



THE STUDENT VOICE

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Athlete of the Issue Meg Bryck

by Connor Houghton, '11



Meg Bryck racing the slalom
Staff Photo

Meg Bryck is the New Hampshire Division III Girls Giant Slalom State Champion for the 2010 season. This was her first top finish and it could not have come at a better time for the Bishop Brady Ski Team. Her victories, along with strong performances from the whole team, led Brady to a second consecutive Division III State Championship. Meg also competed in

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Torch for Life

Stephen Sullivan II, '11

On February 5, 2010, Bishop Brady High School students ran for and carried the Torch of Life which symbolizes the message to reach out to the world communities about the importance of organ and tissue donations. The Torch of Life movement was started by "Step By Step," a non-profit charitable organization founded by George Marcello. The Torch used was blessed by Pope John Paul II on September 5, 2001. It has been carried all over the world and for the past year has traveled across America. In October 2009, the Torch began this journey in Alaska. Since this time, the Torch has been the symbol of Mr. Marcello's message and has been carried by thousands of students across the United States.

The run in Concord began at the New Hampshire State House with Noah Rogers. He then ran up Main Street where he passed the Torch to Junior, Joe St. Pierre at St. John's Regional School. Joe then ran back down Main Street onto Franklin Street where he passed the Torch to Sophomore Liz Swain. At the top of Franklin Street waited Freshman Megan Morey, who carried the Torch to Auburn Street, and then onto Columbus Avenue where she passed it back to Noah who carried to Brady. The runners were all cheered by the waiting senior class and Noah continued into the gym where he ran the gauntlet created by the rest of the school students and staff. The moving ceremony continued with a prayer service led by

Mrs. Fairbanks. After the first reading by Senior Lauren Covalucci, Junior Sean Fitzgerald read a list of organ and tissue donors and recipients. Senior Phil Smith then recited a poem by a liver recipient called, "Waiting So Patiently," about the ultimate gift of life through selfless sacrifice. Junior Zach Higham read a list of those who donated or received kidneys, livers, and bone marrow. Senior Kirsten Zellers recited the second reading about the importance of giving.

After Mrs. Fairbanks said the closing prayer, Mr. Marcello spoke about the origin of the Torch and about Mrs. Fairbanks' late husband, Arthur Noël, whom the prayer service honored for his life saving gifts.

Ski Team: State Champs!

Stephen Sullivan II, '11

The Bishop Brady Ski Team competed in nine meets this season, all held at Gunstock and Pat's Peak. Both the girls' and the boys' teams had outstanding performances this winter. Out of thirteen teams in Division III, the girls' team placed first overall in

the State and the boys placed fourth.

The Ski Team



BBHS Ski Team.
Staff Photo.

traditionally competes in both Alpine Slalom and Giant Slalom. Six girls and seven boys made it to the State Competition. Meg Bryck placed 6th in the Slalom and 1st in the Giant Slalom. Katherine Hofley placed 5th in the

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The Pink Zone

Meghan Sargent, '11

On February 9, the Brady Girls' Basketball Team put together its first annual Think Pink night. The Think Pink concept is part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) Pink Zone Initiative. This initiative is a national movement that was started by Kay Yow, the long-time women's basketball coach at North Carolina State University. The purpose of the Pink Zone Initiative is to raise awareness of and money for breast cancer research. The WBCA has inspired hundreds of teams to get involved and help bring an end to breast

cancer. This year the movement has spread to a number of men's

college teams, the girls wore pink shirts with inspirational sayings

raised from selling the socks went to breast cancer research. On game night, the Brady gym looked fantastic with pink balloons, streamers, and posters. The Girls' Basketball Team also organized a pink bake sale at lunches that day and at the game that night. All of the proceeds from the bake sale and the game were donated to breast cancer research. In total, players were able to raise \$317 dollars for breast cancer research and are very proud of their efforts. They hope to raise even more money and awareness next year.



college basketball teams.

Brady's own Pink Zone was a huge success. Though the team did not sport fancy pink uniforms like the col-

lege teams, the girls wore pink shirts with inspirational sayings during warm-ups. The team also wore white and pink breast cancer logo socks during the game. A portion of the money that was

Math Team: State Champs!

Connor Houghton, '11

The Bishop Brady Math Team has experienced one of their most successful seasons in recent history. Currently, the Team holds second place in the New Hampshire Small School Division, trailing only the perennial power St. Paul's. In the SMASH League competition, the Team has finished in either second or third place in all five meets this year. The Team has also participated and done well in several additional math competitions, including the WPI Invitational, the Harvard/MIT Tournament, and the NEML, a league which holds monthly competitions at each individual school. The Math Team is led by Senior captains Sterling Huber and Lauren Covalucci, who have per-

formed well at all of the competitions. Another Math Team star is Anupa Murali. Anupa has received two scholarships to WPI for her performances at the Invitational meet. Only a Sophomore, Anupa continues to lead the team with her impressive math skills.

