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## Raider Robotix Reminisces the Recycle Rush

*Sneha Vijayakumar, Staff Writer*

The Raider Robotix team recently concluded its competition season for the year. This sport of the mind began the start of the six week build season on January 3rd, where participating teams are expected to build a fully functioning robot correlating to the game at hand. This year, FIRST revealed the game to be Recycle Rush; a non defensive program where the objective lies with recycling. Points were scored by stacking totes on scoring platforms and extra points were given by topping those stacks with recycling containers. The pool noodles “litter” also earned extra points when disposing in either the landfill, the topped trash cans or the opposing field.

Team 25, Raider Robotix’s Evil Machine 13.0 was designed and built specifically for the stacking portion of the game; the robot received totes from the feeding station where it would make a six tote stack. Then, the claw would pick up a can, place it upon the stack for the human

player to place a pool noodle inside. The drive team would then operate the robot onto the scoring platform before doing it all over again before time ran out. Meanwhile, in the stands, the scouting crew would be busy inputting information ready for alliance selections. The team traveled to the world championships in St. Louis, Missouri on April 22nd after qualifying in the MAR district competition. As the match went on, Team 25 fell short of being selected in an alliance for the quarterfinals. Still, the year posed as a success to the team as well as the mentor, Mr. Cokeley who stated, “...as the competition went along, we only got better.”

Courtesy of Kevin Robayo



The official logo of North Brunswick’s Robotix team.

It is the final FIRST competition for our seniors students: Michael Benimovich (pit crew/human player), Keertana Chirra (pit crew), Kevin Gartner (scouting), Sarah Sleiman (public relations), Rangaraj Tirumala (head scout), and Kevin Zimmerman (pit crew/drive team). They not only experienced their last year in Raider Robotix but also in NBTHS but school is in all of these students’ horizon. Benimovich is expecting to attend Northwestern in Illinois,

while Chirra is to Purdue in Indiana. Gartner and Sleiman are attending college close to home; Gartner at Rutgers and Sleiman at TCNJ. Kevin Zimmerman announced his plans to join the Air Force after school. Though missed, these seniors know for sure that the future generations of Raider Robotix students are in the more than capable hands and mentorship of Mr. Weiss, Mr. Goldman, and Mr. Cokeley.

Photo courtesy of Geoffery McFall



Dr. Zychowski, along with two other administrators, cuts the ribbon, marking the opening of the new field.

Photo courtesy of Geoffery McFall



Dr. Zychowski talks to North Brunswick Township High School’s Softball Team.

## Earthquake in Nepal

Michael Osei, Staff Writer

After the earthquake struck Nepal on April 25, killing over 8,500 people and leaving more than 250,000 homeless, the small Himalayan nation—among the poorest in world—was left in a terrible state. The tragedy did not all end in one day, there was not one major earthquake but two, and over a 100 more, minor, earthquakes that followed these major earthquakes.

