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Democratic Candidate Town Hall

*Harvard IOP and CNN bring together leading
Democratic Candidates*

By TUSHAR DWIVEDI

On April 22nd, CNN, in conjunction with the Harvard Institute of Politics, hosted a Town Hall of five democratic candidates: Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and Mayor Pete Buttigieg. While the questions and answers presented at the Town Hall drew plenty of attention both during the event and afterwards, another broader question made itself clear as the night progressed: what was the impact of the event being so Harvard-centric?

The Town Hall lasted 5 hours, with candidates answering questions largely presented by Harvard students. When asked about the structure of the event and how it impacted his major takeaways, Harvard College Junior Diego Garcia responded: "I've participated in live CNN events in the past, but the scale of five back-to-back Town Halls was a sight to behold. It was fascinating to see the choreography of the evening first-hand. Sitting through all five candidates' Town Halls served to contextualize each of them and influenced who I believe the winners and losers of the night were, particularly in comparison to those who only watched along on television." Other Harvard students seemed to be in agreement, stating that while it was "somewhat tiring to sit through five hours worth of questioning, the diversity of questions presented and the chance to compare candidates in close proximity was really helpful."

Garcia went on to give an example of the distinction between being in attendance for the event in person and what most students would otherwise miss on a television screen.

In responding to whether the event swayed his opinion on any of the candidates, Garcia said: "Frankly, I was surprised by Sen. Harris' reluctance to take a firm stance on a number of issues. I don't think it resonated as much on television, but after the third or fourth time she responded to a question by stressing the need to have a 'conversation' on the topic, there was audible laughter in the auditorium."

The opportunity to attend such an event in person is a rare chance that, while may seem commonplace given the significant political activity and representation on Harvard's campus, most students and youth will never have available to them. Harvard College, through the Institute of Politics as well as other student organizations, has a long and respected history of connecting students with political leaders of the world. As a result, Harvard's influence on the Town Hall seemed almost natural to students on campus. However, the possibility of a disconnect between the student representation at the event and the interests of those around the country is also one that must be considered.

Reactions to the event, as can be seen prominently on major media publications, Twitter, and Youtube, focused just as heavily on the questions asked and topics discussed by Harvard students as the actual responses by the candidates themselves. Given that there was a strong Harvard influence on the event, it is natural to wonder whether the particular demographics and ideas present on Harvard's campus really represent the youth of today, as the event was being branded.

When asked if there was an answer or question that was particularly interesting, Garcia responded: "I found the focus on student loan debt particularly interesting. As Harvard students, we are extremely privileged to enjoy Harvard's generous financial aid and strong job prospects, and as such college debt is often not top-of-mind here. However, for college students in New Hampshire, which has some of the highest in-state tuitions in the country, the issue is far more pressing, and this urgency was reflected in the questions they posed to the candidates."

The event demonstrated yet another successful integration of politically engaged and interested Harvard students and the opportunity to take part in national-scale discussions; logistically and thematically the event "ran spectacularly," as another attendant mentioned. On a broader level, however, it is necessary to consider the significance of whether Harvard's interests truly represent national interests and how perceptions of Harvard may skew perceptions of the candidates themselves.

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Fashion In the Digital Age

The Eighth Installment of a Weekly Fashion Column

By GRACE TWOREK

Fashion is an art; it is the type of art that is timeless and can be expressed in many unique ways. Although timeless, it is constantly evolving along with our society. Each day, both the fashion industry and the every-day people of society experience new trends—whether bringing the fanny pack back in style, eating avocado toast, or staking out a career in the enigmatic field of Instagram influencers, trends touch and influence the lives of just about everyone.

Social media is a major trend that has evolved both in the fashion world and in society, but this “trend” is no longer seen as something that is temporary, but rather, it has become an aspect of society that we have learned to depend on... and it doesn't seem to be going out of style any time soon.

Granted, social media has the utmost ability to connect people in novel ways, and when it comes to fashion, differing social media platforms have allowed the industry to elevate itself. Companies can convey the aesthetic of their fashion to its consumers just through them opening their phone.

But has social media become too overbearing? Too addicting? In some cases, people have learned to depend on their social media platforms for validation as some may believe the only way to confirm you are like totally drop dead gorgeous is by how many comments you received on your most recent selfie, or how many likes you attain on a post.

