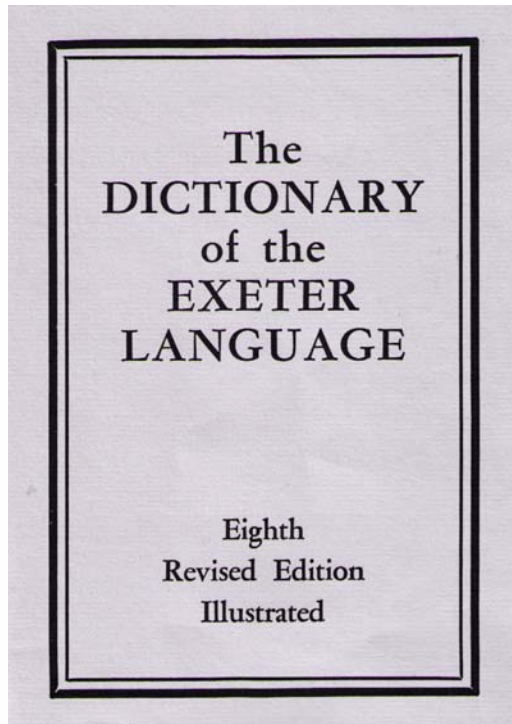




EDITOR'S FOREWARD

The first DICTIONARY was passed off as an English term paper by William Harvey and James Fischer of the class of 1938. They mimeographed it, and with the profits managed to print an edition that same year; then they absconded. Since then the DICTIONARY has been published by Mr. Leonard's English class, the PEAN, and the REVIEW. When the REVIEW folded, the job was given to the PENDULUM; when PENDO folds, who knows?

The intention of the DICTIONARY has been to reproduce, and, in some way, catch the flavor of the rather bizarre vernacular peculiar to Exeter. We hope that it will serve to clarify somewhat the meaning of this PEA argot to parents, friends, and even a few students. Some of the words herein undoubtedly have never seen print before; many of them probably still don't deserve it. We have attempted to delete those words which have fallen into disuse, to change and freshen definitions wherever possible, and of course, to define the horde of words which have appeared since the last edition.

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Exeter, New Hampshire, May 1958

A: the grade most coveted and least achieved by students; to most of the faculty, the most hated letter of the alphabet.

Abbot: (1) the oldest Academy dormitory; spasmodic arrangement of rooms causes extreme difficulty in finding anything at all; proximity to the Academy Building tower eliminates need for alarm clocks.

(2) boarding school for girls in the lap of Andovah; Exonians have had occasion to discover that the regulations at this school are, though unduly stiff, nevertheless not insuperable.

Academy Building: two-winged, cupola-topped edifice housing a bell, a barbershop, and a large part of the Harkness plan. Here, in Chapel the students cheerily greet the coming of the morn.
“For Whom the Bell Tolls.” — Hemingway.

ace: to do well on a test; to do anything well; also a nickname for one who has done anything well.

Address Book: one of the few intentionally non-profit student publications; useful for crossing off those “required to withdraw.”

Adult Education: the method by which the Academy instructors attempt to bring the intellectual level of the townspeople up to that of the student body; the school offers courses in theatrical comprehension and dog training.

Advanced Placements: a series of three-hour quizzes held in the Thompson Testing Emporium to determine how many years of anywhere else four years of Exeter is worth.

Advised to Withdraw: (official language) a stage of reprieve between Probation and Required to Withdraw; you don’t have to take the advice; most fellows who are thrown out do not get this breathing spell, and a few total losses depart without the comfort of having been on Probation.

advisee: one of the many roles assumed by each student. “He who can take advice is sometimes superior to him who can give it.”
— John Keibel.

adviser: one of the roles assumed by faculty members; the author of embarrassing letters about you to your parents; the gentleman who signs your out-of-town permission and gives you your grades.
“Big Brother is watching You.” — George Orwell.

ag: a group of lads, invariably noisy, identified with some dorm, sport, or activity: “the Cilley ag”, or “the Golfag”.

alarm clock: a heaven-sent excuse for tardy waiters; also the most frequent reason why the belabored Exonian missed Chapel; for some unknown reason, the Academy records a high breakage rate.
“But, Sir, I forgot to set my...” — any student.

Algebra: an illuminating course which deals chiefly with the 24th letter of the alphabet; includes study of the relative working hours of Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown, their sons, nephews, and hired hands; discloses the relative merits of being in car T leaving

point P at 0400 hours for point Q at $x + 4.7$ miles per hour as compared with being in car...etc.; one of the finest sedatives available.

“Let no one come here who is not geometric.” – Euclid.

All-Club: (1) any team made up of boys who obviously should never have been cut from the varsity; generally the most vociferous team.

(2) All-Club letter: what passes at home for a varsity letter.

allowance: small change bestowed upon plutocrat scholars by destitute parents once a week, and received from plutocrat parents by destitute scholars once every two or three months.

“Planning to open a bank?” – any parent.

alumni: the Old Grads who tell us how much tougher they had it in the Old Days just as we are about to tell them how much tougher we have it than they did. A plentiful bird, most frequently found looking over your shoulder, characterized by its plumage (a rah scarf or a red and white beanie) its call (“Non sibi, stern yet tender”), and a state of perpetual migration.

“Is old Wickersham* still around?” – alumnus. *faculty member, retired 1066.

Alumni Hall: contains an art gallery which smells of hot dogs, a grill which smells of art appreciators, and many an art student who smells; exact purpose not known.

Amen: the dorm which links Cilley and Wentworth; has a library, a piano, a butt-room and three bathrooms.

Amesbury: Exeter’s Sun Valley; in the winter months, the favorite destination for Marshall busses.

analytic geometry: a course in which one tries to prove by abstract means certain unnatural phenomena pertaining to the conic sections; aids one in determining such useful quantities as the capacity of a parabolic cup, or the volume of a doughnut hole.

Ancient History: History 2; for prospective classical graduates, a substitute for required History 4; the course in which one learns how much **nicer** the Greeks and Romans were than we are.

“What in the name of Zeus do you care what Philip of Macedon **looked** like?”— Dr. Phillips.

Andersonville: a fenced-in enclosure between Amen and Abbot Place, built in an attempt to segregate faculty brats, but which only serves to concentrate their noise; besides, the brattiest inhabit the other side of the yard.

Andover: a luxurious athletic training camp for aspiring boys who want to make college teams; holds the New England prep school “Sewing and Social” record; haven for those who have flunked out of Exeter. Pronounced “Andovah”.

Andover Shop: a veddy, veddy, ivy-league clothing concern, specializing in olive-drab fatigue suits and thick, hairy tweeds; noted for its elite clientele and incongruous place of showing.

apple-man: Mr. Morris; a once-familiar countenance, sole proprietor of the Thompson Roadside Fruit Market. “An apple a day on your way to and from the gym.” — old Exeter saying.

aptitudes: a battery of three one-hour quizzes, supposedly a gauge of brute intelligence and therefore not dependent on one’s background; tests of this nature utterly defeat the purpose of a preparatory school.

art: a course in which the student may apply skill and taste to the production of beauty or the appreciation of the deep aesthetic significance of a bowl of fruit. The more industrious students may occasionally be seen sketching a box.
“What garlic is to salads, insanity is to art.” — St. Gaudens.

A.S.A.: mysterious code letters gracing aspirin envelopes; usually accompanied by “two every four hours if needed.” Evidently **everyone** needs a few A.S.A.’s for everything from Parkinson’s Disease to warts.

ash: the ultimate condition of tobacco; that part of a cigarette which does not remain in the lungs, but instead mottles the wearing apparel of buttroom inhabitants; basic element in the floor of many buttrooms.

ashtray: a small receptacle for all sorts of tobacco waste; used for burning gunpowder, throwing at former friends, or for the deposit of butts when the room has no floor.

“Do you throw butts on the floor at home?” — any instructor.

“No, they don’t make me smoke in the cellar”. — any student.

Asian Flu: (called “Asiatic Flu” by isolationists); that mysterious disease which provoked the Three-Stage plan. Although the infirmity list has topped one hundred, stage three (a general vacation) has never been proclaimed.

assignment: what at any other school would be a term report; at Exeter, an overnight lesson.

athletic excuse: a grant of leniency by the Athletic Department, the obtaining of which often entails a third degree more grueling than the sport from which the sufferer is excused.

athletics: some form of exercise, required four days a week; the means by which bedraggled students are deprived of their last modicum of energy before a 5:25 exam.

attention: that effect gained by staring fixedly at a teacher, or by painting eyeballs on your eyelids.

Automobile Club: a group of frustrated hot-rodders and pseudo-townies who gather periodically in the steam plant to contemplate the loss of their 1931 Ford.

B

B: that commendable mark you are most often “gypped out of”.

B&M: the safest means of transportation to Boston; the slowest means of transportation to Boston; the only means of transportation to Boston; not to be confused with L&M, BLT, or RR.

Bancroft: a dormitory, quite far out of it and very difficult to find, which boasts labyrinthine corridors and the dubious distinction of being the newest dormitory in the Academy.

Band: Exeter’s loudest athletic team; the only place outside of history class where you can get an E for nothing but air.

Barber: the nice old man in the bottom of the Academy Building, offering the world’s only 75 cent haircut.
“Beezness is goot.” — overheard at the end of the line two days before the end of the term.

barge: an ingenious slave-galley used by crew coaches to harness all the energy which comes their way.
“Double, double, toil and trouble...” — any barge veteran.

Barrett House: a house next to Phillips Church, containing double-decker beds, and four choice students.

Batchelder’s: the town bookstore; the place to go if the Academy bookstore doesn’t have it; also the place to go for valentines, **Playboy**, and other necessities.

bed: the be-all and end-all; the only reasonable place to study.
“His bed shall be as a school.” — W.S.

bench: (1) athletic: a splintery device used to absorb heat from unused players.

(2) Chapel: the hardwood objects on which are etched a definitive history of the school's enrollment; the place behind which to hide your book.

"I'll rack thee with old cramps, fill thy bones, make thee groan..." — W.S.

between: a toasted order; "peanut between" means a toasted peanut-butter sandwich.

bible: a book; a course, considered the model gut by most of the school, which doesn't take it; the quickest way to a prize.

Big Red Machine: any Exeter team, (especially the football team), whose horsepower is controlled by Mr. Rounds.

Big Room: a rather astounding room in Phillips Hall, immured with ferocious beasts of prey; used for drifting in and out of, mild athletics, and meetings which cannot possibly be held elsewhere.

Biology: a course starting with the sex life of the amoeba, and running up and down the scale of phyla, ending in the blaze of glory of the Arthropoda.

