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Celebrated Haitian Author Edwidge Danticat Visits CRLS, Shares New Book



Danticat, an award winning author, read a passage from her new book to students on September 18th.

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Novelist Edwidge Danticat, author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory* and the newly released *Clare of the Sea Light*, spoke at the Fitzgerald Auditorium as part of the Cambridge READS initiative on September 18th.

Danticat is a Haitian writer who moved to the United States when she was twelve years

old. She has been honored by numerous awards, including the National Book Award and the MacArthur Genius Grant.

When asked about how she comes up with ideas for writing, Danticat said that many of her books are based on her own experiences. She continued by remarking, "Creativity is all about openness."

After reading a section from her new book, Danticat finished her talk by encouraging students to find their passion and consider getting involved in the school newspaper.

New Hope to Millions: HIV Vaccine Passes First Stage of Clinical Trials

By
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Register Forum Editor

Dr. Chil-Yong Kang and his team of doctors at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry in Ontario, Canada have developed the first successful form of the HIV vaccine.

Stage one of clinical trials began in March of this year, testing ages 18-50, and ended in late August.

The first stage of clinical trials is concerned with safety; thus, the success of the trial means quite a bit to those infected with the virus.

Students around school were glad to learn of this breakthrough, but a common theme in their responses was a lack of knowledge of the pros and cons of the vaccine, as well as information about the virus itself.

Sophomore Raina Williams states she might get the vaccine but she is "not sure what the risks are."

"If you can protect yourself from something without side effects, then why not?"

Junior Piper Galyean also commented, "if you can protect yourself from something without side effects,

then why not?"

HIV affects the immune system, making it incredibly weak and susceptible to a wide range of diseases and infections that can easily lead to death, most commonly AIDS; AIDS almost completely knocks out the body's immune system, allowing even the common cold to do devastating damage.

There are over 35 million people on earth living today infected with HIV, and approximately 1.2 million people have died this year from HIV since January around the world. HIV/AIDS

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Enter Freshmen, Class of 2017

By
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This year, almost 500 new freshmen have enrolled in Cambridge Rindge and Latin. At first glance, CRLS can be an intimidating mecca of academia, swarming with both 6'5" football players and timid underclassmen.

Two colossal wings, innumerable crowded staircases, hidden hallways, and a mob of hungry Angelo's costumers can seem like a lot for a newcomer. As freshman Julia Bluestein put it, "The size of the campus is overwhelming. It is a big step up from the Upper School."

CRLS gives students the wonderful opportunity to meet people from a vast realm of cultures. Freshmen are able to meet other students of all grades through extracurricular activities.

CRLS offers a copious variety of clubs, sports, and classes that encourage students to meet new people. "I am really looking forward to the soccer season and getting the chance to meet new people," states freshman Alex Flamm.

Freshman year of high school is often the first opportunity students have to pick their classes. This allows them to pursue their voracious intellectual appetites in the focuses that they please.

"Rindge offers so many great opportunities, one of the really great opportunities is being able to choose your own classes. This enables students to find what they really want to do in life," claims freshman Jordan Jones.

Freshman year is a unique year of independence and growth. Students are provided with the nutrients to blossom into their aspirations. High school encourages freshmen to choose the path that they want to go on for the next four unforgettable years of their life.



Freshmen filing into school on Orientation Day.

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The Return of Glocal Education First Has a New Program for Rindge Students

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Ever want to see Shanghai? Ever want to see it in the warm and sunny spring? Ever want to go with some of your best buddies? Ever want to do all of this for free? Thanks to Education First's 2013 Glocal Challenge, you might be able to.

Education First, or EF, is an international education company based in Cambridge. They pride themselves as being "the World Leader in International Education" whose mission is to "help millions of people become citizens of the world by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography." They hope to accomplish this goal through "cultural exchanges, educational travel, language training and degree programs."

Last year's challenge asked students to creatively solve a local environmental issue, and over seventy-five students participated. Ultimately, two teams of students won a trip to

EF is asking students to create a "social enterprise" that will solve a local issue in Cambridge.



Education First's official Glocal Challenge banner.

Photo Credit: eftours.com

Costa Rica, where they were able to present their ideas at a conference with former Vice President Al Gore.

The 2013 Glocal Challenge is centered around "Social Entrepreneurship." EF is asking students to create a "social enterprise" that will solve a local issue in Cambridge.

From September 9th to 20th, teams of three-to-five students were able to sign up by visiting the EF Glocal Challenge Facebook page, located at facebook.com/EFGlocal.

The challenge itself started off on Wednesday, September 25th with an after-school informational meeting.

Once teams are established, they must identify a local social issue and then find out how it's been solved in other areas.

Harvard and MIT business students will be there to assist students in the process. Students will begin to develop a social enterprise during the month of October, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, on October 29th, the groups will pitch their ideas to business experts, education leaders, and local government officials at an assembly that the entire school can see.

The lucky winners will win a free trip to the EF Global Student Leaders Summit in Shanghai, China in March of 2014.

At the summit, they'll have the opportunity to explore a rich new culture, and will also be able to present their projects to others.

To learn even more about this great and enriching opportunity, visit the EF Glocal Facebook page at facebook.com/EFGlocal, or its Twitter profile at @EFHelloWorld.

