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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
Beverly Hospital is currently accepting applications for their Winter/Spring Volunteer program. The hospitals needing volunteers are: Beverly Hospital, Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, and Beverly Hospital at Danvers. Application forms and more information can be obtained from Mrs. Belleau in B Wing Guidance. Deadline is Friday, February 12th.

PINS FOR HAITI
There are still more pins for Haiti Relief available! Hearts are arriving just in time for Valentines Day for a small donation of \$5.00. See Mrs. Borsetti in T-3 for more information. Any student interested in taking A.P. Studio Art next year should also see Mrs. Borsetti.

TEENS FOR JEANS
The Peer Leaders are collecting jeans of all styles and sizes for their annual Teens for Jeans drive. All jeans will go directly to homeless teens North of Boston. Everyone who donates will receive a 25% off certificate for Aeropostale. Jeans may be brought to Mrs. Flaherty's room in G111.

SOLES4SOULS
The Peer Leaders are also collecting new and gently worn shoes to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake. All shoes may be dropped off in Mrs. Flaherty's room in G111 as well.

INTERESTED IN INSTRUMENTS?
Any underclassmen that is interested in learning a Band instrument should see Mr. Novack. He is planning on starting a course for beginners after school. Any students interested in trying out for next years Jazz band, or joining the String Ensemble should also see Mr. Novack in T14 for audition information.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Since Scholarships are continually being added, Seniors should keep checking in with Mrs. Belleau in B Wing Guidance for information.

BASEBALL SIGN-UP
Baseball Team sign-ups are Wednesday, February 24th, in the cafeteria at 3:00 PM. Anybody interested in Freshman, JV, or Varsity baseball *must* attend this meeting.

FEBRUARY VACATION EVENTS

Boys Varsity Basketball
February 13th and 15th
Northshore Basketball Tournament
@ Danvers High School
Wed. February 17th
Against Salem @ Salem High School

Boys Varsity Hockey
Sat. February 13th
Against Winthrop @ Larson Rink (Winthrop)
Thu. February 18th
Against Bishop Fenwick @ McVann Mem Rink (Peabody)

Girls Varsity Basketball
February 13th and 15th
Northshore Basketball Tournament
@ Danvers High School

Girls Varsity Hockey
Sat. February 13th
Against Wilmington @ Dorothy Rink (Glou)
Mon. February 15th
Against Chelmsford @ Chelmsford Forum
Wed. February 17th
Against Cathedral @ CYR Arena
Fri. February 19th
Against Lynn English @ Connery Rink (Lynn)

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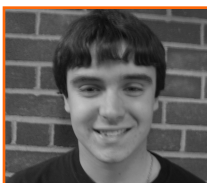
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Favorite Commercials

The Saints won the Superbowl, but the real battle is the advertising war...



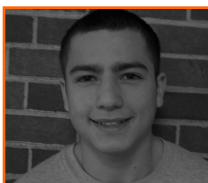
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Least Favorite - Honda "Accord Crosstour"

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Least Favorite - Coca-Cola "The Simpsons"

Overall, the Doritos commercial about the tough kid was the most popular among the people I interviewed. The least favorite was varied, but the Tim Tebow commercial was unpopular.
-Michael Petrosino '10

NEC Champs again

Emily Shultz '11
Staff Writer

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 was an exciting night for Beverly High School Boys Varsity Wrestling Team. The boys took on Salem in a match that could either make or break their strive forward for the NEC title for the third time in a row. The match started out on Salem's side with pins from their 125, 130, and 135. Beverly was looking up after a win by 140 wrestler Kris Stephani. Salem came back to win another. The score was 31-20 Salem with 4 matches left. It was up to our heavy weight and the little guys (103, 112, 119). Heavy weight Andrew Cannata worked hard to pin his opponent in 4 minutes and 36 seconds. This excited the team and the fans. Jake Petronzio stepped up for Beverly in the 103-weight class to pin in only 51 seconds and take the lead. Salem and Beverly stood neck and neck. With the score



Steve Wilbur during the Salem meet

Photo courtesy of Gainsboro Studios

now at 32-31 Beverly, it was up to Freshman Ozy Guzman (112) and Senior Justin Lehman (119) to hold the lead. Ozy held up a great fight for his win against Salem's 112 with a pin at 1 minute and 28 seconds. The crowd cheered loud as Justin stepped onto the mat knowing that Beverly was in the lead and just one match away from

becoming 3-0 in their fight for the NEC title. Justin put his all into winning the last match in 1 minute and 28 seconds. Fans cheered loud with excitement and the boys lined up to shake hands with their respected opponents. The team clinched their NEC title with a victory over Georgetown Wednesday February 3.

Crowded cafeteria could create catastrophe

Courtney Hannable '12
Hailey Rennick '12
Staff Writers

Everyone knows that the first day of lunch can be awkward, finding friends to sit with and a table to sit at. When students first walked into the cafeteria at the start of second semester they found there was no where to sit, without being tightly packed.

The cafeteria was packed with students, it seemed as though there were more people in one lunch then in the entire school. Last semester the lunches seemed balanced but something must have gone wrong in the planning this time around.

Second lunch is packed with people, while first and third lunch lack in numbers. This proposes the question, why after two weeks has nothing

been done to fix the problem? Administrators should have been aware of class numbers and planned the lunches accordingly.