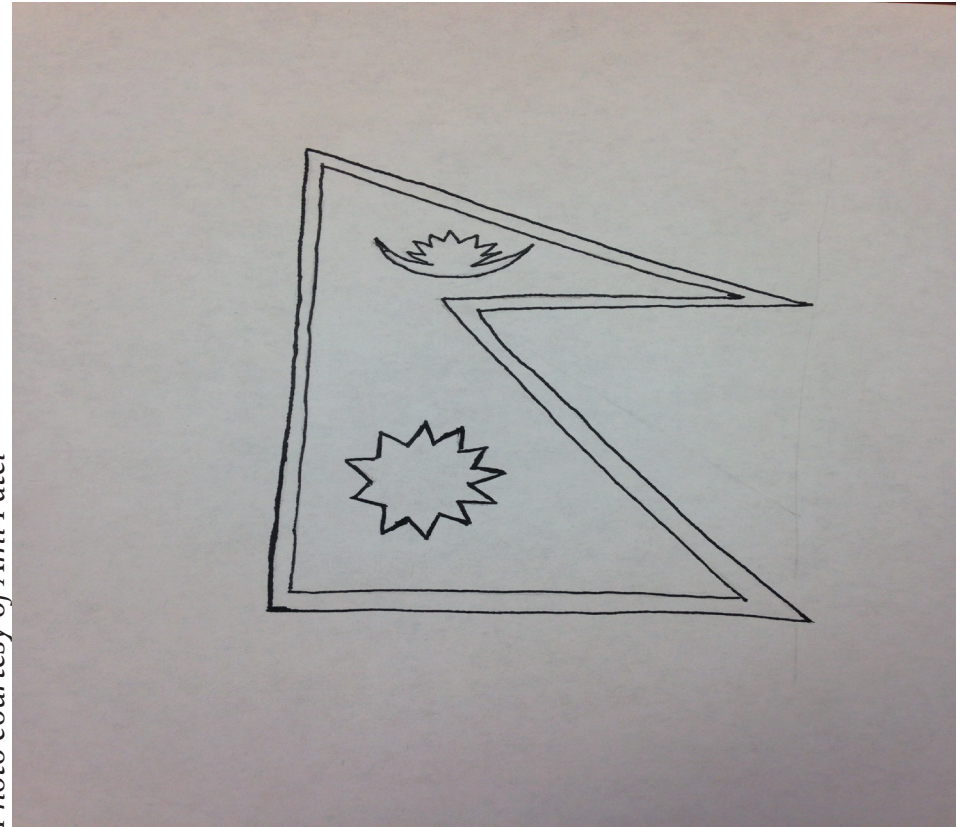
The second massive Earthquake happened on May 12th, 2015 and had a magnitude of 7.3. The epicenter was on the border of Dolakha and Sindhupalchowk, two districts of Nepal. Since it was on the same fault line as the earthquake of April 25 the earthquake in May is considered an aftershock of the original earthquake.

Prime Minister of Nepal Sushil Koirala told reporters on Sunday May 10, 2015 that 58 foreigners had died in the two earthquakes with 112

foreigners still unaccounted for.

The first major Earthquake destroyed many people's homes. The second one not only destroyed some more homes but also tortured those who had already suffered at the hands of the previous one. In the Dolakha district east of Kathmandu, which was hit hardest by the second quake, dozens of landslides have blocked access to remote villages. Singati village was also devastated by a landslide, dozens are still missing and rescue workers are yet to remove debris from the entire village to recover bodies.

The Nepal earthquakes were not completely unexpected; seismologist had predicted that earthquakes such as these would occur. The Ring of Fire is an area where a large number of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur in the basin of the Pacific Ocean. Every 25 years a gigantic



**The Nepalese flag, also known as the only non-rectangular national flag in the world.**

earthquake is predicted to happen on these fault lines. The Nepal earthquake on April 25, 2015 may have come 5 years late, but it was for sure a devastating earthquake that caused a series of earthquakes to follow it.

The earthquakes in Nepal have had a major impact

on Nepal and recovery from these disasters will take a huge amount of time. Even though the magnitude of the initial earthquake and the series of earthquakes to follow were expected the fact the Nepal earthquakes turned out to be such a catastrophe is terrible.

## Election 2016

Chioma Iheanacho, Contributing Writer

The 2016 election is rapidly approaching, with new candidates entering the race every day and others announcing possible entry.

At this moment there is a heavy imbalance for definite runners between the Democratic and Republican parties. Hillary Clinton, a former Secretary of State, and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders are the only two democrats officially in the race. For Republicans there are candidates such as Texas Senator Ted Cruz, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, business

woman Carly Fiorina, and retired surgeon Ben Carson.

With so many more joining this race has the potential to be one for the record books, or at least deliver an informative primary and caucus. As the first election involving high school graduates from the classes of 2013 to 2015 will be voting, this election will give the young people a strong part in deciding the next president.

When asked however, opinions of the matter were divided amongst students at North Brunswick Township

High School. Some students like Adil Kazmi, class of 2017 president say, "I don't know who's running but I support Hillary Clinton. I don't have a party."

Others have differing opinions, Kristian, a junior, states, "I follow it a little and I'm republican. My parents are voting for Rand Paul."

As for those over 18 there is also differing opinions. AJ Savage, 18 year old senior, does not follow politics and adamantly states she will not vote come 2016. When asked why she says, "Because the

government sucks and I'm not gonna be part of it."

