

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Hoosac veteran back on the campus

Mr. Uhl has been ill for a while. And he wasn't able to teach his classes while he was recovering. Mr. Martin, who is a former faculty member of Hoosac school, came back to the campus to cover Mr. Uhl's classes.

Mr. Martin was the dean of Hoosac school and taught ESL and English classes for 30 years. He enjoyed working with international students. He also traveled around the Middle East and Europe to teach ESL classes at different universities. "I have traveled a lot and enjoyed teaching international students. It is good to have a job that you like and get paid for it. I am glad that I came back to Hoosac school and taught classes." said Mr. Martin

Air France changes its policy for heavy passengers:

Overweight air travelers having trouble squeezing into one seat on Air France may soon be spending less to ensure that they have more space.

The airline announced Wednesday that, starting next month, it will refund the cost of a second coach seat purchased by heavier passengers, if the economy cabin is not fully booked.

Air France's policy has been to allow overweight passengers to buy the second seat at a 25 percent discount.

Most of the time, a solution to accommodate people with "a high body mass" can be found even if they don't book an additional seat,

said Cedric Leurquin, a spokesman for Air France.

The change in policy is meant to give customers assurance that they can have more room if they need it without paying more, he added.

"If you have to book a second seat, you shouldn't be scared of that, because in most cases, you will be refunded for the second seat. It's just a way of being transparent," Leurquin said.

Unauthorized Oprah bio coming in April

Kitty Kelley, biographer of the rich and famous, is getting ready to release an unauthorized biography on talk show queen Oprah Winfrey.

The 544-page book, "Oprah: A Biography," will be released on April 13, with a first printing of 500,000 copies, according to the Crown Publishing Group.

"We are excited to be publishing the first comprehensive biography of one of the most influential, powerful and admired public figures of our time, by the most widely read biographer of our era," said Tina Constable, a vice-president with Crown.

"The author spent three years researching for the book and conducted 850 interviews," Crown said.

Winfrey's Harpo Productions had little to say about the book. "Oprah hasn't participated in or read Kitty Kelley's book, so she is unable to comment," said Winfrey spokeswoman Lisa Halliday. As reported on CNN.com

Skiing 'Peaks' At Hoosac

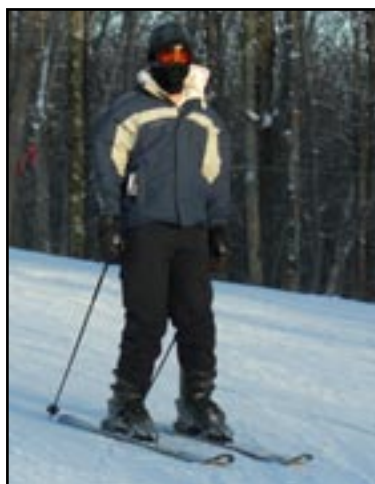
— By STEPHEN BURKE —

The skiing-snowboarding club has been going to Jiminy Peak for 4 weeks, starting the first Wednesday after we returned from winter break. The group has about 25 members, most of whom are snowboarders, with several skiers. The two teachers in charge are Mr. Horne '68, and Mr. Fedor, both skiers.

"We have had a ski group for about 50 years," said Mr. Horne. "The ski program has been on and off since the 60's." The mountain that the group travels to is called Jiminy Peak, and is a small-sized mountain, which is entirely pow-



Mr. Fedor and Jake Perry '10 head to the top of Jiminy Peak for their first run of the day.



Photos from Jennifer Freeman
Stephen Burke '12 skiing down the slope.

ered by wind power. The mountain's wind turbine (windmill) is located up on the mountain. You get close to it while skiing at the beginning of one of the mountain's major paths.

The group skis and snowboards Mondays through Thursdays. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, the group leaves in Hoosac buses at 3:15. The ride to the mountain is between a half hour and 45 minutes. The group must meet at the bus at 5:15 in order to make it back to school in time for

dinner, to which they are allowed to wear their ski clothes instead of class dress. On Wednesdays, they leave at 1:30 on a full-size school bus.

"We get about 3 to 4 runs in on normal days, and about 10 on Wednesdays" said Owen Fryer, a VIth form skier.

The skiing/snowboarding season ends the week before March break, and will start again next year. Skiers use Hoosac's slope when there's snow.

Christian and Muslim Fight Continues In Nigeria

— By ANNIE LYONS —

Reports have been received of at least 150 Muslims killed in recent religious clashes in Nigeria. Armed men attacked Kuru Karama in central Nigeria on Tuesday, killing many as they tried to flee and burning many others alive.

People saw dozens of bodies lodged in wells or sewage pits. The bodies of 121 people, including 22 children, had been recovered. Most of the homes in the town were burned down, along with three mosques.

Those interviewed by the group said they thought the attackers were Christian, Human Rights Watch said. But even Christians were not out of danger. When a Christian pastor tried to stop the attacks he was beaten, a Muslim told the group. The Police were called to end the attacks, but they did not.

Hundreds have died in clashes between Christians and Muslims in central Plateau state in the past decade. In November 2008, at

least 700 Nigerians died in Christian-Muslim riots that followed a disputed local election.

Having come from Nigeria, Hoosac's Adesewa Engunsola said that "this brawl has been going on for years. But it is always horrible to hear about what has happened and how many people died."

This fight between these two religions has been going on for decades and it seems like it will go on for a long time to come.

