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Class of 2016 reflects upon high school at graduation

Principal Puglisi references 'Game of Thrones,' 'Friday Night Lights' in speech

By Amber Paré
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Members of the senior class celebrated their achievements at this year's graduation ceremony on June 6.

The first speaker at the event was Assistant Principal Paul Murphy. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of resiliency and encouraged graduates to "tackle every opportunity with honesty and integrity."

Superintendent Pam Beau-doin's speech gave students advice about their futures and urged them to separate themselves from different forms of technology present in our "media saturated society."

"The things with the greatest



Graduates toss their caps in the air after the ceremony ends. Valedictorian Jenny Cochand and salutatorian Zack Even gave speeches. Seniors Joshua Richards, Devin DePaolis, James Phelan, Alexei Goldsmith, and Mckenzie Woodman prepare for the start of the event.



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value are right in front of you: your family and your friends," she said.

Senior class officers Susie Buck, Sarah Williams, Mad-

eline Surette, Lydia Parker, Olivia Tyler, and Cassandra Gonser spoke next and reflected upon their class's memories. They

presented the senior class gift, which was a wooden clock in the shape of a boat's steering wheel.

Salutatorian Zack Even and

valedictorian Jenny Cochand were the next to give their speeches.

Even's speech focused on **GRADUATION, page 3**

Consequences for tardiness will increase with new policy

By Maura McCormick
Independent Editor

Tardiness impacts the same few classes each day this year because the schedule has the same two or three blocks meeting every morning.

According to junior school council member Zoe Brown, administration has received more complaints from teachers about students' tardiness this year due to the current schedule.

Art teacher Tamera Burns has faced issues with tardy students in her morning classes.

"The new schedule highlights attendance. I find that the students who are late are habitually late.

So if it's a morning block, those students are consistently coming late to that class," she said.

To respond to these complaints about tardy students, the School Council has made a new tardiness policy for next year, taking into consideration the policies of other schools.

According to Brown, tardiness is the most problematic with seniors.

"If five or 10 seniors aren't on time to a class, it really negatively impacts instruction," she said.

The policy will attempt to remedy the tardiness issue through robocalls and stricter punishments.

According to Principal Patricia Puglisi, often times parents are unaware that their children have been coming in late.

To solve this recent problem, the school will send out robocalls to parents to inform them if their student was late that day.

Students will still be allowed to be late three days each quarter, **TARDINESS, page 3**

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Junior named winner of Congressional award for new graphite drawing titled 'Unraveled'

By Amber Paré
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Junior Emily Parker was selected as this year's winner of the Mass. Sixth Congressional District High School Art Competition for her recent piece titled "Unraveled."

According to Parker, the graphite drawing, which took 30 hours to complete, was a part of the summer work for her AP Studio Art class. Parker was instructed to disassemble an object and draw it, so she chose to take apart her horse's bridle and draw it from a bird's eye view.

AP Studio Art teacher Tamera Burns described the award as "very prestigious" and said each high school in the congressional district submits a total of six art pieces to be judged. Because Parker was this year's winner, her piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building for one year alongside other districts' winners from across the country.

Burns said she decided to submit Parker's work because there



COURTESY OF TAMERA BURNS

Junior Emily Parker took apart a horse's bridle and drew it from a bird's eye view as a part of her summer work for AP Studio Art.

was "a great level of life-like detail" in the depictions of the leather and metal parts of the bridle.

In addition to having her work hung in Washington, D.C., Parker said she was also awarded a scholarship to the Montserrat College of Art's summer program.

"I'm really excited for the program because I can earn college credits. I'm not sure what I want to do for college, but I think this will help me understand what art is like in college," she said.

Nina Prince, a member of **ART AWARD, page 3**

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DECA international competition held in Nashville, Tennessee

10 students compete in final tournament of DECA season

By Juliette Kelley
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

A total of 10 students from the school attended DECA Internationals in Nashville, Tennessee, resulting in an accomplishment for sophomore Laura Hannafin, who got the Top 10 medal in her category, Hotel and Lodging Management.

Seniors Sarah Reed, Anna Walsh, Isabella Hickey, Jake Ostrovitz, Chris Milne, James Marshall, Nick Dipietro and Tyler Quade, and sophomores Hannafin and Annalia Laino all scored high enough at both district and state level competitions to

qualify for Internationals, DECA teacher Dean Martino said.

In total, 212,000 students from eight countries participated in the starting competitions.

Students flew to Nashville on April 22 and returned April 27. Although they were competing, students also explored the city, sophomore Annalia Laino said.

"We had a great time, and we got to see a lot of different sites that the city is known for," she said.

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-ANNALIA LAINO

When competing, students took an exam of 100 random questions, Martino said.

Later in the day, for the

role play portion of the competition, students were presented with a novel business case.

They had 10 minutes to read the case and prepare and then do a 10-minute answer in front of professional judges in the given field.



SOPHOMORES Laura Hannafin and Annalia Laino, and seniors Sarah Reed and Jake Ostrovitz got Awards of Excellence at Internationals, meaning the judge would have hired them immediately for that profession.

The competitions teach skills for later in life, Reed said.

"You learn a lot of interviewing skills...better speaking skills, communication skills, [and] problem solving," she said.

Reed, Ostrovitz, Laino, and Hannafin all received an Award of Excellence.

"That means the judge would have hired them on the spot [for that] profession," Martino said.

Hannafin placed in the top 10 for her category.

"I worked on understanding the situation of the role play before I started trying to solve the problem," Hannafin said.

The Cape Ann League considers delaying start time for high schools

By Avery Shaw
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

To accommodate high school students' sleeping patterns, the Cape Ann League is discussing changing the school start time to past 8:30 a.m., according to Principal Patricia Puglisi.

Studies show that the average teen gets sleepy after 11 p.m. and feels awake after 8 a.m., so a change in the high school start time would be beneficial to students, according to startmascolater.com.

"The issue has gained a lot of support from the parents. I think the science behind it is very convincing to them," Puglisi said.

If Manchester Essex were to make a change to its school start times in the future, it could cause problems.

"For us, we have the field issue. We have teams that are out there until 9:30 p.m., so we would have to figure out another way to struc-

ture those practices," she said.

Puglisi said swapping elementary and high school start times could also create issues.

She said that some parents would not want their middle school students walking to the bus stop alone early in the morning when it is dark out.

The Cape Ann League athletic directors addressed the problems

that a changed school start time would have on sports-related matters in a separate meeting.

The conversation has received attention statewide, according to athletic director Murphy.

"There has definitely been an effort across Massachusetts to behind the conversation about the issue," Murphy said.

