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BHS auditorium gets a total makeover this school year.

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CURRY'S BACK

MASON VANDERMARK
Sophomore

After a five year rest George Curry is back to what he does best, coaching Berwick varsity football.

There have been many concerns with his health in the past, but he dropped forty pounds and his doctor has cleared him to coach. He runs routes with the wide receivers and even runs the football as an example to show the players how it is done. He still runs the same plays, but he has a couple of new plays along with new players.

It came as a surprise in the summer of 2012 when former coach, Gary Campbell III, announced he had been offered a job as Athletic Director and head coach of his home town team in Massachusetts. The school board held an emergency meeting where Campbell resigned.

Curry was renamed head coach he held a players meeting and

talked to the team about who he was, when practice will be, and how this program will be ran.

The day after the players meeting was held, the players had their first "Curry practice." Curry placed strict rules such as banning earrings and making a curfew. There was a new lifting program. The program is run by Curry's son, Cosmos Curry, Superintendent of Bloomsburg School District. The lifting program shifted from speed and agility to strength and power lifting. It was a "new atmosphere" as sophomore and starting center for the Bulldogs, Dalton Perla said,

"Our program changed from all running and cross fit to benching

and power lifting," said Perla.

"Without smart, strong, mentally tough lineman we can't go anywhere," said Coach Curry. Curry's record as Berwick's head coach is 416-93-5.

With the team starting the season off being 4-1 they look to have a tremendous season ahead of them. A senior lineman on the team, Gavin Harter, is looking forward to his return after he was taken out of the starting lineup when he broke his fibula. He will return in week six of the season.

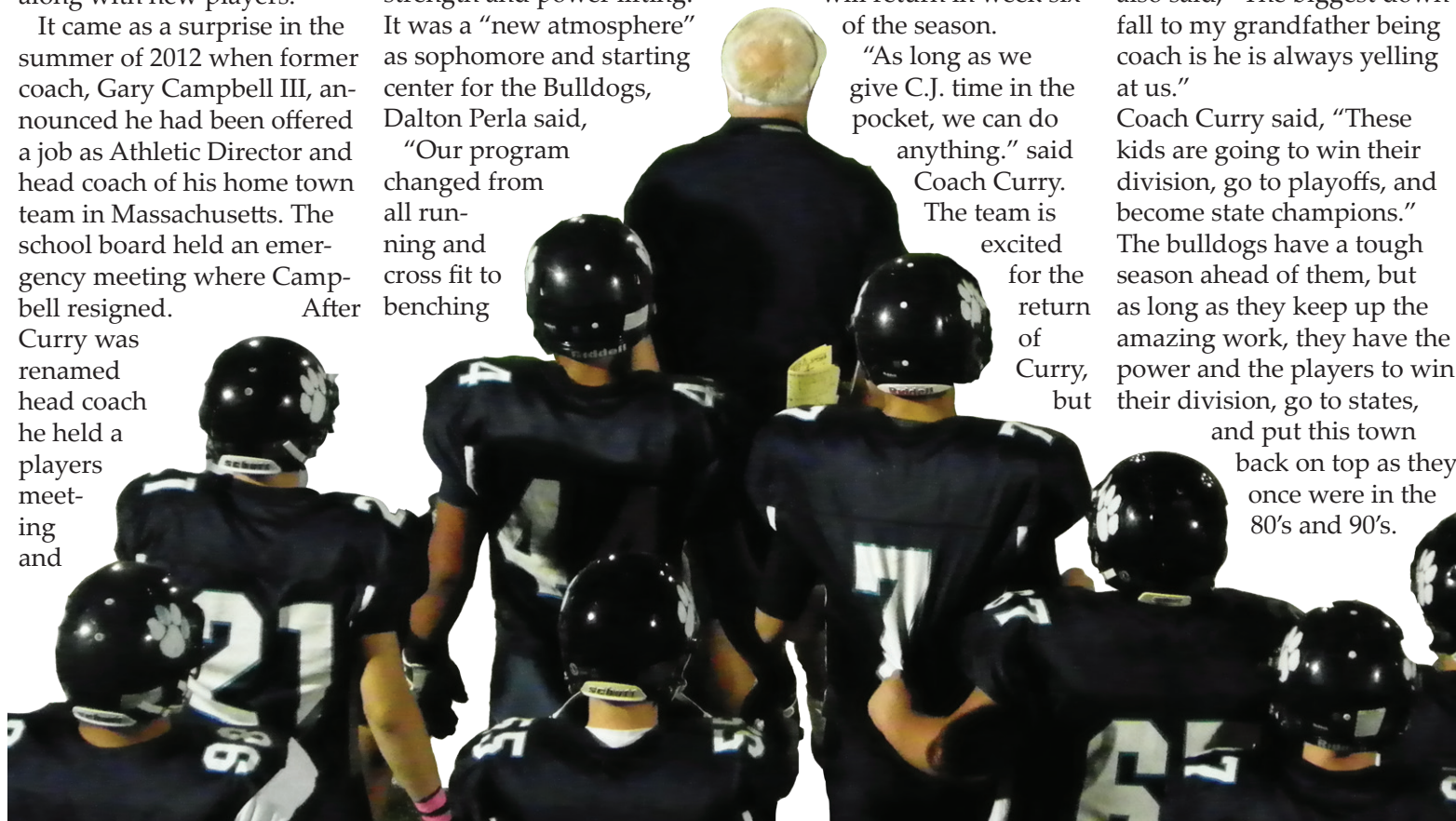
"As long as we give C.J. time in the pocket, we can do anything," said Coach Curry.

The team is excited for the return of Curry, but

one player is particularly happy. Junior Quarterback, C.J. Curry said, "I am very glad he came back. I enjoyed playing for Campbell, but it was exciting to hear that my grandfather was going to be my coach this year." C.J. is having a stellar year so far with seven passing and three rushing touchdowns.

C.J. said, "It's very cool to have the same position as some of the greats such as Ron Polwus and Dave Robbins. I am just glad to be playing varsity football." He also said, "The biggest downfall to my grandfather being coach is he is always yelling at us."

Coach Curry said, "These kids are going to win their division, go to playoffs, and become state champions." The bulldogs have a tough season ahead of them, but as long as they keep up the amazing work, they have the power and the players to win their division, go to states, and put this town back on top as they once were in the 80's and 90's.



Renovations give auditorium new life

KATELYNN CHRISTIAN
Reviews Editor

In 1957, the Berwick Area Senior High School was built. In 2012, forty five years later, it is slowly going through renovations to improve the learning environment for its students.

