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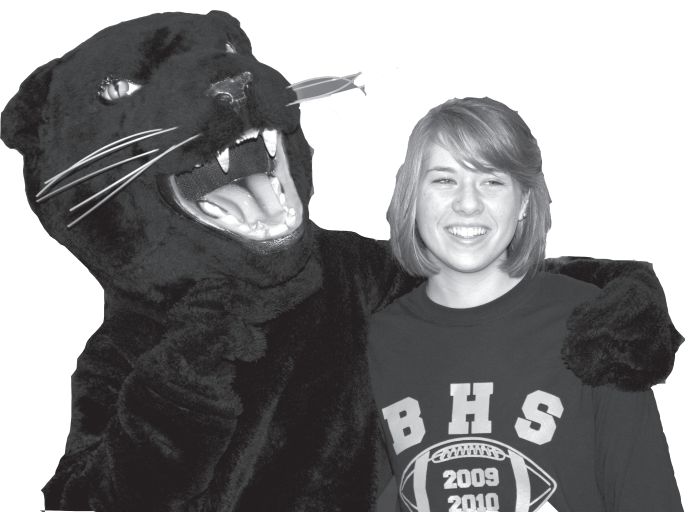
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Panther Pride

paraded the halls as famous celebrities and the Seniors had college day, wearing T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Sweatpants representing a college.

As always, the day of the pep rally was Panther Pride Day, when students and teachers represented BHS in “Crazy Black & Orange.” While some wore just a black T-shirt or a Beverly sweatshirt, others showed how much pride they had with leggings, sweatshirts, paw prints on their faces, and old sports clothes.

Beverly High School continued the hallway decoration contest during spirit week. A group of teachers judged each class’ hallway. Students stayed for hours after school on Tuesday to decorate the halls to be prepared for the contest on Wednesday.

Showing their spirit and determination, the Junior class won with a Las Vegas theme, for

their second year in a row. The Freshman decorated their hall with a beach theme, the Sophomores with a wild west theme, and the Seniors with a circus theme, which included a popcorn machine.

Ending spirit week on a good note, students and faculty attended the BHS pep rally. The cheerleaders showed everyone their competition routine while the senior football and cheering moms had a pasta party skit. The male powder-puff cheerleaders were a big hit, showing off their dance routine from the game.

The senior class won the screaming contest and the relay race with the Juniors not far behind. As for the tug of war, the freshman class were the winning students, but lost against the chosen faculty.

The BHS spirit week and pep rally always show the great amount of pride the faculty and students have in their school, and proved helpful as the Panthers beat Salem in the 111th game of the Thanksgiving rivalry.

Winter Sports Preview

Wrestling

Coaches: Mark Thomas, Coach Jones
Captains: Justin Lehman, Kurt Stallsmith
Previous Record: NEC Champs
First Match: Dec. 12, 2009
Returning Seniors: Justin Lehman, Kurt Stallsmith, Kyle Brady, Byron Lopez, Therich Roc, Nate Webber, and Jake Petronzio
Player to Watch: Joe Wioncek ‘11

Hockey

Coaches: Bob Gilligan,
Captains: Tyler Albano, Ryan Gilligan, Jack Liacos
Previous Record: 7-13
First Game: Dec. 16, 2009
Returning Seniors: Tyler Albano, Ryan Gilligan, Jack Liacos, Bryan Spencer, CJ Cacciatore, Eben Crawford, Ty Lange, Ryan Lally, and Brendan Crowley
Player to Watch: Johnny Page ‘12

Boys Track

Coaches: Nelson Desilverster, Coach Chandler
Captains: Ryan Flannery, Kipp Stanley
Previous Record: 6-1
First Event: Dec. 10, 2009
Returning Seniors: Randy Jones, Ryan Flannery, Kipp Stanley, Mike Binugli, and Eric O’Neil
Player to Watch: George Louis ‘11

Boys Basketball

Coach: Scott Lewis
Captains: Curtis Manuel, Mike Clayton
Previous Record: 13-9
First Game: Dec. 15, 2009 at Lynn Eng
Returning Seniors: Curtis Manuel, Justin Marrs, Mike Clayton, Felix Zamot, Chris Mooney, Mark Hannable
Player to Watch: George Kallas ‘11

Girls Basketball Cheerleading

Coach: Danielle Roback
Captains: To Be Announced
Previous Record: 4th @ NEC, 6th @ Regionals, 10th @ States
First Appearance: Dec. 18, 2009
Returning Seniors: Lindsey McLaughlin, Kaitlyn Arzu, Nikki Putur, Ariana Lurvey, Elizabeth Walsh, Bridget Leahy, Krystina Spirdigliozzi

Gymnastics

Coach: Lauryn Ginsburg
Captains: Laura Crowell, Erica Johnston
Previous Record: 3-6
First Event: January 4, 2010
Returning Seniors: Laura Crowell, Erica Johnston
Players to Watch: Megan Harty ‘11, Courtney Hannable ‘12

Swimming & Diving

Coach: Tim Curran
Captains: Hannah Lubris, Mary Brennan, Abby Curran, Kevin Ranta, Olivia Wilson
Previous Record: 7-1
First Meet: Dec. 10, 2009
Returning Seniors: Hannah Lubris, Mary Brennan, Abby Curran, Kevin Ranta, Olivia Wilson, Sandra Murphey, Tiffany Grasso, Shannon Rogers, Kim Forsburg, Noshin Rashid, Zach Kemmer, Kyle Johnston, Jenna Cecil, Kim Ballou, Liz Zarkades, Jocelyn Robichaud, Robbie Dyer, Regan Imperiali
Player to Watch: Carolyn Hall ‘11

