an track and to get them back absence, they should be "I've also struggled in class... to make the in touch with me if they with absences for the most of their Exeter edubelieve the absence was entire time I've been in cation because it's really high school (8th grade - valuable, and shouldn't reported in error, or they can check in with their PG year) so I am used to [be] taken for granted,'

week

she said.

process," he said. "We're taking more interest in

teacher and then, if appromissing a lot of school Walshe said priate, ask their teacher and have found ways to

Community Reflects on Anti-Racist Workshops Cont.

er groups. Smaller spaces, she to microaggressions," Moore time during three 45 minute Black kids or the Asian kids or "There are some growing will also aim to increase the Hispanic kids, we don't need believed, would be more consaid. "Just 15 more minutes courses to really examine our pains.' I've definitely made a use of Breakout Rooms until ducive to productive conversaper session would spark more role in these systems from evto be taught every single five lot of mistakes when planning the possibility of an in-person tion. "If we have 10 or fewer conversation." eryone's different positionality days, when it's already in our the classes and in the way that environment is available. people in a 'mini-course,' it'll I've led individual classes.' and our role as a campus comface. "My group had just hit a Yet, Marion expressed that be a closer, more tight-knit munity in these systems," she Prep Colin Maloney apprebreak-through point in the In conversation with the the journey to being an ancommunity where you feel third session," History Insaid ciated the students and facfeedback from the survey, ti-racist institution is still far like you can actually share," structor and facilitator Alexa Bennett advised future ulty who organized and led Bramlett, the design team and from over. "...we have to take Caldwell said. "While I get courses to find a balance in anti-racist programming. "I the facilitators have begun to off the rose colored glasses the intention behind making think the facilitators were very English instructor and factheir conversations about race. plan the second mini-course and see ourselves for who we ulty facilitator Becky Moore the schedule the way it is, the "Sometimes it might be a little well prepared," Maloney said. sessions. According to Bramare and see that we need somehoped for longer sessions. students were just beginning to overload for people of color," lett, facilitators will likely stay "They have interesting content thing more than this and that feel more comfortable engagthat is often thought provoking "I've already learned a lotshe added. "The school is with their original teams and we needed something more drilling race into every single be more aware of setting up ing and discussing with each and helpful in creating a narracourses. Anti-Racist Work than this decades upon deteam introductions to include other, and now it is over.' subject that there's nowhere I tive of anti-racism" Group 1, which normally takes cades ago...These courses are racial and ethnic identities, for place at 8:10 a.m. EST, will can escape to. Yes, you can tell not the answer. They're like Senior facilitator Ana Mari-As a facilitator, Lumala notunderstanding the multi-dithe white kids: don't be racist, also be adjusted to a "friendthe first micro baby step.' on had similar thoughts. "I just ed that he is still learning to mensionality of the commudon't think that there's enough don't use microaggressions, lier' time starting in spring navigate conversations of race. nity to build greater sensitivity don't be ignorant... But for the term. The courses themselves

Candidate and low- more voice they have in

er Yifei Zhao shared his the candidates. Not rank-

motivation for running, ing past a certain number

"As a student member [of acts like a "no" vote for

CCC Candidates to Campaign Virtually

By TUCKER GIBBS, discouraged from cam-LILY HAGGE, paigning until Feb. 8. "We don't want an overly ATISHAY JAIN, ANNA **KIM, ERIN SACKEY** long campaigning season,

their perspectives in a fair via Dropbox. and equitable fashion. "After reviewing these, In addition, Dean of committee members have Residential Life Carol the option to send any

a student's transcripts,

teacher comments and miscellaneous statements. Resources are now shared

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                          help in future years, this
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Anne Rankin said, "This
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this year senior Jaekeb Harper said. The application pro-BIO670 students are cess was met with mixed traditionally offered the opinions. "I do wish that opportunity to undertake factors other than age summer internships at would be considered, es-Stanford. However, no internships will be offered pecially if the reason for prioritizing seniors is to this year. allow everyone to gain Given the novelty of the some research experi-

experiment, Rankin was ence," upper Tanya Das open to a wide range of said. "Ultimately, no facpotential outcomes. "We tors outside of school are celebrate building resilconsidered, and we don't ience and failing forward, have the opportunity to but I am wondering how provide a written state-I am going to feel if this ment explaining why we project does not work at personally would want to all," Rankin said. "This is participate in the course, a very real possibility and both of which I think are I hope I am ready for it!" important.

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mately, the hope is that teachto sports and dining halls.' ers and students can work "I think for a lot of students together to achieve the best taking classes from home has possible experience given the been very emotionally draincircumstances.' ing because it forces us to take on more responsibilities with-Many seniors expressed their desire to be on campus in our families or communities while simultaneously for their last term at Exeter. "The Dunbar [dorm] commutrying to balance Exeter comnity has also played such an mitments." lower Montana important role in my Exeter Dickerson said experience, and I wouldn't Time zones were an imwant to miss out on that portant deciding factor for during my last year here," semany international students. nior Sarah Huang said. 'Winter term thus far hasn't Lower Sofia Morais embeen particularly fun because phasized the lack of oppor-I'm 13 hours ahead of the East tunities for social interaction Coast, meaning I'm taking on a virtual platform. "I knew my classes late at night and I wanted to return to campus first thing in the morning, so I'm looking forward to living as soon as possible, since I missed seeing my friends in on a more 'normal' schedule," person everyday-Facetime prep Rex Bedwick said. just isn't the same," Morais "I experienced fall term in said. "I haven't been leaving a time zone that is 12 hours the house much since I've ahead of EST. Being active tina, quarantine there for two been home, and I miss being weeks, wait 48 more hours for in various activities such as

able to walk around campus

sports, music and clubs has ministered at the end of quarbeen difficult. That was when antine, and then fly to Logan." I made my decision to get on Senior Haruka Masamura, campus as soon as I could," from New Zealand, highlightprep Gunn Sukhum from ed potential travel complica-Thailand said. tions. "There's only one flight "As an international stuevery three or four days. It dent with most of my friends might be a little difficult beliving in the US, I feel quite cause I'm going to have laydisconnected during remote overs that are super long and I learning," lower and Hong think there's only one day for me to arrive on [March 20]. Kong resident Jackie Wood Because of the fewer flights said I think it'll be better if there's Some international students are anticipating difficult more flexibility around when we can arrive." Masamura returns due to travel procesaid dures. "As a student returning from a country [Brasil] from As a domestic student, Mowhich direct flights to the US rais expressed reservations have been cancelled, I have about safety protocols within the United States. "I'm a to quarantine for 14 days in a different country before comlittle concerned about going ing to the US," upper Pedro through the airport, since cas-Coelho said. "My family is es have been rising and a lot planning on flying to Argenof people seem to be more

the results of a PCR test ad- worried about sitting very

relaxed about traveling now,"

Morais said. "I'm also a bit

close to people on the plane, Amin acknowledges that travsince the last time I flew to eling in a pandemic has unde-Exeter for fall term I was on a niable risks, Amin believed completely full flight." that "the Academy is already doing a great job prioritizing "I hope the [bus] driver everyone's health and safety." brings extra PPE or the school places PPE within the vans,' "While there are some in senior Seth Amofa said. "Obour community who may not viously, we want to maintain be comfortable with the plan social distancing and try to to bring everyone back, or follow the guidelines." who cannot be in person due to being high-risk, we proved Rankin's concerns over the in the fall that it is possible to community's safety stemmed be in our community and be from the presence of the new COVID-19 variant. "I am safe for the majority of us," Soucy said. "We all need to preparing myself mentally do our part (masks, social for this by recognizing that distance, wash hands) and the same public health prowhat we are comfortable with tocols will work against the for our own health. And I am new variants." Rankin said hopeful that the vaccine will "Higher transmissibility varibe available soon so we can ants just mean that each of us be even more confident in our needs to be even more attenability to re-join on campus tive to these protocols: wash together. hands, wear a mask and maintain physical distance." Although prep Vedika

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 Elections for the Com-
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remotely from Feb. 15 to
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16. Student Council an-
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nounced official candi-
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dates Gracie Kevt. Drew
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                          Pelzer said. "They [the
                                                     be able to put themselves
                                                                               Guite, Seth Amofa and
Smith, Andy Horrigan,
                                                                                                          stances," CCC member
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                                                     into others' shoes and
                          votes] will be counted
                                                                               uppers Tasmiah Akter,
Sachin Schetty, Sarah
                                                                                                          and upper Tasmiah Akter
                                                                                                                                    learned from the files, ask
                          much more quickly." The
                                                     understand their motiva-
                                                                               Toby Chan, Zander Galli
                                                                                                          said. "The most common
Stein, Jack O'Brien, Hen-
                                                                                                                                     questions, [and] ponder,'
                                                                               and Alexandria Westray.
ry Liu, Lexi Pelzer, Jolie
                          top eight students with
                                                     tions, since we are all stu-
                                                                                                          cause for a meeting over
                                                                                                                                    Akter said.
                          the most votes will be in-
                                                     dents ourselves.'
Ng, Asha Bryant and Yi-
                                                                                  (CCC) has adapted to
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                          terviewed by the current
fei Zhao, who are current
                                                      Preston emphasized the
                                                                               remote school through the
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lowers, on Jan. 26. The
                          CCC committee, who will
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                                                     importance of informed
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                          select as many students as
                                                                               asynchronous participa-
campaigning process be-
                                                     voting. "Voters will need
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                          they wish.
gan upon the announce-
                                                     to think about their pref-
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                                                                                                                                     take a really long time
                            Applications for the
ment, and will continue
                                                    erences before they vote
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until the day of the elec-
                          CCC candidates were due
                                                     and think about how they
                                                                               21 Student Guidebook,
                                                                                                          dent to pass or fail their
                                                                                                                                     in real life) but we're all
tion.
                          at noon on Jan. 26, and
                                                     want to rank their favored
                                                                               "The adaptations... will
                                                                                                          review
                                                                                                                                     happy to put the time and
                          official CCC candidates
                                                     candidates," he said.
 According to Elections
                                                                               allow students who have
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Committee co-head Char-
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were announced in Stu-
                          "Voters should rank as
                                                    business with the CCC
                                                                              members typically receive
                                                                                                        ing through," Akter said.
dent Council the same
                          much as they care to - the
                                                    to asynchronously share a physical file containing
night
                          more names they rank, the
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Grading Guidelines Accomodate Remote Learning