Deep Patel, 18 year old senior, says the somewhat follows politics and will be voting. His reasoning being, "Because it is important to voice [one's] opinion in society"

The outcome of 2016 will be one which would have to potential to make or break the country. Millennials are given the chance to make a huge difference in their county, whether they choose to participate and use this opportunity or not.

## Senior Spotlight: Rebecca Colandrea

*Liz Ruffe, Contributing Writer*

In a high school as big as NBTHS, there are bound to be students that emerge, that stand out more than the rest. One such student is senior Rebecca Colandrea.

A four year varsity softball player for the school and a current captain, Colandrea signed to University of the Sciences Philadelphia, a Division 2 softball school, on April 22, 2015.

At a prestigious school for sciences, Colandrea hopes to pursue biochemistry. After years of school, she also wants to fulfill her dream of becoming a college professor.

Colandrea is a diligent student and a hardworking

athlete. "I'm really excited to be able to continue my softball career for another four years", she said as part of her gratuity speech after signing.

Becoming a USP Devil is very exciting for Colandrea and those who support her. "I'd like to thank my parents for all the support they've given me and for always believing in my drea. Without them I would not be in the position I am in today to continue to succeed," says Colandrea.

This season, Colandrea surpassed her goal of 100 career hits, but fell just short of the school's record of 116 hits, held by Marylynn Muldowney. However, she did break the

season record for runs-batted-in (RBIs), previously held by Emily Kurlander at 21 RBIs.

Softball coach and teacher at NBTHS Sarah Diller says, "She's been working very hard since freshman year to be a strong offensive presence and has reached her goal of 100 career hits."

All of North Brunswick is proud of Rebecca Colandrea, and everyone is expecting great things from her in the future!

Photo Courtesy of Kevin Robayo



## Class of 2018 Spotlight: Eric Lung

*Lilibeth Santos, Contributing Writer*

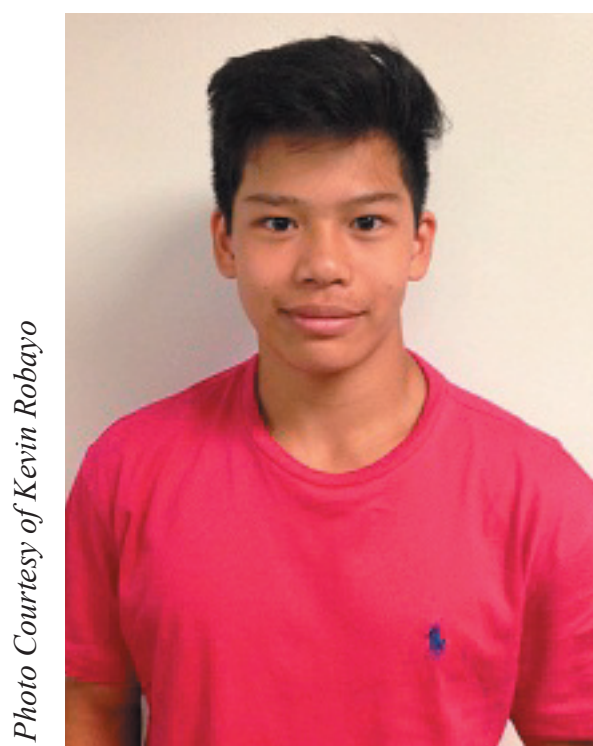


Photo Courtesy of Kevin Robayo

Very rarely does one cross paths with a male gymnast, who has won states, got second at regionals, and now on his way to nationals.

Eric Lung, a freshman, has been dedicated to gymnastics since the age of three, winning fourth in state. At the age of 12, he switched from Middlesex Gymnastics, to

Surgent's Elite; in that same year he went to regionals and won 13th place. By the age of 15 he had already completed in nationals, states, and regionals several many times.

This year Eric, was invited to Brian Babcock Invitational. On his first day he tied, and on the second day he won, also winning the title of Most Original.

When asked if he ever thought about going to the Olympics, he responded very quickly saying "Yeah 2020 is

my goal year, after making it into the national team through Junior Elite, I'd be able to compete in the international competitions."

Eric is now in Junior Elite, where one creates a routine, as well as doing a optional routine.

Not only is Eric a gymnastic superstar, but he also continues to strive for the best in school by being in honor classes, and helping the cheerleaders with tumbling after school.