"Sir, may I have a female grasshopper to dissect?" — any student in the depths of the winter term.

Biology Club: a group of students so devoted to cutting apart animals that they do it in their spare time; another illustration that if you like **anything**, there's a club for it at Exeter.

bird: euphemism for a flighty and winsome lad or a nebulous blurb students are often politely requested to eat.

bird dog: that lowest of individuals who preys upon other boys' dates.

Bissel Epistle: a summons to the Director of Scholarship Boys; the poor man's dickey slip.

Black List: a mythical list of third-rate town girls considered too dangerous for naïve Exonians.

"How does the Dean know?" — any naïve Exonian

"I wonder if there are any spare copies?" — any other Exonian.

blip: a derogatory remark most often directed at one's physical inferiors.

blotter: a large assortment of advertisements printed by the Exonian at a huge profit and distributed to students as a come-on.

B.L.T.: Grill term; a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich; something usually falls out before you've eaten it.

Boards: the college entrance tests on which your future life depends; administered some bright Saturday in March by highly intelligent, capable officials, with loud voices and fast watches.

boathouse: the home of the crew, on the banks of the Squamscott; used for rowing shells, sunbathing, and spotting fair game on the Parkway.

Bogart's Theorem: presumably a creation of the Math Department, placing intuition on a firm basis; it asserts that "it clearly follows that..." or "as any damn fool can see..."

Bookstore; also, Exeter Bookstore: an Academy institution which supplies textbooks and other assorted reading matter.

"You can get that book at the Bookstore for only five dollars." — any teacher.

"And you can sell it back to them for only fifteen cents." — any student.

"And in twenty years your son can repurchase it for only \$4.99." — any alumnus.

boot: symbolically received by many an injudicious student, indicating abrupt and unanticipated dismissal.

Boston: town near Cambridge and Scollay Square; most often visited by very distant relations when the term has gone past the first month; an institution for the massacre of English pronunciation.

boys: a nebulous, undefined group that everyone feels he is one of, somehow; trademarks are E's of all kinds, dirty sox, unintelligible language, and heavy correspondence.

brain: a genius; anyone who gets better marks than you do.

"He got a D on that test — he's a real brain." — any lower.

breakfast: an unoriginal meal sleepily attended by the ambitious half of the student body, featuring mixed juices, sundry cereals, and powdered eggs, served omelet-slabbed, cellophane-fried, or watery-poached.

bridge: a magnificent time-waster, played with dog-eared cards in smoke-filled rooms; a quick way to make or lose friends.

Bulletin: Exeter's quarterly to alumni and parents, containing unrepresentative, soft-focus pictures and lists of alumni accomplishments, such as children and marriages. Not to be confused with the Daily Bull.

bulletin board: an institution in the Post Office lobby where advertisements and wails for lost articles are posted at the risk of improvement by self-appointed editors.

bull session: a philosophical discussion, usually taking place in a buttroom, concerning sex, girls, women, people, politics, religion, God, religion, politics, people, women, girls and sex.

“A tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.” — W.S.

bum: to beg, borrow, purloin, or appropriate, invariably without the slightest intention of repayment.

Business Manager: (1) the great mind who is called upon to prevent a publication from foundering on the rocks of despair; in recent years they have been quite prolific.

(2) that administrator who supplies and estimates what you owe for broken windows, smashed chairs, or carved doors.

butt: (1) a cylindrical, fresh, clean roll of tobacco, neatly wrapped in inviting white paper.

“Thou weed that art so lovely fair, and smell’st so sweet.” — W.S.

buttfiend: one who is strongly addicted; easily picked out in a crowd by his fallow, smelly, and haunted countenance; often found in buttrooms with the 700 other fallow, smelly, and haunted Exonians.

buttroom: a foul, smoke-filled room, usually in the basement of a dormitory, infested by students practiced in the art of wasting time and health; a good place to store your books from the time you purchase them until you sell them.

“Who sweeps?”

“Visitors are never shown the buttroom.” — old Exeter saying.

C

C: what most of the brains call a mediocre mark, the faculty calls an average mark, and the rest of us call a damn good mark.

“But the school average is C-and three-fifths!” – telephone conversation at the end of the marking period.

Les Cabotins: le cercle francais (i.e. the Frogs of the school), famous for their soirees de gala, Massachusetts accents, and plays in some foreign language.

Caesar, C.J.: the tormentor of many a lower, some bright preps, and a few thick uppers; generally rated as Not Too Good A Book.

“Caesar doth bear me hard.” – Cassius or any other lower.

cage: a glass-roofed enclosure under which track, baseball, lacrosse, wrestling, tennis and basketball go on simultaneously; the place you have to run to from the gym in your tennis shoes and shorts during mid-winter blizzards.

Calculus: a course in which an easy problem is never given if a hard one can be found; the departmentals periodically feature a monkey running up a flagpole, or automobiles accelerating at ridiculously slow speeds.

“Show that the line from the focus of the parabola ... to the point where the tangent to the parabola at the point ... cuts the y-axis is perpendicular to the tangent.” — Math 4 textbook.

can: (1) any of a number of student art galleries.

(2) to do away with.

cannibalburger: a hamburger so rare as to be pink on the outside and blue in the middle; occasionally emits noises.

cap and gown: traditional raiment worn by graduating students in one last burst of conformity.

“Of course, you’re supposed to wear some clothes underneath.” — Mr. Fish.

“I feel like Marley’s ghost.” — any expectant alumnus.

cards: small white rectangular pieces of cardboard, printed with cryptic signs; a good way to waste time or money.

“Anyone for bridge?” — any student.

Caspration: a course in language therapy offered by Mr. Caspar.

Los Castizos: a clique of Castillians, dedicated to windmill wrestling and flamenco dancing; noted for their Latin dances.

Chapel: a large, bench-filled rogues gallery which fairly drips tradition; where every morning, amid the flashing of penknives and the rustling of pages, the student body gathers to hear the faculty sing.

Chapel bell: the blind man’s clock housed in the top of the Academy Building. It is used for (1) rousing inmates for Chapel, (2) advertising lecturers and concerts, (3) disturbing lecturers and concerts, (4) providing clappers for needy junkmen, and (5) occasionally celebrating victory over Andover.

cheerleaders: a group of grey-flanneled acrobats, whose radiance and exuberance at football games is supposed to be infectious.

cheese in: when shouted at the grill, signifies a desire to have a piece of cheese inserted between two slices of bread and placed over a fire.

“Cheese in!!!” — anyone who doesn’t go to Irma’s.

chemistry: a course in which one learns facts he will never use, about substances he will never use, by methods he will never use.

Check: the official organ of the Chess Club; noted for poor mimeography, worse grammar, and an enlightening series by Dave Lamb.

check in: to make known your presence in some way or another to a given faculty resident of your dormitory, at a given hour in the evening, in order that he may know that you are safely under his wing, although he probably wishes you were elsewhere, and you certainly do.

Chess Club: one of the heavier organizations about the campus, the closest Exeter comes to ROTC; its activities center about the study of medieval siege tactics and strategy.
“The policy-determining committee of the strategy division of the Chess Club will hold a closed meeting tonight...” — Bulletin Notice.

chewing gum: a substitute for rubber bands, wads of paper, slivers of fingernails, or cigarettes; most frequently found in drinking fountains.

chicken: a gutless, yellow-bellied, sniveling pusillanimous, recreant and cowardly poltroon; anyone with common sense; a term bantered indiscriminately on the lacrosse fields.

choir: a group of sonorous and reverent ecclesiastics, specializing in various amens.

Christian Fraternity: for a long time the only frat that survived the purge, now the Student Service Committee.

Christmas: the only religious holiday recognized by the present administration.

Church: something which all Exonians are required to attend Sunday mornings; its effectiveness is a matter of opinion.
“Hey, check me in Sunday, will ya?”

Cilley: the object of many an inferior pun; more specifically, a dormitory noted for its remote locality and its even remoter inhabitants.
“In Cilley, if you slam your door, we take it off.” — Mr. Curwen.

clapping: generally a rhythmic obstreperous pulsation created by bringing the hands rapidly in contact with each other; theoretically manifested when there is a visitor in Chapel, or to laud an especially fine speaker, but now indulged in on the slightest provocation.
“Boys tend to be clap-happy.” — Mr. Saltonstall.

Class Day: the last Saturday ever; the day of the June Ball; Class Day Speakers perform in the garland-bedecked Thompson Opera House; although they have been attending the movies without incident for years, graduating Exonians are still required to practice entering the gym.

Class Hours: those periods in which underclassmen are not allowed in the buttrooms; there is some doubt as to whether class hours are those when you have a class, or those when somebody else has one.

class unity: a nebulous intangible, supposedly destroyed in 1954 by the New Dorm Plan, but which reappears periodically, much to the consternation of the Student Council.

Classics: a group of subjects, particularly several languages which were resurrected at the end of the Dark Ages, the pursuit of which is kept alive today only by the active participation of well-heeled alumni who yearly bribe the student body with the scent of ridiculously large prizes.

Cliff's: the Students' Store, "students" and "preps" are synonymous here.

closet: a room for TV after eight; a convenient hiding place for visitors and other objects.

clubs: (1) extra-curricular activities recognized by the faculty; another excuse for wasting time. (2) sport of last result; the teams from which no one can be cut. The next step down is honor tennis.

clutch: to get extremely agitated over ridiculous notions such as deadlines, tests, money or girls.

coat: something invented by a missionary to subdue the natives; one of Exeter's few symbols of formality. You have to wear a coat, not necessarily your own, to the dining hall, to Chapel, to lectures and concerts, and to class—but not always in class; Saturday night supper is an exception, but you are still not allowed to come stripped to the waist. "A motorcycle jacket does not count as a coat." — Mr. Cole.

cockroach: any denizen of Cilley Hall who is suffering from Imperial Displeasure; particularly after expressing an unfavorable remark on Boswell's Johnson.

coffee: (1) dining hall coffee: a liquid of doubtful mixture, which tastes bad on Sunday and gets worse every morning until the following Saturday, when new grounds are added. (2) regular coffee: a gently stimulating nectar; midnight oil for internal use only. "Draw one." — overheard in the Grill.

Coin Club: on-the-job training for misers, speculators and numismatists.

“It’s always money.” — M. Shagan.

cold: a common ailment which reaches epidemic proportions around the end of the marking period.

college: a misty sort of Valhalla; what we are supposedly being prepared for, that is, drinking, gambling, wild parties, fast cars, loose women, and unrequired appointments.

“There are over two thousand colleges in this country... Surely one...” — Mr. Macomber.

