

Hoosac Says Goodbye

— By STEPHEN BURKE —



Hoosac file photo

Ms. Lisa Macri, Hoosac teacher and former Tibbits dorm parent.

Lisa Marie Macri, also known as “Ms. Mac” by Hoosac students, passed away at the St. Joseph’s Hospital in New Hampshire last Saturday, April 17, 2010. She died from an illness she had been suffering from for a long time. Ms.

Macri worked at Hoosac for a total of 10 years, from 1999 to 2009. She is most remembered for being dorm parent in Tibbits and her unique ways of running the dorm. Although her job as a dorm parent was probably her most well-known role among Hoosac students, this responsibility was far from the only one she had. In fact one of her most easily recognized characteristics was that she volunteered for many other duties at the school. These included coaching hockey, soccer and basketball, guiding the mock trial team, starting a dance program, organizing the book room, helping Mr. Burns with scheduling, college counseling, and being faculty adviser to the yearbook. Ms. Macri was in fact partly responsible for the formation of the hockey team here.

“I first met Lisa at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA in 1999,” said Mr. Lomuscio. “I was with

Dean Foster at a meeting with educational consultants. Lisa was a consultant. Her specialty was placing students in boarding schools with good hockey programs. We were revitalizing our program, and Dean and Lisa had a great deal to discuss.”

Ms. Macri was born in Weymouth, MA. She lived in Hoosick, NY for 10 years, and Hudson, NH for 20 years before moving to Brookline, NH 6 months ago. She is survived by her parents, her sister, her husband, her brother, her grandmother, and more extended family. A funeral service was held at Old South Union yesterday at 1:30 PM. Hoosac also had a memorial service today during chapel, where Father Dugger was present.

Yearbook Funds Needed

— By STEPHEN BURKE —

One of the most common criticisms of last year’s yearbook was simply that it was too short. This year’s yearbook staff, the yearbook club who meet Saturdays during club period, have taken this criticism into serious consideration, and are working to correct this for next year’s yearbook. However several obstacles must be avoided in order to reach this goal. Since our school has roughly only 110 students, the student portraits don’t take up much space in the yearbook. The major obstacle is simply money. The yearbook is free to all students, which we all can agree is a nice luxury, but this forces the yearbook staff to find other sources for money for the extra pages requested. More pages means more money is necessary for printing.

The pages are sold in sets of eight, which costs \$775. The budget which the school provides for the yearbook is \$7,000. If the yearbook staff spent only the budget, we would have the same size yearbook as last year’s. In order to print everything the staff wants in the yearbook, an estimated additional \$1,500 would be needed. So by what means are the members of the yearbook club trying to get this money? The first is the use of dedication pages. All seniors get their own “senior page”, on which they can make shout outs to their friends, or any photos they want. Besides these, pages can be purchased to be used for whatever purpose the buyer wants. One thing could be dedication pages to a student, or perhaps a group of students, for which a group of stu-

dents could save up and put their money together for a purchase. Another is possible advertisement space, in which student’s parents can put in ads for their businesses, or local businesses can put in ads for themselves. A full page cost \$300, while a half page cost \$200, and a quarter is \$100.

Besides these extra pages, the only way to get the extra money is fund raising. The members of the yearbook staff involved in fund raising this year are Sewa Egun-sola ‘12, Stephen Burke ‘12, Annie Lyons ‘11, and Jennifer Freeman ‘10.

“One thing we are doing is trying to get a dress down day. Students would pay, in order not to

have to wear dress code for a day. All of the money would go directly to yearbook, so not only would they get to dress down for the money they pay, but they would also get a better yearbook. If we charged \$5 to dress down, and half the students participated, we would already have about \$250,” said Sewa when asked about how she plans to raise money. If you have any recommendations for other methods to raise money for yearbook, don’t hesitate to tell your idea to any student on yearbook staff.

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.

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Hoosac Alumnus named first-team All-American.

Hoosac alumnus Kyle Shearer-Hardy, ‘04, a student at Bowden college, from Quebec, has been named first-team All American by American Hockey Coach Association. He finished as the top scoring defenseman in the NES-CAC and ranked 4th among Division III defenders with 30 points. All American Hockey League is a lower level professional ice hockey league with teams in the Mid-western United States. The league currently consists of 4 teams for the 2009-2010 season.