## A New Hometown Star

*Sara Perlowitz, Contributing Writer*

One of New Jersey's own is now a singing sensation with help from the popular reality show, American Idol. Jackie Cole, better known as Jax, became one of the top 3 contestants before getting voted off of the competition.

She was the last girl standing, side-by-side with Clark Beckham and Nick Fradiani. Although Jax was one step shy of reaching the

finale, she made strong impact on her hometown and on New Jersey as a whole.

The East Brunswick native returned home on May 1st for her homecoming parade, which came as a reward for making it into the top 4.

The parade attracted a crowd of more than a thousand people, whom all came to see the American Idol contestant perform songs that she

previously performed on the show.

Before the parade, she visited Hammarskjold Middle School, where she formerly attended as a student, and concluded her trip with a visit to the Brunswick Grove.

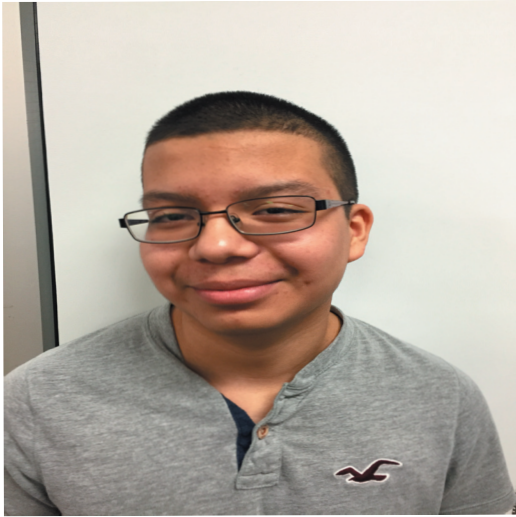
The 19-year-old is the furthest any contestant from New Jersey has ever reached in the singing competition. Her success has stemmed from her

singing ability, her memorable stage name, and the signature "X" she places on her cheek.

Male vocalists have been crowned the winners of American Idol for six of the past seven seasons. If Jax were to win of this season of the competition, she will be another female added to the list of winners. All while still being a teenager and from good old East Brunswick, New Jersey.

## Sidewalk Survey

*Who is your favorite artist?*



**Edwin Ramos,  
'18**

**“Lil Wayne,  
because he is the  
best rapper ever  
and he came from  
nothing.”**



**Swathi Tata, '17**

**“Lana Del Rey,  
because she is  
beautiful and  
her songs are  
beautiful.”**



**Michael Osei, '16**

**“Hozier,  
because I like his  
ponytail.. and his  
voice.”**



**Ronald Minott,  
'15**

**“Vampire  
Weekend,  
because  
their sound is  
different.”**

## To Bare Or Not To Bare?

*Sarojini Rao, Contributing Writer*

It is the decade of becoming stronger. angered women and confused men. We all remember having been taught, at some point, about various feminist movements that have taken place throughout the world. Today it is evident that a whole new fight for equality is taking place in America. That movement is based off the right to free the nipple.

Since the beginning of time it has been normal and acceptable for a man to walk around without a shirt and bare his nipple. Take Adam and Eve in the Bible, for example: Eve is depicted as wearing leaves to cover her female genitalia as well as her nipples. Adam however covers the lower half of him, but walks freely without leaves on his chest. Since then women have been taught to cover up their bosoms or they would be seen as immodest, while men have the right and are expected to whip off their shirts in certain situations.

Now in 2015, there are some women who are questioning what makes one nipple different from the other. Is it valid to view the female nipple as sexual while the male nipple is simply something we have grown accustomed to seeing? With celebrities like Miley Cyrus joining in on the hype, the movement is

Men and women are equal as people and they should be granted the same rights socially, politically, and economically. However, when it comes to baring body parts, let's be honest, no one wants to see what your momma gave you out on the street, regardless of gender. Women are mad that they don't have the option to bare their chest without being gawked at by men or being viewed as something they're not. It is not a case of actually wanting to go out and walk around without a shirt; it is more the fact that socially it is viewed as unacceptable that irks women.

Personally, I believe that everyone should keep their boobs, nipples, areolas, back pudge, tummy rolls, abs, sex organs, and basically anything that could be remotely off putting, in their clothes. However, the only place where people mess up is judging someone for whether or not they choose to do so. At the end of the day I think that socially we shouldn't look at the difference between nipples and we should just accept that people have body parts. So go ahead and bare your chest whether you're male or female, just know there is a time and place.