By LEELA GANDHI, KAYLEE CHEN and MICHAEL YANG

zone

everyone has an equitable

lie Preston, candidates are

learning experience due tumult of home life." to circumstances that are out of the school's con-

deadlines "because of the it's to try to give students some more structure that they're keeping up from As a working student, trol, but we certainly reclower Val Whitten has

previous terms. "In part,

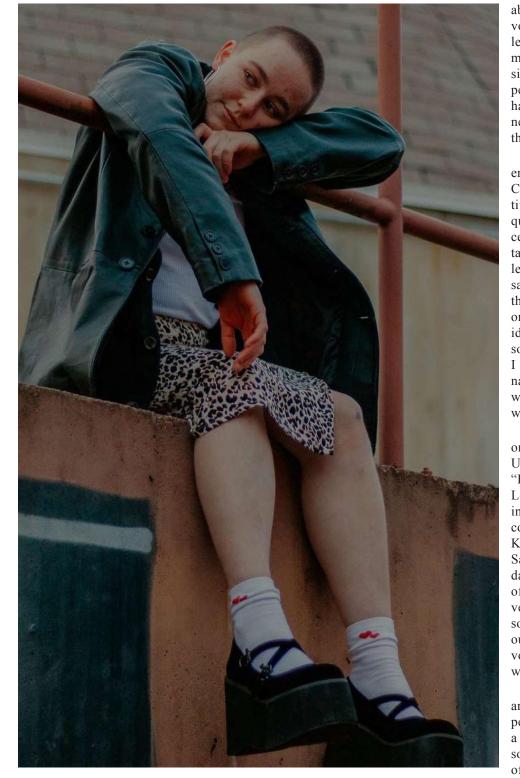
day to day," Langford ognize that students are said. "I think also it's to learned to simultane-Instructors have altered learning in very different try to balance out not havously handle a job and their means of assessment environments from one ing as many tests that you schoolwork. Although she as well as their gradanother." have to take in Canvas, noted that assignments ing guidelines, after the can "stack up," Whitten which I think a lot of peo-Academy's second term Senior Joe Laufer found ple find pretty cumberdoesn't "feel like having a online. The revised guidenew difficulty in staying organized. "A lot of some to do. job affects [assignments] lines aim to take into ac-Math Instructor Gwyntoo much. If teachers assignments are asyncount the unique ways in neth Coogan opted out of chronous and so there is want to meet during my which the virtual term has shift times, it makes it more planning that has testing altogether. "One affected students. Timedifficult, but I always finto be done on my part. downside for me [in testaccommodations On top of that, since we ish my work before my ing] is that I don't have also prioritized counselor are home, for me at least shifts a lot of wiggle room to and advisory meetings there are more distrac-Latin Instructor Paul really challenge the stu-Dean of Academic Aftions from work," Laufer Langford placed more dents because I have to fairs Laura Marshall said, worry that not being able said. He also mentioned "it is not possible for the weight on quizzes and that his teachers have to answer a question on a homework grades than Academy to 'ensure' that been more lenient with test might hurt their grade

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too much," Coogan said.
                          Guthrie said. "In-class
Coogan currently assess- tests are more difficult be-
es students with weekly
                          cause of the limited time
ten-point quizzes, Canvas
                          and the fact that they're
discussions and hand-ins.
                           over Zoom. Because it's
                           online, you have to worry
  The lack of labs and
                           about internet connection
field trips posed the great-
                           and computer issues and
est challenge for Science
                           what if your work is de-
Instructor Albert Leger.
                           leted before you save it?'
He noted, however, that
asynchronous testing was
                             In the face of all of these
a favorable change. "We
                           challenges, Coogan has
like the fact that the as-
                           changed her perspective.
sessment is on your own
                           "The disruption to what
time," he said.
                           we normally do has made
  Some students appreci-
                          us look for other ways
                           to solve this problem of
ated the convenience of
                           assessing learning, and
asynchronous testing. "I
find take-home tests pret-
                           I think that the basis for
                           doing that is wanting to
ty manageable, and enjoy
the ability to control when
                           create an equitable envi-
                           ronment for everybody.'
I do them," prep Tallis
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Senior Of The Week: Sam Chalmers



Courtesy of Chalmers concluded

By MAYA COHEN and developed a love for guian uplifting opportunity. Friend and senior Zoë HANNAH PARK "Recording [UnSilenced] tar, dabbling with the cel-Barron described hearing and being aware of the lo and harp in spare time. Chalmers sing for the first

fact that I'm opening my-"I now have two guitars. time. "I imagined that's friend and senior Valen-The love and support Sam Chalmers' room self up in a new way to And now [guitar is] my what it sounds like to tina Rogers said. "You that Chalmers radiates was steeped in afternoon main instrument and my walk through the gates of can spot Sam from a mile neople was very exciting " doesn't go unnoticed blushing the beig Chalmers said. "I felt like favorite to play." Chalm-Heaven," Barron said. away, and they embrace Upper Janessa Vargas, toned walls with an orwas finally ready for ers said. that. Not many people can Chalmer's best friend, Physics Instructor Taange luster. With a crimit... it was an honor [besaid that "Some of my "As a guitarist, Sam pull that off. son guitar strap pressed tiana Waterman praised cause] I didn't expect to best memories with Sam "It's been really cool to close, Chalmers sang "I has developed at an ex-Chalmer as well, exclaimbe asked to perform for are when they made me watch Sam find the inner Bet on Losing Dogs" by traordinary pace over the ing: "What a voice!" UnSilenced, [and] it's so get out of a studying hole. years that I have known Chalmers attributed Mitski. They filled the beauty most people are cool that I was able to do and we would trek out to them," Chalmer's guitar still searching for," Rognext 45 seconds with their intellectual "spark" that my senior year." the woods to sing at suntheir raw, powerful voice instructor Eric Sinclair to an Existentialism ers continued. Chalmer's affinity for mixed with deep bass said. "Sam has come a rise. course they took in their Advisor and Dorm Head music has always played very long way from their "Sam has a unique way notes of their acoustic of Kirtland House Courtupper fall. Looking fora central role in their life. first gig doing an acoustic ward, Chalmers hopes of seeing the world, one guitar, serenading the Exney Marshall agreed. They have experimented guitar and vocals rendithat entails seeing all the to continue their educaeter community during "Sam has an ability to with a variety of instrution of 'What's Up' by 4 this year's UnSilenced good in people before tion at an institution that see people having simiments, beginning with Non Blondes at an EAR equally caters to their their flaws," Vargas said. virtual performance. lar challenges and offers piano at the age of four. Acoustic Show." "We need more people "creative passions and inthemselves up as a role Performing at UnSi-Since then, Chalmers has Sinclair also noted, that are as kind as Sam.' model," Marshall said. lenced for Chalmers was tellectual curiosities."

"I want to study phi-"My favorite thing about As a proctor of Kirtland losophy or social justice House, Chalmers said, Sam is how enthusiastic they are: about making or something like that," "It's been very interest-Chalmers said. "I want to ing to go from being the music, listening to music, discovering new artists figure out how I can be a recipient of the love fosand songs, working on a musician and incorporate tered in my dorm to the new song, being finally all these cool things that one who fosters or helps able to play and sing a fa- I like... whether it's my foster that kind of envivorite song. In their guitar music or the way that I ronment

lessons, Sam has taught talk about my music." Outside of their dorm, me about many fine mu-Chalmers is unapolo-Chalmers continues to sicians, songwriters and getically themself, and be a supportive presence. performers that I would their authenticity has a ra-"As a day student, it has have otherwise probably dial force. "It has always been harder and longer to never discovered; and for seemed to me that Sam believe myself part of the that I am most grateful." Exeter community." Barhas always been Sam and Chalmer's cello teachthat, to me, is what has bour said. "But being in er Mina Kim appreciated made Sam an important Sam's community, or even Chalmer's natural inquisipart of the Exeter Compresence, exists beyond the Exeter bubble and has tiveness. "Sam asks many munity," Sinclair said. questions to improve their countless times made me Chalmer's friend and cello plaving, but never forget my isolation." fellow senior Claire Bartakes the answers mindbour recalled a time when Additionally, others aplessly at face-value," Kim Sam performed their mupreciate Chalmers' willsaid. "They know what sic for Barbour in the ingness to always help they want to improve Phelps Science Center one their friends overcome on and have a concrete night. "In front of random obstacles. "Whenever I idea of what they want to people playing ping-pong. got discouraged this past sound like. In that sense, I sat on the floor in front fall term, Sam invited me I always think that Sam is of the stage and Sam perto sit with them on the naturally an original artist formed their song at the Kirtland House porch and who has a clear vision of top of their lungs in front chat while we enjoyed who they are.' of everyone, but just for hot chocolate together,"

Kim also praised the me," Barbour said. "Sam Rogers said. "They just originality of Chalmer's is an endlessly fearless listened to me complain UnSilenced performance. about whatever problems person "I find Sam's 'I Bet on I was having, regardless One of Chalmer's most Losing Dogs' very origof how meaningless those prominent attributes is inal, even though it is a problems might've been. their outward self-exprescover of Mitski's song,' It takes a special kind of sion, according to Barron. Kim said. "I loved how friend to do that." "I got my first glimpse

