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Long and Coon bid farewell

by **Dakota Gorkun
and Christy Sheehan**

As this school year comes to an end, Colchester High School is saying goodbye to Mr. Long and Mr. Coon. Both having taught at CHS for many years.

Mr. Long has been teaching since the school opened in 1975. When asked why he began working in the school system he simply responded, "Because they hired me."

Mr. Long has taught classes such as Human Experience English and AP English for juniors. His favorite part of teaching is being able to work with young people. Students agree that Mr. Long may have a different approach to teaching but is an amusing guy that connects well with students. Mr. Long does not have one specific memory that sticks out, but finds highlights from teaching every day. After 40 years of teaching Mr. Long has been able to work with a very wide variety of students. With the time he will have after retiring Mr. Long plans on traveling around the country and the world. Specifically, he plans on spending some time in the West and visiting Ireland where his family originates. Mr. Long still bikes to work during his 40th year and hopes to be able to travel using this mode of transportation. He also plans on spending much more time on writing. He has always wanted to write more but his work at Colchester kept him busy. Mr. Long is proud of the work teachers are doing and tells future teach-



Lakeside Voice photo

Mr. Long and Mr. Coon will be retiring from CHS at the end of this year.

ers to "keep up the good work".

Mr. Coon will also be retiring after 37 years as an English teacher and 38 as a drama coach, he began in Colchester as a student teacher for Mr. Long. He started as the drama coach and took on the English job after a teacher left for maternity

leave and never returned. In his words, "I fell in love with teaching theatre to eager kids who wanted to learn".

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VanKleeck drives away

by **Lakeside Voice Staff**

Mr. VanKleeck, a mainstay at CHS since the 70's, has decided to fully retire this year. For the past few years he has been semi-retired, teaching only Sports and Society and returning to teach Driver's Ed.

Van Kleeck not only served CHS as a respected teacher, but also in many other capacities throughout his 40 plus years in the district.

Many remember fondly of the proud moments he brought to the Lakers as a very successful basketball coach for several seasons, including some memorable playoff appearances, bringing the Lakers to the Championship Game in 2003.

For years he taught Senior Seminar, a course he helped create, along with Sports and Society. Many will remember getting their first driving experiences from Mr. VanKleeck. His contributions to CHS will always be remembered.

THIS IS IT

by **Aleksa Jenkins**

As the 2014-2015 school year comes to a close, it's time to go back through time and look at all the fun things that happened through-out the year.

Annually, the school year begins with Smart Start and this year August 26 was the day freshmen were welcomed as high school students. This is a day for all incoming freshman and new students to come to the school a day earlier than everyone else so that they can learn their way around and ask for help without the overwhelming crowd of the entire school being there.

This year we were all anxiously awaiting to see how the new second floor renovations were like, and they didn't disappoint. We were all excited to see state of the art facilities.

With the school year in full swing no amount of homework and projects could bring down the Laker pride of any class during Spirit Week. This

is the week of the homecoming sporting events and Homecoming Dance. During each day of the week there were different themes that the students dressed up to, to show their school spirit. The very last day however is always a special one, especially for the senior class. This is the day where each class wears their classes color and the seniors wear the shirts they designed at the beginning of the year.

The last day of Spirit Week ends with the always anticipated Pep Rally.

The fall also brought in a new parking policy. When seniors were buying their parking passes so they wouldn't get a sticker for parking in the student parking lot, they were told that the parking lot was going to be opened up to the other CHS students who have their license if they as well purchased a passing pass in the planning room for 5\$.

As the year moved on, we were all entertained to sold out performances of Grease. Winter soon blew in as well as the winter sports seasons.



Photo by Yearbook Staff

The CHS class of 2015 after the Pep Rally in the fall.

As the spring months began students prepared for the 2nd annual Variety Night. The theme this year was "The Town Aint Big Enough for the Two of Us". Each class came up with a 20-25 minute skit incorporating the theme and a few props and phrases. The Class of 2015 won again repeating what happened their junior year. They took 6 out of the 8 awards.

March also brought on the 9th Annual Volleyball tournament that featured 29 teams and over 200 participants.

On April 30th, CHS Cares hosted another successful blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross.

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Project Grad Approaches

by **Hannah Echo**

Continuing tradition, Project Grad will take place the evening of graduation - June 13. This year there have been a few new venues added to the schedule, and everyone is excited to see how the locations work for the event.

There will be food and drinks available at all locations. First, all seniors who signed up for Project Grad will meet at CHS at 6 pm. There they will have the chance to check bags, get

their Project Grad t-shirts, and watch their class video, which details the lives of this year's seniors from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Around 7, students will head out for a cruise on Lake Champlain. Following this, the night continues at the new MetroRock in Essex for some rock climbing. The final stop of Project Grad will be SkateLand for roller skating, and after this students will board the busses to go back to CHS (around 4 am) to get gift bags and head home.

Senior Dates

by **Michael Granai**

As the 2014-'15 year winds down, all students are preparing for summer activities. Seniors, however, are also preparing for the next chapter of their lives. In order to close out their final year in high school smoothly, seniors need to remember the following dates and times...

Tuesday, June 9, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Graduation Practice in the Theatre (Mandatory)

Wednesday, June 10 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, Graduation Practice, Cap and Gown Distribution, Class Picture

Thursday, June 11, 1:00pm-4:00pm Graduation Practice in the Theater

Friday, June 12 at 6:00pm, Class Night in the Theater

Saturday, June 13 at 10:00am, Graduation Ceremony in the gymnasium

Saturday, June 13-14, Project Grad, evening and overnight

Disney's UP worth a watch

by Angus Doherty

The movie UP, created by Pixar is a fantastic movie which follows Carl Fredrickson on an adventure of a lifetime to fulfill his late wife's lifelong dream of living at Paradise Falls, a fictional location in South America. As a retired balloon salesman faced with a forceful retirement to make room for a construction project, Carl inflates and ties thousands of balloons to his chimney, and heads for paradise falls. However, his plans are disrupted, when he finds a "Wilderness Explorer" (the Pixar equivalent of a Boy Scout), named Russell, clinging to the side of his porch miles high in the air. Together the two face dangers unlike any other. Whether it be talking dogs, a mysterious jungle, or the threat of the balloons deflating.

Though this movie was made to be an adventure/comedy, the core values that it conveys to the viewer are genuine and important. The storyline has three recurring themes.

The first theme is to never let go of what you love. When faced with a forceful removal from his house, Mr. Fredrickson comes up with a plan to keep his home. As the movie progresses, Carl puts his life on the line for a house due to his everlasting love for his wife and the dream that she has when she is alive. He never lets go of what they had together, and goes half way across the world for her. He even develops an admiration for Russell, despite how annoying



Photo from Technogog.com

Carl and Russell head to Paradise Falls, South America in a promotional poster for UP, 2009.

he can be.

The second theme is to stay young. Though Mr. Fredrickson is well into his 70's, (and very grouchy at times), he learns from Russell's behavior and begins to exhibit qualities similar to a boy. As he realizes how alike he is to Russell, his life begins to open up. He seems to be happier and more optimistic. No one can turn back the clock, but one's mindset can change,

and Carl does just that.

The final theme is to follow dreams. In this case, the dream of getting to Paradise Falls was one Mr. Fredrickson shared with the love of his life. Even though flying a house half way across the world is surely impossible, with a little bit of perseverance, spirit, help from others, (and of course computer generated images), Carl and his late wife's dream finally comes true.