Rolling Out the Red Carpet Rejuvenated CRLS Athletic Hall of Fame Welcomes New Class of Inductees

By
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Register Forum Editor

It was a long sleep for the Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame. But now that it's back, it's recognizing major athletes in the city's history like never before.

Last year saw the first new class of inductees in the hall in 31 years, headlined by NBA New York Knicks star Patrick Ewing. The twelve new individual members and the 1958 underdog state championship Cambridge High and Latin hockey team were honored last October in a ceremony at the St. John Evangelist Hall.

Even beyond Ewing, however, the Hall sports many notable heavyweights – take, for instance, national champion and gold medalist Frank Hussey '25.

This year, the Hall will welcome thirteen different solo inductees and the legendary 1973 Rindge Tech boys basketball team.

The inductees are Anthony Messuri '54, Dick Rigazio '48, Larry Stead '62, Anthony Frasco '45, Audrey Cabral-Pini '74, Karim Ben Saunders '87, Scott Cody '88, Michael Stiller '02, Che Santos '98, and Thayer Plante '83.

The list also includes Leslie "Les" Kimbrough, under the title of Special/Distinguished Contributor, and two coaches, Frank McCarthy and Maria DiClemente '82.

The Hall was revived last year thanks to a committee drawing from officials, teachers, and the like.

The President of the Hall, former teacher and current Rindge varsity golf coach Joe Pagliaro, is very bullish on the Hall moving forward.

In Pagliaro's words, "we want to have our students and athletes appreciate and understand the importance of traditions and the phenomenal group of athletes that CHLS, Rindge, and CRLS has produced."

Pagliaro is one member of a group consisting of clerk Kevin Crane '69, Treasurer Ted Darling '72, and eighteen directors.

This year, the Hall issued an open invitation for nominations in early May, and the committee is working hard to form a database for potential future inductees.

This year's ceremony is at the MIT Walker Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 19th. Ticket forms are available at http://crls.cpsd.us/athletics/cambridge_hall_of_fame, and the deadline to purchase tickets is October 4th.

Last year, the committee raised over \$25,000 in order to purchase banners for Rindge's gym and field house. The night is set for a cocktail reception and dinner. Come by to support the Cambridge community and some of its most storied athletes!

2013-14 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Student Body President: *Amy Tung*

Student Body Vice President: *Alonzo Solorzano*

Student Body Representatives: *Kaya Mark & Qalani Aimes*

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Lucia Solorzano

Nathan Chun

Silas Weiner

Susan Gonzalez

Sophomore Class Representatives:

Ben Austin

Elizabeth Harkavy

Ross Baker

Stella Yeung

MISSION STATEMENT

The Student Government Association aims to strengthen CRLS through our school's core values: opportunity, diversity and respect. Members develop leadership within our own organization and throughout the school.

We host various school-wide activities to build community, to provide opportunities, to showcase the diversity of our student body, and to consistently model respect and leadership.

CRLS Welcomes New Literary Mag

By
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Have you ever wondered if your one-and-done writing pieces for English class might have another purpose? Thanks to seniors Federico Roitman and Chloe Marsanne (a *Register Forum* correspondent), they might - CRLS's literary magazine is kicking off this year.

The currently unnamed magazine, announced last May, is yet another writing-related venture open to Rindge students, alongside the Creative Writing Club and *The Register Forum* itself.

After going through an application and vetting process, the magazine is staffed by two editors-in-chief, six editors, eleven staff members, and three teacher advisors.

As with any club of this magnitude, Roitman and Marsanne had an arduous path

to approval: it

took several meetings with administrators, multiple proposals, and lots of lost sleep over the

course of about a year before the two got the OK, but they have no regrets.

In the words of Roitman, "The approval process and the time it took really helped Chloe and I realize that this was something we cared about and were willing to fight for." The magazine isn't quite at the Emerald City yet, as they're still seeking grants, but their hard work looks as if it's finally paying off.

The idea, Marsanne says, came "by just thinking about problems we faced daily." She continued, "I thought about how I was in English class and would write something I was really proud of, but there was nowhere to share it. It would just die after it was written."

Roitman saw the magazine as the best medium for a "showcase" of all of Rindge's writers that fly under the radar,

elaborating that the two "feel that many students genuinely want to contribute and will contribute." And indeed, even before the magazine officially announced it would be taking contributions, submissions began flowing in.

As a still-nascent and growing entity, the magazine is focusing on one large issue currently slated for the spring of 2014. The two editors-in-chief have high hopes for the magazine, both this school year and moving forward. Given that Marsanne, Roitman, and several other members of the magazine's staff are set for graduation this coming June, it's crucial that they set down a strong foundation.

Thankfully, the two are certainly aware of that responsibility: Roitman says, "I personally want to be able to come and visit CRLS in four or five years and see that the literary magazine has continued to grow and improve."

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Junior editor Silas Weiner concurred, saying, "We have really great faculty support and I think they will

be able to help sustain the club for years to come."

The magazine's staff sports mostly upperclassmen, but it's certainly not a reflection of its target audience, which Marsanne asserts is across grades and across class levels: "We want the magazine to represent Rindge as a whole, not just Rindge's creative writing class, or Rindge's AP class[es]." Accordingly, the two made sure to recruit members from every single class onto the staff.