Photo from athletics.bowdoin.edu

Hoosac alumnus, Kyle Shearer-Hardy.

U.S. to urge Russia to continue allowing adoptions after boy’s return.

Top officials from the U.S. State Department plan to travel to Moscow this week to push Russia to allow adoptions by U.S. families to continue. The trip comes after a U.S. family sparked outrage by sending an adopted 7-year-old boy back to Russia alone. Officials in Moscow have threatened to halt all adoptions by U.S. families.

“We were certainly shocked, as was everybody, about the return of the child. We are hoping to work with the Russians to continue the adoptions of children,” said Michael D. Kirby, principal deputy assistant for consular affairs.

“We have had over 50,000 children adopted from Russia. The vast majority are doing great here in the United States.” Families in the United States have adopted 14,079 children from Russia in the last five years, including 1,586 in 2009, according to the State Department.

Death toll from Brazil floods now 229, officials say.

Brazilian President Ignacio Lula da Silva said Monday the government will do everything possible to help victims of flooding and mud slides that have killed at least 229 people and left thousands homeless. Lula da Silva said he will immediately make available 200 million Brazilian reais (about \$112 million) in emergency funding to the state of Rio de Janeiro, where heavy rains that started Tuesday have caused widespread death and destruction.

“We can now say that the Brazilian people are saddened by what has happened in Rio de Janeiro and asking God, praying much, that it stops raining and Rio can return to normality,” Lula was quoted as saying by the state-run Agencia Brasil news service. As reported on CNN.com

Life Sprouts In Greenhouse

— By RAPHAEL LEE —



Owlet file photo

Hoosac’s greenhouse seen here just after completion.

Hoosac school received a grant last year to construct a greenhouse onto the science building. It was completed during summer break and it is ready for the plants. Both Hoosac students and faculty members started to plant some vegetables in the greenhouse. Since we don’t have much time left until the end of the school year, they all decided to use short growing plants which can mature in 50 days or fewer. The greenhouse has different kinds of vegetables right now, such as radishes, spinach, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc. And the vegetables will be mature before the end of school year. The main purpose of the greenhouse is to plant the vegetables or fruits and when they are mature, they can be served in the dining hall.

“Bebe wanted to plant watermelon so she can bring it back home when it matures,” said Ms. Stulz.

Hoosac's Internet Woes

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

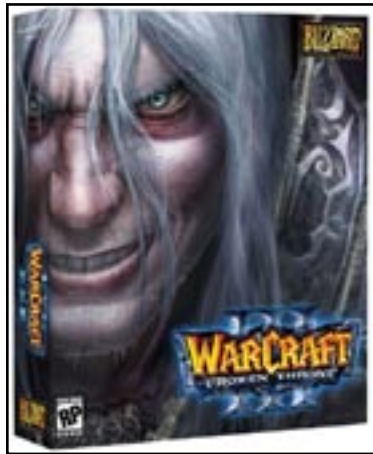


Image from www.chibao.net

Warcraft III is one of the most popular computer games played here at Hoosac

everyone to work and connect to this network, but the problems arise because some students download games, or other programs that slow the whole campus down.

Jasn Rodgers, a former here at Hoosac school, has some insight in this matter. "Hoosac has a T1 line to support our whole campus, which is more than enough, but when students download programs that some times may take 2 - 4 days it tends to slow everyone else down. It's like having a traffic jam, the more cars the more traffic there will be and it gets worse when there are bigger cars in just a 2 way lane."

As we can see these internet problems are caused by our own students. "The internet here is so slow compared to the one from back home and I don't think it's fair that just because other students feel like playing games we all have to suffer the consequences," said Travis Bob '13. "The internet is slow but the only ones to blame are our own students," said Will Flynn '12.

There is a bigger line called a T3 line which we can get, but it's more expensive and our own line is more than enough if we don't abuse it. In any case if we wanted to buy a bigger line we would need to raise the tuition money. Would it be worth it? Paying more money just for kids to play online games doesn't sound like a good enough reason. The blame is on us if the internet problems continue.

The Internet is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use the standard Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to serve billions of users worldwide. It is a network of networks that consists of millions of private, public, academic, business, and government networks of local to global scope that are linked by a broad array of electronic and optical networking technologies. The Internet carries a vast array of information resources and services, most notably the inter-linked hypertext documents of the World Wide Web (WWW) and the infrastructure to support electronic mail.