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Making the grade

by Reid Atwood



Students must pass to play sports. Keeping up with grades and completing other work can be difficult throughout high school, especially for those who play sports. Every year, students push themselves with a heavy schedule that includes attending class, playing sports after school, and even working a part-time job. Because many students play sports for CHS, having a good record of grades is important because one failing grade could result in removal from a sports team. However, does this simply mean that our school sets high standards?

CHS has always influenced students to keep up with good work and potential, but the amount of things that students have to follow through with can be understandably tiring. The term "No Pass, No Play" term is a rule that students must follow when playing for a sport's team, which is why it's important to

follow this guideline. Although keeping up with grades will allow students to play for a team, it's important to understand that passing grades is important in regards to future paths and careers.

"I think our school has pretty good standards in general, but I think we could go further. I think that if a student isn't passing a class or more, then they shouldn't be able to attend practice or play because even if you're failing a class, you can still go to practice. It's motivational because if a student can't play, then that'll boost their motivation to get classwork and other homework done," says Junior Cross Country runner Angus Doherty.

It's important to keep students motivated because if things aren't completed, there may be consequences in the future that won't be favorable. It's also important to understand that setting standards too high is proven to drain students' activity, which is why standards should be set at a spot where students will have an efficient amount of energy and be able to follow through with classes. Having sufficient grades is important because not only will it benefit for playing sports, but it will also benefit for future paths.

Changes in our language

by Michael Granai



Hands of Society censoring us

What does it mean to be "Politically Correct?" Does it mean to sound more mature and grown up when we talk? Or, perhaps, does it mean using euphemisms and censorship in order to not offend a small party of people? Should we, as a society, have to constantly watch what we say just to make sure EVERYBODY is happy? It seems that that has become the standard today, even though in reality, pleasing EVERYBODY is an achievement we all know is impossible.

Now, I'm not talking about certain racial slurs; it's a no-brainer that we should always steer clear of those, as they are derogatory and have history and depth that others would never be able to understand. However, when it comes to race, there are

terms we do use that aren't actually offensive, even though society says so.

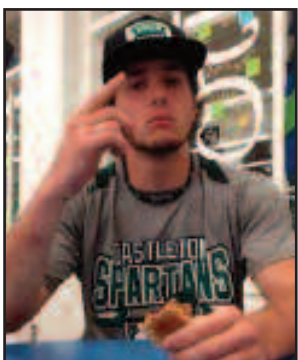
I have quite a few friends who are black... oh, excuse me... "African-American," and I know for a fact that they aren't offended by the use of the word "black" to describe their race. In fact, they prefer it. "I was born in the states, man," one of my friends told me, "not Africa. So why do we get called that?"

Does my circle of black friends represent every black person in our country, or the world for that matter? Obviously not, but it does show that society is definitely overreacting to our past. I'm not saying that what happened to blacks and their supporters during the American Civil Rights Movement wasn't bad, I'm just saying that society needs to realize that we actually have the capability to address each other without offending the other party, which can be done without us having to string so many syllables together.

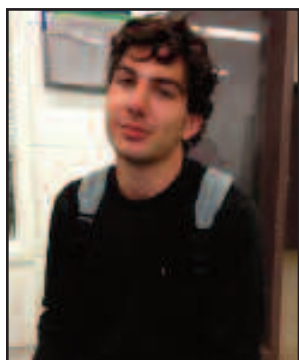
We're all human, so we should all act as such.

If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be?

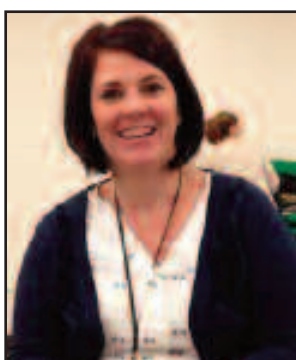
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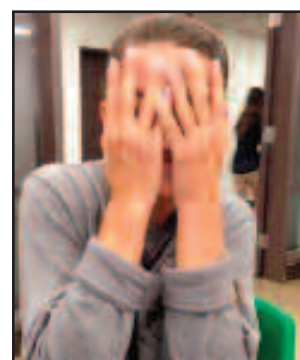
"Frank Sinatra" - Grant Cummings



"Marilyn Monroe" - Mark Gauthier



"My grandma" - Mrs. Minor



"Channing Tatum" - Kelsey Cauchon



"Patty Kane" - Lynneah Rabioux

Captain Phillips visits CHS

by Reid Atwood

Colchester High School has always been known for having a variety of guest speakers, which is why it's not surprising that students had great interest in attending a presentation by Captain Richard Phillips on April 16th in the theatre.

Phillips, who was captured by Somali pirates in 2009 during Maersk Alabama's en route to Kenya, worked with CHS history teacher, Mr. Price, in setting up this presentation that was firstly open to students of the school's International Politics and United Nations course.

Mr. Price works a lot with the Vermont Council on World Affairs (VCWA) and the Foreign Policy Association. These programs have helped bring a number of visitors to the International Politics class every year and was a vital source in setting up the presentation given by Captain Phillips because of how Maritime Conflicts, or conflicts regarding the maintenance of National Reserve Defense Fleet, was a prime topic that had to be covered during the annual Model UN Conference.

When discussing how the idea of bringing Captain Phillips to our school came about with Mr. Price, he said that, "When I got the list of topics for the conference, I found that Maritime Conflicts were going to be covered. I was able to contact Captain Phillips through Mike Rosenthal and initially, this



Photo contributed from CHS Senior Bryce Colvin

Captain Richard Phillips, who presented to CHS Juniors and Seniors on April 16th, stands aside senior Michael Granai.

presentation was only open to students in my International Politics class. I e-mailed him about some information regarding the course and how he would feel about talking to 20-30 students. Because he seemed thrilled, I asked him about how he would feel about a theatre filled with 200-300 students and he said, 'No Problem.'

The presentation, which was open to the

Junior and Senior classes, was filled with engagement and interesting information as Captain Phillips discussed moments of his life and the events that took place when he was personally captured by the pirates. Captain Phillips' presentation was very beneficial because many students were able to learn about his life, career, and personal insights.

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As the school year's springtime heated up, seniors began to make final decisions where they are going to college or what they are doing next year; for most, by May 1st. On that day many seniors wore attire showcasing where they are going to school or what they are doing after graduation.

Bringing the year to a close, the prom was held at the Hilton in downtown Burlington on May 16th. For seniors it was their last dance as CHS students and everyone seemed to have a blast. There were professional photos being taken by Vermont Sports Images as well as a photobooth where students could create memories on the spot to bring home.

As the year came to a close both the baseball and softball teams earned a number 3 seed in the Division I playoffs, providing exciting tournament action.

The 2014-2015 school year has been a fun, yet busy one. Good luck to the graduating seniors!

Faculty band plays on

by Alexander Little

The faculty band consists of Mr. Warren, Mr. Peltier and Mr. Lang. Mr. McDermott, a teacher in South Hero, joins them for some events like the Coffee House or Variety Night. During daytime school events, other faculty members have helped out by stepping in to play with the group. The group has also played at various venues around the area.

The name of the band is "The Natural Selection". Mr. Warren plays the keyboard, guitar, bass and does vocals. Mr. Peltier handles the percussion and vocals. Mr. McDermott and Mr. Lang play the guitar, bass and vocals.

According to Mr. Lang, "The Natural Selections" have a "really eclectic mix" of music that they play: 70's power rock, ballads and current pop music. The band has played about 10 gigs in the two years they have been together, but they really enjoy the fact they have someone to play music with. Listeners can check out their Facebook page, The Natural Selection, to see what the group is up to and where they may be seen next.



Photo provided by "The Natural Selection".

The Natural Selection perform during Variety Night.

Left to Right: Mr. Lang, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Peltier, and Mr. Warren.