Upper Lindsay Mach-Sam's voice adds more of their killer style and darkness to the timbre ado reflected on working immediately thought to of the song, and the remyself, 'OMG I need to with Chalmers at the Exverb and repeating guitar be their best friend one eter Exchange, the Acadsound created a mysteriday." Faculty and peers emy's student-run thrift ous atmosphere for their alike have noted their store which they co-head voice, which I thought colorful pants, shaved together. "We would be so worked very well." head, and selflessness as tired going through piles

"Sam is an authentic of clothes that hadn't trademark features. "Peoartist, and I thought this ple say I have a fashion been touched in years, performance was beyond sense," Chalmers said. "I and I would look up to a cover of someone's just wear what I want." them modeling the ugliest song, but was an original graphic shirt I had ever "Sam has always of Sam Chalmers'," Kim seen and the job wouldn't pushed the boundaries of seem so bad. I don't know expression, and, through

how I'm going to run it their own self-discovery, encouraged others to without Sam, but they're definitely irreplaceable." do the same," Chalmer's

Are Clubs Meeting?

meeting time [occurs]

By JACOUELINE LUQUE

religious commitments. This time in general, es-In a normal year, Expecially when we are off eter boasts over a huncampus, is just really indred student-run clubs convenient. and activities, but since As a result of these the COVID-19 pandemic, timezone issues, fewer life at Exeter has proven people are attending their to be anything but norclub meetings. Environmal. Many clubs have mental Proctors comgone temporarily inactive batted this challenge by due to the difficulties of teaming up with another continuing pre-pandemic club, Environmental Acactivities and participation Committee (EAC) tion levels with the lim-This optimized club time itations of COVID-19 by combining into one guidelines. Now, only a organization and choosfraction of clubs are still ing to meet synchronousoperating, and even less ly bi-weekly as they work are able to meet synchrotowards the creation of an nously this term as the environmental advocacy full student body remains website. "E-Proctor and remote, scattered across EAC co-heads focused multiple continents. on inclusivity when or-"It's nearly impossible ganizing our agenda for to accommodate all time the term." Monge added. zones." co-head of Envi-"We wanted to accommoronmental Proctors and date both those who can senior Malia Monge said. make the Zoom meeting Upper and co-head of and especially those who Students Demand Accan't.' tion (SDA) and Exo-Many clubs have also nians Against Sexual Aschanged the content of portunity by attending sault (EASA) Ana Casey agreed. "Our assigned

when some people have a difficult situation. Co- would have been normalhead of Exeter Pinoy ly hosted in California, Society and lower Grace Texas, North Dakota, Nivera said, "although etc. This has given our the in-person experience team a lot more expericannot truly be replicatence competing on the ed online, we have tried national circuit and more to come up with creative opportunities to qualify for national debate toursolutions to replace it. During some meetings, naments" co-heads and we actually screen Filseniors Albert Chu and ipino movies through Kilin Tang said. platforms such as Net-SDA experiences simflix Party and Watchparty ilar benefits, according (and Zoom screen share to Ana. "Having all these sometimes)." she added. events online through "We find that these are zoom makes them more great tools to keep club accessible to people." attendees engaged and she said. "So for me, I've excited." definitely been able to In some ways, the new hear more people speak remote platform has been than I would in a normal beneficial for clubs. For vear. the Exeter Forensics Newer clubs have used Team, remote learning the time away from camhas opened numerous pus to focus on their ex-

windows of opportuni-

ty because of the lack of

geographical and finan-

cial restrictions. "Now

that every tournament

en advantage of that op-

dismantle those systems.

Ardura is "super dedicated

co-facilitator

to creating positive change

is online, we have tak-

pansion and growth in

to make the best out of throughout the year that on what we want the fu- other," said upper Diwuture of EOPS to look ra Adesanya, co-head of like," upper Alexander African Students Associ-Kermath, co-head of Exation (ASA). "There are eter Off Planet Society a lot of things we would (EOPS), said. "We have have liked to do but are found ways to turn these not able to do because of setbacks into opportu-COVID." nities to push forward," Some clubs can't even Kermath said. operate during remote Similarly, co-heads of learning or meet as reg-

> ularly on campus with Standup Exeter senior Adith Reddi and upper COVID-19 guidelines. Sava Thurber have been "Our club mainly does working towards the fuin-person demonstrations ture of their club. "We and experiments. Behave looked a little bit cause of the quarantine more towards getting a period at the beginning broader scope of humor of the school year, we at Exeter," they said. were only able to hold "With expanding, there one meeting" co-head of are some other things Chemistry club and upper that we have to consider. Neil Chowdhury said.

> especially with anti-rac-It is clear that the shift ism, as right now we are to remote learning has rewriting our club statehad its effect on extracurriculars, whether that Despite the efforts of be the activities that are

years to come. "We have co-heads to make everyable to be completed or been able to work hardthing seem as normal as the feeling of community possible, nothing can reer than ever to organize within the club itself. Aclong term projects such place the environment cording to Nivera. "Zoom of meeting on campus. as building a food comin no way compares to puter or launching a real "It's harder to connect the comradery you ex-Cube Satellite. It also with people while being perience when you're regular meetings to try much more tournaments gave us time to reflect farther away from each in-person."

Faculty Of The Week: Diego Ardura

By JETT GOETZ, heritage to the classroom. ANJALI FRARY, ARIA Reichlin agreed, commenting SCANNELL and NURPUR that "Señor Ardura is a **MALHOTRA**

to have him."

new every day, either from

creative teacher bringing his in this school which is extensive knowledge of Spain something I think the school and Latin America to his needs more of," according "As a classroom teacher, students." to Alexa Murat, Ardura's dorm head of Ewald and girls anti-racist In Ardura's Spanish varsity soccer coach, Señor class, every class "is a new "He makes students feel Ardura brings that invaluable comfortable and welcomed experience, and he brings 'triple threat' to PEA," a new level of enthusiasm into our discussions.' Spanish Instructor Paolo Reichlin said. "We are lucky each time," according to prep Ardura is also the assistant Ethan Jha. "I would say that Since Spanish Instructor

coach of the girls varsity although I haven't had many soccer team. "He brings so teachers yet, Mr. Ardura is much passion and matches Diego Ardura first came one of my favorites, and I am to Exeter in 2019, he my excitement to be out there looking forward to having on the soccer field. He has enjoyed connecting with more classes with him." a wealth of knowledge and the community around Upper Michael Popik, who experience, he can coach all him every day. "I have the has been Ardura's student for positions, and he can play!" feeling I learn something



Matter Magazine: Why Is COVID-19 So Hard To Beat?

By KRISH PATEL

cates. Coronaviruses tend health effects, etc.) could number... is an epidemito mutate slower than arise

most other viruses due COVID-19 has dramatto a built-in proofreading ically altered the Exeter mechanism that corrects experience: remote learnthese errors, called nucleing, cancelled trips, Zoom ic acid polymerase. Coro-Harkness tables, socially naviruses have a specifdistanced dorm events ic form of polymerase and more. Back when the called RNA-dependent pandemic emerged, even RNA polymerase (RdRP). experts suggested that RdRP is responsible for our global predicament catalyzing the replication would be over in a matter of the virus' RNA, while of months. But now, with also verifying that the the hope vaccines bring, correct nucleic acid base why might COVID-19 pairs are present in their still be a threat? Let's designated locations. take a look at the virus itself, and why it's so good However, despite these mechanisms, errors are at keeping us locked inevitable. RdRP away at home, wearing the strange combination sometimes allow RNA to replicate irreguof nice shirts and pajama larly, accumulating muenthusiastically pants, tations. For most of the waving to laptop screens. time, these changes are

SARS-CoV-2, minute, but if particular like all viruses, mutates base pairs of the RNA all the time. Mutations are altered, a competitive are genetic errors that a advantage (e.g. increased virus incurs when it repliinfection rate, increased

For SARS-CoV-2, mudescribe the contagiousness or transmissibility tations have been arising of infectious agents." since its origin. However, Several studies gave because changes with sig-SARS-CoV-2 an R-value nificant effects are rare, of around 0.86, whereas we have only recently variant B. 1.1.7 has the identified certain variants that have prevailed. more concerning R-value of around 1.38. With As of now, there are this rating, variant B. three major coronavirus 1.38 can potentially douvariants: variant B. 1.1.7 ble the number of cases (which originated in the in a population in only United Kingdom), varinine days, as compared to ant 1.351 (which orig-SARS-CoV-2's 30+ days. inated in South Africa) Variant B. 1.1.7 origiand variant P.1 (which originated in Brazil). nated months before its counterparts, and there-Even though each variant fore has spread further can has attributes that make it the around the globe. The superior to SARS-CoV-2, other variants are still the pulmonary impacts

somewhat localized to remain similar. The actuspecific regions, and with al cause for these viruses' the growing number of differences is the Reprotravel restrictions, their ductive Number, dented spread is expected to be reduced. However, cou-According to the CDC,

"The basic reproduction

ological metric used to

variant P.1 contains sets (the creation of a new of additional mutations variant every six months) that would send us back that may affect its ability to be recognized by anti-

to square one. bodies, meaning that the Exonians, remember to grueling work to create stay safe during the pantreatments and vaccines demic both on and off will need to continue. campus. We can optimize Companies like Moderna the scientific advances and Pfizer have already against COVID-19 by begun to work on a vacwashing hands, social cine booster shot to condistancing, and wearing front this issue, although masks, which have been little is known about how scientifically proven to the new variants might slow viral spread. As we impact humans. come back to campus in While vaccine distribujust a short few weeks, tion has generated optifollowing these guidemism for herd immunity lines can keep our community safe and COVIDand a reopening of public spaces, we must refree.

coronavirus remains. As For latest news and inlong as the virus exists in formation on how to help our population, the posprevent the spread of sibility of a new variant COVID-19, please visit threatens to start another the Centers for Disease pandemic. We must en-Control at https://www. cdc.gov

sure serious precautions pled with this glimmer of are taken to prevent a hope is the fact that the cyclical life of the virus

member that the threat of

"His emphasis on speaking my student-athletes or from about topics that are already my colleagues," Ardura said. hard to discuss in English has "Observing my colleagues greatly helped my Spanish doing Harkness, and then development.' bringing those ideas and plans to my classes has been one of Not only is Ardura teaching the most fruitful experiences his Spanish classes, he is in my teaching career." also facilitating an anti-racist course called "Immigration, "The administration trusts Race, and Ethnicity. him and knows he cares about the work he does," Spanish "There are many ideologies Instructor Pedro Fermin that are deeply embedded Perez-Andreu said. into American culture; racism After his second year of teaching is certainly one of them.' at PEA, Ardura was named Ardura told us. "If you want to dorm head of Ewald. understand those ideologies, you need to ... be able to see The students of Ewald our world through the eyes certainly do not disagree. "He and voices of many different always shows he is listening to and diverse people.' understand and to engage with whatever it may be that we Ardura focuses on fostering discuss," prep Will Simpson, an open-minded, engaging one of Ardura's advisees said. environment to explore "He also is a kind spirit, with challenging ideas. He said, "I a clear intent to use his time want my students to be able to help improve everyone's to see the U.S. through the well-being.' eyes of an immigrant, and to

question why certain things caring persona extends far Originally from Spain. are the way they are, and then beyond the pitch. "Diego is Ardura brings his culture and

Book Review: Bad Feminist

old.

