

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Lewisohn House reopens as a girls dorm.

Hoosac School had new international students after the Christmas break. And Lewisohn House is no longer the infirmary for the students. Lewisohn House opened as a dorm after the break in time to accommodate some of the new female students who arrived on campus. Ms. Elacqua will be the dorm parent. Lewisohn House will be best known as the smallest dorm, one that is located far from the main academic buildings.

Relief effort intensifies in quake-hit Haiti.



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During the 2009 school year, a music group from Haiti visited and performed for the Hoosac students and faculty. Two members seen here during lunch in the dining hall.

Doctors, medicine and specialist rescue teams from around the world continued to arrive in Haiti on Thursday, as the earthquake-battered country faced up to a humanitarian crisis that officials estimate has claimed more than 100,000 lives.

A 7.0-magnitude quake struck the south of the Caribbean nation late Tuesday afternoon, demolishing entire buildings and inflicting destruction and casualties yet to be accurately tallied, given limited communications and emergency services there.

Soraya Rodriguez, Spain's secretary of state for international cooperation, said Thursday that Spanish agencies are preparing to help the large numbers of Haitians who are fleeing the devastation by heading to the border with the Dominican Republic.

"We are going to have to take care of them with medical help and food," she said. As reported on CNN.com

Teen girl fatally hit by Amtrak train.

An Amtrak train traveling from New York to Washington struck and killed a 14-year-old girl Tuesday morning, the rail operator said.

Details on how the accident occurred were not immediately available, and the girl was not named. Lt. Robert McCullough of the Baltimore County Police said there were other children at the scene who knew the victim.

Nearly two hours after the fatality occurred, emergency management officials in Washington announced that one out of four railroad tracks between Washington and Maryland had been "cleared for reduced speed service."

Amtrak spokeswoman Tracy Connell said trains were traveling in both directions but had to take turns using the single set of tracks.

Amtrak halted all trains through the area near Essex, Maryland, to give investigators access to the scene. Authorities said the teen was hit at 9:02 a.m. ET.



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The Haitian boys choir during their 2009 performance in Hoosac's auditorium.

Dropping Anchor

— By STEPHEN BURKE —



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Norwegian cruise ship departing New York Harbor.

A popular vacation idea for people of all ages is going on a cruise. Roughly 34 million passengers take a cruise holiday each year, spending a total of about \$60 billion annually. There are many different locations to which cruises travel, including Alaska, the Mediterranean, Asia, and, of course, the Caribbean. Cruises are a luxury that many people long for, but there are several factors, including the high expense, which prevent more people from going.

Many people fear seasickness; however, today's cruise ships are very stable, and seasickness is a rarity. For those prone to seasickness, there are many remedies available to travelers to alleviate the symptoms. These remedies range from pills, to bracelets which change your pulse. Cruises come in many sizes, and the bigger the boat the less passengers feel the motion. If you are someone who is prone to seasickness, then consider taking a room in the middle of the ship, where motions are less noticeable.

Another complaint, which seems commonplace concerning cruises, is the way passenger schedules are set up. Customers have complained that they do not like being told when to eat, swim, etc. But more cruises today have become more liberal concerning passenger scheduling.

"I was on a cruise in the Mediterranean a long time ago. I liked all the food, and the weather, but it was really crowded, which got annoying when you wanted to go swimming or something," said Daniel Fishman '14. This is a common complaint of cruise passengers. Large ships may prevent seasickness, but the disadvantage is an increase in the number of passengers. Also, typically, the more people on your cruise ship, the less expensive the cruise is going to be.

One notion which seems to prevent people from cruising seems to be the idea that cruises are dangerous. Popular media, such as movies, have contributed to fears of crashing into icebergs or falling off of ships' balconies. But cruise ships are actually very safe, safer than traveling by car or airplane.

You may want to research the cruise line you choose before you embark on a cruise, but for the most part all offer excellent vacations and a way to see new parts of the world.

Study Links Marijuana Use To Depression

— By ARIAN HOLMAN —

Marijuana, also known as cannabis, refers to any number of preparations of the cannabis plant intended for use as a psychoactive drug. The most common form of cannabis used as a drug is the dried herbal form. Cannabis use has been found to have occurred as long ago as the third millennium B.C. In modern times the drug has been used for recreational, religious or spiritual, and medical purposes. The United Nations estimated that in 2004 about 4% of the world adult population (162 million people) used cannabis annually and about 0.6% (22.5 million) use it on a daily basis.

Teenagers who smoke marijuana on a daily basis cause damage to their developing brains, making them more susceptible to depression and anxiety in adulthood, a

new McGill University study suggests. "Just because marijuana is a plant doesn't mean it's harmless" said Gabriella Gobbi, one of the studies co-authors.

Studies demonstrate that the cannabinoid, when consumed daily during adolescence, can produce permanent change in the brain. Scientists at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre experimented on adolescent and adult lab rats. They discovered that when they exposed the rats for 20 days to cannabinoids -- the active ingredient in marijuana -- only the adolescent rats were adversely affected. This says that the adolescent brain -- still developing -- is particularly vulnerable to chronic drug use.