Commencement: the last required appointment; the handing out of diplomas on the lawn; a very joyous occasion, if it doesn’t rain.

cough: a form of public criticism made at spasmodic intervals by rapid contraction of the diaphragm and larynx, especially during Chapel.

“Coughing is unnecessary.” — Ex-Dean Cunningham.

Court Street Market: located, strangely enough, on Court Street, this supermarket features polylingual proprietors, orange juice, grinders, cold beer, and a pryable door.

cow fund: a sort of consolation lottery; sometimes makes a dance worth while.

cram: (1) to study assiduously before one of Exeter’s monthly tests.

“If you do your assignments diligently, you don’t have to cram.” — W.W.A.

cream: to smash or crush.

creeper: a mythical variety of master, who comes tearing furiously down the hall with one shoe off, thus sounding as though he is moving only half as fast as he really is.

crib: to mark necessary words or formulas between the lines of a foreign language text or log book; generally not approved.

crew: a damp sport engaged in by certain would-be athletes in the fall and spring terms, consisting of wearing away the palms of the hands and the skin of the rump at the command of a squeaky-voiced prep.

“Make it good — here comes the launch.” — old Exeter saying.

crump: to collapse, deteriorate or wilt, usually through old age or utter exhaustion.

“My bicycle crumped again.” — B. Thomas

crutches: devices used by avid Chapel fans to avoid the necessity of appearing.

cube: to decorate a mark with the exponent 3, indicating grosser than gross neglect; mythical.

Cum Laude: (pronounced “cum lousy”) ; a sort of Junior Princeton Institute for Advanced Study; a group of leering lookers who must pay a dollar for a certificate and a small, plastic pin.

Cum Studiis Tum Moribus Principes: another Latin expression, longer and therefore more doubtful; occurs on the top of numerous plaques in the Academy Building, where it is too dark to read much more.

Cumulative Record Report: short and snappy confidential opinions written of you every year by your advisor, and by all your teachers, filed in Mr. Macomber’s office, and summarized by him for the college you wanted to get into.

cut: (1) a class you don’t have to attend; best news next to a vacation.

“There are no cuts in Latin.” --- old Exeter Saying.

(2) to be eliminated from the varsity squad in one of the many treacherous siftings of said group.

D

D: a mark representing merely passable work to the instructors, but considerable work by the students.

“Well, I passed them all.” — every other Exonian.

daily bull: daily bulletin; an unobtrusive yellow sheet of paper, the length of which varies as to the occasion, which contains all sorts of vital information, such as how to endorse checks to pay for the Boston Herald, and quite a few grammatical and spelling errors; a good way to tell when it’s 10:30.

dance: (1) a great bi-annual ball held in the scented cotillion room of the Thompson Dance Palace, featuring girls, loud music, girls, stags and girls.

(2) a small, informal class dance, held infrequently for mid-term satiation.

(3) to perambulate over a small, dark area, inhabited by wolves, in time to music, with the added difficulty of having to protect a distractingly attractive girl, who is about to be snatched away from you, and who usually wishes to be.

Daniel Webster Debating Room: the attic of Phillips Hall, used mainly for debating and subversive activities; named after an alumnus who never graduated but somehow made good anyway.

“I usually get the bends when I come this high.” — Mr. Cox.

Davis Library: a noble institution for the purpose of aiding students to draw maps, write term papers, do 1,000 page history “assignments”, and gather facts for debates; famous for its exorbitant fines, anatomy books, and Soutern executives. Anyone who keeps a reserve book out for more than a day becomes a “Friend of the Davis Library.”

Dean: He who works out of the Administration Building, preserving law and order in the Academy, freeing the innocent (see WEEKEND) and trapping the guilty (see REQUESTED TO WITHDRAW); he surveys the campus, just getting the facts. Most people don’t appreciate his job until it’s too late to bother.

Dearborn’s: a trucking concern. Rival’s rival in the PEA garbage import-export game.

Dear John: a perfumed atom bomb which appears innocently in your Post Office box, but leaves only death and destruction; a sweet missile promising “eternal friendship” and good wishes; a very nice, newsy letter, sometimes with an unobtrusive but very definite refusal at the end.

Dear Mary: a letter to a girl telling her gently yet firmly that she is out of it.

“Boy, will I send her a Dear Mary!” — any student after receiving a Dear John.

debating: an activity in which peculiar views on peculiar subjects are aired by peculiar individuals.

“Nonsense can be defended only by nonsense.” — Samuel Johnson.

departmental: there are no final exams at Exeter, but departmentals serve the same malignant purpose. They only occur on days when you have three other tests.

desk: a structure of wood used as a base for the arms and head; useful for eating drinking, carving, killing ants, looking at HER picture, and reading or writing; a place to pile food, clothing, visitors, and unanswered letters.

dickey slip: a greeting from the Dean; you are graciously invited to discuss your problem with him and to help derive the happiest solution; so called in honor of Dean Emeritus E. S. Wells “Dick” Kerr. There is a popular fallacy to the effect that the

implement used in filling out the dickey slip varies in direct proportion to the seriousness of the crime. “Uh, oh, I got an ink-dickey.”

dietician: she who gets most of the credit for the meals, and who for some reason insists that a diet of steak must be supplemented with Swiss Chard, turnips, squash and the like.

“1. Witch: Where hast thou been, sister?

2. Witch: Killing swine.” — W.S.

dining hall: one of six student troughs, dedicated to the serving of soggy toast, cold potatoes, and salt-peter on dance weekends.

“...We sat by fleshpots, and did eat bread to the full.” — Bible

“Let’s go to Irma’s.” — any student.

diploma: a little slip of paper that admits begrudgingly that you have finally paid your debt to society and are free to leave Exeter without out-of-town permission, provided that you don’t do anything ungentlemanly within forty-eight hours after receiving it; some are allowed to end their Exeter careers without benefit of this certificate.

“Four years, and all I get is this?” — any new alumnus.

diploma, classical: a diploma certifying that the recipient is not one of the rest of us, having had five years of Latin and/or Greek, a year of Ancient History, and no American History. Holders of classical diplomas are fully equipped to reside in first-century Rome, and seem definitely out of place in the twentieth century.

dorm: a dormitory; a four story, brick, ivy-covered, ant-infested building, always on the other side of the yard when you have to go there; the cause of the Spring numbers racket.

“Some have heating, many have rooms.”

Dorm Committee: the dorm leaders, who collect money for dorm parties and provide for the general welfare and the common defense; members benefit from an impressive title to put down on college applications as proof of their responsibility and the high esteem in which their fellow students hold them.

dorm meeting: a gathering in the common room to eat food and hear readings from the “E-book”.

dorm party: a gathering in the common room to eat food.

double decker: a delicious sandwich of chicken, tomato, bacon, lettuce, halavah, or what have you, which one always attempts to eat with the fingers, proceeds with a fork, and ends up with a spoon; also any one of the beds in Barrett or Knight house.

dox: an expression peculiar to Exeter, meaning “You just catching on to that?”

drag: (1) to suck on a cigarette.

(2) to take a date to a dance, most frequently a girl.

“Are you coming drag or stag?”

Dramatic Association: the largest, noisiest and dirtiest organization at Exeter, which has a wonderful time putting on excellent plays, and attending the Sidney W. Jackman Memorial Collation at 11:00 P.M. after each performance.

drinking fountain: an outlet, from which springs chlorinated sewage and ethereal noises.

“How’d this gum get in here?”

Dunbar: formerly an incubator for preps: now features an exclusive first-floor smoking club and a five-channel intercom system; misspelled DVNBAR over the door.

Dutch House: a small house on the edge of Sleepy Hollow; too small to be of any significance whatsoever.

“They can’t put preps in Dutch — cracks in the floor are too big.”

E

E: the grade; signifies failure, miserable failure; also the school athletic award to varsity players: worn on wool sweaters or blue books.

“The world laughs at those who fail.” — Welsh proverb.

ears: two small boxes in the upper corners of the front page of the Exonian, containing news that’s fit to print but didn’t.

Easy Street: the enlarged path in front of Abbot, Peabody, Soule, and Hoyt Halls; a bad place to walk during string-term water riots; any other time, a Good Place.

eat it: contemptuous phrase hurled at your verbal adversary when an adult is present, prohibiting the original and forcing the ambiguous euphemism “it”.

“E” Book: a small, very unobtrusive little volume, containing the Exonian’s Ten Commandments; given to new boys to frighten them, and to old boys as a refresher; a good reference book for determining the activities of various clubs around the turn of the century.

“It’s too bad they don’t give school maps to old boys—I’m still lost.” — any lower.

“E” Certificate: a very official-looking parchment attesting to athletic prowess; useful for covering holes in your wall.

eight o’clock: (1) A.M., in New England, a little before dawn.

“Hey, lend me your flashlight, I’ve got an eight o’clock.”

(2) P.M., curfew for lowers and preps; check-in time for naughty seniors.

English: a required course, assuming a rudimentary familiarity with the alphabet, the merits of which depends largely upon the teacher: one likes spelling tests, another Housman, another the Davis Library, -- others, themes in class, T.S. Eliot, Plato, reading aloud, and memorizing. You can’t win but you learn how to use specific details and arouse no interest whatsoever, and how to read anything in a hurry.

E-slip: a small libelous slip which accompanies failing grades to your adviser for the purpose of (1) making a flunk harder to explain; (2) giving you something to write home about.

eth: a cough syrup bonded, bottled, and distilled by the infirmary.

“Sure bests lemon extract.” — some senior.

examination: there are no final examinations at Exeter, only a series of gruelling “hour quizzes”.

“Children, today we will have an individual written class report.” — Dr. Phillips.

Executive Committee: a sort of monocle for the faculty; a committee of five composed of three permanent and two itinerant members.

“In the past, Executive Committee recommendations have been rejected by the faculty, but...” — Mr. Leonard.

Exeter: (1) a small town in the New Hampshire backwoods, north of Boston; its town fathers are forever overtaxing the Academy; its sidewalks are muddy, and its sewage eventually flows into the sea

(2) an Academy in the same.

Exeter Banking Company: an old banking institution, formerly the possessor of the only electric eye in Rockingham County, which it was forced to remove because the townspeople were unable to cope with it; the only bank in New Hampshire which surrounds another bank; discriminates against students by forcing the use of special deposit slips.

Exeter Bookstore: a monopolistic sinecure, run by the Academy for the purpose of making money and further alienating townspeople; sells **Pogo**, **peanuts**, and **Mad** to budding young intellectuals enjoying their first charge account..

Exeter Inn: a haunt for rickety old ladies, hungry students on Sunday evenings, and “tired but happy” couples over dance weekends; although erected for students’ benefit, recent rules have limited its use.