In the near future, students will be able to enjoy a newly renovated, state of the art auditorium that will facilitate more people and will be more handicap accessible.

The school board approved the building project for the \$800,000 to \$1.2 million auditorium. Construction will begin in October. When viewing the current auditorium, most would agree that improvements are needed, especially in the areas in audio and

visual effects. By the time the project is finished in January, the auditorium will have new technology and have a more modern design. All of

the years with the ripped seats and bad lighting. According to Mr. Ron Wasser, Band Director, the auditorium has received multiple repairs and it is for the best if the room is remodeled. The lack of sound quality and lighting has really had a negative impact on all of the performances.

“The music program and all of the programs that are associated with the auditorium are excellent here, and we would like the facility to reflect that,” said Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Superintendent. Other than using the auditorium for school purposes, the auditorium will be accessible for the

community to use. Programs such as Odyssey of the Mind will be the first to use it. As a result, the renovations could also have a positive affect the community and the way Berwick is portrayed.

“We’ve always opened our facilities to the community

and will continue to do so on a case by case basis,” informed Brookhart.

The goal is to be finished with this project within a few months. R.A.L., a construction company out of

day. Overall, the staff knows that the students are responsible enough to not disturb the project.

Eventually all parts of the high school and other buildings will have to go through

renovations as well. The next project to anticipate will most likely be the elementary buildings. However, through this vital remodeling project, Berwick Area



The old seats are old and faded, and did not include any type of color scheme.

Lewisburg will be taking this project/renovation on. With that, the safety of the students is a major concern. However, the doors will be locked and the students will be well informed about daily progress. This will not interrupt the routine of the regular school

Senior High School will be leaving a good impression on all of its visitors. Slowly the school district is giving its students a reason to be even more proud of their school. They are starting to give this forty five year old building a new beginning.



The new seats are embellished with more cushion and they are now our current school colors.

these renovations will help to enhance school performances and maybe even create a new classroom for students.

Eventually all parts of the school will need to be remodeled. However, right now the worst of it is the auditorium that became dilapidated over

Dual Enrollment challenges education

SAMANTHA ROMAN
Junior

The most common controversy against Dual Enrollment, an educational program, is that it encourages high school students to take on a challenging double life.

Dual Enrollment (DE) is an educational program in which high school students may enroll in college courses while still being enrolled in high school and only current sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate. Many students are enrolled in Dual Enrollment this year. Time management and organization is vital to successfully completing any class.

It was founded in Minnesota in 1985. “States began looking at Dual Enrollment as a way to prepare average students for college.” (Kronholz, High Schoolers in College). Once enrolled, college credits can be transferred from taking a class into other colleges. Classes can be taken during the summer or during high school classes in the morning, evening or afternoon. A student has the choice to choose which college they wish to

attend, as long as it is local and one of the choices. There are certain requirements that need to be met if one wishes to enroll. Some of these requirements are: to have an SAT reading and mathematics score of at least 500, have parent/guardian permission and, most importantly, good behavior. Most individuals believe that Dual Enrollment is a great choice.

According to Keith Seely, guidance counselor at Berwick Area High School, the program is something every high school student should take advantage of. Seely said, “Dual Enrollment presents more options, which is like a preview of college life. Students should take advantage of this.” Furthermore, Seely said that the program gives kids a view of what the future can hold.

Mona Ni, a junior who wanted to take DE but could not due to certain issues, also agrees with Seely. When being asked about some of the good things she heard about Dual Enrollment, she said, “Well, one, it’s weighted, you learn a lot of college experience,

you can get out of school and there are lots of subjects to pick from.” To Ni, Dual Enrollment is a good option if it is possible to take.

Educational programs like

of my work and too much money out of my wallet.” Consequently, transportation can be a huge problem.

Another big problem that students might face is how



(Photos by MCT Campus.)

this are causing parents to question its affect on their sons and daughters. Additionally, the cost to attend these classes is extreme-not to mention the cost for the supplies, such as the class books. Gabriele Roman, a parent of a student who attends DE, said, “I don’t like having to drive from Wilkes-Barre all the way back to Berwick. It takes time out

different the material is from their high school classes. Laura O’Brien, a senior who took a General Psychology class over the summer at LCCC, said, “Keeping track of your notes is really important because you have tests just about every week. What I recommend is taking notes and practicing good time management.” Moreover, O’Brien said that the mate-

rial was a little hard to keep up with, but it was not that much different than a high school class.

Nevertheless, there are still some students who are uneducated about the system. Lissette Rodriguez, a junior who never heard of DE, said, “I would like to see both the students and the professors to be more into the subject.” Taking a DE class could possibly enhance a student’s education to their satisfaction.

In conclusion, one can make or break Dual Enrollment. It lets students experience a second lifestyle which can either be challenging or compliant, depending on the situation chosen. Some tools that are vital to use when taking a course are: organization, time management and a positive outlook. Transportation, along with class expenses and tuition, may cause difficulties and should be considered when deciding to take a class. All in all, Dual Enrollment seems to be a great opportunity and, if possible, should be taken advantage of.

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Clubs offer outlets for all interests

MARISSA MISSIEN
Freshman

There are many clubs to join and students need to know what is available. This year BHS is providing tons of clubs, including many new ones.

Currently, there are fifty-two clubs that provide an outlet for all student interests. The clubs range from service organizations, publications and foreign languages, to performing arts, as well as, education-based activities. However, most students are unaware that all clubs are still seeking new members. There are many different clubs, some that may capture student's interest.

One organization, Aevium, is an acceptance group. Mrs. Lisa Sheptock, advisor and school nurse, said the club is to help students be aware of signs of depression. They try to prevent suicide by helping the students who are depressed. They make sure everyone feels like they belong.

"We are supportive of students who are depressed or bullied. And accepting of students no matter who they are, or who they hang out with," Sheptock said.

Other organizations that are based on creating support include Making Connections and JOLTT.

For those looking for a more creative outlet, the school hosts several publications including Xanadu, the literary magazine; The Student Times, the newspaper; and Horizons, the yearbook. Mrs. Erica Phillips, the Horizons advisor of four years, said "Our club is about representing students in the yearbook." They make sure

they put at least everyone in it, and do not leave anyone out. Phillips said, "The staff tries to meet the needs of all the students by coming up with cool, creative pages!" There are over one hundred students in yearbook this year.

The club goes on, "All year, it never ends," said Phillips.

check out Dramatics, Band, Chorus, Swing Chorus, SHOW, Stage Club, Student Council, SADD, or Interact Club.

SHOW; stands for, "Students Helping Out Willingly." The advisor, Mrs. Sandy Kile, library aid, said the club is, "A student service group involved with vari-

at Christmas for the Salvation Army, decorating trees for Tree Fest, and other various projects.

