

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Hoosac Alumni Reunion.

Hoosac school will have its alumni reunion after the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The reunion will start on June 11th, Friday, and there will be weekend activities for participants, such as tennis, Antonian-Graftonian softball challenge, golf, etc., and on June 13th, there will be a memorial service in the chapel for alumni who died in the past two years. The reason for alumni reunion is to meet up with old friends and schoolmates, and also favorite teachers.

At least 158 feared dead in India plane crash.

At least 158 people are feared dead after a passenger jet over-shot a runway, crashed into a valley and burst into flames in southern India on Saturday morning, officials said.

Rescue teams had recovered 127 bodies at the wreckage site outside Mangalore International Airport by mid-afternoon, Air India Director Anup Srivastava told CNN. Eight of the 166 people on-board Air India Flight IX-812 sur-

vived the crash and were taken to hospitals, he said. The Boeing 737 took off from Dubai and crashed while trying to make its scheduled landing in Mangalore at 6:30 a.m. Saturday (9 p.m. ET Friday), Srivastava said.

Witnesses said the plane crashed through the hilltop airport's boundary wall and fell into a valley, CNN-IBN reported. Survivors told CNN's sister network that they jumped out of the plane after it crashed, seconds before it burst into flames. Rescue workers struggled to reach the crash site in a hilly wooded area beyond the runway, the network said. Smoke from the plane also hampered rescue efforts, CNN-IBN reported. As reported on CNN.com

Texas OKs school guidelines after ideological debate.

Changes to social studies curricula introduced by conservative members of the Texas State Board of Education were approved Friday after months of ideologically driven debate. Three separate votes on amended guidelines for elementary-, middle- and high-

school curricula each resulted in 9-5 splits along party lines in favor of the new standards, known as Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. New standards for the high school economics course passed 14-0. Debate over the guidelines has drawn scrutiny since conservative members of the board introduced the changes in 2009 in what they considered an effort to bring "balance" to the curriculum.

"What we have is the history profession, the experts, seem to have a left-wing tilt, so what we were doing is trying to restore some balance to the standards," board member Don McLeroy said in March. What is taught in Texas often is taught in other states because publishers typically tailor textbooks for Texas, one of the largest buyers of textbooks in the country. However, digital publishing has diminished the state's influence on textbooks nationally and curriculum is always going to be decided at the local level, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said. As reported on CNN.com

Hydroponics Hits Hoosac

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Hydroponics means growing plants without soil. Hydroponic gardening is more efficient because the plant is constantly provided moisture and nutrition; it does not have to waste energy growing extensive roots to search for what it needs. Plants grown hydroponically can grow up to 50% faster than they do in soil, and plants can be grown practically anywhere. A benefit of hydroponic gardening is that soil borne diseases are eliminated due to the fact that there is no soil to harbor diseases. The cost of growing produce with hydroponics is estimated to be 20% less



Photo by Austin McCroskie

From left, Raphael Lee, Carlo Longinotti, Daniel Fishman, and Yifan Zhang seen here with their Environmental Studies hydroponics project.

than using traditional growing conditions. Also there is greater spacing efficiency due to smaller roots. Concentrated feeding reduces water waste.

Ms. Pekalski's Environmental Studies class is growing herbs for

the Hoosac kitchen staff to use in their dishes. The class is growing parsley, oregano, basil, and mint. They are using the hydroponics technology to grow these plants.

Getting To Know Miss Kelly

— By ARIAN HOLMAN —

Miss Whitney Kelly is one of the two dorm parents of Tibbits Hall. Miss Kelly was born May 9th 1985, she grew up in Martha's Vineyard. She is not only part of the faculty, she is also an alumna. She came to Hoosac in 2001 as a IVth former. She lived in Tibbits for 3 years as a student. In her Vth form year she became prefect and Senior prefect her final year as a student. She graduated from

Hoosac in 2003 and went to Hartwick college where she studied education and art. Miss Kelly currently teaches the IInd form and it's her 2nd year as a teacher. She also coaches the soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams. Her home is in Mattapoisett where her parents live. She is planning on coming back next year after spending the summer by the beach. Miss Kelly is 25 and has a younger sister who



Photo by Austin McCroskie

Miss Kelly coaching a girls lacrosse game.

has just recently graduated from Hobart at the age of 22. She hopes some day, after Hoosac, she will work with younger kids.

Responsibilities And Privileges Of Prefects

— By STEPHEN BURKE —



Photo by Yunru Wang

The 2011 probationary prefects and next year's senior prefect, Da Han Han, back row second from right.

The term "prefect" comes from British Boarding School traditions. Hoosac is obviously not a British Prep School, but it uses many of the same traditions. The definition of "prefect" according to dictionary.com is, "a person appointed to any of various positions of command, authority, or superintendence, as a chief magistrate in ancient Rome or the chief administrative official of a department of France or Italy." We are obviously not in Rome, France or Italy, so our definition is slightly different.

The prefects have several responsibilities. Their primary duties are in the dorms to which they are assigned. Those include making sure that all students are in the dorm when they are supposed to, and keeping people who shouldn't be there out. Other responsibilities in the dorm are making sure dorm jobs are done, and addressing any other problems concerning the dorm building, or conflicts between students. Prefects also have some responsibilities outside of their own dorms. Every week, there is a prefect on duty. This prefect must attend the weekly trip to either Crossgates Mall, or Colony Mall. They go primarily because if something happened to a student on the trip, there is someone there to help with the situation, besides the chaperone.

