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Student Council Gets



New President!



What does the future hold for Belvidere High School? I sat down with Jason Leh, the newly elected president of the student government, and I asked him a few questions about what he would like to see come of Belvidere High School and about some other related issues:

1. What would you like to see happen in Belvidere High School in the following school year?

The school should continue its climate change and promote more awareness about racism and vandalism. There is a lot of enmity among students {nowadays}. We should have more "mix it up days" and get more people involved.

2. What is the biggest problem you see in BHS?

Respect is the biggest problem- respect for people, staff, fellow students, and property of others.

3. Do you and your fellow officers connect well?

Yes. We have a general understanding of each other and we work well together. There's a lot of group input.

4. Why do you think you were elected?

I felt I was qualified. I worked hard, and I was in student government for all three years. Plus, my peers respect me.

5. Were there any hard feelings between you and John Rotio before or after the election?

No, nothing at all (laughs) It wasn't a "serious" election.

6. What do you see in the future years for BHS?

The real world is coming to Belvidere in good and bad ways. People are more aware of news, and there is more formation or educated opinions to make better citizens. They are contributing more to society (Belvidere).

After I concluded the interview with Jason, I went around the school and asked some students what they thought about Jason Leh and his future administration.

1. Ryan Belby-11-"I think he'll do a very good job. He's good at gathering opinions and following up on what he says he's going to do."
2. Daniel DiCairano-10-'I think he has responsibility and he's dedicated to his work."
3. Aaron Hill-11-"Jason, being an Eagle Scout, will do an excellent job and will make our senior year pretty good."
4. Sarah Martinez-11-"I think he will do well."

Personally, I think Jason Leh will be a wonderful president. He's hard working, motivating, extremely dedicated to his work, and he keeps his promises. Good luck to Jason, Brian, Adam, and Meghan!

-Rebecca Litz

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Cinco de Mayo!



Cinco de Mayo is a celebration, which commemorates the Battle of Puebla where Mexican forces fought off the French military. It was a battle very significant to the Mexican people, which is why it is also recognized across the United States. This makes Cinco de Mayo the perfect time to celebrate Mexican culture at Belvidere High School. This year it was celebrated throughout all the Spanish classes on Friday, May 4th with a vast amount of food, drinks, clothing, music, and dancing. The celebration lasted nearly all day long, and it was no surprise that everyone who participated had a fun day as they celebrated the Mexican heritage.

Several students brought in traditional Mexican meals and drinks, which they made, from home. Some popular dishes were Quesadillas, Churros, and Empanadas. The scrumptious dishes were set up in a large buffet style in the front of the classroom, and everyone dug in whenever they pleased. Not one meal was left untouched. As the students ate, Mexican music played in the background, which made the atmosphere even more festive and fun.

Mrs. "Lupe", a Spanish teacher at Belvidere High School, even organized for everyone to wear Cinco de Mayo apparel, which she designed herself. She had cute shirts professionally made for the students and faculty to buy to wear to the party. A number of students did, and others wore red, green, and white clothing to symbolize the Mexican flag.

The celebration of Cinco de Mayo was a fun day for everyone at Belvidere High School. The celebration went perfectly, and everyone had a good time while enjoying food, friends, and music.

-Kate Trainello



Sports At BHS: GOLF

In my experience through the two years that I've played in Belvidere Golf I feel that I have progressed a lot. This sport consists of dressing well, being polite, and having skill in the sport. It's amazing how much this sport



has to offer. In my opinion, golf has more value economically for the students than any other sport in the school. Our golf team also has performed decently in the past few years. We ended up with an 8 and 7 record in last year's season, and it seems that this year was about the same. I am pleased with how I played this year and hope to improve my game for next season.

-Josh Shoemaker

Music at BHS

Wow! What a spring for the BHS music program. Hershey Park was an amazing experience, and we were able to hold our own with other schools that are much bigger. We also gave some great performances in our Spring Concerts. Hopefully, the students enjoyed it as much as we did performing. Then we had the Jazz festival at Warren Hills earlier in the month. Congrats to Aaron Ellison who was a standout and made all of us at BHS very proud. Those of you that enjoy music, continue playing over the summer. Those of you that haven't tried playing an instrument or singing think about joining the music program next year!



-a dedicated musician.