The goals for SHOW's future are, "To continue doing what we are doing, and try to add more. We are always looking for more to do, sometimes students are busy with school and sporting events, the minds of some students about what good decisions to make and to think before they do" Henry stated. Some of the upcoming events SADD is sponsoring are: Red Ribbon Week, where members tie ribbons around cars and elementary student's wrists; Friendship Week, where each day there is a new theme revolving around friendship; Grim Reaper Day where SADD members volunteer to be "killed" representing the amount of people who die from drunk driving in the United States.

Anyone in the high school who is interested can join SADD. It runs through September to May. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month before and after school. All a student has to do to join is go see Henry and sign a contract promising to make good decisions.

Another service organization, Interact Club, is based upon the philosophy that helping and interacting with others is important. Mrs. Debra Kern, Life Skills teacher and advisor of club said the main purpose is to volunteer to make other people's lives better. They put together many activities: "Sno*ball, Blood Drives, Special Needs Shopping Trip, Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Food Cupboard, Soup Kitchen, and many more" Kern said. It goes on all school year and anyone in the high school can join.

Students have so many opportunities at Berwick Area High School. Our students need to join more clubs and get involved. To join any of these clubs just talk to the advisors.

Top 24 Clubs:

Aevium: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Sheptock	JETS: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Gunther	SADD: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Henry
CAD Club: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Smith	JOLTT: Student-Led Club	Senior Video: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Christian
Drama Club: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. McGann	Mathletics: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Gunther	SHOW: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Kile
FCSC: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Hartenbach	Modernaires: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Driscole	Stage Crew: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Wasser
FBLA: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Cerasoli	Modernknights: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Driscole	Student Times: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Christian
Horizons: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Phillips	Making Connections: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Chapin	TRiO: <i>Advisor:</i> Ms. Zluchowski
Hispanic Culture: <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Haubert	Model UN: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Guenther	Xanadu: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Calarco
Interact: <i>Advisors:</i> Mrs. Kern	NHS: <i>Advisor:</i> Mr. Hook	YIP <i>Advisor:</i> Mrs. Melito

Students learn a lot from yearbook, including how to edit photos, communication skills, and journalism skills. Additionally, to celebrate their hard work, Horizons goes on a field trip to New York City in the spring.

If a student is looking for a more socially active club, or interested in doing some volunteer work, they should

ous community projects that incorporates the school and the community to form positive community relations." There is a lot of volunteer work, and helping out in the community. Some community projects SHOW does are: helping with the Nescopeck Community Cupboard every month, babysitting at Orange Street School, toy collections

so we're always looking for more people," stated Kile. SADD stands for, "Students Against Destructive Decisions" and it has to tackle some of the poor choices students make," said SADD advisor and school librarian Mrs. Heather Henry. Henry and the students try their best to help others.

"Our goals are to change

Trio bounds students upward Teams should register for Odyssey now

KATELYNN WATSON
Freshman

Many students wonder how it feels to be accepted into a college. There is a program that prepares students for their future so that they can say, "I was accepted into the college of my dreams."

That program is TRiO. TRiO refers to the number three, the original number of U.S. federal programs to provide economically disadvantaged students with financial and educational help. TRiO Upward Bound is a successful program. There are countless reasons why students should join TRiO Upward Bound Program and it is guaranteed that all students will benefit from becoming a member. If they join, they will be given a chance to experience college life.

"Students who join the program are more mature and have a better attitude toward school," said Mr. Keith Seely, guidance counselor.

Students should join the program if they have a strong interest in college and are the first in their family to go to college. Students who join TRiO Upward Bound are less likely to drop out of college because they are ex-

posed to college life and learn what it is like to live on their own. The program can also help a student become a better person, it transforms them into mature, responsible, successful college students. TRiO does this by providing tutoring, financial assistance, and a summer program at Bloomsburg University. All of these opportunities live up



(Photos by MCT Campus.)

to the main purpose of the program.

Ms. April Zluchowski, guidance counselor, is in charge of TRiO. She said, "The purpose of the program is to prepare students for college and to provide financial help."

Zluchowski added, "The program teaches them responsibility."

TRiO exposes students to college life, which takes large

amounts of responsibility and maturity. The program teaches them the importance of being mature and responsible through tutoring and the summer program. Students are taught this by being shown different organizational techniques. In addition to learning organizational techniques, TRiO members become more mature and responsible by practicing promptness regardless of their busy schedule.

Madison Kramer, TRiO member and junior, said, "I love it, TRiO has given me a college experience and has improved my homework and studying skills."

Students enjoy being a part of TRiO. The summer program includes awarding field trips and activities for members which encourage students to do better. TRiO Upward Bound is beyond doubt, an extremely beneficial program.

For more information about the application process and what TRiO Upward Bound offers students, contact Ms. Zluchowski in the guidance office. Visit the Bloomsburg University website to learn more about the summer program, the web address is www.bloomu.edu.

JILLIAN HARVEY
Freshman

Imagine seeing a human dressed as a tree made out of a thousand paint samples, a mouse trap car that changed a light from green to red. This experience is a type of creative thinking in Odyssey of the Mind

In Odyssey of the Mind the teams consist of up to seven people. Every team is divided up into one of the three



Above: BHS OM team celebrates a victory.

divisions. Division one is for elementary school, division two is for students in grades 6-8, and division three is for students

together" said Jerry Owens, Head of Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind. Teams that make it to the World Finals get to spend 9-12. Division three members will only compete against other teams in division three. Division three teams have to be the most creative out of all the divisions because this division is filled with members who have been involved with Odyssey of the Mind for years.

Odyssey of the Mind is all about solving problems and thinking spontaneously. Teams all over the country and even the world put their creativity to the test and try to perform the most amazing skit and be the most spontaneous.

Spontaneous is the second part of the competition when up to five members of the team go into a room and have to either answer a verbal hands on question, which is normally building or making

something out of things the judges give you, or there is a verbal problem and the members of the spontaneous team have to answer a question or create a story verbally.

Problem solving skills are a very essential part of Odyssey of the Mind. "I know a girl who learned how to weld. Her Dad taught her the basics of welding and then she figured out (on her own) how to weld the pieces

together" said Jerry Owens, Head of Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind.

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“Horrifying” Halloween Film



REVIEW EDITORS

Freshmen

From the director, Tim Burton, comes the movie Frankenweenie, based on the play Frankenstein. The movie is classified as animation, comedy, and horror. It is an hour and a half long and is in black and white. This film could be said to have a very sad plot and might not be great for young children.

