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Graduation of the '13EST

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Standing outside the entrance to this year's graduation, one gets an immediate understanding of CRLS culture. On June 6th, siblings, parents, relatives, and friends all rushed in to the Frisoli Field House for this

"We are the luckiest class in the history of CRLS."

year's graduation ceremony. Together, the crowd in the Field House was an amalgam of suits, scarves, kangas, and headdresses—a tie clip was even spotted on a bemused junior, Ian Lee. The colorful audience provided sharp contrast to the graduates' black gowns and robs

"I'm super excited

for the seniors," said junior Stella Plenk as she entered the field house. "I can't wait to see where they'll go."

Plenk's excitement could be felt among the graduates as well: "I started from the top, and now I'm here. I really can't believe it," exclaimed graduating senior Hoon Hong.

The ceremony began with a speech from principal Damon Smith, superintendent Jeffery Young, and Cambridge Mayor Henrietta Davis.

Common in each speech was the theme of the continuing legacy of the 9th grade campus, which the class of 2013 was the first to experience, as well as the "CRLS Strong" maxim that helped move Rindge past



The seniors celebrate moments after graduating.

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the tragic marathon bombings. Speakers used these experiences to illustrate the class's unity and unique bond.

When Valedictorian Kevin Xiong took the stage it was to a huge round of applause followed by a few quick jokes from Mr.

Xiong.

Xiong's real point, however, consolidated many of the topics of the speeches before him: he talked about gratitude. "We are the luckiest class in the history of [CRLS]," exclaimed Mr. Xiong early in his speech. From the 9th

grade campus to the "gourmet yet affordable" lunch for his classmates, as well as rising classes, reasons to be grateful.

Following Xiong's

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The Oldest Living CRLS Alumna Returns

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Marian Schlesinger, CRLS Class of '30, visited the school on May 25th accompanied by her family and was given a tour by faculty members. She attended Cambridge High and Latin School before it merged with Rindge Technical School in 1977 to create the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Schlesinger explained that Cambridge has become a lot more cosmopolitan since her time. She remembers "them driving cattle down Oxford street to the cattlehouse in Brighton." She lived around the corner from school, on Irving Street., when there were no organized sports teams: "you went to school and then you went home."

After school her friends would go back to her house and play games in her backyard. When asked whether she attended school dances Schlesinger remarked, "There

may have been dances, I didn't go to them." Julia Leonardos replied, "Well, now you're the coolest kid in school."

Schlesinger remembers a big division between Rindge Tech and Cambridge High and Latin since it separated the academic and commercial classes. She further explained, "I was an academic child. My father taught at the [Harvard] medical school. Most academic kids went to private school so they weren't exposed to different kids. There were foreign students here in those days but not many."

She also recalled, "If you had a free period you could creep into the back of the commercial classes; it was like a show, it was so entertaining."

Schlesinger explained when she attended high school there was a perception that girls could not master advanced math and science. She admitted, "I remember being envious of males who went on to study trigonometry and logarithms."

Though Schlesinger may not have been able to take such classes at Rindge she went on to study at Radcliffe, the former women's college at Harvard. As an adult she also became a published author and treated students to a reading from her book, *Snatched From Oblivion: A Cambridge Memoir*.

Schlesinger grew up as a feminist, "I was brought up in a very

pro female family. My grandma was the first principal in St. Paul High School. I think my father was rather dominated in a family of women. I think my brother felt rather overrun by women as well."

At the end of her visit, Schlesinger concluded, "You belong to a generation where you all will be 100 years old. 100 is the new 85."



Register Forum editors interview centenarian alumna.

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Junior Class Trip

Despite Rain, Juniors Bond Before the Year Ends

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“We want everyone to be there, all 400 of us,” said Sole Nazaire, junior class president, in a promotional video for the Junior Class Trip. The event was the result of years of effort on the part of student government and consistent negotiations with administration. The trip was finally approved this year and took place on Monday, June 3.

Although consistent rainfall on the day of the trip forced junior representatives to re-evaluate the day’s activities, their effort still succeeded in allowing the class to solidify its unique bond.

The Class of 2014’s bond began at the former Longfellow school, which became the 9th grade campus for two years while the main campus was renovated. “What developed was a really small school feel... it meant that all the stu-

dents knew each other... [and] all the teacher’s knew all the knew the students,” explains Ms. Wegman, the junior class advisor.

However, junior representatives felt as though some of that initial bond among had been lost in the nearly two years at the main campus: “This day is to reconnect before we head into senior year,” continued Sole. During the trip, juniors spent much of the day setting goals and planning for next year.

Another goal of the trip was to reflect upon and commemorate the death of Charlene Holmes, a 2014 class member who was shot and killed last year. Coincidentally, the trip date landed on the one-year anniversary Ms. Holmes death. Junior representatives then realized the opportunity to appreciate her memory: “We created a poster that just had her face on it, and then throughout the day kids...would add onto that poster with messages for Chay and for her family,”



From left to right: junior representatives Ray Bryant and Sole Nazaire, Graduates Mahemood Abu-sladjf, Keely Curliss, and Deondre Starling
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continues Ms. Wegman

The commemorative poster had a checkerboard pattern of drawings and messages with a portrait of Ms. Holmes in the center. The completed poster was revealed at the wrap-up junior assembly on the Friday following the event, June 7.

Once the stations were completed on the day of the trip juniors walked to a tent in front of the Harvard Science Center where a panel of alumni answered questions about senior year and life beyond high school. “It was great to hear advice

from people who’ve been exactly where we are now,” said junior Elena McCormack.

Among the alumni’s advice were suggestions from 2011 graduate Zolan Kanno-Youngs to cherish senior year and 2012 graduate Keely Curliss to take time to find oneself after high school. All of the alumni remarked on the importance of getting to know each and every classmate before graduation.

In lieu of moving to the Cambridge Common junior representatives elected

to stay under the tent as the rain persisted; games and dancing continued all-the-same. “The rain definitely made things more difficult, but student gov. did a good job keeping things moving,” expressed junior Benjamin Schooler.

“I think [the trip] had plenty of bumps, plenty of highs and lows,” continued Ms. Wegman, “I hope what we were able to do was to set a precedent so that junior classes in the future, or any of the classes in the future, can have these kind of class wide events.”

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speech was the awarding of diplomas. One-by-One the students of each Learning Communities—fittingly grouped in the same fashion as they had been on the first day of school—stood and lined up to receive their diploma: “It was a strange feeling to be standing there and knowing it was your last few moments as a high schooler,” reflected senior Mae Drucker.

These feelings did not seem uncommon among the rest of the graduating class: most graduates articulated how strange it will seem to not return to CRLS after labor day. With most of them entering a college or technical school this year, a CRLS graduate must shift focus rapidly to the next stage of his/her life, which sometimes results in the feelings of disbelief that Drucker verbalized.

However, the adult speakers did not view this as a complete goodbye to the graduates. In fact, many of the speeches spoke to the inclusive and timeless qualities of Cambridge: “appreciate the community that has nurtured you, and brought you to this point. Know that you are always welcome here,” said Mayor Davis.



