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year!!!!

THE STUDENT VOICE

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Winter Carnival

By: Carly David '09



The halls of Bishop Brady are decorated; the school is emptied into the gym; and the students are dressed in their most outlandish clothes. These are the signs that Winter Carnival has finally come.

The best winter week at Brady takes place every year during the week of February 14th. This Brady tradition is one marked by outrageous dress down days, class competitions, and an annual semi-formal dance.

This year's dress down days were days that will not soon be forgotten. Days like "Into the Jungle" and "Angel and Devil" day brought a wide range of colorfully dressed people. The activities during this week included flag football, an inflatable obstacle course, and a creative board game. In the end, the Juniors won the majority of class competitions and won

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The Art of Fencing

By: Meghan Sargent '10

If asked, "What sport do you play?" most teenagers would not reply with the word fencing, however, sophomore James Kiefner proudly answers that way. James has been fencing at the Concord Fencing Club for five and a half years. He originally became interested in the sport because he watched his older brother fence for almost five years. Since then, James has become a very dedicated and skilled fencer.

James Kiefner is already among the elite saber fencers in the country. He is the third ranked male fencer in the Northeast region, which is made up of all of the fencers in New Hampshire and Maine. Recently, he participated in the Junior Olympics in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There, he competed against men who are members of Division I college fencing

teams, as well as future Olympians. James participated in the U-17 and U-20 divisions at the Junior Olym-



James Kiefner in action. Staff photo.

pics where he competed against the best fencers in

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the tournament. In his U-20 bracket, he had to compete against the second and fifth best fencers, and in his U-17 bracket he had to compete

against the second and tenth best fencers. Though James did not medal at the Junior Olympics, he did very well and challenged every fencer that he faced. In one of his bouts, he lost five to three to the fencer who left the Junior Olympics with a silver medal.

James participates in fencing tournaments every two weeks, but he remains an active member of the Student Council and an Honor Roll student. Along with placing well, James hopes to receive a fencing scholarship to a Division I college. With his dedication and determination to succeed in the world of fencing, and his obvious academic achievement, James Kiefner is sure to reach his goal. ■

Teacher Highlight By: Travis LaCouter '09, Lizzy Swain '12, and Meredith Kalinski '09

Mrs. Maureen Goulson, or Magistra as she is known to her students, is the teacher for all levels of Latin at Brady. She is a part time teacher, so most non-Latin students will only ever see her zipping in and out of her classroom and through the halls. Magistra's personality and teaching style can best be described as intense and thorough. She studied Classics and Latin at the University of New Hampshire, and during that

time and ever since then these two subjects have been her passions.

Magistra says she is attracted to the Classics because they are 'enduring and passionate'. She has been teaching at Brady since 2000 and she most values a focused scholastic environment.

When she's not teaching, Magistra is an avid runner who frequently participates in half-marathons, and on average runs 40 to 60 miles per week. In addition to

running, Magistra Goulson loves to read, bike, swim, and enjoys ballroom dancing with her husband.

Her students consistently describe her class as "tough but interesting" and judging by four years taking Latin, I would definitely agree with that! Despite her demanding workload and high standards, Magistra is an engaging and knowledgeable teacher who has much to offer

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Editorial By: Ashleigh Sargent '09 and Travis LaCouter '09

One thing that marked the winter season this year at Brady was the outstanding spirit of the Brady community. Student Council did a wonderful job planning the different activities throughout Winter Carnival week.

The incoming freshmen class got a chance to build their spirit at the third annual Brady Acceptance Social Hour. At the BASH, the eighth graders participated in many fun activities and team bonding experiences. They had the opportunity to build their friendships before the school year

even started. Junior Katie Stewart said, "Everyone had fun playing dodge ball, sledding, and

drinking hot chocolate. They all enjoyed the winter season."



Each class bonded throughout the week of Winter Carnival. Staff photo.

Another highlight of the Winter was the success of the Brady sports teams. Girls

basketball, boys basketball, indoor track,

and winter cheer all had successful seasons that made the school

proud. The hockey team went to the semi finals of the state tournament and finished a thrilling season with a record of 11-8-1. The ski team made a run for the state title. The boys team came in fourth in the state while the girls came in first in the state after an undefeated season.

The winter season at Brady was highlighted by many bonding activities, successful teams, and building toward the future. As seniors, we enjoyed our final winter season at Brady and look forward to an equally enjoyable spring. This winter season has shown the camaraderie and drive that makes the Brady community great. ■

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am looking forward to this spring as a senior. I have heard that second semester senior year is the best time of high school. I am looking forward to Spring Fling, graduation, and senior prank. Most of all, I am excited to receive my diploma and celebrate the past four years of success with friends and family.