Frankenweenie is a movie about a young aspiring scientist, named Victor, whose only friend is his dog, Sparky. When Sparky is killed by car, Victor goes into a long depression. He cares for nothing else except for wishing for a way to bring back his best friend. When Victor’s new science teacher begins a new lesson, Victor has an epiphany. When he puts his plan to bring his dead dog back to life into action, events, that take a turn for the worse, could destroy their small town forever.

KATELYNN CHRISTIAN:

This PG movie was very sad and may be terrifying for some small children. There is a lot of reoccurring deaths in the movie which proves to be quite unsettling. In my opinion this movie was falsely described as a comedy. It was very strange and somewhat disturbing. Overall, I would give this movie two and a half star rating and would not recommend it.

BREE KLINGER:

Overall I thought the movie was kind of weird and disturbing. The plot sounded good to me, but the movie did not deliver. It was strange and pretty depressing. I would not recommend taking a little kid to see this movie, I know it is a Disney movie, but it was just sad to see. Also there was no real moral to the story. If sad movies are your kind of movies, then Frankenweenie is for you. I would give it two and a half stars.

ELLIE OUIMET:

I like the plot of the movie, but I did not enjoy the amount of sadness, and it continues throughout the whole movie. The movie brought tears to my eyes multiple times. The consistency of death and sadness that was present could be overwhelming at times, and it came in steady quantities through the whole movie. I would not take small children to see this movie.



(Photos by Disney Enterprises, Inc/MCT)

Book Corner

Safe Haven shows reader how to find their way

COURTNEY DAVIS

Senior

Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks is a suspenseful fictional story about starting over and choosing between a future of flourishing love or a darkened past of destruction.

This tenuous story is about an out of place and mysterious woman, Katie. She ends up

moving to the small town of South port, North Carolina. She is running from her past, and she is afraid it will catch up with her. Her sudden arrival brings up questions about her past which keeps her from making special ties with coworkers and people in her everyday life. After a series of events she gets involved in two trustworthy relationships: one with Alex, a widowed store owner with a loving heart and two young children named Josh and Kristen; and another with her single yet blunt neighbor, Jo.

Jo comes to help Katie make sure she does right when it comes to Alex and his family, and becomes the one person Katie can come to if she needs to talk about her life. As Katie’s relationship becomes stronger, she lets down her guard and becomes attached to Alex

and his family. After having a serious discussion with Jo one night, Katie realizes she has to choose between a life of temporary safety or one of dangerous rewards.

The suspense in Safe Haven creates volume in the



(S. Vlasic/ Abaca Press/MCT)

book, making it more interesting for the reader. With the different points of view, it keeps you on the edge of your seat as if you are watching a scary movie. Although it can be depressing in some areas, it all ties together perfectly with the characters and how they interact with each other. Safe Haven is romantic on a different kind of level with more story line and less involving the relationship, but it is still an absorbing book.

Not only should Nicholas Sparks’ fans buy this book but anyone who loves to read should, because it is a page turner that keeps you on your toes. It is available at Barnes and Noble and Borders. Along with many other books, it can be bought on Amazon at www.amazon.com for digital reading devices and in Wal-Mart’s book department.

Nicholas Sparks’ Safe Haven is a wavering story about creating a new future and hoping the past stays in the past.

What’s Hot...

New iPad 3

New Features:

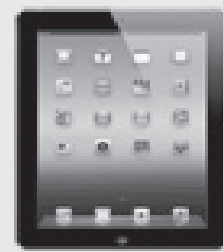
-Comes in white color; Retina Display, with sharper look; iOS 6; 10 hr. battery life; New camera with HD video recording; Thinner

Cost:

-Starting at \$600 for a 16 GB. To \$1000. It can be purchased or ordered in Apple retail stores and online.

Fun Facts:

-The screen of the new iPad is in full HD.



(Photos by MCT.)



(Photos by MCT.)

MyKleenexTissue 2.0

New Features:

-Personalize the oval box with pictures and graphics -A personal photo album

Cost:

-Ranges from \$5.99-\$7.99, and can be purchased at its website

Fun Fact:

-Each box can be personalized with one’s favorite baseball team, personal pictures or Disney Character.

iPhone 5

Special Features:

-A6 Chip, Four inch retina display screen, eight hour battery life on 3G

Cost:

-The price starts at \$199 and can go up to \$399. Can be purchased at AT&T, Sprint, Apple, and Verizon stores

Fun Fact:

-Apple sells 16,000 iPhones



(Photos by MCT.)



(Photos by MCT.)

Tide Pods

Special Features:

-It is a laundry detergent that comes in a shell. It could help the Tide brand and change how people do laundry.

Cost:

-\$15.99 for 57 pods.

It can be purchased at grocery Stores and Pharmacies

Fun Fact:

-The idea was originally from Europe.

New LeBron James “X” Sneaker

New Features:

-Motion sensors that track various metrics, like how high you jump -Helps track performance in basketball

Cost:

-The starting price is \$315

Fun fact:

-The shoe debuted at the Olympic gold-medal basketball match between Spain and the United States in 2012



(Photos by MCT.)

VS

TOMS VS BOBS

ELLIE OUIMET

Freshman

Team TOMS or Team BOBS?

At first sight, there appears to be no differences. However, to the dedicated wearer, TOMS and BOBS have many different attributes.

TOMS are the more popular brand, while BOBS are known as being a “knock-off.”

TOMS and BOBS have very similar styles at first glance and can be mistaken for one another. TOMS, though, have elastic to help with putting on the shoe, and are more fitted to the foot. BOBS are a bit bulkier, with a larger sole. Colors and patterns can vary in each brand, and there is a wide variety in each.

The TOMS shoe prices range from \$40-\$90, and is

the more expensive of the two brands. BOBS cost from \$20-\$60. Both depend on from where you plan to buy them.

Usually, TOMS is the more expensive, in online or in retail stores, but comfort is just as uncertain as the price ranges. TOMS are said to have a more flexible sole, with slight arch support.

BOBS are flimsier, and have less cushion or support in

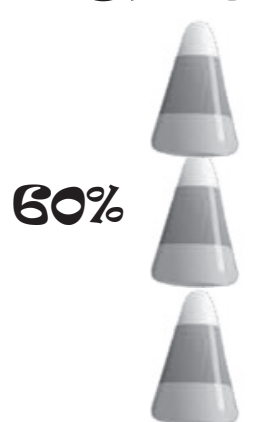
the bottom.

Both shoes, nevertheless, are not recommended for extended walking because of the little support each have.

