School dedicates new tennis facility

By Andrew Karpos
Staff Tennis Player

Everyone in the MBA community has surely recognized the spectacular new tennis center that the school finished last year. While these courts were officially opened last spring, on September 22nd a dedication ceremony was held.

This event recognized the donors whose contributions facilitated the building of the courts and development of the tennis program. Tom Boysen, head coach of the tennis team, says the dedication was a way to “honor and celebrate the men, women and families who gave money to help in the building of the facility, as well as the people who support the tennis programs here at MBA.”

While many people had some idea of what the courts were going to look like from their building plans, all who saw the finished product were very pleasantly surprised. The sunken design of the courts, shaded pavilion in the center, and proximity to a number of other sports fields create an overall wonderful experience for all who come to the courts.

Coach Boysen, who traveled to

Big Red goes green with geothermal wells

By John Mellow
co-News Editor

This summer, while MBA’s campus saw rapid growth with the new garage coming on line and the Lowry Building rising, the installation of geothermal wells beneath the lacrosse field was largely overlooked.

Many may have observed the construction and drilling while driving down Harding Road, but few truly know the extent of the project taking place in the shadow of the hill.

A giant heat exchanger has been placed beneath the field, consisting of eighty wells, each five hundred feet deep and six inches in diameter. The wells will power all of the new Wallace Building and half of the Lowry Building by tapping into the potential of the Earth’s crust.

Five hundred feet below the lacrosse field (and about five hundred twenty feet below the rest of campus if you take into account that MBA is on a hill), lies an abundant supply of cool air.

If you have ever been in a cave, you know that below ground the Earth remains at about a constant 55° Fahrenheit. Geothermal wells provide a way to transfer the constant temperature from below ground to the surface, making the system ideal for heating buildings in the winter and cooling them in the summer. Montgomery Bell has decided to use the temperature difference between the surface and the subterranean to its advantage.

The output of energy from a well depends on several factors, including soil type and whether the ground is wet or dry. According to Mr. Robin Barrick, father of twin ninth-graders at MBA and mechanical engineer whose company is installing the wells, each well could transfer to the school 30,000 British Thermal Units (8,800 watts) of power per hour. In simpler terms, each individual well has the ability of heating or cooling an average-sized home.

How exactly do geothermal wells work? Obviously, there needs to be a system in which the temperature beneath the lacrosse fields can cool or heat air above ground. The solution is a series of loops of water which circulate through the wells. In the summer, water loops will absorb heat from Lowry and Wallace and then be cooled as they circulate through the ground before returning to the buildings. In the winter, the water loops will absorb heat from the ground and transfer it to Lowry and Wallace, warming them. Therefore, the wells effectively moderate extreme temperatures and, in fact, when the temperature difference between summer and winter is more pronounced, the wells tend to save more money for the building that they heat or cool.

One of the major factors pushing MBA towards geothermal wells is its attempt to become LEED certified. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental

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Changes planned for Wilson Grants

By Sam Weien
Staff Writer

Over the past few years, the Wilson family has affected many students’ lives. Whether it is aiding outstanding students by helping them to pay for college with the Wilson Student Grants, sending students over the summer to learn about math and engineering, or allowing eloquent language students to hone and refine their language skills abroad, many students on The Hill have been inspired by the Wilson family’s generous donations.

The Wilson family has continued to help MBA students by adding another facet to the language grants. The MBA language department has looked into a language immersion program called the Monterey-Middlebury Language Academy.

The academy is held at several smaller colleges around the U.S., and this program is a great introductory session for going abroad. This program focuses on mastering the language itself, with the language being spoken all day and night. This provides a more intensive practice of the language, as opposed to going abroad, which exposes the student to the language most of the time but also provides a strong cultural education. These immersion experiences would serve as an introduction before a language scholar

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Students investigate marine life over summer

Later in the day, the group landed on a barrier island and took a tour, learning about the barrier islands as a protection to the Mississippi Bay. Also, the group had chest wets and ties, and all the whole knew that Davis got annubated. The next day, the group traveled on the tour boat, the Tom McWilliams, to go out for some fishing. The most notable catches were Mr. Chandran’s Spanish mackerel, Davis’ bonnethead shark and Fortis’ Atlantic driftshark shark. On the 21st, the group took a tour of the University of Southern Mississippi’s marine biology facilities. The students toured a small aquarium, saw the bacteria of stingray venus being researched and received an interesting lecture about recombinant DNA. Then, the young scientists took a nature tour. A lecture on the effects of the oil spill in Mississippi followed, and then the group discussed driftshark sharks. Unfortunately, on the last day, the oil tour was cancelled due to rain.

Many other aspects of the Wilson Grants across the school are changing. The number of student grants being awarded in each grade is being reduced from five to three per year. Also, there will only be one teacher grant awarded this year, down from two last year.

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Sophomores deal with their growth, in due time

By McLean Hudson

More than likely, you find junior year so far to be distinctly unfavorable. I saw the Pequod List today, and I see barely anyone other than class officers, or people on the other class, but we also have the most people on the AP, so you are all somewhere between awkward and terrible. We were privileged enough to experience the first homecoming mixer paper in history, and everything is just all-around wince-worthy as far as sports, seniors have been doing well, such as...I.E. Donald Grayson, Boring to football. I have no idea how we’re doing in cross country, but it seems that Alex Smith and Madison Schwartz have done well, and that’s good.