Long and Coon bid farewell

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Mr. Long and Coon say goodbye to CHS.

Mr. Coon's classes have always been interesting and entertaining, and even the highlight of some people's days. He loves working with the kids in his classes, and his stories and conversations during class are always interesting.

Mr. Coon says, "My best memory was when on my 30th anniversary as drama coach, the students set up a party to celebrate. Alumni came back, teachers were there and it was nice to be appreciated by those students for what we did together in theatre."

The theatre company would literally be nothing without Mr. Coon, he put in so much time, effort, and funds into it, it is little surprise that the company was able to achieve the success it has. Mr. Coon has always said that the Theatre Company is an ensemble, no one part is more important than any of the

others, and we accomplish what we do because we work together.

In retirement Mr. Coon will continue to do work in theatre, and has founded his own theatre company, October Productions. "Come to the "Crucible" on July 28, 29 at Whitcomb Farm in Essex."

The other main event Mr. Coon is looking forward to in retirement is his wedding in the fall.

Being a teacher for thirty seven years has certainly given Mr. Coon a wealth of experience and knowledge about teaching and the school system in general.

Mr. Coon believes that, "Future teachers should be a teacher because they want to teach, not to climb the economic ladder of personal advancement. This career is to benefit young people who are the students, not the teachers."

Mr. Coon is also not optimistic about the current outlook of education. He has stated many times in the past that "If the world ended tomorrow, we would need two things to start schools over again, students and teachers. Unfortunately it's the extras that are more important in education now."

Music on the move

by Sophie Singer

On Saturday, May 2nd the Colchester High School music program went on a competitive and fun performance trip to Holyoke High School and Six Flags New England, both of which are located in Massachusetts. The CHS music groups that went on this trip included concert band, jazz band, chorus, concert choir, and chamber choir.

All the groups left the school at 5:45 Saturday morning in three Premier busses. Most students were already in their performance clothes. Upon arriving at Holyoke High School, with just enough time for freshman chorus to get to the performance area, choral ensembles each took 15 minutes to perform, while band groups had 25 minutes to perform their selected pieces. Once every group had performed the entire music program got back on the busses and went to the Six Flags theme park.

There were rides there to satisfy everyone. From the chair swings, to one or two water rides that were open, all the way to the large, upside down, floor-less roller coasters. Unfortunately a majority of the students attending

this trip forgot to bring sunscreen. Consequently, many of them returned a little more red than when they left.

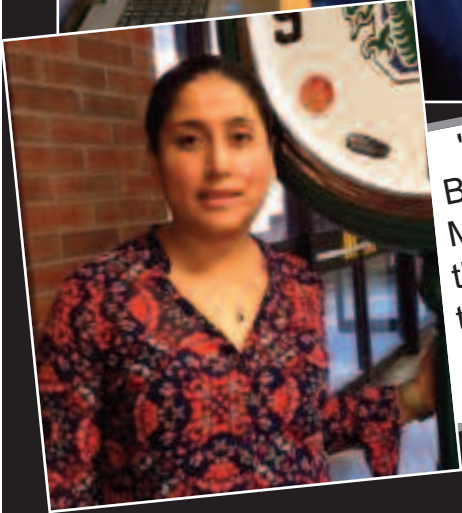
An awards ceremony was held in the park which every school that had competed was required to attend. A senior from each CHS ensemble was sent up front during the awards ceremony to accept the awards. Chorus received the first place award for first division choral ensembles. Concert Choir and Chamber Choir received first and second place within the second division. The fact that these two ensembles were in the same division means that Colchester High School took home the top two awards for the division two choral ensembles. Concert band and Jazz band both received first place in their individual division.

Colchester students did not leave Six Flags until around 8:30. Busses did not arrive back at the school until 12:30 on Sunday morning. Everybody was more than happy to get home and be able to sleep in their beds instead of on the bus. The day had been nice and warm and was filled with bus rides, competition, fun, and rides. Next year the music program will be traveling to New York City for a different competition where we can not wait to see what the results are.

Teachers Say Goodbye to CHS



"I am going to Budapest, Hungary. Living abroad is something I have always wanted to do and I couldn't pass up the opportunity. It's the time in my life that doing something like this makes sense, even though I will miss Colchester a lot."
-Mr. Akey



"Next year I am going to Belo Horizonte, Brazil. My husband has a job there and we will be living there for two years."
-Profesora Miga



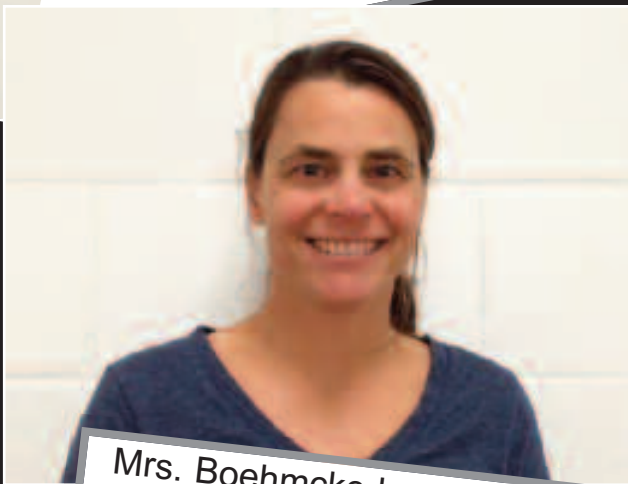
"Next year I am moving to Leysin, Switzerland. It's a small ski village in the Swiss Alps and it is where I have taught math [at Leysin American School] before for a few years. I will back in Vermont for my summers!"
-Ms. Sommariva



"I'll miss working with both the students here and my colleagues. My plan is to take advantage of time to take care of my children and explore New York state, where I live."
-Ms. Cantwell-Jones



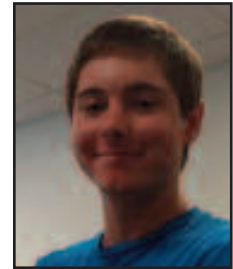
"I am moving to Salem, Oregon because it is a little closer to family. I'll get a change of scenery and hopefully be able to get out of the cold!"
-Mr. Kramer



Mrs. Boehmcke has been a part of the science department at CHS for ten years, and with her move to CVU next year we will all miss her. You would never find her without a smile and an enthusiasm to teach! She will be missed next year.

Student Reactions

Final thoughts on some students' favorite teachers



Nigel Sarrazin

"Miga pretty much taught me Spanish. She's an awesome teacher and is super caring for all her students. She also has a great sense of humor."



Jared Antoniak

"I had Mr. Akey for Algebra and Trig. He's probably one of the most energetic teachers I've ever had and I'll miss that about him."



Alex Barrett

"Ms. Sommariva cares about her students and puts a lot of time and care into teaching and that shows in class."



Libby Connors

"Kramer has a unique way of making every day an adventure... one Cheez-it at a time."



Megan Severance

"Ms. Cantwell-Jones definitely cares about the students she works with and is enthusiastic about her job. She is a big help for anything!"



Sarah Campbell

"I had Ms. Boehmcke for forensics and she was always very approachable and willing to help. I will miss her cheery personality."

