

Scarlet Scoop

The Sports Issue

BHS Football

This season the Belvidere Football team took large strides in becoming a powerhouse in the Skyland conference and in all of New Jersey. The Seaters finished their season 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the Skyland conference, including two very exciting home wins over rivals Hackettstown and North Warren (17-14 and 27-7) and their first playoff win since 2001, against Secaucus (28-14). The Belvidere Football program has been continuing to improve since Coach Dubiel took over in 2004. The Seaters finished 1-9 in 2003, 4-6 last season and 8-3 this season. The growth of the Football team and everyone involved in it has been great and very promising for future Belvidere Football teams.

The quick and vast improvement is very hopeful for Seater fans, which will no doubt fill up the seats next year as the 2006 team sets off, for their chance at the state title. Hard work is what all this improvement comes down to, 2-a-days in the summer and weight lifting three times a week since last season ended is what drove this year's team. This hard work was also put in by the entire coaching staff and many people involved in the entire program. Without this base to start from the season wouldn't have been a success.

The expectations are set high for the 2006 Belvidere High School Football Team and with hard work and determination there is no stopping them. I am looking forward to attending as many games as I can. I'd like to thank all the coaches, parents, and fans and anyone who supported the Belvidere Football Team this season. We truly couldn't have done it without your support - thank you. Great season and good luck to next year's team!

-Freddy Ghilino

Field Hockey

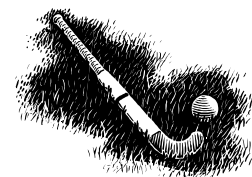
It's the end of the season for the ladies of the Belvidere varsity field hockey team. Their season went exceptionally well, and due to all of their hard work and perseverance, the team made it to the state competitions. The ladies went head to head with the defending championship team, Pingry, and played very well. However, in the end, they lost three to one.

It was the seniors' last year on the Belvidere field hockey team, but all seven of them have shown incredible skill which they have used to help the younger players develop their own talents. Some junior varsity players had never held a field hockey stick before, but by watching the older girls, they have quickly learned many things. Katie Pence, Ali Ritter, Sarah Shoemaker, Casey Zachariev, Brianna Thornton, Melissa Jones, and Paige DeLucca have all been a wonderful inspiration to each and every one of the younger players.

Everyone has formed a bond with each other. In the beginning of the season, not many people knew each other, but towards the end, everyone was encouraging one another and forming new friendships.

The girls have shown incredible teamwork and ability, and even though our seniors will be leaving us in June, the team will come back next year to uphold the glory of the 2005 field hockey team.

- Rebecca Litz



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Boys Soccer

The 2005 BHS Boys Soccer season was one of the best seasons in recent history. The team finished with a much improved 5 – 13 – 1 record. What some people do not realize about the season was the closeness of every single game. Everybody on the squad worked extremely hard in every game.

One of the most notable games of the season that showed the grit, pride and heart of Belvidere Soccer was the 1 – 1 tie against Blair Academy. Down 1 – 0 midway the second half, Andrew Beaman, who struggled with leg injuries all season, connected on a 20 yard strike past the Blair's goalie to tie it at one a piece. Blair came hard in the second half and had a few great opportunities but the strong back four of Belvidere, Rocco Chiara, Aaron Pilch, Matt Beatty and Adam Hyndman, and first year varsity goalkeeper Corey Jones, stopped them cold. The game went into double overtime and in the two overtimes, the team was tested when several players went down with injuries. Many people were shuffled around and placed in unfamiliar positions. Battered and exhausted, Belvidere never quit once and withstood the tie.

One other notable game was against Oratory Prep. Having lost a heartbreaker earlier in the season, Belvidere looked to show its resilience and indeed, they did. Senior midfielder Dan Clayton scored to set the tone at 1 – 0 before halftime. Not taking the lead for granted, Senior Captain Jordan Mickey deflected a shot from the other Senior Captain Joe Hyndman to put the game out of reach for a 2 – 0 victory.

To summarize the 2005 season, my final one as a player at BHS, we did better than everyone, including sports analysts, expected. A chance at States may not have been in store for the team this year but I looked forward to seeing those who will play next year be polished and ready to make some noise and go for States in 2006. It was a long, difficult road starting from June until November but all the work that this year's seniors has started laid down the foundation to the younger teammates and hopefully they will rise up, answer the call and do what I could not do in my four years here – Go to States and win.

- Dan Clayton



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Girls Soccer

From a rocky start to a “Cinderella Story”, BHS girl’s soccer overcame the odds, injuries and setbacks to become the New Jersey Section Two, Division One Champs. At the beginning of the season the girl’s soccer season was riddled with injuries, one crucial one to their keeper, Morgan Smith. Throughout the beginning of the season there was a fair share of wins and loses, but as the season commenced the wins began to come more frequently. Through the hard work and dedication of the girl’s soccer team, coaches, and the growing fan base the team made it to the Sectional Finals.

Through the sectional finals, Alex Hayter, the lone senior and Brittany Nechay, the lead scorer, inspired the team not only with their words but also with their examples on the field. During the long pursuit it felt like a reverie. The dream of Belvidere making it to the Sectional Finals did not include just winning, but also included a wide variety of fans.

Even though they didn’t take state finals they won the hearts of the Belvidere fans. Bringing around a school spirit that has lain dormant for years they won the hearts and the minds of the students. Doing better than any girl’s soccer team that has come before them, they have laid ground for future players to go above and beyond the call, and win one for the students once more.

