

Send the ship out to sea

BHS students petition against new logo; met with School Committee last night

U.S.S. Hannah, Beverly High is not your harbor

Kirsten Curreri ‘10

In response to the recent article about the new logo for Beverly, I as well as others are very disappointed and disagree with putting the U.S.S. Hannah picture in our main lobby as well as claim it to be our logo.

The article mentioned concern that the traditional panther only relates to Athletics and doesn't include the other students as well. This logo[U.S.S. Hannah] will only do the opposite of solving this problem. It will clearly distinguish the Athletic department from everyone else. Students strongly disagree because if anything we all have panther pride. Senior Curtis Manuel stated “The panther paw symbolizes school spirit. That’s what should be displayed because it has meaning.”

The panther has a strong role in Beverly High School. We have programs such as the Panthers Den which provides lunch for teachers made by the students and DECA created and sold t-shirts saying “Panthers Claw at Cancer” for a marketing project where proceeds went to a cancer fund. After the article was shown to Senior Nicole Cronin, she replied “The U.S.S. Hannah just doesn’t represent us. The panther has been a long going tradition and it doesn’t make sense to have two things representing us when one of them we don’t even like.”

The committee and Superintendent are looking to display something that has meaning to Beverly which is not what the students disagree with. It’s the fact that the U.S.S. Hannah has nothing to do with the school system or students

so it doesn’t belong in the new High School. This U.S.S. Hannah picture would be better suited in an Administrative building or Town Hall. Why waste \$35,000, which is around the salary for a teacher, on something that will have no meaning to us.

Elizabeth Walsh ‘10

The idea of this new BHS logo is ridiculous on many levels. First, the estimated cost of \$35,000 to create something that will be walked on is absurd. \$35,000 is the same amount as a teachers salary. Also, why go all the way to California for a design? There are plenty of talented artist around the North Shore. Monesratt, Rocky Neck Art Gallery, even the AP art students at Beverly High.

At least if someone form around here made the design it would have more meaning around it. One last thing is the assumption that the paw only represents athletes! That is completely foolish. If you were to walk into BHS any day of the week, especially Fridays - Panther Pride Day you would see the Panther Pride Beverly High School has. Teachers, Athletes, Musicians, artists any sporting the panther paw.

The panther paw is an easy representation of the panther. A panther is strong, proud, and courageous which represents Beverly High, and the rest of Beverly very well.

Is it a good thing?

Courtney Hannable ‘12

There has been a tremendous amount of student response to the new logo proposed to be in the new BHS.

Facebook groups have formed and many heated discussions have taken place since the article “Beverly High logo a nod to everyone, not just athlete” appeared in the Feb 11 issue of the *Salem Evening News*.

The general consensus seems to be that we are not the Beverly Schooners; we are the Beverly Panthers.

A school mascot does not unify just the athletes; it unifies the school as a whole. Why change something that has been in place for so long?

Many clubs and organizations, such as the Beverly High Marching Panther Band, use the panther logo. Our school slogan is “Panther pride.” Would our slogan then become schooner pride?

Why would we have two designs for one school? Can’t we just stick with the panther, the panther head, the panther paw print that everyone has identified since we left the old Briscoe building?

Panther unites school

Alison Hogan ‘12

For the new high school, Superintendent James Hayes has decided to change the school logo from the beloved Panther, to the Hannah, a vessel from the U.S. Navy. This has upset many of the students at BHS, mostly because we are loaded with Panther Pride. Although the Panther is not the "official" logo, we, the students feel it is. If it weren't for the panther, we wouldn't have Panthers Den, or the catchy but usable slogan "Panthers Claw at Cancer." The symbol of a panther obviously brings together the school, its not just based around our sports department. When it comes down to it: this is Beverly High School and we, are the Beverly Panthers.

Proud to be a Panther!

Sarah Flannagan ‘12

I have to say, as a member of the Sophmore Class at BHS, I am proud that we spoke out with our opinion about the new logo.

The Panther does not represent only the Athletic Department, but the school as a whole.

No student can say that they don’t feel some pride when they see the panther paw print.

A ship - even the Hannah - does not even compare and could not compare to the love the students and the community have for their panther.

Now whether or not the students spoke up in time to prevent the ship from being set into the floor, all I can say is that I am proud I had a voice because I feel as if I finally had a say in my school!

Had we been asked last year or the year before, I believe that the response would have been the same!

Why is the logo such a big issue?

Angelica Marciano ‘10

I find all the fuss about the new logo to be overblown. The fact that it will cost \$35,000 to do is an huge amount for something that will only be stepped on, but it’s just that. Isn’t the logo going to only be on the front

of the floor when you walk in?

I don’t understand all the anger. It isn’t as if it’s going to massively produce an overhaul of the system, is it? It’s just one logo on the floor. A big logo, but it’s one logo, nonetheless. While it should be something that is produced out of a consensus, I still don’t see it as the end of the world. Perhaps I’m missing something.