In a recent competition, the Team defeated St. Paul's School for the first time in three years. The Team considers this a real accomplishment. Also, the Math Team participated in the State Meet on March 25 and they won the State Championship. The Team has competed really well this season and hopes to continue its success next year. Maybe they will win a second State Championship.

Winter Carnival

Taylor Dickinson, '11

This year's Winter Carnival Week was a definite success. The Student Council did a wonderful job organizing the entire week. They put so much time and effort into the week's festivities in order to make the week fun for all students. Their work definitely paid off. All of the activities and dress-down themes were fun and creative. These dress down themes included a Summer Down Under Day, Combo Day, Class Color Day, Sweat Suit Day, and Olympics Day. On Olympics Day, members from each class participated in a special Brady Olympics. Earlier in the week, students had the opportunity to battle it out on an inflatable obstacle course, and with the inflatable wrecking ball. All of these competitions were very entertaining.

The week ended with the annual semi-formal dance on Saturday, February 13. The dance was a great success. All of the classes were well represented and the group made for a real celebration. The music was fantastic and Student Council members and volunteers had decorated the gym beautifully. The Student Council pulled off a great Winter Carnival week that is sure to be remembered for a long time.



Mrs. Lee competing in the wrecking ball event.
Staff Photo.

Trip to El Salvador

Taylor Dickinson, '11

During February vacation, twelve Bishop Brady students traveled to El Salvador to do public service work with the organization Epilogos (www.epilogos.org) The students, accompanied by Mrs. Roncancio, left on the Friday before vacation and they returned home on the Saturday before school started. During their week in El Salvador, the group completed over thirty hours of community service work for the people in the community. They accomplished a large variety of tasks, which ranged from doing manual labor to teaching English in some of the local schools.

The students who went to El Salvador people work extremely hard for many hours



Prophet and her students in El Salvador.

learned that the lives of the Salvadoran people are very different than the lives of most Americans. The people have few material possessions and many of them live in mud huts with sheets of tin for roofs. All of the

each day. However, they are paid very little and there is no way for them to ever receive a pay increase. Despite the difficult living conditions that the Salvadoran people face, they remain hopeful. The students

who traveled to El Salvador said that the positive community atmosphere in El Salvador is absolutely amazing.

When the group returned from El Salvador, they all truly had a new perspective on life and some of the things that we all take for granted. They have realized that we in the U.S. are lucky and that we should be thankful for all that we have. The students who went to El Salvador during their vacation were great representatives for Bishop Brady and their outreach experiences showed that we can all make a difference both near and far from home.

The BASH

Meghan Sargent,

Once again this year, the Admissions Office and the Briareus Society organized the annual Brady Acceptance Social Hour, more commonly known as THE BASH, for incoming freshman and transfer students. The BASH gives these incoming students the chance to meet and get to know potential members of their graduating class. Usually, the BASH includes sledding and a bonfire but this year, because of the weather and lack of snow, all of the activities were held indoors. However, being inside did not hinder the fun. The activities included different ice breakers, wrapping junior Briareus members in toilet paper, and dodge ball. There were also



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refreshments in the cafeteria, along with ping pong and a great rock band. All of the new students as well as the Briareus members seemed to really enjoy themselves at the event. For the third year in a row, Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Abbott were able to organize a great event. At the end of the BASH, all of the freshmen received Class of 2014 shirts that were designed by Mary Yvars. The BASH was a great success, and we are sure that it will continue to be another of Bishop Brady's special traditions.

Ski Team, con't

Alpine Slalom and 7th in the Giant Slalom. Bridget Bryck placed 2nd in the Giant and Kim Nesbitt placed 10th in the Alpine. Because these four girls finished in the top ten in their respective races at States, they qualified to race at the Meet of Champions at Cannon Mountain.

Bridget Bryck placed in the top twelve at States which qualified her for the High School Eastern Meet at Attitash Mountain. This meet was for teams from ten states. Each team had twelve male and twelve female skiers. On Saturday, March 13, the teams competed in the Slalom event, and on Sunday, March 14, they raced in the Giant Slalom event. Overall, Bridget helped the New Hampshire

State Girls' Team win this competition.