The Massachusetts Middlesex

League has already co-signed a letter agreeing to move start time to after 8 a.m. by the fall of 2018.

Beverly has already changed its start time to 8:15 a.m.

"Ideally, the switch would be an effort of all the schools on the north Shore. If one school gets out at 3:30 p.m. and are an hour away, that means the earliest a game could start would be 4:30

p.m., which raises many issues," Murphy said.

Manchester Essex Superintendent Pam Beaudoin said that she thinks Man-

chester Essex would be able to adjust pretty well to the change.

"We are pretty good with making things work, so I don't know that there would be too many problems. However, I don't know yet if there is a strong desire to make a change," she said.

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AVERY SHAW PHOTO

Studies have shown that high school students are the most awake after 8:30 a.m., so starting later could help them focus better.

Jazz band invites special guest group to perform for first time at Evening of Jazz

By Maddie Conway
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Led by band teacher Joe Janack, the middle school and high school jazz bands both performed at the Evening of Jazz on May 16, but for the first time in the show's 27-year history, a special guest band was invited to play as well, according to Janack.

Janack said he applied for a Spaulding Education Fund grant in order to have the Brian Thomas and Alex Lee-Clark Big Band come to the school to both play at the Evening of Jazz and also host a workshop for all jazz band students because he thought it would add an interesting new element to the concert and the workshop could also provide an educa-

tional opportunity for students from experienced musicians.

Janack said he had met the leaders of the Big Band, Brian Thomas and Alex Lee-Clark, while he was still in Amherst, Mass., after studying at the University of Massachusetts.

He said his original motivation for bringing in the Big Band was that he wanted people to have the opportunity to experience a unique band that features some of the best players in Boston without having to travel or pay.

By hosting them at the high school, he brought them to a

close location and both the jazz band and the audience could enjoy their music.

"They have all the traditional instruments of a Big Band, but instead of playing stuffy pieces as most do, they

play a lot of funk music that is inspired by other artists," he said.

According to Janack, most members are actually music teachers themselves, which was a great asset in the workshop they hosted a week before because they had experience

teaching high school students..

"Four of them came in and did a master class and worked with the middle and high school jazz bands, and then the whole band played the second part of the concert," he said.

He said that in addition to his students reaping the benefits of the workshop, he learned a lot from their teaching as well and said that really helped improve their performance at the concert.

"I think the night went very well. I was pleased with my stu-

dents' performances, as they've really worked hard these past four months," he said.

Senior Megan Clark also noted that the time they spent learning from the Big Band really helped them perform better in their concerts. "We only get to practice once per week, so it is difficult to get enough

practice in; however, I think we all noticed a big improvement after even just one practice with them."

Senior Mckenzie Woodman agreed. "I think it went great. The best thing about jazz is that if you mess up, usually it just makes it sound jazzier."

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-JOE JANACK

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-MCKENZIE WOODMAN

Teachers reflect on advice given to them in high school

Graduating seniors are urged to be themselves, make the most of their experiences throughout life

By Karlie Angelis
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

As the seniors prepare to leave for college, teachers and faculty remembered the advice they received when they were leaving high school.

Although most seniors have already decided the college of their choice, history teacher Abigail Donnelly passes on the advice her Latin teacher gave her.

"He told me not to choose the highest ranked school because they're cookie cutter schools; they try to shape you in to a certain type of person," Donnelly said.

According to Donnelly, he helped her decide on which college to go to. "I went to a good college academically, but I was a minority. It was a Jewish school, and I wasn't Jewish, but I was surrounded by good, different people," she said.

This advice connects to Principal Patricia Puglisi's advice of always being open to new people. It helped her be more accepting towards her eccentric roommate on her first day.

"[My roommate] had big hair... a gold lamé belt, and heels. She looked like she was straight from a New York disco... I think she scared my mom," Puglisi said.

Although Puglisi and her roommate were at complete odds, the advice she was given helped her learn to embrace their differences.

"It seemed like we could not have been more opposite...we looked very much like the odd couple. But after a few hours together exploring campus, we were inseparable and became very close friends."

She reminds her departing students to not let appearances sway opinions in order to make a wide variety of life-long friends.



KARLIE ANGELIS PHOTO

Principal Patricia Puglisi (center #57), pictured her Masconomet High Powder Puff Football teammates, passed on advice received during her high school years.

History teacher John Mullady passed on the wisdom of his Shakespeare teacher. "Mr. Nappi quoted from the play 'As You Like It,' saying, 'All the world's a stage, and all the

men and women merely players. They have their entrances," Mullady said.

"Then he told us to make the most of your time on stage... Mr. Nappi had a huge impact on me," he said.

Faculty adopts A.L.I.C.E. school safety procedure, practices drills

By Abigail Fitzgibbon
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

With a growing emphasis on school safety procedures nationwide, the school has adopted new trainings that the entire faculty practiced in order to take a more informed decisions in emergencies.

Training took place on Wed., May 4, after students left on a half day. Facilitators included Memorial Elementary School Principal John Willis and Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology Scott Morrison. Both Willis and Morrison have been trained in the new form of procedure, called A.L.I.C.E., which many schools have adopted to give teachers a more preemptive advantage in crisis situations, Morrison said.

"It's proactive, and its empowering that people can make a decision based on the information that they have," he said.

According to superintendent Pamela Beaudoin, the faculty participated in a series of three safety procedures, which lasted about 30 minutes each.

Local police act as the intruders in the simulations. After each simulation, the faculty and police met in the auditorium to debrief how the previous scenario felt, Beaudoin said.



ABIGAIL FITZGIBBON PHOTO

Chemistry Keith Gray shared a system to deter intruders with other faculty members while practicing a safety drill.

According to high school Principal Patricia Puglisi, the first simulation was a "traditional lock down," because faculty members were told to shelter in place.

According to Morrison, the second and third simulations were simi-

lar in that, in both, teachers were given more options. In the second, they were allowed to barricade, and in third, they were allowed to evacuate if possible.

The crisis team, which includes members of both the Manchester and Essex police force, all the district's principals, and other faculty members, developed the new safety procedure.

The staff was generally somewhat apprehensive before the training but agreed that the simulations offered helpful insight after debriefing at the end, according to Puglisi.

"I think people feel more empowered, but whenever you talk about a potential event occurring in a school, that's frightening," she said.

Teacher Keith Gray also found the new procedure empowering because of the options the new safety procedure gives the faculty.

"I like the fact that it made the faculty think about options. I think it'll give faculty and students a lot more

confidence and control in a situation where we have to use it," he said.

Many teachers appreciated the proactive approach this new procedure takes because they feel they are now prepared to handle crisis situations.