All in all, it really depends on the liking of the buyer. TOMS and BOBS shoes are similar, but have differences like style, comfort, and price that can be out of favor from person to person. So which team are you on?

BHS says...

Trick



OR



Great

Student Times celebrates 75 years

Publication reflects the events, issues of decades

XIOMARA SALAZAR
Junior Editor-in-Chief

The Student Times is a tradition at the Berwick Area High School because it captures important and memorable events. This is a very big year for the Student Times, especially since this marks the 75th anniversary of the creation of the newspaper.

If students were to pick up a newspaper from twenty years ago, they could evidently notice the progress it has made. "Not only has the Student Times been evolving throughout the years but also my members with their hairstyles and clothing," jokes Mrs. Theresa Christian, Journalism teacher and Student Times advisor. Christian has been the advisor for the Student Times for twenty-one years and knows the determination needed to create a newspaper. Also, she has seen how each generation adds on and leaves a mark. "It is very wonderful to see how far the newspaper has come," said Christian.

Creating a newspaper is a very diligent process which requires time and effort. The newspaper is comprised of sixteen pages which are divided into 9 sections. Each

section has an editor and they are responsible for making sure the section is done and checked before the newspaper is put together and published. This gives the editor a sense of independence and

the upcoming issue. In this planning meeting, ideas are discussed and the Editors-in-Chief figure out what events are happening and which section will cover it. Senior Editor-in-Chief, Erica

the challenge that the newspaper gives me. It has given me important communication and leadership skills," said Robbins.

Members of the Student Times agree that the key to

times it may seem like too much to handle, but members are sure to include a good amount of fun. Brenna Goulstone, Junior Reporter, believes that, "People should join newspaper because it is a very well balanced combination of fun and work and the people that work on the newspaper are really nice and friendly."

Team work is necessary to make the newspaper run smoothly and the Student Times is made up of many members that love to work with each other. They come together under the common goal of providing BHS with a fun and informational newspaper filled of interesting stories about the school and the events that affect the student body. "The upperclassmen are fun to work with. It's a neat-o experience," said Brianna Klinger, Freshman and Reviews Editor.

To commemorate the anniversary, the editors are working on special features for this year's editions

The Student Times has a wonderful history of dedication and hard-working editors. It is because of the staff, the Student Times continues to live on and is able to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its creation.



allows them to flourish their creativity onto their section. Before this process even begins, the Student Times has a club meeting to plan

Robbins, has been part of the Student Times since her freshmen year and understands the effort that goes into the newspaper. "I love

success is productiveness and constructiveness. It is very essential since the club has to create new issues under the pressure of deadlines. At



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PA school board announces winner

ASHTON MENSINGER

Junior
Katelynn Christian was named the 2012 essay contest winner of the Pennsylvania School Board Association Essay and Poster Contest for students in grades 9-12. Katelynn, a freshman, and is invited to read her essay at the PSBA Leadership Conference on October 19 at the Hershey Lodge.

The theme of this year's contest is "STAND UP FOR EDUCATION". Over eight hundred high school students from one hundred and seven different school districts submitted essays, talking about the importance of public education and what it means to them. As a contest winner, Katelynn will receive a \$100 award and read her essay during the closing session of the conference. She has already presented her essay to the Berwick School Board on October 8th.

The PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference is an annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. This year's conference will be held from October 16-19 and the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Not only will the winning essays be read, but the winning essays will be published in a book given to each conference attendees.

After the conference, the winning essays will be available online at www.StandUpforPublicEducation.org.

Cheerleaders named "Top Banana"

ALLISON WYDA

Senior
After ten years, the Berwick cheerleaders are finally the "Top Banana." Over the summer, the Berwick Area High School cheerleading squads rose to the top of their potential as they took on their annual adventure to cheer camp.

The "Top Banana" is the biggest spirit award a cheer squad can win at a UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) cheer camp. Winning this award is a yearly goal for the squads. At Pine Forest Trail's End Cheerleading Camp, for the first in ten years, the Berwick cheerleaders, both Varsity and JV, accomplished their goal as not only a whole team, but a family.



(Photo by K. Oreilly)

For those outside the world of cheerleading, the "Top Banana" is a foreign object to them. However to cheerleaders, it is the ultimate award in their world. This award holds a great importance for the cheerleaders here at Berwick. The "Top Banana" is the biggest spirit award a cheer squad can win at a UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) cheer camp. This award is a team award. At the end of each day of camp, one team is picked to win the large, blow-up banana. This is not just an oversized, blow-up banana. It stands for so much more. After speaking with the BHS cheerleaders and coaches, the importance of the "Top Banana" is made very clear.

The "Top Banana" is of great importance to the Varsity cheer coach, Mrs. Bernadette DiPippa. DiPippa said, "It means that you were the best team that day, that your team had the best skill set and attitude." She feels that both Berwick squads showed specific qualities in order to win the top award such as positive attitudes, natural spirit, patience and tolerance. Winning the banana not

only says a lot about the Berwick cheerleaders, but according to DiPippa, it also says the girls can accomplish anything for the rest of the season if they keep their positive attitudes.

The Berwick Junior Varsity coach, Mrs. Pam Bennett, also feels this was a great victory for the Berwick cheerleading squads. Bennett said, "I think it's awesome, and it shows that ALL of our cheerleaders have what it takes to be great."

The Berwick cheerleading coaches are not the only ones who take the "Top Banana" to heart. Winning the "Top Banana" affects the whole squad. However, this spirited win has a great affect on the senior cheerleaders. Most of the seniors have cheered for quite some time, ranging four to six years. Finally, in the last year of their cheerleading career, they can say they were part of winning the ultimate cheerleading award.

As a senior cheerleader, and a cheerleader of six years, Brennan Morell feels that winning the banana says a lot about the teams. She also feels that it says a lot about her senior year. Morell confidently said, "It means that we are the best of the best." Winning the banana created a great amount of confidence within the squads. It was an important accomplishment for the seniors in their final year of cheering. Morell said, "It's awesome to win such an award for senior year. It means the last year will be great!"

Winning the "Top Banana" is both a team and self-accomplishment. Senior cheerleader, Antonia Brennan said, "It means I had a part in winning something big and meaningful." This win for the Berwick cheerleaders is not only significant to the team, but to each and every cheerleader. However because this accomplishment was so important to the Berwick cheerleaders and coaches, Brennan wishes the teams had more recognition.

In addition to the seniors, freshman cheerleader Katie Knorr also feels that winning the "Top Banana" was a great accomplishment to be a part of. However in contrast to the seniors, Knorr had the experience of winning the banana early in her cheer career. Knorr said, "I felt rewarded for it being the first year on JV. It proves that we'll have a good season."

