

Features

Not so organized chaos

By: Olivia Kestler (OK)
Features Editor

Nobody wants to write essays all day every day. That is what English class is for. People *assume* that is what the Newspaper class is all about. Since the class implies effort, no one wants to take another class that requires extra writing.

These reactions are understandable. But you don't know what you're missing. Newspaper is about more than learning how to write in a different way. You learn to ask the right questions and get the whole story.

Junior Jacob Thomas (JT) wants to go into journalism and thinks the class is very helpful. "It's fun to see what it would actually be like to be a reporter and conduct interviews," he said.

Senior Kyle Soldan (K-\$O) found that the class connects with students on a personal level as well.

"I'm meeting new people and being with those people I already know," he said.

At the beginning of the year, you might recognize... five... six? Maybe even seven people in the entire class, while everyone else is a stranger.

"By the end of the year, it's like you knew each other the whole time," said senior Katie Radzwin (K-Rad)

How many times has that happened for you in one of your common core classes?

"It's better than an English class," said sophomore Hunter Barjaktarovich (The Kung Fu Panda). "You still write, but you get more time, and you have a lot more time to hang out and get to know the other people in the class."

Senior Shelby Stewart (Stewie) enjoyed how well the class interacted with each other this year.

"It's the weird moments that really bring everyone together," said Stewie.

And believe me, this year's Newspaper class has had our fair share of 'moments'.

We've had procrastination issues, had dance sessions after school during print day, and constantly get on each other's nerves.

No one took these jokes as badly as senior Logan Iskra (The Sloth), but that is a story for another day.

Of course, you cannot forget the 'battle lions' and 'sarcasm' (yes, that's S-C-A-R-C-A-S-M).

"I was trying to write 'sarcasm' on the back of The Sloth's article," said sophomore Adam Boyd (Sugarbear). "But I added an extra 'c'. Now no one lets me live it down."

To this day, we will never let Sugarbear forget it.

In the back corner every other day, we also had intense book discussions that inspired the book review section, written by Caitlee Hawley (Hooowlee).

"Reading is my passion," she said. "Being able to write about that in a class is very important to me."

The best part of the class is the lack of drama.

You do not have to deal with someone being upset because her nail broke when she sharpened her best friend's pencil, which broke, ending in Facebook drama.

Instead, you get all the entertainment without the awkward, tension-filled days that inevitably follow.

Who could argue with that?

I mean, The Sloth *tries* to drag up some dramatic gossip every once in a while, and he gets a little fired up when someone wants a piece of his gum, but everyone is pretty relaxed otherwise.

Until print day. But you will have to experience that first hand to understand.

And finally, we have our fearless leader, Mr. Murphy (Murph-dawg). This year, he had to juggle the Newspaper and Yearbook classes being in the same room during the same hour. That means he taught two classes at once, for those of you a little slow out of the gate.

We did have a few brushes with The Apocalypse (Murph-dawg scared the zombies back into the ground, never fear). Otherwise, Murph-dawg managed to keep both classes running simultaneously.

Impressive, right?

At the end of the day, month, year everything comes down to the same thing. We have all become better writers after taking this class, even if we did not plan on it happening. Newspaper makes the class better—made us better—and we notice more about the world around us.

It's something you cannot find in almost any other class.

And now, a word to Murph-dawg from the Newspaper team:

OK: "Mr. Murphy praised us for each issue, but we really owe it all to him. This year could not have gone as well as it did without him. Plus, it would not have been nearly as entertaining. I'm definitely glad I decided to take the class. It was worth every second."

Stewie: "Mr. Murphy has really helped us grow as a group. Every article we write is better than the last and he challenges us with the topics. I don't know how he has time to himself because he is so dedicated to everything he does, especially the Blue Devil's Advocate."

The Sloth: "Mr. Murphy can make people work harder by showing them what they are truly capable of."

K-\$O: "Mr. Murphy created an atmosphere that made us always want to come to class.

Most of the time. But, his teaching skills have made not only me a better student, but has made the whole school a better place with his presence."

Hooowlee: "Mr. Murphy has encouraged me and pushed me to improve my writing both in and out of the class. I feel very lucky to have had him as a teacher and mentor."

