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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

NAVAL ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL

MJROTC participant James Garcia '09 will be attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Rhode Island in the fall. Garcia hopes to be accepted into the Naval Academy at Annapolis after completing prep school.

KITE RUNNER DISCUSSION RESCHEDULED

The BHS Faculty/Student Book Club has rescheduled the meeting for *The Kite Runner* to Wed, March 18th afterschool in G104. After the discussion, the group will start the movie and finish it up on the following day, Thursday March 19th. All are welcome. Contact either Stefany Hirschfeld or Mrs. Cohen in C109. Join the facebook group to get updates or give your e-mail address to Stefany Hirschfeld or Mrs. Cohen to receive group notifications.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Junior Class held another successful and fun fund raiser on Wednesday afternoon - a volleyball tournament. Results of the tournament and winners of the Modell's gift card will be announced in our next issue.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction as of March 3rd has been progressing nicely.



Elizabeth Olsen photograph

APART

Haley Houseman is an 18 year old student from the class of 2009. Next year, she will be spending a year in India for the Rotary Exchange Program, and plans to continue her international education through travel and a major in foreign relations. Art has been a passion of hers her whole life; she always feels her fingers itching for a pencil and paper.



MODEL UN COMPETES AT BU

From February 27- March 1, several BHS students participated in the eighth annual Boston University Invitational Model United Nations Conference (BosMUN). Each school was assigned a country, BHS represented Bolivia and Gabón, and each student was placed on a committee to represent the country. The students spent weeks researching in preparation for the conference. "I was a bit anxious about what to expect," recalled Heidi Cotzany, '10, "but I felt comfortable and well-prepared." Beverly High School was successful in its participation at BosMUN. Haley Bowen, as US President Jonathan Browning, and Heidi Cotzany, representing Bolivia in the Global Call to Action against Poverty, each won an award for Honorable Mention in their respective committees.

CACCIOLA IN ALL STATE TOURNAMENT

Tom Cacciola went 2-2 in the All-State Tournament and did not advance. This is the furthest a wrestler has gone in the program's three years.

