

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Whitcomb under repair.

Whitcomb dorm is in an old building. Whitcomb is now faced with some issues. A couple of weeks ago, Hoosac School couldn't have morning chapel service in the chapel because water was leaking from old and rusty pipes.

The dorm's bathroom is also not functioning well. "Our bathroom was flooded last night. I had to wake up in the middle of the night and mop the entire floor which was covered with mud and water," said Vaughn Proctor '10, resident of Whitcomb. The maintenance team is aware of the problems and is working hard to fix them as soon as possible.

Military may help in oil spill cleanup in Gulf.

The U.S. military may be called on to assist authorities scrambling to mitigate a potential environmental disaster posed by an oil spill expanding toward the Gulf Coast, the Coast Guard said Thursday. A controlled burn of the oil slick may be conducted, Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Erik Swanson said.

Late Wednesday, officials estimated that the amount of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico from three underwater leaks after last week's oil rig explosion has increased to as much as 5,000 barrels, or 210,000 gallons a day, five times more than what was initially believed. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation, and search efforts have been halted for 11 missing workers.

Adoption dream unlikely at Russian orphanage.

Though Oksana is 4 years old, she is much shorter than other children who are a year younger. She barely talks, and yet doesn't hesitate to climb up in her puffy dress to sit next to a visitor on a couch, after flashing an impish smile. Administrators at Children's Home Number 59 in Moscow say Oksana was found by police, after apparently being abandoned. She was then delivered to a hospital and eventually ended up at this orphanage.

Of the more than 83 children registered here, Oksana stands the best chance of being adopted -- simply because she is one of the youngest children here. Darya Tatarenko is a young child psychologist who works at Children's Home Number 59. The 22-year-old graduate of Moscow State University has a deep personal interest in adoption: one of her sisters was adopted. But she estimates the children at this orphanage, who range in age from 3 to 18, have only a 30 percent chance of being adopted by Russian families. Tatarenko says that's because potential parents in Russia often prefer blond and healthy children. In fact, the odds that they will find a loving family outside of the orphanage seem much lower. In the 10 years since Children's Home No. 59 opened, only four of its children have been successfully adopted, says deputy director Valentina Spivakova. As reported on CNN.com

Hoosac "Eat Fresh"

— By STEPHEN BURKE —

Marketing is a class here at Hoosac, which meets sixth period in Blake. It is a one-trimester class, and Mr. Rabinowitz is the teacher. Mr. Rabinowitz was in a marketing-related career before working at Hoosac which is why the class is now available. The class primarily focuses on teaching students the basics of, as the name suggests, marketing. What this means is it teaches them how to become better salesmen, and how to sell certain products. In the Dining Hall, the Library, Tibbits, and several other places throughout Hoosac's campus, flyers are posted which advertise sub sandwiches. These flyers were made by the marketing class and explain that the subs can be purchased for seven dollars a piece, and will be delivered during study hall to the customer's dorms. This takes place on Tues-



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Subway offers many types of sandwiches which the students can choose from.

days and Thursdays, and can be ordered during lunch.

The flyers were also slid under the doors of all students on campus. The objective of this is to teach the students in the class how to buy or re-sell a product. The students in the class are David Brassard '10, Kris Pirocacos '11, Francis Germain '11, Charles Côté '11, Eunice Cheong '10, Hans Brûlé '11, Elijah Brassard '10, Alex Faett '10, Weon Jo Cheong '10, and Henry Han '10.

"I think the class is interesting. It's nice that the class is offered because it lets us get a sample of the marketing industry," said Alex Faett. The class is only available to upper classmen, meaning Vth and VIth formers only.

A Decade Of Service Comes To An End

— By ANNIE LYONS —

As some of you may know Mr. Glenn Olf is retiring from Hoosac at the end of this year. Mr. Olf has been here since 2001 and has taught AP Calculus, Physics, and Biology. Some may know his passions like competitive rowing for 20 years, collecting model trains, and collecting fossils.

Mr. Olf started teaching at East Greenbush School in Albany and taught there for 31 years. He taught Biology, Earth Science, and was the science department chairman. He coached football, cross-country, track, and golf while there.