After years in the making, the Berwick cheerleaders have finally accomplished a large goal. Winning the "Top Banana" has also left a mark in the history of Berwick cheerleading that each and every squad member is proud to be a part of. This win will have a significant impact on all Berwick cheerleaders and their coaches. To see the "Top Banana" teams in action, check out the cheerleaders at a Friday night football game or at one of their competitions this year.

DAWGS SAY

Question: What is your favorite sport? And why?



Dalton Perla
10th- Football because I've played it forever and have always had a passion for it.

Tanner Weaver
11th- "Football because I've admired the game for years, and I love my team. Dawgs for life."

Alexis Steeber
10th- "Basketball because it's really fun and I love my team."

Kasey Panek
10th- "In all honesty, I love cross country, and I have a passion for it."

High expectations on court

ZOE ZAJAC

Freshman
With all of the returning talent from years prior, Girls' Varsity Tennis is looking at a successful season.

The girls' tennis team has seen great improvements since last year. With the starter players this year, the rest of the season is looking great. This includes Kasey Bacher, senior; Julia Fonte, senior; Erica Robbins, senior; Whitley Culver, senior; Kenzie Goulstone, senior; Xiomara Salazar, junior; and Dalice Hess, senior.

So far, the girls have won the majority of their games this season.

Head Coach Trinell Bull said, "I am very optimistic

for them this season." The tennis season only lasts from late August to late September, but the girls' tennis team



(Photos by Student Times Staff.)
kasey Bacher rockets the ball back across the net on a serve from the opponent.

is working very hard to improve their game by practicing hard every day.

Bull and Dennis Cole, coaches; encourage the team to go out and play whenever possible on their free time

to improve their game. They have a very strong team this year, and are working hard. "We have consistent shots and strong serves," said Erica Robbins, senior, varsity player.

This year everyone on the varsity team are seniors, except for second doubles player, Xiomara Salazar, who is a junior. Unfortunately this means that

the team will lose a lot of their team and their key players next season.

Students find racing addicting

JORDAN CREVELING
Freshman

Many teens have found a great addiction and hobbie in racing, and that type of racing is what is known as, "micro sprint car racing."

Micro sprint cars are an open wheel car with wings on the top of the car and the front of the car to make it control better and drift better in the turns. There are many different types of classes for micro sprint car ranging from a 125cc, to a 270cc and a 600cc which is the fastest. Contestants just have to be

a great driver on the track and know how to drift a car quickly.

Quinn Roberts of Berwick, Pennsylvania in the #43 Roberts Racing Parts Sponsored 270 class says that racing is one of his favorite past times when he is not in school. He now attends Vo-Tech. His family introduced him into racing when he was born. Ever since then he has been behind the wheel of many cars starting in the lower class kids cart to a micro sprint car. This is something everyone should try.

Golf swings into full season

MARGRET BRIDGE
Senior

The golf season is coming to a close, and the team Berwick High School had a pretty successful year. Seven golfers received a varsity letter and six qualified for pre-districts. The scores they posted kept them in contention to qualify for playoffs until the last few matches of the season.

The team finished its year with a 6-4 record. Many of the golfers were not satisfied with this record, but they still think they had a decent season. "Our record doesn't really show how we played this year. We lost a couple of close matches on the road and we were a few bad breaks away from a solid season. I'd still say it was a good year, we worked hard and had a good time as always," said junior golfer Matt Dalo.

Although the team failed

to qualify for team district playoffs, Berwick will send two golfers to compete in individual districts on October 8, 2012. Brian Bridge, a senior, and Dalo shot an 81 and an 82, respectively, at pre-districts, qualifying them to advance. Districts will be played at Fox Hill Country Club next week. "We've been practicing every day to get ready for districts. As a team we expected to do better this season and make team playoffs, but we had a decent year," said Bridge.

The team, coached by Joe Nespoli, graduates three senior starters; Bridge, Kyle Miller, and Eric May, this year. Despite this loss, the golf program hopes that the underclassmen will step it up and allow the team to have a good upcoming season. With continued practice and hard work, they hope to qualify for team districts in 2013.

Football heading toward victory

DONNIE SHIELDS
Sports Editor

The Berwick Football team is the only school affiliated team that has yet to take a full off season, with controversy and decisions made after the end of a (9-3) season. All that controversy turned out just fine for the Dogs as Berwick coaching legend, George Curry was named as intern coach for the entire 2012 football season. This will be Curry's second stint with the Berwick Dogs, coaching them from (1966 to 2005) before returning this season, but with all of the commotion and excitement that went down over the past several months, give credit to the players who improved themselves and gotten ready to play under whatever coach came in.

Coming into this year, Berwick had spots to fill that last

was left open after Jake Jola, Drew Berube, and Dominic Parninteri graduated is sophomore, Dalton Perla; junior, Raymond Grasley, and a mesh of others

ready to jump in at their needed times. Senior, Andrew Groome will be head of the line this season. Wide receivers for the Dogs have not decreased in talent from last year; in fact they have actually gained with seniors, Jake Pecorelli and Jeff Steeber as

who had beat Berwick the previous year in the regular season opener. The Bulldogs ran the ball down the Comets throats until they about fell over dead as the duo of Cashman and Curry rushed and passed their way to a Bulldogs victory in George Curry's first game back.

of the season.

Game Time came for the Bulldogs as George Curry put his ingenious play calling up against the Crestwood Comets

to recover as Berwick put the hammer down on any attempt they made at making it a close game. The next opponent for the Dogs was archrival Wyoming Valley West. This game would be meaningful for Curry, as he would return to the place he spent three years with after his first term with Berwick. Everywhere around Pennsylvania in newspapers had Berwick beating Valley West by a landslide and without Eugene Lewis there to keep West in the game. But that quickly changed when the hour came. Valley West's defensive line and line backing core had demolished the Berwick's line in the first half and put a little bit of doubt into the players minds at half. The beat down continued into the second half as West's line had Curry dancing. Cashman gave the Bulldogs hope with a return on a kick and junior, Jordan Stout had a pick six but Berwick still fell to their

picked off Selinsgrove's quarterback twice in the last few minutes to seal the deal with a 17 to 7 win. The season is only half way through and still the Bulldogs find themselves in a pretty good situation yet at keeping their state playoff chances alive. The next game is Friday Nov. 2nd at 7:00 pm at Crispin Field, so come out and support your team as they try to go the distance and bring yet another winning season to the town of Berwick and to the record of George Curry.