This type of culture is unavoidable as it has become the norm not only for us millennials, but for just about anyone that

has social media and uses it often. Sometimes I worry that the timelessness and beauty of the fashion industry may be getting stripped away as it too feels the pressure to confine to the pressures that the world of social media puts on everyone.

The fashion industry feels the pressure to keep up with the advancing world of social media in the same way that every industry does, but for the world of fashion it is absolutely vital to maintain the existence of creativity and fashion through their usage, and this is where things can get tough.

Industries have been continually forced to choose between classic and modern when it comes to their vision, and these little touches go unnoticed because as a society, we have become so used to these subtle changes.

For example, have you ever wondered if Kendall Jenner has been on precisely thirteen Vogue covers because she is a top-notch fashion model or because she is a part of the Kardashian family and her social media presence has a following of 108 million Instagram followers?

The editors at these high-fashion magazines, such as Vogue, know Kendall Jenner sells and although she may not be exactly the pinnacle of an editor's vision, her social media presence cannot go unnoticed. I am in no way here to discredit the work and abilities of Kendall Jenner and her modeling career, but it is a detail that needs to be noticed as it makes me wonder if the fashion industry is seemingly giving in TOO much to these pressures of social media.

It seems unfathomable that Vogue could no longer be printed as a real-life magazine and instead only be read online, but in

the direction that the fashion industry is going—as social media continues to gain more capital in society—this possibility has become strikingly more likely.

Let's not discredit social media—it opens up its viewers to creativity, self-expression, and connection by giving people inspiration through fashion content easily consumed on an iPhone. Each day, my feed is filled with outstanding content from the accounts of Chanel, Vogue, or my absolute favorite fashion bloggers. The world of fashion is past the point of existing without the presence of social media, so rather than trying to see how one can exist without the other, we can attempt to find the perfect balance of the two.

I am notorious for posting my outfit of the day on my social media accounts as well as watching numerous style videos to gain inspiration on what I want to wear to certain events. I am also guilty of checking my social usage numbers for the week and being completely horrified by the numbers I was seeing. This balance is so important to find because when it is found, social media and fashion really are so compatible as they have the ability to bring out facets of creativity and inspiration one never knew existed.

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To My Younger Self

Struggling with mental health on the Harvard campus

By ARIANA AKBARI

People who don't go to Harvard always ask me, "Is Harvard hard?" What they're looking for in this question is for you to tell them, "No. Harvard is not that hard. Harvard is just like every other University. Which are also not hard." Usually, a variation of this statement is what I say because it's easy and because I think it makes the questioner feel more satisfied.

The veritas of it all, however, is that this is just not true. The real answer to the question "Is Harvard hard?" is a resounding, "Hell yes. Attending Harvard is challenging in a way that is practically incomparable." Attending any university certainly comes with its stressors. Today, many students are navigating unprecedented mental health waters catalyzed by things like the integration of new technology systems, economic uncertainty, and the introduction of programs that integrate racially and socioeconomically diverse students into spaces traditionally reserved for the white elite. (Just to name a few.) Even with that being the case, however, I maintain that Harvard is extra hard.

It seems obvious to say that what makes Harvard exceptionally difficult is its exceptionality. Harvard takes the demands of the typical university experience and multiplies them fourfold. In attending Harvard, it is very likely that you will be pushed to your intellectual and psychological limit. The academic workload is extensive, the expectations of the professors are high, and because of the House system - in which all students

over all four years live and eat together in dormitories - students are put in a position in which they can constantly compare themselves to the highest performing students from across the globe without reprieve.

The aspect of the Harvard experience that I personally struggled with the most was this constant proximity to other students seeking to perform at a high caliber. Most Harvard students are driven by a need to be the best. As a result, they're usually aggressive, socially insecure, and more selfish than your typical human. All of these students are caged inside of what people call "the Harvard bubble" and what results is one of the most interesting anthropological studies waiting to happen.