By DIRECTOR OF was also my initial qualm WRITING ANYA TANG with the book: Gay's writing style. Gay discusses and

explores feminism in stories Bad Feminist is intimate. about her life while making In her collection of essays, unconventional writing choicauthor Roxane Gay teaches es that reveal her personality readers her experiences with and humanity. For example, navigating feminism while while writing about her expemaintaining a level of vulnerriences playing Scrabble, Gay ability that feels like you're includes up to 30 footnotes, listening to an old friend resome multiple paragraphs count stories. Gay's writing long, that contain additional is accessible, conversational, internal dialogue and contexand frequently ties in pop cultualization about her competture references while also initive Scrabble-playing. For cluding profound insight and me, Gay's decision to include introspection that sticks with footnotes detracted from her her readers long after they've

immersive storytelling and finished the book. left me lost in the message of What makes Bad Femher essay after my first readinist stand out from other through. These decisions apcontemporary feminist reads pear elsewhere in her book

Alexa Caldwell, head coach the past three terms, agreed of the girls varsity soccer team said. "He loves to win just as much as I do.' Caldwell also noted that those who have the opportunity to connect with Ardura appreciate his good-natured manner and compassion. "He brings so much...Energy, enthusiasm, positivity, youth! His sense of humor and positivity are infectious.' Soccer player Lyric Zimmerman agreed, "His best quality as a person, at least in my opinion, is his ability



entire mood," she said. "I've Ardura smiles with his daughter.

lovable guy.'

such as her 13-point listicle I love it. Gay is vulnerable in

titled "How to Be Friends

with Another Woman," which

left me similarly longing for

Gay's deeply-personal story-

telling that appeared in most

After I had finished read-

ing Bad Feminist, however,

I came to understand Gay's

deliberacy with which she

writes her essays: there is

intent in her form, and these

seemingly-arbitrary format-

ting decisions are deeper deci-

sions that let the reader view

womanhood through Gay's

eyes. Her formatting, struc-

ture, and constant stream of

internal dialogue make read-

of her other essays.

also never seen a man place Ardura spends his time history with a very diverse an individual who just exudes more bets on his own penalty warmth and compassion," cheering for the FC Barcelona kicks, and the amusing Reichlin added. "There is an soccer team, immersing disappointment when the ball himself in the humanities expression in Spanish which shoots over the net never gets captures him best, 'Se hace and enjoying walks around auerer.' which translates Ardura's uplifting and roughly to: "he is a really

her writing, and welcomes the

possibility that there will be

disagreement and discussion

Bad Feminist's ability to en-

courage disagreement and de-

viance from the views identi-

fied in the book is what makes

it such an impactful read for

me. For example, Gay's essay

on trigger warnings is titled

"The Illusion of Safety/The

Safety of Illusion." She crit-

icizes trigger warnings, but

does so by informing her writ-

ing with personal experiences

and narratives. In doing so,

Gay creates an essay where

she establishes a powerful

over Bad Feminist.

campus with his voung enjoy the sport is unique for daughter. me," Ardura said. "That's the "Being in a place where I sort of place where I belong!"

and bright group of students,

and then go to the soccer pitch

and coach a group of very

talented players who truly

Outside of the classroom, can chat about literature or

> while also discussing the privfor days before returning to it ilege some have in having acin hour-long bursts, reading cess to professional resourcand re-reading essays to unes. In her essay about trigger derstand the lessons Gay imwarnings, Gay writes of her parts with her writing. Each assertions, "I say this with the time I picked up the book, I understanding that sometimes returned to its introduction, there is not enough help in in which Gay writes, "These the world." Gay never makes essays are political and they are personal. They are, like totalizing claims. There is no theory of power, no dense acfeminism, flawed, but they ademic terminology used in come from a genuine place. an attempt to explain the conam just one woman trying cept of trauma and healing to to make sense of this world readers. Gay never claims to we live in. I'm raising my explain anything. Yet, in her voice to show all the ways vulnerability and deliberacy we have room to want more, of her storytelling, Gay teachto do better." Gay is right: in es us to engage in an ongoing embracing each essay's flaws and intimacy, Bad Feminist discussion with her book and with ourselves about how to is a genuine work of introexplore these difficult parts of spection. In being genuine, in our lives. welcoming vulnerability, Bad Feminist has taught me to Reading Bad Feminist was want more and do better.

ing Bad Feminist a lens to claim that trigger warnings a process of self-reflection: I understand Roxane Gay, and are paternalistic and belittling, constantly put down the book

A Comprehensive Marvel Movie Ranking



By HUMOR EDITOR CHIEKO IMAMURA

BEFORE YOU READ HERE IS A SPOILER ALERT. THIS SPOILER ALERT SHOULD BE **PRINTED BECAUSE** PEOPLE GET REALLY PISSED WHEN MARVEL IS SPOILED. OK COOL.

What started with the first Iron Man movie in 2008 has grown into one of the largest movie franchises. The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) has grown a massive following, totaling three phases, 23 different films, and just about 50 hours of content. Through these films, we've met our fair share of different worlds, heroes and life-destroying forces.

When I was young, I didn't care much for the MCU. I watched the big record setting films but was never interested enough to see everything that Marvel produced. But this led to a lot of confusion and plot holes for me when I first watched Avengers: Infinity War, so I decided to watch all of the MCU films during deeper dive into his journey in time viewers experience quarantine. Since Disney

Power and we witness her from a prince with little make me a little nauseous. All Endgame responsibility to becoming character arc as she is forced in all, I think this was a great to kill Vision. We even got the King of Wakanda and movie with an interesting take on a superhero as Doc Strange to see the commitment of having to navigate what it smaller characters like Groot means to have the lives of all relied much more on brains and Shuri. I'm no special Wakandans on his shoulders. than brawn. His acceptance of help shows effects expert, but I'm sure that doing the visuals for a his strength and willingness 7. THE AVENGERS - First to work together towards movie like Infinity War was collaboration movie of the no simple task. For a movie protecting Wakanda. Fans of MCU definitely made history that is over 90% special Black Panther worldwide were in the franchise and in the incredibly saddened by the effects, it does an amazing whole industry in general. job in communicating worlds news of lead actor Chadwick We see how all these heroes to the audience from Tony's Boseman's passing after a with different motives, causes, cutting edge technology to the long battle with colon cancer. I powers, and even home planets

destruction of NYC. am incredibly relieved to hear work together. The movie also that the MCU are not seeking had a really good villain, Loki, a replacement for future Black CAPTAIN AMERICA: who in himself is a fascinating Panther movies and will let character to watch because CIVIL WAR - This should Boseman's legacy live on in really be considered another of his past as Thor's brother, King T'Challa. Avengers movie because all of our favorite heroes make big appearances. Civil War's 4. IRON MAN - The Original plot is also pretty unique in Film in the MCU, which alone bumps it up pretty comparison to other MCU films. After the destruction high. Here we get to see the left by the battle of Sakovia, beginnings of one of the most Avengers are split on how to intriguing characters of the continue as an organization franchise. We see an arrogant and if they should submit naive multimillionaire CEO

his role in the movie is a book fans, this is the first

wanting to make up for all the Tony's hard work, knack for

thing. SO COOL

and his ambition to prove himself. To me, some of the funniest moments in the MCU also occurred in this movie including but not limited to "puny god," "He's adopted," and "Doth mother know you weareth her drapes?" 8. ANT MAN - Marvel to government control. This of a weapons company has a couple of sub-genres creates a rift between the two change into a (still arrogant) of movies under the big leaders of the Avengers, Iron multimillionaire superhero umbrella of action, but Man and Captain America. who has a new understanding comedy is certainly the one Tony feels the guilty for the of the evils in the world. For they do best. Ant Man is such destruction he's created, and people that are not comic a light hearted movie and

Something about her as a villain was very annoying, and the outcome was predictable 11. AVENGERS: AGE OF and rushed. The movie ULTRON - The second could've been good if they Avengers movie but now delved deeper with the Thor they're battling a droid that and Hulk dynamic on Sakaar Iron Man created. This movie and his relationship with Loki. came out at the height of Avengers fame and one of

15. IRON MAN 3 - Here the few movies that I saw in vou get an interesting take on theaters (granted I was ten and don't remember much). In Age a superhero movie, especially of Ultron we get introduced in the first part where Tony is to the Maximoff twins who battling paranoia and trauma change a lot over the course of from the battle of New York. the movie, as well as Vision, At some point, he is stuck who is arguably one of the in the middle of nowhere, strongest characters of the fixing his suit in a tool shed MCU. Other than character with the help of the cutest introductions and Sokovia little boy I've ever seen. This setting up conflict for the movie relies heavily on Tony rest of the movies, the actual and Pepper's relationship plot and construction just felt which is one of my favorite ships in the MCU. Also the like another shiny superhero last scene where Tony blew movie where they just slapped a mediocre script together up all of his Iron Man suits with eye-catching CGI and was pretty cool. Other than that, Iron Man 3 was another predictable movie, and it was probably a good thing that no 12. CAPTAIN AMERICA:

more independent Iron Man FIRST AVENGER - As the movies were filmed. first Cap America movie,

we got the whole backstory 16 GUARDIANS OF THE and then a battle with Hydra where Cap America flew GALAXY - Honestly the himself into the ice. I mainly specifics aren't incredibly execution was great because say that because the second memorable, but the general of how realistically clueless half of the movie is not plot consists of intergalactic nals who end up getting Scott Lang and his friends all that memorable to me

called it a day.

fan favorite

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BIDEN'S AGENDA Read about Arhon Strauss' '23 criticism of the superficial nature of the Biden administration's changes.