The literary magazine's first meeting was held mid-September, and meetings are set for Fridays weekly in Ms. Sarmiento's room. If you have any questions regarding the magazine or if you're interested in participating or submitting material, email the magazine at crlsliterarymagazine@gmail.com.

CRLS RESPONDS:

Has your view of Obama changed following his handling of the situation in Syria?



Stella Plenk
Class of 2014
"While the way it's being handled is controversial, I still have faith in the administration. I believe Obama wants what is best for the country."

Azim Valimahomed
Class of 2015



"Obama's reaction to Syria recently helped me realize he might not be as good a president as we thought."



Sofia Kaufman
Class of 2017
"Not everyone can agree on one issue, I think he's doing the best he can to help everyone in the country."

Paul Chi
Class of 2017



"A little, I think he should always follow the rules of Congress instead of using just his own judgement."

HIV VACCINE

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related deaths account for around 4.9% of annual deaths worldwide.

However, while the prospect of a commercialized HIV vaccine is interesting to most, the commer-

cial aspect has some people hesitating.

Sophomore Ehasanuzzaman Satu stated that "no one in my family has it, so I wouldn't get vaccinated if I had to pay." Currently, the only defense against HIV is a treatment called antiretroviral therapy,

which consists of a mixture of antiretroviral drugs in the form of capsules that suppress the effects and spread of HIV. However, this is merely a treatment and far from a cure.

Treatments such as antiretroviral therapy can be difficult to efficiently provide to all those who are in need because of the amount of medi-

cine consumed daily by each person. A vaccine needs to be administered only once. This allows for efficiency, a factor of the utmost importance when dealing disease prevention.

HIV can be passed down from a parent to a child, and therefore the disease runs rampant in areas with little access to treatment. According to CRLS

teacher John Baring-Gould, "if we don't get rid of it, it's a disease that can last forever." CRLS senior Tessa Tracy shares this sentiment and stated that she is "excited" about the vaccine and its potential effectiveness.

The trials showed patients creating antibodies,

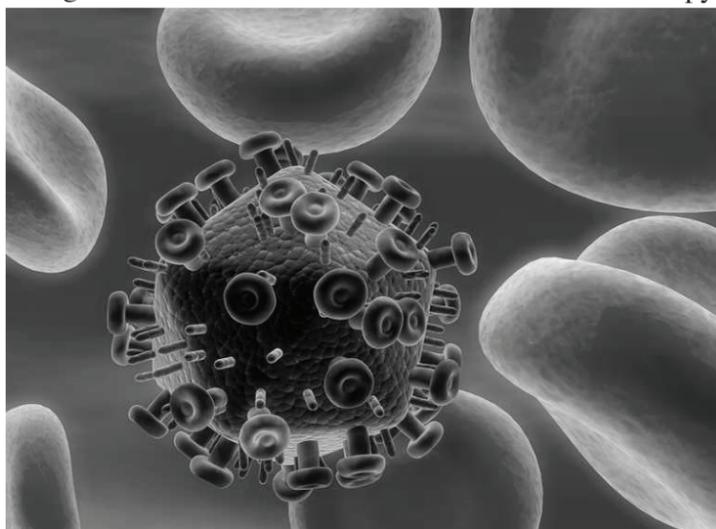
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what the body uses to fight off the virus, at an incredibly fast rate that allows for defense against the virus. Doctors used an "inactive" version in patients to help them create antibodies. Imagine tit as an undercover cop, working for the body and investigating HIV.

The inactive virus enters the body and allows for the body to start mak-

ing antibodies as if it were infected, but without infecting the patient at all. This allows for the patient who has received the vaccine to have enough antibodies to fight off the virus if he or she does eventually become exposed and infected.

Sumagen, the South Korean company sponsoring the vaccine, has high hopes for distribution throughout the world. CEO Jung-Gee Cho has stated "We are opening the gate to pharmaceutical companies, government, and charity organization for collaboration to be one step closer to the first commercialized HIV vaccine." If future trials go well the vaccine may be available across the globe in about five years.



Each of these HIV viruses shown are only 1/10,000th of a millimeter in diameter; they use the stems protruding from them to latch onto and infect other cells. Photo Credit: earthtimes.org



A recent Syria rally in Boston

Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

Keeping Our Word: Why Red Lines Cannot Afford to Be Crossed

By
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When President Obama “drew the red line” regarding the use of chemical weapons, he sent a message to the world that there would be serious consequences for anyone who dared to cross it.

It is very important that the government follows through on Obama’s statement in some way.

That doesn’t necessarily mean a massive strike, but some action needs to be taken to help US credibility in the future, especially because the use of chemical weapons is such a serious issue.

If the Syrian government is treated as though they’ve done nothing wrong, there will no longer be any incentive for other world leaders to follow the rules regarding chemical warfare.

Some people believe that action against Syria would result in more chemical weapon use, which is a reasonable worry to have. It’s true that we cannot predict what the response would be to a strike.

But if we are thinking about the future, then we also need to consider how our government will be regarded based on how they handle the issue.

If the line drawn by Obama becomes blurred and not clear, the credibility of the nation in years to come won’t be as strong as it has been in the past.