Most of my closest friendships with my peers at Harvard were forged during the opening days of my freshman year because everyone was still acting relatively normal then. Over time, however, people on the Harvard campus become obsessed with internal power struggles, campus social politics, and competition for future career prospects. Final clubs always end up taking the rap for all of the social issues on Harvard's campus - and they are certainly responsible for many of them - but the problem goes deeper than that. In my own case, I was severely traumatized by bullying with a significantly gendered angle that was not related to final clubs.

People would not naturally assume that I would be a target of bullying, and conventionally I haven't been - I walked onto Harvard's campus as a confident

former pageant queen with a track record of community service and academic excellence. I am extremely privileged in that there's not that much explicitly that I can be targeted for (beyond my Middle Eastern heritage in a post-9/11 society). As a result, I have always been the type of person who has been able to leverage her own positioning to stand up for those who were being targeted. For me, however, the same traits that had allowed me the privilege in the "real world" to be able to stand up for others put me in constant jeopardy on the Harvard campus.

Whether they are in a final club or not, many Harvard men have gone through their entire lives without being told "no." At the same time, they have learned that they can achieve anything if they just try hard enough. Harvard guys were often nice to me until they realized I wouldn't become sexually involved with them, upon which time they became quite bitter and mean. This often resulted in them making unpleasant remarks to me and in treating me disrespectfully. That is not to say that Harvard women were always better. In my experience, many women at Harvard - usually in competing for Harvard men - resulted in creating rumors about other women and treating other Harvard women poorly to make themselves seem and feel better.

As a result (re: protective mechanism), I now consciously try not to talk to Harvard men unless they:

To My Younger Self, continued.

- a. are gay
- b. are dating a friend
- c. have been friends with me since early days (although sometimes I have to avoid them too)
- d. work with me in an official/organizational/professional capacity
- e. are friends with my boyfriend
- f. are my boyfriend

That being said, I want to iterate that I still have a lot of sympathy and respect for Harvard men, especially international Harvard men and Harvard men of color. I understand that they face significant challenges as well in navigating the Harvard university structure - with its exceptional academic, cultural and social stressors. There exists even more of a stigma around mental health for men, and I hope that their voices and experiences are also being given the adequate attention and care they deserve.

And so. To my younger self, struggling with mental health on the Harvard campus.

- 1. When you get your Harvard acceptance, look into therapists in the Greater Boston Area not linked to Harvard Mental Health Services. Therapy is normal. Harvard is hard. On campus resources are extremely sub-par.

- 2. Don't go to final clubs/frats/sports parties/etc as a freshman girl, even though The Social Network made them seem cool.
- 3. Stop seeking validation from other people. They're (mostly) stupid and selfish at this age.
- 4. Create a circle of trust.
- 5. Suffering is unnecessary. Work hard, but don't hurt yourself. Don't compare your workload to that of others. Even though you're competitive by nature, don't make a competition out of the pain.
- 6. When all seems too difficult and overwhelming, just do the next right thing.
- 7. When in doubt, ask for an extension. (Even if you may not get it).
- 8. If someone is bullying you, tell an authority figure immediately. Don't wait until it's too late.
- 9. If you are concerned about the behavior of one of your friends, talk to them. If that doesn't work and you're still concerned, again, tell an authority figure.
- 10. People say time off is cool, but it actually sucks. Do what you can to avoid it.
- 11. At the same time, Harvard is better done when you are your best self. Take time for yourself always, and remember to protect your own peace, even if it doesn't make other people happy.
- 12. Be your own advocate. No one will stand up for you unless you stand up for yourself first.
- 13. Learn to communicate respectfully, intelligently, and honestly with your professors, your peers, and yourself.
- 14. Eat less HUDS. I think it's making you sick.
- 15. To expound upon the words of Our Forever First Lady, Michelle Obama, "There is no boy cute enough... interesting enough, [or cruel enough], to stop you from getting your education."

Keep going, girl. I believe in you.

*I want to make note that while my own experience has been quite cisgendered and heteronormative, that I imagine the experiences had by members of nonbinary and LGBTQ communities come with their own exceptional challenges. I hope that members of these frequently marginalized groups are also afforded platforms and communication structures that allow for them to adequately thrive on the Harvard campus moving into the future.