According to English teacher Allison Krause, "It gave us the time that we needed to strategize and actually think through a procedure and a process and a game plan, and if we hadn't had those things filed away in the back of our minds, I don't think they are things we would come up with on the spot."

History teacher Jennifer Coleman prefers the new procedure because she thinks it makes much more sense than the previous procedure, which was to shelter in place and wait.

"I really enjoyed this training because, if something did happen, I can use the skills I learned in the training in order to make the best decision for all of us," she said.

According to Morrison, the faculty hopes to introduce the new procedure to the students in the upcoming school year.

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-KEITH GRAY

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Parker's art class who is a sophomore and is also attending the Montserrat Program, said she looks forward to working with Parker over the summer.

"I think Emily's confidence has grown because of the award. I'm excited to see how her art develops this year and over the summer," she said.

Burns said the last time a member of the school received the award was in 2002. She added that the award has the power to open doors for students, allowing them to take their art from one level to the next both inside and outside of school.

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which means a student can be 12 times per school year.

On the fourth late of the quarter, students will not be allowed to par-

ticipate that day in after school activities such as sports or clubs and will still be required to attend office detention.

Puglisi said the School Council came up with the idea for this extracurricular punishment from Hamilton Wenham Regional High School, which recently implemented the policy and saw a decrease in tardiness.

Sophomore Holly Fossa said she thinks this addition to the policy will be effective because many students care a lot about their after school activities and do not want to miss them.

Puglisi said next year upperclassmen may also lose their parking privileges if they are consistently late.

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"capturing the spirit of [his] experience" with his class through discussing the group's evolution and students' involvement in clubs.

"We have come a long way, turning from awkward freshmen into taller, pos-

sibly more awkward seniors," he said.

In Cochand's speech, she spoke about the diverse, inclusive friend groups of the class and the lessons her classmates taught her.

"I want to reminisce about high school proudly...No one said that we had to be a close-knit class. No one said we had to like each other, but we did," she said.

Principal Patricia Puglisi's address to the class examined the themes of popular television shows ranging from "Friday Night Lights" to "Parks and Recreation."

History teacher John Mullady's speech featured an anecdote about potty training his son Jack last summer; Mullady used the anecdote as a way to encourage seniors to not fear failure and mistakes.

"You can't be afraid to fail. You've got to take risks...The next few years are gonna be like potty training all over again," he said.

Before handing out the class's diplomas, director of guidance Beverly Low paused the ceremony for a moment of silence to remember deceased class mem-

ber Andrew Rennie, whose sister freshman Andrea Rennie accepted his diploma.

To close the ceremony, graduates walked out to their class song "Oh, What a Night" by The Four Seasons.



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Graduate Liam Crossen walks to receive his diploma. He will be attending Quinnipiac University.



Seniors Mariona Franklin, Caisi Calandra, Brittni Larcom, Sara Stanton, Julia Camille, Gillian Guerin, and Kelly Finnerty.



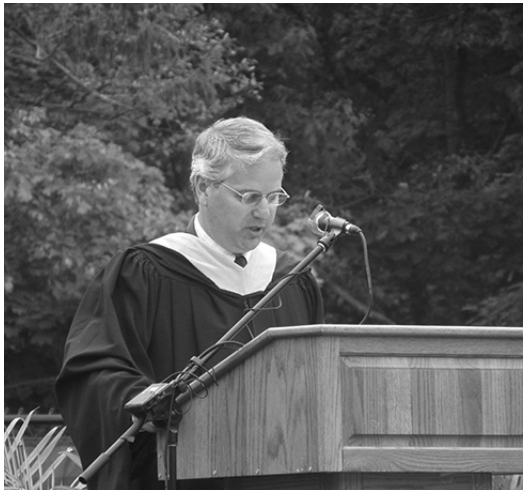
Seniors Nathaniel Rautio, Tyler Quade, Madeline Shaw, Connor Senay, and Owen Sears listen to speeches.



Teachers Lauren DuBois and John Mullady celebrate after his speech.



Senior Amanda Loebelenz represents Manchester and Essex on her graduation cap by painting Singing Beach on one side and the Essex Marsh on the other side.



Vice Principal Paul Murphy speaks before the class of 2016.



Graduates Sarah Janowicz, Sabrina Pallazola, Bradley Graves, and Madeline Shaw.



Senior class officers highlight strengths in the senior class in their speech.



Seniors Phoebe Schwartz and Jackson Seal walk onto Hyland Field as the ceremony begins along with the rest of the senior class to receive diplomas.



Graduates Paige Lafferty, Susan Buck, Derek Walker, Anthony Lange, and Aidan Burbridge gather before the graduation.



Principal Patricia Puglisi gives a graduate speech at the ceremony in front of the class of 2016.



Seniors David Reid, Sarah Reed, Nathaniel Rautio, Tyler Quade, George Lantz, Anthony Lange, and Paige Lafferty watch classmates graduate.



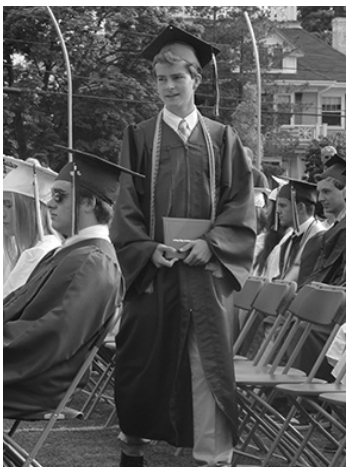
Before the ceremony, the journalism graduating seniors and adviser Mary Buckley-Harmon gather in the Memorial gym.



Graduates James Phelan and Antonia Rerisi-Patota walk to receive their diplomas.



Seniors Julia Bonaccorso, Molly Lynch, and Phoebe Schwartz wait in the Memorial gym before graduation.



Graduate Charles Davis walks back to his seat after receiving his diploma.



Seniors Tess Hosman and Amanda Loebelenz gather in the Memorial gym, waiting for the ceremony.