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Diplomacy: A Different Route for “Interference”

By
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The U.S. should not take military action against the Syrian government for their alleged use of chemical weapons. Based on Russia’s offer to administer the handing over of the chemical weapons, our nation has the option of engaging in a diplomatic solution.

However, as we cannot guarantee that Russia or Syria will follow through, it would be dangerous for the U.S. to drop any threat of a military attack until the weapons are destroyed.

Without military or diplomatic action, we would be turning a blind eye, which I consider the worst possible option. If the goal of a military strike would truly be to condemn the use of chemical weapons and not to hold Assad accountable for the rest of his crimes, then Syria handing over their weapons to international control would be equally effective.

While I understand the importance of preventing an ac-

ceptance of chemical weapons in warfare, it is not our job to be the world’s police, nor is it in our long-term interest.

It is true that the U.S. has unparalleled military forces, but if our goal is to enforce what Obama called an “international agreement prohibiting the use of chemical weapons,” then we need to act with the UN. Ignoring the UN Security Council could have a detrimental effect on the credibility of the organization as a whole.

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Lastly, although Obama emphasizes the modesty of his planned attack, there is

no way to ensure that what is meant to be a “limited” attack will not become an act of war.

This would risk more innocent civilians, and even in the event that Assad is taken from power, the divided opposition does not show promise of being a united front for democracy.

Before the US involves itself militarily, we have to completely consider a potentially peaceful resolution.



A map showing Syria’s location in the Middle East. Photo Credit: Freeworldmaps.net

A Year Like No Other Rindge is Primed for One of its Best Years Ever

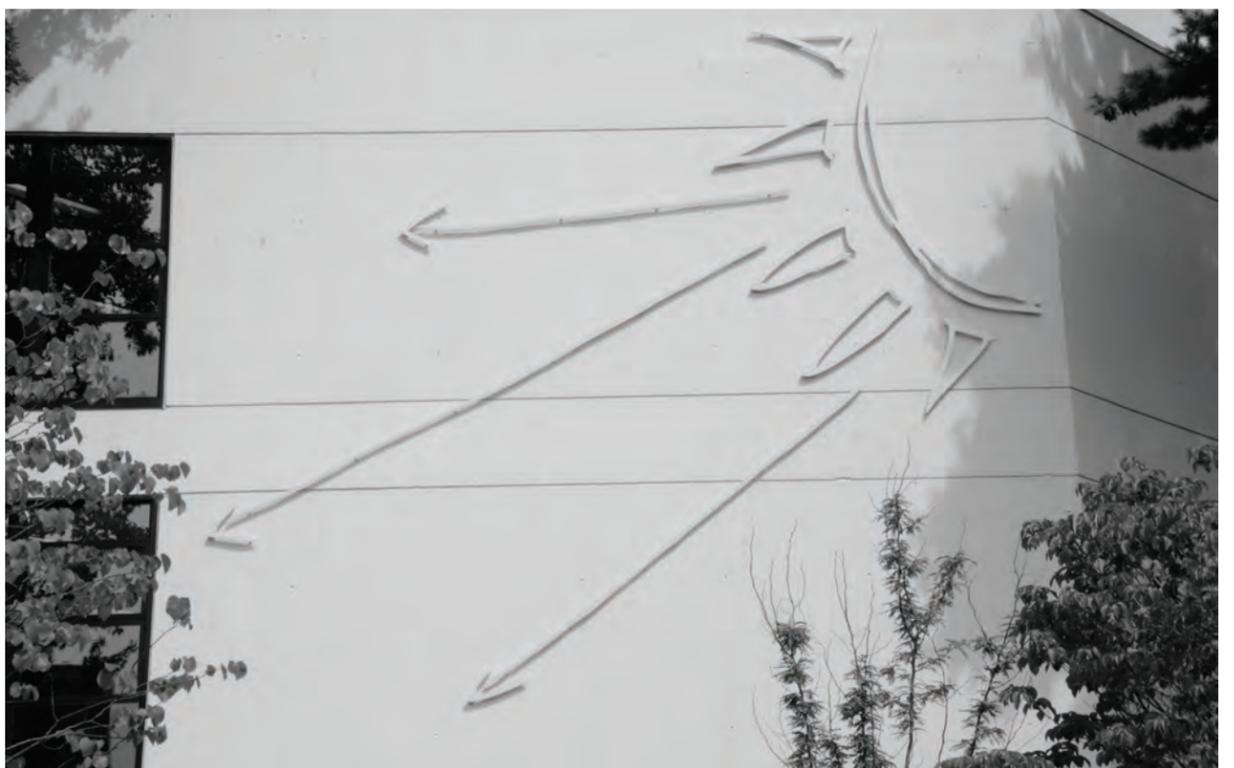
By
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CRLS has seen many great years in the past, but this one, the 2013-14 school year, has the potential to be the best Rindge has ever seen. This year is the time of opportunity, diversity and respect at Rindge. From RSTA to the arts basement to the War Memorial to the fifth floor, the classes offered have here never been more diverse or well-run.

At what other time then right now could you take Playwriting, Computer Programming, The Science of Food and Experimental Media all in the space of one day? And this greatness does not stop at 2:30 pm: this year there are over 50 clubs and 32 athletic teams, each better than the next, ready to be exemplars of opportunity and talent at Rindge.

