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Belvidere Outplayed by Cedar Grove in State Championships

On December 2nd, the Belvidere Seaters made it to the state finals, a place which they have not been since the 1999 season, when they won the championship. This season the Seaters went 7-1 and 2-1 in the playoffs. During the season their only loss was to North Plainfield, which was the game in which Mike Mottola and Jordan McElroy both sustained injuries, and Ian Schreffler was sick. On Saturday the team went into a snow covered Rutgers stadium, ready to bring back the title.

In their scarlet and white, the Seaters warmed up, while opposite of them was their opponent, the Cedar Grove Panthers, in their uniforms that looked identical to those of the Michigan University Wolverines. In the birthplace of college football, the game between the Belvidere County Seaters and the Cedar Grove Panthers looked as if Rutgers was playing Michigan. Rutgers being not as accomplished as Michigan in college football, would probably lose to them. Ironically that is how it played out on Sunday, although Belvidere is a talented team and was well prepared.

Their game just did not seem to add up. Michael Risimini, Cedar Grove's running back, seemed to find the holes and was able to get a pivotal catch with a third-and-24 from its own 14, quarterback Steve Adams found Risimini down the right side for a 42-yard completion and a first down at the Belvidere 44. This over-lapped an interception that had been tipped by Ryan Belby to Kyle Apgar, that seemed to give the motivation to the Seaters, but they came up short when Ian

Schreffler threw an interception that ended the drive. Belvidere's line was unable to give Mottola the same holes as the Cedar Grove's line. At the end of a long cold day the Seaters ended the final quarter of the game with looks of defeat as the opposing crowd, which was extremely smaller than that of Belvidere's, began chanting "overrated". This ended the game 17-0, Cedar Grove leaving with the victory. This was the end for the Belvidere Seaters' fantastic year. This team has accomplished so much and made it through tough games together. In the end it was a hard fought match and Belvidere is proud of this team.

-Nicholas Cosimano



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National Honor Society

Belvidere High School NHS is available to eligible juniors and seniors. The induction ceremony for new members was held on November 16th in the high school auditorium. The assembly began with Jason Leh, executive president of the student body, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following were the Belvidere High School Madrigals singing the National Anthem.


Adam Hyndman, a senior and member of the National Honor Society at Belvidere High School, approached the podium for the introduction of guests and Codie Schaffer, also a senior, led the



roll call of the present members of NHS. These members are seniors, who were inducted last year. Present members include: Kyle Beatty, Ryan Belby, Brittany Bishop, Kaitlyn Castner, Koryn Douglas, Danika Dow, Andrea Dunne, Colin Gross,

Nicole Howell, Adam Hyndman, Gregory Kreiger, Jason Leh, Benjamin MacMoyle, Kelsey McCann, Maureen Miers, Megan Mooney, Trevor Murphy, Megan Nolan, Kristen Reale, John Rotio, Codie Schaffer, Lauren Stemler, and Allison Warren.

After being introduced to the present members, Kaitlyn Castner and Kristen Reale led the new members onto the stage. The inductees sat down and listened attentively as Ryan Belby explained the National Honor Society emblem. Displayed on the emblem are the letters "C", "S", "L" and "S". These letters stand for character, scholarship, leadership, and service, all of which are traits that NHS members must possess. A class of 1993 graduate, Eric Sheniger was introduced. Mr. Sheniger, presently a high school principal, was a member of the National Honor Society at Belvidere High School. He greeted the audience with much enthusiasm and spoke more about NHS and what it stands for. Mr. Sheniger mentioned and spoke of the four traits that are displayed symbolically on the

 emblem. He then returned to his seat, but not before wishing the varsity football team luck at the state semi-final game, which was played (and won) that evening. After much applause, the auditorium silenced as the madrigals sang "Because All Men Are Brothers", under the direction of Mr. Riday, the choral music teacher, and this time with a spectacular solo sang by senior and NHS member Adam Hyndman.

The candle lighting ceremony commenced as Adam Hyndman spoke about character. After his speech, he lit the first candle that was placed on a table on the stage. The process was repeated with Ally Warren describing scholarship, Greg Krieger describing leadership, and Codie Schaffer describing service. After the four candles were lit, the new members stood and lit each other's candles. Following that, the NHS pledge was led by Allison Warren, and the role call of new members by Mrs. Pamela Geisinger, while Brian Smith, the President of the Board of Education, presented the pins and certificates. The new members include students from the junior and senior class. Senior members are: Danielle Dellecker, Jesse Heeres, Corson Jones, Bonnie Kennedy, Sarah Martinez, William Nicholas, Kathryn Ruby, Rebekah Unangst, and Brian West. Junior members are: Laura Albrecht, John Cheatham, Hannah DeMoss, Daniel DiCairano, Jade Kels, Michele Kowal, Rebecca Litz, Noah Lucas, Christopher Markulic, Michael McEllen, Erin McGall, Joseph Miller, Damaris Millheim, Alyssa Ostrzyzek, Matthew Rudeau, Elisabeth Verile, and Alexander Viola. To end the ceremony, Belvidere High School's Alma Mater was sung led by Adam Hyndman and Danika Dow.