Girls Track

Coach: Dave Jellerson
Captains: Monica Adler, Brenna Bailey, Millie Chapman, Katie Tibbits
Previous Record: Undeclared
First Meet: Dec. 10, 2009
Returning Seniors: Monica Adler, Brenna Bailey, Millie Chapman, Katie Tibbits, Corynne Dedeo, Megan Bromley, Kate Mahoney, Heidi Bezemes, Lauren Lacy, Andrea Gougian
Members to Watch: Laura Handley ‘12, Wendi Marciano ‘12

Girls Basketball

Coach: Matt Smith
Captains: Annie Sinclair, Allie Murray, Jenn Gallione, Kayla Deady
Previous Record: 10-10
First Game: Dec. 15, 2009
Returning Seniors: Marina Babcock, Jenny Geary, Kayla Deady, Annie Sinclair, Allie Murray, Jenn Gallione, Kiki Mckenna, Katie Moriarty
Player to Watch: Jen Ashton ‘11

Girls Hockey

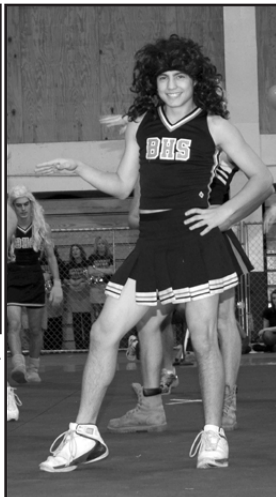
Coach: Fiona Rice, Jay Konaxis
Captains: Corey Konaxis, Katelyn Desimone, Brianna Jackson
Previous Record: 9-8-2
First Game: Dec. 14, 2009
Returning Seniors: Corey Konaxis
Player to Watch: Jenna Lovasco ‘12

Hockey Cheerleading

Coach: Brianna Deberardinis
Captains: Alyssa Cutler, Amelia Bodek, Lucie Stanton
Previous Record: 4th in NEC, 4th in State
First Appearance: Dec. 16, 2009
Returning Seniors: Amelia Bodek, Alyssa Cutler, Katie Avigian, Nichole Urbanski



Top: Panther (Andrea Gougian ‘10) and Meg Bolger ‘10. Above: The winning Faculty Tug-of-War team. Left: Justin Lehman ‘10 tells BHS to “put a ring on it.” Far Left: Football Seniors watch the festivities. Below: The moms perform their pasta party skit. Bottom: The Cheerleaders perform their competition routine. Bottom Left: The Seniors win the “screaming contest.”



BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Ms. Pilanen announced the try-out schedule for the spring musical, *Will Roger’s Follies*:

Auditions: December 15th in the band room after school

Callbacks: December 21st

Audition packets will be available in the music room next week. For any further questions see Ms. Pilanen.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Guidance Department has scheduled a financial aid night for parents and college bound seniors and juniors on **Tuesday December 8, 2009, from 7-9 pm in the BHS Library**. It will highlight the different types of financial aid, including the **CSS Profile** and **FAFSA**.

See *The Ledger* in color at bhsledger.wikispaces.com

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The National Honor Society announced the following seniors will be inducted into the BHS chapter:

**Colleen DeCourcey
Corynne Dedeo
Abbey Fleming
Jennifer Geary
Mallory Hall
Brian Holak
John Ingemi
Erica Johnston
Lia Kastrinakis
Jennifer Lanza**

They joined just in time to help with the NHS and Red Cross Blood Drive, which will be held tomorrow in the ROTC all-purpose room. Students over the age of 17 were allowed to sign up to donate, and 16-year-old students are allowed to donate after returning a parental release form.

The new NHS Inductees join the current NHS seniors in a myriad of fundraisers, including the recent candy sales and Red Sox Baseball raffle, in which profits went to the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

The new inductees will officially be members of the National Honor Society after the induction ceremony this May, where the select members of the junior class will also be accepted into this prestigious club. Inductees from the junior class will be announced this spring.

“Modern Warfare 2” a hit with gamers

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As all gamers know, this holiday season is great for new, highly anticipated games. “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” is among the most highly anticipated games of ‘09 and maybe of all time.

If players were fans of the first “Modern Warfare,” then they will certainly be pleased with this game.

With breath-taking graphics, intelligent AI, stunning and exciting levels, awesome characters, and easy to use controls, “Modern Warfare 2” is an amazing game. Continuing the story from the first game, there are many spectacular scenes in MW2.

Just like the first one, MW2 has many multi-player modes. For those who have X-Box live, you can play online with people from all over

the world, and if you don’t have live, you can always try out the new special-ops mode with a friend.

With new classes, perks, upgrades, equipment, challenges, and guns, the multiplayer has been greatly expanded. The system to unlock all of these new features is nearly identical to the first, with ranking up being the primary means of earning new things.

One of the complaints of MW2 is how difficult it is when compared to the first game. On the highest difficulty, it can be nearly impossible at some points in the story. If you thought the first one was too easy, then you will enjoy the difficulty level of MW2, but if you enjoyed the difficulty of MW, then this version may be a little too difficult.

With the improvements made to the story, characters, multiplayer mode, and equipment, MW2 is a game that is definitely worth buying, and fans of the first will enjoy it.