Here at Hoosac we have been having some Internet problems for quite some time. These problems are slow Internet, or simply not being able to connect to the network. Here at school we have a strong enough connection for ev-

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

A boy in Britain spent over \$1,300 on the Facebook game "Farmville," which exploded into households worldwide in 2009. The game involves taking care of animals and crops, which can be viewed by other users. The game requires items to be purchased using in-game "coins," which are necessary for the success of your farm. For less patient users, these coins can be purchased with real-life money via credit cards, as opposed to earning them inside the game. The 12-year-old boy was using his mother's credit card. The mother says that it is entirely her son's fault, but that the game should be more responsible. For example, there are no filters for people using credit cards that do not match their name. The boy's profile on both Facebook and Farmville was disabled, since the site does not allow users under the age of 13. Zynga, the company who created Farmville, refuses to refund any of the money, on the grounds that the boy lives in the house in which the credit card's owner lives. *As reported on cnews.ca*

A man in Ontario was arrested by police after they found him riding on the roof of his own vehicle. The police say that the car pulled into a driveway, and the man hopped down before they talked to him. The man explained that he was drunk, so he could not drive, so he had a designated driver drive him home instead. Several issues arise from the story however. First of all, there was a passenger seat in the car, which the man could have used. For not doing so, he was fined for not using a seat, or a seat belt. The second problem was that the man's 24-year-old "designated driver," was also intoxicated, beyond the legal limit for driving. *As reported on cnews.canoe.ca*

School Sports

- By ANNIE LYONS -

Boys Lacrosse

The boy's lacrosse team held Greenwich Central and unfortunately the score was 15-2 going to Greenwich. The team is still growing and the team scorers were David Brassard with one and Ian Richter with the other. "The team is figuring things out and my check list is getting shorter, which is a good sign," said Coach Joe.

This past Saturday, the boy's headed over to Amsterdam and played a phenomenal game. The boys were down 8-2 at half time but battled back to score 6 goals; however, they fell just short ending the game with 11-8. Scoring for the Owls was Ian Richter, 3 goals; David Brassard, 2 goals; Carlo Longinotti, Steve Shulman, and Eli Brassard all had 1 each.

Girls Lacrosse

The girls had their 1st win in their second game of the season. The score came out to be 6-3 with the lead scores Jayla Jung and Regina Kim both having two goals and Jen Freeman and Sewa Egunsola both having 1 goal. Bebe Wang played a great game in the nets.

Tennis Team

The Tennis team was washed out and postponed with Mt. Everett due to rain this past Saturday. On Monday the Tennis team traveled to New Lebanon to take on Darrow school. John Bragga once again won the first singles match. Hans Brulé, Charles Cûté, Matt Carpentier, D.H. Han, Soo Jung Seo, and Peini Su all won their matches as well in a 6-1 victory.

Sudoku

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5				9				4
	8			5			2	
	6	7	3		4	9	5	
	3			2			1	
6				8				9
	7		5	6	9		4	
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What would you like to see in the Owlet? Give written suggestions to Ms. Roemischer.

Sudoku-Answers

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

Earthquake Effects Felt Worldwide

- By ANNIE LYONS -

On April 14th at 7:49 a.m. a 7.1 magnitude earthquake hit China in Yushu County in northwest Qinghai. At least 400 people have been killed and more have been injured or trapped in rubble after a series of earthquakes in north-west China. Officials said more than 10,000 people were injured and six quakes hit Yushu county, Qinghai province. Many brick and wood buildings have fallen, many with people still trapped inside.

In Jiegu, a town near the quake, more than 85% of houses collapsed, while large cracks appeared on buildings still standing. "The streets in Jiegu are thronged with panic and full of injured people, with many of them bleeding from their injuries," he said. The BBC quoted one local official saying: "We have nothing now. The loss is huge."

The provincial government and Red Cross are sending supplies of tents, warm clothing, and blankets.

At Hoosac there is a large number of students who are from China. Bebe Wang said, "It was a big disaster, a lot of people lost their family. Kids could not go to school and had to have tents to hold classes. But I know the government is trying to help by giving .3 billion for the earthquake." Kikyou Yan said: "some Mongolian people live there and it is horrible what had happened and she hopes that things get better."

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