

Spring Fever in New York

Rineer Rocks RHS

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It wasn't sun and sand that was soaked up but the sights and sounds of New York City by three students during Spring Break. Two Juniors, Racheal Campbell and Leslie Ocegüera, and one Senior exchange student, Herman Osto, were in NYC.

One thing the students have in common is that this was their first time in New York. Each student had a unique experience. Campbell, staying in Manhattan, had an overall great time when she visited The Big Apple.

"I went with my mom and my sister to all the tourist attractions around the city," Campbell said.

Visiting the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, and numerous

parks all over the city, Campbell admits that Ground Zero was her favorite experience.

"I liked the history of the location and the memorial," Campbell said.

Being a foreign exchange student going to a new country can be overwhelming in itself, but visiting one of the biggest, fastest cities in America can be a great experience.

Osto, going with other exchange students that are staying in Michigan, got to witness the city that never sleeps together, visiting Times Square, The Statue of Liberty, Central Park, and the Rockefeller Center to see a Broadway Show. The show "The Lyric Show" was a big musical that Osto admitted was a great show with fantastic actors, music, and story/line.

"I liked spending time with other exchange students; that was my favorite experience," Osto said.

Ocegüera, staying with family in Connecticut, visited the big city with every chance she got. Ocegüera went to Manhattan, Brooklyn, Times

Square, The Empire State building and Grand Central Station. Her favorite place was also Times Square.

"My favorite place was Times Square, but my favorite experience was riding on a subway," Ocegüera said. She enjoyed the subway so much because it was her first time being on it and it was a cool experience because people talk about going on the subways in New York.

From a small town to the concrete jungle, Campbell and Ocegüera both admitted to seeing themselves living there in New York in the future.

"Yes I can definitely see myself living there. I want to go school in New York," Campbell said.

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wouldn't want

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where else,"

said Campbell.

Both also agreed that they would visit again to see more of the sights and for more experience.

"I would love to go again; it's kind of hard to resist," Ocegüera said.

Returning to the city in the future, Campbell said she would have done nothing different. She visited almost every place she

wanted to while she visited. Staying in Manhattan, everything is within walking distance and in the heart of everything.

"I loved Manhattan, and I wouldn't want to stay anywhere else," Campbell said.

The Big Apple isn't everyone's first choice in places they would like to visit for spring break. While everyone looks for 80 degree weather and sand, these students wanted skyscrapers and a city with a rich history. For these Spring Breakers, it was definitely the ideal place to take some time off.

By: Brandon Stein
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"And in this corner, standing 6'2" with a notebook in one hand and a pen in the other, and classy glasses, we have Mr. Rineer!"

Mr. Rineer is the Psychology teacher as well as one of the English teachers here at RHS. He has two hours of Psychology, teaches English 11 and AP English 11. This past January was his thirteenth year teaching at the high school.

Mr. Rineer went to Macomb Community College where he received his Associates Degree in general studies. He then attended Grand Valley State University where he got his Psychology BS and English Minor. Finally he went to Wayne State University where he received his English Degree and Teachers Certificate.

On a typical day, Mr. Rineer wakes up at 4:45 A.M. and gets the coffee going. He then makes his way downstairs where he writes for about an hour. What he writes entails short stories, and anything that he deems worthy of writing down.

Then when the time comes, he gets his three kids, Alex, Charlotte, and Nate, ready for school. After dropping the kids off, Mr. Rineer makes his way to RHS for his day of teaching. After his day of work, he picks the kids up from school and goes home. There he cooks dinner, welcomes his wife home and helps the kids with their homework.

"I truly do believe that education begins at home. If you start habits young, you are more likely to stick with them when you get older," said Mr. Rineer.

When the evening approaches, he reads to the kids and sends them to bed. On the weekends, Mr. Rineer goes bike riding with his family too.

Mr. Rineer also has been teaching at Macomb Community College for the past five years. He teaches English Composition I Basic Essay Writing. He enjoys teaching the mature college students whose minds are ready to learn.

"I usually only teach there during first semester. My schedule gets busier during second semester, so I don't have the time," says Mr. Rineer.

In his downtime and as a hobby, Mr. Rineer writes fictional short stories. None have been published, but Mr. Rineer is very proud of the three or four stories he has written. Reading is another activity that Mr. Rineer thoroughly enjoys. He makes it apparent in his kid's lives as well.