## What do you Think?

Is it acceptable for society to judge women for showing body parts in public just as men do?

✓ YES

NO ✗

**Tell Us What You Think**

## On the Edge of Eighteen- the True Story

*Amber Nicole Ramos, Contributing Writer*

Turning eighteen is the age many teenagers dream of-- that time when you don't have to "listen" to your parents. You finally have freedom because you're an "adult". Your possibilities are endless. But unlike every dream, you must wake up and face the reality.

The truth is, as long as you live under your parent's roof, you need to abide by your parent's rules. Carmen Corujo, mother of an NBTHS senior, had some stern words to say about her daughter turning 18: "As long as there is still 'teen' at the end of her age, she is still considered a child. She might be going to college but at the end of the night she is returning

back to my house. And she will NOT be showing up at one o'clock in the morning either. She'll only be eighteen and has no business being out that late. She can think she's an adult and do all she wants but the most adult decision she can make is voting." As much as it hurts, it's true.

At the age of eighteen your possibilities are actually very limited. You might have had plans to go on road trips with your friends to Florida or California, but how are you going to get there if you can't rent a car? Where are you going to stay if you can't rent a hotel room? And what are you going to do if you can't drink?

The legal age to rent a car is 25, to stay at a high-end hotel you must be at least 21, and to get into most clubs you must also be 21. The only road trip you'll be going on is a camping trip in your friend's backyard.

Although you are not adult- enough to rent a car or hotel room, you are enough of an adult to be charged as one in court. At the age of eighteen you can get charged for statutory rape. Multiple seniors have distanced themselves or completely ignored girls when they found out they were a freshman. One senior at Saint Joseph High School said: "I was talking to this girl and I was really feeling her actually,

until she dropped the bomb that she was only fifteen. Man I fell back so fast. That's jailbait now." At the age of eighteen you are limited to the people you can date in your school.

Although many have probably fantasized about their eighteenth birthday by throwing a giant party and staying out all night, in reality, many eighteenth birthdays were celebrated by going bowling, going to the movies, or going out to eat.

Unfortunately, turning eighteen isn't as amazing as many teenagers have drawn it out to be. The real birthday to mark on your calendars is your 2st.

## Why Can't People Respect Quvenzhane Wallis's Name?

*AJ Savage, Contributing Writer*

Quvenzhane Wallis is Hollywood's pint sized new super star. She is the youngest person ever to be nominated for an Oscar (at nine years of age, for her role as Hushpuppy in Benh Zeitlin's stunning *Beasts of the Southern Wild*) and the first African American "Annie".

Her name is a combination of her mother's name (Qulyndreia), her father's name (Venjie) and "Zhane" which means 'fairy' in Swahili.

However, Hollywood does not seem ready for such a name from a very young, talented black girl. Amongst the Jens, Amandas, Emmas, and Saras of Hollywood, Quvenzhane stands tall. This now, 11 year old has had to deal with adults butchering her name or just ignoring it completely and dubbing her "the new Annie". Many of such adults are white adults who uncomfortably giggle to avoid her name.

This is problematic because of the erasure of this young girl's culture. To deny her of her own name is to strip away the roots that tie her to her family.

Uptown magazine says, "Refusing to learn how to pronounce Quvenzhané's name says, pointedly, you are not worth the effort. The problem is not that she has an unpronounceable name, because she doesn't. The problem is that white Hollywood, from Ryan Seacrest to the AP reporter who decided to call her "Annie" rather than her real name, doesn't deem her as important as, say, Renee Zellweger, or Zach Galifinakis, or Arnold Schwarzenegger, all of whom have names that are difficult to pronounce--but they manage."

It seems as though Hollywood doesn't have an issue with everyone who holds a "difficult name"--only with those who wear it proudly with their marginalized culture by their side.

## Wrongs in Public Schools

*Megan Kaltschmid, Contributing Writer*

In a time period where your Twitter feed is more important than your homework and updating your Instagram page is more exciting than our studies, it is easy to get confused. All though we have more distractions today, our media advancement is not to blame.