Junioritis: Students Discuss End of Year Academic Struggles

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As May comes to a close each year and June approaches, many juniors at Rindge face a condition called junioritis, where they are unwilling to do work due to built-up levels of stress and exhaustion.

Junioritis is the younger brother of senioritis, yet, it can be just as deadly. According to NACACNET, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the symptoms of junioritis include laziness, lack of studying, repeated absences, and a drop in grades.

Alonzo Solórzano, a junior at Rindge and a member of the school’s student government, stated, “Junioritis has been directly affecting my sleeping; it created the idea that I am almost done, and procrastination has risen while the work I need to finish still needs to be finished.”

Junior year is highly thought of as the most important year of high school. Since seniors start applying to colleges in their first semester, junior year is the last full year of grades that they see.

When questioned on the topic of junioritis, Caia Lee, a junior at Rindge, says, “It’s bad

because the end of this semester is important and we get lazy since the seniors are gone.”

According to College Board, conditions such as junioritis can end up resulting with negative effects such as being unprepared for college when senior year rolls around. The site also states, “Every year, colleges rescind offers of admission, put students on academic probation or alter financial aid.”

This is due to habits like as procrastination that develop over the course of high school and begin to show themselves at full force during senior year.

When questioned on how the activities of the senior class affected him, Hamilton Santos replied, “Having had a class with all seniors except for one other person, junioritis started to affect me because no one in that class would really try to do the work we were given, which made me question why I had to do it”.

Though the seems to be no known cure for junioritis, College Board has some helpful tips to keeps students on track. Challenge yourself by taking harder classes. Take part in any career focused internships. Try out some classes at a local college in a subject that interests you. Just remember to keep the remainder of the year as interesting as possible.

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Ms. Soble celebrates at this year's graduation.

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RF: Could you please introduce yourself?

JS: I'm Joan Soble and I'm the professional development teacher coach and an English Language Arts Teacher. I have been working at Rindge for 25 years. There was one year (2001-2002) that I didn't work here when I worked in Boston, but since 1987 I've been here. I have worked for 8 other years at 2 other schools. I came to Rindge and Latin because I had gotten to know Cambridge kids teaching summers in the MIT-Wellesley Upward Bound Program.

RF: What do you find is unique about Rindge?

JS: That's such a hard question. I would have to say it's the diversity at Rindge, but I think I see that as both a challenge and a great strength of the school. I still think we could do a better job of talking across our differences, and I think we

Teacher Spotlight: Joan Soble

The 25 Year Veteran Reflects on Life, Faith and Pilot School

do better with some differences than with others. I think another thing that is wonderful about Rindge is the amount of student voice that is out there, and that is a huge reason I came to the school in the first place. Back in 1987 when I came to the Pilot School [the democratic alternative school that used to be on the 5th floor], I came because they had a play in which teachers and students performed together. At other schools I worked in, if there was an assembly it was often an adult or a bunch of adults on the stage talking to students, whereas in this school students often are the ones standing and talking to other students.

RF: What is one favorite memory you have?

JS: I have a lot of great memories of being at Rindge. Some of my favorite memories come from when I was a teacher at the Pilot School. We as teachers had so much liberty with what we taught. So much of my current my AP class is driven by what the College Board requires that class to be. At Pilot, we had the kind of curriculum that permitted more personal writing; our classrooms became communities because we had time to write and share all the time.

I really miss year-long courses because I always feel that right when you get to January your class has really gelled and become a community. I loved what it was like in the second half of the year when we really had become a

unit, and then we moved on together for the rest of the year.

RF: Is there a favorite class that you have taught here?

JS: Reading and Writing on Human Values. That was always my favorite course because we read really wonderful books, but our emphasis was on how those books connected to our lives. We were less concerned about what were the literary elements you found in those books and if you could write about two poems at the same time; we were less worried about the test genre of writing and so the emphasis was on discussion and more organically organized writing.

RF: Throughout your career at CRLS, what would you say you are proudest of?

JS: I think one of the things I'm proudest of is that I started the Religion and Literature course. I realized that even though at CRLS we at least we tried to talk about cultural and racial diversity and even economic diversity, we were kind of afraid of religious diversity. I think that people underestimate the spiritual lives of teenagers. People readily think of teenagers as developing academically and psychologically and even civically, but I think teenagers are really looking for meaning. They have a sense that there are all these choices they can make about how to pursue meaning and they want to talk about them.

The Ivy Standard

Students Start to Move Away From Ivy League Schools

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In the past couple of years the pressure for CRLS students to attend colleges based on their high reputation is finally decreasing.

Rindge is known for its high expectations in its students. It is conveniently located in a college hotspot, with many "brand name" colleges and universities within 30 minutes from campus, such as Harvard College, MIT, BU, and Tufts.

CRLS has created an especially tight bond with Harvard College, who accepts an extremely large number of CRLS students every year, with a total of 46 students in the past 6 years.

According to Naviance, CRLS' online tool of choice to aid students in their application process, Rindge has sent 82 students to an Ivy League

school (Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth University, Harvard College, Princeton, and Yale) from 2008 to 2013.

Even with this high number of students attending Ivy League schools, there were even more attending other brand name

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schools like NYU, Stanford, and MIT.

CRLS student Simone DeJonge voiced her concerns by saying, "I think people put too much value into reputation, sometimes it can be less about the school that fits you and more about what sounds good. Sometimes it seems that you're just paying for the price".



Banners were hung in the iconic Harvard Yard. Photo Credit: safrin.blogs.unhas.ac.id

Because so many students attend these famous schools, the pressure for the next graduating class to do the same clouds the more important reasons to pick a college,

lesser known schools over brand name schools.

UMass Amherst is a prime example of this new trend, with the number of Rindge students attending doubling in the past three

arts schools.

These students had started to realize the same thing that DeJonge had realized, and the "brand name" trend started to decrease.

As students realized that their under-graduate school mattered less than their graduate school, many started to move towards non-"brand name" schools.

Rindge freshman Isabella Fix voiced this new trend by saying, "I know that going to an Ivy League is what we should all want to do, but what if I'm not Ivy material?"

"Does that make me stupid? I don't think so, I just think that means that I don't want to go to an Ivy. Simple as that."

such as "what fits me best" and "what about graduate school".

Even current CRLS junior Jane Yang feels this pressure, "Everyone expects me to go to an Ivy League, including myself".

But in the past couple of years, the numbers have switched, with more students going to smaller,

years, and has accepted almost 100 students in the past six.

The idea of attending non-brand name schools has started to bloom in the minds of Rindge students.

Rindge houses competitive, hardworking students, many who are choosing to attend smaller schools over large liberal

From Woes To Wins: CRLS Lacrosse Program Enjoys Success



Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

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For the first time in history, a Cambridge Rindge and Latin School lacrosse team has finished a season with a winning record, placing them in the MIAA state tournament.

What makes this accomplishment truly special is that both the boys and girls lacrosse team have achieved this impressive feat in the same year.

This sudden success has sparked both the attention of many students and faculty members throughout CRLS, and the question: "What made it happen?"

Of course, there is

never one sole reason for any team's success, but there must be a few main factors that changed this previously struggling program to one of profound success.

