



Homecoming Events

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Warn said that if she could pick another theme it would be Hawaiian. Warn says that she loves the sun and the whole idea of a beach theme that would go with a Hawaiian theme.

"I like the idea of a Hawaiian theme, but after we chose our current theme, The Wizard of Oz, I thought we made a good choice," said Warn.

Both Warn and Fortuna thought that the dance ran good.

"Everything ran smoothly, and that's what I was hoping for," said Warn.

Fortuna thought the dance went well. She felt that it was "super cool" that the whole community was involved with the parade and the game.

"In the past it was just the high

school, so that was a neat change. I also felt good about the decorations, I thought they turned out better than the past," said Fortuna.

SADD does their part

The purpose of SADD is to promote positive choices to students -- like not drinking and driving, advocating anti-bullying, being nice to peers, helping one another, and so much more. This year SADD passed out Laffy Taffy's at the dance while everyone was leaving. The taffy came with a quote -- "Live to laugh another day. Make good choices, don't drink and drive."

Mr. Delore is the leader of SADD, but they also have class officers.

And how long has SADD been around?

"It's been a club for at least 20 years. This is my 10th year doing SADD as an adviser," Delore said.

Yaek's MIT Scholarship

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Therefore, Yaek, along with four other students and two researchers, took part in a lab/internship that dealt with the collider.

Over the summer, she helped finalize the discovery of particle X by reading through data and finding an anomaly, said Yaek.

Yaek used her quantum mechanics and thermodynamic classes to help her through her discovery, which was a part of her lab for her theoretical and particle physics class.

But the college, professors, and labs are just one of the deciding factors that a major in physics was something Yaek wanted.

Where the interest began

Growing up, Yaek did not always have a love for science and math, especially physics. Originally, she wanted to be an author, but then something changed.

Yaek's love for physics stretched from a book her mom gave her when she was ten. Yaek said, "My mom bought me a book on particle physics from Krogers and I realized it was something I wanted to go into."

On top of this, Yaek furthered her interest in physics by joining robotics.

Yaek said, "I was in robotics be-

fore I had a strong interest for physics. Last year, I really knew this was something I wanted to go into."

Yaek started participating in robotics during her freshman year of high school. She joined out of interest, which soon turned into a passion.

All thanks to a pamphlet

Ever since Yaek received MIT's pamphlet in the mail, she has been thankful she took the risk to apply. Yaek said, "I am [glad I applied]. Having the program on my resume has led to a ton of different opportunities and scholarship offers."

Thanks to the program, Yaek has been offered scholarships by numerous colleges, such as Princeton and a few Ivy League schools.

Yaek, who is currently finishing up her particle physics class for the next eight weeks, which teaches her how to interpret and recognize anomalies, now has a huge head start on her major. Yaek said, "I'm a quarter of the way through my particle and theoretical physics major."

Since she's only a junior, Yaek, who hesitantly applied the first time, does have the opportunity to apply again next year.

When asked if she was planning on applying again, Yaek confidently said, "I think I will."

On This Day

- On October 31, 1941, the memorial of Mount Rushmore was completed.
- On November 1, 1968, Motion Picture Association of America introduces rating systems (G, M, R, X).
- On November 2, 1957, the Lovelland UFO Case in Lovelland, Texas, generates national publicity, and remains one of the most impressive UFO cases in American history.

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"It started because students felt that a positive change needed to happen."

Right now, there are 57 kids involved in SADD. However the numbers keep rising, according to Jessica Niebauer, a senior who has been involved in SADD since freshman year.

And why will SADD make a difference during a time like homecom-

ing week?

"You know, our motto is if we can affect the decisions of one student then we have accomplished our goal," says Delore.

SADD's goal is to prevent the bad things that may happen -- to get kids to make smarter choices, which is why SADD has an important role during Homecoming week.

The New Theater Program Gets Ready To Play On

By Jaret Gil

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The new RHS Theatre Program is preparing for a grand opening with their production of *Play On*.

For the last few years -- since Mr. Applegate moved schools -- the RHS Theatre Program has been looking for a way to create long term stability. For many students at RHS, the marriage between the Aud and RHS has resurrected that stability.

Striking a Deal

The RCSD School Board has been looking at the possibility of combining with the Aud for the last few years, and only at the end of last year was a deal struck. Student representative of the RCSB, Haley Fortuna, said, "The deal allows a proven program to run the RHS Theatre Department, and it saves the school money; although I have no idea how much money because I'm just the student representative."