K-Rad: "Murph-dawg has helped me since my very first days at Richmond. He is an amazing teacher and I've been so lucky to have him as my teacher."

K-Dubs: "Murphy never fails to make sure that we all do the absolute best that we can. Even if that means finishing an entire article on print day. Which, of course, never happened for me..."

Sugarbear: "Mr. Murphy has helped me over the years because he showed me not to be afraid to be myself. He has also broadened my writing ability. Each article I write is better than the last one."

The Kung Fu Panda: "Mr. Murphy has helped me to become a more diverse writer and has especially helped me write the best leads."

JT: "Mr. Murphy has been a great teacher and has helped me understand more about journalism and writing. I look forward to having one more year with him as one of my teachers."

And so, I would like to thank the best Newspaper crew for a great year (yes, we are the *only* one—don't ruin the moment!)

Murph-dawg: Our Fearless Leader
K-\$O, Stewie and Lizzie Urban: News Editors

The Kung Fu Panda and Yours Truly: Features Editors

The Sloth and Hooowlee: Opinion Editors
Sugarbear and JT: Sports Editors

Lil Williams: Advertising Editor
K-Rad and Rosie Urban: Staff Reporters

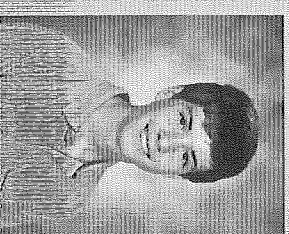
And a thanks to you, if you actually read this whole thing.

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Students



Jake Ferlito



- Q: Favorite Class?
A: Science
- Q: Favorite teacher?
A: Mr. Murphy

- Q: Where do you want to go to college?
A: Wants to attend Michigan State University and become a Forensics Scientist
- Q: Favorite summer activity?
A: Hanging out with friends

Lauren Maksymniuk

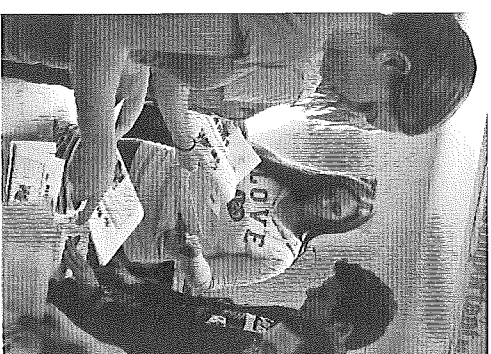


- Q: Favorite class?
A: Art
- Q: Favorite teacher?
A: Mrs. Cole

- Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: Wants to be an engineer when she grows up
- Q: Favorite summer activity?
A: Swimming



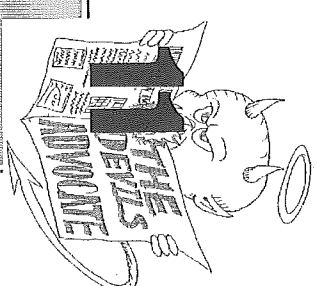
(Above) Mr. Murphy leads a discussion among the Newspaper class as they discuss ideas for the next issue.

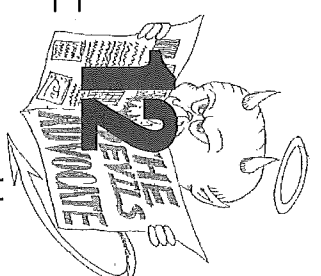


(Below) On print day, the class folds each issue and distributes them to every classroom.

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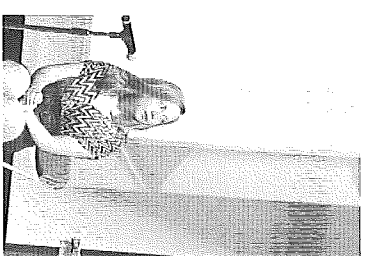
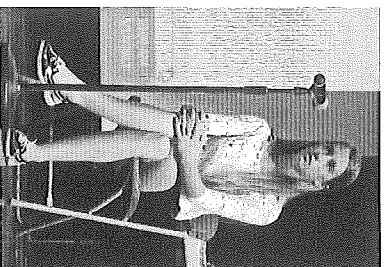