President Biden has pur-

chased the administration

has yet to comment on

what the vaccinations of

Exeter Shouldn't Bet on Vaccines

By ANDY HORRIGAN ly take a COVID test and A question that we now then the campus will start have to consider is how a strict ten day lockdown.

Though I think it is Come Feb. 11th, the safe enough to return to first wave of students will campus, we need to tread make their way back to lightly. To ensure we are campus for the remainable to make it until June, ing sixteen weeks of the we may need to limit or school year. At the time completely restrict some of writing, COVID is as of the luxuries that we bad as it has ever been may have previously enin America, and over joyed in the fall three times worse than it The email principal was during the fall term. Hundreds of thousands Rawson sent on Jan. 12 seems overambitious statof people are contracting ing that due to the Acadthe virus every day, and the virus' deadliest day in emy's testing capabilities we should be able to America occurred just last week. The current arrival maintain a bubble with similar guidelines as the plan described by Principal Rawson is pretty fall

straightforward: when the However, a problem is students arrive on camthat with the winter comes pus, they will immediatethe need to be inside.

do we deal with weather. Many teachers have a Meals and the majority high risk of experiencing of sports will be indoors, serious symptoms, so the administration must make creating more situations where students could decisions where teachers' catch COVID. This brews health is of utmost prioran environment where we ity. For students, classare almost defenseless es are just another place against an outbreak, the where they could transmit virus could spread like the virus. wildfire on campus if one Rawson also made sev-

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were to occur. eral bold statements re-In the most recent wegarding the spring term. binar the administration He hinted at the possiheld on Jan.15th regardbility of a spring athletic ing the return to campus, season, which seems im-Rawson claimed that he possible as a majority of hopes to have faculty the lower class would not vaccinated by the end of be vaccinated, even if it March. Until then, I don't was available, due to age believe that it is safe for restrictions.

classes to be consistently Even with the 200 milmeeting synchronously, lion vaccinations that

students will be like. Will tests to faculty families. vaccinations be required? It is even more unnerving What happens if a student when you consider that with an underlying health students under the age of condition that puts them sixteen cannot vet be vacat high risk of getting sick cinated. with COVID refuses or is Easing restrictions unable to take the vacciwithout understanding the nation? What are the priimplications of having a orities of the administrapartially-vaccinated comtion in these times? munity would not only be a foolish but negligible Rawson's promise in the webinar to get stumove on behalf of the administration. The admin-

dents regularly into the classroom during the istration needs to release spring term, regardless of their plans for an optihealth concerns of teachmistic vaccination time, what the plans for a parers, left a bad taste in my mouth. The problem tially vaccinated commuwith Rawson's promise is nity may look like and the that even after someone contingency plan if there gets vaccinated, they can is a serious outbreak on transmit the virus, which campus

would put the families of

language nor has had any

traceable relations with

Biden's Agenda: Lacking Real Change

By ARHON STRAUSS legislation will. ,23 Biden's inauguration

cabinet may have been

has not suddenly erased Trump's actions as presi-President Joseph R. dent. His inauguration has Biden's inauguration has merely stopped Trump's lured anyone unsatisprogress. The reversal of fied with former Presithe Keystone XL Pipeline dent Donald Trump into and America's reentry a sense of security now into the Paris Climate acthat he is out of office. However, we must recognize that Trump's removal will not erase the damage created by the previous administration. Trump's executive orders may be

cords are progressive actions. However, they are surface-level and meant misogynistic politicians, only to please the masses. They do not accomplish from the moment they received federal power. anything radical—they enacted radical change return the United States reversed, but his budgetback to zero. This has for the worse. They actary decisions, laws and been a general theme of ed decisively and without political influence will hesitation in reversing Pete Butigieg, for exam-Biden's campaign-mintake years to resolve. His

imal action to revert the

has control of the House, real action to stamp out misinformation, limit hate the Senate and the White House. Now is our chance groups and condemn polarizing politicians, all of to create change instead which are the root causes of straddling the line between right and left in a of our country's division. So should America

Obama's legislation. The ple, has been nominated

ed States. He has taken no extreme actions. Biden

desperate attempt to balance the two. settle? Should we, as a country, settle for emp-Biden's administration is marching towards the ty rhetoric, for moderate change, for stagnation? White House's trademark We cannot. The racist and political corruption and

Neera Tanden, known as the liberal's "Twitter troll," was announced as bureaucracy. His cabinet, the budget director. Unwhile diverse, is filled by like Butigieg, there is officials who are grossly nothing suspicious about underqualified or stand her nomination. Rather. in stark contradiction to many predict future tense the position they hold.

qualified, or one that will likely work well together. He has merely pandered to the public, for his own political gain.

Under ordinary circum-Beyond lack of experistances Biden's adminisence, his corporate past trative plan would have with McKinsey, a conno real issues. However, sulting firm notorious for given the current circumworking with corrupt restances, political pandergimes, characterizes his ing is no longer acceptpolitical career as tainted able. The damage done to Buttigieg is not the only America and its people reignorant cabinet decision quires immediate change. Nice words are pointless, and even detrimental. They distract us from creating tangible change. In this light, the Biden administration's actions are beyond unsatisfactory. Biden has been focused relations between her and on appearances and po-Bernie Sanders, the chair litical favors, as opposed

despite Rawson's reassur-

teachers at risk of get-

ting sick, a mistake they

already made in the fall

by not providing COVID

came out with its stream pain he's caused (This theme service, most of the 22 films is first introduced as early were available. The only as the first Iron Man when movie that I missed was he realized that his weapons Hulk's independent film, but if that Stark Industries made I were to miss one movie, I'm were killing innocent people). glad it's that one. (Sidenote: I Steve on the other hand is didn't include Spiderman: Far convinced that the Avengers From Home because it was an can only do good when they independent film. Endgame can make their own calls isn't on here because I'm still likely due to his experience emotionally recovering.) in the First Avenger where

he wasn't allowed to make After watching all the movies, his own choices and he was I had come up with my essentially the mascot for the own best to worst list of the military. This movie and the movies. This ranking takes conflict is also surprisingly into account the plot, character representative of a lot of real development, and impact on world scenarios, especially the MCU as a whole. A lot of in the US, albeit without the the movies towards the middle super suits, flying androids are pretty interchangeable and and Hydra manipulated if you have a different order, Bucky. At its core, both Iron let me know! Now, without Man and Cap want the same further ado, here is my list of thing. We also get introduced the MCU movies from best to to Spider-Man, and Black worst Panther, two huge characters in the MCU.

1. INFINITY WAR - Infinity

3. BLACK PANTHER - This War takes first place for my best Marvel movie and movie needs no introduction. I'm sure many fans would Black Panther made history agree. Apart from being the as the first Black superhero third Avengers crossover, movie, taking home three Infinity War takes the classic Oscar wins, the first ones superhero movie structure ever awarded to Marvel. The and flips it on its head. Where awards themselves also made almost all MCU movies end Oscar history with the first with the heroes coming out Black woman to win Best on top, this one ends with one Costume Design and first woman POC to be nominated of the biggest failures of all the heroes might combined and win the Oscar for Best and with it, a greater look Production Design. What I absolutely LOVE about the into the emotional weight and responsibility these idolized plot of the movie though is the heroes deal with because of role of women in the film. In their jobs. Additionally, we get a lot of MCU movies, women to see just the heroes' very real are always the love interest with very little dimension. motives for saving the world apart from "that's just what Even Black Widow, the most they do," particularly when prominent MCU female the dusting starts. At the battle character is kind of flat. But of Titan we see the Guardians' in Black Panther, T'Challa commitment to their new is really only able to be great found family and the rage because of the work of Shuri, Starlord felt at Gamora's death. Okoye, and Nakia. That's not We see Tony's love for Peter to say that T'Challa is a bad as he's about to dust away. lead. In fact I think that what Back in Wakanda, fans grow makes him so interesting to a greater respect for Wanda's watch is his character arc;

technology and his humility are throughout the movie. when he has to leave Ho However, I think people Yinsen in the cave. It also with entomophobia (such as sets up a bunch of references myself) would agree that the that the franchise loves to continual use of ant closeups reference in later movies. made for a very unpleasant watching experience at times. 5. CAPTAIN AMERICA:

THE WINTER SOLDIER 9. SPIDER-MAN This movie introduces a HOMECOMING - Growing hefty plot line of SHIELD my whole family's up. and the Hydra infiltration that favorite superhero was roots deep in its history. We Spider-man (the one played also get introduced to Falcon by Toby MaGuire), so I was and Bucky as the Winter really excited to see that Peter Soldier skyrocketing Marvel's Parker was joining the MCU. teenage girl fanbase (IDK I thought Marvel took a really why though, Bucky has a big interesting approach with this forehead). The introduction of movie. As opposed to many Bucky as the Winter Soldier other intro hero movies, starts off this long relationship Homecoming picks up after between the two that has so Civil War where Spider-man many ups and downs. You also is already established as a hero. get to see Cap's transition to We don't get a backstory with living in the 21st century and the radioactive spider or any developments in his romantic of it. This was a really smart life since Peggy is no longer move by Marvel because I an option. I think the movie think viewers would've been

is also very unpredictable, really disappointed with a especially with the Hydra movie that spent half the storyline, and I found myself time developing a character sitting on the edge of my seat we already knew from other even after rewatching it. BTW, story lines. Making Peter a the effects are crazy. The scene teenager also gave the MCU a that really stuck with me is in bit of charm that wasn't there the meeting with the senators with the older, more intense where Natasha uses that face superheroes.