Though my years of high school I have seen more students put in a greater effort to cheat themselves out of an education simply to pass. The tangible material seems to be less and less of an issue as the pressure of passing a course rises.

The students are taught either failure or success. Yes there are grades between an A and an F but how much do they really mean?

A C+ alone can bring your GPA down dramatically. But in retrospect, a C+ is considered average. To avoid a C or any grade similar students break nerves and anxiety levels

to just get through the course.

This becomes a problem when students are not absorbing information. The bar is set so high and is portrayed as so important it is impossible for a student of good measure not to become stressed.

Students such as yourself and I have been taught since day one how crucial education is to our existence. "If you fail you won't graduate, if you don't graduate you won't go to college, no college no job, no job, no money, no way of life."

Children, impressionable children, are taught that if we don't succeed in an unfair, mind-altering system of education we are failures, a debacle. This is outrageous to me and many other people.

Students are taught to put school before friends, family, happiness and the joyous simplicities of life. That is no way for a student, a child, to live.

# Prom 2015

## Glamming up for Prom

*Tajae Ali, Contributing Writer*

It's that time of the year again... One of the most exciting events that takes place in one's high school career. Prom 2015 is approaching quickly and promposals have been happening constantly.

It's time for the guys to order flowers and past due for prom house deposits. This is the last exciting event for the seniors besides graduation of course.

A lot of people would be missing out on a good time if they are the ones who think prom is stupid. Truth is whether

you're a junior or a senior it's an important milestone that you shouldn't want to miss.

Yeah, it gets quite pricey speaking of which a girl can get as expensive as \$1,200 but it's all worth it because it only happens once. One would definitely regret not attending prom in the future.

So make sure that you're all ready to go to prom with gorgeous dresses, nice tuxedos, and fresh flowers because the date is quickly approaching, and the night is one to be remembered.

## Prom Dresses

*Isha Tariq, Contributing Writer*

A dress is the most important part of prom for a girl. Having your own unique dress is what everyone wants; something that stands out is the ideal.

It has to be the perfect size and color. And something everyone fears is having the same dress as another.

But the big problem is the amount of money spent on this one night. It's at least \$100 for a dress, and then you have to buy matching shoes and a clutch.

Plus, some get their hair, makeup, and nails done too. And don't even get me started on the \$80 ticket. By the time this is over you're either broke or bankrupt. But for some, this is all worth it.

It's the last day to see and really get to know your classmates, that maybe you have never spoken, and that's something nobody wants to miss.

## Sidewalk Survey: What was the most memorable part of your prom?

Math: Ms. Tyskiewicz

"The most memorable part of prom was getting my hair and makeup done and wearing a beautiful gown. I loved being all dressed up and taking pictures with my friends."

*Photo Courtesy of Liela Piracha*



Language: Mr. Feliz

"I remember going to a friend's prom and we triple dated. I brought two of my friends and we danced the night away. It was a very memorable evening."

*Photo Courtesy of Kevin Robayo*



English: Mr. Buchman

"Interesting... I didn't go to my senior prom, I went to a friend's senior prom the year before my prom, and danced with my friend who I wasn't romantically involved with. The joy and laughter and friendship was the best part of being there."

*Photo Courtesy of Michael Kovach*



History: Mr. Hyde

"Having fun and hanging out with my friends."

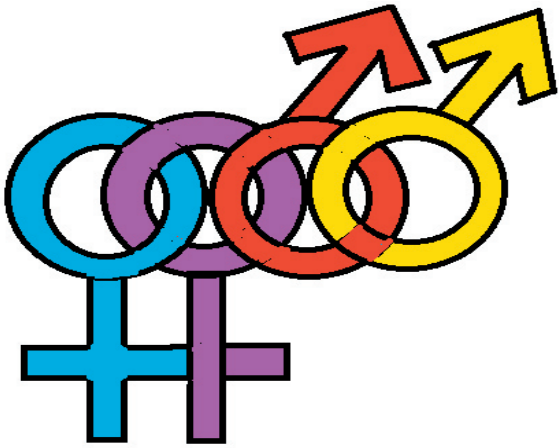
*Photo Courtesy of Kevin Robayo*



## Cis is Not it, Be Aware of Gender

Chioma Iheanacho, Contributing Writer

Photo Courtesy of Suhani Baranwal



“Gender is what you feel and sex is what you are assigned at birth.” - Kia B

Gender and sex are often used interchangeably and incorrectly as many are unaware of the difference between the two.