"My kids motivate me a lot. I get so much joy from reading to them and helping them with their homework," said Mr. Rineer.

Mr. Rineer also values time off. He added, "Time off is another big motivator for me. Americans are overworked, so you have to find a balance between time off and working."

Mr. Rineer has many goals as a teacher, but a main component of that is making personal connections with students. Having a relationship with his students is something he values quite a lot. He can help his students in an easier fashion by achieving this.

"I like to tell my students that 'They can do this'. I try to project success to them," said Mr. Rineer.

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what she needs to take care of, such as keeping an eye on the children.

After graduating, Nichter plans on attending Macomb Community College for a few years before hopefully transferring to a college in Chicago. There she will begin her pursuit in becoming an elementary school teacher and theatre director.

A thespian's love for the stage is never deterable, and Nichter is someone who won't leave the theatre behind. "It's doing what you love everyday," she said. "It never gets old."

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Small Businesses Big Purposes

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With Prom quickly approaching, buying from a local business could be more important than ever. If you need a tuxedo, Marcie's in Richmond is a great place to start. If you need flowers, the Richmond Flower Shop has you covered.

These types of businesses are important without a doubt.

However, if you are looking for other kinds of businesses, Foster Oil, Southern Thumb Music and Dairy Queen also all have programs that support the community.

Buying from small businesses arguably has more of a noticeable effect on a city or community than buying from a big box retailer does.

You see, if you buy a tuxedo from Marcie's rather than President Tuxedo, that money goes a long way.

People that may work at Marcie's see that money and benefit from it. It pays their paychecks.

Those people might live in Richmond as well. So by buying from local stores, you are effectively supporting your neighbors and town friends.

The money goes toward road construction and aids in funding the schools.

Local businesses also buy ads for the newspaper you are reading right now. They support Project Graduation every year for the high school.

They help fund the yearbook. Local businesses support the entire community in many ways.

Don't get me wrong, I don't have anything against big corporations. I love my Best Buy, GameStop and Guitar Center. It's just that I prefer to support the community first.

For example, I recently bought a new bass from Southern Thumb Music. I could have easily went down to Roseville to Guitar Center and bought the same one there.

I decided against this though.

I know the people at Southern Thumb well, and I knew they might give me a deal that I know Guitar Center would never consent to. Plus I can't begin to tell you how much personal help

and knowledge I have received from them. Local businesses offer so much to you in that regard.

I feel like you get better customer service at local businesses, too. They really try to help you out and push to keep their customers happy.

Small businesses have a smaller customer base, so they have to strive for perfection to try and get as many people coming back as possible.

Big businesses, however, don't care as much. They already have a massive customer base.

Why should they care if they lose a single customer to bad service?

They still have plenty of others.

So knowing now how much it means to buy locally, maybe you will re-think your shopping schedule. Try going shopping in town once in a while; you might be surprised what you miss.

Buying from small businesses is critical in a town the size of Richmond, and it is imperative we keep them alive.

Apple Begins a New Race against Other Companies with New Emojis

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New updates make Apple users excited but once they realize their emojis are still the same, they get disappointed.

Not this time.

This time, Apple users had a surprise in store for them with the iOS 8.3 update: new emojis.

Did Apple make their users happy or disappointed?

When Apple users opened their phones to look at their emojis, they realized they had yellow people, a few more animals and food, and movement of the order they are found.

Yellow people? Have you ever seen a yellow person?

Apparently Apple has.

The yellow people furthered into many, new, different families. Equality played a role in these.

The families have two moms, or two dads, or a mom and a dad, and the number of children in the families vary.

Aside from the yellow people, Apple made their people emojis to be able to switch the race of them.

Apple users can switch the race of the people to whatever race they want. It's kind of like an American Girl Doll. Little girls can choose their doll to look like them. The changing of the race is to help look like the user more than just whatever Apple gave you.

With a technology-based world, smartphones are expected to be fast, easy to use, and easy to use very fast. I know myself, tries to put an emoji in a text message fast because I already know

where they are.

Apple decided to play hide-n-go-seek with the emojis and moved them all around in a different order. It took me a couple weeks to find all the emojis I used to use very fast.

I still can't find them when I need them.

