Welcome to the first Amherst magazine crossword puzzle by these two alums—Chloe Revery '16 and Alissa Revness '81—who are, as far as we know, the only niece-and-aunt team to have their puzzles published by The New York Times. To clue into their creative process, see our interview with Revery on page 36. As for solving their puzzle, we hope your experience is 12-Down ...

**Learning Curve**

BY CHLOE REVERY '16 AND ALISSA REVNESS '81

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**Across**

1. Class action grp.?  
4. Equal, to Pierre?  
9. Sudden inspiration?  
13. Young fellow  
14. Six-time NBA All-Star  
15. „Woods of Legally Blonde“  
16. Neckwear for an omnipotent dog?  
19. Loses traction  
20. Parade spoiler  
21. Crypto collectible, for short  
23. Place to buy and sell  
24. Fearless fowl? (C)  
27. Military order  
29. Next up  
30. Deliberately caused doubt  
34. Medium for an artistic barista  
35. Gullible person  
38. „Not a bad vote, Senator!” (B)  
40. Letters written by castaways  
41. It's not verse  
43. Far too bright  
45. A Wizard of Earthsea author ___ K. Le Guin  
47. Sacred songs  
51. Stories told by a milkmaid? (F)  
55. Borscht base  
56. Triumph in musical chairs  
57. Successful burglar’s declaration  
58. Standard deviation symbol  
59. Upward trend in higher education… or a hint to 16, 24, 38 and 51 across  
63. Double negative?  
64. Pig pens  
65. Soldier in Sauron’s army  
66. Apt rhyme for “fit”  
67. ___-pop (genre for Kraftwerk)  
68. “Science Guy” with a bow tie

**Down**

1. The fourth state of matter  
2. Mansplain, say  
3. Esteem  
4. Humpty Dumpty and siblings  
5. “Argh!”  
6. Elroy Jetson’s pet  
7. Steadfast  
8. Spanish folk hero whose name means “the lord”  
9. Hair holder  
10. The whole kit and caboodle  
11. Portmanteau for cozy coverings with armholes  
12. “Right on the money!”  
17. It shows you belong at work  
18. “___ the next one”  
22. Trike riders  
24. Spanish smooch  
25. Except if  
28. With wisdom  
31. Roleo requirement  
32. Journalism pioneer ___ B. Wells  
33. Ozzy street substance  
35. Taters  
36. Calls into court to answer charges  
37. First antiparticle to be discovered  
39. Chihuahua communications  
42. California’s Big ___ site of frequent Highway 1 collapses  
44. Predictable behavior  
46. “Let’s call it ___” (nobody wins)  
48. Ancient Roman unit  
49. Part of the past  
50. Position  
52. Not quite right  
53. Like many a dryer trap  
54. At last, in Lyon  
58. Place for merit badges  
60. What’s not in “team”?  
61. One of three in “hijinks”  
62. Didn’t stop

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 Fill in the grid with the answers to the clues. Send a scan or photo of your completed puzzle to magazine@amherst.edu, or mail this page to Amherst magazine, Box 5000, Amherst MA 01002. From the correct entries, we’ll randomly choose one winner to receive an Amherst T-shirt.

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**Last Quarter’s Solution**

Thomas F. Marberger ’73 is the randomly chosen winner of an Amherst T-shirt for entering the Spring 2024 “spot the difference” contest. Differences in the second image include a Conway Cane in place of the recorder, an A on the jewelry box lid, details on a book’s spine that turn it into an Olio yearbook, a historic illustration of campus on the paper under the book, a purple graphic of the Holyoke Range on the bowl, an Amherst Student page in the book behind the orange teapot, purple color in the ribbon, a historic ad for an Amherst/Williams football game on the paper behind the books and a Mammoth graphic incorporated into the tablecloth.