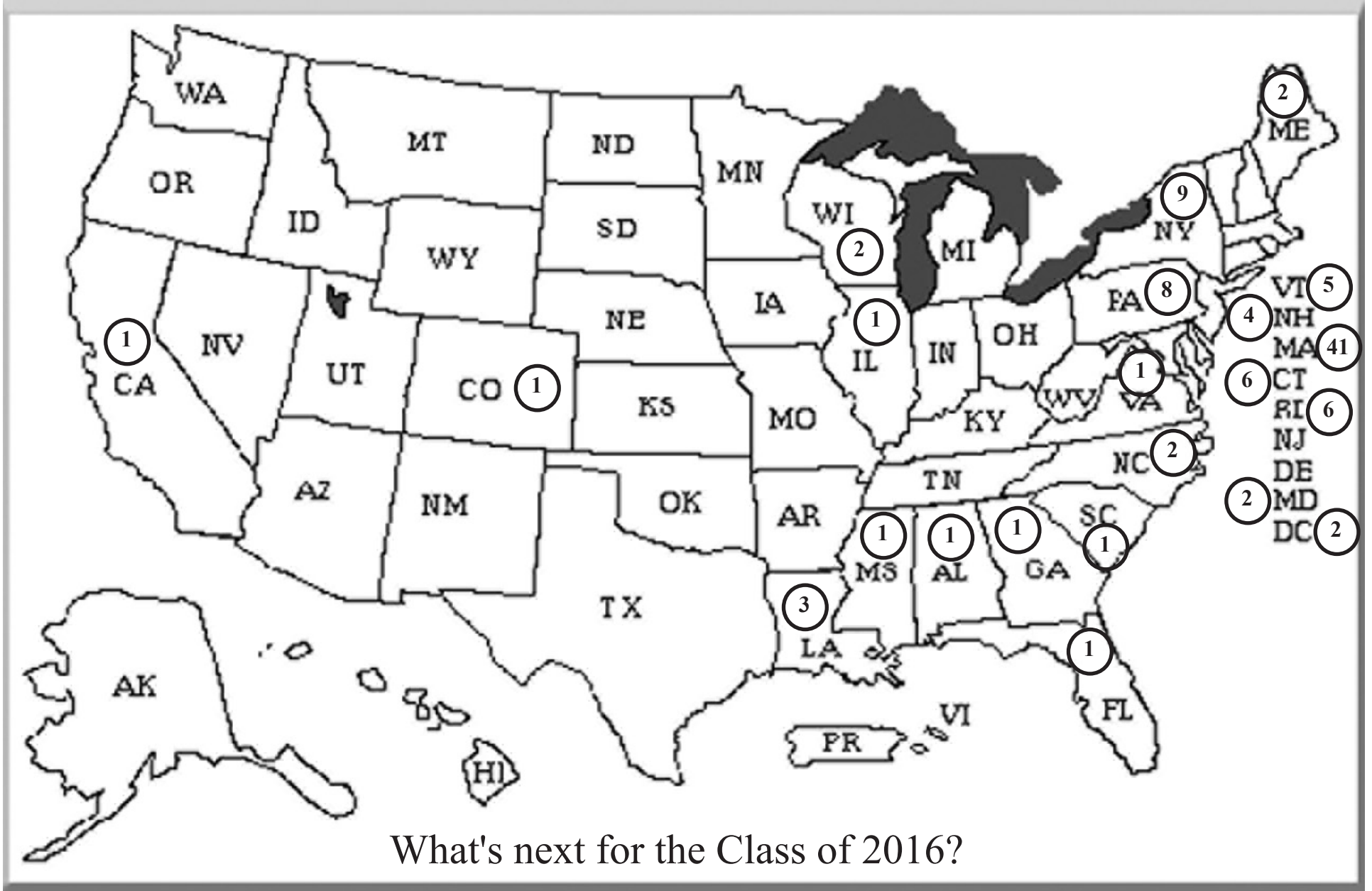


Seniors Melissa Schuh and Sara Rhuda sing a duet together in the auditorium at Baccalaureate.



Seniors Matthew Donnelly and Nick DiPietro wait to receive diplomas and listen to speeches by classmates.

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What's next for the Class of 2016?

Alabama: 1

Anthony Lange - University of Alabama

California: 1

Derek Walker - Chapman University

Colorado: 1

Paige Lafferty - University of Colorado Boulder

Connecticut: 6

Richard Beckmann III - Quinnipiac University

Susan Buck - Connecticut College

Sydney Christopher - Quinnipiac University

Liam Crossen - Quinnipiac University

Gillian Guerin - Sacred Heart University

Bennett Strayton - Fairfield University

Florida: 1

Yianni Hantzopoulos - Florida State University

Georgia: 1

Oscar Heanue - Emory University

Illinois: 1

John Haynie - University of Chicago

Louisiana: 3

Alexander Buck - Tulane University

Isabella Mastendino - Tulane University

Owen Sears - Louisiana State University

Maine: 2

Edward Beauregard - University of Maine

Megan Clark - Bates College

Maryland: 2

Brandon Bartlett - Washington College

Connor Senay - University of Maryland

Massachusetts: 41

Emily Adam - Salem State University

Joseph Alibali - UMass Amherst

Jenna Allen - Fitchburg State University

Samuel Bell - UMass Amherst

Katharine Bernier - UMass Boston

Konstandina Bila - Newbury College

Briant Bradley - North Shore Community College

Aidan Burbridge - UMass Lowell

Julia Camille - UMass Lowell

Christopher Carr - UMass Amherst

Maren Corrigan - Boston University

Charles Davis - Harvard University

Devin DePaolis - UMass Dartmouth

Nicholas DiPietro - Curry College

Matthew Donnelly - North Shore Community College

Quinn Dunbar - Emerson College

Scott Franklin - North Shore Community College

Courtney Fraser - Northeastern University

Alexei Goldsmith - Northeastern University

Bradley Graves - UMass Amherst

Allison Guerin - North Shore Community College

Kara Hersey - Endicott College

Tess Hosman - Mount Holyoke College

Sarah Janowicz - Suffolk University

Brittni Larcom - UMass Amherst

Amanda Loebelenz - Fitchburg State University

Caitlin Malloy - Bentley University

Julia Mitrano - Northeastern University

Damian Palmer - North Shore Community College

Antonia Patota - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University

Tyler Quade - Babson College

Sarah Reed - Endicott College

Steven Remsen - Salem State University

Hannah Roy - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Alessandra Sarmanian - Westfield State University

Jackson Seal - UMass Lowell

Sara Stanton - Lesley University

Olivia Tyler - Boston University

Anna Walsh - Suffolk University

Joshua Ward - UMass Amherst

McKenzie Woodman - UMass Amherst

Mississippi: 1

Sarah Burnham - University of Mississippi

New Hampshire: 4

Hunter Flood - Franklin Pierce University

Cassandra Gonser - University of New Hampshire

Madeline Surette - University of New Hampshire

Benjamin Wolsieffer - Dartmouth College

New York: 9

Ethan Andersen - Cornell University

Charlotte Freed - Hamilton College

Lydia Parker - Fordham University

Nathaniel Rautio - Clarkson University

Sara Rhuda - New York University

James Rich - Syracuse University

Chelsea Rose - John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Nicholas Warren - Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Jarrold Young - University of Rochester