Scott Megrath '09 crowned *Mr. BHS*

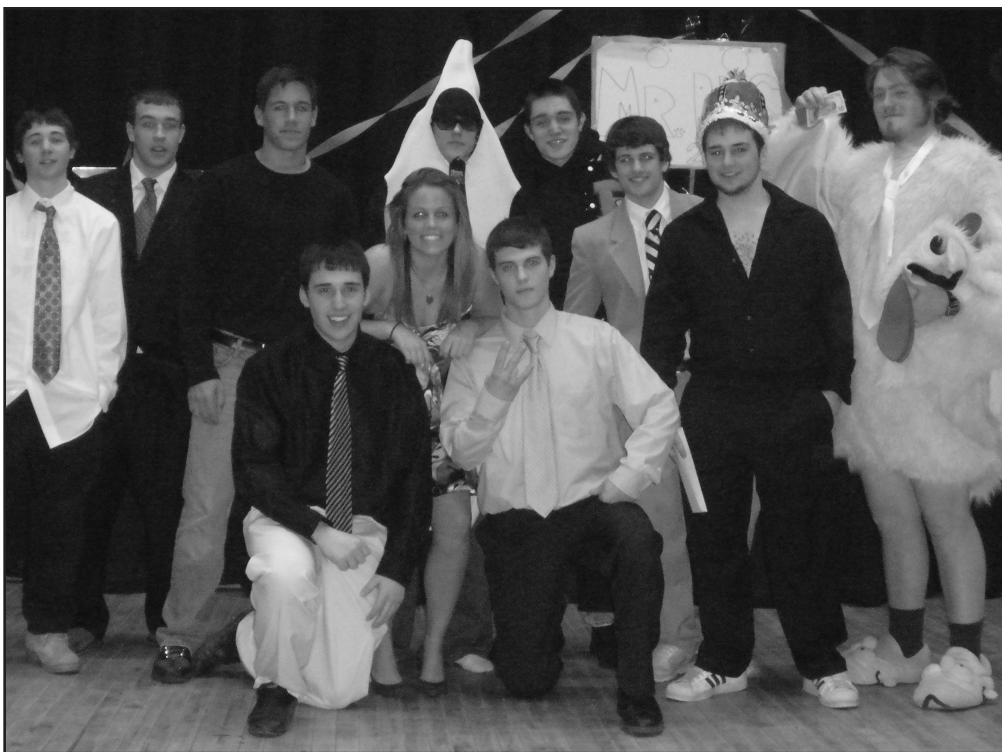


Photo Courtesy Of: Anne Flaherty

Austin Butler '10
Hannah Pitman '11
Staff Writers

Last Wednesday at the Memorial Building, the Junior Class brought back the "Mr. BHS Contest." In order to gain the title of "Mr. BHS" the nine contestants had to go through a series of tests and questions to prove that they were worthy of the win. The contenders included seniors Scott Megrath, Ben Comeau, James Ricker, Collin Curtis, Ryan Nolan, Zac Currier, Nate Paul, and juniors Luke Benjamin and Nick Robinson.

For the first round, hosts Nate Schlein and Mary Brennan read some background information about each contestant as he was introduced while wearing a more formal suit. Then the boys came out on stage wearing their best Beverly pride gear.

The next round involved the contestants each performing one of their special talents. Some of these talents included demonstrating karate moves, making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chugging Gatorades and water, lifting heavy weights, dancing, and beat boxing.

After the guys showed off what they would wear on a night when they would stay in, also known as "lounge wear," each contestant sat down for a Question-and-Answer session where they were asked such thought-provoking questions as, "Why should you be Mr. BHS?"

The panel judging the guys throughout the contest was made up of Mrs. Flaherty, Ms. Mareshalshi, and Ms. Lincoln. After each contestant came out during each round, they would give their input like the judges do on "American Idol."

For the very last round all the candidates for "Mr. BHS" were called out to the stage. When each name was called, the audience applause decided the winner. Once the results were in, it was decided that James Ricker had won the "Mr. Congeniality" Award, followed by Ben Comeau who finished in third place, and Zac Currier who came in second.

The winner, senior Scott McGrath, was crowned "Mr. BHS" and was awarded a \$ 25 gift certificate to Nick's Roast Beef in Beverly

NAHS joins *Empty Bowls Project*

Emily Boches '12
Staff Writer

The National Art Honor Society has been involved in many projects aimed toward charity in the school and around the city.

One recent project that was particularly fun involved creating a mural at the Senior Center.

The members have given many donations to food pantries around the city. Another community service project last week involved baking baked goods and donating them to the River House.



Their big up-coming project is participating in the "Empty Bowl Project," which will take place in the spring. The project will be run by the members of the Art Society, but it will be open to anyone who is interested.

In preparation for the "Empty Bowls Project," people will be able to meet with the members of the N.A.H.S. and create and decorate bowls.

There will be a night sometime in the spring for participants to take their bowls and participate in a dinner.

The proceeds from the dinner will be donated to a local charity.

Dunn's Media Productions Class presents

The Street Team, "Student Feud," and "Cooking with Miss Pitman"

Elizabeth Olsen '12
Staff Writer

Mr. Dunn's Media Productions Class is one of the most popular at Beverly High School. The class covers anything and everything that is going on at BHS. With their "Street Team" coverage of athletic events and so much more, the Media crew keeps Beverly residents in touch with what is going on at BHS through the BEVCam Channel.

The "Street Team" scans the hallways for students to interview on such topics as college acceptances, Halloween, Christmas break, and Valentine's Day.

Media Productions also records and edits athletic events such as hockey, football, basketball, and wrestling to air on BEVCam.

In addition to airing sports events and student interviews, Media Productions is following the school play, "Copacabana," Ms. Flaherty's Soles for Souls fundraiser, and the on-going construction at Beverly High School.

Media Productions also reports on some fun things going on at BHS. Soon they will be airing "Student Feud," a student version of the well-known game show "Family Feud." They also have a segment entitled "Cooking with Ms. Pitman" where students cook recipes, just like BHS's own Food Network.

Mr. Dunn and his students work hard to bring Beverly what is going on at Beverly High School.

What happened to Dramafest?

