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The Road to the White House Runs through Harvard Square

*A Breakdown of the 2020 Presidential Candidates with
Ties to Harvard*

By EVELYN GRAY

Though the 2020 Presidential Election may seem far away, over 450 individuals have already registered with the Federal Election Commission as 2020 presidential candidates. While most of these declared candidates are not exactly household names, at least eighteen of the more realistic individuals have begun campaigns. Of these eighteen, nine have some connection to Harvard.

Harvard and the United States Presidency have had a long and well documented love affair; Harvard has educated more Presidents than any other university, most recently with the Obama presidency. Obama is the eighth Harvard-educated president, with a 1991 degree from Harvard Law School.

The Candidates:

Indisputably, **Bill Weld** has the strongest ties to Harvard. Bill Weld's (Weld Hall) ancestor Edmund Weld was a member of Harvard's class of 1650, and was followed to the college by eighteen more Welds. Bill himself graduated with a 1966 degree in Classics, took a brief leave to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and returned to complete a law degree from HLS in 1970. He is a Republican candidate looking to challenge Trump for the nomination and has vocally criticized Trump in the past. He is the former Governor of Massachusetts and Federal Prosecutor and in 2016 was on the ballot as the libertarian vice-presidential candidate. He seems to have stuck to libertarian ideas in his platform so far, placing emphasis on the importance of free trade and fiscal restraint. He is also in favor of the legalization of marijuana.

Elizabeth Warren, one of the first to declare her candidacy, is a very prominent Democratic Massachusetts senator and is a former professor at HLS, where she taught

courses on commercial law, contracts, and bankruptcy. Her work at the law school has clearly informed her campaign, which she is running on a signature platform of protecting the middle class from the interests of big corporations.

Julian Castro, the former Mayor of San Antonio and former Housing Secretary, received his J.D. from HLS in 2000 (alongside his brother, Joaquin Castro). He is running for the Democratic nomination, and is a proponent of "Medicare for All", universal prekindergarten, and immigration reform. He is also an outspoken supporter of affirmative action, which he credits for his admittance into Stanford as an undergrad.

Peter Buttigieg, the first "millennial" presidential candidate, spent his undergrad years at Harvard (class of '04), where he was president of the IOP student advisory committee. He studied History and Literature and was in Leverett House. He would be the first openly gay US president and has built his platform around his identity as a millennial and the call to address issues of climate change and economic opportunity.

Back in 2008, senator **Corey Booker** spoke at the HLS Graduation Ceremony. Known for his great speeches, the senator from New Jersey has declared his intent to run for the 2020 democratic nomination, and will likely run on a platform of criminal justice reform, a key issue he has worked on as a senator.

College students around the country rallied behind **Bernie Sanders** in 2016, but long before then he actually served as an IOP fellow for the 1989 term, while representing Vermont in the House.

Tulsi Gabbard, a 37 year old congresswoman for Hawaii and former member of the Army National Guard, did not attend Harvard but

was honored with the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award in 2013 by the IOP at the Kennedy School. Gabbard won the award for her work on behalf on veterans. As a veteran and veterans advocate, she is running on a foreign-policy based platform of opposition to US military intervention overseas.

Unconventional democratic candidate **Marianne Williamson**, a self-help author, personal friend of Oprah, and activist, was on campus this February, speaking at the Divinity School on "Repentance in Politics" and her signature platform of the payment of reparations for slavery.

Undergraduate Asian-American groups hosted candidate **Andrew Yang** on campus this February and spoke on "The Asian-American Experience". He is an economist, and is running on a platform of Universal Basic Income.

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While these candidates have varying levels of connection to Harvard and disparate backgrounds, it is quite likely that the next president of the United States has spent at least some time in Cambridge, and that maybe that guy in your gov class who swears he's going to be President someday actually has a chance, at least of running.

The candidate information in this article can be credited to the New York Times.

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Not the Yardfest We Know

*Unfamiliar Changes to Yardfest
Concern Students across Campus*

By GRAHAM WALTER

Following the events that happened last April regarding the Harvard College student who was taken into custody by Cambridge Police, Harvard University has taken measures to both preclude events like this from happening again as well as to make students aware of resources that will increase their overall safety. In order to accomplish these tasks, then-President Faust established a committee to take measures which would take effect at Yardfest 2019.