According to this season's leading points holder, and upcoming captain of the boy's lacrosse team, Dominic Freddura, "It was the hard work during the offseason that enabled our success." Freddura continued on to state, "We started the season at a higher level than previous years, so winning came easier."

This dedication seems to exemplify the attitude of the program, for Josh Wood, the coach of the

boy's lacrosse team agreed with what Freddura had to say. Wood stated, "We set a goal at the beginning of the season: get better than you were yesterday. We worked hard and achieved our goal."

The recent success of the girl's lacrosse team,

the team's profound success was the attitude of its new coach, Shannon Manning, who took the position of head coach just a couple months before the season commenced.

Borron stated, "It was the dedication of coach Manning that made us victorious. She cared about the team more than anyone."

Manning set the tone at the beginning of the season with the implementation of a key motto, *All or Everything*. When asked about the team's performance this year, Manning stated, "It was commitment that resulted in success. Our motto gives no

option of giving anything less than the hardest work, so we gave our all everyday, and it certainly paid off."

Spectators have also witnessed the lacrosse programs' newfound attitude. Graduating senior, Jake Stephano-Shachter, commented, "I've attended several games every year, but unlike previous years, both lacrosse teams were well organized, hard-working, and willing to put in the extra effort to win."

Regardless of the cause, it seems like the lacrosse program at CRLS is beginning to make a name for itself, and students, faculty, and players alike are looking forward to what next year's season holds for both teams.

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who won their last game by just one goal, qualifying for the tournament seems to be derived from a similar mindset.

According to the leading goal scorer on the girls team, Abigail Borron, the main reason for

"We're All in This Together!"

CRLS Juniors Continue to Grow As Class and Family

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During these past few months, the Class of 2014 Student Government Association at CRLS strived to create and rekindle the bonds between the 402 juniors as they transition to their last year in high school.

The nine current members of the junior class Student Government Association have planned various events for their peers: junior prom, a class bonding assembly, and a first-ever junior retreat.

While it was raining the day of the trip, the event was still successful.

Ms. Wegman, the Class of 2014 Student Government advisor, states: "It was full of highs and lows, but overall our goal was to spend the day together, and we did."

The day included various activities such as a question-and-answer session with CRLS alumni and a project that commemorates Charlene Holmes.

Ms. Wegman confesses that the Class of 2014, "maintained a bond that the Class of 2013



Photo Credit: Amy Tung

may not have had." A huge thank you to the nine board members of the Class of 2014 Student Government and Ms. Wegman for their efforts.

When an event such as the junior class field trip comes up, Charles Boateng, a board member, explains the chaos that ensues.

Boateng noted, "There can be up to three

"Life is so much better when your whole class is in love with each other."

meetings a week in order to organize and ultimately conduct the event. "

According to Emily Gray, who joined the board her sophomore year, states: "we put a lot of effort into bonding at the end of the year

this year because we're heading into our senior year."

Their efforts are seen by classmates, such as Jonathan McDaniel, who "appreciates that he was able to reconnect with old friends."

Junior Keisha Lamarre expressed a similar sentiment, who states, "It was a fun, chill day. I had fun getting to spend the day with my fellow classmates."

As the year quickly comes to an end, the Class of 2014 Student Government members prepares to continue the organization's goal of creating a tight knit community between its class, because, like Gray says, "Life is so much better when your whole class is in love with each other."

Whale, I Didn't Know That!

Marine Conservation Club Raises Awareness on Issues Facing Oceans

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On October 3rd, 2012, CRLS student Tessa Tracy introduced a new club to Rindge: the Marine Conservation Club (MCC), a group that is dedicated towards spreading awareness about current environmental issues facing the oceans and its marine life.

Tracy, who attended the Island School in the Bahamas during the fall of her sophomore year, stated, "Coming home, I wanted a way to channel the energy I felt at the Island School [by focusing] on sustainability and marine conservation."

According to Tracy, the club advisor Paul McGuinness was "very receptive to starting a club." Not only does McGuinness lead the group with enthusiasm, but he also teaches classes on oceanography, marine biology, and biology.

For the past academ-

ic year, MCC has focused on whales. In February, the group organized "Whale Week," a week dedicated towards spreading awareness on North Atlantic Right Whales, an endangered species of less than 500.

The group found fun ways to spread awareness, ranging from a video produced by CRLS student Sam Mazer titled "Against the Current" to having a CRLS a capella group singing the song "Baby Beluga." Club members found the week to be quite successful.

The reason why "Whale Week" was such a huge success, Mazer said, is because "MCC [has] so many people with different types of skills...who can apply their interests into the club in unique ways. Even if we're not all experts in marine biology, we're all dedicated."

The club has done



The Marine Conservation Club holds up an oversized and well-earned check.

Photo Credit: Paul McGuinness

a lot of advocacy work, including getting signatures to regulate boat control in the habitats of Right Whales. More recently, MCC won the Ocean Stewardship

The club received enthusiastic reactions from CRLS students and faculty for its efforts. Junior Emile Sternbach stated, "Tessa is an extraordinary leader.

raised over \$1,300 dollars for the New England Aquarium Right Whale Research Program, and next year the group plans to focus on sharks.

"Even if we're not all experts in marine biology, we're all dedicated."

I love Marine Conservation Club; I think it's the best marine conservation club Rindge has ever seen."

McGuinness, who also shares Sternbach's enthusiasm with the club, says that "The group is full of hardworking students willing to get their hands wet!"

In total, MCC has

Award at the New England Aquarium. According to the website, the award is given to groups that are working towards taking an "active role world's oceans and environment."

Homeless In America: *Effects of the Recession*

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According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 1.5 million people will be forced out of their homes due to the recession.

In Cambridge, one can clearly see the homeless population with a quick walk through its most largely populated squares, like as Harvard, Central, or Davis.

In recent years there has been a spike in the homeless population. The U.S. Conference of Mayors cited a 12 percent increase since 2007. With these numbers going up, what is being done?

Many organizations are created to try and support the homeless such as shelters, food drives, and other support services. Of the support services set up, however, many don't provide a way for the homeless to evolve out of their current situation.

Father Joe Carroll in San Diego took a new approach, creating a way to help the homeless back onto their feet. He set up Father Joe's Village, a \$13.3 million dollar six story building offering homes and support services for those on the street with serious ail-

ments.

