



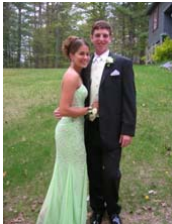
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Once upon a time at Brady Prom

By: Ashleigh Sargent '09



Alex Ryan and Melanie Seavey were voted prom prince and princess.

The month of May brings about many exciting events at Bishop Brady. Tennis matches, baseball games, the school play, final exams, and graduation all mark the end of the school

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year.

But for juniors and seniors, there is one event that highlights the spring: prom. Prom has always been a night of beautiful dresses, good food, and a lot of dancing. This year's prom was no exception. The theme of "Once Upon

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The Pirates of Penzance brings laughter to Spring production

By Travis LaCouter '09

Gilbert & Sullivan's plays are known for their complexity of plot, and the Brady Players were able to convey *Pirates'* story line with clarity and energy.

On the evenings of May 22nd and 23rd, and the afternoon of the 24th, the Bishop Brady Players performed Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta, *The Pirates of Penzance*. The Players worked long and hard to master Gilbert's complex, wordy lyrics and conquer Sullivan's sophisticated, complicated rhythms. Their effort and dedication were evident in their performances.

The story follows the naive Frederic (Steven Brasley) who, at the start of the play, is 21 and is out of his indentures to the flamboyant Pirate King (Philip Proctor) and his not-so-intimidating band of pirates (Lexi Codd, Nathan Winkler, Paul Nowell). Frederic's nursery maid, Ruth (Rose Harmon), herself 47 years older than the boy, tries to convince him to take her as a



The Major General defends his daughters from the Pirates Staff Photo

wife, and as Frederic has never seen another woman besides plain old Ruth, he almost falls for it. That is, until a giggling gaggle of young maidens (Kim Therri-

It seems that with each passing performance, this current group of players grows more confident and competent.

ault, Amanda Racine, Brianna Demers, Tara Fitzgerald) stumbles onto the scene, and once Frederic sees their youthful beauty, he disowns Ruth for trying to trick him. One daughter in

particular, Mabel (Jessica Bennett), takes a liking to the expirate and they are about to run off together when the pirates reappear and snatch up the innocent girls with intent to marry them. Just in time, the girls' father, an eccentric Major-General (Peter Smith), enters and convinces the pirates to

spare his daughters by telling them he is an orphan boy (a lie!), which drives the soft-hearted pirates to tears of empathy. Frederic then assembles the bumbling police force (Jenna LaValley, Ian Crowell, Zach Higham) led by the even more bumbling Sergeant (Will Stackpole) in order to attack the pirates.

Things seem optimistic, until the Pirate King and Ruth reappear to inform Frederic he was born in leap-year on the 29th of February, and if they are to count by *birthdays*, Frederic is only

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Mrs. Deli retires after 20 years of teaching

By Janet Moffatt '08



"Can you help me? I don't really understand this assignment."

Back when I was a freshman, I came to the realization that my writing needed improvement, so I went to Mrs. Delfausse for help. She wore a cheery red shirt and had a jovial expression, so I decided to give her a try.

Deli, as she is called by her students, said to me, "Let's try for an A on this paper." I smiled wondering if that were possible.

There are people who will go out of their way for someone that they do not know. Mrs. Lee Delfausse is one of those people. My

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Editorial by Ashleigh Sargent '09

As the end of the year approaches, the hallways are filled with a new attitude. Stress over finals, the desire to be outside, and daydreams about the long, lazy days of summer crowd our thoughts each day.

Each day that goes by means that we are one day closer to the end of the school year. We are one day closer to summer, to freedom. However, for the senior class, the end of the school year will mean much more than just a three month vacation. It will symbolize both an end and a beginning. Their high school years will be over, but the true journey of their lives will be just beginning.

There is much excitement as to what the future holds for the Class of 2008, but there is an underlying sense of sadness as well. In two weeks, I, along with the rest of the underclassmen and the faculty, will have to say goodbye to the Class of 2008.

It will be difficult to say goodbye to a class that has brought so much to Brady. This year's seniors have appeared in two hockey finals, two tennis

finals, two football state championships, a math team state championship, the Granite State Challenge, and a First Robotics Team competition in Las Vegas.