Ugh. First world problems.

Other than changing the emojis that were already there, Apple could have come out with some totally new emojis. For example, taco emoji, rolling eyes emoji, softball emoji, different holiday emojis, more food, professional sports logos, etc.

Even some for Richmond could include, the Blue Devil, a pitchfork, emojis that look like our staff, the jug, the old English R.

Apple, can you come out with some better emojis next time?

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Among the many chapters taught, Mr. Rineer favors one in both Psychology and English 11. In Psychology, Chapter 13: Abnormal Psychology gets Mr. Rineer pumped to teach about mental disorders and abnormalities among humans.

In English 11, the Romantics Movement really gets Mr. Rineer's attention. The writings of natural occurrences and the importance of independence are very interesting to teach. That being said, Mr. Rineer doesn't favor Psychology over English or vice versa; both are equally loved by him.

All in all, Mr. Rineer enjoys teaching and is very passionate about what he teaches.

On a lighter note, Mr. Rineer has major pet peeves toward glitter, and when people say, "I seen it."

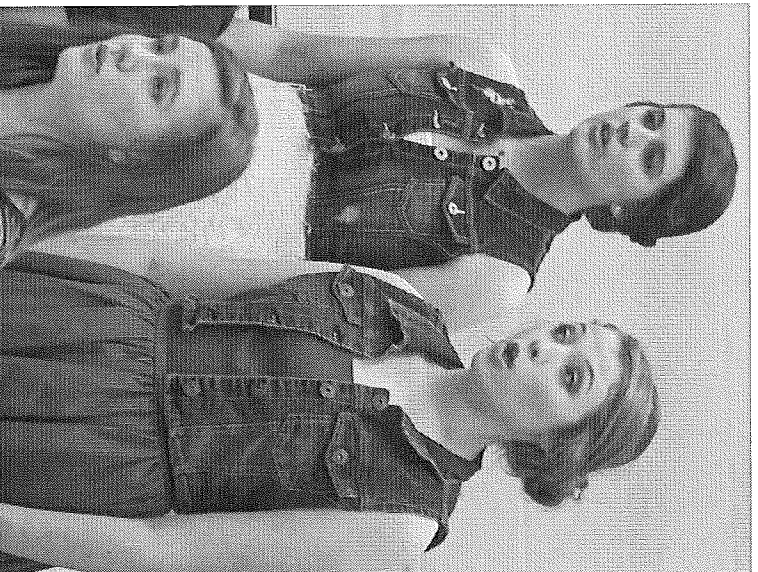
"Glitter should be removed from existence," are Mr. Rineer's thoughts.

He favors dogs over cats, turtles, and fish.

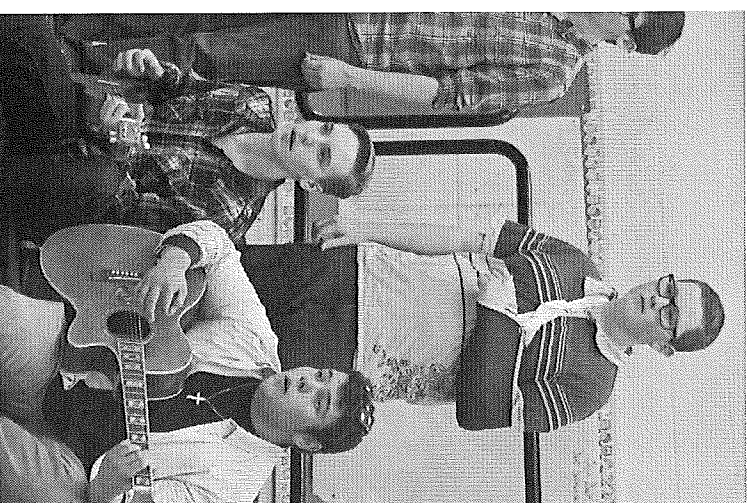
Mr. Rineer's favorite movie is *Silence of the Lambs*. He said, "I really love Hannibal Lector stuff."

Well, standing in the corner in the ring, Mr. Rineer may not only be holding a notebook and pen, but also a DVD of the movie.

Check out what happened at EnRichmond



Amanda Vinson singing with the women's chorale



Anthony Hinojosa and Zach Thomas accompany the men's chorale