10. ANT MAN AND THE 6. DOCTOR STRANGE - I WASP - Original solo movies feel like this movie is a bit of are generally better than their a controversial pick and I'll sequels, but for the Ant Man 14. admit that I can see why some franchise, this one was not far people love it and others hate it. behind. Hope, Ant man's love Personally, I'm on the 'love it' interest and the new Wasp, side. This movie introduced us complements Scott Lang's to a character that had nothing haphazardness with a colder, to do with the hero world and more hardened persona. magical forces (although the What really propelled this Ancient One will say that she movie towards the top of this predicted it and Winter Soldier list is its role in the franchise. name drops Stephen Strange In this movie, they discover

delivers. This movie also as a future threat to Hydra). the quantum realm where finally redeems Loki as a This movie also introduced us Hope's mom was trapped for protagonist which many to a whole other concept and 30 years and Scott Lang had fans (myself included) were world with time which would been trapped in when Hope looking forward to. However, become one of the greatest and Hank were dusted by with Loki as a good guy now, tools the Avengers have later Thanos. This set up the whole the new villain became Hela, on. I will admit that some of their goddess evil half-sister. premise of time travel used in the scenes are really trippy and

With that said, I thought that locked away trying to steal Cap's backstory was a really the same thing, but eventually wholesome way to start off get to the whole mushy gushy his journey. The idea that Cap comradery bond with each was chosen because of his big other. I think the ending scene heart and not how strong or of the Guardians overcoming the power stone opened up a fast he was ends up becoming one of his greatest assets later lot of questions and plot holes in the franchise. As cheesy as that were left unanswered it sounds, his heart's drive to

do good is what propels him 17. CAPTAIN MARVEL to be so successful on-screen Captain Marvel is one of the as a hero and off-screen as a most powerful superheroes we've ever encountered. The story was actually pretty

13. GUARDIANS OF THE entertaining with (in my GALAXY: VOL 2 - Another opinion) a great plot twist. BUT MY GOD was Carol comedy styled movie, this Danvers HORRIBLY miscast. one is the first on this list to be set completely on other Brie Larson plays Danvers worlds and in space. The with the personality of my main problem I have with last history paper. And I think this movie (and all non-Earth that most people would agree. based movies) is that it's If there was a different lead really hard to get immersed (JLaw, anyone?), this movie in the world when you don't would be higher on my list. even know how that world

functions. It gave Marvel 18. IRON MAN 2 - Just excuses to put weird systems another basic Iron Man. and objects into the movie The only thing redeeming and offered no explanation this film is the introduction because viewers were just where Natasha Romanoff supposed to understand that incapacitates some bad guys in space, things worked while strapped to a chair. Also, differently (duhhhh). With that the villain had cool electric said, in Vol. 2, viewers get to whips

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understand the group dynamic
further and laugh about their
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19/THOR - As the first movie friendship. When Peter Quill in the Thor franchise, it spends was taken in by his creepy the entire first half of the

movie just informing viewers THOR: RAGNAROK that he's a demi-god with a dry - By FAR the best Thor sense of humor and abs. Thor movie in the MCU. If we later engages in battle with a learned anything from the weird breed of ice monster that Thor franchise, it is that a Odin apparently adopted Loki humorous angle does nothing from. (Sidenote: What?) The but magic. Thor is such a thick whole movie felt like it was and naive character that I feel making fun of Thor's inability that his story was begging to understand humans. I'm for the humor that Ragnarok already yawning.

> 20. THOR: THE DARK WORLD - Do I even have to justify this? The plot of the Ether in Jane was a huge miss, and the serious tone was too much for this movie. Honestly I don't remember watching it.

United States to Obama-Secretary of Transportareplaced, but the efficacy same situation confronts tion. Although well-eduthe Biden administration. era policy-and will conof the new cabinet is not tinue to be the theme of Unity cannot be their cated and knowledgeable guaranteed. His rhetoric in many fields. Butigieg his presidency. Even now, primary concern, for as may have been torn down, he is only reversing orders holds no experience in long as it is, our nation but the division he created shall make no substantial transport. Butigieg is also and laws made by Trump shall remain. Complacenbeing considered to be an progress. The only way instead of creating or cy and soothing speeches ambassador to China. to undo the extreme acpassing new laws. Biden а will not end the torment tions of the Trump presination of which he does has revealed no plan other that the trump administhan to "unify" the Unitdency is to take our own not know the national tration caused, action and

of the budget commit Tanden has already politically attacked Sanders multiple times. Her nomination as budget director could only be out of a lack of coordination. or of spite for Sanders. Biden has not chosen an effective cabinet. He has da. not chosen one that is

to tangible change. Biden has furthered his political agenda, instead of furthering the nation. For a more prosperous America, the administration must overhaul the cabinet, develop unique legislation and push a progressive agen-

a major obligation: social

distance, wear masks,

quarantine, and take ev-

Or we can continue to

Stop Attacking People Who Are Hesitant About the COVID-19 Vaccine

By ANGELA ZHANG more hesitant to vaccinate. Only by striving to

understand their perspectives will ever succeed in Now over a year into the convincing them other-COVID-19 pandemic, the wise introduction of vaccines First, it's important to from companies such as establish the difference Pfizer and BioNTech albetween those who outlows a light at the end of right refuse vaccines and the tunnel. I am thrilled those who are cautious of to see the collaboration its initial introduction to of pharmaceutical comthe public. For example, panies around the world minority communities finally pay off, as we are that have historically been united in this global fight abused as experimental against the pandemic subjects in vaccine trials However, we cannot view

run by the public health the vaccine as the perfect, system may be hesitant to solve-all solution. trust the vaccines introethics of mandating vacduced. It's only natural to cinations has always been be wary of a vaccine that a point of contention. Not everyone will willingly has yet to stand the test of time take the vaccine, even if we have an ample supply After all, every vaccine poses a real risk. If Often perceived as that weren't the case, we or "anti-sciwouldn't need a Nationence," anti-vaxxers have a al Vaccine Injury Combad reputation. But while

pensation Program, or some of us vehementthe option to file vaccine ly oppose anti-vaxxers' injury claims, or governdecision, we must stop ment-mandated informaattacking those who are

"selfish"

tion sheets detailing posto do so from a place of sible side effects. The risk understanding rather than may be small, but it still condescension

more evidence of efficacy

slows down the process of

achieving herd immunity,

it's understandable and

still more ideal than bla-

Others argue that we

should attack anti-vaxxers

because they believe pub-

lic shame is a powerful

tool used in developing a

stigma towards anti-vaxx-

ers, which discourages as-

sociation with the group.

While public shame has

indeed successfully cre-

ated stigma towards an-

ti-vaxxers, anti-vaxxers

still exist. Stigma is just

more likely to silence an-

ti-vaxxers than genuinely

change their opinion. If

we really want to address

the health concerns we

believe anti-vaxxers' de-

cisions create, we need

tant refusal.

exists. Criticism and at-But we should still retack directed towards peofrain from attacking those ple's wariness will not rid who refuse to take the them of their initial hesivaccine for other reasons. tation. While waiting for The attacks, especially in

mainstream media, frame

science says so.

cision-making. Such

ing personal beliefs, does

anti-vaxxers as people who are inherently stupid, misguided, and wrong. The arguments against anti-vaxxers are usually composed of the following: Science proves that vaccines don't cause autism, science supports that vaccines have more benefits than risks, and science is more trustworthy understand anti-vaxxers, than any other influence, and so everyone should

ress towards a more respectful, empathetic, and not attack them, in order to exchange fruitful diasuccessful way of fighting be vaccinated, because the pandemic together. logue that can push for a genuine change of heart. Science is such a guidalienate people who think But for you anti-vaxxing force in our lives differently from us and ers, who are adamant that we often accept it fail to establish a shared about your beliefs and as the only basis for deconcern for ourselves, our still refuse the vaccine а communities, our country, after you listened to all suggestion encroaches on and our world. people's rights to holdthe opposing arguments

Up to you. presented to you, you owe the rest of the world

ery single precautionary measure possible. If you're not going to help fight against the spread not leave any leeway for of the virus by taking the alternative perspectives, vaccine, then at the very and discourages us from least, you should be rigorholding productive conously following the other versations, which is vipreventative measures. tal in a modern society As we continue to filled with citizens who discuss vaccines in the hold varying beliefs. We following months, I enknow science is not the courage us to practice lisonly thing that influences tening to and understandour lifestyles and values. ing different viewpoints. Federal committees make I encourage us to consult recommendations that are medical professionals and not solely based on scienpublic health authorities. tific data: they also con-I encourage us to develop sider ethical concerns and trust in government offipublic opinion. But I un cials as they provide us derstand the health conwith guidance throughout cerns people may have for the pandemic. If we do all anti-vaxxers. Therefore. of the above, we can progwe should seek to first

The Myth of Modernity in 2020

In other words, the per-

ception that the past has

been left behind by "cre-

ative destruction" to usher

in a new age is delusion.

Such delusion gripped

Paris in 1848; dramatic

tension in politics, liter-

ature and economic rela-

tions resulted in explosive

violence; romanticism

was denounced in favor

of realism. People tend

to see such transitions

as symptomatic of some

greater, mysterious shift

rather than the other way

around. Paris detailed the

slow transition of social

and political climates that

facilitated this transition.