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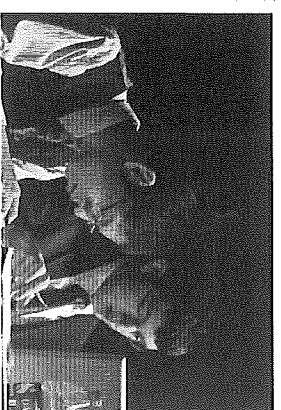
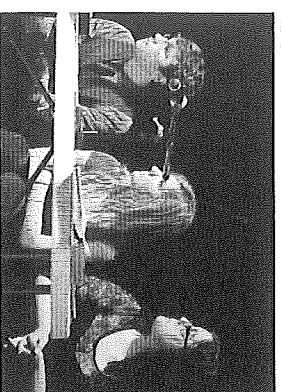
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Mock Trial



On May 17, the Law and Justice class, alongside the Forensics class convicted killer Kylie McCloskey of murdering Dana Schomak.



HOROSCOPES

By: Lizzie Urban

Taurus: April 20 – May 20
 Your tendency to think first and act later has gotten you feeling left out and bored. Spontaneity is good. Use it to your advantage. By the end of the month, something will happen in your love life; it may be big or subtle, positive or negative, but watch out for it.

Gemini- May 21- June 20
 Your family and friends have been getting on your nerves lately. You may not even notice it yet, but by May 23, it will become apparent. See to it that you don't let it taint their idea of you, should you snap at them or act harshly.

Cancer- June 21-July 22
 You've been a bit short on things this month, whether it be time, money or patience. Understand that these things are only temporary setbacks and by the next full moon, you'll be back to normal in no time.

Leo- July 23 – August 22
 Life has gotten you feeling down lately. All you can think about is what you don't have, what you want or what you're going to get. Focus on other people for a change and see what you can do for them. By the 27th, you'll see that it's not half as bad as you think.

Virgo: August 23 – September 22
 Don't assume the worst of everyone or everything. Give things a chance that you never thought would be good or fun for you. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Libra: September 23 – October 22
 You're quite a talented person and you love to share those with the world. But lately, you've noticed that others aren't as appreciative as you'd like them to be. Sharing might help to address these concerns, but let time pass before you do anything drastic.

Scorpio: October 23 – November 21
 You've been avoiding something very important to you in the past few weeks. You're scared something will go wrong if you confront it. By the beginning of the end of this month, you will have dealt with it, and it will have gone your way.

Sagittarius- November 22- December 21
 Don't listen to other's opinion on you. Your own self-image is the most important. Mid-month you will have a decently sized change in your life, watch out for it.

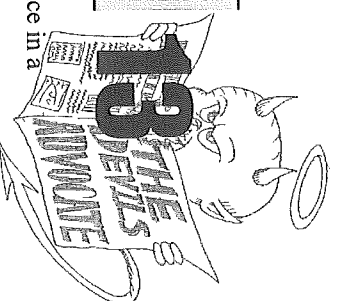
Capricorn- December 22- January 19
 Disagreements and arguments are seen as huge parts of your everyday life lately. Gain some patience or you'll be quite sad in upcoming days.

Aquarius- January 20- February 18th
 You've been running yourself thin lately and are not sure that you are happy with how things are going. Notice that you have to set aside time for yourself or you will soon regret it greatly.

Pisces- February 19- March 20th
 You're a very inconsistent person and you love to have fun. But sometimes seriousness is exactly what you need. By the 24th, you'll understand exactly what this means for you.

Aries: March 21 – April 29
 Someone you've been trying to meet will soon come into your life. Catch their attention with something outrageous to say, and sparks will soon be lighting fires.

Stories



What I'll Miss About High School

By: Kelsey Williams
Advertising Manager

I know, we all say that we can't wait to leave the halls of RHS, but let's face it: things are going to be much different after our last day on May 23rd. No more cheering on our teams in the student section, no more spirit days, no more pep assemblies. The list goes on and on.

Thinking about the past nine months has made me realize how much RHS has truly changed my outlook on life. I know it sounds cheesy, but it's true. Being in high school has taught me to be a leader instead of being led. It has taught me to take advantage of every opportunity that comes my way. It has taught me to never judge a book by its cover. Most importantly, being in high school has taught me to never give up.