And those things are just the beginning. The seniors have participated in numerous

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plays, band concerts, and talent shows. They have been captains of sports teams, editors, and presidents of various clubs.

It is impossible to pin down just one thing that you have brought to Brady. You have brought your talents, your leadership, and your personalities. I thank you for that.

Next year, I will go through the college application process, and, in one year from now, I will graduate. Just thinking about the college application process and the major decisions that I will have to make next year is stressful, but then I look

at the Class of 2008.

All of you have made it through four years of Brady and next year, each of you will move on to even greater things. I hope that when you look back at your journey through Brady

that you will look back and smile. While there were bumps along the way, each of you has changed this school. Bishop Brady is a community rooted in tradition, and the Class of 2008

has not only honored that tradition, but has become a part of it. Thank you for all that you have brought to this community, especially your 7,000 hours of community service.

I wish all of you the

best of luck in the future.

The best is yet to come. You have accomplished so much both as individuals and as a class. I am sure that your accomplishments will follow you in whatever path you choose in the future.

Congratulations Class of 2008! Thank you for all that you have done for Brady and good luck in all that you do in the future!



Colleen Nolan '08 celebrates with Katherine '09 and Ryan '06. Staff Photo

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last night thirty or so seniors gathered on the back field for the night. We pitched tents and stayed up talking about memories of the last four years and how our cliques have changed. We are now unified as a graduating class. We've had our good times and our bad and we will all miss this place somewhat. Last night proved to be truly the most memorable event of my high school career.

-Emerson Lennon '08

Dear Editor:

I would have to say that through all the ups and downs of Senior Year that I really enjoyed my time here at Brady. All the memories I have had, I will take with me for many years. These four years have flown by, but the memories will be lifelong.

-Jackie Fredette '08

Dear Editor,

Senior year at Brady flew by. It was filled with laughter and smiles. I could have never imagined

high school could go by so fast. I have made new friends and memories that will certainly last a lifetime. From running through the hallways and filling our vice principal's office with balloons together as a class, we have made incredible memories.

For those of you who have not finished or started high school, take it all in. Take in every opportunity. Be open to new ideas and places. Mostly, live each day during your high school career to the fullest. Take in every moment, good or bad, these memories will last a lifetime.

-Annie Roberts '08

Dear Editor,

There were a lot of great seniors this year. Through my experiences with the plays (*The Werewolf's Curse* and *Pirates of Penzance*), I repeatedly found seniors who were well adjusted, happy, and accepting. I have actually made new friends this year, and although they are leaving, I am confident that we will stay in touch. I wish all the seniors the very best!

-Travis LaCouter '09

-Kaleb Allen '08

Dear Editor:

I would like to say that through all the ups and downs of senior year, I really enjoyed my time here at Brady. All the memories I have will travel with me for many years. These four years have flown by, but the memories will be lifelong.

-Jackie Fredette '08

Dear Editor:

Senior year was memorable. All together we've had a great time and have made some amazing memories.

One of my favorite moments was the Homecoming obstacle course. We put eggs and chocolate syrup on the slip and slide though which each contestant had to glide. It was hilarious.

-Amanda Houle '08

Dear Editor:

My favorite moment in my senior year was scoring two goals in the semifinal hockey game against Concord. It was the best part of my hockey career. We then went to the finals.

Dear Editor:

My favorite moment was the final senior prank. After lunch time, all the seniors were gathered at the library. Then we started running down the hallway, screaming. We ran through the school twice announcing the end of our high school time.

-Kyuntaek, Lim '08

Dear Editor:

Brady gave me many memorable moments, but my favorite was playing soccer during my senior year. We made it to the semi-finals.

The team grew very close as players and friends.

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Dr. Seuss

From Teenager to Maturity: Life as a Korean Student in the United States

By KyunTaek, Lim '08



Taek at local Korean cafe

It was the 5th of January, 2005, and in a foreign country, when I reached the turning point of my life. On January 5th, I arrived at the Concord/Manchester Airport in New Hampshire. Looking out of the window, I marveled at my first sight of the land. The whole world was covered in white.

Snowing on a special day is said to be a blessing of God. So the white snow made me delighted. Seeing white snow out of the window, I wished good luck to myself so that I could plow my way through the new experiences in a foreign land. As I came out of the gateway, I saw a man and a woman who held a paper board with my name. My host parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainville took me home and I met the other family members, including

Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rainville, who is the same age as I am.