In a report entitled “Report and Recommendations” by the Harvard University Review Committee (emailed out to the undergraduate email list on March 25th, 2019) 4 principles are outlined that the committee believes would make the festival a safer environment. The committee was designed to not only make Yardfest more enjoyable, but to make the student population safer by bringing awareness to the many resources the University has, including both staff and food and water.

The steps taken by Harvard are not totally unprecedented. In previous years, the festival has taken place on Sunday afternoons in an attempt to allow for more resources at the event. Resources such as first responders and HUPD are typically more pressured on Friday and Saturday, so moving the event back a day would allow for a larger ratio of HUPD officers to students. The question of whether students actually trust these individuals is discussed elsewhere in the report.

Additional adjustments that are being implemented include a restriction on “big bags,” a limitation of re-entry, and an

effort to intervene with dangerous drinking. The report then goes on to outline how organizations such as A.O.D.S. will make active effort to make their information readily available; in doing so, students who are confronted with situations regarding drugs/alcohol can make informed decisions.

The report takes many of its ideas from focus groups and other forms of recommendations made by students and the Harvard community. Regardless of the intent, some steps taken by the University seem to go against the spirit of Yardfest and stances they took were controversial to students who preferred the Saturday venue. Particularly, underclassman who were unaware that there exists precedent for the Sunday afternoon Yardfest were frustrated, claiming that “Sunday afternoon’s when I start to think about the rest of the week... and have to think about the rest of the week.” Others students griped with the guest policy, claiming that they already have plans for “friends that are flying up to visit” or significant others making the trip out to Harvard. However, other students took a slightly more optimistic view, with several sardonically claiming that at least this way they have a reason to celebrate all weekend.

Harvard received a lot of feedback regarding the lack of trust between officers and students. Because the University’s main goal is to ensure the community’s safety, Harvard is attempting to bridge the lack of trust between students and officers that primarily exists among marginalized groups. HUPD has been entrusted this year with more clearly communicating what can be expected of the department, where their limitations lie, and what actions they will take when a situation is out of their power.

In the words of the report,

(1) “HUPD should build upon its existing efforts to work with surrounding police departments to ensure that there are clearly understood roles, responsibilities, and practices in place for incidents in which HUPD responds to the scene when events are occurring outside of Harvard’s campus, and therefore outside HUPD’s primary jurisdiction.”

(2) “The awareness expands on what to do in situations involving the impaired with updated amnesty policy. They make it clear that all of Harvard’s staff, including Proctors and Tutors can serve as a resource for undergraduates and that even if they are underage”

(3) “Any student may bring an intoxicated or drug-impaired friend to Harvard University Health Service or to a hospital, or seek assistance from College residential life staff or HUPD, and by doing this, neither they nor the friend will face disciplinary action from the College for having used or provided alcohol or drugs.”

Although unlikely, in the event that a situation arises involving Harvard College students, the committee assembled by Drew Faust addresses in further detail the context in which they made changes to this year’s Yardfest, Harvard’s participation in the response, and how they intend to prevent these events in the future with the help of other students.

Graham Walter ‘21 (grahamwalter@college.harvard.edu) still looks forward to a fun yardfest with (Harvard only) friends.

Modification and Makeup as Fashion

*The Fifth Installment of Fashion Advice Column
for Busy College Students*

By GRACE TWOREK

My mother always told me the most beautiful girls are the ones that are always smiling, and I have made this my mantra throughout life as I try to infect others with a contagious smile day after day. Fashion is much more than the shirt, pants, or dress you cover your body in, but rather how you can make your style individualistic to you. It is important to let your personality shine through when it comes to your style and rather than letting clothes wear you, you must not only wear them but make them your own.

Self-expression through fashion can be done in so many different ways other than the simple concept of wearing certain garments, and so many people fail to recognize this. Aside from simply rocking a smile like mom always says, there are many ways you can express your individuality. Whether it be the way you style your hair, the makeup you choose to wear or you choose not to wear, or completing your outfit with that special pair of earrings your grandmother passed down to you, the key to a completed look is all the tiny details and it is through these details that you can perfect your style and make it your own.

For me, changing my hair is my all-time favorite go-to when it comes to switching up my look. Although I know I am a blonde at heart and that will always be what I come back to, I am impulsive, so when the idea of being brunette pops into my head, I end up having a hair

appointment later that week. The best part of hair is that it grows, so dye it pink, get a perm- you can always change it back. It can be very scary to change your hair, and I am in no way saying you ever have to, but hair is a great way to express yourself and like the clothes you put on your body, a certain hairstyle can tell a story of your feeling that day—even if that story is forgetting to set your alarm and rocking bedhead all day.