Since the deadline for the article is right before Homecoming, I can’t talk about all the great stuff that is happening here, so I’ll offer you a classroom presentation.”

I’m not sure why some of my own Robert “The Paperman” Papal guesses that Ryan Potter will go home with his date and some others go on a date with one of his friends. I don’t understand. Hedy Deakin, Penn

The ONLY MOMENT OF HAPINESS: These jerks force a smile on the front page of the yearbook.

Martin, and Andrew Karpov will “shave” with dirty OG.

Samo Wain did not want to make an unfounded prediction about any of his friends, so I’ll do it for him: magical memories will be made and possibly forgotten at Pom-pit-ip-ity. Alex Benedict and Jack Brittain will attempt to out-drunk one of their teachers, and we’ll watch on the floor. Tate Ramondet and her friends will really have a good time with his friends. Mark Lows will end up with glitter on his face.

Vile and the rest of the frogs are fantasizing recruiting Tate Ramondet, but he’s getting on Brandon Key, who is closer than ever to signing with USC. Nathan Fonts reports that having fun isn’t hard when you’ve got a library card. Mohammed AlSharhama is keeping hydrated, and we had our first John Wrucker eating a few wedges, but he didn’t shovel (circle one) manage to reappear with diety OG.

The Class of 2014’s second homecoming experience was extraordinary. Unofficially, Donny Luckey set this one out on a Brink-Shankle almost identical to double up on dates. Perhaps he will be willing to share. Before Homecoming Wilson Vaughan decided he had enough of Murphy’s "Swagboy" Smiley’s famous sarcastic comments, so he decided to dye his hair black. Wilson is also making a hair change if, and only if, he arrives at Adams America’s patrocity to Germany. That’s all for now. If you see Joe Wrucker around campus, please give him a hug. He’s remaining cloistered with Missy Berman.

Freshmen receive good news, tank tops will end up at the mixer in junior school mixer history. As some of you may or may not know, Will Schocked the world with his bag of tricks at the jam, and the greatest, junior school mixer in junior school mixer history. They also shook the world, but in a different way, when they announced to the public that Will Schocked would be no more, to all you still-sobbing fans, get over it because Will Schocked is back. Mike Dill will still go home in every single way he did before.

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My Eyes Are Mint Pools Of Awkward: Blake Schmidt does not know how to check himself out on a daily basis. Lame.

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William Tweed had the perfect system. Whenever an interest group needed a bill passed, politicians in the greater New York area could write down to the Democratic offices at Tammany Hall and lay their money on the table. For the right price, anything could become the cornerstone of the Democratic platform. For the right price, the Tweed Ring would do just about anything. And the aggressive fee reform wiped out the likes of Tweed as it pinterested cities with theft of the physical and political variety. Ever since the onset of campaign finance reform in those early years, business interests and political campaigns have had a distinct separation. Campaign funding was watched carefully to ensure that politics will not fall hostage to any one special interest.

The campaign finance system became a lot more Tweed and a lot less Tweed on January 21, 2010 when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Citizens United in the watershed decision of modern campaign finance: Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. The case centered on whether Citizens United could run a political attack ad in place of a campaign. The majority justified its decision, saying that corporations, unions, and nonprofit groups had been denied their rights guaranteed under the First Amendment by previous campaign finance law.

Let me run that by you one more time: the court ruled that corporations are guaranteed the First Amendment right to free speech. If that sounds like nothing more than the First Amendment says or even intends to say, that’s because it says nothing of the sort. If corporations are granted free speech, then why is false advertising prohibited? This decision is not of its own accord; it was carefully crafted to imitate a bill of rights dedicated to head-scratching, but even stricter than the ruling in the Citizens case are the ramifications it will have on campaign finance. Under the Citizens ruling, a political action committee (or PAC) is not under the umbrella of a campaign can finance as much political advertising as it can afford. Shortly after the court ruled, politicians and interest groups alike began to heed it to their needs. A new dominant force burst forth from the pages of the Citizens ruling: Super PACs. Now, political action committees have existed in some form since the earliest days of campaign finance reform. Yet before the Citizens ruling, PACs were just another part of the political landscape, like lymphs except they could make limited direct contributions to politicians, but nothing substantial. So-called Super PACs, however, are liberated compared to their pre-Citizens brethren. Under the guise of a Super PAC, any company, interest group or union can indirectly spend an unlimited amount of money in support of political campaigns, as long as it never put the money in the politicians’ hands. It’s as if the interest groups skipped Tweed, cut the middle man, and started greasing the wheels themselves.