North Carolina: 2

Isabella Hickey - University of North Carolina Wilmington

Henry Rohner - Elon University

Pennsylvania: 8

Julia Bonaccorso - Gettysburg College

Alexander Economo - Drexel University

Arden Edgerton - Drexel University

John Hennigan - University of Pennsylvania

Molly Lynch - Pennsylvania State University

James Phelan - Villanova University

David Reid - Lehigh University

Emmett Strack - Temple University

Rhode Island: 6

Erin Carlson - University of Rhode Island

Brendan Driscoll - University of Rhode Island

Zachary Even - Brown University

Christopher Milne - University of Rhode Island

Jacob Ostrovitz - Johnson and Wales University

Jacob Tognazzi - University of Rhode Island

South Carolina: 1

Sarah Williams - College of Charleston

Vermont: 5

William Deschenes - Champlain College

Nathaniel Evans - Middlebury College

Melissa Schuh - University of Vermont

Phoebe Schwartz - University of Vermont

Hannah White - University of Vermont

Virginia: 1

Caisi Calandra - Roanoke College

Washington D.C.: 2

Mariona Franklin - Georgetown University

Madeline Shaw - George Washington University

Wisconsin: 2

Courtney Feuerbach - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sabrina Pallazola - Marquette University

Other: 12

Jennifer Cochand - Gap Year followed by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Christopher DiFluri - Post Grad at New Hampton School in New Hampton, New Hampshire

Benjamin Gonzales - Gap Year

Taylor Hamlen - Job Corporation

Kelly Finnerty - McGill University in Montreal, Canada

William Kannengieser - Gap Year

George Lantz - Post Grad at Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, Massachusetts

Preston Lee - Gap Year

James Marshall - Gap Year

Isabella Repucci - Gap Year

Joshua Richards - Gap Year

Kathryn Thomsin - Cape Ann Animal Aid in Gloucester, Massachusetts

Senior class hosts prom aboard Beauport Princess

Students enjoy prom, sailing in Gloucester Harbor

By Abigail Fitzgibbon
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

This year's prom, which took place aboard a cruise ship in Gloucester Harbor on May 27, flowed quite smoothly and was a great success, according to the class officers.

"Prom was beautiful. The weather cooperated luckily, and we had a warm, clear night, perfect for having prom on a boat," senior class president Lydia Parker said.

Before arriving at the school at 6:30 p.m. for the police-escorted bus ride to Gloucester, the students took part in the traditional pictures at Tuck's Point. The police directed traffic there, which helped everything flow smoothly, according to Parker.

Prom was hosted from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. aboard the Beauport Princess, which the senior class chose because it was a unique and memorable venue that came well recommended, she said.

"I think what people liked most about prom was that it was on a boat. It was unique and made for a different and ultimately really fun prom, which I think excited everyone," senior vice president Susie Buck said.

There were three decks on the ship, and dinner was served on the first and second deck while the third had lounge chairs and tables for relaxing, according to senior class advisee Jill Levine.

The cost of a ticket was \$30 for seniors and \$50 for underclassmen, and about 230 people attended, she said.

Vinwood Caterers, a company that serves the Beauport Princess, catered for the event. Dinner included both vegan and gluten-free options. Guests enjoyed chicken piccata, a fish option, roasted potatoes, pasta, grilled vegetables, salad, and chocolate mousse for dessert, Parker said.

According to science teacher Josh Wladkowski, the food was excellent.

After dinner, students were able to wander around the decks of the ship and watch the sunset over the harbor.

Steven Dubois, brother of social studies department chair Lauren Du-

bois, was the DJ for the event. Dancing was popular at prom, Levine said.

The DJ played a mix of upbeat dance music and hip-hop. The only complaint that the class officers received was that the dance floor was a bit too small, Parker said.

"Overall, I think the prom was a huge success. Multiple people came up to me during and after prom to tell me that they had a great time. Everything worked out the way we wanted it to and the entire event went very smoothly," she said.



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Junior Bridgett Keirnan and senior James Marshall



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Chaperones John Mullady and Paul Murphy



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Seniors Sara Stanton, Erin Carlson, Julia Camille, and Gillian Guerin



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Senior Quinn Dunbar



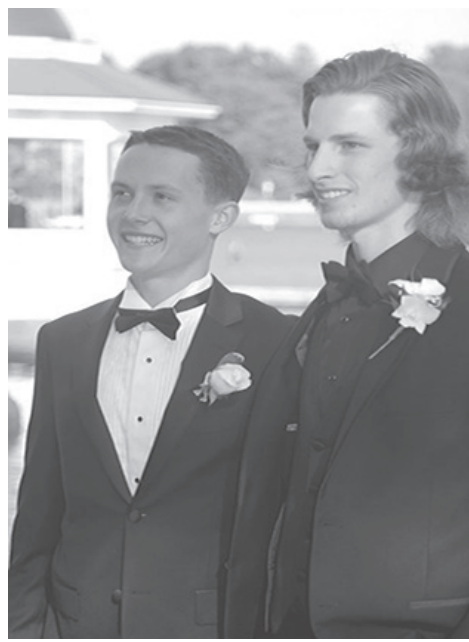
COURTESY OF KAREN CLARK

Seniors Charlotte Freed and Megan Clark



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Seniors Amanda Lobelenez, Caisi Calandra, Brittini Larcom, Anna Walsh, and Hannah Roy



COURTESY OF JACKIE DALTON

Junior Spencer Feuerbach and senior Nick Warren



Juniors Fritz Spofford, Amber Shaw, Avery Warren



COURTESY OF JACKIE DALTON

Juniors Avery Shaw, Lisett Ronchi, Lily Moore, Niamh Dalton, Evelyn Lantz, and Emily Yakubowskas



Seniors Julia Mitrano, Olivia Tyler, and Sarah



COURTESY OF SUSAN BEARDSLEY

Sophomore Summer Burroughs, guest Larson Tolo, and junior Jenny Beardsley



Juniors Noah Smith and juniors Jacob Callahan, Antonio Gillespie, and Sp



Juniors Maddy Stowell, Courtney Holley, and Furber; and senior Charlie Davis



COURTESY OF CAROL SHAW
y Shaw, and Zoe Brown



COURTESY OF REBECCA BOOMA

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Seniors Nathan Evans, Liam Crossen, Tyler Quade, and Ethan Andersen



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Students board the Beauport Princess



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Students gain recognition for academic, athletic achievements



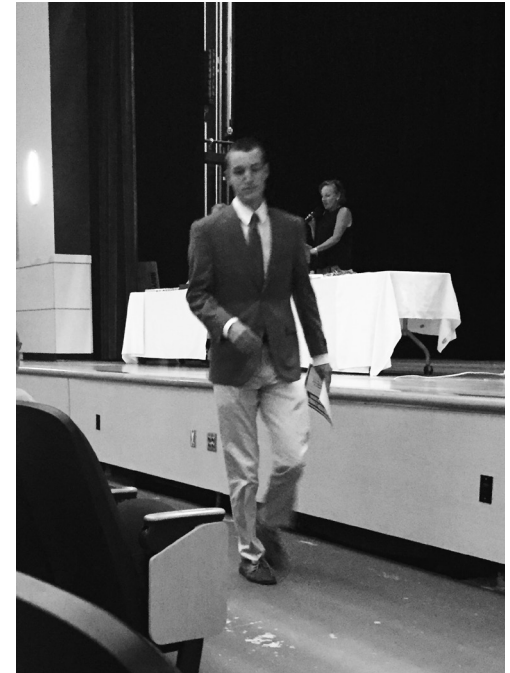
Senior Brittini Larcom receives the award for AP Psychology Academic Excellence.