In every school, teenagers are exposed to the influence of drug



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addiction. Drugs are everywhere and teenagers are always exposed to this influence. It's in your hands to make the right choices.

Student of the Week

Jennifer Foster

— By ANNIE LYONS —

Q. What are your favorite movies and why?

A. "Taken" and "Avatar" because they show that people stick up for one another.

Q. If you could hang out with one person dead or alive for a weekend who would it be and why?

A. My great Grandmother because she taught me a lot of lessons.



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Q. With what's going on in the world what is the most important issue to you and why?

A. It's between Haiti and the Troops in the Middle East.

School Sports

- By JENNIFER FOSTER -

On January 11, Girls Basketball played against Mountainside and lost 10-24. The top scorers were Kelly Liu, Liz Dubacher, Maddy Ryan, Sewa Egunsola and Soo Jung Seo. On January 12 the Girls played Grace Christian and lost 10-30.

Boys Basketball had more luck: they won 60-54 against Mountainside. The top scorers for that game were William Sims and Jake Figueiro. Both games were played at home.

Over the weekend the Hockey team traveled to Canada for the Stanstead tournament. On Friday the Owls played their first game against Appleby College from Ontario and lost 5-4. The goal scorers were: Hans Brulé, Francis Germain, Eli Brassard and Frank Lavoie. The rest of the weekend the Owls played Ontario Hockey Academy and won 6-2.

Attila Pavuk scored a total of 100 points so far in his hockey career. This following week they had three games against King-



Photos by Austin McCroskie

William Sims scoring for the team.

swood Oxford, Berwick and Rye. Hoosac's record stands at 11-4-3. Yesterday they went to Hartford and won 4-2.

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

A jury gave a man the maximum sentence, 10 years, for shoplifting from a grocery store in South Carolina. The reason they did so, was because this was the man's 9th time stealing from the same store. The man had been stealing meat from the store, and this time it was an \$80 N.Y. strip. The manager confronted the man, after noticing the missing meat, and a large bulge under the man's shirt. The man then made a run for it, but to his misfortune, he bumped into an undercover police officer. When questioned about the meat, he claimed that he was not stealing the meat, but "massaging" it. As reported on yahoo news.

A woman in Canada thought she was scammed when she bought cocaine, so she thought she would be smart and call the police. She claimed that a man had sold her a rock of crack cocaine, but that it only looked like baking powder. The police brought a narcotics agent to her house. They tested the rock, and verified that despite its appearance, it was indeed cocaine. The woman was then arrested for drug possession. The RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) are encouraging those who think they were tricked into buying fake drugs to come forward. As reported on the Darwin awards.com.

A man was caught by police with possession of a hand grenade. He challenged police to produce it at his trial. When the police brought the grenade to the court room, the defendant claimed it wasn't real. While the argument took place, the judge held the grenade. In the middle of the case, the judge began to fiddle with it, and accidentally pulled the pin without noticing.

"A newly trained hypnotist accidentally put himself into a trance for five hours while practicing in front of a mirror... Mr. Kichmeier, whose stage name is Hannibal Helmurto, had learned to put himself into a trance to help him swallow swords on stage. He had been taught the skill by hypnotherapist Dr. Ray Roberts to assist in a new act for the Circus of Horrors show. But as he practiced the skill in front of the mirror at 10am he set himself into a deep sleep until 3pm, when he was found by his wife. It was only after she phoned Dr. Roberts and put the receiver to Mr Kichmeier's head that he was able to be talked out of the trance."

SPORTS

Sat. - 1/16 @ 3pm
Ice Hockey (Home)
vs. Rye Country Day

Sat - 1/16 @3pm
Boys Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Winchendon

Tues. - 1/19 @ 4pm
Girls Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Oakwood

Wed - 1/20 @4pm
Ice Hockey (Away)
vs. National Sports Academy

Wed. - 1/20 @4:30pm
Boys Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Grace Christian

Thurs. - 1/20 @3pm
Girls Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Darrow

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- *The Dot & the Line: A Romance in Lower Mathematics* by Norton Juster

Campus Life



Guest Speaker for Ethics class.
Dr. John Roemischer, retired Philosophy Professor, visited Mr. Horne's second, third and fourth period Ethics classes to discuss Plato's allegory of the cave.

Sudoku

			3	1			
		9	7	6	5	8	
7				2			6
8	5						4 2
	6	3				1	8
9	1						3 7
	9			8			2
		6	9	3	4	7	
			1	2			

What would you like to see in the Owlet?
Give written suggestions to Ms. Roemischer.

Sudoku-Answers

5	7	9	3	6	1	2	8	4
6	4	2	5	8	9	7	3	1
3	1	8	7	4	2	9	6	5
4	6	1	8	9	3	5	7	2
7	2	3	4	5	6	1	9	8
9	8	5	1	2	7	6	4	3
8	3	7	6	1	5	4	2	9
2	5	4	9	7	8	3	1	6
1	9	6	2	3	4	8	5	7

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