2020 as a radical break

because it was certain-

ly life-changing. By and

large, COVID-19 was

the culprit which forced

people to isolate and con-

duct their lives through

screens. Using Zoom for

our daily activities re-

quired adjustment, but

because technology had

already occupied a large

radical break.

It was tempting to view

By ELLA BRADY '24

In Paris, Capital of Mo-

dernity, David Harvey

analyzed the conditions

of modernity in Paris,

1848-a vear of violent

revolution. Harvey used

novelist Honoré de Bal-

zac's realist writings to

illustrate the archetypes

that defined the era, and

Balzac's documentation

of Paris in those chaotic

times produces a "modern

mythology" encompass-

ing the Parisians hysteri-

as, pathologies and class

relations. Balzac unveiled

the denials and delusions

that engulfed Paris due to

the revolution. The year of

2020 presented the same

false notion of "moderni-

ty," and mirrored many of

the same archetypes Har-

The same myths per-

petuated 2020 and our

feelings about the year

falsely as a modern era

when, in fact, Balzac's

writings paired with Har-

vey's analysis proved oth-

erwise. The four myths I

will discuss are: moder-

nity as a break from the

past, utopianism, intima-

cy and the annihilation of

vey outlined.

modernity is that it constisupport for the Black but we are only under the tutes a radical break from Lives Matter movement. same delusion as the Pari-Many said this shifted the past," Harvey wrote.

sians. Nature is grim and people's understanding disorderly. of politics in the United The notion that there States and the magnitude is a good/evil dynamic is of racism in the world. fantasy, the same as Bal-But I argue that we were zac's dyad of order/chaos. under the same delusions A common sentiment of a radical "break" as the many of my among French were in 1848; the friends is that Zoom is Black Lives Matter movean invasion of privacy. A ment has been years in the whole class, work team, making or other groups can see The second myth-utointo your house, all your

pianism-is relevant to messes, family members, early 2020. Paris in 1848 and private belongings. was rife with protest and But I have also heard failing aristocracy, so Balmore abstract objections zac invoked idyllic pastoto Zoom. It brings the ral scenes in his writing classroom into personto represent order. Early al space. It bars people in 2020, the global warmfrom differentiating being crisis prompted a retween two parts of their lation towards nature that lives-the personal and mirrored Balzac's: it was

the social. It breaks down no longer a wilderness to a barrier that people put be tamed and domesticatup between themselves ed, but an ideal of peace and the real world, and and beauty too fragile to forces people to expose survive chaotic political themselves and exist indecisions and corporate side their private space

wickedness. in a way that always feels But nature was not the public idvll nostalgia that urban Balzac imagined the anxiety has tempted us destruction of privacy to understand it as. The

as deadly but necessary. exacerbated chaos in our role in our lives, it is no This question was the social and political lives, ultimate dilemma of a "human" lives, tempts us Equally important was modern man. In many of

space and time. the rise in activism and to see nature as a contrast, spatial and temporal bar-"One of the myths of his stories, his charac-

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ter's decisions to reveal riers" remains true for our their personal space were ultimate barrier-a raging ultimately fatal, but in pandemic.

the moments before they Workers are forced died, they achieved "intito continue on dogged macy," the space between schedules despite famiprivate and public that ly obligations. Students' results, for Balzac, in echomework piles high even

static experience. if they are in a situation While we did not use that makes it almost impossible for them to learn. Zoom for ecstasy, it was And Zoom, while a great that same intimacy that technology which allowed was desired when we enthe world to continue dure zoom meetings and Facetime calls for a difunctioning, has also anlution of true interaction. nihilated all barriers and Those who expressed a boundaries so that peodesire to have their cample have no excuse to not era off, their space unpenbe working; students at etrated and their room un-Exeter change their daiseen were, in many ways, ly waking and sleeping hours to fit in with people the same as Parisian bourgeoisie who wanted to who live halfway across the world; people who are avoid intimacy.

sick now are expected to This brings me to the ficontinue work since the nal myth- "the annihilaphysical barrier for them tion of space and time." In doing so is gone. The mo-1848, Paris was subjected notony of constant work to radical urbanization by and constant existence Haussman as well as the rapid technological adhas made every day feel exactly the same. Space vances brought about by and time have quite literthe industrial revolution.

ally been destroyed. This created the perception that the world was We say that 2020 was "rushing ahead" due to a year like never before, capitalistic ideals. but as Ecclesiates wrote, "there's nothing new un-Do we not feel the same der the sun." Perhaps in 2020? Corporations 2020 felt like a year of and schools are despermodernity, but that moate to rush into things dernity is just a rehash of and not lose momentum. the same archetypes that "The perpetual bourgeois desire to eliminate all existed centuries ago.

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"Daniel Chen.
                                                                     "ULULULULULU."
                                                                                                        "Coronavirus gave me a mullet."
Humor
                                                 —Daniel Zhang '22
                                                                           —Anonymous Classics Teacher
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a librarian, who looked

was. He noticed that all

the teachers were wearing

facemasks for some rea-

son. Sleap had only seen

me.

Prep Who Took A Nap After Trump Inauguration Wakes Up Four Years Later

By JACK ARCHER

usual post-nap symptoms: An extreme Four years ago, on the bout of amnesia, a thirst so afternoon of January 20th great it might take severprep Sleap E. Hed decided al major rivers to quench. to take a nap. He'd spent and a general feeling of the morning wrestling being barely human. After with an impending sense remembering who he was, of doom and it had left he stumbled to the bathhim very tired. He strugroom to regain his humangled his way to the highity. As he brought himself est floor of the library (not back to life with the help even the Prep PE program of ice-cold water, he nocould prepare one for such ticed that the sunlight a feat) and found an unshining through the bathoccupied carrel to slump room window was considdown into. After a few erably brighter than it had minutes of worrying about been before his nap. He the problems that comshrugged it off, focused on monly plague preps, like dinner more than anything whether their favorite Upelse per thinks they're cool or Once Sleap left the lihow they'll find the time brary, several peculiar to attend Mr. Caldwell's things greeted him. First, milk and cookies, Sleap it was definitely brighter. pulled his cap over his In fact, it looked like the eyes, clutched at the lion sun was rising. He turned guard hanging from his and raced back into the library "Uh...excuse

h e experienced all the

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neck like a toddler would
a safety blanket, and fell
fast asleep.
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what's the date?" He asked When Sleap awoke,

Thoughts I Have Around Midterms

By DOROTHY BAKER

1. The METIC for this class is going to be crazy

2. This meeting I'm about to have with my advisor feels a

back at him in alarm people wear those things before. Had the new gov-"January 20," the librarian said, smiling. "Inernment already done something terribly wrong auguration day! in the few hours he'd been "Phew! Thanks!" Said asleep? Sleap. Why was the li-Sleap spotted his math brarian smiling? He didn't

teacher across the quad, think there was much to smile about today. The and called out. His teacher looked up and saw him. feeling of doom that had abated after his nap settled "Sleap!" He cried. down on him again, and He looked a little older for some reason. When he left in such a hurry that he didn't hear the librari-Sleap drew near to him, an yell after him, "How his teacher leaped back. did you get in here? The "Where's your mask!" library's closed!' "Mask?" Sleap asked. Outside once again, "Yeah, have you not Sleap realized he couldn't been wearing your mask?" see a single student. A few "No, I've been asleep, teachers dotted the paths, Sleap said, very confused. looking rather sad as they However his math teachmade their way between er looked more confused. darkened dorms. Dhall Almost as confused as that was closed for some reatime Sleap himself had son, so he went to a teachchosen to present a prober to ask where everyone

lem about Alex the Geol-

ogist

doctors, nurses, and sick campus? Are you just vis-He had done it. Someiting?" He asked. how. Sleap had managed to sleep through the en-"Come back to visit? What do you mean? You tire Trump administration. He felt an immense sense saw me in class today!" of pride, and a little bit Sleap had heard that math of morbid curiosity that teachers were weird, but made him ask, "Why are he had not realized that you wearing a mask?" they were this weird. "Today — Sleap, you On that day, Sleap graduated last year! You learned more from his

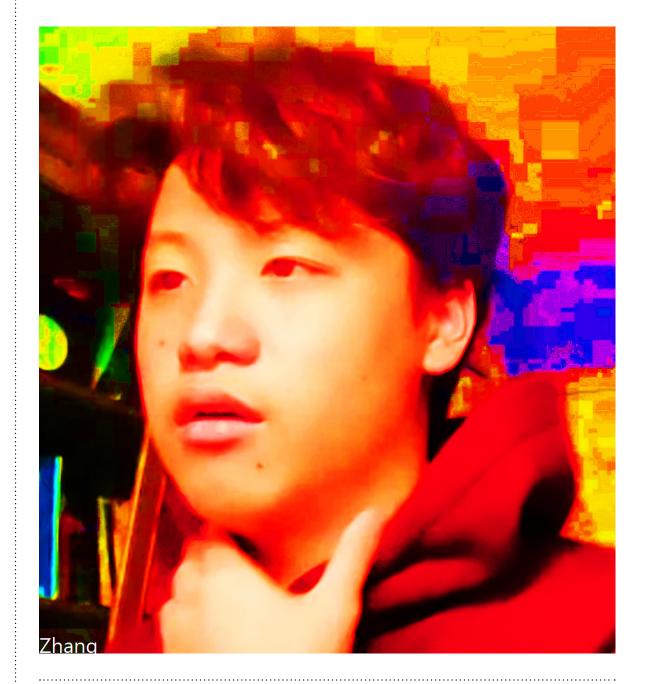
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math teacher than he ever
went to college!'
                             thought he would. He also
  It took Sleap E. Hed
                             learned that he could not
minute to process this sen-
                             have chosen a better time
tence. The first thing he
                            to take a four-year long
felt was a great wave of re-
                             nap. An extra perk was
lief that he had gotten into
                             that his four-years of sleep
college. That had always
                            let him tower over the av-
been a dream of his. The
                             erage sleep-deprived Exo-
next thing he realized was
                             nian at approximately sev-
that he had been asleep for
                            en feet tall.
much, much longer than
                               "So, how do we go to
he thought. If he had grad-
                             school these days?" He
uated last year...
                            asked.
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"Who's president?" He
                              His math teacher's ex-
asked the question with
                            pression soured. "Oh, this
such ferocity that his for-
mer instructor took a few
                           app called Zoom.'
                              "Oh what's that? It
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steps back. sounds like fun!' "Why, Sleap, how do "Asleep? Sleap, why you not know? Joe Biden have you come back to

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lot like Schrödinger's cat.

