

## Top Stories

— By STEPHEN BURKE —

### Hoosac's Oratory Contest.



Max Stonis '10, the 2009 oratory contest winner.

The fifth annual Hoosac oratory contest will take place on February 26th. "The finalists are drawn from the core English classes," said Mr. Kurland, the faculty member in charge of the event.

Who is writing for the contest is being decided differently in each class. Some classes are required to write, some classes require at least one student to write something, and in some classes writing for the contest will be extra credit. Out of everyone writing for the competition, 7-9 finalists will be chosen. These finalists will read their essays in front of the students, the faculty, and three judges who will choose the overall winner. The three judges will be Father Dugger, Mrs. Cochran, and Mr. Ryan.

### Major Taliban Leader Captured.

The Afghan Taliban's top military leader was captured in Paki-

stan. U.S. officials and analysts said this is a major turning point in the war against these terrorists. Officials from the Obama administration say that this is the most significant Taliban capture since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Baradar, the man captured, is closely associated to Osama bin Laden. He was seen as the No. 2 figure in the Afghan Taliban, after Mullah Mohammed Omar. Baradar is one of the most likely people to know the location of any other major Taliban leaders. This was a major win for the CIA, and a major loss for the Taliban.

### Georgian Luge Sledder Dies.

Nodar Kumaritashvili, a Georgian luger, died in a horrible accident, just hours before the winter Olympics officially started. His death became famous, and its fame was mostly due to Youtube and other video-sharing sites. The luger was traveling down a 152-meter drop on his sled, moving around 90 miles per hour. This specific drop is the longest one for lugging in the world. The tremendous speed made Kumaritashvili lose control of his sled, which caused him to go flying over a wall. He slammed at high speed into a non-padded metal support beam. He was immediately knocked unconscious, and was rushed into a helicopter to be transported to the hospital where he later died.

## Canada Welcomes The World

— By ANNIE LYONS —

The winter Olympics are being held this year in Vancouver, Canada with some events held in the resort town of Whistler, British Columbia and in the Vancouver suburbs of Richmond, West Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands. The games will take place from the 12th to the 28th. Athletes from 97 nations marched in Vancouver at the Opening Ceremony of the XXI Winter Olympic Games. The 2010 Winter Olympics are the third Olympics hosted by Canada, and the first by the province of British Columbia. Previously, Canada was home to the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Quebec and the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta.

Fifteen winter sports events have been announced as part of the 2010 Winter Olympics. The eight sports categorized as ice sports are: bobsled, luge, skeleton, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating and curling. The three sports categorized as alpine skiing and snowboarding events are: alpine, freestyle and snowboarding. The four sports categorized as Nordic events are: biathlon, cross-country skiing, ski jumping and nordic combined.



Photo from washingtonpost.com

Above: Opening ceremony for the 2010 Winter Olympics taking place in Vancouver BC, Canada.



Photo from peteprose.com

Tim Thomas gives team USA hope for bringing home a metal.

There are many people from Canada at this school and take pride in their country. David Brassard, '10 said, "Its cool that my homeland is hosting it and I'm pumped to see Canada win the gold for hockey." Francis Germain said, "I can't wait to watch the hockey game and I love living in Canada." We will have to see what Country takes home the most gold.

## Dress Down Day

— By JENNIFER FOSTER —



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Yu Fan (Evan) Yan and Dan Fishman Hanging out in Pitt Mason in what is considered casual dress.

The Leadership Society will be raising money by holding a dress down day where students can buy a "dress down ticket" for \$3.00 or \$5.00. The money raised will be sent as a donation to support Haiti and their earthquake disaster relief. They need our assistance for medical help and food supplies to keep them alive. Ticket sales will be announced at a later date.

A second goal is to raise enough money to add more water dispensers in dorms on campus, beginning with McCullough. More information will be released when available.

### Campus Life



Hoosac celebrated Ash Wednesday with a service in the chapel. The service was conducted by Father Dugger.

## 2010 Hoosac Yearbook Dedication Pages



Students interested in placing a dedication page within this year's yearbook can find the forms to fill out outside the dining hall and next to the sign-up sheet's outside Nurse Klein's office within Tibbits.

Please see Ms. Roemischer with questions.

# School Sports

- By JENNIFER FOSTER -



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Hoosac Hockey Caption, Jory Uhlman, seen here during an earlier game.

On February 23, Girls Basketball traveled to Winchendon and lost 28-17. Top Scorers were Kaci Liu with 13 points and Sewa Egunsola with 4 points. February 17, Girls basketball traveled to Pittsfield MA. to play Miss Hall's School and lost 41-6 other details were unavailable by deadline.

February 23, Boys Basketball hosted Mt. Everett and won 54-51. Top Scorers were Julian Jones with 25 points, Da Han Han with a big 3 pointer, and Will Sims with 18 points. On February 17 the boys traveled to Mt. Everett and

lost 42-40. The top scorer was Will Sims who scored 21 points for the Owls. Twelve of those points came from 3 point shots.