Exeter Manufacturing Company: a factory, on the palisades of the Squamscott, reputed to manufacture smelly old sox; the town’s finest smog-producer.

Exeter News-Letter: local scandal sheet, featuring weekly bits of news about town and county “goings on”; it does most Academy printing jobs at nominal prices, but for some reason would have no part of this one.

Exeter River: famed and historic river, whose name and bacteria count change at the falls; haven for old clothes, dead animals, and sewage; when the ice melts in the spring, three months’ accumulation of odors is released.

Exonian: independent school rag, known for sarcastic lunchtime editors, bird-like heelers, and late stories; largest semi-weekly newspaper in New Hampshire.
“More ads! More two-pagers! More money!” — W. Taylor.

F

faculty: the supreme body of the school; that congregation of men which has bravely taken upon itself the thankless task of trying to teach a group of resistant boys the finer points of the curriculum; every Tuesday morning they meet and exchange trade secrets.

faculty children: the offspring of the faculty; an ever-increasing army of screaming, petulant brats, who are continually asserting their superiority over students by making loud noises during study hours, riding bicycles on the path, or playing kick-the-can at ten-thirty in the evening; the Hoyt-Langdell gang is by far the most dangerous. A faculty child is seldom called a brat after her sixteenth birthday.

Faculty Circle: an ancient housing project on the far side of Town Hill, where live a few faculty families and some very lonesome boys.

faculty garden: the thriving plots of vegetables, flowers, herbs, weeds, families, and dogs along the path between the Library and Cilley; boasts the finest crop of tomato stakes in Rockingham County.

Faculty Meeting: the weekly secret conclave of the PEA faculty; many students wonder how such an intelligent convocation can occasionally produce such idiotic decisions; strict secrecy serves to alienate further the faculty and the student body.
“What happened at Faculty Meeting?” — any student.
“Even the faculty doesn’t know.” — any other student.

faculty playground: (not to be confused with pigpen — see ANDERSONVILLE) ; a collection of swings, pipes, and sandboxes at the head of Easy Street, where the less obnoxious of the faculty brats gather to throw stones at passing students.

faculty waiter: a lucky scholarship boy who becomes the recipient of extra desserts and seconds, as well as a considerable tip, in return for a few paltry minutes spent gleaning gossip from the faculty.
“I feel just like a mother bird.” — faculty waiter.

faculty wife: any one of the expectant women frequently seen about the Academy tending children; the west side of the yard seems to be more prolific.

Fashionplates: a series of advertisements which Jovial runs in the Exonian, featuring fads that sweep the nation; their content was better once than it is now, but they are still worth reading on occasion.

fairy: a small, soft, bird-like person, possessing legendary elfin abilities of aerial self-propulsion; sometimes emits low, chortling noises, not to be mistaken for a mating call.

faked out: utterly outwitted and deceived.
“Say, this milk tastes like potassium cyanide.”

fiend: an advocate to the point of immoderation.

fig square: the horizontal dessert made by sandwiching a thin layer of anhydrous fig preserve between two thick layers of weather-proof piecrust; any dessert, as reported by a lazy waiter.
“One bite and you’re a goner.” — anyone.

fire drill: an ancient custom, which, thrice a year, snatches students from their 11 P.M. activities, such as they may be; some students have become so enthusiastic about them as to run several of their own; object is to bound down the stairs farthest from your room with the greatest speed to escape an imaginary fire in a fireproof dorm.
“If there ever really is a fire, please don’t bother coming to the common-room to check in.” — Mr. Cole.

five twenty-five: the last class of the day, traditionally unprepared by Exonians; very hard to get to in the winter term.

“Lend me your light, I’ve got a five twenty-five.”

flicks: movies; specifically the Saturday night movies, which seem to flicker more than most.

flit: a student whose method of propulsion is dubious.

flunk: to fail, usually miserably and decisively; the result of too much grill, not enough sleep, and dollop of apathy.

focus!: usually heard emanating from the front rows of the movies; more often than not, the viewer is out of focus.
“Where’d all this fog come from?” — Chris George.

forget it: an overall expression of disgust, misbelief, or disdain; generally uttered after someone asks for the fifth time “Whaa?”

four-thirty: a class at that ridiculous hour; a very difficult one to remember.

frappe: what everyone else calls a milkshake; never pronounced frappay.

Fraser special: a hamburger with **everything:** bacon, cheese, onion, lettuce, tomato, etc.

French: a course which labors over grammar for four years and reads risqué novels in the fifth; in French 1 you go over grammar once, in French 2 twice, etc.

Friends of the Davis Library: a group of alumni who apparently could back the Federal Reserve System, and who supply money for the Library to spend on expensive books; the fund which buys the book you hoped the Library wouldn’t get because you didn’t want to have to read it.
“I could spend any given amount on the Library.” — Mr. Leonard.

frisbee: a circular, plastic platter which students periodically throw at one another for lack of anything better to do; they are unbreakable and relatively harmless, which lessens their appeal.

fruit: a weird individual.

G

gambling: an institution “not tolerated at Exeter”; one of that impressive list of things you must learn elsewhere; inability to play for money or chips increases students’ math aptitudes.
“Let’s go over to Webster.” — any student before the Purge.
“I paid \$450 in **taxes** last year.” — Dave Lamb.

garbage can: source of wealth and adventure for philatelists; place to throw laundry bills and Andover Shop postcards.

garbo raz: an English muffin heartlessly razored apart and toasted to a crisp with a blob of raspberry jam on the side.

Gaudeamus Igitur: a medieval drinking song traditionally sung in the last Chapel of the fall term; it is in dog Latin, and therefore was not written by a member of the Latin Department.

Geography: a course offered by Mr. Cox, Chairman and first instructor of the Department; comes in two forms: Geography 1, naming places, and Geography 2, exploring places; either course is considered a snap.

geometry: a division of the mathematics which involves either drawing little pictures with letters at each corner (plane geometry), or constructing impossible little lettered three-dimensional figures on a two-dimensional sheet of paper (solid geometry) ; of no practical use whatsoever.

George: the merchant of Water Street; every Exonian’s counselor and friend; importer of unbelievably exotic (and expensive) articles of clothing.
“He talked with me for half an hour, then sold me the store.” — old Exeter saying.

German: a language offered to prospective racketeers or dictators; the stories read leave something to be desired.

German Sing: lieder mit cider und doughnuts in der evenink.

gift: a high mark received despite the low quality of achievements for which it was awarded; often the result of suck.
“Gifts break rocks.” — Portugese proverb.

Gilbert and Sullivan Teas: a veddy English custom carried out at tea time in the Big Room with students and faculty participating, and Mr. Scott performing ably; its popularity is now waning, probably due to anti-snob influx.

Gilman, A.C.: That rambling house on Front Street, inhabited by divers Clarks and a few of “the boys”.
“You don’t sling the bull in A.C.”

Gilman, Ed: the large, box-like edifice behind Cilley; close to Court Street Market, but not much else.

Glee Club: a large cacophonous group whose inability to sing runs the gamut from A to B flat; their lilting melodies waft beauty over dissipated audiences from Exeter to Beaver to Winsor to Dana Hall; they also dance and wear tuxedos.

gleep: derogatory remark directed at those less endowed, particularly in the physical virtues, than yourself.

Golden Branch: the gilded twig; one of Exeter's two remaining debating societies.

golf: release for suppressed suburbanites; next to skiing, the sport you travel farthest to do least.

gorm: a derisive culinary term, used in reference to capacity or taste; most commonly uttered by waiters requested to produce thirds.

grab bag debate: a tremendous struggle of great minds over trivial and impromptu topics; a vain attempt to revive debating.

graduation: the last rite, administered to those who have come hither to be made men, have been made men, and have still withstood being treated like boys; the last time in your life that you will be conspicuous if you don't wear what everyone else does.
"I want out." — any student.

greasy: certain actions or people which are characteristically ungentlemanly or unscrupulous; one whose movements are highly petroleous; often coupled with GRIND, to indicate an overly industrious scholar.

greatest: anything just a little bit better than good.

Greek: a venerable old tongue whose dignity is obscured to the less esoteric by its hieroglyphics which render it impossible to read, write, or understand.
"Greek, sir, is like lace; every man gets as much of it as he can." — Samuel Johnson.

Grill: the place where students go after viewing food which is offered in the dining halls; the place where faculty members tell over their coffee what they apparently regard as uproarious stories.
"Ah, ya fadder's mustash!" — Bucky Bruce.

grind: anyone who studies; anyone who studies harder than you do; anyone who gets better grades than you do; anyone who is studying when you aren't.

“Studies come first at Exeter.” — “E” Book.

gross: pregnant with such visual, auditory, gustatory, olfactory, or tactile qualities as to offend the refined Exonian.

gung ho: the opposite of PUNT; to go all out in a positive direction.

gut: a snap course; any course taken to bloat your schedule without appreciably reducing your free time.

gym: a large, unsightly, odiferous, stone edifice located at a great distance from wherever you may be in the early afternoon; used for many things, including athletics.

H

hack: to waste one’s time doing nothing very assiduously; to joke, prank, or annoy the hell out of others; to get in trouble.

hacker: one who hacks or professes to hack; anyone who is annoying you; anyone doing anything other than studying.

Harkness Plan: a \$6 million plan in which students are placed in classes of 12 to 15 in order that loafing, yawning, and other worthwhile pursuits may be abolished.

Harkness table: also “round table”; the tables which had trouble coming through the doors when the Harkness plan came; each Harkness table costs \$1400, but personal engravings and messages somewhat lessen their resale value.

hairy: avoirdupois, hirsute, generally coarse and monstrous.

heeler: any of that race of fair-haired, sniveling lads who perform unbelievably strenuous tasks so that they may be elected to the board of a publication and thus be forced to do still more work.
“Heeler!” — Hank Smith.

Herodotan Society: a select gathering of embryonic historians who hold symposiums in the Perry Room every fortnight on sundry esoteric themes; the presidency changes frequently.

hi-fi: the latest thwart of study and concentration; often used in competition with the town church bells; any phonograph in several pieces turned all the way up, producing extra-ordinary sounds at volumes so high the room is filled—with protests from everyone else.

“Victrolas with tube amplification must be reported to the student’s adviser.” — The E-Book.

