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Snapchat

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What new levels could cyber bullying be taken to if the victim has no evidence of the abuse? Nasty and hurtful comments may now be sent without the sender having to worry about the photos being saved. Or can they? Though it is true that the message will be deleted shortly after it has been opened, what if the person on the receiving end had enough time to snap a picture of their own before the message is deleted forever?

If someone was to take a screenshot of the photo before it self-destructed, they would then have their own personal copy to view whenever they wanted.

Snapchat automatically notifies the sender if someone takes a screenshot of their picture. At this point, however, it is too late to stop it. The picture has now been cast out into the tangled mess of adorable cat videos and cheezy advertisements that we know as the Internet.

This brings into question the promise of security and privacy that made this app popular in the first place.

When asked about this, Connor said, "I don't think that will be a problem. Most people only use it to send funny pictures of themselves to their friends."

The speed at which this app gained popularity may make a person wonder what it will bring in the future.

"It's probably just a fad," said Connor.

"People will move on to something else soon." For now, Snapchat is offering teens with a new way to communicate that people seem to be interested in. Only time will tell what the future holds.

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Book Review: The Magician's Nephew

C.S. Lewis' tale, a classic all should read.

By: Lizzie Urban
 News Editor

Your ancestry always has its quirks, and often can be a surprise. You have a great-aunt who was a famous opera singer. Or, a grandfather who is a decorated WWII veteran. Or an uncle who's a...Magician?

That's what happened in the book, "The Magician's Nephew," by C.S. Lewis. Part of the series, "The Chronicles of Narnia," it is a prequel written after the entire series, which includes the popular story, and now a feature film, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

The book centers on the friendship of two ten year olds, Polly and Digory. Digory lives with his aunt, and uncle, a brother and a sister. His mother and he moved to their house so that her siblings could caring for her, as she is very sick, and Digory's father is a military official, out of town.

Digory befriends his neighbor, Polly, and they go exploring. Soon after, they find a portal to another world.

In that world, they discover a grand hall and

where the people frozen in time seem to have been sat down to dinner. In the center of the room, there was a table that held a small bell, and a small quote underneath, "Make your choice, adventurous

Stranger. Strike the bell and bide the danger. Or wonder, till it drives you mad. What would have followed if you had?"

Curiosity winning, the bell is struck, and a loud echoing noise rings throughout the room for a long time. All of a sudden the

queen of this world, awakens and demands to know how they managed to get to her world and wake her up. Taken by surprise, Polly and Digory quickly throw on their rings to get out of there, and end up bring Queen Jadis on Earth.

As they make an attempt to get her out of London by the rings again, they accidentally bring along a horse carriage, the man running the carriage, Digory's Uncle Andrew, Queen Jadis, and a horse.

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They end up in the Land of Narnia, a new place created only because they traveled to it. They meet Aslan, the lion, and many other talking animals. Jadis becomes stuck in this land, after eating a forbidden fruit, making her stay attached to land.

Soon, Polly and Digory make their way home, with uncle Andrew in tow. The cabby, the horse, and the cabbies wife all stay in Narnia, as the two become king and queen of Narnia.

As no time has passed on Earth, they are able to get home without arising any suspicion.

This book was very interesting. It had you questioning everything, and when you got those answers it was a nice, "Oh!" moment. The book took many turns and made you wonder about a few of the happenings. It was very much how it a tied together, and how everything was interconnected. If you enjoy reading fantasy novels, especially those in a series, this is the book to start with.

And if you've already read the other books in the series, this prequel answers some other questions the reader might have, about how Narnia came to be, and questions on those lines. I am reading through the series, and if I hadn't read the prequel, then I would see some very confusing part of the second book, "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe."

So, look into your family history and see if you have a

grandmother who won a Nobel peace prize, a cousin who invented the car, or perhaps an Uncle, who just happens to be a magician.

To Act or Not To Act

By: Kelsey Williams
 Business Manager

It is, To be. It's the project that 11th grade English students can expect every year: Hamlet presentations. As a part of their final exam, students are required to present a portion of the play "Hamlet" to their entire class.

"It's important to get students out of their chairs once in a while," said Mr. Rineer, English 11 teacher. "Shakespeare is ultimately meant to be performed and not just read."