Alumni would argue that school was best when they were there but this student body is unmatched by any of our predecessors. Each grade has something to give.

The seniors, the last survivors of Fresh-



The largest and most sunny of the new art pieces adorning Rindge this school year. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

man Academy, with their spirit, drive and ambition are truly daring to dream and have shown that they are ready to be the roles models of Rindge. Below them the juniors, a class that has shown time and again that they are serious about striving for academic excellence. The sophomores, as well, are always surprising us with they can do and their goals for the future! And finally the five-hundred-plus freshmen, by sheer

number the 9th grade class with the most potential that Rindge has seen in years.

From construction to tragedy to controversy, the past years have not been easy for the CRLS community - but I believe we have proved out strength, and are ready to make this the best year Rindge has ever seen.

Debating a Longer School Day

By
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Whether it was through snatches of conversations in hallway rush hour or intensely active Facebook groups, you couldn't escape last June's rumors of a longer school day: you'd think administration had proposed building a Justin Bieber statue outside our school. Who, we seemed to be collectively asking, would even *dare* propose shoveling more work on top of us poor, already-over-worked students?

But maybe June's backlash speaks to a different disconnect. It's not as if we're being thrown in jail - there's a lot of potential here. I've had multiple people tell me they'd love a compulsory study hall hour as part of the day, and no, Homework Center is not the same thing.

It's worth keeping in mind that some of the most successful education systems in the world have students in class for well over



A view of our school at the start of this semester.

Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

twelve hours per day. They may be rife with drawbacks, but it's hard to argue with results like the ones you get in South Korea. I'm not saying we should have school from 8 am to 8 pm, but there's something to be

tries begging to get into classrooms, who'd *kill* for our opportunities.

Regardless of how big a fan you are of the Cambridge Public Schools system, it's an insane privilege to be afforded the type of education we're being given essentially for free. And now that we're being offered more, we're not only balking,

we're *complaining*? Now that's the really depressing thought.

Here's the crux of the issue. Although I heard my share of "More school? Never!" complaints, a substantial amount of the criti-

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said for longer school days.

Or even take that line of thinking a little further. Consider how lucky we are to be given free education for one hundred and eighty days a year. There are kids in third world coun-

Syria is Not Our Biggest Problem

By
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Register Forum Editor

The national debt is over 16.7 trillion dollars and rising. According to Daniel Trotta of *The Huffington Post*, the war in Iraq has cost the United States over two trillion dollars. Over a trillion dollars have been spent overseas in Afghanistan as well, and it's all funded by you and your families.

The national debt is a crisis the majority of Americans ignore, a grave mistake that we will surely come to collectively rue while we wallow in poverty caused by our own ignorance. The spending in this country as well as the spending by our government is out of control. Every day, debt of all kinds gets worse; student loan rates increase in leaps and bounds while we stand helplessly by.

Currently, the unem-

ployment rate in the United States stands at 7.3%. To clarify, 7.3% of the U.S. population is over 23 million people. But that's not all, the U.S. census bureau stating that approximately 15% of Americans are living below the poverty line, that's about 46.5 million people. This number does not include those at or near the poverty line, which itself is skewed.

According to Hope Yen of *The Huffington Post*, approximately four out of every five Americans will spend time in or near poverty, struggling daily to make ends meet.

We live in Cambridge, a small oasis away from most of these things. But we need to look past our gleaming city and into the wasteland that is contemporary America. People can't afford healthcare, a place to sleep, or even healthy food. Almost no one dies from starvation in the United



A visual representation of one trillion dollars in \$100 bills. The national debt is over 16 times this amount.

Photo Credit: usdebt.kleptocracy.us/

States, but a huge amount of American citizens are severely malnourished.

The United States of America prides itself on being a superpower capable of unparalleled displays of power and influence, and demonstrates that belief by

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intervening all throughout the world. But throughout the past decade or so, the American people have seemingly become less important to the government that is sworn to represent them.

How can a govern-

cism stemmed from the fact that teachers were being asked to vote on the proposal without even knowing what the extra time would be put towards.

In that sense, it's no wonder the proposal was voted down. And even beyond the lack of clarity, there are things to be addressed.

Outdoor sports would lose a precious hour of daylight, while drama will feel the hit of an extra hour of school come "hell week." And if the time is used to cram in an extra

class, homework overload might be a very legitimate concern.

Now, only time will tell, but it's feasible that a more concrete proposal will roll through. And maybe that time, we'll be able to set aside our wish for more TV time and consider our education.

This isn't an argument for or against the hour - it's one in favor of thinking rationally. That's the only acceptable way to approach something as important as our education.

ment that is ignoring the plight of its own citizens even begin to justify stretching the budget even further by starting yet another conflict overseas?

One could defend intervention as a preventative action in order to counter oppressive forms of government. However, the loss of human life is only made greater by a powerful military presence such as the United States.

The ignorance shown by President Obama in the past month is staggering; attempting to intervene without Congress and without the backing of the American people shows a

worrisome lack of focus on the very country he was elected to care for.

