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Spaghetti, quesadillas, and microwavable meals had been the standard dinner menu for Rachel Oestreicher ’16. When she first moved into her apartment in CHCRC, meals were limited... Read More

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Students planted 500 daffodil bulbs throughout the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community on Saturday, Oct. 15. For the participants, the weekend gardening project... Read More

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