He first came to Hoosac 10 years ago seeing an add in a paper. There had been an opening for a job here because a teacher named Mr. Perry was retiring. Some of Mr. Olf's best memories here are the kids he has taught over the

past ten years, having fun getting to know them and, he joked, "making them suffer." He enjoyed some of the symposiums over the years like the geology caverns. He also liked when bridge building came around with his physics classes.

Many students have had Mr. Olf as a teacher. Ben Serpa '10 said, "He was a really good teacher and he was always fair with his grading." Dino Constantine '11 said, "He is a really smart guy and always makes me laugh in class." Hoosac Librarian Mrs. Wilson said, "He was really inspirational and a great teacher and mentor for my son."

Mr. Olf, after he leaves Hoosac, will still be working on the earth science state regents, which he has been doing for a while. He will be traveling to Aruba and "what-



Photo by Yunru Wang

Mr. Glenn Olf, respected Hoosac teacher and colleague.

ever strikes my fancy." He will be building a home in Vermont.

Mr. Olf will clearly be missed dearly by the students and faculty. He is a great teacher and many people adored him greatly. Best of luck with the future Mr. Olf!

English By Candlelight

— By ARIAN HOLMAN —

Every year, during the third trimester, the senior class stops its English classes and signs up for preceptorials which are offered during evening study hall. This year we have Gothic Literature, Detective Fiction, the Essay and the Beat Generation! Mr. Lomuscio, Mr. Kurland, Ms. Elacqua and Mr. Cochran provide these preceptorials.

A preceptorial is a college course that emphasizes independent reading, discussion in small groups, and individual conferences with the teacher. The purpose of these preceptorials provide the seniors with a college level concept of course. It requires more

independent work than the typical high school class.

"I really enjoy these preceptorials; they require a greater amount of responsibility, and one gets to choose a course which meets one's interest," said Joe Mueller '10. "I like these preceptorials; they are more interesting than a regular English class," said Carrie Wang '10.

The preceptorials encourage students to be independent and to get a sense of what they should expect in college. As we can see, most students enjoy the class structure of the preceptorial and hope Hoosac will continue this program for years to come.

Hoosac Culture Quiz

- 1) When Miss Elacqua laughs, she sounds just like,
a. Lucille Ball b. Jennifer Aniston c. Brittany Spears d. Paris Hilton e. Phyllis Diller
- 2) Before Mr. B came to Hoosac, he was a consultant employed by
a. The History Channel b. Brooks Brothers c. Oil & gas exploration companies d. An arms manufacturer
e. National Geographic
- 3) The belief that SAT stands for Student Athletic Teams was first expressed by
a. Mr. Burke b. Mr. Ryan c. Mr. Rabinowitz d. Mr. Olf e. Mr. Thomson
- 4) Which of the following would be ranked among Mr. L's favorite sayings?
a. Expulsion is such sweet sorrow b. His AP essay was a jewel in a cesspool
c. *Se taire et cultiver ton propre jardin* d. There's no business like show business
- 5) Mr. Cochran and his wife own a 250-acre farm outside of Williamstown, Mass., which is the best-known for its,
a. Organic herbs b. Black Angus beef c. Christmas trees d. Rottweilers e. Watercress
- 6) The assertion that "Bartok's music is actually much better than it sounds" could best be attributed to:
a. Mr. Burns b. Mr. Uhl c. Ms. Stulz d. Mrs. Rabinowitz e. Ms. Pekalski
- 7) When Mr. Horne was a student at Hoosac, which of the following descriptive adjectives would have been most appropriate for the school?
a. Ascetic b. Bombastic c. Triassic d. Monastic e. Archaic
- 8) When Father Dugger was a young priest, he also was
a. An Arctic explorer b. A biology teacher c. A civil rights activist
d. A Dean of students e. An Egyptologist
- 9) When Miss. Kelly was a Third Former at Hoosac
a. Mr. L was the Dean of Students b. Halloween was not observed in any way
c. Girls were not allowed to wear pants except as casual dress. d. PDA's were strictly forbidden e. All of these
- 10) What period of English history provides the inspiration for the Boar's Head & Yule Log Pageant as celebrated at Hoosac?
a. Anglo-Saxon b. Roman c. Celtic d. Norman e. Elizabeth

The first Three students to provide Ms. Roemischer with correct answers to all 10 questions will receive a large Bianca's pizza of their choice on the evening of their choice (Fridays not included).

At Hoosac School

**Footlong Subs
Only \$7**

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Order after lunch in the dining hall.
Delivery at your dorm during
free period.