At the age of 16, I anticipated my new experiences in a foreign land with eagerness and curiosity. However, I had to confront my daily trials.

First of all, using English every moment was very hard. I struggled to understand English and other school subjects. Also, the English that American people use in daily life is a lot different from what I

Not only the language, but also the food and cultural patterns were unfamiliar.

learned from the textbook in Korea. I had to get used to the way Americans speak, and I had to practice the rhythm of the American language. Sometimes, I was sad that I could not deliver my emotions perfectly and I could not understand the humor that teachers made during class. Also, particular slang words that friends used in conversation confused me. In such moments, I wrote down the words that I did not know and found them in the dictionary when I got home.

Not only the language, but also the food and cultural patterns were unfamiliar. I finally finished my first year in the United States and went back to Korea for summer vacation. I was eager to eat a spicy rice cake called "Ttuk Bok Gi". After a reunion with my friends, they brought me to the same "Ttuk Bok Gi" place that we used to

go to. I was excited about having a piece, but as I put a piece in my mouth, I suffered disillusionment. I felt my tongue burning. I could not eat much. It was exactly the same spicy rice cake. However, it tasted too spicy for me. One of my friends joked that, "I think your tongue is Americanized, Kyuntaek!" I laughed at his joke, but immediately, I felt blue, because I was not aware that living only a year in America would make me taste foods differently.

Time went on and after two and a half years, I have met good friends and realized how to communicate with American people through heart-to-heart conversations.

At the age of 16, I decided to study here in America, because I want to be a diplomat in the future. Even though my dream has changed now, I am still proud of my decision. My decision had given me the maturity to see the autumn leaf as a metaphor for my own life.

Consequently, studying in a foreign country during these years has matured me as a person. I had to struggle over the invisible wall of discouragements. Because of my challenges, I have the faith that I can determine my steps toward the future.

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five and a quarter! Frederic, bound by duty to serve the Pirate King until his 21st birthday, returns to the pirates and reveals to them that the Major-Gen. is in fact no orphan. Outraged, the Pirate King swears revenge upon the Major-Gen. and is about to get it, until the clumsy police save the day.

The attendance was strong at all three performances, most notably Friday night (a full house), and despite a sound glitch or two on opening night, the shows ran very smoothly.

But the real magic was not in the plot or the attendance or even the performances. What was so impressive was that the Brady Players rose to such a challenge. As one who was present at almost every rehearsal (as the rehearsal pianist), I can honestly report that the growth of every member of the cast was staggering, and the actors deserve a great deal of praise. *Pirates* is not an easy play to put on, but the Players did an outstanding job. It seems that with each passing performance this current group of Players (directed by the talented Karen Braz) grows more confident and competent.

It is sad to note that that the majority of the cast (9 of the 16) are seniors and will not be returning next year. Their talent, dedication and presence will be missed dearly, and they were certainly the anchors of this



The 'brave' police ready for battle.

awesome group. As a (non-performing) member of the Drama Club, I sincerely wish our departing seniors all the best and encourage them to stay in touch!

The Brady Players put in a lot of time and effort to make this challenging play work. Attendance was quite good, and performances were all around strong. The actors rose to the occasion and embraced their opportunity to shine. If you get a chance, congratulate any or all of them for such a job well done, they certainly deserve it!

(Special thanks to Amanda Koba, the skilled vocal coach for this play.)■

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A Time" set the tone for a magical night. Everything from the table names to the invitations emphasized fairytales and made for a night to remember.

Perhaps the most anticipated part of the night was the announcement of the winners of the categories of best dressed, prom king and queen, and prom prince and princess. Emily Dugal and Cody Martin took best dressed. Emily truly looked like a princess in her dress, while Cody's white tux made him stand out from the crowd. Prom prince and princess were juniors Alex Ryan and Melanie Seavey. Prom king and queen were seniors John Tomai and Kathleen Grennen.

Prom 2008 was a night of fun for all. Mr. Bergeron and the Prom Committee worked very hard to make this year's prom magical.