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Mardi Gras Magic 2007 Prom

Even though it was cloudy and rain was coming down, nothing could discourage the excitement of Belvidere High School's Mardi Gras Magic prom. As many prom attendants will surely agree, it was indeed magical. The hall was decorated in rich colors of white, silver, and gold, the girls looked gorgeous, the boys looked dashing, and colorful Mardi Gras masks adjourned every table as well as the majority of the waiters and waitresses. Upon arrival, limos, stretch hummers, trucks, and cars pulled up to the entrance and let out their passengers. Mrs. Pappas, Mr. Swaneveld, and Mr. Flynn, along with other administrators, looked fascinated as they greeted everyone. Once inside, everyone signed in and found their place cards. It was a short wait before the tables were ready, so everybody mingled with each other in the foyer snacking on hors d'oeuvres, voting for prom royals, and getting their pictures taken.



When the time did come to go into the hall, everyone swarmed in and in minutes all attendants were seated and being served drinks. After a few moments, everybody was given the instruction to go up to the buffet and eat. The food was wonderful, consisting of steak, chicken, tortellini, soup, pasta, and numerous salads to choose from. Everyone's plate was full and most were all cleared by the end. After dinner began the dancing. Almost everyone went out on the dance floor to groove to the latest tunes. The disco ball was spinning, the bass was thumping, and the floor had been transformed to a dancing throng of bodies. However, there were those

that didn't feel like joining the mosh pit, so they busied themselves practicing their photography out on the balcony and in the gazebo. The Stroudsmoore was located on a mountain in the Poconos, so the view was beautiful. The clouds had settled down in a thick fog in between our mountain and the ones in the distance creating an effect that strongly resembled a lake. In the famous words of Ryan Hannagan, "Whoa, check out that lake!" Many couples posed in numerous positions in front of the spectacular backdrop. There was also a gazebo a few yards or so away and that proved to be a popular place for pictures as well.

People went in and out switching between taking pictures, dancing, and talking with friends. At about 9:30, the Prom Royal "Family" was announced. Richard Pohl and Bailey Thomas were named king and queen and Ian Schreffler and Maureen Miers were named prince and princess. They shared a dance together, and after a few minutes other couples joined in. Afterwards, there was more dancing all the way



up until the end of the prom when everyone wished each other goodnight and either headed home or down to the shore for the weekend.

All in all, the prom of 2007 was truly one to never forget. It was the last prom for seniors, whereas rising juniors and seniors are anxiously looking forward to the next one. Congratulations to Richie, Bailey, Ian, and Maureen, and thank you to Mrs. Perelli, the prom committee, the administrators, the staff of the Stroudsmoore, and the students for making Belvidere High School's Mardi Gras Magic prom truly magical.

-Rebecca Litz

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Belvidere Baseball

This year Belvidere Baseball has hit a few rough patches along the road to a 500 season. Aside from falling completely out of the running for the conference champs due to two losses to both rival schools, North Warren and Hackettstown, the team didn't even make the cut off date for that state playoff brackets.

Now the bad news. The team began the season with 8 seniors and lost two for most of the season due to an unfortunate mix-up and one to surgery. Captains Rob Welles, John Paul

Palmer, Luke Sosnovick and Richey Pohl have struggled the entire season to get their team back on the right track along with the help of first time head coach Kenny Lutz. The struggle has paid off, but it came a bit too late. The baseball team, after only stringing together two wins the entire month of April, started to pull itself out of the hole. They set pace in May to be a 10-15 team, with all given circumstances is not a bad record at all. We will have to see how that all pans out for the team. Mr. Kenny Lutz, being his first time as the head coach for baseball, does not lack the coaching experience. Assistant Coach Dave Barr had been the head coach for years and Lutz's debut. Mr. down this year as because he felt his relinquish the this, Mr. Lutz was coach to Mr. Barr. The team came to the consensus that the record does not represent the coaching staff, but more a string of rough luck.



The last half of April is a perfect example of this bad luck. There was a string of 6 or 7 games where the team lost by either one run or in extra innings.

Good baseball games are games won in extra innings or by one run. Good teams play good games and these games show the potential of our team that was scene in their 3-0-preseason record with wins over the larger schools like Hopatcong. Unlike one may think the teams record is not indicative of their ability.