I have often been asked: "Aren't you, like, super smart?" and I just look at them and shake my head. Sure, school comes easy for some, but for me, keeping my grades up for four years was a lot of hard work. I couldn't just skate by, though sometimes I tried. Regardless, I will still miss a lot about this school.

You may find that some of the things that I miss about high school are things that underclassmen may not think twice about. But remember, seniors aren't kidding when they say every year goes by faster and faster. Sure, it may feel that your first couple of years have been the longest yet, but the next thing you know, you will be walking across that stage accepting your diploma from Richmond

High School, and during that walk a thousand memories will flashback into your mind and you will realize what you are going to miss.

Well, here it is. The top 5 things that I will miss about high school:

The amount of time that I never had

It's hard to think of a time that I wasn't busy. I seldom went straight home after school. Between meeting with presentation groups, rehearsals for shows-sometimes multiple in one day- even staying after school just to catch up on homework, I had a full plate. But, I like it like that. I can't imagine being able to go straight home and doing absolutely nothing for the majority of the school year. Sure, I guess it would be nice, but that's just not the life for me.

Being able to perform

Performing on a stage for 1200 people in one weekend is something that is indescribable. I feel so blessed to be able to call the friends I had made in theatre my family. Being in theatre is almost the equivalent to being on a sports team. It's almost the same as singing in choir or playing in band, but in theatre, we have our own type of bond. Leaving a group of such talented and amazing people is one of the things that I will miss about being in high school.

The people

Yes, I think that it is obvious that I will miss my friends once I leave, but it's not just my friends. It's everyone. I have had the privilege of being a part of many different groups and organizations throughout my four years and I am going to miss walking through the halls and saying "Good Morning!" to everyone as I pass. I'll even miss the random peo-

ple or teachers who you can talk to once in a while that brighten your day.

The teachers

Okay, I'll be the first to admit that I sometimes get frustrated with my teachers, but they have all done so much for me. It's different here at RHS. There are some students who go to other schools who don't know all of the teachers because of how many there are. But at Richmond, most students know all of the teachers by name. That really is something special. Our teachers are here to help us. That's their job: to make sure we are successful in all that we do.

The close community

Not many people can say that they live in such a close-knit community like we do. Just think about it. When something happens, good or bad, we are all there for each other. We support each other. When someone falls, we make sure we pick them up and carry them on our shoulders. It is truly a blessing to have such a support team behind everyone. I know that when I leave, I can come back knowing that our same small community will be here with open arms.

So now, I leave you with my last thought for the Blue Devil's Advocate: Senior year isn't a breeze like everyone says it is. Try your best, work your hardest, and when you want to give up, keep going. Think about the things that you are going to miss, and make the best of all of them.

Drum Nationals

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"I built my life around drumming, it gives me a place to go," he said. "When I drum, everything makes sense. It's helped me a lot over the years."

Radzom likes to drum to solid rock, funk, and rap. He said, "Funk and rap are just fun to drum to because it's such a free style version of drumming."

Radzom is currently in two bands. "I like to hear all the instruments at once," he said.

"I'm in a band with Charlie Urban called 'Know Hope' and a metal band with Chris Fortuna called 'Empire,'" he said.

"I also do local gigs too," said Radzom.

He used to play the snare drum for the school's band. "I stopped playing for the school, because I wanted to have more time to play and take lessons," said Radzom.

He wants the experience in the drumming art. He said, "I'll do just about anything that I can get my hands on."

Radzom would like to teach drumming to other kids and people. "Drumming is something I enjoy doing and I want to spread the talent," said Radzom.

Shinska

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As anyone can imagine, leaving behind friends and family is not easy for one to do.

"Whenever you invest in relationships and throw your heart into the community you are working in, it's hard to leave!" said Shinska.

It was a difficult decision for him to make, but with God's help, Dr. Shinska knows he is making the right choice.

"I wanted to follow Jesus and trust Him with my entire life. Not just on Sundays or when I'm in trouble -- all the time. God blesses us so we can bless others, and I've blessed with so much."

While in Uganda, Dr. Shinska has a few goals that he would like to accomplish.

"I want to establish a team that provides world class dental care to their fellow Ugandans, which will improve their quality of life. I have some friends over there that will be a part of our initial team," said Shinska.