Hill Bridge: a bridge across the Exeter river, linking the Hither Plimpton Playing Fields with the Plimpton Fields Beyond; another example of Academy monopoly, from which bicycles, lacrosse balls, and small students are frequently thrown.

hi there: a form of greeting directed at that group of people lower than those you don’t greet at all; synonymous with “fink!”

history: a course which severely taxes your remembrance of things past; in History 1 the names are complicated and the deeds simple, but by History 4 the names are simple and the deeds complicated; useful for predicting the end of the world.

hockey rink: further proof of eternal student dissatisfaction; three months after it was built students were crying for another, with cover.

home: the place from whence come (1) money, (2) news, (3) food, (4) students, (5) ultimatums, (6) money.
“Home is home, be it ever so homely.” — Dickens.

honors: (1) an average nearer B than C at the end of the term; the names are read by the Principal in the last Chapel to the accompaniment of yawns and last minute packing from the athletes and the rest of us, followed by clapping on the part of the recipients.
“Sir, if you give me a B I’ll get honors.” — any eager beaver.
(2) high honors: an average of B, received only by those guys who do their homework.
(3) highest honors: an average nearer A than B; a truly remarkable feat reserved for ex-child prodigies and the brains gunning for Harvard.
“Sir, you don’t have to give me straight A, I’ll make highest honors anyway.” — B. C. Hunt.

hostess: a muscular matron existing only to prevent Exonians from eating a decent meal.
“I don’t like to see boys eat...heh, heh, heh.” — any dining hall matron.

hot: functioning like a well-lubricated piece of machinery; passionate.

hot for: to be very eagerly desirous of; to covet luridly.
“The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it.” — Oscar Wilde.

howaya: the guttural greeting grudgingly granted to greasy grinds and grimy gleeps; a substitute for “hello”; one way to start a letter.
“It is an old custom to speak to everyone.” — “E” book.

Hoyt: dormitory for the Hoyt Polloi, its celebrated buttroom closes periodically, usually for monstrous reasons.

Hue Venite Pueri Ut Viri Sitis: motto chiseled over the door of the Academy building; time-honored example of a subordinate purpose clause with ut—every Latin 1 student makes several excursions a year to the Huc motto; translated: Come hither, poor ones, that you may be made weary.

hymn: a monotonous dirge droned out in Chapel, church, etc., usually of innumerable verses, all boring.

I

I'll clue ya: a buttroom expression meaning, "I'll let you in on the big secret, which should be all too obvious anyway."
"I'll clue ya, that ain't tonight's assignment."

in-and-outer: a grill term for a sandwich containing hamburger, but so cooked as to save fuel and the chef's time.

industry: concentration when the teacher is looking.

Infirmary: an ivy-covered haven for students suffering from examinations or sickness; boasts beri-beri, rickets, shingles, Parkinson's Disease, and cholera; its dispensary offers bushels of aspirin and radiant, friendly encouragement.
"Walk much?" — Miss K.

Infirmary list: a little white sheet which no one pays any attention to; becomes a big white sheet before the end of the marking period, but still no one pays any attention to it.

International Club: Exeter's global representatives, most of whom live in Merrill Hall; occasionally the Internats show a class-B movie in the Little Theatre.

Inquirer's Society: a curious group, combining the Exeter chapter of the Watch and Ward Society with radical atheism; formerly the Ben Abbot Society.
"What's this?" — most any Inquirer.
"What's the Inquirer's?" — most any Exonian.

Ioka: the local cinema; an establishment for public entertainment, Exonians being part of the public only on Thanksgiving; the present enrollment of the school is more than half the theater's capacity.

“I am a great friend of public amusements, for they keep people from ice.” — Samuel Johnson.

“There’s a great movie downtown; too bad you can’t see it.” — Mr. Leonard.

Irma’s: a local eatery; where you meet the people you have been avoiding and whom you don’t want to meet under any circumstances; features waitresses and town girls.

J

jap: pusillanimous surprise test given the day before or the day after it is expected; a sneaky and underhanded contrivance to catch students unawares; to some, every test is a jap.

“A day that shall live in infamy.” — F.D.R.

Jeremiah Smith Hall: the administration building, also known as the Kremlin; it houses a multi-officed bureaucracy, closely resembling the Politboro; in it are the Dean’s office, the Principal’s office, the Bursar’s office, the Post office, the bulletin boards, and the celebrated P.O. lobby.

“The profits of administration are so great that ambition is satisfied with obtaining them.” — Samuel Johnson.

June Ball: the senior dance held graduation weekend, noted for its heat, feminine pulchritude, and gay spirit; only dance of the year when activities off the dance floor can sometimes be engaged in.

“On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined.” — Byron

“Facilis descensus Averno.” — Virgil.

junior: the official appellation for a prep; in a normal school, would be called a freshman; an inconspicuous and innocent young lad of airy nature.

“You were one once.” — any defensive junior to any scornful senior.

“Youth flies.” — Horace.

Junior Debating Society: a group of preps, who hope someday to carry on the grand Exeter debate tradition; they invariably lose interest after a year, usually when their voices change.

J.V.: junior varsity; a semi-pro team that condescends to play high schools; it consists of those athletes who did not make Varsity, and the varsity players for next year.

“I was the last one cut to J.V.” — claimed by at least 10 or 12 players in every sport each year.

juggle: to arrange and adjust science lab data and calculations so as to arrive at a happier answer, a practice requiring skill.

K

kick: (1) a thrill or exhilaration derived from such things as cigarettes, whiskey, and wild, wild women.
(2) to protest or show signs of objection.

kinda nice: useful description of anything from town girls to Sunday-night suppers. Synonyms: nice, not nice, attractive, rather attractive, unattractive, cute, kinda cute, not cute at all. (see NICE).

Kirtland House: the Exeter Aviary; the Athens of Exeter.
“Hoi.” — Mr. Scott.

Knight House: (also Knight Club); a house at the corner of Front and Eliot Streets, housing Mr. Adkins and a few very lost souls.

Kremlin: Jeremiah Smith Hall, the administration building.

Krout: one of the more useful History IV texts. It comes in two volumes, **Outline of American History Before 1865**, and, of course, **Outline of American History After 1865**; the History department underestimates its value.

Krout-proof: an adjective which all History IV teachers automatically apply to all their tests.

Kurtz: a neighborhood eating establishment; where all the preps think all the seniors eat.
“Mistah Kurtz, he dead!” — J. Conrad.

L

lab: a section of all science courses set aside for the purpose of (1) producing offensive odors; (2) taking apart defenseless li'l animals; (3) taking apart defenseless li'l averages; (4) taking apart lousy ol' school property.

lacrosse: a sport played with a butterfly net and a hard rubber ball, said to have been originated by the North American barbarians over five hundred years ago; they have long since forsaken it for the more sensible pastime of basket-weaving.

Langdell: a dormitory and dining hall that did not quite make Easy Street; it looks just like Merrill, but going the other way; it features sloping floors, room A, Lake Langdell, and a congenial janitor.

Lantern Club: a group of boys who meet to discuss literature, semantics, and all manner of obscure authors and poets.

Membership by election only.

“In a short time, I received the agreeable intelligence that I was chosen. I hastened to the place of meeting, and was introduced to such a society as can seldom be found.” — James Boswell.

late permission: permission for underclassmen to break the gentlemen’s agreement of 10:30 bedtime; this is really unnecessary because the faculty have never kept it anyway.

“Burning the midnight oil, ha, ha, ha!” — any solicitous advisor.

Latin: a linguistic system abandoned by its inventors long ago, but it still persists at Exeter.

“It is Latin, it cannot be read.” — old Greek saying.

laundry: one of the many ways the Academy misuses its monopolies; a system for collecting, shredding, staining, and widely distributing students’ clothing; not to be confused with the Old Clothes Drive; the shirt cardboards always are just longer than the drawer is wide.

laundry bag: one of the few really useful things which the Academy provides (although not gratis); used to carry pillows to the movies, bottles to the river, all your belongings to and from the infirmary; also serves as dust-rag, door-mat, pen-wipe, etc.

laundry chute: a vertical metal tube built into some of the dorms to convey laundry bags, sheets, towels, bottles, preps, and other rubbish to the basement.

lecture: (1) at the outset a friendly talk, it always degenerates into postulatory advice and suggestions; (2) any of the Sunday evening programs, loosely including concerts; (3) a good excuse for getting out of a History IV assignment.

leech: a sponge; anyone who constantly borrows butts, pencils, books, stamps, magazines, anything.

Little Theater: the place for little presentations, such as History IV lectures.

loosah: adjective used to describe one who is not a winnah; i.e., who gets no face cards in a bridge game, the last choice on a dance list, the only guy in the dorm whose radio is discovered, or the guy who keeps a reserved library book out for two days.

lost: a much defaced (“Notices on the Bulletin Board should not be defaced.” — “E” book) notice on the bulletin board pleading for the return of lost items or bitterly demanding the return of stolen ones, seldom considered unless accompanied by the large word REWARD.

Lou's Diner: little-known diner a mile out of town, where the cognoscenti go for a cup of coffee; if you go there without a tie, you're treated like any **normal** person.

lower: a member of the second year class at Exeter; the greatest persecutor of preps.

"Scorning the base degrees by which he did ascend..." — Shakespeare.

lunch: (1) word commonly misused to describe the midday meal at Exeter; (2) a mythical place out to which one's mind wanders, resulting in total oblivion.

"O.T.L.!" — any philogynous senior.

M

M&C: Morison and Commager; a two-volume history of the United States, used extensively by the History Department and dispensed in quantity by the Davis Library; one of the most exhaustive and utterly uninteresting books ever written; a marvelous provoker of sleep.

Ma'am: universal dining hall title for the hostess.

"Ma'am, may I have another milk?" — plaintive cry heard anywhere.

Macbeth: a beartrap set in the middle of English III; Macbeth himself admits that "it is a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

made: cinched, in the bag, bound to be, cannot fail; used to describe ventures which may have a fifty-fifty chance of success.

make out: to make the proper use of feminine attraction to satisfy certain basic desires; to become entangled.

making a bed: a ritual consisting of concealing a shambles with a bedspread; failure to conform sometimes results in "dumping."

marking period: five weeks of loafing preparing for one week of ordeal; the Exeter equivalent of Lent.

math: a course required for three years whose purpose is to prevent students from overdrawing their bank accounts; it fails.

Mathematics Club: a group of triple integrators, dedicated to the solution of Fermat's theorem; a few members of this club invariably know more math than a few members of the math department.

Mayday: an international labor holiday; the day of contraband Exonian issues and flagpole festivals.

mechanical drawing: (also “mechanical pencil sharpening” and “mechanical erasing”) ; a course which teaches athletes how to print the alphabet.

Meras: a furniture establishment in town where you can buy a \$3.00 bookcase for only \$6.00; has offices in an old barn with a picture window.

Merrill: the mirror image of Langdell; the bridge club; the United Nations of Exeter.