The Brady Ski Team has been coached by Mr. Sal Alosa for the past six years. Mr. Alosa's wife Michelle has helped him for the past two years. This season the Team claimed their second consecutive Division III State Championship title. When Coach Sal was asked what impressed him most and what improvements he had seen from this year compared to the last several, he responded by stating, "I have seen a lot of heart this year for the sport. Determination to practice and race strong. Last year it was there, but this year everyone really wanted to race hard. It was the drive to win." The Brady Ski Team hopes

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the State Slalom event and she finished in the top ten. With two top ten finishes, Meg qualified to ski at the Meet of Champions on March 3rd at Cannon Mountain. Meg explained that she worked hard to improve her abilities and also that she put in a lot of time free skiing. When asked about her successful State event, she said "I guess I just had a good race". Thanks to Meg's strong performances, the Ski Team experienced great success for the past two seasons. Meg hopes she can help to lead the Team to an unprecedented third consecutive title next year.

NHS: Honoring Its Commitment to Service

Meghan Sargent, '11

The National Honor Society held its annual induction at the Awards Ceremony on February 16. Many new Juniors and Sen-

ior of the school year. This spring blood drive raised over 50 units of blood. One unit of blood has the potential to save the lives of

The National Honor Society also is conducting its annual fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis. On February 19, members of the Society had a chance to go to Botwell's to participate in the Bowl-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis. Though not all members were able to participate on this day, all were expected to donate some amount of money to the fundraiser. So far the National Honor Society has raised over \$1,000 for Cystic Fibrosis, and this fundraiser has not ended yet.

The current members of the National Honor Society are truly living by the values that define the NHS. Through the blood drives and the fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis, the NHS has



Students giving blood at the NHS Blood Drive.

iors were inducted into the club. The ceremony was very special, and all of the new members have pledged to carry on the traditions of service, character, leadership, and scholarship that have always defined the National Honor Society.

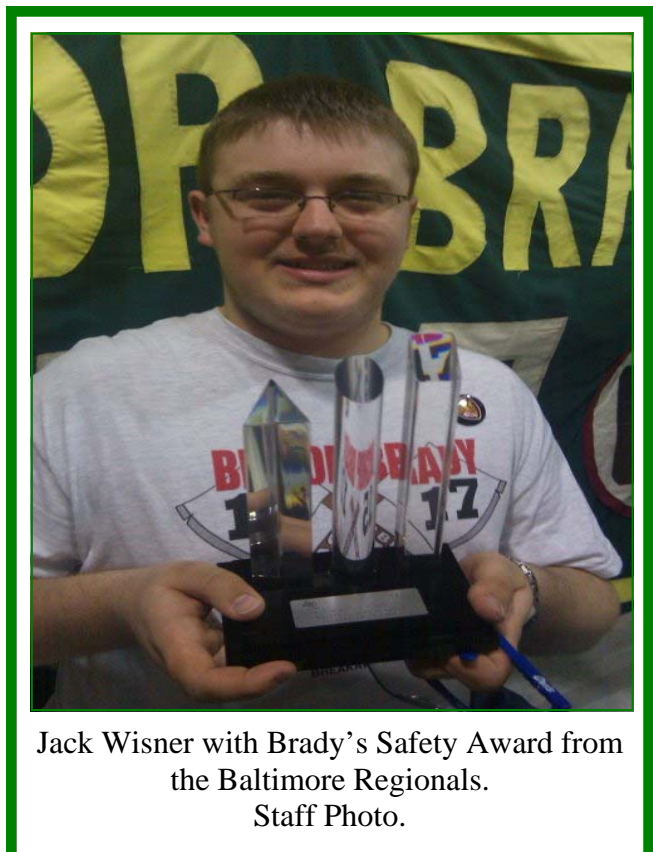
On March 4, 2010, NHS sponsored its second blood drive

three individuals. Therefore, the blood that was donated this spring will positively affect the well being of over 150 people. Both the fall and spring blood drives were very so successful due to the organizational efforts of the NHS and the Red Cross volunteers.

Robotics Team

Meghan Sargent, '11

The Bishop Brady Robotics Team recently took part in a three day Regional Competition in Baltimore, Maryland. The competition was made up of forty-five teams from all over the east coast who were hoping to make it to the National Competition. While in Baltimore, the BBHS Robotics Team did an amazing job. All of the team members worked so hard in order to prepare for and compete at this Regional event. At the end of the three days, the Robotics Team came away with three awards. The first award that the Team won was the Excellence in Engineering Award. The second honor was the Safety Award. The biggest accomplishment of all was the Team's championship trophy and first place finish!!! With enough fundraising and work, the Brady Robotics Team hopes to continue at the National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia this spring.



Jack Wisner with Brady's Safety Award from the Baltimore Regionals.
 Staff Photo.