The village is linked with St. Vincent de Paul Village, which offers medical and dental care, counseling, job training, placement services, and several other programs. Support services like Father Joe's Village prove very helpful to the homeless community. Instead of the typical

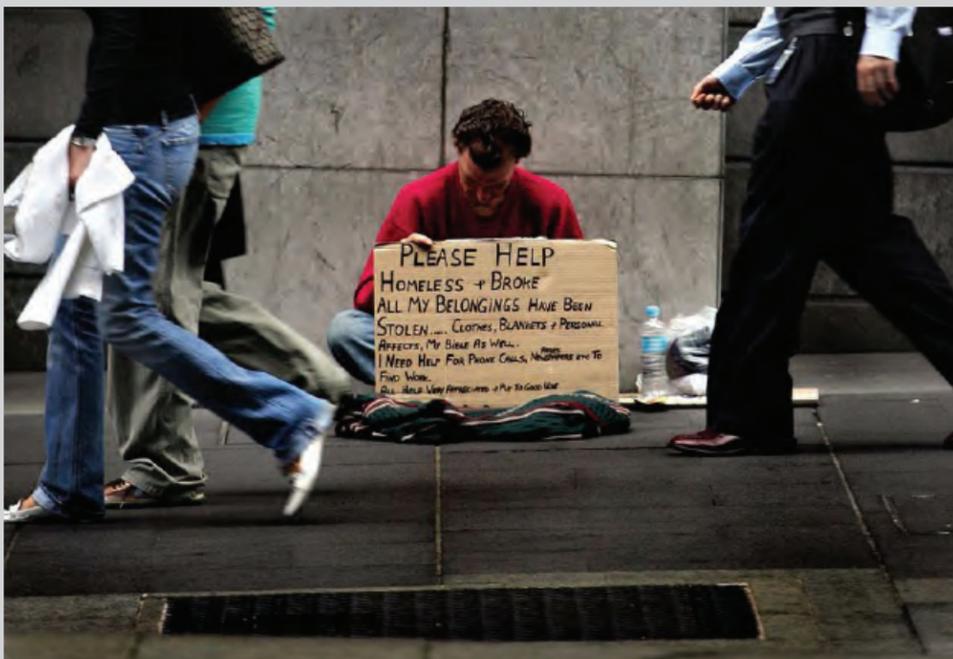


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feeding or sheltering, they have set up a foundation to help the homeless out of their situation permanently. Services like these are very helpful, but what is being set up to help homeless people in Massachusetts?

A homeless man in Harvard Square whom asked not to be identified claimed that there aren't many support systems for older males. Most of the services set up favor towards woman or teens.

When talking with many other homeless people, the general consensus seemed to be that employment was hard to find, not that they didn't want to work.

With the recent recession, employment has been even more difficult to come by. One homeless man stated that he lost his job because of a stroke he had right before the recession hit. He had studied at Boston College and now says he "slept in the winter with 6 inches of snow piled above my head. " This is the reality many people in his situation face.

With homelessness on the rise and their clear presence in Cambridge's major squares, how do students feel about the matter? Junior Saugat KC said, "They are part of our society and it is our duty to help those who are in need. They are human beings who

are just having trouble in life." Other students polled on this information seemed to agree that because the homeless are having trouble, it's our duty to help them, demonstrating an overall feeling of community towards the homeless.

Sunscreen, No School, and Politics?

A Month by Month Guide to Important Politics Over the Summer

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This coming summer is sure to be chock full of sunshine, lemonade, and old reruns, but what about politics?

Sure, you'd probably rather be sitting on the beach or in your air conditioned room not thinking

about anything important, but it's always good to have a little primer so that you sound intelligent

when asked about important matters this country faces!

So without further to do, here's a month by month breakdown about what's happening in politics this summer -- and what you should be paying attention to.

June: This month, watch out for the Supreme Court

to finally unveil their decisions on both the DOMA case and the Proposition 8 case.

If you remember, both of these cases deal with the gay marriage issue and both, especially the more wide-reaching Proposition 8 case, have a potential to have huge effects on gay marriage. These cases will be on the tip of everyone's

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tongue during the latter half of the month, so keep up to date and follow the news as it comes.

July: While the immigration bill was debated by the Senate on June 10, you can expect that the debate will continue much longer than that. The sweeping legislation provides an opportu-

nity for undocumented immigrants to gain citizenship more easily, and was drafted and is backed by a bipartisan group of senators.

However, it is a long road ahead for the bill, which will have to be supported by a number of Republican senators to pass. This means that while the first debate is in June, the immigration bill's fate will probably be known in July.

Will the senators in support of the reform be able to rally enough votes for it? Will it be doomed to months of debate and filibusters? Will the bill be so maimed by amendments that it will no longer be recognizable? We will just have to wait and see.

August: This month, the multiple elections across the

country should be heating up. One to definitely watch for is the New Jersey gubernatorial race - Republican and possible 2016 presidential candidate Chris Christie is running to keep his seat.

Also, enjoy the last month of summer by seeing the new movie *Elysium*, starring CRLS alum Matt

Damon (out August 9). After enjoying the flick and while you're still waiting eagerly for the *Register Forum* to start printing again, read up on the G20 financial summit happening in Saint Petersburg, Russia from September 5 to 6.

G20 summits are annual meetings where heads of state from twenty major economies come together and discuss global, and usually financial, issues. This year's summit, which is hosted by Russia, is bound to be interesting, for tensions between the United

States and Russia have recently flared. Over the past few months, people that Russia allege to be spies from the US have been found in Moscow, Russia has outlawed adoption of Russian orphans by Americans, and other events have triggered distrust between the nations.

Even though the meeting is mainly economic, the strained relations could make for a very politically intriguing conference, especially since it is in Russia.



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The Tradition of Graduation: Unity versus Individuality

By

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As the school year starts to wrap up, so do the graduation ceremonies.

On June 6, 2013, the seniors of Cambridge Rindge and Latin graduated high school. While all were wearing the traditional graduation gown and matching cap, there were some students who added a little extra to their attire.

Many students decided to add some pizzazz to their outfits by decorating their caps and placing designs on their gowns. One student even wore a marine's sash to the graduation ceremony.

With all of these add-ons to the traditional attire, the question arises of whether or not allowing this creates a sense of unity or individuality.

According to *The Huffington Post*, Conval Regional High School student Brandon Garabrant requested to wear his Marine's uniform after completing school early to participate in the training but the school continues to deny his request.

The school told Garabrant that he could wear his uniform underneath his gown but his family was not keen on the idea.

"I think covering up with a cap and gown is disgraceful to the uniform," says Jessie Garabrant, Brandon's mom.

Principal Brian Pickering believes that "this is a celebration of a class much like a celebration of a team, a group that's been together",



Some 2013 CRLS graduates expressed themselves through designs on their graduation caps.

Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

so he is against Garabrant wearing his uniform because he thinks it creates a sense of individuality instead of unity.

A couple of CRLS students shared their thoughts on this news and graduation as a whole.

Junior Elena McCormick responded with this, "Honestly the school should just let [Brandon Garabrant] wear his uniform."

She went on to say that it is not hurting or offending anybody, continuing, "It is only letting him share his accomplishment with his friends and family, so what is the harm in that?"

Class of 2013 graduate Helen Keen was

asked about her experience of seeing her classmates with added designs to their graduation outfits.

"I liked seeing the designs because it presented the little differences between all of us. The differences are what make all of us such good friends, also the differences are what had led each of us to our graduation day," Keen expressed.

Keen also went on to say that, "In turn, I guess that allowing individuality actually creates a sense of unity, so allow people to be different."

The Ugly Truth

How and Why Human Trafficking Happens

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In November 2011, Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill that set the precedent of a 5 year minimum sentence and a fine of \$25,000 for anyone involved in human trafficking.

Additionally, it imposed a life sentence for anyone found guilty of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is when women, children and sometimes men, are kidnapped and sold to different parts of the world for the purpose of forced labor.