Mickey Moutis Club: an exclusive club, the membership of which increases yearly, for the development of the cream of the prep class; membership is determined on the basis of physical inability; meets four times weakly in the gym during the winter term; also known as “spazz clazz,” or “twitch academy.”

Midwestern Club: Exeter’s Grange; sponsors the magnificent spring auction where over two hundred hot plates and radios change hands each year, seemingly under the auspices of the faculty.

milk: a white liquid, presumably from cows, although supplied to the school by Badger Farms Inc.; a specialty of the Thompson Downstairs Health Salon.

monitor: one of those stalwarts of absolute incorruptibility who take attendance at chapel, church and athletics; they form a division of the S.S.

mootis nootis: an invitation to Mr. Moutis’ office; usually signifies that someone has failed to check you in.

Mountaineering Club: a glorified Outing Club, composed of those who are not satisfied with merely leaving Exeter longitudinally.

movies: Saturday night entertainment in the Thompson Cinema Hall; punctuated periodically by balky film, announcements, and cries of “Focus!”

much: coupled with a verb such as munch, suck, smoke; forms an interrogatory statement.

mulch vac: the school’s mobile garbage disposal; used for chewing up leaves, twigs, and preps.

Musical Clubs: the all-inclusive federation of oral and instrumental musical organizations in the school; they dwell in tiny cubicles in the catacombs of Phillips Church.

mystery meat: an indefinable, inedible, dining hall delicacy.

N

napkin: a much-undersized and flimsy paper tissue that is placed on dining hall tables for (1) falling on the floor (2) wetting and hurling (3) illustrating math problems from the test you have just failed, and occasionally (4) wiping the hands; cannot be opened with one hand.

neat: kinda nice; not too nice; awful nice; not nice at all.

new boy: one of those naïve innocents who smile and say hello to you on the paths; technically preps, they have stars after their names in the address book.

New England: a barren land, east of New York State, formerly useful for populating the South and West; now of no use at all; famous for weather.

New Hampshire: a state in the far-northern United States; notorious for its cold food, cold weather, and cold women.

“ She was pretty good-looking, in a New Hampshire sort of way.”

nice: the adjective which Exonians use to describe you, your friends, and Exonians in general. It takes many forms but is usually compared: nice (or attractive)

nicer (or kinda nice)

gross (or not nice at all)

nickname: what you can call a teacher when he isn't there, exemplia gratia (in accordance with publishing rules of U. S. Mail) ; Al, Archie, Artie, Barney Bear, Biggest Man in Peabody, Billy, Blinky, Bobby, Bongo, Boob, Bos, Brinck, Brod, Bull, Chils, Daddy, Darce, Dean, Dex, Dick, Doc, Don, Dusty, Eli, Ernie, Fifi, Flash, Flying Bob, Funk, Ginch, Gordo, Great White Father, Groppus, Hammy, Han'som Ransom, Happy Howie, Jud, Kes-Kes, Long John, Mickeymouse, Nick the Greek, Nipples, One-two-three, P.C., Petey, Phat Phil, Pike, Rodless, Ronc, Rube, Scotty, Shekels, Smed, Smiling Charlie, Snotty, Swifty, Ted, Vermouth, Weenie Dan, Whee, Whiskey George, Willie J.

no-doz: a wonderful little pill enabling diligent students to think clearly as they burn the midnight oil, or the 3 a.m. oil, or occasionally the 5 a.m. oil.

non-returning upper: one blessed with the extraordinary mental prowess of being able to get into college without graduating from Exeter; not properly used in reference to uppers who leave Exeter at the request of the faculty; not a dental expression.

Non Sibi: the school song, possessing a Latin title and English lyrics; every new boy should learn the words of the songs before arriving at school, because he'll never learn them here.

not a ray: an indication that there is not the slightest glimmer of hope; an abject denial of all possibility.

notebook: a much-multilated receptacle in which lecturers' words are transformed into pictures.
"One picture is worth a thousand words." — Confucius.

nothers: seconds, thirds or fourths, etc.
Waiter: "Who wants another?"
Round: "I'll take a couple of nothers."

O

Oklahoma: a mixture of cheese and hamburger, thrust between two slices of bread.

Old Clothes Drive: an appeal for torn sneakers, bottomless underdrawers, soleless shoes, bottles, and shirt cardboards, to be given to those who do not enjoy the advantages you do; a period once a year when a horde of rag-pickers overruns the campus, pulling at your vestments and fingering your neckties.

open meeting: an organizational meeting thrown open to the great unwashed in order to attract new members; usually fails miserably.

oral reports: (1) what preps and lowers call oral "talks"; required drooling in class on outside reading; (2) for uppers and seniors, the horrible job of talking about some special topic you have studied in English or History.
"You needn't talk for very long — only twenty or twenty-five minutes." — any teacher.

orange marmalade meringue bread pudding: orange marmalade meringue bread pudding, a dessert.

Orchestra: a group of hardworking, aspiring musicians, whose ranks are interspersed with faculty ringers.

“Have tux, will travel.” — any Orchestra member.

other side of the Yard: the side in which you aren’t; where everything else always is.

Outing Club: sometimes called the “lunching club”; a group of individuals who dislike Exeter so much as to have formed a club for the express purpose of getting out.

out of it: existence in a state of oblivion; one who seems as though he is in, and often looks as though he came from another world.

out-of-town permission slip: duplicate forms on which you must tell all — with whom you are going to spend the weekend, where, and why; must be signed by you, your adviser, the Dean, the Boston and Maine, your girl, and the Traveler’s Aid; many people have near relatives in Boston.

out to lunch: a term of disrespect applied to the type of person who turns on the windshield wipers when his glasses fog up; often simplified to “luncher”, “lunchums”, or “lunching”; occasionally “sorti pour dejeuner.”

P

Pacific Coast Club: a group of west Park Avenue New Yorkers who admit that they have been West once, in order to put on dances; once a club whose members had been cajoled, coaxed or coerced into coming East.

pass: to have so squandered your time and efforts that you only managed to escape failure by your dental epidermis.

Peabody: a large brick dorm slipping sideways into Easy Street; the realm of the great White Father.

Peen: Exeter’s luxurious yearbook; contains unrecognizable pictures of your glorious School Days, to be treasured forever.

“All right, sir, smile now, sir.” — Murray Tarr.

peanut between: ground peanuts and warm bread; fashionable to the less financially destitute who fill the far corners of the Grill.

Pendulum: an attempt at a revitalized literary magazine; its circulation varies — Students’ estimate: 50 copies; Editors’ estimate: 300 copies; Business Board Estimate: 1,500 copies.

Perry Room: a very soft, cozy little room, which was once a stable; boasts a disappearing stairway, false wall panels, a trap door in the ceiling, an ever-replenished fireplace, and a concealed bell.

petition: common means of expressing to the faculty a sentiment of which it staunchly intends to remain ignorant at all costs; even the best invariably fail.

“When’s the Thanksgiving petition due?” — any teacher.

“Think of the precedent!” — any other teacher.

Phillips Church: Sunday morning entertainment sponsored by the school for non-denominational boys; features a different preacher every Sunday, a good one once a month; a perennial target for embryonic intellectuals.

Phillips Hall: the east wall of the Quad; squeezed into it are classrooms for English, French, History, and Spanish, the impressive blue debating room named for an old Exonian who never graduated, the Little Theater, a small zoo, and a medieval torture chamber known as “Room A”. Somewhere in the cellar are the “offices” of the Pendulum and Check, as well as a brook.

Phi Sci: short for Physical Sciences; a course containing the hardest parts of both Physics and Chemistry; with less time for both, gives you just too little of either to be of any practical value.

Photographic Group: (not to be confused with Pornographic Group) ; a gathering of avid photogs who seldom gather, and then only to elect each other president; their idol is Murray Tarr.

Physics: a course involving unnatural laws of nature.

pig: a term of reference used to describe a girl lacking in even the most elemental details of pulchritude necessary to satisfy a depraved Exonian.

pinball: the harmless objects of administrative persecution; inexpensive machines with many lights, balls, and pinups; once a familiar part of lower class life at Exeter.

plain order: three or four slices of potato that have been dipped in lukewarm fat for about three hours while you wait; another appetizing product of the Grill.

Playboy: an expensive, glossy magazine that uses Steinbeck, Balzac, and Kerouac as an excuse for the depiction of the untapped intellectual resources of various nudes.

P.O.: the school post office, inhabited by weary boys vainly hanging on the knobs of empty boxes in the hope that some news will trickle through from the great outside.

“It’s getting so I’d like to see a Dicky Slip.” — overheard in the P.O.

P.O. Box: a small cubbyhole in the P.O. which is invariably empty, and, when accidentally full, is impossible to open; it collects much dust and has four false sides that let all your mail vanish into the adjoining boxes, which are full anyway.

poso: anyone who suggests in a moment of madness or sentiment that this place isn’t as bad as all that.

pound: (1) a ruthless money-making organization at the gym, where you can always find someone else’s lost clothes; (2) a measure of avoirdupois, often reputed to be eaten, nibbled or munched; (3) to strike repeatedly.

Prep: (1) (original meaning, now obsolete) ; any new boy; (2) a member of the junior class; (3) anyone behaving as a member of said class would behave under similar circumstances.

“Mr. Clark, after prepping at Exeter, became a Dartmouth football star.” — N.Y. **Times**.

preppy: (1) one who obviously attends The Phillips Exeter Academy, of impeccable Ivy League manner and dress, with the accent on style; (2) similar to a member of the junior class.

Prize Day: the day when all of us have to sit and listen while five or six boys are shown to us, and their accomplishments and rewards listed at great length for our inspiration.

pro: (1) one who makes his profession of a sport, or who is proficient in any activity; a ringer; (2) probation.

probation: a punishment at Exeter for deeds which most schools would punish by expulsion; a period of testing for the parolee.

proctor: a theoretically incorruptible student who checks boys in three nights a week in smaller dorms and houses; (it looks like a sinecure, but isn’t.)

program: a fancy bit of highway robbery for the Andover games, containing, with little else, the names and numbers, often inaccurate, of the players; designed to impress alumni and girls.

pseudo: one who assumes the guise of a grouped type for the purpose of joining that group; anyone who isn’t.

punt: to give up; to take any sort of absolute desperation measure; to give up any hope of success.

“Well, I’ve decided to punt History.” — any student, confronted with 20 pages of Morison & Commager.

Q

quad: the center of Exeter life: the rectangle of grass and paths between the Kremlin, Phillips Hall, the Academy Building and the Science Building.
“See you ‘round the quad...” — any idiot.

quiet: a dull roar.
“Keep it down to a dull roar, boys.” — any idiot teacher.

quiz: an unexpected, un-prepared-for and un-called-for little test of Japanese origin, ranging in length from two to forty-nine minutes.
“Assume the angle.” — Hirohito.

