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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### MODEL UN HOLDS WORLD HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

Model UN is raising money to combat world hunger this week. They held a bake sale on Monday, will be hosting a pizza sale on Friday (\$1 a slice), and are soliciting donations from businesses. Their proceeds will be donated to Heiffer International, which sends livestock to people in need.

### FRENCH CLUB OFFICERS

The French Club officers for the 2009-2010 school year are: Co-presidents Lauren Milburn and Christina Norris and Secretary Molly Morrissey.

### 2010 IRELAND TRIP MEETING

Mr. Leahy will be holding an informational meeting at 2:45 in room B209 immediately after school today.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB WATER CHALLENGE

The Environmental Club will be hosting a 2 week fundraiser to support The Water Project, an organization dedicated to building wells in regions with inadequate resources. Their goal is \$1,500, the cost of one well in India. Supporters of the challenge will drink only water and donate money saved by not buying sports drinks, coffees, and sodas. To support the cause or learn more about, contact the club at bhswaterchallenge@yahoo.org.

### AP ART STUDENTS SKETCH CONSTRUCTION SITE



### HOW HAS THE CONSTRUCTION AFFECTED YOUR LIFE AT BHS?

All baseball teams and all boys track teams have to share a locker room, and there is not enough room for everyone. . . . It's a maze to go through all the different fences to finally get out to the track. . . . Band had to move to Patten Wing. . . . Chorus shares a room with JROTC. . . . We don't get gym lockers to put our stuff in. . . . It takes forever to get out of the cafeteria. . . . The trainer's room is crowded. . . . Rehearsals haven't had a decent place. . . . There's more traffic in the upper parking lot. . . . Affected my parking spot. . . . Waiting to board team buses at Patten entrance. . . . The locker rooms and restrooms in that area usually are locked. . . . After school, there is chaos everywhere. . . .

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## Students say “Bonjour!” to France



CHRISTINA NORRIS PHOTOGRAPH

Christina Norris '10  
Contributing Writer

Fifteen BHS students returned from the two-week-long French trip on Saturday, May 2, each one with a new appreciation for and understanding of French culture.

The group spent eight days in Albertville, France, in the Alps, the site of the 1992 Olympics. There, students stayed with exchange partners, most of whom had come to stay with BHS students for two weeks in October.

Together, the fifteen BHS students and their chaperones, Ms. Lisa Chernyak and Ms. Janice Preston, toured the area, visiting the ancient buildings and churches in Lyon, the castles and cobblestone streets of Annecy, and the scenic Mt. Blanc.

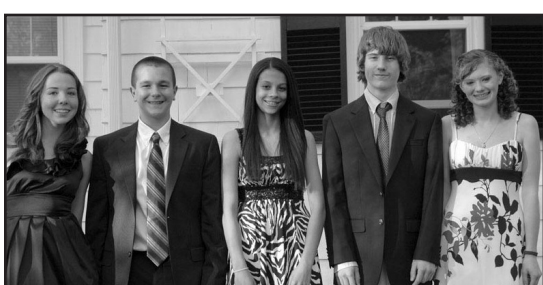
While with their hosts, the Beverly students

experienced a wide range of activities, including skating in an Olympic skating rink, visiting a local amusement park, hiking in the French Alps, and shopping in the charming city of Albertville. All American students also attended school with their hosts at Lycee Jean D'Arc, a private high school.

The students were disappointed to depart from their hosts, but excited to continue their travels to Paris. During the three days there, the group visited the Louvre, the Palace at Versailles, Champs-Elysee Avenue, Sacre-Coeur, Notre Dame, and the Eiffel Tower.

In general, students had an unforgettable experience and gained many fond memories, both of their stay in Albertville and of the days spent in Paris. Most students promise to return to France in the future.

## Freshman Semi first of season



## Believers Never Die

Victoria Binns '09  
Staff Writer

Fall Out Boy recently had their fourth straight sold-out concert on April 28. Hey Monday, Metro Station, All Time Low and Cobra Starship all performed before Fall Out Boy went on.

Hey Monday, while a very energetic band, really seems to be a duplicate band of the popular punk rock band Paramore.

Metro Station was all over the place, jumping off speakers and practically screaming their songs.

All Time Low had to have been the all time worst part of the concert, however. Their music wasn't good, and their stage presence was not up to par with some of the other bands. If you happen to like All Time Low, get one of their two CDs; don't see them in concert.

One funny thing about All Time Low, however, was they told the females in the audience to throw their bras up on stage. There were so many

hanging on the mic stand that one of the mic stands actually fell over.

Cobra Starship might have been the best part of the concert. The sound quality was amazing, and the crowd was going crazy the entire time. They sounded the most like their CDs.

When Fall Out Boy finally came on, they were wild! They had men standing on stage in security outfits like they were part of a S.W.A.T. team. Fall Out Boy started out in suits and with great light shows and short videos.

After a few songs, they went in back and did a quick outfit change. The concert went on for another hour and a half, with each song getting better and better and the crowd getting more pumped up as the night went on.

People just go insane for Fall Out Boy. Some fans had actually been in line by 8:30am.

After five hours of the concert and more than an hour and a half of waiting in line, fans were exhausted and satisfied.



### REVIEW

## SENIOR PROFILES

Each year *The Ledger* recognizes a sampling of the graduating Senior Class, many of whom have been actively involved in the BHS community through academics, community service, and extracurricular activities. *The Ledger* strives to select a well-rounded, deserving group; however, this year space is limited more than ever. Our apologies to those we were unable to feature.