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Spice, K2, Genie, Blaze, and Kronic are all names referring to the chemical compounds JWH-018, JWH-073, HX-200, and cannabinicyclohexanol, various synthetic cannabinoids. Created in unregulated Chinese factories, these products are smoked to produce effects similar to those of marijuana. Originally discovered during medical research on the effects of cannabinoids on the brain by Dr. John Huffman in 1995 and later discovered by marijuana users as a legal alternative, K2 rapidly gained popularity and was sold very cheaply. Although K2 produces a similar high to the cannabinoids like THC in marijuana, these synthetic cannabinoids are readily available and are even sold in some gas stations. Gaining popularity due to the misconception they could not be caught on drug tests (although they can, in fact, be detected through hair follicles), these synthetics have now recently been made illegal in many states, including Tennessee: House Bill 1889 makes producing, manufacturing, possessing, and distributing synthetic cannabis illegal and possesses the same penalties as equivalent marijuana charges. However, the synthetic cannabinoids are between five and 100 times more powerful than THC, raising serious concerns that the schizophrenia linked to excessive consumption of THC could occur on a drastically greater scale. Symptoms of hallucination, paranoia, extreme nausea, loss of consciousness, and an increased heart rate could that potentially be deadly to users with conditions like heart arrhythmias and coronary heart disease, as is the case with K2. Also, users repeatedly experience withdrawal and addiction symptoms that are similar to those of other illegal drugs. Toxicologists warn users to be aware of the mysterious nature of K2 and Spice before using them. There is little scientific data on these synthetic cannabinoids, the manufacturing process, and whether or not producers are making them in other harmful chemicals.

In summary, K2 and other synthetics are harmful, illegal, detestable, and its ingredients are essentially unknown—a recipe for disaster.
To spend, or not to spend?
Two perspectives on balancing action and austerity

Keynesianism is the key (a pun worthy of Dr. Bailey)

By Will Stewart

Immediate budget cuts are the only option

Now, I am an economics expert, but I will say why we should choose automatic spending cuts to get us out of the economic mess we are in. I'm sure that many students here can ask their parents how our country is doing compared to five years ago. The majority of those parents will answer that they’re much worse off. The reason: our debt.

Yes, President Clinton had consecutive budget surpluses, and President Bush did add the debt from 5.7 trillion dollars to 10.2 trillion dollars, and no one can dispute that.

But, look at President Obama and his debt. In a period of 32 months since Bush’s exit, our debt increased by 14.7 trillion dollars. Compare that to the 90s-90s of the 90s, where the fact can also be disputed by anyone on the left. So, just in a third of the time, Obama has increased the debt the exact same amount as Bush. Obama is not the first, and if you want to贲re, he’s not the last. Now, let’s get to the numbers with regards to the debt.

We can see why this is Obama and not Bush’s spending. His Congress passed major spending bills of billions of dollars, and he has kept most of the Bush tax cuts.

Another important cut is the debt GDP ratio. We see now that the Reagan and Bush Sr. years did not see such a jump because their policies led to a greater and greater GDP. Now, Obama’s record shows he has kept most of the Bush tax cuts.

Second, we’ve got to cut spending. ‘Cut, Cut, Cut’ should be the phrase of us all in our minds. No more Keynesian spending bills, no more government day to day everywhere, too. We also have got to cap spending. Our congress should have the discipline to control their votes, or we’ll find ourselves literally, we need to balance our budget. The American people have to balance their personal budgets every year, so why does our Congress have to be exempt from this? Remember hearing from presidential candidate John Edwards or even former president Obama that we had to make sacrifices for the middle class, even though we had a balanced budget, not the government, so big stimulus are even more necessary.

Even from the right. I see that the Bush tax cuts were robotic, and our liking them still doesn’t mean they’re a good idea for our debt. Just look at Greece; their debt is so bad because they have spent so much that austerity is their only way out, and it is simply not enough to get them back on track.

So is it clear that austerity is the only way to get out of debt. I mean, apparently it is a big deal. Maybe you’ve heard of it. In all seriousness, though, when crunch time came in the form of the worst economic crisis the modern era has seen, it wasn’t austerity the government turned to, it was Keynesianism. It simply worked. In return, the Keynesian policies of the Federal Reserve Chairman of the time, Paul Volcker. The common misconception among those afraid of Keynesianism is that it is designed to raise unemployment during a recession, a government spends more, to stimulate economic growth. Government action is designed to reduce unemployment and increase overall production. The deficit is then reduced in duration of time.

In private Keynes’s “grand-banking work,” Keynesian policies have seen some of the most successful and critical change, and in part, something called the “Great Depression,” which was apparently kind of a big deal. Maybe you’ve heard of it. In all seriousness, though, when crunch time came in the form of the worst economic crisis the modern era has seen, it wasn’t austerity the government turned to, it was Keynesianism. It simply worked. In return, the Keynesian policies of the Federal Reserve Chairman of the time, Paul Volcker.

So, how do we understand Keynesianism? First off, the Keynesian model assumes that the state, not the market, is the engine of growth. Second, it is a demand-driven economy. There is no supply-side revenue, only demand-side. Third, there is a lack of confidence in the government to respond. Fourth, there is a lack of full employment. Fifth, there is an emphasis on government intervention and regulation. Sixth, there is a lack of trust in the market to correct itself. Seventh, there is a lack of faith in the invisible hand to correct itself. Eighth, there is a lack of faith in the free market to correct itself. Ninth, there is a lack of faith in the invisible hand to correct itself.
Sal Neglia (‘13) rules the chessboard

By Hayden Palm
Staff Personal Life Writer

Have you ever challenged Sal Neglia (‘13) to a game of chess? If you have, you were probably beaten. You may even have asked for a rematch, but chances are, you were beaten again.