Lakeside Voice Student Choice Awards

by Benjamin Shepherd

TV CHANNEL: ESPN
 TV SHOW: SportsCenter
 COLOR: Blue
 ACTOR: Leonardo DiCaprio
 ACTRESS: Jennifer Aniston
 HORROR: Insidious
 ACTION: The Avengers
 COMEDY: Step Brothers
 RADIO STATION: Triple X
 ROCK: AC/DC
 R&B: Chris Brown
 RAP: Eminem
 POP: Taylor Swift
 METAL: Metallica
 COUNTRY: Florida-Georgia Line
 FOOD: Steak
 DRINK: Iced Tea
 SEASON: Summer
 GUYS' CLOTHES: Ralph Lauren

VACATION: Florida
 FEMALE ATHLETE: Misty May Trainor
 CANDY: Sour Patch Kids
 MALE ATHLETE: Tom Brady
 INSTRUMENT: Guitar
 PHONE BRAND: Apple (iPhone)
 SHOE BRAND: Nike



Photo by Ben Shepherd

Senior Alex Corrigan enjoys a bag of Colchester High School's winning candy, Sour Patch Kids.

BOOK: Percy Jackson Series
 SCHOOL SUBJECT: History
 CAR BRAND: Ford
 YouTube CHANNEL: Dude Perfect
 LOCAL RESTAURANT: Buffalo Wild Wings
 ICE CREAM FLAVOR: Vanilla
 ANIMAL: Dog
 HOLIDAY: Christmas
 SPORT: Football
 SUPER HERO: Batman
 SOCIAL NETWORK: Twitter
 VIDEO GAME: FIFA
 DISNEY MOVIE: Lion King
 WOMEN'S CLOTHING STORE: Victoria's Secret
 NUMBER(s): 15, 4
 SUMMER ACTIVITY: Swimming
 MOBILE APP: Snapchat

Summer festivals and concert tours

by Erin Somerville

The end of the school year is upon us, and we all know that means one thing: summer! Aside from fun in the sun, this includes concert and festival season. This summer is bringing lots of entertainment to the stages around the Chittenden County area, starting with Wilco's Solid Sound Festival. This happens June 26-28, and the advance three-day pass is \$149.

On July 12, don't miss "Weird Al" Yankovic at the Flynn Theatre, with doors opening at 7:00 and the show starting at 8:00. Tickets range from \$39.50-\$79.50. On July 14, Dirty Heads is at Higher Ground, with doors open at 8:00 and the show starting at 9:00. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$27 at the door.

Sunday, July 19, Neil Young + Promise of the Real are coming to the Champlain Valley Expo. Show starts at 7:30, and tickets can be purchased online for: \$79, \$62, and \$39 for the Bleachers.

The Old Crow Medicine Show will be hitting the Ben & Jerry's Concerts on The Green on July 25. Show starts at 6:30, with tickets being available online at \$37 in advance, rising up to

\$41 on the day of the show. This event is all ages, with children 12 and under being free. This band has toured with Mumford and Sons, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros in 2011 on the Railroad Revival Tour.

On July 30, The Decemberists and Lady Lamb will also be coming to Ben & Jerry's Concerts on The Green this year, with tickets \$46. The band will be giving \$1 from each ticket sale to a charity of their choice, and children 12 and under get in for free. The show starts at 7:00.

The summer also brings along the most anticipated event in Chittenden County: The Champlain Valley Fair! This year's entertainment consists of three artists (so far). On September 4, Meghan Trainor will be coming to the Coca-Cola Grandstand! The show starts at 7:00, and ticket prices range from \$58.50-\$32.25. Jake Owens will also be making an appearance at the grandstand on August 28. The show will start at 7:00 and ticket prices range from \$63.75-\$32.25. Little Big Town will be here on September 6, with the show starting at 7:00 and tickets range from \$63.75-\$32.25.

Model UN equals great time

by Benjamin Shepherd

On May 11th, students in the International Politics and the United Nations course went on a trip to the University of Southern Maine for a Model United Nations conference held at the University. Model United Nations is a worldwide event that features both high school and college students solving the world's real problems in a mock United Nations. Each conference has different committees, similar to the real UN's, including Security Council, Special Session on Child Soldiers, and World Health Agency.

The Southern Maine conference is the largest Model UN session in all of New England, with over 600 high school and 100 middle school students attending this year.

Nineteen students from Colchester went including senior Sophie Singer, "I liked it,

we got to meet new people. We got to work together, and see how people who had never met worked out their problems. We (France) solved all of our problems and the resolution I sponsored along with USA, Turkey, China, Argentina, Ireland, Ivory Coast; was the only one that passed for my committee."

Every delegation needs a leader; and the Colchester High School delegation was led by a very enthusiastic Mr. Price, "I believe that Model UN is an experience that students can use to clear up some very complex issues in our world... our world is a very complex one and I am just trying to make everything just a bit simpler for everyone. Each student tried very hard, and I feel like with more practice we can take home many more awards next year... There could be a club in the near future and I do think that I will have two, not one, Model UN/International Politics classes next year. I am already looking forward to traveling again."

Water bottle Wednesday

by Alexander Little

The Green Team, the Foods Class and Ms. Laquerre started a new project this year. The name of this project was Water Bottle Wednesday. The purpose of water bottle Wednesday was to Reduce Plastic Waste at Colchester High School.

According to Ms. Laquerre, during the October Trash on the Floor collection, "177 single use water bottles and 80 flavored single use water bottles" were counted. That was just for one day. If it's figured for 176 school days, that would be over 45,000 single use water bottles used at CHS. After seeing these numbers, these dedicated students decided something had to be done to lower the number of single use water bottles that were being used.

People have been bringing their own bottles in or they could purchase a bottle during lunches on Wednesdays. If they answered a trivia question correctly, the cost was a little cheaper (\$4.00 vs \$5.00). The group sold about 300 reusable water bottles so far this year. A large poster in the lunchroom showed a scale of how many people (including faculty, staff and students) were using reusable water bottles.

With this new program, there was a large influx of reusable water bottles in the school. They came in many sizes and

shapes: tall, short, wide, and many colors. Some had just plain water in them while others have been a bit more exotic and adding different kinds of fruits.

Next year, the group would like to start the program at the beginning of the year. To jump start it, they will give reusable water bottles to all of the incoming freshman at Smart Start in the fall.



photo by Alexander Little

A sampling of the many reusable water bottles seen since Water Bottle Wednesday began.

Every single Colchester student that traveled to Maine tried very hard, though Colchester's lone award went to Amil Srna for his work representing Serbia in the General Assembly.

To prepare for this monumental trip, each student took almost a month to prepare their views on each student's respective topic doing a research project on their country and a lengthy position paper.

The delegates that represented Colchester were assigned to five nations: France, Eritrea, Uruguay, Turkey, and Serbia. All but one of the committees had a bit of Colch-

ester infused into it and every delegate performed wonderfully.

Talks are being started between a few students who went on this trip, Mr. Price, and the administration, to turn this one trip class, into a full year club that might even go to more conferences in order to better position us for awards.

Students interested in attending next year's Model UN conference contact Mr. Price or any guidance counselor to sign up for International Politics next year.

by Megan Severance

Tattoos have taken storm, and have become increasingly popular the past few years among young adults. More and more students show up with meaningful pieces of art inked into their skin.

For most people they have been thinking about getting a tattoo for a couple years, and have finally decided that it means enough in their life to get one. Tattoos have stories behind them, whether it be something to do with family or events that have made a permanent mark on their lives throughout high school.

In the senior class most of the tattoos being seen have family meaning. Something that their parents have called them while they were growing up, or a symbol that reoccurred throughout their childhood. For others it is something that they have been involved in throughout the years that has left an indelible mark on them, something they will never forget as they grow into the adults.