I cannot deny that the recent events in Syria are tragic and a blatant disregard for human rights. However, regardless who was responsible, it is not the job of the United States to do anything but remain neutral on the matter. We simply do not have the resources to intervene anywhere, much less a country allied with Russia.

We as a people need to collectively help each other, as well as push our government to reflect our major beliefs and ideals. All is not lost, focus is simply needed.

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Nothing Was the Same

Drake is Compromising but Effective

By
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We start off Drake's third album as less his confidantes and more as the witnesses to his greatness – over wailing Whitney and rattling drums, Drake begins high on success before crashing into reflection.

There's more nuance on the emotion streaming through "Tuscan Leather" than any track from the last project.

Drake's faults, his worries, his pleads, they're all buried under boasts about

dinner with Tatyana Ali and comparisons to Dwight Howard.

Drake's taking his development as a rapper in leaps and bounds. *Take Care* was riddled with holes, as he'd go on a rip and then let a line like "Don't make me break your Kevin Hart, boy" go, letting his emotional oomph fizzle. Very few such problems here; he's far smoother and far more confident.

Drake's no longer just "a good rapper who makes great music," dangerous territory of a rapper of his caliber to be in. He's slipping gems like "Get

hype on tracks and jump in front of a bullet you wasn't meant for" while drawing lines between 40 and Martin Scorsese. Just on the first track.

And his emotionality is sharper and more nuanced. His take-me-back pleas aren't as self-crucifying and desperate as they were on *Take Care* – on "From Time," he's stating more than asking, "Who better for you than the boy, huh?" Rarely does he com-

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pletely degenerate into the helplessness of "Marvin Room"; he's more melancholy than ever devastated.

Drake's production camp provides similar quality across sound borders. Except, that's Drake's crucial faltering – because, see, Drake's been running with the musical equivalent of dissociative identity disorder for a while now.

Now, Drake's fame is all too real, and his newly adopted motto ("no new friends") is the most apt way to describe his coping strategy. It's an excellent theme to build a strong album around. The problem



The dual covers for Drake's third studio album.

Photo Credit: octobersveryown.blogspot.com

is that it's painfully infrequent and intercut by (great) songs that probably belong on different albums.

The hazy bitterness of "Furthest Thing" segues into the cold defiance of "Started from the Bottom". The paradoxical defiance of "Worst Behavior" goes into ballad "From Time". And "Hold On We're Going Home", straight from '80s disco electro-pop, comes out of nowhere in an otherwise melancholy album.

The key here isn't that these songs are subpar – some are, but most are brilliant. They just don't belong here. Drake's got multiple different sounds under his belt, capable of sliding from charismatic swagger to hazy, drunken

confession in a matter of seconds without slipping an inch. But Drake's crafted two different, contrasting albums and slyly slid them onto the same CD.

Nothing Was the Same is alternately love-sick, angry, betrayed, and happy that he's going home – and it has blue skies and clouds on the cover. Drake's a cornered artist, comparisons to the greats closing in on one side and his growing fame on the other. He responded by making an album brimming with potential but with serious frag-

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mentation issues.

It's easy to forget just how hard it is to craft a polished album. Drake's one foot in, one foot out now. Half of him's half-way into absolute star-

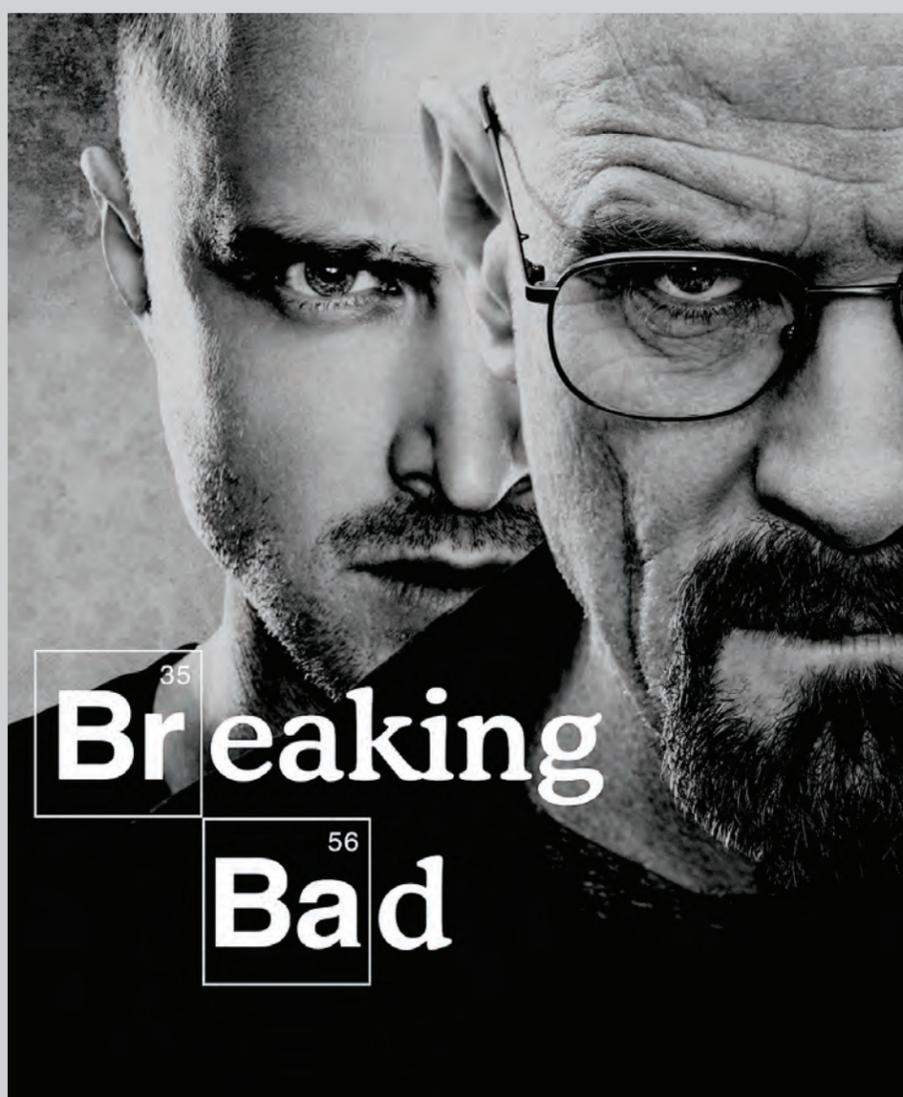
dom, knocking on the door marked "legendary", but that's not happening until he makes a career-defining project. Aubrey Graham gave it his all; *Nothing Was the Same* isn't lacking for effort.