If you’ve wondered why you just can’t beat Sal, I can offer a comforting explanation. What you may not have known is that Sal Neglia is a chess phenomenon who has been playing competitive chess since the age of eight.

Sal first took interest in the game after finding his grandfather’s chess set while moving from New Jersey to England. In England, he found himself in a place with many opportunities for chess players, and he joined the Richmond Junior Chess Club in London.

After only a few months of practice with the club and his dad, Sal began playing in tournaments and was the best in his age group by the age of nine. He was so good, in fact, that he needed better competition, so he hired a chess coach who propelled him to even greater success.

Upon returning to the States, Sal became determined that he could improve his skills. He considered quitting the training, but ultimately decided to work through the slump.

His decision paid off because he now has more wins than he can remember. Sal continues to train with a personal coach and dominate in competitions. He has won the Nashville City Chess Championship seven years in a row, and his current chess rating has reached the high level of 1900 points, which puts him only 100 points away from being classified as an expert.

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The Master at Work: Sal may smiling now, but he is all business on the chessboard. He is the reigning champion of the Nashville City Chess Championship for the seventh straight year.

Cricket Club brings British flair, frequent tea breaks to the Hill

By McKay Prizer
Cricket Club President

All jokes aside, the Cricket Club demands your respect. We know you think the sport sounds scary, weird, and British, but the Cricket Club is dedicated to educating your ignorance and wickets.

Under the inspirational leadership of Dr. Tim Boyd, the Cricket Club resumed dominance of the cricket circuit of the state of Tennessee. I say resumed because a first cricket society on the Hill dates back to the late days of the Wallace School. I say dominance because the MBA cricket society in the State.

J.P. Bernatavitz, a Gentleman,let’s play ball. (Editor’s note: The earliest definite record of a cricket game dates to the late 18th century in England. The name cricket most likely is derived from the word for stick or club in not only Old English, cricc, but also Dutch, leek, and French, esquire.)

Mr. Bernatavitz: Family Man, Teacher, Athlete

By Mr. Jamie Tillman
Staff Investigator

We know him as a soft-spoken Latin and History teacher. He is the father of these children and the husband of a noted Nashville doctor, Dr. Jan Price. But who was this man before he arrived at MBA in 1997? What were the forces that made him the Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete we know today?

He hailed from Pennsylvania. He attended Notre Dame High School in Elkins, New York. He was class President for all four years. He was a three-year starter in football, and during his senior year he was the nominee from his school for the Ernie Davis Award.

He was voted Best All Around, a senior superlative that ended a wonderful senior year. Oh! Also, he was voted the Best All Around Athlete. Oh! Also, he had the highest scholastic average for four years in his religion class.

He attended Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) to double major in Latin and History and play football for the Red Devils. During his senior year, J.P. Bernatavitz rushed for 1666 yards for the 8-1-1 Conference Champions.

He was a member of the 1991 Centennial Conference All Conference Team. He also was honored as a DIII All American. And, it was not surprising [no this writer when he learned] that Mr. Bernatavitz was a member of Dickinson College’s prestigious RAVEN’S LAW, the Gentlemen’s Honor Society which honored seven male students out of approximately 600 seniors for this award.

J.P. Bernatavitz, a Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete before he arrived on the Hill and today still stands as a Gentleman, Scholar Athlete!
Quidditch soars into MBA, the magic is within

By Lucas Littlejohn

Stiff Terrors

MBA is delighted to offer the internationally renowned sport of Muggle Quidditch, the Maggie adaptation of the magical broomstick-based sport of wizardry, to its high school students.

While in no comparison to its authentic, airborne counterparts, Maggie Quidditch has evolved from a small and dedicated tournament in which high school and college students across the globe would simulate their nearly-broomless counterparts and shake it out for a shot at international Quidditch fame and prestige.

Much to their disappointment, none of the founders gained any of the popularity and friendship that they had hoped to make possible through their sport. The movement has spread like wildfire, yet remains internationally renowned for its potential to enthrall and captivate the masses.

“The Quidditch Club is run by students, for students, and it focuses on the founders of the sport who have consistently strong support from the IQA,” said LL.

DOMINANCE BY FOUNDING: The Middlebrough Quidditch Club is undoubtedly the most professional team in the world. Currently, the team is the only founding member of the Florida Quidditch Conference and the only founding member of the IQA.

“To get the inside scoop on the Quidditch competition at MBA, though I was never a part of the Quidditch movement and at that very moment I was jerked into being a reality. My only explanation is fate.

“Why was this first Quidditch experience?"

“I was six, I was 7, I was out walking my dog one day. I walked past a bridge and saw a Muggle Quidditch match at MBA. When I got home that day, I watched a Muggle Quidditch match on YouTube between Harvard and Yale. They were really unathletic, but that’s not the point. The point is that there was a Quidditch idea out there that was becoming a reality. My only explanation is fate.

“Was there anything that inspired you to start the Quidditch Club?"

“LL: what was your inspiration behind starting the quidditch Club?"

“LL: when can the quidditch Club meet to do combat upon the plains of MBA this year?"

“LL: do you have any plans for the future of the quidditch Club?’

