

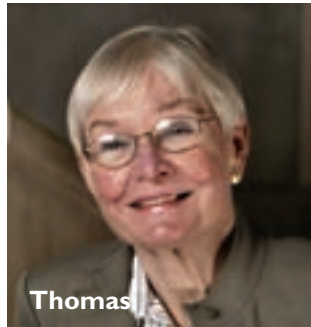
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE LIBRARIANS

For obvious reasons, I found the cover story of the winter *Bulletin*, with its focus on the role played by the Academy's librarians, of much interest. When I visited my daughter Susan Stewart '84 at Exeter on several occasions, I never failed to visit the library and its competent librarian, Jacquelyn Thomas. After all, I have served as an academic librarian for 33 years in seven libraries, both large and small.

During my visits, I was always impressed favorably by the important role Ms. Thomas played in her service to students, faculty and others. I am confident future Exeter librarians will continue the tradition established by their predecessors during the past century.

*Al Stewart P'84  
Greensboro, NC*



delighted to see themselves in the *Bulletin*. I am glad their two daughters are still alive to enjoy it!

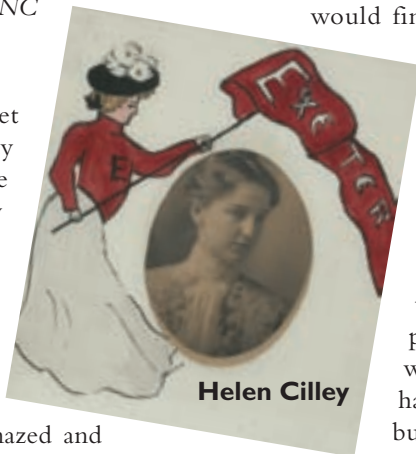
*Judith Fiske Gross P'65, P'70  
Lincoln, MA*

### THE 'TITANIC' FOUND!

I have very happy memories of the Davis Library. I was a Foundation Scholar while at Exeter, waiting tables for the first three years and then manning the desk at the library in my last year. Two library memories stick in my mind. At the time (1943), there was a "brown-out" in all the cities close to the Atlantic seaboard, which meant that windows had to be curtained at night. The library's reading room had heavy velour curtains, and one of my jobs was to close them as night fell.

The second involved the *Titanic*, which had fascinated me since I was a young boy. During that final year at Exeter I had an English assignment of some kind, and I decided I would find out what materials

were available in the Davis Library so that I could write of the sinking. I combed the stacks and found two books and a 1912 issue of *The Illustrated London News*, all of which I used in writing my paper. I do not know what grade I got, but I have remained a *Titanic* buff ever since. When I



### THE TWO CILLEY GIRLS

I was delighted to get the *Bulletin* yesterday and read the article about the Library. My aunt, Helen Cilley Alder, and my mother, Mabel Cilley Fiske, were the first two librarians. I know the two Cilley girls would be amazed and

## DON'T FORGET TO WRITE

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returned for my 50th reunion in 1993, I checked the new library and found the magazine still there.

*Russell Hunter '43  
Beverly Hill, CA*

### WHERE HAS ALL THE FUN GONE?

You mention in the article "An Open Book" that the "Davis Library's elegant Reading Room was a favorite place to study." You do not mention that another reason it was a student favorite was that its entire two floors were filled with books students had read on their own and then donated upon leaving the school. You could find everything from Edgar Rice Burroughs and Lord Dunsany to Ian Fleming and Alistair Maclean—that is, books that were *fun* to read. Does the collection still reside some place where students can go to escape the grind for a few hours of adventure and romance?