Evan Tawa

Evan Tawa is an extremely gifted student and musician who will leave his mark on BHS when he leaves this June.

Tawa says that “the Music Department as a whole has been a huge part of my high school experience”.

At the state festival, Tawa helped the Jazz Band finally achieve the gold. In April, his talent was recognized with the “Most Outstanding Soloist” Award at the competition the Music Department attended in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Tawa has challenged himself throughout high school with a rigorous course load, including numerous honors classes.

Tawa will be attending UMass Lowell and plans to major in Sound Recording Technology, working toward a Master's in Acoustics.

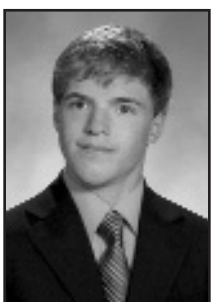


Helen Amore

Helen Amore has run 8 seasons of track with the undefeated BHS Girls Track program during her high school career. Her personal best in the 100 meter race is 12.8 seconds. In her senior year, she was elected captain of both winter and spring track.

During the year following graduation, Amore will be participating in the Leap Year Program, where she will be doing volunteer work, as well as being a part of several internship programs. Initially, Amore will be traveling between California and India, changing to another country of her choice later in the program.

Through the Leap Year Program, Helen will be earning college credits at Antioch College in Seattle, Washington. At the end of the year, she will return home and be attending college in the area.



Matt Malone

During his four years at BHS, Matt Malone has established himself as a well-rounded student.

Boasting a 3.97 GPA, Malone is ranked 18th in his class. He has challenged himself with honors and AP classes. Malone admits his favorite class was AP US History, and his favorite teachers are Ms. Brotherton, Mrs. McCafferty, and Mrs. Richardson.

Along with taking challenging classes in school, Malone has participated in winter track and also plays on the lacrosse team. Although he started his lacrosse career as a junior, Matt has become a big asset to the team this season.

After graduation, Matt will be heading off to Northeastern University, where he will be studying criminal justice.



Thyra Rollins

Thyra Rollins has been an extremely active student in both sports and clubs in her four years at BHS.

Rollins has played lacrosse throughout her high school career, as well as being a member of the Varsity Gymnastics Team all four years; she was elected a gymnastics captain in her senior year.

Rollins has been an active member of Peer Leadership and Best Buddies. Last summer, she traveled to New Orleans with Peer Leadership to help rebuild the community after Hurricane Katrina.

Rollins holds a solid 3.4 grade average while taking honors classes.

In the fall, Thyra Rollins will be attending UMass Amherst where she will be majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.



Matt Lanza

Matt Lanza has had a successful four years at Beverly High and will be remembered for both his academic and athletic achievements.

Lanza has played for the Panthers Baseball Team all four years and was elected captain by his teammates his senior year. Lanza was the team's number one pitcher in 2009, and helped lead the squad to the state tournament for the fifth time in six years.

Matt Lanza took honors and AP classes at BHS, balancing his time between school and sports. He will be graduating with a 4.05 GPA.

In the fall, Matt Lanza will be attending Boston College, where he plans to major in engineering.

## BHS recycling still needs to improve . . .

To the Editor:

As an AP Environmental Science student, I believe our school has made great leaps for the cause of environmental friendliness, but we still have a ways to go.

For example, the cardboard outer package of Mr. Guy's chocolate bars are recyclable. Also, teachers and students alike toss unwanted papers into convenient trash cans throughout the school, instead of recycling them.

Recycling has increased since Mrs. Cohen started the water bottle recycling program, but a lot of people still don't use the bins. Also, the Environmental Club is trying to inform students about the deadly impact of excessive waste and pollution through posters around school.

My friend and I have been working on an experiment where every week we assess the contents of a random trash can. We have found a significant amount of recyclable waste, with water bottles, cardboard packaging, and paper being the most frequent.

Perhaps the most difficult part of recycling is finding the appropriate bins. If the school could invest in more of these bins and have more convenient places for people to throw away different types of trash, we could become much more environmentally friendly.

Assemblies about environmental safety and green living could help inspire student interest. Hopefully, we can all work together and invest in making Beverly High School a greener place.

Corynne Dedo '10

### OPINION

. . . a response

To the Editor:

In last week's edition of *The Ledger*, there was an opinion piece called ‘Junior Year Pressures’. As a senior, I completely disagree with a lot of the statements that were made.

College choice isn't really a big part of junior year at all. Maybe you'll go to a couple college fairs, maybe you'll even look at some colleges, but there is rarely ever a big decision being made.

Junior year may be a time for SATs and keeping your grades up, but senior year is when the pressure truly starts building. We had to fill out college applications, scholarship applications, keep up our grades, and basically try and figure out what we intend to do with our lives once we've graduated.

There are senior privileges because it is the seniors who need them the most. With the stress of the future looming over us, we need a break every now and then.

Working and dealing with school is something that everybody will have to deal with, and it isn't the job of the teachers to make things easier for you. If people can't handle working, sports, and going to school, then they obviously need to cut one of the extracurriculars out of their life. If junior year is too difficult, then the real world is going to hit you like a ton of bricks.

Cassandra Wasserman '09

### BHS Sophomore Semi

Friday, May 15, 2009  
BHS Cafeteria  
Tickets - \$15

If you are planning to bring a date from another school, submit the appropriate forms by Friday.

Semi Formal dress is encouraged!