I can still remember the day my mom walked in on me putting on all her makeup. This age is different for everyone, and some may even go their whole lives without putting an ounce of makeup on. Makeup has the ability to complete a look as it can enhance your beauty with just a touch of mascara or lipstick. Similar to clothing, makeup is always changing and different trends are constantly emerging. Although we may be quick to jab at our mom's blue eyeshadow from the '80s, colored eye shadow is for sure making a comeback this season and it can really allow you to experiment with your look and take it to the next level. Although makeup can be fun to play with as it is meant to enhance your beauty, it is important to not rely on makeup to change your look entirely because what makes you so beautiful is YOU, not the winged eyeliner or false lashes.

As I said, it is the small details that make an outfit more than just fabric. It is through small details, like a piece

of jewelry passed down from your grandmother, that brings meaning and memories into your look. For me, it is a pair of Chanel earrings my mother gifted me on Christmas that always take my look to the next level. They are so special to me as I know my mom went to great depths picking them out and they always bring me back to one of my favorite times- Christmas. It is through these types of pieces that you can connect with people. One might say, "I love your earrings! Where did you get them?" And next thing you know, you have made a friend on the T just by talking about your favorite pair of earrings. Fashion is more than the looks, it is about bringing people together through art- the art of fashion.

There are so many ways to express yourself through fashion- whether through clothes, hair, makeup, or your most special accessories, everything has a story and becomes individual to you. I encourage you to find these pieces that feel most special, get that haircut that makes you feel most confident, and allow yourself to be yourself because that is what is the most beautiful.

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Spring-Cleaning My Life

Just Another Article About Self-Care

By ALAYA AYALA

With the weather beginning to warm up and the sun beginning to set later I, like many people, have really begun to notice a change in how motivated I am to take care of myself. Suddenly, I want to scrub down my dorm room every day. I want to make my bed in the morning, I want to wake up early. I'm even motivated to go to breakfast. These are not things I could do over the winter, by any means. The constant darkness and the cold got me down to the point where the only thing I wanted to do was sleep through lecture and re-watch an entire season of *Gossip Girl*. There was this feeling I got sometimes, where it felt like I literally couldn't get out of the bed, off of the chair, away from the screen. It felt like if I put away the comfortable and distracting thing, something bad would happen to me. If I don't procrastinate until the last minute, I had to spend time thinking, stressing, worrying over every little detail. I wanted to go to class, I wanted to be more responsible, and I wanted it to happen fast, but I was so drained all the time that I just couldn't make changes. It wasn't a good point in my life, to say the very least.

But that feeling is gone now. I like to blame it on the weather, or even the knowledge that the semester will soon be over. Regardless of why it is, I'm glad it's happening. I'm happy to be spring cleaning my life, I guess.

So, here are some unsolicited tips for Spring Cleaning your own life; they have worked pretty well for me so far.

1. Throw out the trash

A huge part of cleaning out anything, be it your room or your stressed-out brain, is throwing out all the unnecessary stuff. For me, this involved a lot of sitting down and decluttering my workspaces. And by

workspaces, I mean my bed, my desk, my backpack, and my wallet. I had so many reminders for things I knew I was never going to do sitting around in these places that it wasn't healthy. Think advertisements for classes at the MAC. While I had told myself earlier that I'd get around to doing these things eventually, the reality was that I never would, and looking at the reminders would only make me feel worse. So, I tossed them. But those aren't the only things I got rid of.

I also did my best to toss out my emotional trash. This was maybe a few weeks ago, but I realized that I have a really awful habit of making self-deprecating statements about myself and saying sorry all the time for things that weren't my fault. Those thoughts, those behaviors, were something that I'm realizing are really just a lot of emotional trash. I make an effort to catch myself whenever I'm going to do those things now, and I asked the people who care about me to help point it out if they noticed it. Getting rid of these damaging habits has really started to help. I don't complain about myself and things I can't change as much.