Meanwhile on the Aud's side of the deal, it allows building manager Kelly Osterman, to use the Aud for its original purpose again. Fortuna explained, "Before the drama program [at the Aud] really took off, the Aud was a youth center supplying sculpture classes, paint classes, dances, nerf wars, and other recreational activities." So while the Aud continues to offer shows like *The Lion King*, it now offers a recording studio, a painting studio, and the Boo Bash Dance (Friday the 28).

And there are other new events happening with the Theatre Program.

Lee School Drama

With the new deal the Lee Schoolers have been given the chance to participate in two plays: through the Aud's production of *The Lion King* and Richmond's production of *American Symbols*. With success, the productions with the Richmond Lee School will help develop a long lasting theatre program.

Not only does the Lee School production help the up and coming theatre kids, but it benefits the RHS students as well. In particular Noah Schroeder and Haley Fortuna. The RHS senior, Schroeder, takes the role of the director in the production of *American Symbols*. Meanwhile, Fortuna works as the show's music director.

Schroeder said, "Working with the kids can present its challenge

es, what with short attention spans and extra needs, but they are a good group and they know what they need to do. There are about 22 kids in all, most of which I've never worked with. We try to keep them focused by planning each day of rehearsal to be a specific focus. One day would be acting, another dancing and another singing."

The RHS senior plans on pursuing a career in theatre, and is thankful for the directing experience. "I feel that the experience has really allowed me to grow as a director, actor, and even as a person. Watching these kids learn and develop over the last few weeks has proven to me that, with a little direction, anyone can do anything. And I am very excited for what the future holds," said Schroeder.

RHS Play On

Back at RHS, the theatre program is putting on a production of *Play On*. This comedic straight play is about a community theatre's terrible time trying to put on a play. The show is directed by Eleanor Schmidt and Craig McNabb.

The two have been involved with the youth programs at the Aud for some time, as well as performing in RHS's community theatre. In fact, Schmidt happens to be an RHS graduate. "I've worked with the Aud for several years now, working with some of these kids since they were ten, so it's great to take on a new challenge. Mr. Applegate was a mentor to me, and I will never forget all of the amazing things he taught me. I am grateful to be able to come back to a program that inspired me, and I just hope I can have that effect on these kids," she said.

Meanwhile, RHS freshman Rachael Tavano is showing great enthusiasm to perform in her first high school show. Tavano, who portrays the director in *Play On*, said, "I've done about 15 shows with [the Aud] now, so the combination of the two programs is exciting. And, I mean, just recently I was part of the summer Shakespeare show that Craig directed, and Eleanor was choreographer."

While the freshman prepares for her first RHS play experience, RHS junior Emily Nicher is preparing other students for the experience.

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BWAC title stays in town

By **Matthew Schuster**
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The football team cannot be stopped. They are undefeated in the BWAC and have hoisted up the BWAC Championship trophy again for the second straight year.

The football team worked hard all season, especially since they started with a non-league loss. This game was a wakeup call for the Blue Devils that they have to play like every game is their last.

Wide receiver Anthony Tavano was asked what he and the team did to overcome the loss to Marysville and how it helped the team to become better. Tavano said, "We changed our practice habits and worked harder every day. We took everything seriously after that game."

Tavano is their go-to guy when throwing the ball; he has been putting up huge numbers as a wide receiver for the Blue Devils. Tavano isn't just their playmaker, he is also a captain and a role model to his other teammates.

In regards to his responsibilities of being a captain, he said, "To keep everyone in line and always make plays for the team."

Their most important game this season was when they played the Algonac Musk-rats. Richmond came prepared defeating Algonac 28-13 in a very physical game.

Algonac has a very strong defense and they are most known around the league for their front seven on defense. But they were no match for the high-powered Rich-

mond offense as running back D'Sean Hamilton rushed for 87 yards and two scores.

Richmond's defense also came up huge. On Algonac's first pass play of the day, Hamilton intercepted Algonac's quarterback to get the ball back in very good field position.

Patrick McCloskey also came up huge in this game when playing on Friday; he scored a touchdown with eleven minutes left in the fourth quarter to put his team 21-7, after Evan Quigley made the pat attempt.

McCloskey said, "I was excited that I put my team up another score. I felt that we won after that touchdown." He also said, "We have practiced that play a lot, actually every day to be in fact." McCloskey sounded very confident when talking to him and very excited because Algonac was also undefeated going into that game and that game meant who was going to win the BWAC. Last year Algonac and Richmond shared the BWAC but the Blue Devils wanted the trophy all to themselves.

