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Photo: Amanda Sit

The Senior class cheers on Sara Seuffert, MVP of the Girls' Powderpuff Football game, after defeating the Junior girls 14-0 and capturing the Spirit Week Cup.

New math and science building to be constructed

BY NICK FAZIO AND ARIELLE MOSS WITH REPORTING BY BAILEY RECHLER

Over the course of the next two years, the outmoded math building and science annex will get torn down and replaced. The south side of campus will become a construction zone, bustling with machines and workers.

“The math and science facilities are not keeping up with the rest of the campus,” said Headmaster Peter Caldwell.

The planned 25,000 square foot, 2.5 story structure will be state of the art and contain nine science classrooms and eight math rooms. The building will form an L shape, with the shorter side connecting to the cafeteria.

Two years ago, the school conducted a planning study, which reached out to the board of trustees, parents, alumni, and the Math and Science Steering Committee.

Throughout the design process, the Math and Science steering committee has worked with the stakeholders to ensure that the new building meets the need of the students and teachers who will be occupying it.

“The hope is that the new building will not just be a clean shiny version of the old building,” said physics teacher Jeffrey Yuhas, a steering committee member.

The challenge for this project, Mr. Caldwell said, is to design the new spaces by thinking about what teaching will look like 30 years from now. The new spaces must be as versatile and flexible as possible to incorporate new ways of engaging students.

“While we are still awaiting approvals on the variances, we are confident that they will be approved and demolition is slated

to kick off around thanksgiving break,” says Mark Clar, director of buildings and grounds. Construction equipment such as excavators and eventually a 100-ton crane will be seen in action during school hours, but work will

be done with as little disruption as possible.

“A great deal of planning goes into a project of this magnitude, but I think it’s tremendously exciting for the entire community,” said Mr. Caldwell.



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An empty math classroom as it appears through the hole of a missing doorknob.

Crimson Sun wins its fifth gold award

BY CARLYE CORDING

The *Crimson Sun* newspaper celebrates its fifth win from Columbia University Scholastic Press Association. Earning 915 out of a possible 1,000 points, the newspaper placed as a gold medalist for the fifth time in six years and won All-Columbian Honors for the first time.

In the five issues printed last year, a wide array of controversial topics were covered. From plagiarism to proposed schedule changes, the editors and student contributors pushed to highlight real issues on campus.

The judges said, “The staff did not allow administrative pushback on a tough subject (plagiarism) to stop them from covering a topic that

needed to be addressed.”

In response, Ida Picker, the *Crimson Sun* faculty advisor, said, “I want to thank the administration for their support, especially Darren Burns, who is a strong proponent of the first amendment.”

Additionally, the judges took special notice of the social media package. This large story, which polled students on their use of social media, added to the newspaper’s ability to capture the spirit of the campus.

Last year, the *Crimson Sun* covered breaking news and topics such as early morning hockey practices, a cow eye dissection, the evolving library, workshop periods in

the schedule, middle and upper school musicals and student-organized performances, among others. The paper also highlighted students in mini-features.

“We are totally thrilled,” Ms. Picker said. “The editors came up with strong ideas and worked tirelessly. Student photographers and contributors, as well as the journalism class, worked really hard too.”

The newspaper was praised for its design, photos, and strong writing. The judges noted an improvement from issue to issue throughout the year. Ms Picker added, “I also want to thank Darren Lovelock for his exquisite skill reading over copy.”

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Editorial: Farewell, math building, Hello... transformation

It's hard to avoid the effects of the evacuated math building around campus, especially with the little, white trailers in the senior parking lot temporarily replacing it. The location of the trailers is not ideal since math classes have been moved so far from the center of campus.

Of course, these trailers exist because of the construction that will soon take place to build a new math and science center, a renovation a long time coming. The old math building had its flaws: the hallways were narrow, the stairs were creaky