*Robert R. Chase '67  
Silver Spring, MD*

*Editor's note: The grind may continue, but so do the adventure and romance. The Academy Library maintains a collection of current paperbacks that take up where Ian Fleming and Alistair Maclean left off. They're available on the main floor, next to a large shelf of current and classic DVDs, part of the CinemExeter collection.*

## Correction

Catalog this error under "proofreading, sloppy." In the caption that accompanied this photo, we managed to misidentify three members of the library staff. Pictured here are (left to right) Karen Hilton, Marilyn Bott, Abigail Christian, Jackie Thomas, Joanne Jones, Ed Desrochers, Tom Wharton, Eileen Cusick, Shelley Bronk, Andra Crawford, Tad Nishimura, Joe Montibello and Jane Storm.



## POETIC LICENSES

Reports have reached us from the nation's highways and waterways of cars and boats bearing Exeter-related license plates or names (e.g., "PEA" and "Non Sibi"). If you have such a vehicle or know someone who does, please send us a photo or a high-resolution jpg, and tell us a little something about it. We will publish a photo album in a future issue. 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](mailto:bulletin@exeter.edu).



### WHO'S THAT SITTING AT THE TABLE?

In the winter 2006 *Bulletin* story on Justice Joseph Nadeau '55, there is a picture of Nadeau as a student in "the classroom of English instructor Darcy Curwen," but it appears to be an anomalous class. Is that

not Mr. Scott at the head of the table, with Mr. Curwen standing next to him? To the right of Joe Nadeau is, I believe, Dave Rintels; to the right of Mr. Scott, myself and (half-hidden) the late Peter Cox. Perhaps classmates will recognize others.

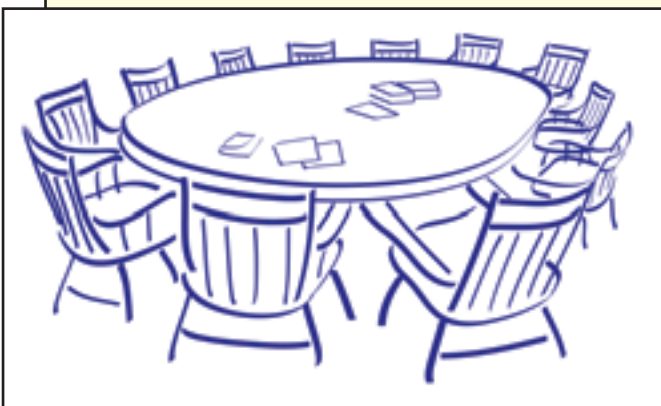
*Richard Bevis '55*  
Vancouver, British Columbia

### 'EVERYBODY COMES,' CONT.

I was particularly interested in the "Everyone Comes to Exeter" article that appeared in the centennial issue of the *Bulletin*. I would probably have included among the political personalities who came the visit of Benigno (Ninoy) Aquino of the Philippines in April 1983. In an eloquent and prophetic speech at assembly, he laid out the reasons for his impending return from exile and discussed the personal risks that would entail. Of course, as we know, he did return and was assassinated right at the Manila airport. For those of us fortunate to be in that Exeter audience, it was a rare encounter with a real-life martyr whose political and personal courage was in full display.

*H. C. Huang '83*  
Berkeley Heights, NJ

## Tell Us About Harkness in Your Life



The 2006-07 academic year marks the 75th Anniversary of Harkness teaching, a milestone the Academy will celebrate with a number of events. Rick Schubart '79 (Hon.), Exeter's Bates-Russell Distinguished Faculty Professor, is heading up a committee charged with planning these events, which will include a series of talks held on and off campus.

These talks, and the fall 2006 issue of the *Bulletin*, will consider the theme of Harkness in the lives of Exeter alumni/ae. That's where you come in. We need you to tell us how your Harkness experiences have shaped your life. How have you used the skills you honed around the Harkness table at work and at home? Possibilities the

committee envisions include Harkness in the Board Room; Harkness in the Family Room; Harkness in the Operating Room; Harkness in Government; Harkness in Sports; and Harkness in Hollywood.

Please let us know where Harkness has taken you and where you have taken Harkness. Send your submission of 300-600 words to Beth Brosnan, editor of the *Bulletin*, at [bulletin@exeter.edu](mailto:bulletin@exeter.edu).