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Life as a Celtics fan has ups and downs, but I will never change my stripes

By Will Heslop
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

With the latest NBA season in the books, the eyes of Celtic nation will be turning to exciting offseason developments like the draft and free agency. In honor of a truly remarkable season, I am dedicating this month's column to our very own Boston Celtics and all of the free entertainment they have provided me and countless others.

It has not always been easy being a Celtics fan. I remember sitting on the couch and yelling at my TV when times were tough in the post-big three era. Now, however, I have been doing much more cheering than yelling out of frustration due to recent successes.

Back in 2012, my outlook of the team hit an all-time low. General Manager Danny Ainge decided to break up "the big three" consisting of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen. To me, it seemed like he traded them away a season too late because we ended up with nothing more than a couple of draft picks in exchange for the players that won us a championship.

The next few seasons were the lowest point that I can remember for the Celtics. Between 2012 and 2014, the Celts found themselves in an unfamiliar spot, near the bottom of the league.

I lost touch with the team, and it was uncomfortable to see no-name players like Vitor Faverani, Kris Humphries, and Keith Bogans on the court. Don't recognize any of them? That's exactly the point.

This past season was incredibly uplifting. The starting five consisted of a player picked dead last in the draft, a scrappy guard who had the worst three point shooting season of all time, another second round pick, a Swedish guy who can do nothing but shoot threes, and a lanky center who was being paid \$12 million to stand in the paint and defend the rim.

Yet somehow, against all expectations, this year's Celtics managed to win 48 games and reinvigorate my passion in the team. Even though we did not make it past the first round, this season was unequivocal success.

Lastly, I would like to formally apologize to Danny Ainge for doubting him. We are now in a position where we have a potential top three pick and a strong core to build off of for the future. Long live the Celtics.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Editors-in-chief reflect on time in journalism class

Stepping through the library doors into our first journalism class, we saw a room filled with females.

The class consisted entirely of girls except for one senior boy, Landon "The Playah" Komishane. Ms. B-H, well-adjusted to the predominantly female environment of her household, seemed right at place, but we worried that we, along with our three other sophomore friends, wouldn't fit in with the close-knit staff.

Luckily the opposite proved to be true: as the only boys in the class, our unique perspectives and personalities offered new possibilities for the paper.

Our presence was drawn on the most for that year's Valentine's Day issue. Being the suave sophomores that we were, we provided flirting advice in a now infamous centerfold.

The page, complete with our heads Photoshopped onto baby cupids, still hangs in Ms. B-H's room. Ethan's knack for fashion was also utilized with the equally memorable "Would Ethan Wear It?" feature.

However, for as much as we



CONNOR SENAY PHOTO

Senior Editors-in-chief Charlie Davis and Zack Even pose together before they begin their walk to graduation from the Memorial School.

brought to The Independent, the class gave back more to us. With the editors' advice and Ms. B-H's guidance (as well as her strict grading policies), we quickly became devout followers of our AP Stylebook, the "journo bible," and vastly improved our writing.

Our two sisters, both experienced members of the staff, may have also helped a little.

By the time we reached junior year, we were seasoned members of the staff. We took on more responsibilities than our first year in the form of additional articles, advising new members, and increased input

when deciding what to cover.

During our many late nights, we connected with students from other grades with whom we otherwise may never have interacted.

Who knows? Maybe love-birds Oscar and Hannah would not have started dating if it weren't for this wonderful class. So if you're considering taking journalism, keep in mind that you could meet the love of your life.

Journalism classes weren't just a party; the baked goods, pleasant conversations, and juicy gossip were balanced out

by demanding deadlines, careful editing, and layout problems. But both the stress and the fun were equally important parts of our unforgettable journalism experience.

This year, as editors-in-chief, we were the last line of defense against unintentional errors. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, a few slipped through the cracks.

Most memorably, our stomachs turned when Ms. B-H stormed into the senior room, paper in hand, pointing out a glaring error in that month's Pro/Con: it was the previous month's Pro/Con (thanks for that one, Connor).

But even awkward moments become playful inside jokes after a few months, and now we're almost glad we didn't catch Connor's mistake.

We didn't plan on stepping foot in high school again following graduation, but we'll gladly make an exception for visiting some journalism classes.

P.S. We didn't bother spell-checking because you can't take 10 points off this article, Ms. B-H!

Prom creates unwarranted amounts of stress

By Amber Paré
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Although going to prom is a significant milestone of one's high school career, the stress surrounding this event and amount of money spent on it are unwarranted.

Stress surrounding prom starts as early as January in some schools, causing the frantic searches for dresses, dates, and transportation to take up large amounts of students' time.

With social media's omnipresence in teenagers' lives, everything about prom is public, resulting in a competitive atmosphere being associated with prom.

It is almost impossible for one to go on social media in the months before prom without being bombarded by photos of over-the-top "promposals" or other posts about everyone's plans for prom.

The public nature of "promposals" upsets students who do not have dates while putting enormous amounts of pressure on people to ask one another to prom in the most extravagant ways possible. Going to prom should be a fun experience even if someone does not have a date, but pressure surrounding dates prevents people from enjoying themselves.

Additionally, despite the fact that prom Facebook groups are meant to alleviate stress by making it less probable that two girls will wear the same dress, the worrying about wearing the same dress as someone is inessential.

It is understandable that everyone wants to look special on prom night, but does wearing the same outfit as someone else truly warrant a complete meltdown?

The costs of prom also quickly add up. According to Favina.com, most parents drive an average of 400 miles to com-



AMBER PARÉ PHOTO

Juniors Annabelle Haskell, Amber Paré, and Melanie Carter smile together at Tucks Point where photos are taken before prom.

plete prom-related errands, and a survey Visa conducted in 2014 showed that most families spend an average of \$978 each year on prom expenses.