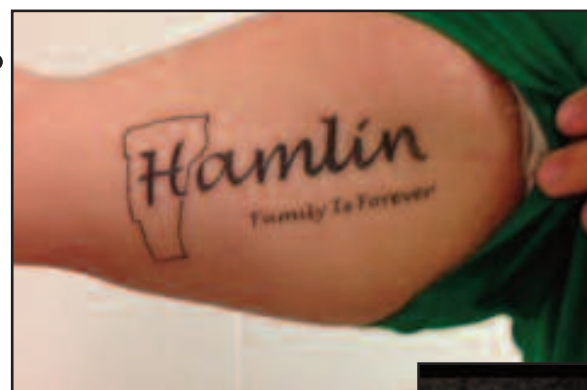
Tattoos are also a part of self expression. While we are becoming adults and going through a rapid change in most of the things in our lives, we want to be unique and try to create new boundaries.



Senior Tierra Myers shows off her two new tattoos.

RAT-A-TAT-TAT

"I picked it because it has to represent something that you love, so I picked my family because they mean the world to me." -Bobby Hamlin



"My tattoo to me means, family. Since I was a little girl my brothers and parents have always called me Louie. To me that means more than a tattoo that simply says 'family'." -Alexa Eddy



"I wanted my first tattoo to have something to do with the United States. Hardest part for me was trying to figure out how to incorporate my life into the American flag. I've been involved with Fire-fighting and Rescue throughout high school; the red stripe in the center represents the symbol for the brothers and sisters that make up the fire services."- Tyler Cootware

FEATURES

Senior quotes, memories, and some bits of advice

Brian Masson
 Q- "You die a little bit each day, that is why you have to live each day to the fullest." - Anonymous
 M- Playing varsity football
 A- Do everything to the best of your ability. Because it's not what you do that makes you a better person, it's what you get out of it.

Sophia Simkins
 A- Do not procrastinate. Plan your time well so your work is better and you don't get stressed out.

Julia Bessy
 Q- "Quality work takes time." - Mrs. Bryan
 M- Hanging out with friends during study hall and going to NYPO
 A- Take high school seriously. Do your work and do it well. But also have a little fun.

Erin Somerville
 Q- "You can buy a house, but home is where people love you. Don't forget that." - Burnie Burns
 M- Freshman year during Sweeney Todd, I ran into a mailbox. They are still after me.
 A- Don't wait to do things. Just go for it; you will miss out on the best parts of life if you wait.

Reid Atwood
 Q- "Reid, are you going to control the Shaw's empire someday?" - Everyone
 M- Pouring water and dumping random food into Luke Chamberlain's chemistry folder during study hall.
 A- Hang out with friends as much as possible and get involved in things.

Emily Somerville
 M- Study hall with my friends
 A- Get started with college stuff early. Just go for it and be nice to the librarian, janitors, and lunch ladies.

Corinne Colgrove
 Q- "Reach for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars." - Unknown
 M- Freshman year I made up stories about my friends and incorporated fairy tales into them.
 A- Never give up. Keep persevering because everything will get better, I promise.

Mark Gauthier
 M- Football and soccer games
 A- Senior year matters. D's get degrees but not jobs.

Caroline Claremont
 Q- "Don't waste your time worrying about what other people are thinking about you, because they aren't." - Mr. Lang
 M- Football and soccer games
 A- Do not forget to wear sunscreen! (from past experiences)

Sophie Singer
 Q- "If you dream it, you can do it." - Walt Disney
 M- The New York City music trip during my junior year, and getting to spend time with my friends
 A- Get your college stuff done early. It looks good to colleges and makes you less stressed.

Meghan Meyers
 Q- "Life is like a coin, you can spend it any way you want, but you can only spend it once." - Unknown
 M- Winning variety night... twice!!!
 A- Use spell check

Clayton Ellwood
 Q- "I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant. It is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are." - Mewtwo
 M- Becoming the Wizard of Oz
 A- Don't trust anyone, they'll end up putting in a small box with a fog machine.

Sarah Campbell
 Q- "You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough." - Frank Crane

Football games
 A- Save up your absences for the end of the year, you'll need them.

Chelsea Wimble
 Q- "Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible." - Audrey Hepburn
 M- Faculty flash mob dance thing
 A- Make the best out of everything throughout high school, it goes by way too fast.

Megan Severance
 Q- "There is nothing more beautiful than the way the ocean refuses to stop kissing the shoreline, no matter how many times it is sent away." - Sarah Kay

Michael Chambers
 Q- "To infinity and beyond." - Buzz Lightyear
 M- Playing tennis all four years of high school
 A- Apply to colleges early

Rexy Vachereau
 Q- "You can not be that kid standing at the top of the water slide, over-thinking it. You have to go down the chute." - Tina Fey
 M- Getting to experience New York City for the first time with the concert band. Not only did we get to play on the USS Intrepid, but we got to explore the city, see a Broadway show, and be with our friends while experiencing what a big city has to offer.
 A- Do not let procrastination get the best of you. Keep chugging along and doing your best, and eventually you will get there.

Brooke Walton
 Q- "You got to keep on keepin' on" - Joe Dirt
 A- Prove to all who have doubted you, that you can achieve what you desire.

Alex Corrigan
 Q- "If you are not first, you are last." - Unknown
 M- Winning the lacrosse championship in 2013
 A- For guys; you do not want to pee in the middle toilets

Libby Connors
 Q- "Always tell the truth." - A 92 year old lady
 M- All the times I have spent in my second home... the theater booth
 A- If you want that second piece of pie, eat it.

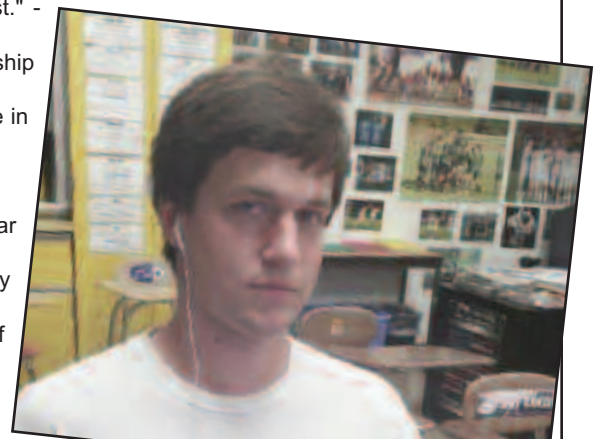
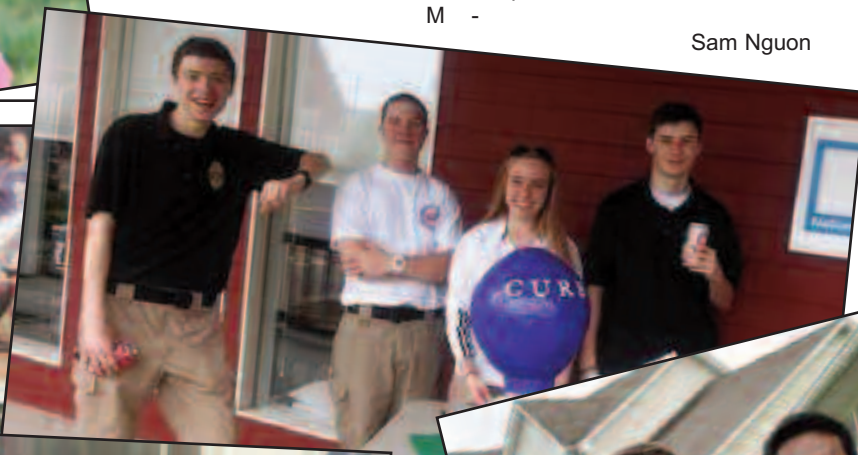
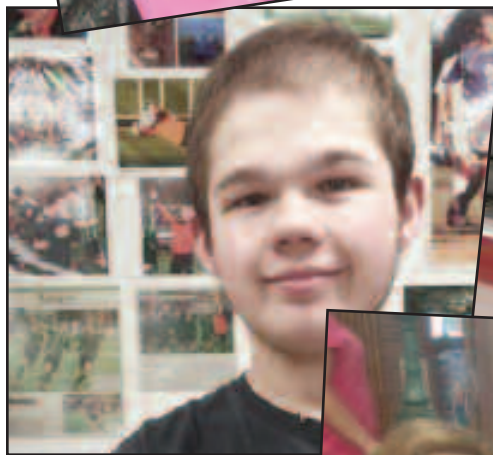
Q- "It does not matter if you get knocked down, it's whether or not you get back up." - Vince Lombardi
 M- Every moment of Laker football
 A- Never let the workload get to your head, just keep calm and stay focused. You can do it.