3. I'm going to queue up my feels playlist in case this meeting goes south

4. I wonder if using the Zoom emojis boosted my participation grade

5. Thank goodness I'm taking an art

6. Do virtual sports count as a grade?

7. Having a two weeks off after midterms is so clutch.

8. I'm going to start staying up until 4:00am so I can hang with friends in different time zones during break

9. Wait how many weeks of classes do we have after break?

10. Shoot.

Why I Should Be Allowed Back At Olive Garden

By CHARLES SIMPSON

Today marks one year since I was officially banned from Olive Garden, and today I make my appeal to the public. We all know the old platitude, "you don't know what you have until it's gone." Well, I've come to say I am the poster boy for this phrase, for I've fallen to pieces-crumbly warm pieces since being barred from entering Olive Garden

Why was I banned? The District Attorney has been very explicit about what I can and cannot share about the incident that took place, but for now I'll say this: unlimited pasta is not unlimited patience. I, dear am anew. classmates, am not here to write about how many people it took

to get me out of there, or how

many thousands of dollars in through these experiences. repairs I was billed, I'm here We learn when we are kicked to appeal to the humanity of out of Olive Garden establish-Darden Restaurants CEO, Gene ments in every country where Lee, and Olive Garden mascot Olive Garden operates (except Ollie. I am here to gain the supfor Canada, I had already been port of my peers in my endeav- banned from entering Canada). or to one day again set foot in We learn when we start thinking Olive Garden. No, my friends, that the people in our lives are I am not here to talk about certain Italian dishes, and bite how many hundreds of liters them at family gatherings. We of sauce I was able to smuggle learn when we occupy spot 97 out over my life or how many on the FBI's most wanted list for grand larceny. times I started out with unlimited breadsticks only to leave due My friends I ask you, what would you do should you find yourself without the thing you

to a "family emergency." Nor am I here to talk about how one might dress up as a waiter, but love most? What would you but modify the apron such that the beg for forgiveness? Hear this, pockets are exceptionally deep. my appeal, for the sake of my No! I am here merely to say I joy. For the chance I may once again find love, hear this.

When a person loses some-Listen. thing, it changes them. We learn

Sports

Atheletes Of The Week: Boys Varsity Basketball



Robbie Stankard '21 dribbles the ball down the court.

By MICHAEL YANG

The remote start of winter term has motivated the Boys Varsity Basketball to work harder than ever. Captains Robbie Stankard and Lucas McEachern have kept the team connected and in shape, anticipating their return to the courts in February.

McEachern has played basketball since a young age. "I grew up in France watching basketball with my dad, and I think my first time playing was at a camp when I was four or five. As McEachern grew up, he gained many friendships from participating in various teams. "The relationships I've made have changed my life in so many good ways," McEachern said. "The discipline, sacrifice, hard work and countless hours that come with playing at such a high level are skills that I will take with me in anything I do in life. These skills are priceless, and I think sports are a great way to develop them."

I love any time I get in a gym," Stankard said. "As for why I have continued playing at such a competitive level, I think as a young kid I never expected myself to be able to reach the level I'm playing at right now and where I am projected to be after four years of college basketball, so I am really just seeing how far I can go with it and enjoying every day!"

welcoming," M. Lorgen said. "They've been a big part of why I feel so comfortable on the team, where everyone is older than me. In practice they have been great role models, working hard and having a focus on what we need to accomplish as a team, despite the year being complicated."

Stankard and McEachern's dedication has had an infectious effect. "Robbie and Lucas have set the example for the team through these times by showing up early and working hard," upper Elijah Porras said. "For each workout, they show up early, focused, and ready to work. Robbie and Lucas set the tone for the rest of us to follow. They show up each and every day, and they motivate each and every one of us to push ourselves and get better."

'24 said. "Aside from team practices, I have access to the team gym, where I've been working on my skills. At home I've been working out by doing ball handling in the basement, as well as lifting and doing plyometrics."

Team members also cited the involvement of their coaches as a factor for success. "We are lucky to have such great support from both Coach Tilton and Coach Fishel. Together, we were able to make the best out of a really unfortunate situation," Stankard said. to play another school, especially Andover."

McEachern was optimistic about the team's future. "The news about our season was devastating, as it has been for anyone who lost theirs, but we have made it a point to use this time to improve and set ourselves up for success when the opportunity arises," McEachern said.

Being a part of the Exeter basketball team has impacted Stankard and McEachern in significant ways. "My days have revolved around working out, and staying in shape because of the level of competition, and overall need to be in top shape," McEachern said. "The ambition to perform on the court and pursue this sport in college has taken the reins of my life in the sense that I watch what I eat, watch how I sleep, and make it a priority to take care of my body." emphasised Stankard comments McEachern's and stated, "Not only have I grown as a player, but I have learned so much, and I have also made amazing friends along the way."

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to get back to the courts. "Although the impact of Covid-19 is not ideal, I am still excited just to be back in the gym with the guys and hopefully, we can help each other get better as we get ready for next year," Stankard said. McEachern added, "Having sixteen weeks of uninterrupted play and working out is a real opportunity to transform our bodies and reach

a whole new level. Scary hours in New Hampshire!"

Stankard has a similar story. "I have been playing basketball since before I can remember. It is truly my favorite thing to do, so To stay connected, the captains organized team workouts on Zoom with their coaches and their teammates. McEachern noted that the team has rotated workout leaders each session. Stankard added, "We also have our own group chat that's always busy."

Upper teammate Andreas Lorgen testified to the captains' strong teamwork. "[The captains] are always available if we need them and they have kept us updated throughout this entire period," A. Lorgen said. "They are both incredibly hard workers and very positive guys and they act as role models for all of us both on and off the court." Prep Marcus Lorgen agreed. "As a new guy this year I experienced that Rob-

bie and Lucas were very

Upper Fawaz Omidiya said, "They're both very honest and hardworking and help bring the team closer on and off the court."

Many players on the team practice their skills at home through staying in shape and finding opportunities to play ball. "I have gotten to practice with a pro team here in Oslo, Norway, along with my brother," Lorgen

Even with their persistence and efforts to keep the team unified, the captains have faced many challenges. "It's hard to foster a sense of competition and improvement on camera, but we try our best," McEachern said. Stankard added, "I think the biggest thing that has affected the team this term is just not being able to play games. I know that the administration is trying to help us orchestrate intramural games when we get back, and we understand the constraints they are under and we appreciate their support, but there's still nothing that'll truly compare to suiting up

Despite current circumstances, Stankard and McEachern were eager

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Porras described Stankard and McEachern's leadership and dedication as "the epitome of leaders by example."

Stankard reflected fondly on the season thus far. "We had a really special group this year, and I am sad that we were never able to truly show how good we could be together. However, I am really proud of how we have come together even without the possibility of playing games," Stankard said. "It is truly a testament to Coach Tilton and the quality of the guys that make up this program. I am so grateful to be a part of such a special group."

Big Red Stays Fit While Remote

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By HENRY LIU

Energy levels are increasing as students await their return to campus in the following weeks. Big Red athletes have been finding various ways to stay in shape over the remote winter term and are ready to reunite back as a team. Since many athletes have found ways to continue training in their off-season sports at home, they will undoubtedly be prepared to resume their hard work once back on campus.

Most off-season sports have been hosting meetings throughout the week on Zoom to meet as a group and discuss how to continue training while remote. "For diving, we're meeting once a week on Zoom to do dryland drills, strength training, and stretching, and also just to be together as a team," head diving coach Julie Van Wright said.

In addition, she added that "we also have a 2021 Team Challenge where each diver logs their weekly workouts (running, biking, swimming, hiking, etc.) into a spreadsheet with the goal of accumulating 2021 total miles of exercise by the time we return to campus." Prep Michael Yang explained how he has been keeping in shape for swimming. "I have been swimming eight practices a week at my home club team for a combined total of fifteen hours."

Senior Cooper Walshe and upper Lindsay Machado have been cross-training to stay active. "I've been training to run a marathon with my brother. It's always been something I wanted to do and I figured this would be the best time to do it," Walshe said. He also mentioned that he's been "going to the swim team Zoom workouts that have been hosted by Coach Mills and the former captain Charlie Venci."

Machado has been using other methods to exercise. "I've gotten a gym membership and I've been going to all the swim Zooms. Biking has been my main form of cardio lately," Machado said.

Hockey coach Dana Barbin explained that most of the boys' varsity hockey team was off-campus for the entire school year so far. "They knew it was likely we wouldn't have a season this winter. So, they have been playing for different Junior teams and will continue to do that until mid-March when most will return to campus for the spring term," Barbin said.

Once we return to campus, Van Wright was hopeful for the activities teams would be able to do together. "Hopefully we'll be able to do some outdoor workouts together, in person. And once the quarantine period is over, we'll be back to normal practices with weekly intersquad meets on Saturdays. It will be a short winter season, but hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to improve their dives, learn some new dives, and enjoy being together as a team." Walshe agreed. "I'm

looking forward to hopping back into the pool with my teammates and looking at the throwdown belt, which is currently in my possession after I won a swim-off in the 50 free." The throwdown belt is a W.W.E.-style championship belt passed between swimmers who exhibit diligence, sportsmanship and athletic excellence. "The first couple of practices are going to be ugly because I haven't done a flip turn in months, but I'm excited to build up my swimming ability again."