2. Organize the clutter

Getting rid of the bad stuff is great, but that wasn't enough for me. I still had a lot of crap to organize, both in my workspaces and in the other parts of my life. Re-organizing my notebooks, restructuring my file folders on my computer, and creating new routines in my life were necessary for me. My creative writing folder on my computer was a terrible mess for a really long time this winter, and it stressed me out for many reasons. I needed a portfolio to apply for jobs, but I didn't even know what pieces of my writing were finished or not. It was hellish to sort through, but I felt incredible after. That feeling doesn't even compare to how nice it felt to reorganize my routines. Doing

things like starting to track my meals so that I was more aware of what was going into my body, forcing myself to take the long way back to my dorm, and waking up at a certain time every morning have really created a sense of lightness, as if I don't have to feel guilty about not taking care of myself anymore.

3. Decorate, you earned it

Seriously, do this. Treat yourself, make things look nice in the spaces you habitually occupy. I did this by buying myself a poster that I really love, and also by reminding myself that not all of the self-care that I engaged in over the winter was bad. It's okay for me to sit and watch a movie if I want to. It's okay to eat candy every once in a while after spending a few days eating vegetables for every snack. When decluttering your life, you don't have to deny yourself the things you like, even if they're unproductive. It's still good to take care of yourself.

So that's what I've done, and what I hope to start doing every time I notice my life getting cluttered and stressful. I hope it inspires someone reading this to take steps to do what they think will make their life better, too.

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INDY FORUM

Burn the Red Team!

As cybersecurity grows in importance in the modern era, Michael examines how seriously (or not) the subject should be taken for college students.

By MICHAEL KIELSTRA

When I started learning how to hack computers, I was very quickly taught one thing: as Uncle Ben never stops saying, great power and great responsibility go hand in hand. I read books by hackers skilled enough to hold a small country to ransom, but who emphasized over and over the importance of getting proper authorization. If you were hired to hack into a company, as a test for their fancy new intrusion detection system, say, and you came across a computer that wasn't on the list of approved targets, you left it alone. It was that simple. You may imagine my surprise and horror, then, at the behavior of Red Team during this year's NECCDC.

NECCDC, the Northeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, centers around maintaining a small computer network for a fictional company. Red Team, made up of cybersecurity professionals, hack into this network. Competitors, organized into Blue Teams, try and mostly fail to keep Red Team out, and are scored on how well they keep relevant systems running.

Red Team, meanwhile, just has fun. This year, one of their members was there to write prank scripts. These were viruses that would make dancing bananas appear on Blue Teams' screens or play loud music from their speakers; writing them was this man's only job. The other Red Teamers referred to him as their CFO, for Chief Fun Officer. More seriously, Red Team members faked credentials to impersonate members of other teams, for example, which – although I concede is something actual cybercriminals do – had been explicitly forbidden to anyone at all at any point in the competition. When they gave a debrief at the end, I was expecting a discussion of common vulnerabilities and ways to mitigate them. What I got was a video montage, set to rock music, of “hilarious” things Blue Teams had

said and done in the face of the Red Team's onslaught. Put simply, Red Team were drunk on their own power, and they made sure everyone knew it.

I guess I should congratulate the Red Team and their decades if not centuries of combined cybersecurity experience on their victory over a bunch of nineteen- and twenty-year-olds. However, I must ask whether there is a place for this sort of ethos in cybersecurity today. Computer hacking, once a discipline confined to a few university dorm rooms and with stakes no higher than a midterm grade stored in an insecure database, is now global, professional, and lethal. A single cyberattack, launched in a couple of hours from anywhere in the world, can destroy hospitals and power plants, computer networks and crucial business data. For this reason, if I hire a hacker to test my security, I want to be very, very sure that he or she will not go beyond the boundaries I set. Hackers are simply too dangerous not to take themselves more seriously.

The NECCDC Red Team will surely respond that, when actually in the field, they are more calm and easier to work with. Not only do I doubt that this is true, it is also an abysmal excuse. NECCDC advertises itself very much on the strength of its Red Team, and Blue Teams are told to view it as similar to playing chess with Garry Kasparov. They will be beaten, but, in doing so, they get a chance to see how the experts do it. The Red Team were setting an example, and they made it very clear that computer hacking was all about hilarious pranks, broken laws, and general fun at the expense of your targets. Being good at what they do cannot save them when they are bad at teaching it.

The problem is far more widespread than NECCDC. The name “Red Team” alone, commonly used by hackers across the world, implies a sort of elite unit, glorying

in its badassery. “Tiger Team”, also in widespread use, is even worse. The hackers I prefer to read almost never use these words, preferring the more scientific and careful “penetration tester” or, for those who don't like being giggled at by ninth graders on career day, “pentester”. They are in, as I have come to realize, a minority. The Burp Intruder hacking toolkit, used by thousands of hackers and costing thousands of dollars per year for a business license, uses “Peter Weiner” as the username when trying to overload a login form by sending thousands of requests per second. Users can change this, but most hackers don't.