Allison Pilcher
 Q- "You can never be overdressed or over educated." - Oscar Wilde
 M- There are way too many!
 A- Get involved, and try something outside your comfort zone

Janice Wood
 Q- "Monday would like you to leave it alone. It is not its fault that you are emotionally unprepared for your professional lives." - Unknown
 A- Pay attention to the calendars and deadlines

Sam Gordon
 Q- "Treat yo self." - Aziz Ansari
 M- Getting coffee after school with Erin Somerville and Michael Doucette.

Poll conducted by Sophie Singer and Erin Somerville



M -

Sam Nguon

Creative minds from MBS to CHS



Photo by Dakota Gorkun

Native American inspired fish art on wood created by middle school students.



Photo by Dakota Gorkun

Pottery work by Colchester High School students.



Photo by Dakota Gorkun

Middle school students created some of their favorite cartoon characters in a cubist style of painting.



Photo by Dakota Gorkun

Artwork display of AP art students Brennan Fitzpatrick and Peri Kate Navarro.



Photo by Dakota Gorkun

Student artwork from painting classes at CHS.

FEATURES

Future in focus

by Alexa Eddy

The following seniors recently shared their plans for next year with The Lakeside Voice.

- Tierra Myers - University of New Hampshire
- Quinn O'Reilly - Marines
- Grant Cummings - Castleton State College
- Tyler Cootware - University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Aleksa Jenkins - Thomas College
- Taylor Vuley - LNA
- Timothy Lewis - Gap year
- Sophie Joyce - College (Undecided)
- Gabrielle Rancoud-Guillon - University of Vermont
- Alison Davis - University of Delaware
- Brittany Isabelle - Castleton State College
- Pascal Bechade - University of Vermont
- Hytham Mohammed - University of Santa Cruz
- Cody Turner - Army
- Justin Ricker - California to play music
- Brandon Arel - Nichols College
- Anthony Tabet - University of Vermont
- Reid Atwood - Community College of Vermont/Transfer into University of Vermont
- Dakota Gorkun - Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Michael Granai - Wright State University
- Adnan Pasic - Community College of

- Vermont
- Erin Sommerville - University of Valley Forge
- Kyle Michel - University of Vermont
- Sam Rancoud-Guillon - University of Vermont
- Mirella Poljak - University of Vermont
- Harrison Holmes - Johnson State
- Alex Corrigan - Community College of Vermont
- Cady Dubuque - University of New England
- Hannah Echo - Providence College
- Jack Young - University of Tampa
- Maggie McNeil - St. Anselm College
- Austin Simeck - Quest University
- Tom Condon - Syracuse University
- Brennan Fitzpatrick - Montana State University
- Ian Griffith - Merrimack College
- Rexy Vachereau - Syracuse University
- Luke Chamberlin - University of Vermont
- Alexa Eddy - Curry College
- Bryan Thompson - Navy
- Jen McNall - Bryant University
- Katie Matthews - University of Vermont
- Haley Mock - Roger Williams University
- Megan Serverance - St. Michaels College
- Mark Gauthier - University of Vermont
- Jared Antoniak - Castleton State College
- Mikayla Racine - Castleton State College
- Alex Richard - University of Southern Maine
- Alex Barrett - University of Maryland
- Ben Seaman - Clarkson University
- Sarah Campbell - University of Delaware
- Annie Meadows - Berklee College
- Steven Sonntag - Dean College
- Jared Rylant - Bridge Water State



Left to Right: Gabrielle Rancoud-Guillon, Pascal Bechade, Miranda Scoresome

Officer Kendrew takes over

by Megan Severance

Officer Kendrew is the new police officer that many at CHS have seen roaming the halls keeping us safe. He replaced Officer Hull who had been in our school for a while. He is in our school as well as in all five schools in the Colchester School District.

While he is here, there are a variety of issues he deals with each day. He is here for safety as well as making things better; he does problem solving with home life, relationship issues, and issues outside of the school atmosphere. For the most part he goes with the flow and takes the day as it come based on where he is needed.

He says that coming from the road to the schools, he is still very busy, if not more busy. On the road he says was a different type of busy, he has never had the opportunity to be in a school except for a DARE class once when he was just



Lakeside Voice Staff Photo

Student Resource Officer Kendrew completes his first year at CHS.

starting in law enforcement. He is now in all of the schools, he teaches DARE classes in the other schools and gets to see all of the students throughout the week.

The one piece of advice that he has is, "As much as it sucks, try hard in school". He says this because everyone needs an education for the things

outside of high school or even while in school. Going into the real world people don't want to be behind the eight ball, you need educational background to go pretty much anywhere in this world, especially with the job market the way it is today.

Students of the Month

October - Green Club: Cassandra Labonte, Allison Pilcher and Sophia Simkins

Communicating School Change: Cynthia Alers-Rodrigues, Angus Doherty, Sawyer Loftus and Mikayla Wallis

AT Vision & Implementation Process: Tom Condon, Tim Lewis, Nigel Sarrazin and Austin Simeck

December - World Language, ESL and Exchange Students

ESL: Dorcas Lohese

Exchange Students: Iraty Anabitarte, Pirmin Messow and Cloe Soler-My

World Language: Spanish I-Haley Lathrop-Johnson, Spanish II-Reisha Grant, Spanish III-Erin Horton, Spanish IV-Danielle Whitham and Ellen Rathe, French II-Duy Pham, French III, Rachel Gervais, French IV- Gabrielle and Samuel Rancoud-Guillon

February - Excellence in Writing: Jordan DeMatteis, Sierra Gorkun, Rachel Scibek and Mason Thackara

Debate: Brendan Adamczyk, Emily Bryant, Coleman Crady, Sarah Mendl, Corinna Pilcher and Nick Schramm

Forensics: Julia Bessy and Nathan Crammond

March - Math, Science and Technology

Math: Savannah Goodreau, Patrick McHugh, Courtney Phelps, Hannah Rogers and Elysia Way

Science: Andrew Lynch, Katina Messier, Anya Olmstead-Posey, Isaac Racine and Robert Chase

Service to the School: Chelsea Wimble

Technology: Jacob Hesford

April - Band & Chorus

Band: Emily Carter, Tom Condon, Nikoli Holly, Ellis Igneri, Maddy Powell, Connor Zwonik

Chorus: Isabella Bertoni, Jimmy Collins, Audrey Houle, Paige Russell, Erin Somerville, Hannah Spence

May - Art and Drama

Art: Alicia Tebeau-Sherry, Savannah Tebeau-Sherry, TJ Brown, Sergei Sonntag, Taylor Harris, Peri Kate Navarro, Corinne Colgrove and Dakota Gorkun

Drama: Clayton Ellwood, Seth Marak, Katelyn Schnabel and Janice Wood

Laker Sports

Baseball among the state's best

by Sarah Campbell

Ending the regular season with a record of 14-2, the Lakers closed out their season looking promising as playoffs closed in.