According to the Polaris Project, a nonprofit organization that works to combat and prevent human trafficking, 80% of the victims of human trafficking are females; of that 80%, a whopping 70% are trafficked into the commercial sex industry.

Betsida Abebe, a rising senior, gave her thoughts on human traffick-

ing by stating, "I think it is really horrible and people don't deserve to be treated that way. I think it is wrong to sell people."

The females that fall victim to human trafficking often get sold to brothels.

These women, often times girls, bring in tens of thousands of dollars for their captors each year.

For example, the average annual salary in Bulgaria is \$2,600, but a prostitute in that same country can earn up to \$23,500 for her captor. In an industrialized country, that amount could potentially skyrocket.

Human trafficking can take place in many different forms, one of which is through fraud. The captors promise the victim a glamorous new life or job in a different country and tell them that all they need to do is pay the travel fee.

If the person cannot afford the trip, the captor offers to pay the fee for them, so long as they pay them back once they start working. But no matter how

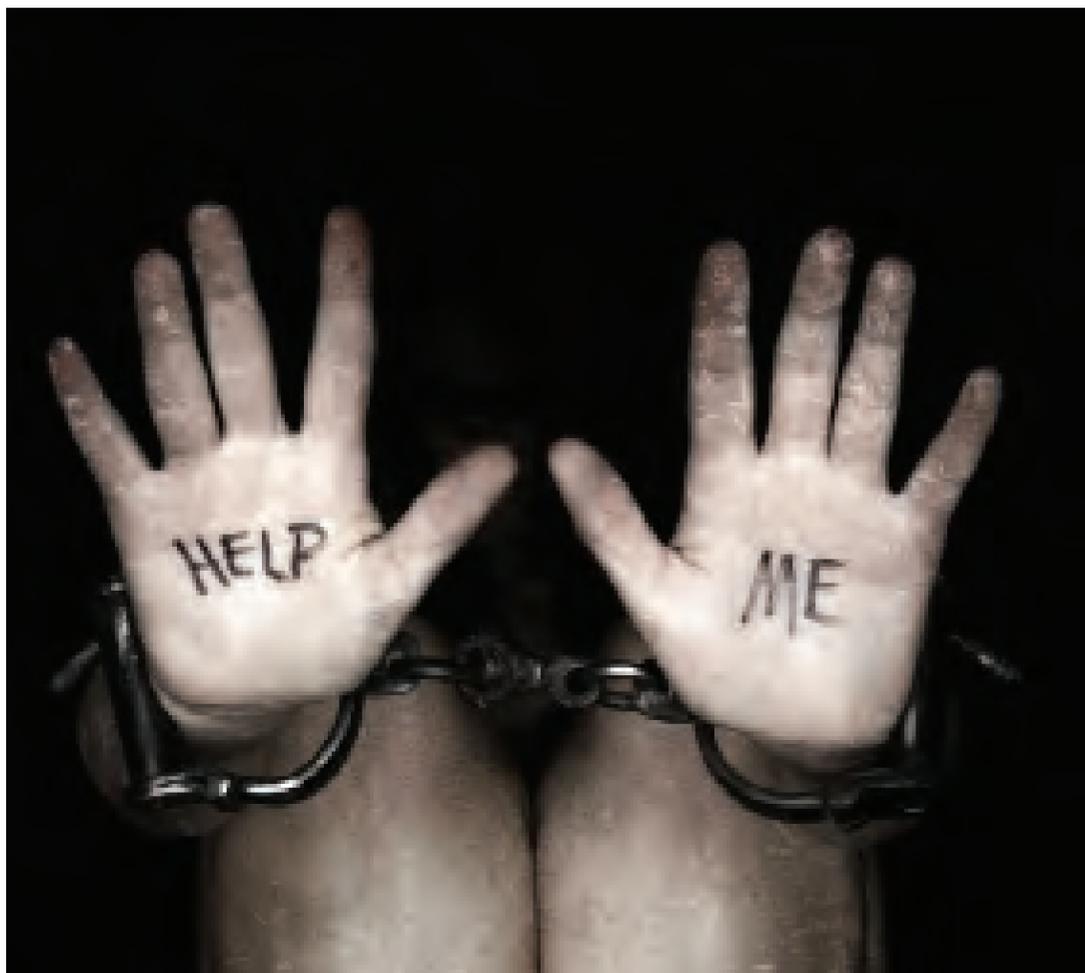


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much they work or how much time they put into it, the amount of money they owe never decreases.

The chances that these victims will ever have contact with their families again, is very low.

A law was passed on May 31, 2013 when Governor Rick Scott of Florida signed the Trafficking Victim Aid Bill which would allow a victim to petition a court to expunge records of

any convictions while the victim was being coerced under the duress from a trafficker.

It would also create a fund for the victims that would allow them to have a "safe harbor" to protect themselves from being prosecuted for acts committed during their involuntary servitude.

Previously, Massachusetts was one of only three states without spe-

cific anti-human trafficking laws.

Cameron Dunn, a rising senior, had this to say; "It is [very] wrong and I don't know how a person with a conscience can do this."

If you want more information on human trafficking and how to prevent it, go to the website at www.polarisproject.org.

Mystic Mistake: Truck Spills Oil into the Mystic River

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Last Friday, May 31st, an oil tanker holding an estimated 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel was in an accident that spilled its contents into the Mystic River on the Arlington/ Medford line at 4:15 PM.

A J.P Noonan truck heading North to Newton was driving at the intersection of the Mystic Valley Parkway and Medford Street when it overturned, dumping all of its oil out.

The oil spilled into storm drains that empty into the river. In addition to a whopping 10,000 gallons spilled in the water, there were also fumes released from the spill that have negatively impacted houses and business buildings around the location of the spill.

CRLS junior Andres Bullon Puckett stated, "I visited the Mystic River and the first thing

I noticed was the awful smell, like something rotting. When I asked the people working there about the spill they claimed that they were almost done; but I know for a fact that it takes much longer than a few days to clean up an oil spill, so I wouldn't necessarily trust what they say."

Not only is this a tragic situation for the

creatures living in the ecosystems of the Mystic River, but it is also a big loss for local residents who look at the river as a true asset to the surrounding communities.

J.P Noonan's contractor Clean Harbors is in charge of the clean up of the spill. According to the Arlington Advocate, 90% of the oil spill has been cleaned up through passive and mechanical recovery methods.

The use of booms, skimmers, and absorbent pads helped contain the contamination within a half-mile radius.

Within the first twelve hours of the spill, 1,800 gallons was recovered. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass-

DEP) estimates that a total of 8,200 gallons has been recovered, or 82% of the oil spilled in the river, assuming that 10% of the oil was volatilized.

"It seemed like the reaction to cleanup the spill was really fast. It's amazing that Clean Harbors was able to make such fast progress in cleaning up the spill." stated sophomore Lucia Solorzano.