“LL: are there any plans for a personal broomstick?"

“I’ve been practicing according to the magical world of Pondering and comparing back out of Home Tree. I have some extra broomstick supplies, and I am really excited to start the broomstick practice. I have some extra broomstick supplies, and I am really excited to start the broomstick practice. I have some extra broomstick supplies, and I am really excited to start the broomstick practice. I have some extra broomstick supplies, and I am really excited to start the broomstick practice. I have some extra broomstick supplies, and I am really excited to start the broomstick practice.

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“However, there is a shocking amount of hidden talent lurking beneath the polished facade of MBA. Jonathan Reilly is an example of such hidden talent. Jonathan manages to maintain his passion for the art form of Spoken Word, a fairly new yet powerful form of poetry, while juggling his carefully calculated senior side and other academic endeavors. The Bell Ringer had a chance to talk to him about his poetry.

Bell Ringer: When and where did you first gain an interest in Spoken Word, and how long have you been pursuing that interest? Jonathan Reilly: I first saw word poetry at one of my Brother's Outdoor Project show in Philadelphia. That was roughly two years ago. I haven't shopped writing since.

Bell Ringer: Can you tell us a little bit about the art form, such as when and where it began and how the Spoken Word movement started? Jonathan Reilly: It’s been around since the 1980s, with its roots planted in the realm of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Turns out that the two were actually related after all. When I was six years old, I was watching a Muggle Quidditch match and saw a Muggle Quidditch match on YouTube between Harvard and Yale. They were really unathletic, but that’s not the point. The point is that there was a Quidditch idea out there that was becoming a reality. My only explanation is fate.

“I am one hundred percent certain on when it's going to rain and I'm never going to have a problem with an outgoing front. But today, it was a bit cloudy. I have to say that I have never been a fan of the Quidditch potheads joke shop that sells QFTs, but it is an effective way to make people laugh.

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The freshman football team has started the season with an undefeated record of 5-0. Once the school year started, the freshman football season also started up right away. The team locked off the season against Siegel on a winning August day. Coach Everard’s first game with the Big Red, he led the freshman team to a victory. The team led only 13-10 at halftime, and T.J. Jefferson, Michael Lacey and Cole Everard started the second half strong. Austin Ballew and Wilson Flack coach caught touchdowns passes to extend the lead to 34-10. Owen Powell, Harrison Lien and Jermaine Francis, all playing well against defense, kept Siegel’s total yards to a minimum. The next week on the first week of September, MBA was determined to get its revenge on BA after a nail-biting loss the previous year. Within the first few minutes, Michael Lacey and Cole Everard scored rushing touchdowns, and Owen Powell had found a touchdown pass. Coach Everard scored a 20-0 lead. MBA held strong on defense and finished the game with a 34-14 victory. Anderson Peter made 4 out of 5 FG’s, an area which had been a struggle for MBA the year before. A week later, the team traveled to Father Ryan. It was a low scoring game due to great defenses on both sides. Cole Everard ran the ball in before the half to give the team a 7-0 lead. With minutes remaining, Jacob Coffey scored off an interception to secure another Big Red victory. The team then faced Father Ryan, and on defense, the Bell Ringer defense held Father Ryan’s offense to a scoreless game. The team beat Father Ryan 21-0. The Big Red will face both Brentwood and Ravenwood next, the top teams in the district, who have over forty players on their rosters. Building upon their successful last season, Ravenwood appears to be the favorite in this game due to only one senior leaving the team.

Summer scenes from the first half: The Big Red lines up against Trinity High School (left); the special teams unit kicks off the Homecoming game against Pearl-Cohn (right)

The Big Red Hockey ready for 2011/2012 campaign

By Eric Anderson
Staff Sports Writer

Coming off last year’s ten-win, nine-loss, and six overtime season, the hockey team will be facing tough competition from all teams on their rigorous schedule. The Big Red will face both Brentwood and Ravenwood twice, the top teams in the Gold division, who have over forty players on their rosters. Building upon their successful last season, Ravenwood appears to be the favorite in this game due to only one senior leaving the team.

MBA will start the season with only twelve players due to injury and because of some players participating in other fall sports such as cross-country, football, golf and bowling. Coach Dunnc was encouraged and thankful that his multi-sport athletes and their coaches have been willing to share time with hockey, too. By mid-season, the season they expect to have in numbers on their depth chart.

With little depth, players are working hard to be in the best shape possible to minimize the chance of injury and make up for the few they will be running during games. The risk of concussion has a major impact on school sports, especially in hockey. Four players suffered from concussions last season, and they hope to reduce those harmful injuries throughout the season.

The McCallie rushing attack put up a staggering 398 yards against Father Ryan, 241 coming from running back Daniel McCray. Tim McCray’s team will be a tough match-up for the Big Red.

John Paul II (Nov 269) With the Tate brothers era far behind them and with new coach Sawyer, the team seem to be a "must win" for MBA. Ensworth has started off 2-3 this year, but the team has put up their best performance of the season so far. On the ground, Ensworth has been on the defensive and have been led by Coach Randy B. McCallie’s (Nov 368) With a 3-2 record this year, McCallie returns their starting quarterback, Trent Lusk, linemen Ty Youngblood, and linebacker Hayden Green. While Green anchors down the defense, Youngblood leads a defense that has held opponents to 480 yards per game. They have a strong receiver in Cory Batey, who has 345 yards receiving so far this season. Corner Ryan is a "must win" for MBA. It was a low scoring game with the team the year before.