If this is the prevalent attitude, it might seem hopeless to try to change it. Some computer security people, however, are more reasonable, and there are steps we can all take to encourage these few. If you are hiring hackers, hire the boring ones. They will probably give your system a more careful and thorough going-over anyway. If you are learning to hack mainly because you love the thrill of compromising someone else's computer, stop. You'll only cause yourself and others pain in the long run. If you are already a hacker, don't play childish pranks or embed dumb jokes in your code. Computer hacking started out as the cybernetic equivalent of a bunch of kids running around with BB guns. It is now the equivalent of a bunch of kids running around with nuclear warheads. Moving from there to a culture of responsible adults armed with warheads will be difficult, but, with effort, I am sure it can be done.

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A Brief History of Time

A Poem

By JOSE ESPINEL

The beginning spilled
light. And helium. And
time.

Across the newborn plane
These raced to fill the void
And this process we know Is
natural.

The glass says so, When
spilled sideways and
Unless the vintage is good
You'll never hear me
complain.

Also no one denies that Given
enough time (And inconsiderate
housemates), Wine dries all red
and brittle and stains.

Time's next step – the one that persists
In the absence of a mop-armed god Is a
wine stain on the floor of the universe:
An era where matter's shadow is long and
dark.

And you live unhappily with the
knowledge Of the penumbrous age.

You ask me – how
Remembrance occurs without
Thought – how Light may
persist (for beauty's sake!)

But no finite soul departs with
guilt – Thus is time's gift.

For the wonder of a rose is in
a petal, Not in its fertility – We
wonder at the first And only grow
the second that We may wonder
again.

Your forehead - The one
I kiss in the present age
The light-bearing age The
happenstance one where

We met, And the rose
grew, And wine spilled
According to Newton's
Laws –

It should find peace in the knowledge
That in her short life The woman who
wears her Lives rarer than the stars she
worships And the singularities that though
outnumber us Are mortal too And are
remorseless when They succumb to time.

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INDY ARTS



Onwards and Forwards

A Poem

By ANA LUIZA NICOLAE

Up and down
and up and down
It goes all round

Comes and goes
Through joy and woes
Its spinning never stops

On Earth so far the sky above
The rift just flown over by doves
Like the cycle of the crops

The sphere is never altered
The life has never faltered
And there it shall go on

To pain, to maim
With love, to aim
True life is never squandered

Safe those who laugh
That cow is yet not calf
And life cannot be made

We around together go
Always up and down and so
The wheel, unbroken, never shows

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Francesca Cornero '19

A Typical Harvard-Yale

Harvard Women's Lacrosse exhibit dominate display against rivals Yale

By MIMI TARRANT

This Sunday saw the Harvard Women's Lacrosse team take on the Yale Bulldogs on their home turf in Cambridge, and the team didn't fail to provide a spectacular display for the students who came to watch after returning back to campus from spring break. With the sun shining down on Jordan's Field, supporters came out in their droves to cheer on the lacrosse team, now at 5-4 in the season after their emphatic 18-8 win over the Bulldogs.

As with every Harvard-Yale matchup, the run-up to this game was laden with history; with Harvard having lost out to Yale last year in a tight overtime thriller, it would have been understandable if they had approached the competition on Sunday with a sense of apprehension. These potential nerves may have been the reason for a close first half, with the matchup being tightly contested from the offset. Whilst Yale opened the scoring, the lead was quickly taken by Harvard through two goals from Keeley MacAfee, with another added by freshman Grace Hulslander. Senior captain MacAfee would go on to score a total of 6 goals in the contest, equalling her career high for goals in a game, and proved to be a guiding light in the attacking set-up of the team. The resilience of the Harvard team against Yale's persistent attacks

ultimately allowed the first half to finish 5-4 in favor of the Crimson, while the match seeming to hang in the balance between the two tight-matched teams.