Clean Harbors workers currently working to clean the spill claimed that they haven't seen much damage to wildlife other than a few

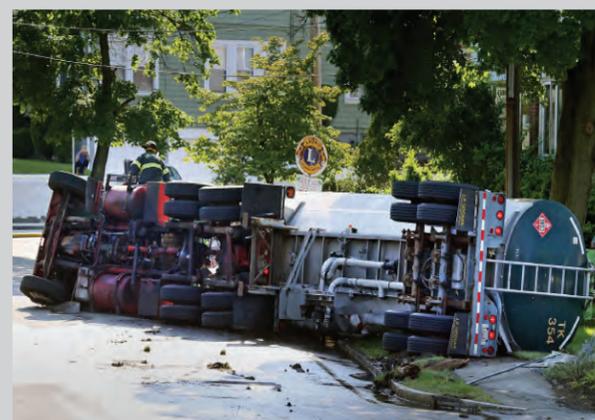
dead fish and some ducks covered with oil.

"We should try to preserve the little wildlife we have left in the Boston area. These kinds of issues happen at random moments and there really isn't much we can do against coincidence, but there should be some kinds of safety

measures set up to make sure this doesn't happen again." claims CRLS freshman Noah Beckert.

MassDEP is currently working with the city of Medford to put up better road signs to prevent such automobile accidents.

The action taken to cleanup the oil spill in the Mystic River has been prompt and efficient; hopefully they will be able to get rid of all the remaining contamination.



The overturned oil tanker in Medford, MA.

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Attention, Citizens of Planet Earth

Deforestation's Impact on our World

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According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide on earth has increased by more than 30% since pre industrial times due to the increase of deforestation.

Deforestation is the progressive removal of trees from forests and woodlands without

a plan to regenerating more trees. Deforestation is commonly confused with forest management, which is the clearing of a forest area followed by the re-planting of trees.

As city dwellers, the issue of deforestation might not seem relevant or important, but globally, the rate of deforestation is over 32 million acres per year, ac-

ording to the Africa News Service.

In response to what the effects of deforestation are, former CRLS student Adam Gourabou states, "with increased deforestation rates you will see more floods, droughts, and natural disasters. In addition to this, the rate of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will increase drastically."

As the human population continues to increase, the carbon dioxide rate will

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crease.
Trees
absorb
the car-
bon dioxide that humans breathe out, so with an increase in human population there would need to be an increase in trees being planted. However, this is the opposite of what's actually happening.

On June 6th, 2013 the Africa News Service concluded that in Nigeria alone, citizens use 266 million kilograms of firewood

each day. In attempt to lower this number, Nigerian senator Bukola Saraki is working with the Ministry of Environment to introduce and promote the use of clean cooking stoves. Saraki states, "This will be a viable alternative to felling trees for fuel, and will help reduce the level of deforestation." This is a good start and it is a sign that environmental issues are becoming more important in Nigeria.

On a more local level, CRLS rising senior Chloe Marsanne, believes that the key to approach-



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ing deforestation in our own community is through the power of word.

Marsanne articulates, "The best thing the Cambridge community can do is get younger kids, especially students attending CRLS, aware of the topic itself. Most people don't think it directly affects them, when it does."

Although deforestation may seem irrelevant in a city as removed from it as Cambridge, if viewed as citizens of the earth it becomes more real. One easy step to deter deforestation is

by simply recycling all garbage that can be recycled.

Rindge has made many environmentally friendly changes thus far, one of which involved installing compost, recycling, trash, and liquid waste bins in the cafeterias.

To find out more information regarding deforestation and global warming in general, AP Environmental Science is a class offered at CRLS that explores not only the effects of deforestation, but also its underlying causes.

From the Banana Stand to Netflix

Arrested Development Review

By
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Most people need no introduction to the cult TV show *Arrested Development*. The show, which ran from 2003 to 2006, was created by Mitchell Hurwitz and produced (and narrated) by Ron Howard. The show gained a huge cult following. Fans adored it for its eclectic ensemble of actors; Jason Bateman (*Horrible Bosses*, *Identity Thief*) plays Michael Bluth, the seemingly sane son of a wealthy real estate baron, George Bluth Sr. (played by the terrific Jeffery Tambor of *The Larry Sanders Show*). The cast includes hilarious characters like Tobias Funkë (played by David Cross of *Mr. Show* fame) and G.O.B. Bluth (played by Will Arnett).

Although the show was a critical darling, it was a financial flop, and Fox decided to cancel it after its third season. Thankfully, Netflix has decided to bring it back by putting out an entire season on its instant streaming service.

The season starts off slowly. The funniest characters don't appear for very long, and there are no "laugh-out-loud" jokes. Michael Cera puts on a pretty boring performance as the college-aged George Michael, George Bluth's son. The earlier episodes focus too much on Michael, who is probably the least interesting character in the series.

Gradually, starting at about the fourth



Photo Credit: Entertainment Weekly

episode, the season starts to pick up. Tobias finds himself in a series of increasingly precarious events; which I won't spoil here (OK, let's just say that it involves a "method one" clinic, ANUSTART, and a parody of *To Catch a Predator*).

A few guest stars really shine in their roles. Ben Stiller plays GOB's magic rival, Tony Wonder. Every scene that Stiller and Arnett share is pure comedy gold, while somehow also very poignant.

Henry Winkler is also sidesplitting as the Bluth's incompetent lawyer Barry Zuckerkorn.

While *Arrested Development* is a comedy, there are many ambitious experiments that Hurwitz does that challenge the very nature of television. Since all episodes are available at once, you could hypothetically watch them all one after the other, (which you shouldn't- instead, try to savor it) which means that you

would be able to notice references to previous episodes more easily. There are various points through out the season where you see the same scene from a different perspective. You might see Tobias being escorted into a jail cell while his wife, Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), flirts with a blind man. But it's not until a few episodes later that you realize why Tobias is in jail.

The writers of season 4 are very ambitious, and most of the time, they hit the mark on jokes and references.

The fourth season of *Arrested Development* might start off slowly, but it blossoms back into one of the funniest, most amusing, and most creative shows ever shown on television.

Go on Netflix, relax, and enjoy fifteen sweet new episodes of *Arrested Development*. And if you don't have the money to pay for Netflix? Remember, there's always money in the banana stand!

U.S. Begins Arming Syrian Rebels

Anti-Assad Forces Losing Ground

By
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On June 13, 2013, the Obama administration, announced that it has determined that the Syrian government has used chemical weapons against opposition groups. This has prompted president Obama to begin supplying the rebels for the first time with small arms and ammunition, according to American officials.

The Syrian war is an ongoing conflict occurring in the Middle East between the people and the government. With the help from the Hezbollah, a political and military organization in Lebanon made up of mainly Shia Muslims, the support for the efforts of the Syrian Government is prominent.