While some are adamant that “There is no difference” those who are more informed are able to correctly differentiate the two. Kia B is quick to clarify in the simplest words: “Gender is what you

feel you are but sex is what you are assigned at birth.”

It is quite easy to overlook those who are not cisgendered (identifying with the g e n d e r

which lines with the sex one was assigned to at birth) , categorizing them collectively as “transgender”, an offensive act for those who do not identify under the term.

One student identifies their sex as DFAB (designated female at birth) while their gender is demi boy (Someone who feels partly a boy, and partly something else, without

defining that other part), they align themselves with the pronouns ‘they’, ‘them’, ‘he’, and ‘him’.

This person for the past few years has struggled with transphoria as well as struggling to come to terms with their identified, of which they are not fully certain of.

They spent years transitioning from identifying as male, to genderqueer, to gender fluid and now resting as a demi boy.

They state that this period of dysphoria is made especially difficult, confessing that looking in the mirror is a daily challenge. Seeing themselves is sombering experience, one that is avoided if possible.

Adults in the individual’s life have not made the process any easier, their mother taking

them to therapy for years before coming to partial terms with the inevitable.

The father, a church official, was left in the dark for fear of his reaction to a non cisgendered, non heterosexual child.

Despite trials and tribulations, this individual, a comrade to many, is able to excel in their interest and have passion for numerous subjects and sympathize for individuals other than themselves.

They are an example that regardless of a label a human being is able to carry on. They carry on with a genuine smile daily, able to share their story with such a surety about themselves.

This person is adored by many and has the support of their peers as well as amazing adults who are able to recognize the changing times.

## Dorming in your new home

Amber Ramos, Contributing Writer

Dorming in college can be the best time of your life! However customizing your dorm room could be stressful. Questions such as, what should I bring? what do I need? how do I utilize my space? how MUCH space do I have?” can clog the minds of first time dormers.

No matter if you are a female or male, the essentials everyone should bring are the usual office supplies: printer paper, printer, extra ink, hole puncher, white out, desk lamp, memory stick, headphones, extension cord, and a laptop.

Dorm rooms are usually small; it is important that you keep your half of the room as organized as possible. To stay organized you should invest in a bulletin board-this allows you to hang any flyers, numbers, or schedules. This keeps the papers off your desk and minimizes the chances of them getting lost. You could hang this board above or on the wall next to your bed.

Calendars are very important in college; it is imperative that you keep track of due dates, exam dates, and work schedules. Although you can set reminders up on your phone, it is very easy to just snooze the reminder. Calendars are an easy way to keep your life in order. Small calendars are perfect for on your desk, since you’ll be doing most of your work there, you don’t have to worry about forgetting about your calendar.

Storage bins and boxes are also helpful. You can use storage bins for undergarments, shoes, paper, medicine, etc. By putting labels on your storage bins you can easily see which bin you need to go into rather than rummaging through every bin to find your flipflop.

Always be prepared for any emergency that could happen whether it be major or minor. Be sure to bring a first aid kit, flashlight, and batteries. Of course there are other things you can bring that you would

deem as being important for emergencies such as snacks, and a water bottle.

