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Vera Ekhatov '19 is an English major. She says, "How would I describe my life? By breaking it up into tiny pieces. A few of these pieces are included in this magazine (thank you to the editors/staff). I'd like to thank the following amazing professors: Professor Mulligan (for helping me find my voice), Professor Melton (for teaching me the importance of a voice), Professor Kempf (for helping me overcome my hatred of poetry), Professor Portmess (for opening my eyes to the wonderful complexity of language), and Professor Williams (for showing me how to capture the world through a camera lens)."

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*At the beginning of it all is a gun,
loaded with
blanks.
Just a little sound
and a little smoke.
Then,
a real explosion.
This time,
from within each runner's limbs.
They're driven by the pressure
not to come in last place,
but the gun is
fake.*