School Sports

- By ANNIE LYONS -



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Ian Ritcher scored one for the Owls during the home game against the Storm Kings.

Boys Baseball

The Boys Baseball team traveled to a very good team On Wednesday the 21st, Vermont Academy. They had a very tough game and lost 1-25. Vaughn Proctor was the highlight of the day, picking up his first hit.

Tennis Team

The Tennis team traveled to Long Trail and tied up the game 4-4 on Wednesday the 21st. Winning their matches were Charles Côté, Hans Brûlé, Da Han Han, and Matt Carpentier.

Girls Lacrosse

The Girls Lacrosse team played Pittsfield on Wednesday the 21st and played amazingly well but just fell one goal short making the game 5-6. The girls carried a 5-4 lead late into the 2nd half but just could not make it hold as Pittsfield came back for the victory. Five different girls scored for the Owls. Regina Kim, Jayla Jung, Jenn Freeman, Sewa Egunsola, and Bebe Wang. Sewa and Bebe played a really good game in goal.

Boys Lacrosse

The boys team had its 1st win of the season on home turf on Wednesday the 21st. The Owls played Storm King and came out with an 11-8 Victory. The top scorers for the game were Alex Faett (3), Eli Brassard (4), Ian Richter (3), and Joe Mueller (1) and 7 face off wins. Jesse Martinez led the team in ground balls (9) and Eddy Franz continues to get better in goal for the Owls.

* All games scheduled for 4/28/10 were postponed due to rain.

2010 Hoosac Yearbook Dedication Pages



Students & parents 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.

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

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

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

Two men were seriously injured, after practicing shooting with a pair of rifles they owned. The men didn't shoot each other, as one might expect the story to go, but what injured them was rather what they were shooting at. They needed to find something to put a target on, but what they chose wasn't the wisest object: a propane tank. After several shots miraculously didn't destroy the tank, one finally punctured it, and ignited all the gas inside. The men survived, but were thrown back. A local heard the explosion and phoned local police, who found the men on the ground unconscious within eyeshot of what used to be the propane tank. As reported on cnews.ca

A man in Florida went to an ATM to make a small withdrawal last week. After getting the money, and printing the receipt, he looked at his balance and saw a very lucky number: \$88,888,888,888.88, almost 89 billion dollars. He later discovered that this was a technical error of Sun Trust Bank, after they contacted him explaining and apologizing for the mistake. The money was stripped from his account as soon as the bank realized the error. Before the mistake was discovered however, he asked if he could move the money to an interest-bearing account until it was reclaimed, and donate the interest to charity. How much was the interest on this 89 billion dollar account? A total of more than 7.3 million dollars. The bank said no. As reported on finance.yahoo.com

An unnamed child from China underwent a six-and-a-half hour surgery recently, so that he could have ten fingers and ten toes. The boy was born with 15 fingers and 16 toes, making a grand total of 31 digits. The boy has a condition called "polydactyly" which is a genetic disorder that causes one to have more or less than the standard number of fingers and/or toes. Although even after the surgery, the boy's new digits are unnatural looking and may be somewhat dysfunctional, but he does have ten fingers and ten toes. As reported on alldeaf.com

Student of the Week

Jasn Rodgers

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Q. How do you feel about being student of the week?

A. I really did not see it coming; this is my first year here so I'm excited about it.

Q. What did you do during the long weekend?

A. I didn't do much, just stayed at home.

Q. How do you like the school so far?

A. I really like it here, it's a small environment and I feel welcomed.



Photo by Yunru Wang

Sudoku

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

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SPORTS

Mon. - 5/3 @ 4pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse (Home) vs. Lansingburgh

Mon. - 5/3 @ 4pm
Baseball (Home) vs. Mt. Anthony

Wed. - 5/5 @ 2pm
Girls Lacrosse (Away) vs. Miss Hall's

Wed. - 5/5 @ 4pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse (Away) vs. Northwood

Wed. - 5/5 @ 4pm
Baseball (Home) vs. Long Trail

Wed. - 5/5 @ 2:30pm
Tennis (Home) vs. Darrow

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

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Chaperone 1 - Mr. Cochran
Chaperone 2 - Mr. Horne
Prefect on Duty - Lavoire
Open House - Mr. Rabinowitz

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