-Jessica Lino



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National Youth Leadership Conference

A few months ago, I was offered an amazing opportunity, which I took and found to be quite worthwhile and beneficial. I was nominated to go to Washington DC for a week and participate in the National Youth Leadership Conference. This is a program that invites students from all over the country who have demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership skills to come and learn more about the government, our political system, and the history of our great country.

Upon arrival, I was assigned a room, three roommates, and I was put into a group (with 462 people in attendance, there HAD to be groups). There were approximately twenty one people in my group. In this group, one takes part in political scenarios and/or simulations such as "If I Were President". You learn all the different jobs in government and how exactly certain processes are carried out. At the end of the week, after long hours of preparation and practice with their group, you take part in the Model Congress, which is basically your final test to successfully complete the conference. During this, a speaker of the house is chosen, everyone is split into two parties (Republican or Democrat), and everyone takes part in a mock trial to pass or fail a proposed bill. It is a lot of fun and a lot of work, but it is definitely worth it to accomplish so much and learn a great deal at the same time.



Along with doing all this, you get to tour the wonderful (and beautiful) Washington DC. Throughout the six days I was there, I visited all the memorials (including the new World War Two memorial), the Washington



Monument, The Supreme Court, historical museums, The Capitol, and The Library of Congress, all of which were absolutely marvelous. On top of all this, anyone who took part in this program got to meet face to face their senators and representative from their respective state.

Also, every one of us got to meet Mr. John McConnell, the man who writes all of President Bush's and Vice President Cheney's speeches. He had much to share and much to teach.



Think all of this sounds like a lot of boring work, scheduled activities, and strict policies? That's where you're wrong. I will admit, that was my first impression, however, you are offered time to socialize at night in the recreational room (complete with television, video games, and vending machines) and at the end of the week, there is a formal ball held in an actual ballroom. Also, as an added bonus, you get to tour Washington and go to all the activities (with the exception of specific group meetings) with anyone you want, whether or not they are in your room or your group.

From a teen's standpoint, this was all an amazing experience. It was nice to be around kids as academically minded as myself. I met a lot of great people from my group, my room, and from other social activities and workshops that were held throughout the week. If anyone receives this opportunity, I strongly encourage them to take it because it is something you will learn a lot from and never forget.

-Rebecca Litz



The Library of Congress

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Belvidere High School Cheerleading

This has been a very productive year so far for the BHS cheerleaders. We have participated in two local competitions, and we did really well. We have practices four to five times per week, in the midst of supporting our awesome football team, and fundraising for our ultimate goal of going to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. We have more competitions coming up at Delaware Valley High School, Berwick High School, and Kutztown University. Our practices are long, hard, and tiresome, but all of the drama, sweat, tears, and hardships are put aside when we compete as a team and give it our all out there on those mats.

An example of a time where all of our hard work paid off was at the Hunterdon-Warren Competition. We were the only team to hit all of the stunts and tumbling passes. We were very pleased with the results of placing fifth, due to the fact that we competed against large teams, three of which were nationally ranked. We are very thankful that competitive cheerleading was reinstated in the budget, and we are extremely appreciative for all of the support from the school board, faculty, and students. This year has been great, and our cheerleading team will continue to excel at representing Belvidere High School at competitions throughout the season

-Rebekah Unangst & Nancy Yunghan



Career Discovery

This summer I attended the Culinary Institute of America's Career Discovery. During this program we ate at several different restaurants including the Culinary's own American Bounty. The food was perfection on a plate, pure and simple. To start I had smoked potato soup topped with crushed bacon and slivers of chive. The soup tasted so good. You could really taste the smokiness of the potatoes, the texture like silk. It was perfect.