Dallas came to town and suffered the same fate as the first two teams to go up against a well coached Curry team. Dallas went down hard in the first half and would never be able



Cheerleaders holding up the team sign before the Bulldogs run through.

(Photos by Student Times Staff.)



Players watch as they get ready to play.

(Photos by Student Times Staff.)



George Curry rallies the troops as he gets ready to send them out onto the field to start the game.

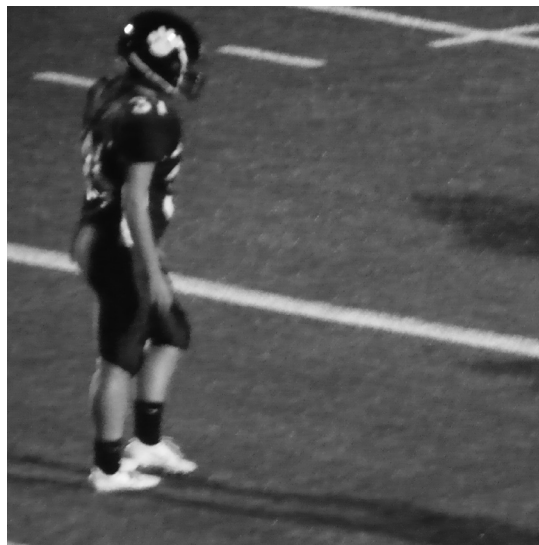
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their two main guys and junior, Ian Mazonkey ready to prove himself as a valuable asset.

Now, the games have begun and to keep you up to date, here is a recap of the first five games

enemies and went back home knowing it would be a long hard week of practice.

The Dogs, now with a record of (3-1), had another tough match up against an undefeated (4-0) Selinsgrove Seals team. Curry had his head scratching again as he saw his team only have a 10-7 lead at the half but everything worked itself out in the end as Berwick



Olivia Seeley stands waiting to convert the extra point.

(Photos by Student Times Staff.)

to the town of Berwick and to the record of George Curry.

Freshman football kicks it off

ANDREW FORCE
Sophomore

Entering the 2012 season, Berwick's Freshman Football team was held to very high expectations. Due to the large task to follow up the 2011 undefeated team from just a season ago.

This group of talented young freshman's season looked promising in the season opener when they shut out the Northwest Rangers 35-0. Berwick's defense looked stellar, holding the Ranger's offense to not a single positive yard all game.

Linebacker, Jackson Jaffin, was certainly the strongest point of the defense, making plays all over the field. In the following weeks, the Bulldogs edged out the Dallas Mountaineers, and dropped two crucial games to the Crestwood Comets and the Wyoming Valley West Spartans, by the same exact score of 14-6.

Just as the season looked down Berwick's mighty freshman roared back against GAR 27-20. Still, they are not hitting a very easy patch in the schedule the rest

of the year. The Bulldogs have yet to play powerhouses such as Pittston Area and Coughlin. Team captains Chad Balliet, Jackson Jaffin and Michael Canouse all have pushed the team to their limits and are continually fighting for the



Coach Dennis talks to one of his players.

(Photos by Student Times Staff.)

Wyoming Valley Conference Championship. Michael Canouse spoke about the team's preparation for the season, "I think we will do fairly well on hard work, determination and good old fashion Bulldog pride".

Head Coach Scott Dennis see's the team's greatest asset as "their desire and work

ethic". One player certainly displaying much of that is the Bulldogs running back, Matt Shannon. Shannon has rushed for over 300 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the first five games of the year. Shannon has also completed 7 passes for over 75 yards.

Although, the young Bulldogs are not perfect this year. The team still holds faith in each other and will work very hard to be crowned the 2012 Wyoming Valley Conference Champions under Coach Scott Dennis.

Field Hockey team undergoes positive changes

ALEXIS STEEBER
Sophomore

After a tough last season, the Girls' Field Hockey team plans on turning it around with a new coaching staff.

This year, Brandi Bertollo, stepped up as the head coach, bringing Stacy Demshock along as the assistant coach. Now the middle school team has two new coaches as well. The team even stated that the practices are harder and more intense because there is a lot of expectation for the team in the upcoming season.

"It's more organized and everyone wants to play this year" said Senior mid fielder, Taylor Andress. Andress also said, "I love playing!" She contributes to the team by leading them as a captain.

The future of the team is freshman, Kasey Rood. "It's good and there are better fundamentals." Rood also said, "The older girls on the team are my inspiration."

Returning sophomore,

Kylene Welsh, was pulled up from the middle school team last year and was asked to play on varsity. Welsh was asked if she noticed a difference from the previous year playing and her answer was, "Yes, we work more as a team and our skills have increased a lot." Welsh contributes to her team from her speed and her past year experience from playing on varsity level.

The new assistant varsity coach, Demshock, coached for the middle school team for the last four years and this year is her first varsity season. Demshock also noticed the changes from last season, "We have more girls on the varsity team. We have a very athletic, hard-working team this season that works well together." The girls work very well together especially since they have played for five games already. Head varsity coach, Brandi Bertollo, has been coaching as the assis-

tant for thirteen years, with the exception of this year as her first varsity. Bertollo mentioned her key players who are Lizzie Dyer-GK, Taylor Andress, senior; Brittany Fisher, senior; Kayleigh May, senior; Sydney Lynn, senior; Ashton Mensinger, junior; Alexis Steeber, sophomore;

Kylene Welsh, sophomore; Stephanie Parker, sophomore; Mady Readler, junior; Destiny Samsel, junior; and Brittany Sheets, senior. She talked about, "To completely change everything and have a winning season."

The Berwick field hockey girls have a record of 1-3-1 so far this season.

For more information about the team, please contact Demshock or Bertollo or attend the next home game on October 15th @ 4PM..

ASHTON MENSINGER
Junior

The Berwick Girls' Varsity Field Hockey team has a whole new outlook on the season. There have been some major changes, and they are having a great impact on everyone.



Taylor Andress runs after the ball.

The new coaching staff of Brandi Bertollo and Stacy Demshock have hopes of turning around the program and its reputation. In years past, the team has been known to develop a losing record with a team that showed little to no teamwork. This year, things are starting to change. The girls show a positive attitude as they work together to improve as a team. "We are definitely a new team this year. We have worked hard to improve our teamwork, skills, and record," said Tay-

lor Andress, a senior captain. On the field, one may notice that their hard work is paying off. Their level of communication with one another is much higher than in years past, and this lets them come together to carry the ball down the field with ease. The skill level is higher as well, and they are no longer afraid to pass the ball off to their teammates.

As the season continues, the program continues to build. Although the team has only one win at this point in time, they never give up. All of their games have been very close, and they play hard until the end. Other teams, coaches, and referees are beginning to notice them, and realize that they are not the Berwick they used to know.