Taylor Rapalyea '10
Staff Writer

Last year, Beverly High School's play, "Look Me in the Eye," almost made it past the preliminary round at Drama Festival, being disqualified for going over the time limit by 3 minutes. This year, with their play, "The Insanity of Mary Girard," Stage Right hoped to blow everyone away.

Unfortunately, due to the play's intricacy, a number of setbacks, including the fact that their new lead and several actors fell ill, they were forced to skip competition this year.

The latest cast includes Gabe Lozada '11 as Mr. Girard, Flavia Kuchenny '11 as Mrs. Lum, Chris Emery '11 as The Warner, Alison

Buschbaum '11 as Mrs. Hatcher, Michaela Gill '12 as a fury, Emma Linden '11 as Polly, Taylor Rapalyea '10 as Mary Girard, and Ben Nicolay-sen '10 as Mr. Phillips. The lights are run by Connor Hilfinger '10 and Livi Burnham '11.

Not wanting their hard work, beautiful sets and costumes donated and made by parents, to go to waste, the cast still hopes to make it to competition next year and to perform for the school later in the year. The new student director, Kat Fish '11, is working diligently with director Elizabeth Schlein to continue the play next year.

If you have any interest in seeing the haunting and thought-provoking play, keep your eye on "The Ledger's" NEWS IN BRIEF for dates and times.

McAuliffe '09, Kelly '10, and Stigers '11 represent BHS at *All-State Band and Chorus*

Rachel Horzempa '12
Staff Writer

This year, BHS had three talented students chosen to perform in All-State Band and Chorus: senior Erin McAuliffe for band and junior Abby Kelly and sophomore Rachel Stigers for chorus.

These students had to go through two auditions competing with other schools from around the state. They were part of the 15 students from BHS who qualified for the North Eastern Districts. They then went on to be judged at All-States, where only the best in the state are chosen.

For getting into All-States, Kelly, McAuliffe, and Stigers now get to go to Boston during the weekend of March 28th. There, they stay in a hotel and work with world-renowned conductors. Once they learn the music, they then perform at Boston's Symphony Hall.

"The music these kids learn is really difficult and advanced," Mr. Novak said, "but they can do it."

Aegis Winter Issue *on sale now from staff*

Christina Norris '10
Staff Writer

Aegis, Beverly High School's literary journal, recently released its winter issue.

It features photography by Matt Erickson and Taylor Rapalyea; poetry by John Ingemi, Anna Roy, Phillip Coombs, Aly Shea, and Stephanie Harris; artwork by Haley Houseman and Anne Marie Handley, as well as longer pieces by Stefanie Harris, Dylan Zierk, and Anna Roy.

The magazine, which publishes bi-annual issues, is created completely by and for BHS students and is the longest-running high-school literary publication of its kind in the nation.

Students submit poetry, prose and artwork anonymously or otherwise through boxes in English and art classrooms.

Once submitted, student works are then rated by *Aegis* staff members to determine which will be published in the magazine. Co-editors-in-chief Haley Bowen '09 and Phil Coombs '09 made the final decision as to the journal's content and formatting.

The winter issue, featuring cover-work by Haley Houseman '09, can be purchased for \$2 from any *Aegis* staff member.

***Aegis* is currently accepting submissions for its spring issue.**

They may be dropped off in any *Aegis* box or emailed to bhsaegis@gmail.com

WINTER PLAY-OFF RESULTS

Girls Ice Hockey Sophomore Clare Leathersich scored the only goal in the 4-1 loss to **Girls Basketball** lost to Somerville in round one of the stat tournament.

Boys Basketball lost in a heart-breaker by 3 points to Burlington after being behind by 13 at the half

Girls Indoor Track Millie Chapman and Monica Adler going to States.

Wrestling Tom Cacciola, Ben Comeau, CJ Flannery, Justin Lehman, Alex Ego qualified for All-States.

BHS Music Department presents **COPACABANA**



**Thurs 3/12, Fri 3/13, & Sat 3/14
at 7:00PM
Sun 3/15 at 2:00PM**

**Memorial Auditorium
Students & Seniors: \$7 Adults: \$9**

Tickets sold in advance or at door

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