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A Riddell for Universities to Solve *Harvard Alumni Manipulates Test Scores of Prospective Students*

By GRAHAM WALTER

Mark Riddell was one of the individuals responsible in the college admission scandal. He pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering in front of a judge and is being forced to surrender the money he made and spend years in prison. Mark Riddell crime was helping dozens of high school students cheat on their college entrance exams.

Riddell was instrumental in helping around 20 families achieve inflated scores on their ACT and SATs; Rick Singer, the mastermind behind the scheme paid Riddell \$10,000 per test to fly from his home in Florida to test centers in Texas and California. There, the Harvard graduate would "secretly take the exams in place of actual students" according to his testimonial. He would even go so far as to mimic the hand writing of his clients' children. In other cases, such as the case with actress Felicity Huffman's, he would alter test answers to achieve a higher score. Singer would be in charge of bribing gatekeepers to allow Riddell to aid clients, adding an additional 400 points to some scores.

Riddell is a Harvard graduate, and when I first read that, I did not see this as a reflection of my University or myself. When the news about Riddell first broke, however, I was on the phone with a family friend who asked me what I thought about my "friend." I did not know Riddell, but because we both have associations with Harvard, we are inevitably grouped. So how does this affect us as Harvard students? Well on the surface, it shouldn't. Riddell is obviously a very smart man, good test taker, and was likely qualified for a Harvard as any other graduate is. Where did he start to lose his sense of honor and value in replace of money? Did

the Harvard Honor Council not teach him better than that?

According to the Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Rosen, Mr. Riddell's began his scheme in 2011. This crime, one that he may serve up to 20 years for, led him to Canada, San Francisco, Houston and Los Angeles. Riddell typically corrected students' answers, but also was active in the sports recruiting scheme. If his actions went on for 7 years and with children of people who are in the public eye, does this shed light into how susceptible top tier institutions are to cheating? Furthermore, does this type of behavior force a change in the future of admissions? What Mr. Riddell did was reprehensible, and it would be ridiculous to question the importance we give to standardized testing based upon this group's actions, but it does bring into view the beast that is the American educational system.

Another recent indictment was with Laura Janke, who was an assistant coach for women's soccer at the University of Southern California. Her role was to designate children as athletic recruits that would help in their admissions process. To go a step further, people like Ms. Janke would artificially create athletic profiles on these fake student athletes, creating fake honors and positions on elite teams.

Actions that have been taken by people outside of the admissions process lead to conversations of using a more objective and informed resource for determining who is accepted into certain institutions. With all types of data on the internet, from high school sports to awards to social media accounts, artificial intelligence could be easily utilized by admission committees to help do their fact checking and cross comparisons. There has been a

crop of startups that help provide students with where they think they should attend college, but with AI becoming more and more advanced, it may be possible to let machines have a say in the confirmation process as well.

Something that the AI industry has been failing to formulate, however, is fairness and morality. The attempt to minimize bias is something that will likely inherently clash with other's definitions at some point and making an unassuming robot may be impossible. The admissions process as a whole is quite subjective to admissions officers and while most of the decision making is likely correct, it is impossible to know the number of times when students who were less qualified than others got a spot over someone who may have deserved it more.

While the future of college admissions is being shaped now, both between the Harvard affirmative action court case and the prevalence of bribery among the wealthy elite coming to light, there is bound to be some reform in how the admission process works. For many, attending elite institutions is something that offers the idea of completeness. There would not be jokes about double legacy if gaining a double legacy didn't offer one's children a higher chance of getting into an overly competitive university.

Graham Walter '21 (grahamwalter@college.harvard.edu) hopes he and his peers aren't defined by the actions of those past.

Words

A Poem

By ABIGAIL JADE KOERNER

Journal writing is for quiet
If I don't the words will spin in my head
I repeat them like twirling on a dance floor
I don't want to forget them
So I repeat them and repeat them and
It's like the pounding of a keyboard.
They echo like
Trains sound in tunnels
Brass instruments in a theater with the right walls
I like it when the words stop moving
When I
Sit down and put on headphones

Sounds of music replace the
Hollow rhythm of repetition
Words swirling from brain to page
A sentence with t's crossed, i's dotted
Subject: me
Action: doing
On the topic of why is it being done?
Hard stop, space,
Capital letter for the next line. And the next.