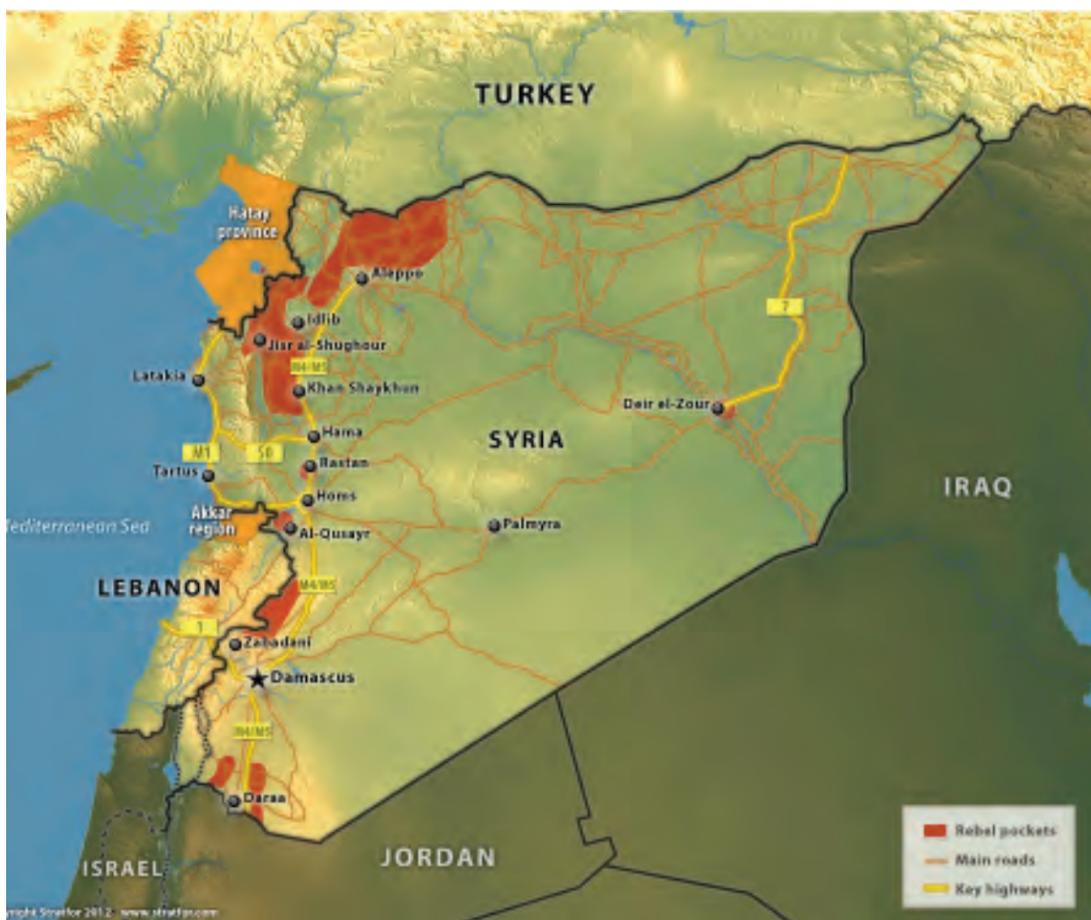
There is a strong divide between countries that support the regime and those that seek to oust it. A staggering 90,000 people

have been counted in the death toll, giving it globally recognition and strong positions on pro intervention and non-intervention from powers in the west.

With the latest events in Syria, the situation is becoming more hostile, and the clash at the Golan Heights has given the Syrian government greater power with which they could easily spread the civil war past Syrian borders.

Junior Saugat KC stated, "I think that the Syrian Army is gaining ground with more occupied land obtained from the rebel groups. This gives the Syrian Army potential power to move closer into controlling most of Syria and spreading beyond Syrian walls if there is aid for the rebel groups from bordering countries."

There is a strong fear from many countries because the Syrian government is being supported by the Hezbollah militants when taking land that bor-



Map of Syria. Photo Credit: www.stratfor.com

der near neighboring countries like Israel.

This is a major red flag for the rest of the world, as this could potentially put other Middle Eastern countries at greater risk and danger. Much of this fear comes from Israel, as Syria's deployment of tanks in the demilitarized zone violates ceasefire agreements that have been in place since the Arab-Israeli war of 1973.

High school history

teacher Ms. Weisbart stated, "If Israel gets involved, then there is potential for the war to spread to more Middle Eastern countries, making intervention from foreign countries a very real option."

Given the fear that the civil war in Syria could spill over their border, the latest clash in the Golan Heights could be used to launch attacks against Israel, either by Islamist extremists

fighting for the rebels, or by Hezbollah militants fighting on the government side.

With the latest step in American intervention, the hostile situation in Syria is progressing with more global powers being involved. Some believe that the latest clash at the Golan Heights gives more reason to intervene in the war, while others may support a more isolationist approach. Whatever one's opinion is,

Lit-Mag Returns!

By
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CRLS is on the brink of an almost inevitable literary magazine. Our school ran such a magazine before, but interest faded and the magazine was abandoned.

Federico Roitman and Chloe Marsanne, two rising seniors, are working to develop a new monthly publication in this spirit, starting in September.

They saw a need for Rindge students to showcase their literary work, the way that they can exhibit their achievements in visual art, dance, theater, and sports. As is, writers have little opportunity to share their work outside of the classroom.

The team is still finalizing the details of the magazine, and are assembling a team of editors. They announced their plan for the magazine less than a week ago, and they already have 18 applications (and counting) for an editorial position.

The immediate interest in the project exposes a hunger in CRLS students, posing the question: Why didn't we have this before? The enthusiasm in the student body is a sign of success for the magazine, and could blaze a trail for a creative writing community at Rindge.

Drumline Now Offered Only During School Day



In the upcoming 2013-14 school year, HN Drumline will be offered only during the school day. It will take place during PERIOD 4.

This class is available to student with previous music experience in ANY instrument.

CRLS Drumline, a class and performing ensemble, is directed by drummer Guillermo Nojehowicz. Drumline functions as a percussion ensemble and performs original material written by the students and the instructor.

Drumline has performed in collaboration with the Modern Dance Company and "Urban Legends" a percussion group at Upper Rindge Avenue School. It is also a marching band. As such it performs at events like the Thanksgiving Football game or the Memorial Day Parade.

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The Wage Gap Examined

Why Do Women Earn Less than Men?

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As of 2011, in the United States, women annually earned about 77¢ for every dollar men made, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR). Two main factors contribute to this inequality: men generally work more hours in higher-paying fields, and women sometimes are victims of salary discrimination.

This statistic means that the median woman working full-time earns 77% of what the median man does. Over the decades, the wage gap has significantly decreased, but it is still present and the IWPR expects it to persist for decades.

Meg Salinas, a rising senior, opined, "The wage gap disempowers women,

because it means that women are less able to take hold of their lives and are reliant on others, often men, for money. If you could change that, it would give women a lot more autonomy to live their own lives."

Ned Flaherty, a history teacher at Rindge, suggested a starting point for change: "We need to ask why is it that women are paid less? How did we get to this point?"

First, an American Association of University Women (AAUW) study has shown that women often go into lesser-paying fields such as social sciences and education, while men are more likely to go into higher-paying fields such as engineering and business. Experts believe this to account for a large portion of the wage gap.

Halie Binstock, a rising senior, commented,

"Men are encouraged ... to make lots of money, whereas women are encouraged to be empathetic and think of success as having emotional and social benefits, not just monetary."

Alix Kalaher, a rising junior, adds that society often strongly discourages women from taking jobs in many traditionally-male fields.

Additionally, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that men in general work longer hours, while women generally spend more time doing housework.