Hopefully, the team will continue to improve their record and possibly make the playoffs. Show your support and come out to one of their games, and see the new improved Field Hockey team.

Uniforms should be allowed

ELLIE OUIMET
Freshman

Sports uniforms in the Berwick Area High School have always been an important sense of pride. Now, more often than ever, the uniforms have become a topic of confrontational conversations. BHS wants to convey school spirit, but those displays are not always allowed to be expressed.

The current cheerleading, basketball, tennis and volleyball uniforms break three to four rules according to the dress code. Cheerleaders can bring their school spirit to BHS on game days by wearing their uniforms, but the basketball and volleyball players cannot.

The topic of sport uniforms is an exercised one, breaking ground in even the *Press Enterprise*. The Cheerleading uniforms have been discussed many times, unlike basketball, volleyball, and

tennis uniforms. Basketball, volleyball, and tennis are all equally important sports in this school. All of which have cut-off jerseys.

"The girls and I have attended board meetings, as well as other meetings," said Mrs. Bernadette Dipippa, the head cheerleading coach. That means these girls have gone on their own free time and made sure the topic was brought up and discussed at board meetings, in which the superintendent and school board present.

Is this enough to make them allowed? Maybe sport teams should get their approved. Perhaps our teams

should be encouraged to do just that: bring it up in meetings.

Students can go about this



(Photos by Raina Goulstone.)

feel very strongly about this subject. "They help in a way; if they [the uniforms] were long they would constrict the

flyers." cheerleader Nicolette Laubach says. She also said that she knows that the uniforms may break dress codes, but are allowed because they boost school spirit and are more important than the school's dress code.

by first making an appointment with the principal. Then an appointment with the superintendent and finally the school board will give its decision about the appropriateness of the uniform.

Students in the high school

In fact, some students and faculty in the high school do not know that the cheerleaders attended board meetings to approve their uniforms. Most sports players do not even know if they are allowed to wear their own uniforms to school, or not.

Mr. Keith Seely, a guidance counselor and football coach, says he cannot imagine why basketball and volleyball players are not allowed to wear their uniforms. "I have no problems with it," said Mr. Seely.

So maybe the real problem here is lack of information. Maybe all basketball, volleyball, and tennis players need to do is attend these board meetings and bring it up as a topic of inquisition; past cheerleaders have done it. The cheerleaders are pep-boosters and have school spirit, so all the girls' teams of BHS should come together and have a voice.

PSU slowly slipping away

KATELYN KNORR
Freshman

After a recent controversy, Penn State University may be heading downhill. It seems that in most people's minds, Penn State is about to suffer.

PSU was previously known as a thriving school with a lot of potential. After a huge sex scandal involving the head coaches of the football team, campus life began to change. These changes are even affecting the people at Berwick Area High School.

Keith Seely, a guidance counselor at Berwick Area

High School, believes that there will be a slight decrease in applications this year. Seely, being the one who deals with seniors' applications, has noticed this himself. Another counselor at the high school has the same ideas. Heather Melito said that she visited PSU and they told her that they normally increase their tuition by 4%. This year, they only increased it by 2%. The lowest increase the college has seen in years. Students at BHS might have a different outlook.

Senior, Ashley Kotarsky,

feels that what NCAA did to the entire college was inappropriate and unnecessary. "It makes me angry how they basically took it out on their sports program. They did not handle it right". She believes that decreaseing their S.A.T. requirements could be a way to get more students. Even though Kotarsky did not want to go to PSU in the first place, she still considered attending the college. After the scandal, her ideas changed and they confirmed that she was not going to go to PSU. She is very involved in sports

and feels that right now, no one is paying attention to the sports; instead they are focusing on how bad they think the teams are going to do. Shawnita Latsha and Lauren Patrick, two freshmen cheerleaders from Penn State, basically have the same ideas on their college. Latsha believes that most students at PSU will stick together despite the current situation. She also feels that the sanctions will prevent future students from attending. The PSU students applied there before the scandal ever

happened. "The scandal did not affect my decision at all because when I applied it did not even happen yet, but after it came out, I was unsure of what was going to happen." said Patrick. Overall, the controversy has a long lasting impact on the Penn State community. The big sex scandal at PSU has made a big impact on the college and the college decision to attend or not to. PSU is getting ready for change since they will have a few rough years ahead of them.

Seniors, don't wait...apply now

RAINA GOULSTONE
Freshman

Senior requirements are important and nerve racking to many seniors, but they are necessary to get into college. Some seniors believe that they can just apply for a college and that is it, but there is much more work required.

Some students plan on only applying to one college, but it is always a good idea to have a few back up colleges. Keith Seely, guidance counselor says, "Students should apply to three- five colleges depending on how much the fee is to apply".

Berwick gives out a number of scholarships a year. Scholarships are a good way to facilitate college fees. Colleges look for high grades regardless of the scholarships. If a

student is having a hard time finding a scholarship that is right for them, there are several credible websites that are great to use, but Seely recommends www.fastweb.com. All a student has to do is type the information that is needed and it will give them as many scholarships as possible. Students who are having a hard time paying college fees should take advantage of scholarships.

Heather Melito, guidance counselor said, "In last year's graduating class, 43% of students went to a four year college and 33% went to a two year college. Surprisingly, out of the 76% applying for college, only 10% applied for scholarships".

Students who are going to college next year, should be

ready to apply. Seely said, "I say to my students that every student who wants to apply for a college should apply before the end of September," so many students should be done with their application.

Some seniors are unsure of specific details, but have a pretty good idea of what they are going to do. "I have a pretty good idea of where I want to go but I feel behind because a lot of my friends applied for their number one college." Taylor Andress, senior.

For more information see a guidance counselor by making an appointment in the guidance office in advance. The guidance counselor encourage students to come to Guidance to ask any question that are needed.

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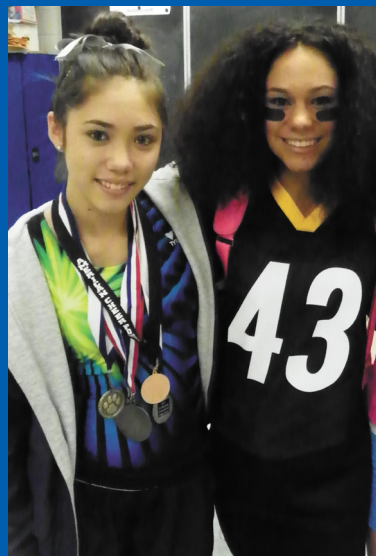
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