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Harvard Sophomore Chosen for South African Field Hockey Squad

A Conversation with Hannah Pearce about her Field Hockey Career and Future

By EVELYN GRAY

Coming off of Harvard Field Hockey's historic top 10 finish in the NCAA this past fall, sophomore Hannah Pearce '21 has been selected to represent her native South Africa on the women's Senior National Field Hockey Team. This is not the first time the psychology concentrator in Winthrop house has represented her country on an international stage; Pearce was named Dave Carr U18 Girls Player of the Year by the South African Hockey Association her freshman year.

Pearce has started every game for the Crimson as a defender since she came to Harvard, and led this year's defensive squad to an average of 0.74 goals allowed per game, with 10 shutouts over the course of their season. She was recognized for this contribution with first team All-Ivy honors, as well as a selection to the Longstreth/NFHCA Northeast Region First Team. This year's squad set school records for wins (17) as well as wins in a row (14). The team had its highest finish in program history -- ranking 6th in the nation at the close of their season.

The Independent reached out to Pearce to learn more:

Indy: What does making this team mean to you? Was it something you thought about growing up playing hockey?

Pearce: Being included in this team is the culmination of one of my biggest goals since I was a little girl. It has been something I have been striving for as I made my way through the Team South Africa program,

first playing on the on the u18 team. Field hockey has always been a big part of my life as my entire family is involved in the sport. Both of my parents have played and coached from a very young age and have been incredibly supportive throughout my training. They were thrilled when I was given the opportunity to play for the Harvard team.

Indy: What are the next steps for you on the South African team?

Pearce: We have a training camp coming up where we will train and play three test games in preparation for a big tournament in Valencia, Spain. The tournament in Spain is our Olympic qualifying tournament for next year's Olympics in Tokyo. So the main goal is to do well enough this summer that we qualify for the Olympics.

Indy: What kind of training are you doing in preparation for this summer?

Pearce: Since I have been included in the team we have done multiple types of testing. I've had to complete an injury risk screening test with our trainers here at Harvard, which includes flexibility testing, core strength, and functional analysis of muscle movements. I have also recorded 4 different fitness tests to test for endurance, agility and speed. I have been doing these tests on top of my off-season training with the Harvard team.

Indy: What is your schedule like this summer?

Pearce: This summer I will be training daily for the team and will also be doing some coaching on the side. Training over the summer would include the upcoming camp and test games, which begin mid May. Because the camps start during finals period, I will be taking a few of my final exams in absentia. After the tournament, it would be a lot more training camps and extra work on the side such as fitness and strength work. I also play for a club field hockey team that will be in session when I get back, so my schedule will be filled with playing with them. A normal training week for me would include two gym sessions for strength and fitness and two hockey sessions a week. I also do extra training twice a week to improve individual skills such as overheads and drag flicking.

Indy: Are there particular players in the South African national team program who you looked up to growing up in the sport?

Pearce: Yes, to name a few, I have always looked up to Marsha Cox, Pietie Coetzee, and Lisa Deetlefs. Cox was the captain of the South African team for a while when she played and was a very influential player and captain. I really enjoyed watching her play, but she is no longer involved in the system. Coetzee is also a very inspirational player. Coetzee taught me a lot of the skills that I still use in my game today. She inspired me to learn the drag-flick, which

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is considered a specialty skill in field hockey. Deetlefs is still on the team and plays the same position that I play. She is very knowledgeable about the game is a very relatable and relevant player. We have been on the same teams and will be this summer, and she has always been a great role model to me.

Indy: What has being a part of Harvard's field hockey team meant to you?

Pearce: Harvard field hockey has been an amazing opportunity and experience so far. If it weren't for hockey, I never would have thought of Harvard as an option for University. Being on the team keeps me focused in my studies and has taught me valuable life skills and lessons. The team consists of an amazing group of women from all over the world who are incredibly smart and driven. They inspire me every day on and off the field and are some of my closest friends.

Indy: Why did you want to come all the way to Harvard?