Taseen Rahman, a rising senior, explains that gender roles dictates that "if anyone in the family were to have the job, it would be the man", and that society generally expects men to be the breadwinners of the family and for women to run the household.



Photo Credit: American Association of University Women

The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission states: "The Equal Pay Act [of 1963] requires that men and women in the same workplace be given equal pay for equal work."

Still, the AAUW has found that in many cases, women earn 7% less than men, even while working the same job with the same hours.

Recent studies have shown that in well-paying and male-dominated scientific fields, there is wide-

spread bias against women, which could lead employers to hire men over women and pay them higher starting salaries.

Lastly, as shown in studies, men negotiate their salaries more often than women do.

In the words of Leah Cohen, a rising senior, "Women aren't taught to ask for more money". As a result, men commonly will have higher salaries than women working in the same job.

Turkish Spring

Protests Continue, Erdogan Government Responds Aggressively

By
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On May 28th, 2013, the people of Istanbul, Turkey engaged in a protest against the demolition of Gezi Park, one of the last green spaces in the urban area, to build a shopping mall.

The police responded with violence as opposed to negotiation. As a result, the protests have evolved from a relatively small environmental demonstration into a larger battle for freedom of speech as well as taking on an overall anti-government mentality.

Police fired tear gas into crowds of unarmed protesters, affecting even those who were not participating in the protests. The protests have spread to the surrounding areas of Istanbul, most notably the city of Ankara.

According to Aljazeera, on June 5th police in Ankara fired teargas into the unarmed



Teargas engulfs protesters in Ankara, Turkey. Photo Credit: www.euronews.com

crowds, and four people who were in surrounding restaurants had to exit in ambulances. Former CRLS student Aidan Down expressed distaste for how the police are handling protests, stating that "people deserve to feel safe in their own country."

The media in Turkey has been censoring the protests from the Turkish people, and social media such as blogs, Facebook, or Twitter have been the primary outlet and source for information about the protests for Turkish citizens. As of June 5th, according to *The Guardian*, 25 people have been arrested on the grounds that they spread "untrue information" via social media in order to incite further protests.

Rising senior Luc Demmarais showed concern for this information and said that "this is really relevant now because of all the things going on with the NSA", referring to the recent PRISM scandal.

Although the events of the protests have been censored by the Turkish media, Turkish President Abdullah Gul has stated that the protests in Turkey are, according to the Turkish

Press, "different from those in the Middle East because of Turkey's democracy".

The deputy Prime Minister, Bülent Arınç, made a statement on June 5th apologizing for the use of "excessive force" against the protests. Rising senior Julian Simmons responded by saying "I don't believe him, I think he's just trying to control the situation any way he can." It seems many people share this sentiment as the protests continue to grow.

However, despite the demonstrations and the social media barrage spreading the cause of the Turkish people, the prime minister of Turkey made a statement on June 6th that the construction will continue in Gezi Park to make way for the erection of a shopping mall.

Recip Erdogan's strong-armed actions seemed to have no effect in slowing or dwindling the protesters; according to Rueters, on June 7th he made another statement at the Istanbul international airport that "these protests must stop now" and that "no power but Allah can stop Turkey's rise".



Spring Election Season at CRLS

By
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As the school year comes to a close both undersclassmen and upperclassmen are vying for leadership positions to fill their college resume. Students begin to perk up at the opportunity to attain a leadership position that will surely impress.

College admissions officers are looking for students that are both academically qualified and an active member of their community. When sorting through applications it is easy to tell how engaged a person is in their community based off their leadership positions. The number of extracurricular activities a person is involved in shows a lot about them.

Some students try to join as many clubs as possible while others pursue only a couple passions. Over the past couple weeks everytime I log onto Facebook my newsfeed is filled with Rindge students campaigning for different leadership positions.

I've received more invitations to voting events this month than I can count. I can't help but wonder whether candidates are running be-



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cause they're truly interested in holding a leadership position or if they are running for alternative motives.

This election season has reminded me why it is important to involve yourself in activities you're enthusiastic and passionate about and not to impress others or an institution since being elected to a position is not guaranteed.

It seems that the size of the club plays into whether an election is a popularity contest or if the voters are actually educated in the election.

School-wide organizations hold elections which inevitably are based off popularity, since the student body typically votes for the most well-known candidates, not the most qualified.

Along with the size of a school run or-

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ganization the number of leadership positions a person is running for also makes me question their true intentions and level of commitment.

I'm not going to lie, I've been tempted before to participate in extracurriculars to impress colleges but I've realized the little benefit that comes from being a part of something you don't care about. I personally believe that it is important to put all of your effort into a club or extracurricular you are deeply passionate about then to pad your resume.

Social Media, Connecting People Around the World

By
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"You affect the world by what you browse," Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee once said, the inventor of the World Wide Web.

While social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter may appear to only be for making new friends, but social media is also bringing news to the center.

The recent protests where the government of Turkey

decided to demolish Gezi Park brought many protestors to voice their concerns.

The protests started to get more violent when there were efforts to thwart the protestors with water cannons and smoke bombs.

According to The Huffington Post, however, "The Turkish television channels have shown almost none of the protests in their country. At one of the most intense moments Turkish citizens relied on the Internet for information."

People are depending on news from social media because the government cannot control such

websites as they do news channels.

Similarly, the world was shocked when the newspapers and social media websites revealed to the world how a young woman was raped and beaten up with metal bars on a moving bus through India's political center, New Delhi.

People took to the streets and social media websites alike to protest.

The government

itself was incapable of handling the situation, as many people poured their thoughts on social media websites.

The government acted quickly to quell the social media-drive protest and decided to give the men who committed this crime a death penalty.

However, a major problem is that in countries such as India is that Internet coverage is not very good, and news rarely filters through from or to rural areas.

According to three professors at City University London, Jamia Millia Islamia University, and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, 80% of the population of

India owns a mobile phone, but only 11% have access to Internet. This event did bring many people in India to protest make the government slightly worried about an issue, but entire areas can be removed from the news. The Arab Spring originated from a man who set himself ablaze in Tunisia. Tarek al-Tayeb Mohamed Bouaziz sent the Arab world into mayhem. Everyone voiced their opinions on social media websites when he set himself ablaze, and began to realize how corrupt their own government is. Philip Howard, the project lead and an associate professor in communication at the University of Washington said that "evi-



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dence suggests that social media carried a cascade of messages about freedom and democracy across North Africa and the Middle East, and helped raise expectations for the success of political uprising."

When newspapers

like *Al-Ahram*, a state-run newspaper from Egypt, try to mislead their own people, this only raises anger and turns people to social media for more accurate news. According to Howard, "Social media did not cause the upheaval in North Africa, they altered the capacity of citizens to affect domestic politics.

Online activists created a virtual ecology of civil society, debating contentious issues that could not be discussed in public."

The government could well have censored the Internet a la North Korea, but this would have only added more fuel to the fire as citizens find ways to circumvent the censorship, only inspiring people to take up arms. Revolutions and protests have always fed off the news. The French Revolution had the *L'Ami du Peuple*. The Russian Revolution had the *Pravda*. And today has social media. These historic newspapers organized and united people, just like the social media does by involving the citizens of the world.