Richmond knew it was going to take their very best to defeated Algonac as it did last year when they beat Algonac 15-14.

McCloskey said, "The game plan was to come out fast and score quick and play good defense." And that's what Richmond did scoring early and keeping Algonac out of the end zone and continued to do this the whole game.

For Richmond and the rest of high schools, football playoffs start on Friday, Oct. 28. Richmond has to face Almont at home for their first game. Almont is a very strong and run-styled offense, and Richmond knows it's going to take their best to beat them.

"We review film from last week and [are] fixing up our weakness and tighten up our offense and defense," said junior quarterback Chase Churchill.

Richmond defeated Almont in the BWAC 34-21 the first time and want to keep the same game plan to defeat Almont again. Churchill said, "[We need to] control the game and be on task, make sure everyone keeps their heads and can convert at the right times."

Like every football team Almont has some strengths that make them good but also has some weaknesses that Richmond needs to exploit so they can get those big plays and score some big time touchdowns.

"They run the ball well and control the clock and that's something we have to stop, but their pass defense is weak and me and Anthony had 213 passing yards," said Churchill, before the game against Almont

Richmond went on to lose a close game 28-27.

Making Strides: XC Gets New Coach

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Whether you run to stay in shape or to compete there are a vast number of ways to get started. Most people started running in high school with either a cross country or track program. This year at RHS the cross country team got a new head coach after Coach Brown took a different job in another school district.

But that wasn't the biggest challenge for the team. With Brown leaving so close to the season and some uncertainty in the air about having a team, practices started late. This delayed newer runners' progress that could've been made over the summer.

Luckily the athletes took everything, in stride via senior girl's captain, Alyssa Gall, "The lack of practice over the summer and getting a new coach kind of hurt us. We usually start practice in June but we didn't start until August 20th and the season starts on the 27th. Plus we were a really young team and needed time to train the new runners. I think we've tried our hardest to succeed."

Filling in, Coach Brockett stepped up to the plate and took over the team, "I didn't want to see the program fold. I knew there were a bunch of good kids who wanted to run. I also really enjoy cross country," said Brockett.

In high school Brockett played football and baseball for L'Anse-Cruise North then transferred to L'Anse-Cruise Central and continued with football but dropped baseball to pick up track and field.

After high school Brockett took up the position of track coach for LCN in '89 and then

assistant coach in '96 at LCC with various assistant cross country/track coaching positions until he moved to Richmond. This clearly isn't Brockett's first rodeo.

"I've coached cross country in the past. I've filled in for him (Brown) in the past but he had usually already set everything up. I didn't know how much work behind just running there was," said Brockett.

However, with a new coach comes a different coaching style and different goals. Sometimes that new coach might have to wait a while to see success and achieve the goals he set for his team. It isn't always a quick turnaround.

"My goal was to have as many kids show up, run and make improvements through hard work. Cross country is a little different, they may only place top 10 but if you finish 11th and don't get a medal but set a new PR that's still great. That's still improvement," said Brockett.

It seems like there could be many more years to come for Brockett after his inaugural season at Richmond. Some athletes like Sophomore Zach Ray want to continue running in college and Brockett could help him along with future runners achieve that goal.

"I plan on coaching as long as they need me, still want me, and it's still fun, and we still have numbers," said Brockett.

Drama

(Continued from pg. 3) "I think I'm up to about 20 shows now between the Aud and the high school now. So, I feel really comfortable with where the RHS Theatre Program is at now, especially with Craig and Eleanor as the head of it," said Nichter. She plays Phillis Montague, the play-write and main antagonist, in "Play On".

"It's an exciting time to be part of Richmond Theatre right now," said McNabb. "I really feel like each and every one of these kids are my friends, and it helps to have a mutual respect between each other. That way we can all be honest with each other and get the production headed in the best direction."

McNabb has been doing shows at the community theatre as an actor, and at the Aud as a director for the last five years or so. Each show presented a new opportunity to work with students RHS and form what McNabb calls, "a kind of camaraderie." He said, "Our camaraderie really helps create a unique and dynamic environment that will hopefully translate into our performances."

With stability restored, and excited kids to get the program moving, RHS is moving closer and closer to the show dates. "We are taking really great steps in creating a Theatre Program to be proud of," said Fortuna.

RHS's production of *Play On* will take the stage on November 11 and 12 at 7:30, as well as November 13 at 2:00.