

Among faculty, frustration at plagiarism review

Side gigs yielded big payday for interim school president

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Before being named interim president at Harvard University this week, provost Dr. Alan M. Garber already had one of the most wide-ranging and powerful roles at the university — he was in the room for many of the institution's most pivotal moments.

For this, Garber was paid about \$946,000 in salary from the university for the 2021-2022 academic year alone, recent Harvard tax filings show.

But in roughly the same period, the physician and health economist earned more money as a board member for two major drug companies, Vertex Pharmaceuticals and California-based Exelixis Inc. Those two part-time roles netted Garber at least \$963,000 in the 2022 fiscal year, records show.

Garber remains listed on both companies' websites as a member of their boards. Harvard spokesman Jonathan Swain declined to provide decent

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‘It essentially got adjudicated on social media and I think that’s really unfortunate.’

MELANI CAMMETT
Harvard international affairs professor

Some feel Harvard’s response to allegations was too rushed, didn’t follow a deliberative academic approach

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Days after Claudine Gay’s disastrous testimony on Capitol Hill last month, hundreds of Harvard University faculty members rallied behind their president with a clear message to those calling for her ouster — don’t meddle in our school’s business.

But as more and more accusations of plagiarism in Gay’s academic work started to emerge in December, Harvard faculty backing appeared to wither.

There were no more sweeping public statements of support. Many professors stopped defending her in the press. Instead, faculty members turned to one another during holiday parties, on email and text chains, and during their winter break to make sense of what they were seeing. There were disagreements about how serious the allegations were and whether they were tainted by their source, conservative activists and news outlets. But a large swath of professors came to the same conclusion: An independent committee should

Student safety
Harvard undergrads and grad students say it is time to turn the focus to their well-being. **B1.**

painstakingly investigate the merits of the accusations.

“No one wanted to be out in public saying we don’t care about research misconduct,” said Harvard history professor Alison Frank Johnson. “You can’t just brush off plagiarism allegations. You need to investigate them.”

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In 2003, **20,000** tourists walked on Antarctica. In 2022, nearly **80,000** people stepped onto it.



Hurtigruten Expeditions (above, one of its ships sailing by Brown Bluff in Antarctica) offers hands-on activities and workshops.

A too warm embrace

Antarctica is melting under the weight of so many tourists. And, with few restrictions on travel, there’s little chance of halting it.

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Boston resident Stephen Monk recalls the sound vividly.

He was kayaking with fellow passengers while on a cruise to Antarctica. Suddenly, the instructor told the group to stop, remain still, and listen.

“All you could hear was this effervescence, a popping sound,” Monk said. “It was the ice underneath the surface of the water melting. As it melted, it sent bubbles up to the surface. It was startling because you realized what was happening. You were listening to Antarctica melting.”

Monk is one of the more than 100,000 tourists who went to Antarctica last year to see the beauty of the towering glaciers, the sweeping white landscape that stretches to the horizon, and the continent’s abundant penguins, whales, and seals. It’s a naturalist’s paradise and an experience



visitors describe as life-changing.

But as the number of tourists to the continent grows, so do the risks they pose to its delicate ecosystem.

“I can see the allure,” said Robert DeConato, director of the School of

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An Aurora Expeditions traveler took a polar plunge. The number of tourists who cruise to Antarctica has grown more than tenfold in the past 30 years.

Christie’s attack on Trump faces risk of backfiring

Staying in the race could siphon votes from others, strengthen front-runner

By Emma Platoff
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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — On the campaign trail here, Chris Christie likes to talk history.

If the early American Colonists had been polled about whether to revolt against England, Christie claims, “the Crown would have won, big time.” If the country had gotten a vote about the Civil War, he says, our nation would still be split in two.

It’s Christie’s way of reminding an audience that what is popular is not always what is right — and an implicit acknowledgment of his own place in the GOP presidential primary here. He may not be the candidate leading the polls, he seems to argue, but he would be the president the country could look back on with pride.

But elections are about who is most popular, and even here, in the state where Christie has staked his campaign, he is not.

Less than three weeks before New Hampshire’s first-in-the-nation primary, Christie’s campaign is looking not only quixotic but increasingly counterproductive, as the moral case for his

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Chris Christie called running for president “my mission.”

POSTGAME INTERVIEW?

The real action for the Patriots begins once their last game of the season ends today, writes Ben Volin. Owner Robert Kraft and coach Bill Belichick are expected to meet as early as Monday to discuss the state of the fabled franchise. And if this is the end for Belichick, he deserves a measure of gratitude, says Dan Shaughnessy. **C1.**



Breaking into snow business

Sunday: Wet snow. High: 34-49. Low: 20-25.
Monday: Sunny. High: 34-39. Low: 22-27.
Sunrise: 7:13 Sunset: 4:27
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