As the Playoffs began they earned the number Ranked three seed from the Vermont Principal's Association (VPA) in Division I baseball.

The Lakers had a strong team this season returning to the diamond with ten seniors, eight juniors and a single sophomore. Led by head coach Tom Perry, assisted by Ryan Ohara and Jeff Barton, the Lakers started off the season strong, defeating Missisquoi (4-3), Harwood (10-3), Mt.Abe (18-5), MMU (9-3), Vergennes (22-2), and Spaulding (10-2). The six consecutive game winning streak was

cut short by a one run game against South Burlington (4-3). After winning one and losing another, the Lakers ended their regular season with impressive wins against Essex, and rival Rice.

When asked about the season, Senior Tyler Cootware responded "Well, we got off to a really good start and our bats were incredible all season. I'm looking forward to playoffs and I think we've got a good shot this year."

The Lakers opened up their 2015 playoff run beating visiting Spaulding in the Playdown round, and met Burlington in a home game in the Quarterfinal round. The Lakers were favored to advance to the Semi's against the winner of the Rice, St. Johnsbury match up.



photo by Paul Lamontagne

Senior Tyler Cootware bunts a ball pitched during the Lakers 9-3 victory over MMU.

Boys' lax finish season

by Alex Corrigan

After starting the season off 3-0, the Lakers went on a slight five game skid and hoped to bounce back and get a winning streak again and did so after their game against Mount Mansfield Union high school. The Lakers broke their slight five game skid winning that game with a score of 13-8. The Lakers record improved to 4-5 after the MMU game and they went 2-3 in their final five games to end the sea-

son with a 6-8 record, in a season that was been a roller-coaster season.

Junior Dakota Navari said, "We are hanging in there".

The Lakers proved to be a formidable opponent in most of their games and found themselves in a rebuilding stage.

With a lot of young talent that will most certainly blossom in the future.

The Lakers earned the number nine seed in the playoffs and were defeated in a tough contest matching up against the number eight seed Woostock.

Tennis teams strong in numbers

by Lakeside Voice Staff

Both the Laker tennis teams saw a growth in the sport this season and a re-energized focus to the game.

The girls' team under Head Coach, Mark Ellingson featured the largest turnout in the team's history and laid the foundation for its popularity and continual growth in the upcoming years.

They ended the regular season with an even and respectable record of 7-7 and gained the number ten seed in

the DI tournament matching up and falling against the number seven seed, Rice in the first round.

The boys' team ended their regular season with a 3-11 record and missed out on a tournament berth this year. Their record is not indicative of the competitive matches they played throughout the season.

Both teams have promising futures in the next few years with the youth and talent coming up through the ranks.

Ultimate tosses a successful season

by Sarah Campbell

Different from other sports, Ultimate games can be ended in two ways- when one team achieves a score of 15 points or after the set 80 minutes of play elapses. There are no referees for the games either, the players call their own fouls as they see them.

According to senior Jack Young, "Ultimate is a lot of self officiating in the terms of if you think that there was a penalty, the opposing team can contest it and if they contest it, it goes back to the play that just happened. Ultimate is different in the sense that it's more laid back and they let things go. I played football for 10 years or so, and I like a lot of contact in most of my sports. When I played ultimate their was a big change from all that physicality to almost nothing. Its definitely a different atmosphere."

As the second season of Ultimate Frisbee got underway, the Lakers came out strong and successful. The Lakers began their season with the Capital City Classic going 4-1 during the tournament. With the start of regular season

games, the Lakers, or Tossers as they are known, defeated Rice and Middlebury. With a record of 2-0 under their belt, the Lakers traveled to Williston to compete in the Championships Tournament coming out with two

wins as well as two losses.

Later on in the season, the Lakers defeated CVU, Burlington, and South Burlington, losing only once to BFA Fairfax.

When asked about the Ultimate season, Senior Noah Robinson responded, "We're consistently were one of the top three teams in the state which is really impressive; I'm very proud of the kids. We're did very well, everyone had lots of fun."

The Ultimate team concluded their season on May 30th as one of the final four teams in the Vermont State Ultimate Championships. They were the third seed and lost a tough battle to the eventual Champion, Montpelier 13-11. The team ended with a final record of 14-4.



Photo by Paul Lamontagne, VT Sports Images

Ultimate Frisbee members completed a season as one of VT's best.

Lakers follow road to victory

by Sarah Campbell

With the loss of three graduating seniors last year, this year's Varsity softball team has featured an extremely talented mixture of both veterans and new members. The composition of the team- three freshmen, one sophomore, four juniors, and four seniors- proved to be a powerful combination with an impressive season record of 14-3, one of the best regular season records in the program's history. As an example of their talent at all levels, leading the team in runs scored for most of the season were Junior Savannah Goodreau, Senior Brittany Isabelle, Junior Danielle Whitham and Freshman Alli Sheets. Lead by Coach Goetz and Coach Sommariva, the Lakers started out the season on a high note winning a close game against Misisquoi by one run. After a Postponed game and a loss against Mt.Abe (15-8), the Lakers came back even stronger crushing both Ver-

gennes (16-5) and Spaulding (15-0). After Colchester's 8-5 win over St.Johnsbury, Junior Danielle Whitham was asked about this season's success as well as upcoming games; "Our season is going well; we have a strong group of girls with a lot of team chemistry. We play well together and that's what we need. We're currently 5-2 and we have a lot of potential for the rest of the season. There's some tough games coming up but if we stay focused we can come out on top". That statement proved true as the team went 9-1 the rest of the season. Most impressive was a 10-0 win over the previously undefeated Essex Hornets which set the Lakers in the right direction going into the playoffs as the number three seed. In the first round they hosted Burr and Burton and were victorious sending them into the Quarterfinals against Mount Mansfield on June 4. The girls last won a State Championship in 1993.



Photo by Roger Nadeau

The Lakers celebrate their recent 10-0 victory over Essex.

Girls' lacrosse in building mode

by Lakeside Voice Staff

After building a program for several years at the club and JV level, last year the girls' lacrosse program took the big step into varsity status. This year marked their second year playing as a Division II team as their program continues to build. Although they played as a Division II team, many of their opponents they faced were Division I teams, and teams that have a lot of years experience and talent. From playing those teams, the girls hoped to build their own experience and talent to continually get better and more competitive in the next few years. From the beginning of the season until the end, the girls showed improvement and resiliency going up against some of the toughest competition in the area. Toward the end of the season their con-

tests were very intense and spectators could notice the improvement they had gained this spring. Although their season record of 0-14 didn't show anything in the win column, they certainly came very close to approaching their first win in many games. It is only a matter of time before the girls' lacrosse program is going to be one of the best. With many youth players now taking up the sport, those players will soon be making their way to the high school ranks. Senior Ali Davis said, "This season was full of ups and downs, but every moment of the season was a learning experience which is crucial for the girls that have just started because they will be able to take the program farther in future years." The Lakers went into the playoffs as the number ten seed and came very close to upsetting the number seven seed, Harwood, losing a tough battle 11-7.