On February 13, the Hockey team traveled to Worcester and Won 10-3. Top scorers were Elijah Brassard and Attila Pavuk who both earned 2 points each. Jake Figueiro, Frank Lavoie and Jori Uhlman all earned 1 point each. February 17, Hockey played against Brunswick School and lost 6-4. Rest of information was unavailable by deadline.

# Music And Life

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Stand on any street in your own town and you'll notice a trend that began 30 years ago with the invention of the Walkman. A music lover walking around wearing headphones. The freedom to listen to music of your choice without being dependent to a stereo changed the way people listened to music. Consequently it also changed the way they performed daily tasks.

Teenagers stuck in the backseat of the family van on vacation weren't forced to listen to oldies, and jogs through the park now came with a motivational sound track. Today, those clunky CD players have evolved into credit card-sized digital music players, and you can't go two minutes without running into someone listening to their headphones. You're probably one of them.

Workers of all fields have embraced music in order to inspire them and to make their days pass more easily. Each of these workers, it seems, has their own approach to incorporate music into their workday. Listening to music at work can be more than just fun for some people. Listening to music boosts the levels of neurotransmitter dopamine, a brain chemical that can help people focus. For music lovers, however, deciding what songs to play for certain tasks can be an involved process that goes beyond simply picking any random song.

"I find music a motivator during my day, it helps boring times go by faster," said Elijah Brassard '10. "Music makes me get in touch with my inner self and I can manage to focus and get things done during my day," said Eunice Cheong '10. So as we can see, music is a great part of our society and helps us all in our very own way.

Bianca's

Student Special

1 Large Cheese Pizza  
12 Wings  
(1) 2 Liter Soda

\$17.50

686-3000

M-Th 11am-9pm  
F & Sat 11am-10pm

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

Sudoku - Answers

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

# Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

British intelligence reported intercepting some terrorist communications which are likely tied to al-Qaeda. The information revealed is that terrorist have a new plan for getting bombs through airport security: breast implants. When a plastic surgeon was interviewed on the matter, he revealed that the industry's technology would make bombs not only possible, but easy. Both the British and U.S. government are taking this threat seriously, as terrorists plan to have female suicide bombers get breast implants of explosive gels or liquids. Airport security is concerned, because even the new full body scanners wouldn't necessarily pick up breast-implant bombs. As reported on news4jax.com

A heavily practiced Christian showed up to a male dance instructor's house, and shocked the man with a stun gun several times. According to police reports, the Christian arranged to have dance lessons at the instructor's home over the phone. He arrived with a sledge hammer and a stun gun, and attacked the man in his own home. The man managed to call the police, and they arrested him when they arrived. The man explained that his church did not approve of touching while dancing. His plan was to scare the instructor and to tell him to "leave the women alone." As reported on Yahoo News.

On Valentine's day, a man in Minnesota decided to do something original for his wife. He created a giant heart, which spread over a half mile. The heart was on the couple's farm land, and the man used his tractor to create the gift. What made the gift extra special, was that it was made entirely of cow manure. As displeasing (specifically to women) this seems, the man's wife said that she was happy that her husband put in all the work, and did something that no one has ever done before (and probably won't in the future). The wife also said that the manure was supposed to come out darker, but a light snowfall just before Valentine's Day mixed with it. As reported on alldeaf.com

# Student of the Week

## Lu Chen

- By JENNIFER FOSTER -

Q. How was your break?

A. It was fantastic! I went to Manhattan and shopped a lot. I am a shop-a-holic, ha-ha.

Q. What do you like the most about Hoosac?

A. Dorm life, Hoosac is my first boarding School.

Q. How was the Chinese New Year?

A. It was different spending the new year with friends, instead of my family for the first time. But still, I had a lot of fun. I had some real Chinese food.



Photo by Yunru Wang

## Sudoku

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

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## SPORTS

Sat. - 2/20 @ 2:30pm  
Boys Varsity Basketball (Away) vs. Hudson Valley

Sat. - 2/20 @ 5:40pm  
Ice Hockey (Home) vs. North Yarmouth Academy

Tue. - 2/23 @ 2:30pm  
Ice Hockey (Away) vs. Kingswood Oxford

Wed. - 2/24 @ 4pm  
Ice Hockey (Away) vs. Vermont Academy

Wed. - 2/24 @ 2:30pm  
Girls Basketball (Away) vs. Miss Hall's

## PEER WRITING ASSISTANCE

Every Monday & Thursday  
7:00-9:00 pm  
in Library Reference Room

## PEER MATH ASSISTANCE

Monday through Thursday  
7:00 & 8:00 pm  
@ Library Reference Room  
Must get a pass from dorm parents

## LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Every Thursday, 9pm-9:45pm  
with Nurse Klein  
in Nurse Klein's office  
in Tibbits

## ON DUTY

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