Students were told about the project right away at the beginning of the year, but it was officially assigned after the classes finished reading the play in December.

"[The project] is a great motivator to the kids. It tests their overall content

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By: Kathryn Radzwion
Staff Writer

After winning states for the first time last year, the competitive cheer team here at Richmond has their hopes set on winning another State Championship title for the 2013 school year.

Since no Division 3 cheer team has ever won a back-to-back State Title, Coach Mattes and her team have spent the last few months working very hard in order to have a repeat win by practicing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"I think there is a good chance of winning states this year," said Junior Regan Blissett, who is a flier on the cheer team. Being a flier means being tossed into the air and being held up by others on her team. "I think this year it'd mean more because we are working so much harder and the odds are against us," said Blissett.

The cheerleading tournaments are a series of 13 different days of competition hosted by different high schools. They are every Wednesday and Saturday. The first was the Richmond Invitational held here at the high school on January 5.

At each day of competition, there are three rounds of cheering in which the girls are judged on multiple things. They are judged on their facial expressions, jumps, tightness, formations, voices, skills, stunts and overall difficulty of choreography.

"My favorite stunt is our second stunt where we do what's called a one man where my base partner lets go and does a handspring," said senior Alyssa Brickel. "So the one man is just me and my back spot holding up my flier."

All of the teams competing have such an appreciation for each other and what each person

can do. "The atmosphere is what I love," said Brickel. "We can all understand what the other girls are going through and know that they work just as hard as us."

Even when they are not on the mat, the RHS girls are still cheering. They applauded the other teams and support them.

Before each competition, the cheerleaders have a pre-game ritual they fulfill.

"We will do sections of each round and repeat them three times and do our skills three times as well," said Brickel. "We get nervous because we want to win and always beat ourselves so a little pre-game practice helps us calm down."

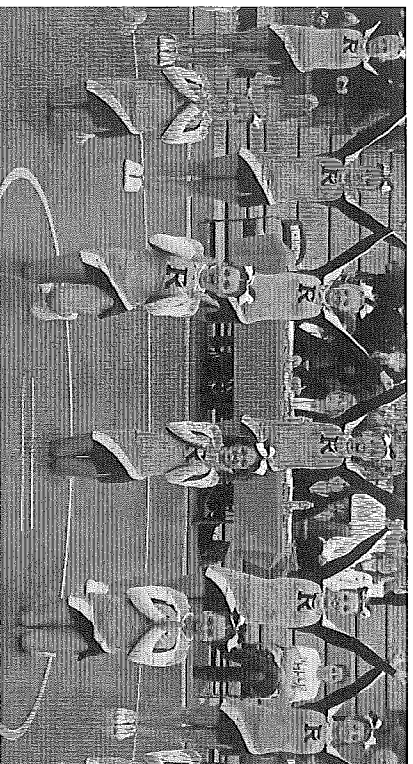
The hard work pays off for them because they know that they have done everything they could have to win.

"I love the adrenaline you get while you are competing and knowing when you get off the mat, you did your best," said Brickel. "Cheer can be difficult because you have to be able to do something that you aren't the best at, but I know I have to do it for me and my team."

Many cheerleaders have been cheering since middle school while for some, it's been only for a couple of years.

"I started in 7th grade and cheering just came so naturally to me," said Blissett. "I love flying and it makes me work harder every day to do my best."

Junior Summer Teeters cheered since 7th



The cheer team cheers during one of their first competitions. It was held at RHS over Christmas Break. (Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook)

grade, but quit for a year-and-a-half and is now back this year.

"Leaving hurt me a little, and I could've progressed a lot more if I hadn't missed a year-and-a-half, but I haven't taken any steps back

since," said Teeters. "I missed being on the mat and having the fan support system that we have because not many other teams have that." She

added that she is happy to be back on the team.

Teeters is a backspot for

the fliers. She is also one of three new competitive cheerleaders. Teeters is joined by sophomore Kate Nezich and freshman Emily Fitzimons as newcomers.

"Kate is in my group and has been doing really well," said Teeters. "She does what she is told which is unlike most fliers who do only what they are comfortable with."