Student of the Week



Francis Lavoie

— By JENNIFER FOSTER —

Q. Did you enjoy the Bleeze Banquet?
A. "yea."

Q. What are your hobbies outside of Hoosac?
A. "Play hockey, play golf and tennis."

Q. If you had one day to live what would you do?
A. "Stay with my family and my friends."

Q. What is your favorite subject?
A. "History."

Q. What is your favorite book?
A. "Beautiful Mind."

Q. What are your plans for next year?
A. "Go to University in the UK and study law."

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Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

A group of men were driving on a Florida state highway. There was very slow moving traffic, and one of the men in need of a bathroom decided he couldn't hold it any longer. He exited the vehicle, which was motionless in traffic, and walked across the highway to a concrete divider. When he reached it, he put his hand on it, and jumped over, expecting to land on the other side of the highway. Unfortunately for the man, instead of a road like he was expecting, there was a 65-foot drop, which ultimately caused his death. Look before you jump. As reported on the darwinawards.com

A German man flying from New Zealand back to Germany was caught smuggling not a bomb, guns, or drugs, but lizards. The man had stuffed a bag into his underwear containing 44 live lizards, some of which are endangered species and are illegal to hunt or transport to sell. The man pleaded guilty to all charges against him, and will spend 12 weeks behind New Zealand bars. As reported on abcnews.com

In Florida, a man was confronted by a mugger while leaving an Internet cafe. In order to protect his identity, instead of wearing a ski mask or stockings, he wore red women's underwear over his head. The man held up a gun to the man leaving the Internet cafe demanding money. The mugger escaped without money, and the police are still searching for him. As reported on alldeaf.com

Two burglars were trying to steal a large sum of money from an ATM at an empty bank early in the morning. Their plan was to set off a small explosion using dynamite in order to gain access to the safe the money was kept in. Unfortunately for the thieves however, they drastically overestimated the amount of explosives necessary, and blew up the entire building while they were still inside. One man died in the rubble, the other died from head trauma shortly after arriving at the hospital. Debit cards seem much safer. As reported on thedarwinawards.com

"A hotel chain is employing human bed warmers to help guests get a good night's sleep. The walking electric blankets are dressed in special all-in-one sleeper suits and are sent to warm the beds of guests staying at the Holiday Inn before they get under the covers... Holiday Inn spokeswoman Jane Bednall said the idea was "like having a giant hot water bottle in your bed". The five minute free bed warming sessions are being tried out in London and Manchester at the end of January.

School Sports

- By JENNIFER FOSTER -



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Hoosac owls own the ice rink.

On Saturday, January 23 Hoosac Owls Hockey Defeated Harvey School 9-0. The players who lead the team to victory were, Travis Bobb, and Edward Franz.

Also on Saturday Boys Basketball hosted Hudson Valley School and Lost 50-40 Jake Figueiro scored 21 points.

On Tuesday, January 26 the Girls Basketball hosted Oakwood Christian and lost 20-25. Top scor-

ers for that game were Adsewa Egonsola, Kaci Lui and, Roxi Sun.

January 27 Boys Basketball won 47-41 against Darrow. The top shooters were Will Sims with 12 points, Da Han Han got 3-3 point shots and Julian Jones got 20 points.

On Wednesday the Hockey team lost to Brunswick with a final score of 5-1.

Say No To The Glow

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Preparing for Spring Break? The Food and Drug Administration will be debating how to toughen warnings that those sunlamps pose a cancer risk. Yes, sunburns are particularly dangerous. But there is an increasing scientific consensus that there's no such thing as a safe tan either.

Katie Donnar, 18, dismissed this idea until a year ago when, preparing for the Miss Indiana pageant, she discovered a growth on her leg which turned out to be an early stage melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer. She can't prove tanning beds are to blame but she began using tanning beds as a sixth grade cheerleader, says she stepped under the bulbs about every other day during parts of high school, and at one point even owned one. "It seemed somewhat a myth that I was putting myself at risk," says Katie. "The warning label was so small, nothing to make me stop and think, 'This is real'," she said of the tanning beds.

The World Health Organization's cancer division last summer listed tanning beds as definite cancer causers, right alongside the ultraviolet radiation that both they and the sun emit. Analysis of numerous studies concluded that the risk of melanoma jumps by 75 percent in people who used tanning beds in their teens and 20's.

"We don't recommend using them at all, but we know people do use them so we want to make them as low-risk as possible," said FDA UV radiation specialist Sharon Miller.

"The only reason I go is because I get seasonal depression, and even then I try not to go," said Naomi Whetstone from the III form. Take a second to think if it's really worth it.

SPORTS

Sat. - 1/30 @ 2pm
Boys Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. MacDuffie

Sat - 1/30 @ 3pm
Girls Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Winchendon

Wed - 2/3 @ 3pm
Ice Hockey (Away)
vs. Winchendon

Tues. - 2/3 @ 4pm
Girls Varsity Basketball
(Home) vs. Grace Christian

Thurs - 2/4 @ 2pm
Boys Varsity Basketball
(Home)
vs. Oakwood Christian

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- *Real Time* by Pnina Moed Kass

Friday Night Speaker



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(L/R) Mr. Lomuscio, Mr. Burns, Mr. Nelson Espeland '91, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Martin.

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Sudoku - Answers

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6	4	7	3	5	8	9	2	1
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Sudoku

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