-Dan Bealieu '09

Dear Editor,

Winter Carnival this year was very fun. The obstacle course in the gym was by far the best it has been in years. We had each class design the t-shirts and they all came out really well. We had many snow days which was nice. It was a cold snowy winter, but we had fun!

-Anna Kenny '09

Dear Editor,

As a senior, I am looking forward to the culmination of my final academic year at Brady.

Graduation is a time to celebrate the end of high school and to look forward to the future. As high school graduation nears, I look back on my four years at Bishop Brady and look forward to my next few years in college where I will continue my education, carrying the ideals Brady has instilled in me.

-Ian Lassonde '09

Dear Editor,

Honestly, I am excited for eating outside. Sitting in the sun during study and having lunch at the picnic table. O, Graduation will be exciting too!

-Carly David '09

Dear Editor,

I am looking forward to the snow melting, the grass growing, and the trees getting new leaves. I cannot wait for it to start getting warmer and everything to look pretty again. I also can't wait to be able to go running outside without snow everywhere.

-Marianna Fiorilla '12

Dear Editor,

What I liked most about the winter was playing on the hockey team. Playing in the playoffs was also fun with all of the fan support.

-Zach Denver '12

Dear Editor,

The best part of the winter season was the snow. I enjoyed looking out of the classroom windows at Brady and seeing the snow. It makes me happy that I live in New England.

-Billy Perkins '12

Dear Editor,

The best part of the winter season at Brady was Winter Carnival week. It was fun watching the board game activity in the gym.

-Jocelyn Dorsey '10

Dear Editor,

I am looking forward to Brady baseball. Although some games were rough last year, the team is recharged with only two seniors lost. It should be a good season.

-Zach Noel '10

Dear Editor,

I am looking forward to college visits. I am excited for my visits to Ollin and MIT. Hopefully, it will help me in my decision.

-Sterling Huber '10

Dear Editor,

I think the end of the year will be really fun and I cannot wait to go to Virginia in May! Prom will hopefully be fun and graduation will be amazing!

-Bridget Butterworth '09

Dear Editor,

This spring, I am most looking forward to graduating! I can't wait to take that step and begin the new journey-college! I can't wait for the new experiences and people that await after my graduation.

-Kate Abbott '09

Ask Athena...

Dear Athena,

People always put me down and they aren't very nice. They always call me names behind my back. I ask them to stop but they don't. WHAT DO I DO?!

Signed,
Teased

Dear Teased,

Sometimes people can be inconsiderate without even realizing it. The main thing you have to do is not let it bother you. One of the main reasons why people tease each other is to get a reaction. If you don't let it bother you, the teasing will eventually cease. People who tease you can also make you appreciate your real friends even more. So don't let it worry you, have fun with your real friends, and the teasing will stop.

Signed,
Athena

Dear Athena,

I want to do something nice for my girlfriend for our anniversary. Any ideas?

Signed,

No Ideas

Dear No Ideas,

Anniversaries are an important step in a relationship, so here are some cute ideas that your girlfriend should appreciate. First off, flowers are a must. Roses, especially. Girls love their beauty and scent. You'll also want to include a date in which you and your girlfriend will be doing something you both love. Rent her favorite movie to watch, with your favorite dinner and snacks, or take her out to a restaurant you both love. In compromising, you can never go wrong. Girls also love it when their boyfriends personalize things for them. For example, write her a poem or a song, just for her. Knowing that you took the time to write something just for her will make her very happy and realize how much she appreciates you. Those are just a few things, and feel free to ask for any other ideas for other special days as well. Good luck!

Signed,
Athena

Dear Athena,

I have a teacher named Mr. X. He has trouble teaching sometimes, and I feel that I am missing out on my learning experience. What should I do?

Signed,
Dazed and Confused

Dear Dazed and Confused,

Teachers cannot always accommodate every student's learning style, but that does not mean that it's either the student's or the teacher's fault. If you think you're missing out on your learning experience, you should definitely talk to that teacher about it. You shouldn't be deprived of certain expectations that you have about your class experience. Try not to worry or stress about it too much, because talking to the teacher always helps. The teacher will want you to talk to him or her to try to figure out how he or she can help to better your experience within the classroom. Write back if talking does not solve the problem, although it should help a lot. :)

Signed,
Athena

Submit your questions to Athena. Answers will appear in the next issue of *The Student Voice*!

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the valued prize of an ice-cream party.

Winter Carnival is a week to have pride in your class, and most of all, pride in your school.

One thing that shined during Winter Carnival week was class pride. Through class competitions, each class worked together to try to achieve something. Although the goal was a mere ice-cream party, the act of coming together is what Winter Carnival is really about. Winter Carnival is a week to have fun, but also week to have pride in your class, and most of all, pride in your school.

These games and dress down days would be nothing without participants. Winter Carnival was a success thanks to everyone who dressed a little crazy and everyone who competed in the events.