Despite this, the second half turned out to be pivotal for the Crimson, with an eight goal streak for Harvard causing the Yale Bulldogs to fall dramatically behind in the contest. With four saves from sophomore Grace Rotondo in goal, the Crimson consolidated their emphatic attacking period with a solid defensive one, not allowing the Bulldogs a goal for a 14 minute period in the second half. Rotondo commended her defensive line for the role they had to play in the victory on Sunday, saying that "there were many defensive stops - whether that be an interception, a crucial ground ball or a save. With the defense holding its ground and making plays, the offense were able on multiple occasions to convert these plays into goals". This fluidity between the offensive and defensive lines proved key for the Crimson, and, in the end, the Bulldogs were not able to recover from their deficit, with the game ending 18-8 in the Crimson's favor. With Harvard dramatically outshooting Yale at 33-17, the end-score was an accurate reflection of the excellent second half experienced by the Crimson.

The Crimson's win over Yale takes the team to 1-1 in Ivy play, with this

Sunday handing Devon Wills her first Ivy League win as the Head Coach for Harvard Women's Lacrosse this season. Rotondo added that the new coaching appointments had "fostered a positive and fun team culture," with the leadership and expertise of the coaching staff allowing the team to develop both on and off the field. The Crimson will be looking to this leadership after their convincing win against Yale as they make the short trip to Dartmouth next weekend. When they do, they will be looking to replicate their excellent performance against Yale, with Rotondo explaining that the team is "extremely excited for and confident about the rest of the season" following Sunday's game. With Dartmouth 2-0 in Ivy League play so far, the trip will prove a tough contest, but this growing Harvard team has already proven that they have a lot of potential at hand, promising an exciting remainder of the season for the Harvard Crimson.

Mimi Tarrant '21 (ameliatarrant@college.harvard.edu) is looking forward to closely following the progress of the Women's Lacrosse team, not least because her blockmate is the goalie.

The Madness Continues

The Crimson exit NIT in last-second thrillers

By ELIZABETH GUMMER

Both the Women's and Men's Crimson basketball teams brought their season to a close this past Sunday, each losing in the second round of their respective post season tournaments. Both teams advanced from their first rounds earlier in the week, but were not as successful in their following match ups.

The men's team played first, travelling to Washington, DC for their first game in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) game against Georgetown on Wednesday Night. The 71-68 Crimson win over the Hoyas was a minor upset, with the 6th place seed overtaking the 3rd. Chris Lewis started the game off with a layup in the first 20 seconds of play and set the tone for Harvard to lead in the majority of the first half. Entering the second half a point down, Justin Bassey scored a quick 3-pointer to bring them back into the lead; going into the last minute up by only two points, Bryce Aiken responded to Georgetown's late game 3-pointer with 4 free throw shots, securing Harvard's win.

On the women's side, the team competed in the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT) for the ninth time in the history of the program. They played both WNIT games on their home court, Lavietes

Pavilion, a first for the program. Matched up against Drexel on Friday night, the Crimson women held a steady lead over the opposing team for the entirety of the game. Led in points by Junior Katie Benzan, four women scored in the double digits; Sydney Skinner, Madeline Raster, Jady Bush, and Katie Benzan were responsible for 54 of the 69 points scored by the Harvard team. Starting out with an early 6 point lead, the Crimson cruised to a 69-56 win over the Dragons and advanced to the second round of the tournament.

Both teams entered the second round of play on Sunday night, with the women at home, the men at North Carolina State in Raleigh, NC. The women played the Georgetown Hoyas in Cambridge, offering a slight home court advantage. Trailing in the first half, Harvard team was down 37-26 when the buzzer went off. However, the Crimson women worked to even the score, scoring 16 points to the Hoya's 9 within minutes, and closed out the quarter down only 5 points. Overtaking Georgetown with just over 2 minutes to go, Senior Madeline Raster scored a layup, taking the score to 65-64 for the Crimson. But in the final 30 seconds the Hoyas managed to scrape together 6 points, edging out Harvard for a win

of 70-65.

The men at Raleigh faced similar misfortune, with a tense late game shot deciding their fate. Though they trailed behind NC State for most of the first half, the Crimson picked their game up with notable contributions from both junior Chris Lewis and freshman Noah Kirkwood. Coming back from a 12 point deficit, the Crimson closed out the first half with a 1 point lead on the 39-38 score. Facing intense back and forth in the second half of the game, the team entered the last 2 minutes of play time down only 1 point. Though they dropped down to a 5 point deficit with only 27 seconds left, Sophomore Rio Haskett scored a promising 3-pointer, and followed up with another in the final 3 seconds of play. Ultimately the men's efforts weren't quite enough to secure a play in the NIT third round, as they fell 77-78 to NC State in a thrilling finish.

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