- Rebecca Gillette



Cross Country

This fall, the Girl’s Cross Country team had its most successful season ever in school history. With a 5-2 dual meet record, the girl’s set a record for most wins in a season, and their 2nd place finish at the State Sectionals tied their highest finish ever. The girls were led by seniors Chrissie Beha, Tina Frueholz, and Kate Tredennick, and the team capped off their strong season with a 6th place finish at the NJ State Group I Championships. For their individual efforts, Beha and Frueholz were named to the Express-Times All-Area team, and along with Tredennick were named to the All-Raritan Division All Stars. Seniors Ellen Hoyt and Rebecca Wilkerson also had great individual seasons.

The boy’s team, while not as successful as the girls, still had their own highlights. Senior Pat Gorski, who led the team all year was named to the Express-Times All-Area team as well as being named to the All-Raritan Division All Stars. The boys finished 3-5 with strong season ending victories over Manville and South Hunterdon, and several individuals ran well at States, including juniors Mike Ficarra and Alex Mooney.



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Im and Ina's CD, and Movie Review

Movie Review

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

Rated PG-13

By far the scariest movie in the series so far, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire had my eyes glued to the screen for the entire two and a half hours. The movie was full of comedy, drama, and mostly, violence, and is rated PG-13 for a reason. It is centered almost completely around the Tri-Wizard Tournament, which is a competition for "eternal glory" and the title of Tri-Wizard champion. The Tournament includes three life-threatening tasks in which each competitor must complete. This movie ends on a sad note and with a cliffhanger. Harry Potter fans will love it and be anticipating the next movie in the series.

CD- *Extraordinary Machine*

Fiona Apple

While *Tidal* was all vivid love and lust and *When the Pawn...* was brash, unapologetic grandeur, *Extraordinary Machine* is oft-flirtatious, condemning, always engaging, and increasingly astounding. Fiona Apple is back with a vengeance that at times is actually tinged with buoyancy and possibly resolve. Gone are the longing verses of *Tidal*, the self-deprecation of *...Pawn*. With *...Machine*, Apple has shed a few pounds of anger and gained a ton of prowess. Her voice has always been the eight wonder of the world, but somehow it is even more resonant and agile on this third installment of musical excellence. Put simply, Fiona can do no wrong.

College Woes

You've placed the last stamp, clicked the last submit button and now you're finally ready to relax. Now that all of your college applications are on their way to the admissions offices, you think all your worries are over. At least that is what you think. I have found that this is most definitely not the case. After completing all of my applications and sending them on their way, I have realized that while the deadline stress is in the past, a new kind of stress is just beginning: acceptance stress.

Like most seniors applying to colleges this fall, I was all too happy to finish my applications and get them out of my hair as soon as possible. As soon as my application was in cyberspace however, this new acceptance stress began to infiltrate my mind. Questions began to spring up: "What if I should have done this? Was my essay good enough? Should I have done this?"

- Nicole Burns



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The Revenge of Erica's CD and Book Club

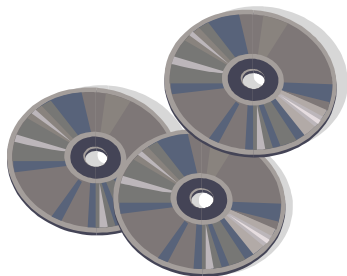
CD - Hot Fuss by the Killers

I bought this album during the hype of the hit single, "Somebody Told Me" and left it in my CD pile, only occasionally listening to it when I was cleaning my room or needed background noise. But one day I happened to pop it into my CD player while driving one day. I have been hooked ever since.

The album is an eclectic mix of rock, pop and the occasional throw-back to Eighties New Wave. The lyrics are open and honest which makes the album listenable and enjoyable. Critics have said that this album is really nothing truly spectacular but I disagree. I don't know how anyone can say that this album is hum-drum after hearing the song "All These Things That I Have Done" which starts off with a quiet, echoing organ, then into cheerful beats and lyrics. But the point in this song that proves just how diverse this band is the gospel choir that sings midway through the song, melodically chanting, "I got soul but I'm not a soldier."

Although I'm the first to admit that The Killers are not a band who will stand the test time but their album, aptly titled "Hot Fuss", will certainly stick within the minds of listeners for a long time.

Key tracks - All These Things That I Have Done, Jenny was a Friend of Mine, Andy You're a Star



Book 1 - Poison by Chris Wooding

From the second I picked up this book, I knew it'd be one of those stories that would stick with me for a long time. While Chris Wooding is not highly known within the literary community, his work is not to be overlooked. Wooding has the uncanny ability to lace words usually only found on the SAT into vivid images of dangerous lands and beautiful paradises.

Our main character, Poison, is a misfit in her tiny village in the swamps of the human realm. This realm is very different for the humans are the oppressed race who live in fear of the faerie folk. When Poison's baby sister is stolen by the Scarecrow, a henchman of the faerie, she sets off on a fantastical adventure to some of the most beautiful and terrifying places within the different realms in this world. The book is filled with new twists on every page as well as in the very end of the book. Poison is a supremely written book that should be held in just as high regard as any Tolkien, CS Lewis or mainstream fantasy book out there.

Book 2 - Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

I've always been a self-proclaimed savant of vampire literature. I've collected many knowns and unknowns, rares and mass-market paperbacks. Twilight was one of those gems that just sat on the shelf waiting to be polished. While the story is often formulaic as far as sappy, vampire romances go, the characters are the saving grace of this novel. They are vibrant and alluring although several of the more luminescent characters lack a pulse. The plot itself is somewhat shaky and relies on cliché surprise elements and chapter breaks brought on by the characters falling asleep. But for someone who is looking for a pure, dark vampiric novel that sinks its teeth into the side of readers that want a thrill out of reading, then this is a good book to curl up with and take a bite out of.