The next course was Foie Gras in a sweet berry sauce. For those who don't know foie gras is fattened goose liver. It was sautéed to perfection, all moist and tender. I didn't even need a knife to cut it. The combination of the sweet and savory favors was great. The main course consisted of two deep fried soft-shell crabs in a savory butter sauce. On the side were slivered potatoes baked together with onions and served with peas in a cream sauce. Again this was exquisite. Everything was perfect. The only complaint I could lodge against this fine establishment would be that my dessert took very long to come out. It took a little more than half an hour to reach my table. It was a trio of different sorbets but one was melted when I received it, though it was still great. This is a great restaurant staffed by the culinary students. They did a terrific job, and I would highly recommend this to anyone who enjoys fine dining or great food.

-Shane Stewart



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The Season Is The Reason!

With the arrival of snow comes the reminder of Christmas concerts for the music department

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Just as the football season heralded in new music for the marching band, the arrival of winter weather now brings precedence to the upcoming Christmas concert season. For most, it seems hard to believe that we have reached the holiday season already, but Mr. Charlie Zetterstrom and the Band it is all too real. With under a month to go before the concerts, it is officially crunch time for the various musical ensembles, which means it is time to pull out all the stops. Newer members may feel a bit bewildered by change of pace, but luckily veterans of the music department are accustomed to the high speed hustle and bustle and this year's concerts are sure to be great.

As is customary, the year began with the introduction of new holiday tunes which were met by the perplexed faces of the shorts clad band-goers. Most certainly many of the instrumentalists wondered why they were playing Christmas songs in September, but now as days between now and the holiday performance grow steadily lower, some may wish that they had started practicing in June. In just a few short weeks they will have to play in front of the entire school, which gives great incentive to practice as much as possible. Luckily, Mr. Zetterstrom has set up a rotating schedule in which band members whom do not have band as a class can come down during pre arranged periods of the week and get time to hone their skills.



To be certain, the numbers of these get togethers will spike in the coming weeks, but most instrumentalists aren't too worried. Veteran saxophonist Jason Leh had this to say when asked about crunch time. "Right now we all pretty much have the music down. It is just a matter of working on the minor details like the intonation and level of sound. Crunch time is just a way of saying that we are in the process of refining the sound or making it tighter." Judging by the last few years' performances including numerous solos by Jason, the winter season will be a time of great music.

-Colin Gross

Crunch Time!

Can you believe that we're already through the first marking period? To think that we're this close to Christmas is a shocking thought indeed!

As you might imagine, the music department is abuzz with songs that mark the festive period. Voices are singing, instruments are playing, and the two music rooms are full of excitement! Concert Chorus has been hard at work putting a number of pieces of music together. Many of the songs this year in Concert Chorus are different than those that you might have heard in previous years. We'll be singing songs ranging from a spiritual style such as *Deo! Marching To Bethlehem!* to a more festive style such as *Sing Joy, Sing Gaudia!* Scarlet Choir will be singing some very interesting and powerful pieces of music (*Masters in This Hall* being my personal favorite). Madrigals will be singing many beautiful, renaissance-style songs such as *Lirum, Lirum, Verbum Caro Factum Est*, and a special arrangement of *O Holy Night*, among others. Of course, there's so much more I'd love to tell you, but I don't want to spoil the show for you!

Something else has also begun in the music department. This year's school musical, *The Boyfriend*, has just been cast. Unlike last year, this

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Crunch Time (continued)

show incorporates quite a bit of dancing. Ever hear of the Charleston? If you haven't, you're going to see plenty of it at this year's show! The show takes place in France during the 1920s, and centers around Polly Browne, the daughter of the rich and renowned Englishman Percival Browne, and her troubles with finding a boyfriend to take to the ball. During all of this, Polly's father unexpectedly meets up with an old flame, an elderly English gentleman wishes he were young again, and several people consent to become married. Love is surely in the air!

The end of the year can be a hectic time in the music department. Putting the finishing touches on all of the songs is imperative in order to put on a good concert. Getting the singers up on stage helps them get used to the atmosphere they will be in. It also helps to maintain order and ensure that everyone will know where to be on the night of the performance. Mr. Riday coins the phrase "crunch time" to refer to this period. All things considered, this year's concert is going to be outstanding! I look forward to the night of the concert in earnest!

-Justin Kiefer



Naive

In a room full of hundreds all I can see is
you.

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As I glide past you I notice the desolate
expression upon your face.

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I realize that I am no longer living in the
nirvana that I once assumed.

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The temperature begins to climb, the
people now fill the room with demonic
glares.

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As I attempt to escape I understand that I
can not move.

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You seem to have me under your spell.

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You leave me helpless in a room full of my
own demons, my own personal hell.

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As you approach all I can see, out of the
despair, is your eyes and that smile.

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Now I can comprehend that you were
never my worst demon.

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My worst demon was myself.

-Heather Shupe

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