The large amounts of time, energy, and money spent obsessing over prom are unjustified. It takes up too many resources. If one is frugal with his or her budget, it is possible to go to prom without spending copious amounts of money.

Prom is meant to be some-

thing that is fun and memorable. It is possible for one to have a good time at prom without obsessing over it for months on end or spending hundreds of dollars for one night of extravagance.

If people stopped stressing out about prom and making their obsession so public, prom would be a much more fun experience for everyone; it should be an event that is remembered fondly, not something that causes loss of sleep.

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GIRLS' LACROSSE



EVERY SHAW PHOTOS

The girls' lacrosse team ended its season with a 10-9 quarterfinal loss against Melrose. Next year, coach Rebecca Smith wants to have an undefeated season.

Coach: Rebecca Smith

Captains: Seniors Bella Mastendino and Jenny Cochand, and junior Liddy DeConto

Record this year: 16-2

Rival: Melrose

Goals for next season: Have an undefeated season and make it to the tournament again.

Coach's quote: "These girls worked so hard and did so well. I couldn't be more proud of them. This was my first year with these girls, but I really do feel like I know them so well, on the field and off. [But] it was the kiss of death [in the tournament] whenever the game would start getting aggressive. Then we would lose our cool and then foul, which cost us some of our key players. I'm already looking forward [to next season]. I told my players that we will be continuing practices until the tournament is over. There is no point in staying upset about this season."

Captain's quote: "We were always there to pick each other up. We weren't a team where we would get mad at each other or frustrated with each other. If something was wrong, we would address it, but never to make the person feel bad."

-Senior Bella Mastendino

BOYS' LACROSSE



FRITZ SPOFFORD PHOTOS

The boys' lacrosse team ended its season with a 9-7 third-round loss against Pentucket. This was the team's first showing in the tournament in many years.

Coach: John McCavanagh

Captains: Seniors Jack Hennigan, Derek Walker, Chris DiFluri, and Henry Rohner

Record this year: 13-7

Rival: Pentucket

Goal for next season: Make the tournament again.

Coach's quote: "The boys really established a tremendous sense of teamwork and a positive and supportive culture that served them well this year."

Captains' quotes: "We finally made the tournament this year, which was a big achievement. We didn't advance as far as we wanted to, but the team played so well...I'd say we had a good year. We had a really great group this season. We worked well together, and we knew each other's strengths, which really helped with creating strategies. Making the playoffs has been our goal as a team for years." -Senior Jack Hennigan

"A lot of the practices we had this season were tailored for specific things we've needed to work on as a team, which has been really great. It was especially great to make the tournament for the seniors, because this was our last year on the team, so it really was our last chance to try and make it." -Senior Henry Rohner

GIRLS' TENNIS



COURTESY OF CHANEL BULLOCK

The girls' tennis team continues its season after a 5-0 win against Watertown with a game on June 8 against Notre Dame. They are Division 3 champions.

Coach: Ken Rawson

Captain: Sophomore Chanel Bullock

Record this year: 13-3

Rivals: Burlington, Marblehead, and Masconomet

Goals for next season: Win the League Championship and have every player improve.

Coach's quote: "Everybody has significant impact because we have seven starters each match, and we have had many different line-ups throughout the season. In fact, a strength of this team is the depth that we have; we have players that don't play often but are still great substitutes for when we have people out of town or sick. Everybody is very supportive of everyone else. As a matter of fact, very honestly, this is my tenth year coaching tennis, and I have never had a team that is so supportive. Everyone wants their players to be successful. I absolutely believe that we accomplished the goals I had for the season as a team."

Captain's quote: "I think our season went pretty successfully. I saw a great deal of improvement in every player which made our teamwork stronger against the more difficult opponents we faced during the end of the season."

BOYS' TENNIS



WILL HESLOP PHOTO

JAMES RIORDAN PHOTO

The boys' tennis team continues its season after 4-1 wins against St. Mary's and Ipswich with the Division 3 semi-final match against Bedford on June 8.

Coach: Robert Bilbury

Captains: Seniors Jake Rich and Azzie Economo

Record this year: 12-3

Rivals: Masconomet and Amesbury

Goals for next season: Use the team's scrappiness to its advantage and fill in the roles of the graduating seniors.

Coach's quote: "Second doubles has been a healthy competition that's really helped raise the level of play for all of us. It's hard because there are a lot of great, talented kids, but it comes down to who[m] I think is going to help us be the strongest team we can be. It was a really competitive league, which helps to prepare you for the tournament. [Beating Masconomet in their second meeting of the season] just shows that kids have really worked hard in practice, and we are really improving. I think that the scrappiness of this year will really help us going forward. It's given us a lot of combinations of varsity experience, which will be much needed going forward."

Captain's quote: "Everyone on the team looks really good, and I have faith in us. We're just going to survive and advance because that's what we do." -Senior Azzie Economo

BASEBALL

Coaches: James Weed

Captains: Seniors Hunter Flood, Brandon Bartlett, Chris Carr and Brad Graves

Record: 12-10

Rival: Georgetown

Goals for next season: Qualify for the state tournament and play well in all games.

Coach's quote: "The boys have worked hard in practice, resulting in good play on the field."

Captains' quote: "We brought a lot of energy to that game, and when we play with high energy, we often win, and it's always more fun."

-Senior Chris Carr



MAURA MCCORMICK PHOTO

The baseball team continues its season after a 2-1 victory against Essex Tech with a state tournament game against Lowell Catholic on June 8.

SOFTBALL



ABBY FITZGIBBON PHOTOS

The softball team ended its season with a 9-7 loss against Pentucket. The team hopes to have a cohesive group next year and make the playoffs.

Coach: Frank Sarro

Captains: Seniors Molly Lynch and Isabella Hickey

Record: 12-4

Rival: Masco

Goals for next season: Stronger defense.

Coach's quote: "The one thing that impresses me the most about this group is they'll help each other, and they'll try to correct each other, but they don't blame anybody when things go wrong."

Captains' quote: "Overall, I thought the season went well, and there were a lot of games where I was very proud of the team."

-Senior Molly Lynch

SAILING



JULIETTE KELLEY PHOTOS

The sailing team ended its season with a ninth-place finish in the final round of the state championship. The team faced challenges training new members.

Coach: Kieran O'Connell

Captains: Senior Ethan Andersen and junior Cole Charlton

Record: 16-9

Rival: No rivalries

Goals for next season: Win the state championship.

Coach's quote: "Our biggest goal is always team development, and we did a great job of that...I think that we're going to really build on this year's success going forward."

Captains' quote: "Even though we didn't do well, losing helped teach [the team] a lesson, and we all learned a lot about the sport."