But maybe that's his problem – overthinking – and Drake might have his solution, already. On "Too Much", between Sampha's croons, Drake's insecurity is mounted in a glass case for inspection.

He's telling his girl, "back then they didn't want me, I'm blessed now." His

boasts here don't come off as notches on his belt. They're hesitating, seeking for validation, not approval.

His girl's response? "Take a deep breath, you're too worried about being the best out." She might be right.



A recent promotional poster for the show.

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Breaking Good: TV's Best Show

By
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Breaking Bad is the kind of TV show that only makes an appearance once in a blue moon. The unparalleled development of a diverse set of characters keeps viewers clinging to the massive misfortunes and rash decisions of former high school chemistry teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, who misemploys his skills to produce controversial commodities with a former student upon learning that he has lung cancer.

From the very start of the show, things go from bad to worse -- a trend that does not change over the course of the plot and that has never been conquered by another series. Every episode presents another obstacle for Walt and everyone that comes in contact with him, accompanied by both subtle and not-so-subtle character developments that, over five captivating seasons, transform even the most

innocent bystanders into questionable and easy to criticize players in his twisted game.

Walt's former pupil, Jesse Pinkman, enters the show as a failure who began a criminal lifestyle on his own before becoming involved with Walt's operation. At every turn he faces criticism and is considered useless by the world. As time passes, everything that Jesse loves is taken from him in ways that are rarely captured in entertainment. Each tragedy in his life adds up to transform the way he feels and acts, driving him to extreme measures in everything he does.

Jesse's choices throughout the series, as well as everyone else's, beg the question: who has broken bad, and who has just been broken?

The final episode of *Breaking Bad* airs Sunday, September 29, and with the ending credits will arrive the tears of thousands and the conclusion to arguably the most phenomenal work of art in television in recent memory.

Girls Soccer Kicks Off the Season Impressively

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The girls varsity soccer team has had a mixed season so far: before its 2-0 loss at Newton-South, the team earned decisive victories against Everett (7-0) and Malden (5-1). Coming off two tough losses before that, many players feel as though the team is still coming into its own.

In the words of junior Kristen O'Loughlin, "I see huge potential for this year's team to go further and win more than we have in past years."

In the 2012 season, the varsity team lost the GBL title to Medford, but they made it farther into the MIAA tournaments than they had previously before losing 4-3 to Beverly in the second round. "Last year,

our team had a big age difference," says senior Shiann 'Freight-Train' Gardner. She continued, "everyone got along great, but we are definitely closer this year."

Training for this season began with a series of captain's practices over the summer. The varsity team was then selected after a week of tryouts in the week preceding Labor Day.

Confidence is mixed throughout the team. Although most agree that the team is looking very pre-

pared for the season, whether they will come away with the GBL title is a less concrete issue.

Senior Madeline Payne called a GBL win "inevitable, we just need to find our groove." Contrastingly, co-captain and junior Mo Nelson was less fatalistic: "We're definitely hoping to win GBL's and make it to the tournament." Her



Varsity junior Lucy Sterbach in a recent game versus Newton South.

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sentiments were echoed by several others on the team.

"There are five teams in the GBL (Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford, and Somerville)," explains coach Janet Goldman in an email. In order to win the title, Cambridge must have the best record of the five.

"Our biggest competition is always Medford, always physical and strong, and Somerville will load up

their defense to prevent us from scoring so we have to be patient," continues Goldman.

However, student support for the soccer team

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is low, with home games generally receiving a minimal student turnout.

"What do I think [about girl's soccer]? I

don't think much, because I don't pay much attention to them," explains an anonymous student.

Nonetheless, Goldman and her team have high hopes for the season.

"This is the year for girls soccer to really go places," says co-captain and senior Phoebe West.

"This is the best group of girls I have worked with at the high school," added Coach Goldman.