Off-season conditioning, the team runs sprays the infamous stairs at Percy Warner Park. Daily Grinders hold the team record of 1:06. They started workouts in mid-summer to prepare for the games played throughout the season which stretches all the way through the months of March. The team also has the Leave and Fisher (Soup Kitchen) service project over Labor Day weekend. Freshman players Stephen Ray, Turner Smith, and Jackson Fayette are coordinating the team’s participation in Race for the Cure in October. The coaching staff and players spend this time to focus on teamwork and skill development in order to carry this new team coordination onto the ice when the games begin.

Training and teamwork are key parts of this year, but talent plays an important role as well. Without leading scorer Justin Yoon, who had twice as many points as second-place points leaders MBA will look to Captain Scott Dilson, and assistant captains Logan Staudinger and Connor Gillis to lead the team in regular and post season play.

Nick Bonny, Michael Piazza, Tanner Vandy, George Preston and Barnett Maxwell will also play a big role for the Big Red. Both Nick and Scott had ten points each last season, Nick had thirty points last season, while Scott had five and five. At the winter sports assembly, Coach Deutsch addressed the need for a goalie to the entire student body. Luckily, he found the answer within his team. Replacing graduating senior goalie Nick Bessette and Alex Austin, sophomore Jack Cole will be the starter, even though he played on the ice as a defender last season. He has past experience playing this position, unlike back-up Tommy Douglas. The coaching staff wants to have at least two players dress out as a goalie for all practices and games. Even though the Big Red will be with half the amount of players of other teams across the league, they will compete well against teams like Covenant, Franklin, and Hendersonville. When it comes to the tougher teams on the schedule, coming away with a victory out of the two that are played would be a moral victory for this season. Also too can quickly be turned into victories which will greatly help the winning and confidence going into the post season.

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Rifle team starts strong, prepares to defend state title

By Matt Micielli

After last year’s state championship victory, the MBA Rifles are beginning their season with their work cut out for them if they are to match such excellence.

With six returning seniors and numerous understudies, the Riflemen have the most depth and talent of any team in recent memory, and the statistics to prove it. Senior shooters are Connor Yakushi, Hunter Hunter, James Matthews, Ross Rochford, Wesley Johnson, and Aaron Ardisson.

Senior Aaron Ardisson was fantastic as leading man Sid Sorokin, the factory’s new supervisor, who finds himself in a lost place when he falls for employee representative Babe Williams, played excellently by Harpeth Hall senior Maggie Griswold.

“The album blazed new records overnight and the hip-hop mogul released first to iTunes, where the hip-hop album “Watch the Throne” was released on the internet before it was on sale, compared to the sultry tango of “Hernando’s Hideaway” from the label Island Def Jam was louder: “We’re just trying to survive.”

Kings no longer: technology and the dying record industry

By Micayl Frost

The recent release of Kanye West’s and Jay-Z’s collaborative album, “Watch the Throne,” might have been the death toll of the record industry as we know it. Instead of the conventional model, the hip-hop moguls released first to iTunes, where the album blazed new records overnight and in sales, and that Friday they released the album exclusively at Best Buy.

The outlier from small record stores was tremendous, but the response from the label industy like the fans was lackluster: “We’re just trying to survive.”

This comes across as what remains of the great labels of the past. We’re just trying to get by. The record industry is in a truly moribund state, even with a death knell sounds it seems as successful as it has ever been.

This all depends on perspective. The small record stores are gone. EMG is very different than from the micro-label. Not too long ago, major labels had their artists’ contracts on lockdown. Their only concerns were bootleggers and they never set out to be a big enough chunk of business to matter. Then came the internet, a series of newfangled tools to most record execs. The consumer, however, wanted no trouble in harmonizing the web to share new music. Major labels didn’t worry too much about the Internet because it seemed like a passing fad, like Betamax or Hair-metal. This year, at its most basic level, the undoing of the major record industry. They failed to see the power of the Internet as a means of marketing and distributing music until it was too late.

While major labels slept, small artists saw the potential for distribution in this new tool. Artists who once couldn’t go beyond the range of their half-backs could now reach anyone with know-how and a 3-cable. Simultaneously, people realized they could send and receive files (like mp3’s) over the tapes as the cost of their subscription to the web. Enter Napster, the first of many file-sharing giants that would haunt the dreams of record execs for the decades to come.

Ten years of closing-to-relevant relevant later, we are come to today. Major labels have had to resort to dovergneting popular songwriters from a album to the staple because of the influence of iTunes. This dominoeffect proves more raw than the new record companies, as artists, where they had a virtual monopoly on distribution of a more profitable product before, they now have to split revenues with the sites that bring their more profitable

To be quite honest, the acting in the show was so extraordinary it was quite easy to forget we were watching a high school show. To be fair, the performances weren’t without flaws – for example, there came times when certain actors found it hard to stifle their nervousness when playing particular parts. But in other cases, the musical went above and beyond audiences’ expectations.