Track focuses on final meets

by Lakeside Voice Staff

The track team, like all spring sports, begin the season in March where each day brings different weather; often snow and cold rain early on then warm days toward the end. With the inconsistency in the weather, training for track athletes can also be affected. All coaches look for their athletes to eventually get the training in so that by the final qualifying meets and State Meet, they are peaking at the right time. That was the case this season. On the boys' side, Senior Kevin Desmond lead the way as the defending indoor and outdoor Triple Jump State Champion and as one of the top seeds

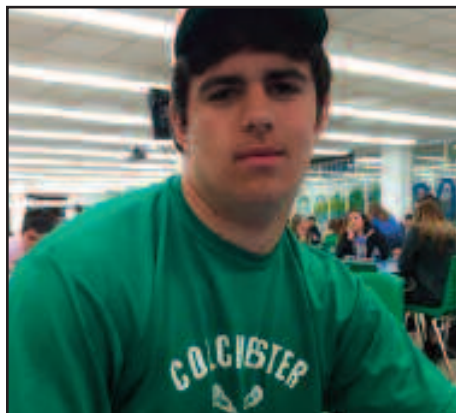
for the State and New England competition. Desmond also will graduate holding the CHS school record for the Triple Jump, 42' 4". On the girls' side, sophomore Amber Sicard lead the way earning the number one seed in the Vermont Division I State Meet with a time of 16.74 in the 100 Meter Hurdles. This season also marked the last one for long time coach, Zach Kramer. He will be moving to Oregon this summer and be teaching there in the fall. Coach Kramer has been instrumental in keeping the CHS track program a competitive one in Division I, producing several state champions in his tenure.

"A lot of individuals improved as the season went on."
-Coach Kramer

Laker Fall Preview

Next year is going to be a year all about rebuilding teams and team bonds. With a bunch of seniors graduating this year, it's going to be up to next year's seniors to be strong and show all the new players what the sports are all about. We wish all fall sports next year the best of luck and we know you'll make CHS proud!

Football



We are going to be a fairly good team, but we are going to have to make up for loosing so many seniors. It should be an interesting year.
-Ben Shepherd

Field Hockey



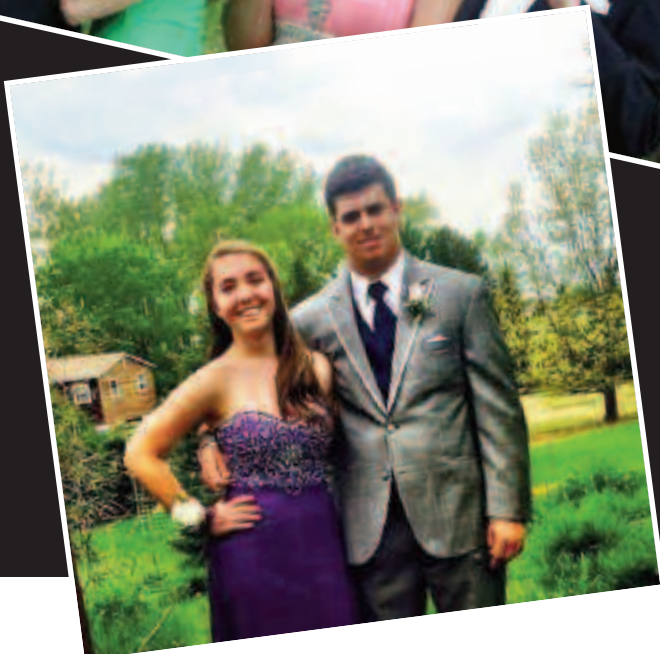
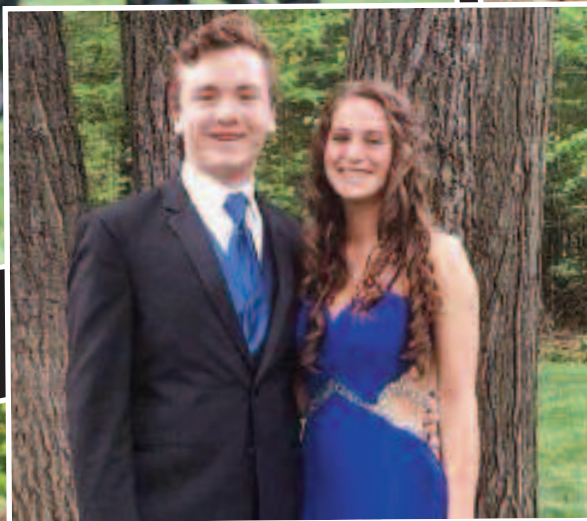
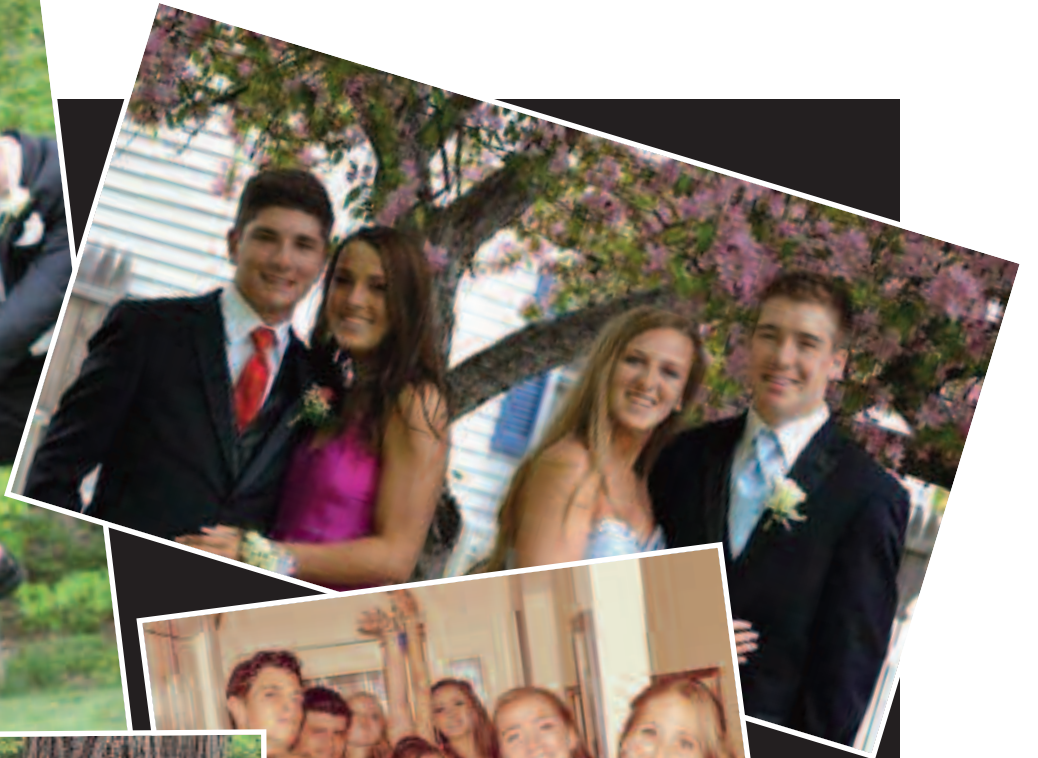
We are getting a new coach so this coming season it's going to be all about building back up that strong bond with the coach and the team.
- Taylor Losier

Boys' Soccer



I'm hopeful for next year because we lost a lot of seniors this year, and still held our own. We can do the same next year.
-Chris Zamarippa

Prom Moments



Prom Night 2015

by Angus Doherty

The 2015 Prom was held on Saturday, May 16th from 7:30 to 11:00pm at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington. Almost 300 tickets were sold for the May 5th event for \$40, a \$5 increase from the previous year. Though it ran a high bill, most students would say they were glad they attended, since the night was definitely one to remember.

As always, the CHS students looked amazing as they danced to their heart's content. Music and the photo booth were provided by Super Sounds. It was also a safe night, thanks to the Colchester Police and the teacher chaperones who bravely and selflessly spent their Saturday night with Colchester's young adults. The official prom photographer was Paul Lamontagne.

Hopefully, every Laker will remember their experience at prom this year as a good one, especially for the seniors who made this their last.