Run this town

BHS Winter Sports have impressive seasons

Winter Track goes the distance

Lauren Lacy ‘10

Girls Winter Track displayed yet another outstanding season, cruising into a 7-0 record and once again claiming the title of NEC Champs.

Senior Monica Adler captured the first spot in the mile at Division 2 States with a time of 4:58.61, both breaking her own previous school record and setting the meet record of 5:00.20 that was set in 1981 by Laurie Glynn of Winchester HS. Senior Millie Chapman one the two mile with a time of 11:16.64. Both will continue their season at All States.

Adler and Chapman, along with Senior Brenna Bailey and Sophmore Wendi Marciano won the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 9:46.65, and will advance to All-States. Beverly placed fourth overall in the meet.

Swimming into success

Abby Curran ‘10

The Swim Team had four girls qualify for States. Sophomore Riley LeBlanc swam the 200 medley relay, 200 free, 500 free, and 400 free relay; sophomore Kaitlyn O’Connor swam the 200 medley relay, 200 IM, 100 back, and 400 free relay; junior Carolyn Hall swam the 200 medley relay, 100 fly, 500 free, and 400 free relay; and senior Abby Curran swam the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay. Riley Leblanc placed 2nd in the 500 free. The Swim Team ended the season with a great record of 7 wins and 1 loss.

Wrestling has strong hold on NEC

NEC Team Champions for the 3rd straight year

NEC All Stars:

Jake Petronzio(103)
Justin Lehman(119)
Kurt Stallsmith(152)
Theritch Roc(189)
Renaldo Cuko(215)

CAL/NEC Tournament:

Team Finish-4th

Individual Placemen:

Jake Petronzio(103)-2nd
Justin Lehman(119)-2nd
Renaldo Cuko(215)-2nd
Theritch Roc(189)-3rd
Kurt Stallsmith(152)-4th

D II North Sectional Tournament

Team Finish-10th

Individual

Placemen:

Justin Lehman(119)-4th
Theritch Roc(189)-3rd
Renaldo Cuko(215)-4th
Andrew Cannata(285)-4th

Division II State Championships

Justin Lehman(119)-6th

Justin Lehman advances to the All State Championships

Girls Basketball

Jen Ashton ‘11

The BHS Girls Basketball Team went for a final record of 4-16. The team will lose 8 seniors: Captains Annie Sinclair, Jenn Gallione, Kayla Deady, and Allie Murray, as well as Katie Moriarty, Kiki McKenna, Marina Babcock, and Jenny Geary. Key returning players for next year include Jen Ashton, Rachel Willworth, Erin Silvestri, Ashley Chalifour, and Becca Moriarty. Strengths on the season include defensive skill and late season boxing out, but shooting was a debilitating weakness. The returners look for dedication in the offseason to improve strength, endurance and stamina for next winter in order to have a successful season and return to the state tourney.

Boys Basketball

On Monday night the BHS Boys Varsity Basketball season came to an end. The Panthers faced a very tough team from Reading, and they put up a very good fight. The game went into overtime and Beverly eventually fell, losing to a buzzer beating shot. The final score was 69-67.

Boys Hockey

The Boys Hockey Team faced a very talented Tewksbury team on Tuesday night in Woburn. After the first period the game was very close and exciting, and then things got a little out of hand. Beverly played great but they were no match for the size Tewksbury brought to the table. At the end of the game, the final score was 8-2, and the Panther’s season came to an end.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics team finished their season placing 9th at sectionals after being seeded 11th out of 12 teams. Their final record was 4-5.

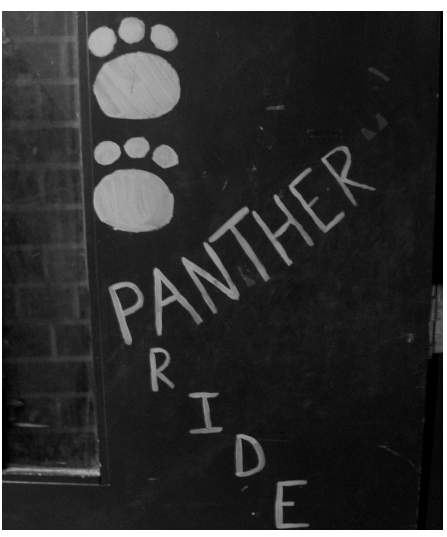


Wendi Marciano ‘12 passes the baton to Brenna Bailey ‘10 during a relay.



Seniors Monica Adler and Millie Chapman have both set numerous records during their running careers at BHS. As they continue their impressive senior seasons, they prepare to run in college at Dartmouth and Yale, respectively.

Panther Pride in all aspects of student life



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