As my last Winter Carnival before college, it will be the one that is freshest in my memory when I look back a few year from now. I am glad this will be the one I remember most. ■

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her students.

Another teacher with knowledge to share is the freshmen Theology teacher, Mrs. Bergeron. She describes her love of learning as insatiable and teaching allows her to pass along the knowledge that



she gains. She describes herself as a Christian, a teacher, and a student. In addition to theology, Mrs. Bergeron has passions for English, History, and writing. She cherishes all time spent with her family and looks forward to the next Bergeron family event (25 and counting!). She has two pets, her dog Maggie and her cat Micah, and enjoys watching Top Chef and Ghost Hunters. Mrs. Bergeron is a fun-loving and knowledgeable teacher who enhances the Brady experience.

As many people know, Mrs. Fitzgerald is a teacher in the Math Department. She teaches a variety of classes from geometry to AP Calculus, but her life outside of school is filled with exciting pastimes as well. During the winter, she is a ski instructor at Ragged Mountain and has skied for a large portion of her life. She also snowmobiles frequently with



her family. In the summer, Mrs. Fitzgerald camps with her family in Northern N.H. While camping, they take long bike rides, go on challenging hikes, and swim frequently.

In addition to being passionate about the outdoors, Mrs. Fitzgerald is a devoted scholar. She received a degree in Physics from UMass. After college, she became a research physicist for the Special Weapons division of the Airforce. Mrs. Fitzgerald then worked as a research scientist for Boston College, before becoming a software designer and engineer. She is currently finishing her masters degree in math at Plymouth State University. She is most proud, however, of her marriage and her four children. Her family is very important to her, and she enjoys all the time she spends with them.



These teachers enhance the academic excellence of the Brady community. ■

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Athlete of The Issue

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Andrew Dugal was the captain of the Bishop Brady Varsity Hockey team. As the team's only senior, Andrew played a major role in their successful 11-8-1 season. His commitment and dedication helped the team to the semifinals of the state tournament. Andrew's leadership both on and off the ice set the tone for the Brady hockey program this year and for many years to come. ■

Ski Team's Championship Season

By: Rachel Garcia '09

The Bishop Brady Ski Team had a fantastic run this season. With returning starters and several new faces on board, each class was well represented. There were nearly thirty members, making it the largest ski team that Coach Sal Alosa has coached. Each race and practice was time-consuming and was not always done in the best of

conditions, but each member put forth a winning attitude and effort to make this the best season that Bishop Brady has ever seen.

The boys sent six of their team members to the Division III State Meet: Seniors

Alan Vomacka and Peter Smith, Juniors JT Burger and Mike Denham, and Sophomores Sean Fitzgerald and Jon Kimball. They went on to take fourth place overall. Alan Vomacka placed tenth in the Giant Slalom, sending

him on to the Meet of Champions.

The girls came in first place overall in each of

ken down, Brady won by a mere 8.12 seconds, securing the state title. Stephanie Siegart took first in the Slalom,

Bridget Bryck took fifth in the Giant Slalom and Slalom, Katherine Hofley took sixth in Giant Slalom and tenth in Slalom, and Meg Bryck took eighth in Giant Slalom and ninth in Slalom, sending all four girls to the Meet of Champions.

With five racers sent to the Meet of Champions, and a successful

record for the regular season races, the ski team proved itself to be an unstoppable force this season. With a fourth place finish for the boys, a championship victory for the girls, and the birth of a baby boy, it certainly was a winning season for Coach Sal. Hopefully, the next season will see all of the existing underclassmen members, as well as more new faces, for another successful season. Thank you to everyone who supported us during the season, and thank you to Coaches Sal and Michelle Alosa for all of their time and effort. ■



The Ski Team celebrates their championship victory. Staff photo.

their races this year, heading to the State Meet undefeated. They also sent six of their

The Ski Team proved itself to be an unstoppable force this season.

members to the States: Senior Stephanie Siegart, Sophomore Meg Bryck, and Freshmen Bridget Bryck, Katherine Hofley, Michelle LaFlam, and Kim Nesbitt. The girls tied for points at their meet against Gilford, but when the times were bro-

Puzzles By: Gregory Samuel

Can you solve these puzzles? Answers in the next issue!

7	5		9		3			6
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	1	5				2	3	
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BOARD**

- 1) Can you name 4 days starting with "T"?
- 2) What is a 4-letter sport that starts with a "T"?
- 3) What is the last letter in "the alphabet"?
- 4) A 150 lb barrel is full of water. What can you add to it to make it lighter?

Bring solutions to box in the Guidance Office!!

Question 1:

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Question 2:

Very tricky arithmetic! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator: Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Question 3:

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Question 4:

A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; how does HE indicate what he wants?