R

radiator: a necessary black or grey room-heater, traditionally rented to preps on the first day of school; also useful as a bottle opener, hot-seat, permanent alarm clock or percussion instrument.

radio: officially not a part of the Exeter vocabulary; actually just another challenge to the students’ ingenuity; the source of regular petitions to the faculty, regularly turned down.

Radio Club: an organization for contacting hundreds of foreign countries, many Exeter TV sets, and an occasional hi-fi.

rah: anyone so disgustingly spirited as to buy rah scarves, PEA banners, PEA ties, PEA soap-boxes and never miss an athletic contest; George’s best friend.

rally: the pre-Andover furor; a fine example of the horrifying capabilities of a blood-thirsty mob; in the course of it the Trustees are serenaded, and at the end, speeches are delivered which sound very much like last year’s.
“I know, but look at their spirit.” — any Faculty member.

ream: to perpetrate a gross injustice; usually applied to faculty members who abhor high marking.

record: (1) a round, flat, black disk, useful for disturbing the peace, and demonstrating your fine taste in music. (2) the contents of the plaques around the gym. (3) the contents of the epistle sent by Mr. Macomber to the college of your choice; the usual excuse given by same.

record library: a tiny room in the catacombs of Phillips Church, whose purpose it is to dispense rental records to the student body for general classical enlightenment; students either don't know of its existence, or don't care.

red and gray: the school colors; used for banners, pennants, uniforms, blotters, ties, pajamas, athletic supporters, etc.

Red Key Society: an absurd combination of captains and managers of the various varsity teams, dedicated to welcoming visiting teams.

required: anything that you gotta; there are lots of them: required classes, required church, required athletics, required check-ins, and just plain requirements; the faculty seems to be harboring the impression that if we weren't required we wouldn't do anything.

Required to Withdraw: expelled, booted, kicked out, fired, tossed, bounced, canned, dismissed; when you get this, you've had it.

restrictions: a punishment for minor offenses, lasting from four weeks to eternity; nobody really knows what it means, except that you have to check-in early, and can't take weekends.

reward: a promise of monetary emolument and complete absolution of all guilt in return for your stolen property; a phrase commonly bantered about the bulletin boards.

Rifle Club: a suspicious organization for shooting craps and bullets, most of which are aimed in the general direction of the target.

ringer: any good Andover athlete; also Mr. Gropp when he plays in the orchestra.

riot: one of the all-too-infrequent outbursts of latent school spirit.
"Sic Semper Tyrannus!" — any enthused Latin scholar.

Rival Dog Food: the product of a concern which, for an as yet unrevealed reason, sends its trucks outside the dining halls around meal times; its name has caused a great deal of concern and suspicion among the student body.

rock: the idol of most Exonians; anyone reported to be as tough (and as bright) as a 200-pound block of granite.

Rocket Club: another-worldly group which gathers periodically in vain attempts to escape.

Rockingham Bank: the town bank which few people go to, probably because the others are closer.

roommate: that lovable fellow who lives with you, preventing you from working, eating or sleeping; a perpetual Shylock.

Royal Exonians; a choice group of band members selected for making noise on Saturday morning Chapel and other important occasions.

rules: “At Exeter there are no rules until they are broken.” — Gideon L. Soule.

“At Exeter there are no punishments until you are fired.” — modern saying.

S

salad truck: a large, drab vehicle which often acts as a premature alarm clock for the inmates of those dormitories owning their own dining facilities; due to the apparent popularity of salad at the school, as many as six shiny, silver, salad cans are brought to the school daily.

sarc: one who employs sarcasm as a means of revenge or self-assertion; usually the easy way out.

“Ya, well, sure, Burt.” — any sarc.

Saturday night supper: the only meal in the week which beats Sunday night supper in unattractiveness; it consists of black bread, most gross, bloated baked beans, and left-overs; due to a faculty decision many years ago which officially decided that “boys like baked beans.”

saving seats: a common but evil practice, comparable to hoarding vital goods in periods of great demand: universally practiced by the ultra-offensive at the movies, lectures and trains.

scholarship: pecuniary assistance to deserving scholars, permitting them to pursue their education; recipients of same are obligated to compensate for their aid by playing librarian, waiter, or postman.

school spirit: an insufficient term which unsuccessfully attempts to convey such nebulous ideas as cheering at football games and appreciating the Academy while disregarding its failings.

Science Building: home of deadly acids, dead pigs, and both mechanical and human machines; its hallways are lined with all sorts of strange exhibits (and students) ; source of all manner of things to take back to your room.

Scientific Society: the master organization for all minor groups of students specializing in particular branches of science (i.e., model railroading, shop, racketeering.)

screw: to treat unmercifully; to gouge, ream, or thoroughly trounce.

“Screw the Blue!” — former Exeter saying, now no longer uttered in decent conversation.

seconds: that which, when demanded in any dining hall, brings out all that is base, unkind, ungrateful, and malignant in a waiter.

When the meal is of any reasonably acceptable quality, there is invariably only enough food to go around once.

“Hey, more bread, butter, water!” — any student the day after he has waited.

Senate: the PEA Senate; the Society for the Advancement and Training of Fallacious Filibusterers and Pseudo-Solons; a somewhat subversive debating society.

“I can see why the people in this country have so little respect for Congress.” —anyone.

senior: one of those sloppy fellows seen shuffling along the paths or tom-catting around after nine in the evening, exercising their “privileges”. They make the biggest noise in Chapel, and the smallest at football games.

Senior Advisor: someone who asked you your name on the first day you arrived; a system based on a wonderful theory, which, due to the natural lethargy and disinterest of seniors, will never work effectively.

Senior Grill: open two nights a week exclusively to seniors under the pretense of furthering class unity. Here seniors, to prove that they really are seniors, divide into cliques, watch TV, smoke, drink, play bridge, and banter obscure culinary terms; a good place to meet those whom you haven’t seen since your prep year.

“Who’s that one?” — any senior.

senior picture: a photographic reproduction of each senior’s beaming countenance, which, after considerable expert retouching, looks surprisingly like a Portrait of the Subject as a Young Prep. The photographer ain’t nice at all.

senior ring: (also class ring) a highly expensive bit of what some people disdain as “men’s jewelry”; it is not worth one-quarter of what it costs, and the only people who get them are those with extra-possessive girl-friends.

serving room: a large area between the kitchen and dining hall where food is very effectively cooled and moistened below the edible point.

seven o'clock: checking in time for the wayward and mischievous of Exeter's children.
"Time the avenger." — Byron.

sex book: any number of magazines which cater to the taste of adolescent males; customary butt-room reading matter; best source is Wetmore's.
"Who's got the new Playboy?" — Cry of anguished prep around the full moon.

shaft: an indefinite object that all students find themselves impaled upon at one time or another in their Exeter career; also, to receive same, an indication of gross unfair treatment.
"I got the shaft." — any student.
"I got shafted." — any student avoiding redundancy.

shoe: name applied to a correct dresser: one who wears grey flannels most of the time might be called shoe; one who wears grey flannel pajamas and madras underwear is overshoe, or galosh.

shovel: to build up, exaggerate, and stretch the truth; to spin a web of fancy or sling the bull, as in filling up three pages on an English test describing something you don't remember.

shower: devices in the dorm and gym which emit alternately ice water, dish water, river water, and chlorine vapor.

skiing: checking-in with bus privileges; an easy way to spend your winter afternoon; the easiest sport of all to get someone else to check you in for.

sash: to deflate the pride of an individual by invective, sarcasm, or the subtle play; to cut down.

Sleeper House: the extreme western projection of the Academy, housing Mr. Irving and a few lost souls; continually in the limelight as that place which ought to be torn down to build something, anything, new.

slides: nefarious little writing shelves, concealed in large, oval tables; for taking tests, quizzes, and carving girls' names. With dexterous under-the-table footwork you can occasionally surprise the fellow opposite you by kicking his slide into his midsection while he is busy raising his hand or answering a question.
"Assume the angle." — Mr. Easton

sling the bull: (see SHOVEL) to expound with multiplicitous and superfluous application of vague terms and phrases in an insincere vein; detested by listeners unless performed by a master.

snap: an easy course, problem, question, test, girl, etc.

snow: to overpower and/or seduce.

snowman: anyone who snows.

abominable snowman: anyone who snows your date.

Soule: built in three months by a bridge designer, this dorm can claim cuspidor stairwells, twin cans, a sky parlor, a plugged-up lion and an olive-drab buttroom haunted by lousy bridge players and the ghosts of bygone days.

G. L. Soule Debating Society: the other debating society; competition between the Soule and the Twig is very keen, for there are not nearly enough debaters to go around.

Southern Club: a group of slow-talking, but boisterous gentlemen from “down there”; they combine efforts to produce the glorious Spring Dance.

“There will be a brief observation of Jefferson Davis’ birthday tonight at seven o’clock in the Big Room.” — Caesar Cone

Spanish: espanol; one of the easier languages, useful for reading signs in air terminal lobbies and cursing at referees; taught by the wittiest of Exeter teachers.

Spaz: one whose coordination is doubtful or non-existent; derisively used to point out inabilities in the less fortunate at performing such everyday physical activities as running across icy paths to Chapel with an armload of books, navigating from counter to table with four large lemonades and a Garbo Raz at Sunday morning grill, or grimly fighting the 10:15 P.O. rush without being smothered or trampled, fainting, or irretrievably dropping the next five months allowance.

Spaz Class: (see MICKEY MOOTIS CLUB) Department of Corrective Physical Education, the secret society of Exeter’s non-swimmers, unco’s, and lumbar torquillates.

“I was a ninety-pound weakling.” — Charles Atlas.

Special: a section of a course which unites the brilliant so that they may do twice the work of regular students without extra credits; they are sometimes compensated by a less restricted, or even nonexistent, program, and usually receive A’s for their trouble.

“Do something over the weekend.” — Mr. Leonard.

special train: an assortment of cattle cars pulled by a belching locomotive from the B&M’s rapidly-diminishing collection of early American antiques, which sometimes pulls students to Boston before vacations.

“We backed up all the way from Haverhill.”

spelling class: an elite organization which meets after Chapel in the lecture hall to enforce conformity.

“Do you spell ‘Cambridge’ with a ‘D’?” – any Harvard applicant.

Squamscott Press: a print shop near Court Street Market; printers of this edition of THE DICTIONARY OF THE EXETER LANGUAGE.

Squamscott River: the Exeter River past the falls; the part that stinks the worst; empties itself eventually into the Atlantic.

square: to affix the exponent “2” to the upper right corner of a grade, indicating neglect or apathy. The coefficient is usually “E”, but the higher it is, the greater the disinterest.