Seating is not the only problem that stems from the exponential number of students, the line for food in second lunch goes all the way across the cafeteria. Standing in this line leaves little time for students to eat their lunch.

After waiting in this line students find when they reach the front of the line there is no food left. When you spend ten minutes waiting in line for lunch just to getting nothing to eat is extremely frustrating, not to mention unhealthy.

Something needs to be done to fix this problem because not only is the lack of food a health issue but there are too many students in a confined area. If there were ever an emergency evacuating the cafeteria would become extremely dangerous. Something must be done to fix this issue before things get dangerous.

Don't give in

Evan Derosby '12
Staff Writer

In the wake of the recent events at South Hadley High School in which freshman Phoebe Prince committed suicide after being brutally harassed and taunted in person and through media contact, there has been an extreme increase in the fight on bullying and harassment in schools nationwide.

For many years bullying has been viewed as an inevitable part of maturing into an adult. This is no longer the case, though, as schools have all instituted crackdown policies.

This, of course, is in an attempt to prevent harassment. It is widely known by students and teachers alike that once bullying starts, it piles on, rolling from one person to another, becoming a major theme in the victim's life.

Our high school has a zero tolerance policy for bullying; the important fact for BHS students to remember is that the policy can only be implemented once the victim comes forward. If the victim doesn't come forward, there is no way to end the situation.

"Students should be informed that when coming forward they do not have to go to a direct equity coordinator. They can go to any parent or

teacher or school official they are comfortable dealing with," advised guidance counselor Mrs. Tina Grasso.

The policy at BHS involves trying to stop bullying from the beginning, getting both parties to stop; according to one of our equity coordinators at the high school, this step eliminates 90 percent of all confrontations.

If the harassment does not cease, the next step involves immediate disciplinary action for the student, as well as parent involvement and the involvement of the assistant principal.

The final step, if the harassment does not end, is possible expulsion and police involvement. If at any time a student physically attempts to harm another student, it is immediate disciplinary action and police involvement.

Every student has the right to come to school to get an education without the fear and humiliation that comes with being taunted and bullied. We are the key to keeping our school as safe and friendly as possible. We have the frame of mind to report harassment when we see it. This is hard for many students who don't want to be known as a snitch.

Just remember. Before you decide to watch harassment pass you by and brush it off, you never know what you could be stopping. Maybe leaving a simple note on a teacher's desk could save the life of an innocent human being.

*Happy Valentine's Day & February Vacation
~the Ledger Staff*

Who Dat?

Connor Hayes '10
Staff Writer

"Who Dat?" is the popular catch phrase made famous by New Orleans about their previously unknown football team. But "Who Dat?" is exactly what I was saying while watching the halftime show. The band playing was certainly not the iconic Who. Don't get me wrong though, they would be a good choice, just back in 1975. Not now.

Roger Goodell, the commissioner of the NFL, dropped the ball on this halftime show after booking Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen to play the two previous Superbowls. Preceding those, however, were more rock n' roll acts aging not so gracefully such as The Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney. The NFL seems to enjoy booking out of date rock acts for halftime shows.

In the NFL's defense, they do need to book more wholesome acts after the Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake debacle. But they could book rock acts that don't need pacemakers. Roger Daltrey, the lead singer, didn't even have the strength to do his trademark microphone swing (not to mention his voice is shot), and when Pete Townshend shouted "It's only teenage wasteland," I couldn't help but cringe. Let's not forget either that Keith Moon and John Entwistle, the former drummer and bassist, are deceased.

The NFL needs to start booking better talent, and maybe seeing 60-something rockers blow it on the game's biggest stage will serve as a wake up call. There are plenty of bands out there that have aged gracefully...AC/DC anyone? But it won't be long before the NFL runs out of classic acts to call upon and will have to resort to booking modern day talent. Either way, let's just hope the NFL doesn't get fooled again.

Yes? Yes!

Gregory Perron '11
Staff Writer

Hundreds of die-hard Yes fans ranging from in their 60's to their teens piled into the House of Blues to see Yes perform live.

The crowd erupted when all the members (3 of whom are in their 60's and two new members) took their places on stage.

With the booming, floor-shaking baselines of Squire and the nostalgic guitar skills of the great Steve Howe, they started with "Siberian Khatru." Even with new members Benoit David and Oliver Wake men, the chemistry was off the charts.

At one part Squire, the only original member of the band, was dancing in step with new vocalist Benoit.

The atmosphere in the House of Blues was fantastic, and a disruptive unruly crowd did not mar the show.

Even in their old age, the band can come out and played a great encore, their famous "Starship Trooper," an excellent end to a superb show.

All in all, this show was one that all could enjoy. Even in their sixties, the men of Yes put on a much better show than some of the bands I've seen.

THE YEARBOOK...

You're in it, so why not buy it?

Mariah Thomas '11
Staff Writer

The *Beverlega* staff works hard throughout the school year to create a yearbook for BHS students that captures highlights of the year. The staff works during Journalism Class, and most students come before school and during lunches and studies, as well.

Several of the yearbook staff members kicked off the yearbook sales campaign at the Parent's Night Back.

The *Beverlega* cost will stay at \$50; however, it can be purchased in two installments of \$25.

To buy the yearbook, contact Ms. McCafferty in Room A204 or go online to www.jostensyearbooks.com