Each of the boys dorms only requires one prefect, with the exception of Pitt Mason which has one per floor. Lewisohn usually has one prefect, McCullough can have one or two, and Tibbits has at least one per floor, but usually more. If not enough prefects are available for a dorm, then someone in the dorm is deemed "proctor," which is essentially the same thing as prefect, but only inside that specific dorm.

Three of this year's prefects will be prefects again next year, and of course they will all be seniors. These are Yunru (Bebe) Wang, Jen Foster, and senior prefect Da Han Han. The senior students initiated as prefects this year will be Jongwon (Jason) Choi, Annie Lyons, Arian Holman, Peini Su, and Yinghao (Luke) Qi. The juniors will be Ziqi (Jessica) Gao, Stephen Burke, Austin McCroskie, Sewa Egunsola, and William Flynn. These probationary prefects are in training, and will be officially inducted during the fall parents' weekend.

Prefects also have several privileges, besides having more power than the average student. Prefects get one day of the week in which they don't have to attend a sit-down dinner. They can also go into the dining hall before other students are admitted, and also get the cushioned seats on the side of the chapel next to the windows reserved for them. Since being prefect is their job in the dorm, they don't have to do any of the normal dorm jobs in the dorm.

Campus Life



Photo by Ms. Roemischer

Hoosac students find relief from the heat by using a water slide down Pitt hill. Water slide compliments of Mr. Ryan.

School Sports

- By ANNIE LYONS -

Antonians and Graftonians

The Antonians and Graftonians had a track meet on Friday the 21st. The Antonians dominated making the total track points, Antonians - 80 pts. Graftonians - 40 pts.

Track - Both the boys and girls 50 yd. dashes were won by the Graftonians, however both the boys and girls 100 yd. dashes were won by the Antonians. The 440 yd. race was won by the Antonians, as well as the mile. Each race of the day was worth 20 points.



Photo by Ms. Roemischer

Antonian, Eli Brassard, seen here during the relay race on ASADO day.

Boys Lacrosse

The Boys Lacrosse Team traveled to Greenwich School and battled it out but fell short. No more information was given by deadline.

Tennis Team

The tennis team traveled to Wichendon school and fought a hard battle, but fell just short for the owls making it 3-4.

Pumped Up For Graduation

-By ANNIE LYONS-



Photo by Austin McCroskie

The senior class just after morning meeting Wednesday outside of the Blake building.

As we all know, graduation is just around the corner. It is the last time these seniors will ever be high school students here at Hoosac. On Friday June 4th there will be sports awards at 3:00 pm and around 8:00 pm there will be a missionary service for the seniors where they all line up and move even closer to graduate. For some seniors it will be the last time they will be on campus.

Vaughn Procter '10 said, "he cannot wait to graduate but that the school has taught him many things about himself and other people." Max Stonis said, "the two years here have been great and the senior dinner was really fun," and that he "cannot wait for what the future holds."

The senior dinner was held on Tuesday the 25th, when the class went to the Mt. Anthony Country Club and had a memorable time together and giving speeches about their times together.

Graduation is going to be bitter-sweet as always, but everyone cannot wait to go to college and proceed with what the future holds.

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

Two Men Scribble On Their Faces For Disguises.

Two men were arrested last week, after witnesses said they saw them attempting to break into an empty apartment. The witness, clearly much smarter than the two burglars, did not alert the two men that they had spotted them. They waited for the men to come back out, and recorded their car's license plate number. The police found the vehicle, and promptly pulled the car over. The two men were still wearing what they had apparently thought would suffice for "disguises." They had simply scribbled (poorly) with a permanent marker over their faces. Clearly not much thought and effort had gone into this burglary, and the criminals paid the price for their stupidity. As reported on telegraph.co.uk

Water and Electricity Don't Mix.

Claude Francois was a famous pop singer in France who died on March 11, 1978. The story of how he died is short and sweet. One day, he returned to his apartment in Paris, France, after a long day of whatever it is French pop singers do. He decided to take a bath. Directly above the tub, there was a light, the bulb of which Claude noticed had gone out. He decided to change it... while still standing in the tub. He tried to unscrew the bulb, and was electrocuted. As reported on wikipedia.org

Learn From Others' Mistakes.

In Texas, a pair of buildings were in need of painting, so two local contractors were hired to do the job. They removed the wheels of a scaffold, and attempted to put it on the slanted roofs without rolling off. Unfortunately the metal object met with a transformer and killed both of the painters. Much attention was brought to the event, and many people were starting to say that the town was liable for the incident. The town council sent two representatives to investigate the scene of the accident, to see if the story was truly possible. In order to do this, the two men climbed up onto the roof, and re-created the scenario the two painters were in. They did this perfectly, causing the scaffolding to once again collide with the transformer, electrocuting, and killing both of these men as well. As reported on thedarwinawards.com

Student of the Week

Kyung Tae (Kenneth) Kim

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -



Photo by Ms. Roemischer

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

A. It's good, I like it.

Q. What are you doing this summer?

A. I'm going back to Korea.

Q. How did you like the school year?

A. I like it but I'm glad its over, I'm ready for summer.

Q. What do you think about graduation?

A. I'm sad to see some of my friends leave but I'm happy they are going to college.

Sudoku

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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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SPORTS

For the remainder of the school year, all sporting events will be Antonian vs Graftonian competitions.

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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Duty Master - Mrs. Rabinowitz
Chaperone 1 - Mr. Ryan
Chaperone 2 - Mr. Thomson
Prefect on Duty - Lavoire
Open House - Mr. Burke

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Attention Students

Hoosac will have transportation available to the train & bus stations and to the airport on Saturday, June 5th. Departure time is 3pm. Please speak to Mrs. Towne if you have any questions.

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