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH *Guilherme Cirino*



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Brazilian freshman Guilherme Cirino is creating quite a splash in CRLS soccer this year.

Since its birth, Brazil has been creating many of the beautiful game's finest. From the legendary Pele to the contemporary Neymar, Brazilians have a certain master class that few countries have been able to compete with. For this reason, many had high expectations for Cirino when he first started coming to summer captain's practices.

Cirino is from Governador Valadares, a mountain-enclosed city towards the east of Brazil. Cirino told our Portuguese translator, "In Brazil the game is far less physical than in America." When asked if he thinks he plays like a Brazilian, Cirino responded, "It's hard to tell."

But as a spectator, it is easy to see his skill. He plays quickly, sizzling past defenders and threading passes in the blink of an eye. His

game looks easy, but what he does others would find near impossible.

However, being a skilful player is not enough to succeed on the CRLS soccer team: work ethic and dedication goes a long way. Emile Sternbach, one of the team's captains, was asked about Cirino; he replied, "He's very quiet and subdued, but an excellent player. Few people have the foot skills he has. He works hard and knows the game well. Good kid, and it's a pleasure to play with him."

Guilherme is a big hit both on and field. When meeting for interviews, he was all smiles. When asked what he is so happy about, he chuckled, saying, "I'm happy to be here -- Cambridge is very different from Brazil! There is so much to do here and I enjoy that."

Cirino is a key player for CRLS soccer. He hopes to continue playing his best this season and pushing the team further and harder than they ever have been pushed before. High expectations are being placed on this freshman's shoulders, but

Rindge Football Rushes to a Strong Start

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This season, the football team is being put to the test, as many CRLS students are expecting a big year from the squad after a 7-4 turnaround campaign last fall. Right now, their record stands at 1-2.

The team started off with a dominating 45-20 win over Greater Lawrence Tech High School. Led by senior running back Shaq Anderson's 2 rushing touchdowns, the Rindge football team seemed unstoppable. The next games were tougher for the Falcons, as they suffered losses to Acton-Boxborough (34-18) and Methuen (21-18), despite strong showings from multiple players.

However, after multiple years of dismay, the football team might finally be onto something. "An awesome way to start out their season. The football team demonstrated their obvious improvement since even I was a freshman," said junior Honora Andrade, an avid fan of all Rindge sports teams.



Cambridge lines up against Greater Lawrence on opening night at Russell Field.

Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

Although the outcomes of two of their games have not been very promising, these games have been very close and it is hard to believe that this team is going to suffer many more losses.

A big reason for that optimism is senior quarterback Cameron McMillian, who has more-than-adeptly filled in for the departed David Maaghul, who played quarterback for

Rindge last year. The players on the team claim to be playing for more than a win.

"We're playing to win the state championship, we're playing to prove to this city and this state that Cambridge football isn't a joke or a one year wonder," said McMillian. "We're playing because for some of us, it might be the last we ever play football in pads."

When asked about the football games, most people reply with one word: rowdy. "It's always fun to have everyone you know all in one place cheering for

your team! And the best part is what comes after, a celebration!" yelled sophomore Maddy Leonardos. According to members of the team, the fans aren't only fun, but also very important.

"The crowd is the 12th man and gives us the extra advantage at home," added senior wide receiver and defensive back Elijah Booker. "The crowd being and staying loud keeps us motivated and on

track."

Ryan Saulnier, in his sixth year coaching this team, also added, "We consider ourselves ambassadors of the CRLS community so having our community with us to share in the excitement of a Friday night football game helps give us energy and that little edge to take us over the top."

Show up and help support the Falcons on their quest for the championship!

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A Great Season Ahead CRLS Golf Approaches Success

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After a disappointing 2012 season, the CRLS golf team is ready to shine. With more interest than ever and many talented freshmen already making waves, the team's "chances are [very] promising" this year, according to sophomore and JV member Stella Yeung.

CRLS junior and golf star Philip Gaines stated, "I expect the 2013 golf team to be much better than [last year's team], considering the young talent we have."

Much of the new blood this year is made up of freshmen, an unprecedented five of which

are on varsity. One of the new faces, Trevor Daniliuk, remarked, "I think we look pretty good and I think we could win the league if we wanted to." He continued, "Also, coming onto the team as a freshman is cool. Even though the season just started I've learned a lot already and [I] can't wait to see what else I'll learn."

However, after the team's 0-11 season and last-place ranking last year, getting to the top will be anything but easy. Gaines acknowledged the fact that the team has a lot of ground to make up in the league, but refused to accept that it's impossible, countering that the biggest thing "we need to overcome [is] ourselves [because] golf is a mental game."

A deep roster, high levels of confidence, and lessons learned from last year mean that this

might be the season for CRLS golf.

They're off to a good start already, having given GBL heavyweights Malden a run for their money in their first game before claiming two wins (the first in over a year) against long-time rivals Somerville. They are currently 2-1-2.

However, even while performing well, the golf team still faces a stigma. Sophomore Lily Keats admits that she "[doesn't] know anything about the golf team." She continued, "It's the sport for people who want to get out of gym." That being said, she did say that she could become interested at some point in the future.

The golf team looks to be improving, but can they reverse this stigma and win the league?

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