Dr. Shinska also would like to establish a

long term dental team to be there for the Ugandans.

"So many health care providers visit a 3rd world country for a few weeks, post pictures about it, and often leave many problems in that country that they don't have to worry about in America. I want to give Ugandans the ability to provide oral health care to their fellow Ugandans, so this will live on well past my lifetime," said Dr. Shinska.

Another goal Dr. Shinska hopes to achieve while he is on his mission is to set up a dental school there for Ugandans to attend and learn what he has been taught.

"I'd like to establish a dental school and have our model of oral health care delivery replicate itself in other countries that are under resourced throughout the world," said Dr. Shinska.

Dr. Shinska hopes to do all that he can to benefit the Ugandans.

"Hopefully we will simply provide access to quality, long term dental care that will allow them to live lives free from excruciating dental pain! And hopefully I'll be able to give the knowledge I've been blessed with to empower Ugandans to provide dental care to their fellow Ugandans in the future," said Shinska.

Though Dr. Shinska has big plans to help the Ugandans, he will not be able to do it without our help.

"I literally won't be able to do this without the people and communities that I've been fortunate enough to be a part of a long my journey," said Dr. Shinska. Dr. Shinska has to raise \$50,000 in order to purchase and ship the necessary equipment to provide the type of health care he would like to. He is not asking for much, but simple donations to help him to get started.

"I'm totally depending on people just like y'all to come together and help us get started," said Dr. Shinska.

Any donation can help Dr. Shinska and his mission to help the Ugandans.

"Imagine if everyone at RHS supported us with \$10. You would literally be directly improving the lives of people halfway across the planet. It's a pretty cool story. So think about becoming a part of what we are doing!" said Dr. Shinska.

If you would like to make a donation or find out more about Dr. Shinska's mission, you can visit his website at www.hopesmilesuganda.com.

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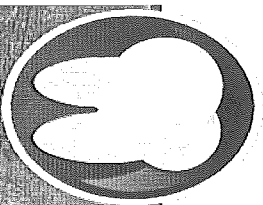
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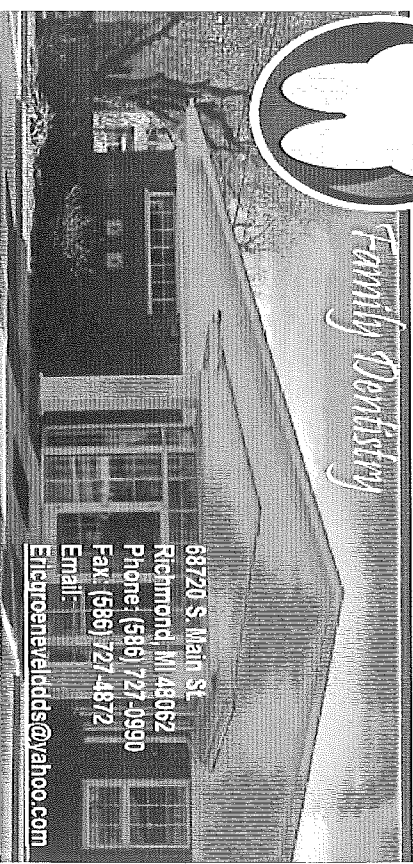
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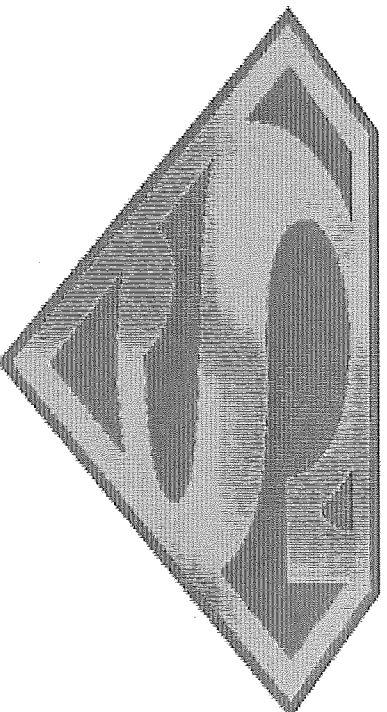
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