Overall, the newcomers have been a nice addition to the team. "Even though it is tough teaching them, without them we wouldn't even be able to do Round 3 at all," said senior Joanna Fenwick, a four-year varsity cheer team member. "I appreciate their ambition and all of their hard work that they have put into this"

The cheerleaders are confident in saying they will be proud to prove all of the doubters that they are wrong.

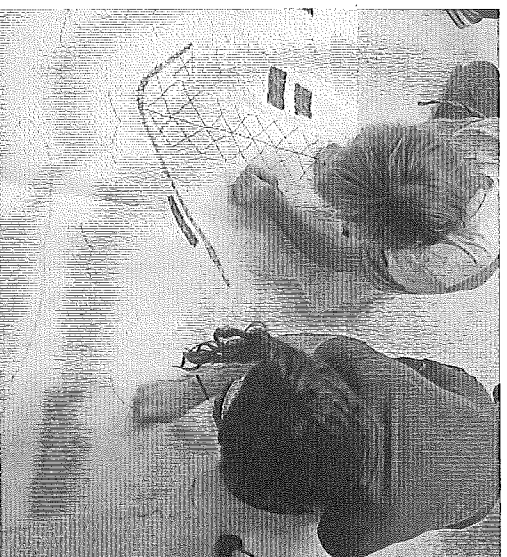
"I know that our team is good and is able to achieve anything we want," said Brickel, "We know we are able to succeed."

Hamlet in English

In English 11, students worked on bringing William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* alive.

Here, students work on creating their setting, scripts, and props for the play.

The presentations showed student understanding of the play and helped review major concepts as well.



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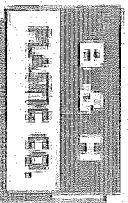
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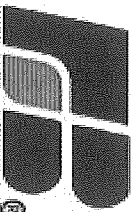


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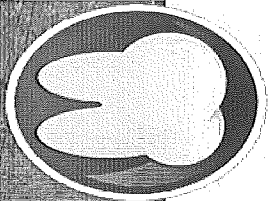
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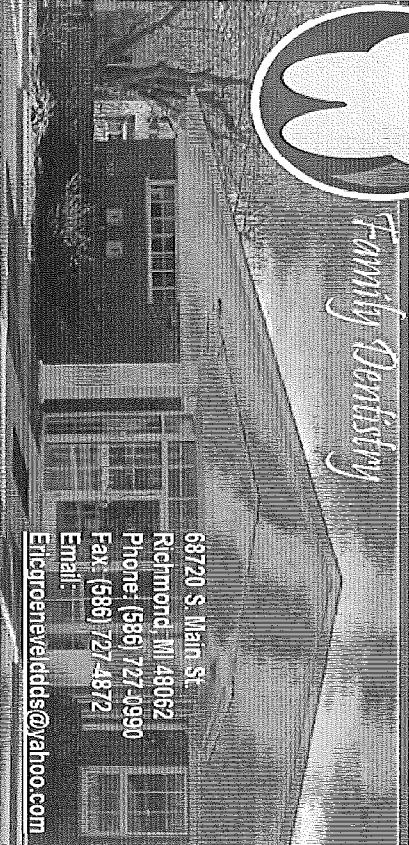
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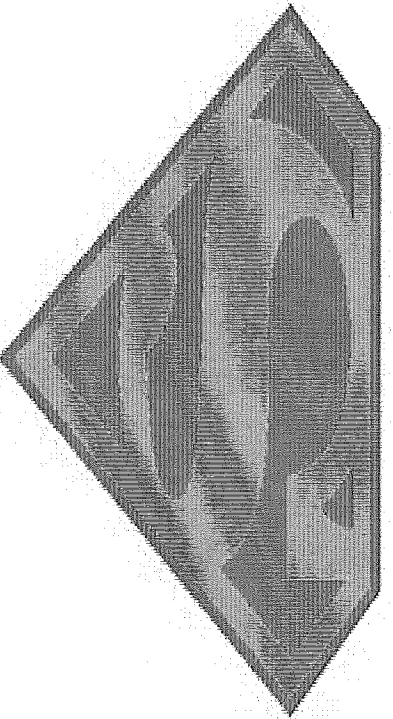
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