It is safe to say that the 211 students in attendance will not soon forget Prom 2008, a night full of memories and the type of night that only comes once upon a time. ■

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Athlete of the Issue

By Travis LaCouter '09



Ashleigh Sargent excels on the basketball court as well as in the classroom. Ashleigh is in the top 5% of the junior class and you would be hard-pressed to find a classmate or teacher to say anything against her work ethic.

Aside from her proven academic proficiency, Ashleigh is an avid basketball player. She plays for the AAU league team Souhegan Valley Select, as a forward. Ashleigh has been playing for four years now, and she loves the experience. Her basketball schedule is hectic to say the least. She plays about four games a weekend in tournaments all around New England. Ashleigh is no stranger to playing under scrutiny either. There are usually recruiters at her tournaments, and she has already gotten letters from Plymouth State University, Suffolk University, Norwich College, Nazareth College, and Wellesley College.

“She’s a really hard worker and very dedicated to the sport,” says friend Meredith Kalinski, and judging by her schedule, it certainly seems that way.

She is a living example of dedication in and out of the classroom, on and off the court. ■

Brady Softball improves to #3 in playoffs

by Micheala Carbonneau '09

Brady girls’ softball ended the spring season 15 and 2 to propel them to #3 in the playoffs.

The team worked together since March under the leadership of coaches Shawn Brechtel and Mike Bernier.

Senior captains Jenn Parsons, Jill Nemcovich, and Colleen Nolan inspired the team to work hard in pre-season by their own work ethic.

Then during the season Whitney Bernier pitched a perfect game as well as two no hitters. Jill Nemcovich also pitched a no hitter against Kearsage to continue the winning momentum.

Besides the strong pitching record, the Giants also enjoyed success at the plate. Micheala Carbonneau, Keelin Dougherty, Colleen Nolan, and Carly Ireland blasted home runs.

In the field, the team works together each game to limit the number of errors. Jenn Parsons at third could be counted on pegging shots to catcher Micheala Carbonneau to put the opposition out at home. Center fielder Colleen Nolan used



Girls softball pulls together for best season ever. Staff Photo

her arm cannon to throw players out at home. Coach Bernier in-

“Pitch for pitch, out for out, inning for inning.”

spired the players by reminding them each game: “Pitch for pitch, out for out, inning for inning.”

The team earned their playoff position by beating



Senior players Carly Ireland, Colleen Nolan, Molly Linell, Jill Nemcovich, and Jenn Parsons. Staff Photo

John Stark in 14 innings, 1-0 after losing to them in the beginning of the season 4-0.

When sophomore Leslie Stratton injured herself half-way into the season, sophomore Kelsea Marchand stepped up at second base and at the plate.

Molly Linell also in her first varsity start batted 2 for 3 with two RBIs against Fall Mountain.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Giants beat #12 Pembroke 4-3. Carly Ireland got a home run and Micheala Carbonneau received a walk off to clinch the game in the bottom of the seventh.

They beat Kennett 1-0 in the quarter finals. Now in the semifinals they will challenge #2 Portsmouth. ■

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parents were impressed at her willingness to look over my papers and scour my sentences for mistakes or grammatical transgressions. She pointed out problems that I would normally have overlooked, paragraphs that drifted off topic and the dreaded misplaced

modifiers. I felt my writing improve over the year.

I was fortunate to have Mrs. Delfausse for Honors American Literature in my junior year. We read Nathaniel Hawthorne and F. Scott Fitzgerald. To my surprise, I really liked reading Hawthorne’s web of words

that painted pictures of Puritan life. As for Fitzgerald, his magnum opus, *The Great Gatsby*, is still my favorite novel. I never would have discovered its richness in American literature without the class.

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For the most part, I read English authors, and Henry James, an American author who wished he were English. *Cannery Row* made me lose my dislike for John Steinbeck and I even found Hemingway mildly entertaining.

Mrs. Delfausse has a myriad of accomplishments

besides being a teacher. She raced as a member of the U.S. National World Cup Ski Team and is currently writing a novel based on her experiences while skiing. She always mentioned these events offhand as if they

were not really that important. Often she entertained us with stories about her tennis exploits on the national circuit.

Now that Mrs. Delfausse is retiring, students at

Bishop Brady will miss their enlightening and adventurous English teacher. ■