

POETIC LICENSES

Our spring 2006 call for Exeter-related license plates and boat names has yielded these three poetic licenses. If you have Exeter on your bumper as well as your brain, please send us a photo or a high-resolution jpg, and tell us a little something about it. We'll publish more photos in future issues. Mail to Exoniana, c/o *The Exeter Bulletin*, Phillips Exeter Academy, Communications Office, 20 Main Street, Exeter, NH 03833. Or send us an email at bulletin@exeter.edu.



Jon Ortloff '03

When I got my first car right after graduation in 2003, I knew I wanted a vanity plate, but couldn't decide on one. The New York DMV has a great website that lets you know immediately if your choice is available; it even shows what your prospective plate would look like. I sat at the computer for several hours one evening trying all sorts of plates, including PEA 03 (taken!) and IH8ANDVR. Judicious parents suggested something nicer, so NON SIBI seemed like a natural choice. Not only was it kind of a code, but the 3+4 letter pattern with a space in between fit the NY plate design perfectly. But it turned out that somebody already had it! So NON SIBI it was...and is. I get a lot of questions about it, but have yet to run into an Exonian who recognizes it.



Christopher Wronsky '71; P '08, P'10

Director of Planned Giving

I just got this plate with my renewal. NON SIBI was not available—someone else must already have it—so I thought that SIBI would be the perfect license plate for the selfish indulgence of a 50-year-old buying a yellow, two-seat BMW. What better way to illustrate *Non Sibi* than to show *Sibi* in its most conspicuous form? I've gotten lots of smiles on campus—except from my children, who are kind of embarrassed.



Diana Davis '03

Co-captain, Girls Cross-Country Team, 2002

This is a photo of the license plate that Rick Parris, instructor in mathematics since 1978 and girls cross-country coach from 1978 to 2002, had on his car for a number of years. The license plate stands for PEA Girls Cross Country. Several years ago, in a book celebrating Mr. Parris' 25 years of coaching, Christine Margerum Harlen '82 recalled how the license plate "always lifted my spirits because it showed his total devotion to the team." Mr. Parris no longer keeps the PEAGXC plates on his car, and he gave me one when he learned that I collect license plates.