-Senior Ethan Andersen

ULTIMATE FRISBEE



WILL HESLOP PHOTOS

The frisbee team ended its season with a 15-12 loss against North Reading. A prominent match in the season was a 15-13 victory against rival Beverly.

Coach: Eric Magers

Captains: Juniors David LaForge and Tyler Malik

Record: 10-4

Rival: Beverly

Goals for next season: Create a core of younger players to take over after current juniors graduate

Coach's quote: "We had a great group of guys and gals. We had a strong leadership core that helped mentor the younger kids, and the middle schoolers could hold their own by the end of the season."

Captains' quote: "It was definitely one of the most memorable seasons for me since I started playing. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish next year with more experience."

-Junior David LaForge

CO-OP TRACK



KARLIE ANGELIS PHOTOS

The track team ended its season with a loss against rival Marblehead. This season, the girls' team was undefeated and became conference champions.

Coach: Jeffrey Destino

Captains: Seniors Megan Clark, Tyler Meunsaveng, Charlie Davis, Jeb Hogan and Dylan Genovese, juniors Sierra Rudolph and Carly Curcuro

Record: Girls 7-0, boys 5-2

Rival: Marblehead

Goals for next season: Better throwers for shot put

Coach's quote: "I am just so happy for the girls...They have worked so hard for a conference championship and finally have achieved it."

Captains' quote: "The hard work paid off in our regular season record, our third place finish at the conference meet, and in individual performances." -Junior Charlie Davis



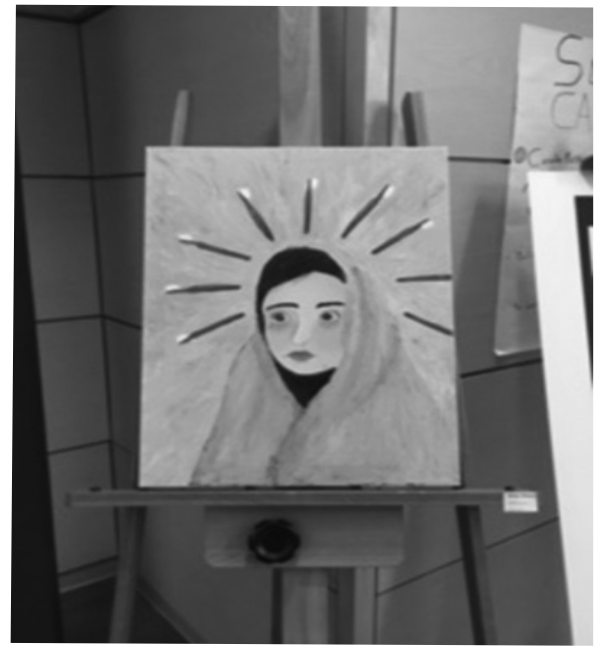
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Junior Ainsley McLaughlin constructed this mixed media elephant that was displayed in the show.



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Sophomore Randall Doane in Portfolio I decided to use wire to make this sculpture of three hands.



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Sophomore Nina Prince painted this picture of a girl wearing a shawl for her Portfolio I class.

Art show displays all class levels of student art pieces

Exhibition includes photos, ceramics, drawings, paintings, mixed media work

By Maddie Conway
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In order to highlight students' best artwork, the school once again hosted a month-long art show, according to art teachers Tamera Burns and Caroline Hunt Epp.

Burns said the art show was scheduled to coincide with major school events, such as the spring concert and the National Honor Society induction.

"It provided a nice tone at a very busy, hectic time of year," she said.

According to Burns, there was no formal reception this year due to the length of the show. In future years, she hopes to have a full "Week of the Arts" that will culminate "with a coffeehouse-style reception and a concert."

"It would be really nice to

combine the performing and non-performing arts," she said.

All art classes and students were included, according to Burns, so the show was a mixture of ceramics, photographs, paintings, drawings, and mixed media pieces created by students with different levels of experience.

Several pieces won awards, such as junior Emily Parker's drawing, titled "Unraveled," which won the Massachusetts Sixth Congressional District High School Art Competition,

and sophomore Will Finn's Gold Key winning photograph.

Burns said this variety was because the high school is small; according to her,

she said this allows art teachers to "meet students where they are at instead of having all the work look the same."

Junior Annabelle Haskell,

who had several drawings in the art show and is also part of the National Art Honor Society, agrees with this sentiment.

"I feel the pieces I have in the show are really representative of my best work, and also I'm really proud of how the show as a whole turned out this year," she said.

According to Hunt Epp, the show was not without its challenges; however, they were well-handled, and that was evident in the art show.

"[Burns] had to step into a new role this year in taking on new classes, and I think that the work her students have done is very high-quality and very innovative, and I'm very impressed with it," she said.

Burns said the quality seen in the show is likely to continue in the years to come because the new schedule changes are conducive to more individual time with art teachers.

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-CAROLINE HUNT EPP



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Students used a variety of media for their pieces; for example, Sophomore Nell McKeon used corn kernels to make a dress.

Senior produces school musical 'Pippin' for SCORE



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In Sarah Rhuda's production of 'Pippin' for her SCORE project, which was produced in six weeks, junior Jillian Furber played the Leading Player.

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Senior Sara Rhuda brought "Pippin" to the stage for her SCORE project, piecing the production together in six weeks.

According to Rhuda, when choosing a SCORE project, putting on a musical was "the only option that was actually appealing to me."

"I looked around for other things to do at North Shore Music Theater and at the North Shore YMCA, but directing my own musical was definitely more exciting and interesting than anything else," she said.

The decision for "Pippin" was made largely with the cast in mind, according to Rhuda.

"Pippin" is great because the cast size is really flexible, and the cast list fit the people that I knew were available," she said.

However, the show was also chosen as a result of its enduring allure, according to Rhuda's note in the show's program.

"There is something about this show that I still don't en-

tirely understand, something that draws in everyone who sees it even if they totally despise Bob Fosse and don't understand why Stephen Schwartz even writes music," she wrote.

The show's leads came in the form of Jake D'Ambrosio and Jillian Furber as Pippin and the Leading Player, respectively.

"I did the show before when I was a freshman, and I loved the storyline back then," Furber said. "I had always wanted to try being Leading Player because it's the most interesting role I've ever seen."

Also among the cast was Alex Buck, who played Charlemagne, Pippin's father.

"When Sara told me [about the show], I was really excited to be involved in any way I could be," Buck said.

Such satisfaction is shared by everyone who worked on the show, according to Furber.

"It was a really quick process since we only had a month to rehearse, but the cast and crew were all so amazing and it was overall a really fun experience," she said.