Stamp Club: where ardent philatelists exchange waste-basket gleanings and speculate as to the effect of the stock market slump on Israeli postage stamps.

State of Maine: a train that runs from New Amsterdam to Exeter on Sunday nights, arriving about dawn; famous for disgruntled porters, multi-colored bottles, stool pigeons, and private compartments.

St. Gurdon’s Day: supposedly a day of rest, proclaimed as a surprise to boost waning morale in the depths of the winter term; actually a carefully- predicted and anxiously awaited day of immense physical activity; the day seniors do their History papers.

stick: that which almost everyone is forced to get on at one time or another.

stock room: a small, quaint shoppe, in the bowels of the gymnasium, featuring a jovial proprietor and nine-thousand athletic supporters.

straight arrow: he who walks the straight ‘n’ arrow asphalt path; any overly upright fellow.

Student Council: that body of school leaders duly elected to represent the students to the faculty and the faculty to the students, determine student feeling in referendums, and perform certain functions which help maintain order, morale, and a high standard of existence; needless to say, every Council does not accomplish this one hundred percent.

New Student Council: dormitory council; a large body of dormitory delegates selected on an electoral system, the effectiveness of which remains to be seen. It **must** be more representative than the old system; it has twice as many members.

Student Service Group: four of the most beneficent, magnanimous and eleemosynary of the senior class, who collect old clothes and money for the Student Council. Electing him chairman of this group is an effective means of preventing someone from becoming President of the Student Council.

Student's Store: Cliff's; where the Andover shop shows every other Wednesday; also an eating establishment.

Study Hall; why they tell you that Exeter is much more liberal than most; in reality, anyone who ought to be on Study Hall is merely required to withdraw.

Study Hours: enchanted hours in the morning, afternoon, and evening when almost everything stops, at least anything of any great importance. Not to be confused with class hours, during which the world stands still.

Study Hours Card: official announcement affixed to your door, putting you in quarantine for acute or chronic deficiencies in ambition, ability, or attitude; the faculty evidently feels that such things are contagious. When burned, a Study Hours Card usually leaves a square, black hole in the door.

suck: what Grand-dad called “polishing the apple”; the easy way to a good mark, but carrying the stigma of dishonor; to try to gain the favor of one's teacher by elaborate and obvious means; if practiced by an expert, it is a truly subtle art which embraces an insight into both human nature and psychology.

sucky seat: either of those sets immediately adjacent to the professor.

“This is a very comfortable chair.” — Nye Stevens.

Summer School: 7 ½ weeks of shirt-sleeves, swimming, and strange Sunday sermons.

Swasey Parkway: local version of Riverside Drive; it offers a stunning vista across the sewage-clogged flats of the Exeter River; on clear nights one can see as far as the dye factory; also known as “Exeter's Happy Hunting Ground.”
“Let's flush a few quail down on the Parkway tonight.”

sweater: shapeless woolen garment, with various letters, and occasionally numbers, on the back; worn to movies, downtown, etc.; the most modest of athletes wear their sweaters inside out so that only the outlines of the “E” are prominent.

T

take it easy: one of the favorite terms of parting at Exeter; often coupled with “take it any way you can get it.”

tardiness: getting to class later than the teacher does.

teacher: an instructor; a moulder of malleable minds.

“Exeter has a Principal, not a headmaster; and Faculty made up of Instructors, not Masters.” — Exeter catalogue.

“More propaganda.” — any student

tear: to race, hasten, accelerate, rush, hurry, or whip.

tech-prep: a prep who tries to be above it all by graduating in three years; he claims vainly not to be a prep.

telephone: a wall decoration which, when you feed it change, utters such phrases as:

“But what happened to the twenty I sent you last week?”

“I thought you said French was coming up this time.”

“Your three minutes are up, sir.”

tennis: a racquet, consisting mostly of signing in.

ten o’clock: curfew for Seniors; their signal to begin work.

ten-thirty: the “regular hour of retirement” for underclassmen; synonymous with 11:00 or 11:30.

tense: to jerk suddenly and twitch spasmodically from head to toe, in apprehension of the future.

term paper: the highlight of History IV and several other courses; the only people who like them are sadistic History teachers and the No-Doz Company.

thin ‘n buttered: what passes for buttered toast in the Grill.

T.I.J.: to toss in the towel, or what have you; to give up in utter despair.

“My term paper’s due tomorrow; I haven’t even found a topic yet. I guess it’s T.I.J. time.” — despondent student.

tool: used by students to indicate one who is extraordinarily stupid; used by the faculty to indicate one who is exceptionally bright.

touch football: one of the sports reserved for seniors; usually fields more lettermen than the varsity.

townie: a resident of Exeter, New Hampshire, whether or not he attends the Phillips Exeter Academy; the only people who go out with town girls for love.

track: varied athletic activities engaged in the woods in the fall, in the Cage in the winter, and in the Stadium in the spring; most of these games were played by the Greeks.

“Don’t ever get yourself elected Track Captain — the Fac has a .500 average on them.” — advice to aspiring track stars.

training: a mythical condition used by athletes as an excuse for bumming butts instead of buying their own.

trig: trigonometry: a field of math which keeps you going around in triangles as well as circles.

trot: a translation of a book written originally in the Classical or Romance languages, following rather closely the original form; forces you to look up English words instead of foreign ones.

Trustees: a benign group of elder statesmen, who appear once a year in Chapel, and dimly on Salty’s steps before the Andover football contest.

tube: (or toober); a cigarette.

“Gimme toober.” — everyone, to you.

“It’s definitely tube time.” — any Soule resident.

twitch: a spasmodic muscular contraction associated with uncoordinated individuals who fall downstairs or drop trays.

“Twitch much?” — overheard almost anywhere.

typing class: the only course offered at Exeter with instructresses instead of instructors; naturally there is a slight extra charge.

V

vacation: any period greater than $1/120^{\text{th}}$ of the year when no classes are held; that time when all butt-room boasts fall flat.

“Oh frabjous day!” — L. Carroll.

“Only 19 days till we get back.” — nego.

Voice of the Turtle: a series of editorial comments, often lacking in appropriate seriousness, which appeared in the Pendulum some years ago; an attempt was made to revive them in 1958.

varsity: the fruit of the mother-stern-yet-tender’s womb; the guys who didn’t get cut to JV.
“Wait till next year.” — the first, last, or any man cut.

Veazy House: a wooden house containing a handful of students, located somewhere in faculty circle, affectionately known as “Greasy Veazy”; one out of every ten students has a vague idea where it is.

vic: short for victrola; an ingenious device invented by T. A. Edison some time ago, and greatly aided by the invention of the vacuum tube not long afterwards; used to provide music for your dorm, and the ones nearby.
“Victrolas with tube amplification must be reported to the student’s adviser.” — “E” Book.

visiting fireman: a notable who is invited to spend a week at Exeter, talking to students who search him out.
“Who was the visiting fireman this year?”

W

waiting (on) : the character-building practice of serving food to your equals as though you were their inferior, so that your friends’ grievances may be aired against you in the guise of hunger.
“More butter, bread, seconds, tea, and, or yes, two glasses of water...please.” — anyone who waited yesterday.

wait up: common imperative uttered inevitably when you are rushed, by someone in the far distance whom you have not even the slightest desire to see, and who makes no effort to overtake you in a reasonable period of time.

wan’t: past tense of ain’t
“He wan’t nice.”—overheard near the Pean office.

waste basket” cylindrical metal fixture of large diameter; used for basketball practice, carrying snow or water, offering a target for the ill, and filing unpleasant memories.

water pistol: a childish plaything which regularly makes its appearance on the campus, to the delight of the older students, and the disgust and dampness of the younger.

Webster: the dorm with the highest mortality rate on campus.

“Recreant in pace.” — sign in the Webster buttroom.

weed: specifically the pernicious vegetable properly called **Narcotiana Tabacum**; used in reference to the particular form of it known as the cigarette.

week-end: a brief exodus to the promised land where blooms the forbidden fruit; preamble to a vacation; all too brief.

weirdie: a queer fellow; an otherwise good kid who gets a wild glint in his eye when he talks of his own special interest.

well: the vertical column of air found in the ends of some of the older dorms; very useful for getting rid of water bombs, old fruit, trash barrels, excess saliva, and unpleasant fellow- students.

wench: a young female human being, especially of the town of Exeter, New Hampshire; a likely wench is an attractive girl.

“Old men have their playthings as well as the young; the difference is only in their price” — Ben Franklin.

Wentworth: one of the really insignificant dorms on campus.

“One of the really insignificant dorms on Campus.” — any Wentworth resident.

Wheelwright: a dormitory located on a hill near a main highway; blessed with the sounds of trucks and freight trains at night, and the fragrance of the Exeter mud-flats at low tide.

Wetmore’s: a local variety store; only store in town which braves the Blue Laws to stay open Sunday nights.

whiskey: a stimulant used as an aid to the ill, which, because of its high B.T.U. value, is often used as a fuel for week-ends.

“Candy is dandy,
But liquor is quicker.” — Ogden Nash.

Wicksupper: a home-cooked, informal supper with Dean Wicks; ten or twelve seniors are invited at a time to discuss the problems of the temporal in relation with the ethereal.

“You may eat anything you want, apart from the family...” — Wicksupper invite.

Williams House: the house at the other end of Easy Street; reputedly the scene for **Tea and Sympathy**.

winner: loser.

X

- X:** (1) a mark in red crayon, found in great abundance on any graded paper, indicating a grievous misunderstanding between you and the teacher.
(2) a mark at the bottom of a letter, indicating that she loves you, whether or not she can spell it.

Y

Yacht Club: a group of frustrated old salts; the existence of the club is a matter of some doubt during the year, but which is cleared up by the appearance of its members on the upper Exeter River by the June Ball, paddling on the smooth surface in rented boats and girls.
“If we only had a boat!”

Yard: that part of the campus below the Academy Building consisting mainly of grass, a few bushes and children; in the spring it becomes an athletic field, and virtual nudist camp.

ya well: no one is sure of the exact meaning of this handy phrase, but its usefulness in situations where there is nothing else to say is beyond doubt.

Z

zero: a heinous cipher used to signify the coming of spring and shortcomings on tests.
“Oh, I must have misunderstood the question, sir.” — History student.

zit: the unfortunate result of an overindulgence in rich foods.
“Everything I like is either immoral or illegal, or gives me pimples.” — any Exonian.

zoo: in spite of the presence of lions, rats, sharks, birddogs, wolves, etc., Exeter is really not a menagerie, but a circus.