Despite the 8 seniors that will be missed after the year ends, there are plenty of juniors returning to a starting role, or sophomores and freshmen and backups trying to earn a starting role. The incoming talent is such that the presence of the past starter won't be missed. Michael Mottola, Michael Callas, Paul Wiedemann, and Ronnie Buckenmyer started either all or most of the 2007 season. They will all be looking for redemption of the bad luck that came their way this year. Names to look out for next year are Evan Reed, Jordan McElroy, Kaleb Willis, Frankie Holmberg, and Cory Quigly who all had some time out on the field this year on the varsity level. Potential contenders for positions next year include Derrick Tardive, Eric Tompkins, Matt Monczka, Chris Welles, L.J. Rotio, Kevin Mottola, Brandon Berger, and Kyle Apgar.



This year, Belvidere was beaten more times than they had hoped for. However, when Belvidere falls off the horse, Belvidere gets back up. Expect big things out of Belvidere Baseball next year. This year the motto was "Bringing the Heat." The team with out a doubt brought the heat, but next year the team plans on using the heat to spark a championship season.

- Mike Callas



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BHS Softball

The softball team this year didn't have it as easy as last year's team. We lost a lot of strong hitters and fielders. Five seniors graduated- most of our infield. So naturally we had to pick up the slack. During the first few games, we were just trying to get used to playing together, and getting the basic fundamental skills of softball down. But that carried on for more than the first few games. The team was just not confident, but as we practiced we got better. Even now, though, we still are not as confident as we should be. In the batting cage, all of us are hitting very well, but when it comes to game time, we are not doing our best. During games, when we start off hitting in the first inning, we are more enthusiastic about being there and we want to win the game more. Towards the middle of the season, it started to get down to the wire. We needed to win at least four of the last seven games before the cut off date for States. We did it but it came down to winning one of the last two games. Now that we are in States, we have to become more focused and have more drive to win than ever because the games will be harder and the teams we play will want to be there just as much as us. It will be hard but I think our team can do it.

-Megan Vokes



CONGRATULATIONS!

A special congratulations goes out to the winners of the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition:

Nick Ewankov
Kaleb Willis
Alex Viola
Noah Lucas
Trevor Murphy
Derrick Tardive
Kevin Morrow
John Rotio
Travis Dalrymple
Mr. Fitzsimmons



Want To Join The Scarlet Scoop?

If anyone is interested in joining the Scarlet Scoop next year, there will be a meeting during the first week of school. Listen to the announcements or stop into room 209 to sign up. Thank You!



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Another Year...Another Year

Another year has almost come and gone. Finals are quietly approaching and the near-summer excitement is beginning to show. Students, and some teachers, are starting to wish the year was over already. Many of the seniors are ready to move on to college and there is much talk among them of how it feels to be so close to the end of their senior year at Belvidere High School. I have talked to several of them and many of them expressed a feeling of anxiety. Most are nervous about leaving the comfort zone that is high school and some even mentioned feeling like the four years spent in high school seemed to pass too quickly.

There are several reasons as to why feelings of anxiety over senior year are so common. Those who have been close since freshman year, or before, may be forced to separate. The same is true for couples who decide long distance relationships are not for them. Also, many decide to leave home at this point and most may become nervous about being able to take care of themselves once they move out. There is also the general nervousness felt when one part of your life comes to an end and makes way for a new one.

It is at times like this that people begin to doubt themselves. I have heard questions such as: Did I pick the right college? Will I like my major, or will I have to change it? Will I do well in my studies? These are simply a few of the many questions I have heard. Many of the seniors are very nervous and stressed about college. This is very understandable. In my opinion, we should do everything possible to properly prepare them for this new aspect of life and do everything we can to make the transition from high school to college as smooth as possible. Graduating from high school gives you more options and greater respect from those around you. You are treated more like an adult than during your high school years and are permitted to make more decisions for yourself. This is definitely something to look forward to.

As for now, seeing that we are still in school, we should simply try to make the best out of our time left here. Live life to the fullest and try not to do anything you will really regret in the years to come. To the seniors: Congratulations and good luck in all that is ahead of you. To the freshmen and sophomores: Good luck in the years you have left here at Belvidere High School. Especially to the juniors: good luck in your senior year because it will be here before we know it.

-Shakira Spears



THANK YOU!

-To the senior members of the Scarlet Scoop and for all of your dedication. Congrats on graduation!

- To everyone who wrote articles for the Scoop this year and helped it be a success! We appreciate it greatly!

- To the students, staff, and parents who read the Scoop and kept us going.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you next year!

-The Scarlet Scoop Staff-