What was just as impressive, if not more so, were the spectacular songs and extravagant musical numbers. The actors displayed tremendous talent as they performed songs and dances not typically associated with the average high school show.

Crowd favorites included “I’ll Never Be Jealous Again” – a hilarious oom-pah tune about attempting to woo one of the various object of Piz’s affection.
By Maclin Davis

Staff Music Critic

Most music fans of our generation get exposed to older independent music from lists written by music publications online, trying to give a sense of history to what seems like a random, continuous stream of releases. Whether those lists are comprehensive or fragmentary, they always seem to have the same album (the '90s—Nirvana’s Nevermind, DJ Shadow’s Endtroducing, Radiohead, et al.).

Listed here are some classic-tier albums that for some reason or other have been ignored by all of the lists I have seen. This music critic finds the omission outrageous, considering how many hours I have spent enjoying and analyzing those albums. I hope this list alligns those who think the same way, and reminds us all that we do not have to go back that far from the great decade of the '90s.

1. Mark Hollis - Mark Hollis (1998) - If anyone knows Talk Talk, it's mostly likely their synth single 'It's My Life'. If you are familiar with that song, prepare yourself for the biggest shock of your life. This album receives high honors.

2. Autechre - Tri Repetae (1995) - In my opinion, this album should never stray above the top ten of any '90s list. If anyone reading this article even remotely cares about electronic music, you should give it a try.

3. Refused - The Shape of Punk to Come (1995) - This band has found everything under the sun in today's fast-paced electronic music world. Their pace of these compositions is very intense album that defies any sort of demanding but rewarding. (4/5)

4. Iron & Wine - Our Endless Numbered Days (2002) - This project features iron & Wine's perfection and铁; hearing such 90's alternative classics as "Teen Spirit" and "Lithium". These are some truly incredible pop songs on this album.

5. The Posies - Frosting on the Britches (1993) - Seattle band the Posies were completely overshadowed by the grunge giants of the early '90s. This album, however, leaves out all in terms of original, excellent hooks and melodic consistency. (3.5/5)

6. 5. The La's: 5. The La's 1991 album (1991) - Pure Power-Pop confection from lists written by music publications. (3.5/5)

7. 9. Labradford - Mi Media Naranja (1997) - Post-Rock had picked up a lot of steam by '97, and this record reflects that. "Mi Media Naranja" is comprised of slow moving, haunting guitar compositions that echo in their beauty and timeless mystery. (4/5)

8. On Me," Joanna Newsom

9. Oldie but a goodie - "Yes I'm Ready" by The La's (1991) - Pure Power-Pop confection from lists written by music publications. (3.5/5)

10. Great album - "Mason Jennings" by Mason Jennings (2005) - This album has been presented in the top ten of almost any list. (5/5)
There has long raged a battle in my mind: who would win in a fight: Coach Barclay or Coach Gillespie? For hours upon hours, I played out every possible scenario, weighing the skills and merits of each. The answer was Gillespie by a nose, but only because of his experience combating hippies.

As much as I would love to—my wanderings on which teachers are superior in which ways yielded another rabbit hole. What if teaching at MBA was like playing a professional sport? What if we were to start a fantasy league with the players as close at hand as in the room down the hall? How would we score such a league? Who would be the number one overall selection? All of these questions and many, many more lead me to one answer: The Bell Ringer Fantasy Faculty League.

The premise of the BRFFL itself is simple: you draft teachers, and they score points. The logistics of the league were revealed unto me over three days, J. Alfred Prufrock style. There would be two main ways that teachers would score points: demerit distribution and general performance points.

Ideally, there would be a third category of academic achievement, but we cannot exactly just waltz into the registrar’s office and pull up the grades. So, the category of demerit distribution will be simple enough; each demerit given equals a certain number of points scored. There will be Style Points awarded if the description of the demeritable offense is deemed “hilarious” (e.g. “intentional flatulence”).

The general performance points will be a little more challenging. The ways to score these points will be outlined in a later issue, but the scope will be wide, from mention in assembly to leading a state championship team. Some of them will be completely arbitrary. That might be what makes this so exciting. This League is what we create at The Bell Ringer make it. The League will unfold before your eyes, as we figure it out as we go. We, the editors of this paper, will make ourselves the guinea pigs, and write about it all along the way. So we, the sworn enemies of The Bell Ringer Fantasy Faculty League will see you in the next issue, on the other side of a draft and several weeks of competition.

There will be six teams in the BRFFL. Each team must have an awesome name. They will fill their rosters initially in an 8-round snake-style draft.

Each team will have 8 roster spots: English, Language, Math, Science, History, Junior School, and Administration/Other.

There will be one sovereign Fantasy Faculty Poobah—he will preside over all disputes and competition.

The scoring cycle, for the time being, will be line with that of the release of Bell Ringer issues. The competition will be based off of head-to-head matchups, on a schedule determined by the Poobah.

You can lay claim to a teacher with the Poobah. If your claim goes unopposed for three days, the teacher is yours. If your claim is opposed, the team with the lower overall points for the season gets the teacher.

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1 demerit given - 1 BRFFL point.
An arbitrary style multiplier will be assessed by the Poobah if the means or justification of the demerits is deemed “hilarious” anywhere from 2x up.