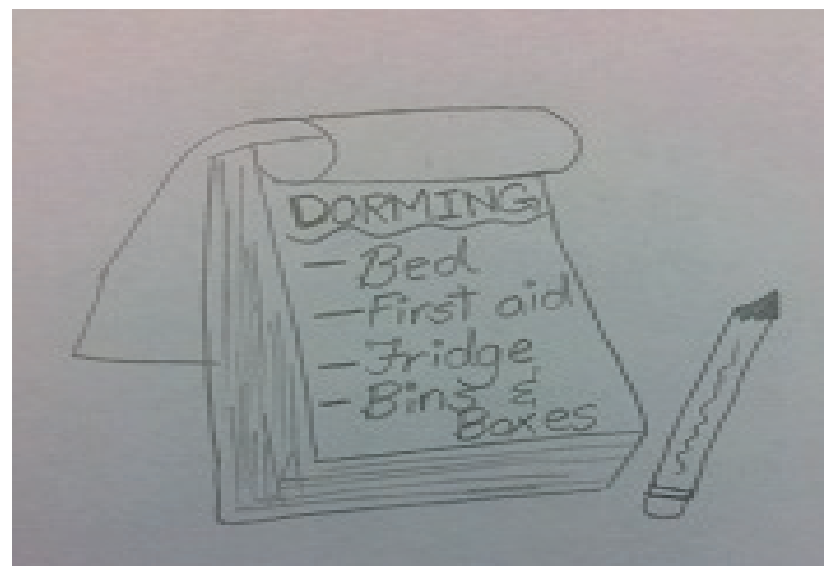
Now that you are dorming, mom is not there to buy your favorite shampoos and soap. It is up to you to pack and restock these items. If you are using a communal shower, be sure to bring flip flops to wear in the shower, and bring a shower caddy to hold your bathing essentials. Also be sure to have traveling cases for

your soap and toothbrush.

Your own mini fridge would be best instead of sharing a fridge with your roommate. With your own mini fridge you minimize any drama that might occur, and you do not have to worry about your roommate taking your favorite drinks or your favorite foods.

Dorming is a stepping stone to adulthood. Don’t dread it. Make the best of it and enjoy every minute!

Photo Courtesy of Suhani Baranwal



Dorming in a new place can be really amazing, if you try hard enough.

## FORGIV3 ALEX RODRIGUEZ

Adil Kazmi, Contributing  
Writer

Earlier last year, Alex Rodriguez was accused of using performance enhancing drugs. Despite his appeal, Rodriguez was suspended for his actions in the 13' - 14' season with the New York Yankees.

Many people were upset with the MLB's decision because they thought Rodriguez deserved another chance. Rodriguez has helped bring a World Series Championship to New York back in 2009 and has lost his touch since. Although he has been struggling Rodriguez is still the face of Yankees baseball, after the departure of Derek Jeter.

After coming back for the 14' - 15' season, Alex Rodriguez has been on a tear, with eight home runs and 20 RBI's.

The slogan "FORGIV3" has risen, meaning that people should forgive Alex Rodriguez for his mistake. Everyone deserves a second chance, so why should A-Rod?

The Yankee's slugger is determined to leave this predicament behind him and have a successful season with his team, The New York Yankees.

Photo Courtesy of Michael Osei



The boys wrestling team in the school locker room, getting ready.

## The NBA Playoffs

Andrew Flores, Contributing Writer

It is now May, which, in terms of the NBA, means it is the month where champions are made. This is the time where only the very best teams are fighting for the glorious championship trophy. All of the sweat, blood, and tears put in practice will all be worth it for the eventual champion.

The first round of the NBA playoffs came to a close recently. We had the luxury to see one of the most exciting game 7s of all time, between the San Antonio Spurs and the Los Angeles Clippers. It is astonishing at best that these two championship quality teams met in the first round, but they did. In game 7, The

Clippers won 111-109 thanks to Chris Paul's acrobatic gamewinning jump-shot off the backboard with one second left in the game. It was the latest game 7 game-winning shot in NBA history.

A new champion will be crowned because the Spurs have been eliminated. In the second round of the playoffs we have already seen three buzzer-beaters! Chicago Bulls PG Derrick Rose nailed a game-winning three-pointer against the Cavaliers in game 3. In the very game between the teams, LeBron James of the Cavaliers hit his own game-winning fadeaway against the Bulls in fantastic fashion.

In the series between the Wizards and the Hawks, Paul Pierce of the Wizards made a buzzer-beater that crushed the souls of every fan of the Hawks. Exciting moments for one team and disappointing moments for another team are what make the NBA playoffs so exciting to watch for all of the fans.

After the second round eventually finishes, we still have the semi-finals and the championship round series to look forward too. It only gets more exciting from here on out. Only time will tell to see what team will become the 2015 NBA champion.

### About The Banner

As a news publication of North Brunswick Township High School, *The Banner* serves to provide students with interesting, timely and important information about the school and community. Its staff covers events and stories that are pertinent to the student body at NBTHS.

While honoring the provisions the school has established to maintain a safe environment for its students, the staff upholds freedom of speech as ruled in *Tinker vs. Des Moines*.

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