Pearce: I chose Harvard because of its academic focus. It provides a good balance between academics and athletics. I also liked the idea of joining a developing program and contributing to its construction as a top team. I loved being a part of the team that broke the season record and earn the highest ranking in program history. One question I kept

asking myself was, "If I didn't have field hockey (got injured and couldn't play) where is somewhere that I would most feel at home?" When I thought about that while making my decision, I thought Cambridge and Boston as a whole. I think that it is an amazing city and I really enjoy the look and feel of it. I knew that I would enjoy my time here. I also really liked the campus (Harvard Yard, freshman housing, Annenberg, upperclassmen housing), and the concept of having the athletic facilities across the river and academic buildings on the other. The academic opportunities offered by Harvard also provide me with experiences and opportunities I probably wouldn't get anywhere else.

Indy: What is it like going to school so far from home?

Pearce: Getting home takes around about a full day of travel. The distance makes it hard just because it's never just a quick flight to see everyone, but social media -- texting, FaceTime, etc. -- allows me to stay in contact with everybody throughout the year.

If all goes well and Pearce makes the final team and the team qualifies for the Olympics, Pearce will be added to the ranks of the many Harvard men and women to compete at the Olympic level. She will, however, only be the second

Harvard college student to play field hockey for an Olympic team. The first -- Andrew Stone '86 -- played for the United States' Men's field hockey team in 1984, according to GoCrimson.com. One of the past assistant coaches for the Harvard team -- Katie O'Donnell Bam -- competed in the 2016 Olympic Games for the United States, and currently coaches at Maryland University.

To watch Pearce and the rest of the Harvard Field Hockey team take on Boston University in their last off-season game, head to Berrylson Field this Sunday at 2:30pm.

Evelyn Gray '21 (evelyngray@college.harvard.edu) will be cheering for Hannah at her game this Sunday, and encourages you to do the same.

A Clean Sweep

*Harvard Track and Field Overpowers Yale in
New Haven*

By JP VIEIRA

Harvard men's and women's track and field teams took on Yale, in New Haven, this past week. The Crimson went for the sweep, with both the men's and women's teams winning (the men by a score of 95-68 and the women by a score of 105-57). Starting off with the women's 100 meter dash, Harvard women sprinters finished from positions 1-5, with senior Ngozi Musa placing first, sophomore Olivia Okoli placing second, and freshman Katina Martin placing third. The women's 200 meter dash was more of the same, with Harvard finishing in positions 1-4. Sophomore Olivia Okoli placed first, freshman Tina Martin second, and Micah Meekins third. In the women's 400 meter dash, Harvard stole first place with freshman Sharelle Samuel only continuing Harvard's dominance on the day. The women's team also placed first in the 1500 meter run with sophomore Anna Juul and first in the 5000 meter run with another sophomore Abbe Goldstein. In the women's 400 meter hurdle, Harvard once again cleaned up, placing first with freshman Jada Jones, second with junior Livia Gauntlett, and third with junior Karina Joiner. Both in the 4x100 meter relay and 4x400 meter relay, Harvard 'A' placed first, completing the domination over Yale in the running

event. In the pole vault, freshman Alana Carroll topped off the event by breaking the Harvard program record with a height of 4.01 meters.

For the men's running events, Harvard didn't place in the 100 meter dash, but went on to place in every single running event afterwards. Notably, sophomore Jovahn Williamson placed first in the 400 meter dash and senior Myles Marshall placed first in the 800 meter run. Harvard also placed first in the 5000 meter run with junior Kieran Tuntivate. In the 110 meter hurdles, Harvard swept Yale with first-year Tre Hollingsworth coming in first, senior Andrew Holze coming in second, and fellow first-year John Minicus coming in third. Harvard continued their dominance through the 400 meter hurdles, the 3000 meter steeplechase (with junior Will Battershill notching the third-fastest time in Harvard's history), and the 4x400 meter relay. Sophomore Erick Duffy comfortably placed first in the pole vault with a height of 5.41 meters. The Harvard men's track and field team continued their dominance through the rest of the events, sweeping in the discus throw as well as placing first in the long jump, triple jump, shot put, and the javelin throw.

Harvard Track and Field will compete

at the Stonehill Invite this upcoming weekend and look forward to the Ivy League Heptagonal Outdoor Track & Field Championships the weekend of May 4th.

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April Flowers

By ISABELLE BLAIR