Mention in assembly - 2 points
Name mispronounce/pronounced two different ways - 2 points
Sustaining injury (athletic) - 5 points
Sustaining injury (non-athletic) - 10 points

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Eagle Eyes
Shirt Tail: That’s two
Boydacious Warrior
Scott Dalton expounds on the in’s and out’s of Twitter

By Scott Dalton
Executive Editor

Twitter. Not enough can be said about the social networking/stalker website that has come to dominate the way we communicate second only to Facebook. With 200 million registered users, Twitter has become the world’s most annoying social networking site. I don’t really care that you just got some sweet barbecue chips from Walgreens unless those bad boys are making their way over to my house for a little bit of bro time. Buckle your chinsstraps, because we are about to tackle the annoyance of my life that is Twitter and the jack wagons that use it.

Let the record show: no one cares. I understand that you are a human being and that your life will undoubtedly have events in it that are funny, happy, sad, or that involve juxtapositions of Dick Cheney’s new book with the novel “Kill Me If You Can” but I could have figured that one out on my own, and it’s just really not that original. If I wanted to know every single waking thought that goes through your head, I would kick it old school and post up outside your window on that tree that is close enough to hear your intimate conversations with one of those cones that The Sharper Image sells. Believe me, it wouldn’t be the first time.

In case you were wondering, no one has ever done anything great with 140 characters. Getty’s address: 1454 characters. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream Speech”: 9179 characters. Scooby Doo: 5 characters (6 including Scrappy). Hence never before has anyone’s life been enhanced by something that is 140 characters or less. Unless you are slamming up some palindrome that is longer than “racecar” I have yet to see the purpose of knowing whether your grocery store of choice is Harris Teeter or Kroger.

Twitter is, in essence, a program for stalking. What does “following” even mean? I can tell you right now that I no more want you “following” me than I want a four-year-old snow leopard with a bad attitude following me. Sure, initially it’s cool to think that you are some sort of leader because you have followers, but let’s be honest, unless you are Leeroy Jenkins, your followers on the internet would never actually do anything for you (exception: girls making baked goods).

Hash tags are possibly the most confusing part of Twitter or the Internet in general. If someone actually knows what they mean, please come find me and we can sit down and have a serious conversation about those little devils that can be nouns, verbs, adjectives, actions, imaginary friends, adverbs, gerunds, and Spanish. Seriously, for a while I thought that hash tag anything meant that there was some sort of action involved but apparently you can just hash tag away with a #cool. Are you saying that you are cool? Or that your most recent tweet is cool? Would you like a sweater? And apparently, the hash tag was created to enhance the searching feature for people that have similar thoughts to you. Sorry Twitter, that’s already been created, it’s called friendship. I’m not sure if you’ve heard of it but you get together with your bros and eat Cheetos and sit on bean bag chairs talking about how Jeff should have gotten the puffs instead of the regular kind but it’s okay because at least he is here and not out with Melissa tonight.

Hash tags, while confusing, are extremely scary for purposes of a cult uprising. My biggest fear (exception: being in a port-a-john and having it flipped over on the door) is that some goon will tweet #everyonepantsscottdalton and I80 and behold more people Re-Tweet it and now I have to wear suspenders every day because I don’t have twitter and 200 million people have made it their objective to band together and make sure I get de-pants’d. Although I might be safe because that hash tag could just be a noun.

Finally, Twit-Pics. I would just like to point out that anything with the word “twit” on it is probably not a good thing to just casually throw into our vocabulary (exception: Conway Twitty). The idea that a picture is worth a thousand words becomes null if there is a 140 character caption to sum up a picture of you and your friends outside of Buffalo Wild Wings. Congratulations, you are a man, we have all been there, it’s really good, why didn’t you invite me? Twit-Pics are just another way to say that you would like to show everyone that you made every shot a power shot and if you didn’t your IPhone camera just really isn’t that great but it’s okay because you are just incredible for knowing how to press the upload button on your phone.

Gentlemen, I urge you to stay wary of your Tweeting ways. While I certainly understand your desires to be liked by people, remember that you really aren’t that important and that no one (especially me) cares about what you have to say about what happens to you because it concerns you, and not me. So remember, keep your hash tags to yourself and play nicely when it comes to tagging because you never know who might be watching…or following (@BellRingerNews).

24 hours ago: New issue in the making...the breaking. 

Our Tweets Better Than YOurs: The Bell Ringer recently acquired a Twitter to test out the turbulent waters known as Twitter. We got 4 followers and immediately decided it was not in our best interest.

THANK YOU FOR THE OFFER, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE: The concept of “following” makes many people (including Scott Dalton) nervous about actually being followed. Why would anyone want someone to know their inner thoughts and feelings? Just ask teenage girls in the 21st century for answers.

THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE: Undoubtedly, Tosh will be exempt from any criticism. If you can successfully post tweets as good as this, there may be hope for the human race after all.

ANOTHER REASON TO NOT USE TWITTER: Lady Gaga is the most followed registered twitter user with 13,902,442 registered followers. Fortunately, 0 of those followers go to MBA.

TERIBLE TWITTER: Twitter’s annoying nature makes it, well, annoying.