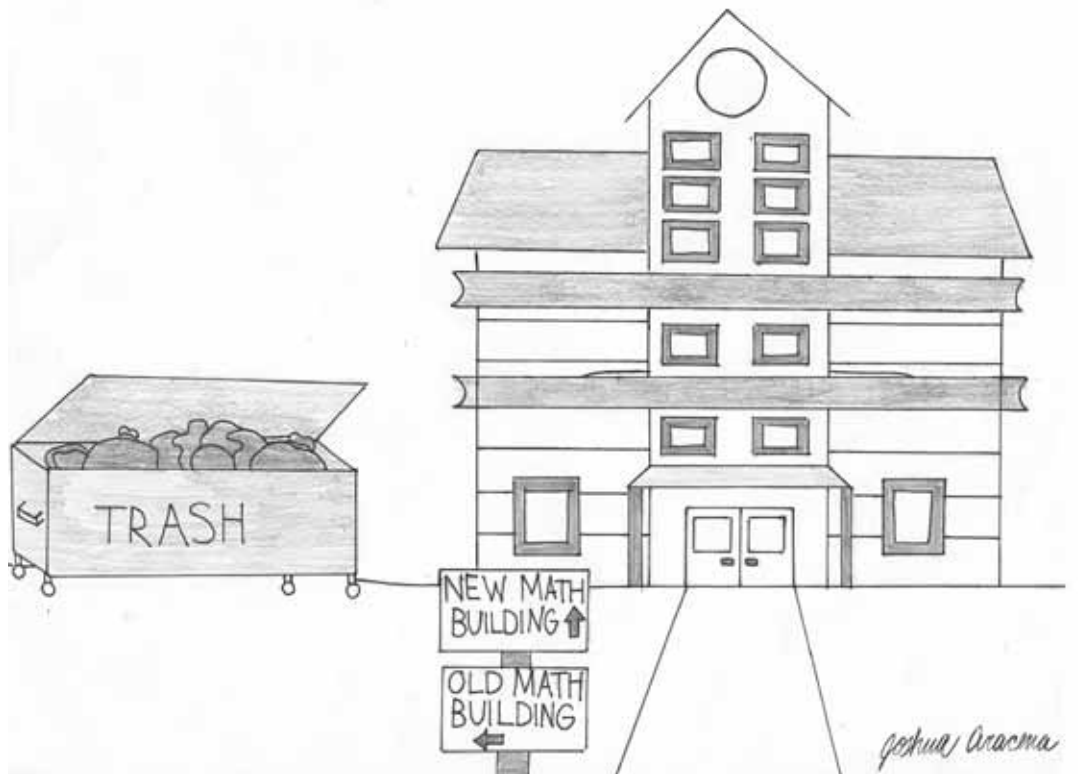
and that one door never seemed to work.

The newer buildings will create an architectural unison that the campus might need, eliminating the divide between historical and modern. The completed construction will transform the antiquated facilities into state of the art settings for mathematical thinking and science experimenting.

Still, the construction gives us mixed feelings. Weren't the quirky, twisty staircase and narrow hallways part of the charm of the math building? The fireplace in Ms. Cori

Eggert's room made junior year math class feel cozy, especially every December when she hung stockings above it.

While we are eager to see how construction will play out with the school year in progress, part of us will miss the old math and science buildings, the Morristown-Beard we fell in love with. And yet, the other part of us knows that the new building is a change that we all need, a transformation of an outdated facility that will only improve our sense of community.



The editors are very angry that they will have graduated when the new building will be completed.

What's with the bagpipes?

By BAILEY RECHLER

As I watched the bagpiper in full traditional garb enter Founders Hall followed by a procession of uncomfortable teachers, I wondered why I was at school and how I lost a precious day of summer to a man in a skirt.

Clearly, the decision to have Convocation and Community Day seems to have come from the administration, considering the looks of embarrassment and frustration on many of the faces of the teachers. According to Betsy Patterson, Director, Office of Institutional Advancement, her office put together the plan for the day with the guidance of Headmaster Peter Caldwell, Dean of Faculty Dr.

John Mascaro, Upper School Head Darren Burns, and Middle School Head Bonnie Luna. The main event was the all school morning meeting when we got to hear the bagpipes.

"We wanted to start the year off right to really celebrate the beginning of the school year and to celebrate the wonderful community that is Morristown-Beard School," Ms. Patterson said.

But did convocation show "the wonderful community" of MBS or the immaturity of a room full of teenagers, myself included, who laughed at the bagpiper and following teachers?

As for the decision to have a bagpiper, Ms. Patterson said

that bagpipes were very common at college convocations which were borrowed from while planning our own event.

Students felt differently. I was somewhat amused when we said the pledge of allegiance directly following the playing of the bagpipes, which are a Scottish and Irish tradition.

Some students I talked with agree with me that the bagpipes seemed ridiculous and seemingly came out of nowhere. It feels as if the administration is superimposing a tradition that doesn't fit with Morristown-Beard.

For those of you who disagree with me, don't worry. The bagpipes and one more day of school are here to stay.

It's a tradition that we want to establish going forward," Ms Patterson said. "It will be a little more special next year," she added, "because it's our 125th anniversary."

So what will next year bring? Fireworks? Trapeze artists? After a bagpiper, who knows?



A bagpiper in full dress welcomed students with a Scottish tune followed by the national anthem.

"I lost a precious day of summer to a man in a skirt"

FEATURES

Living the Simple Life in Peru

By NICK FAZIO

Our journey in mid-June to the campsite in the Sacred Valley, north of the city of Cusco, Peru, may have been tiring but it was anything but boring. As we trudged, huffing and puffing, up the mountain, situated at over 10,000 feet elevation, we ran into local children headed home from school. They bounced all over the trail, disappearing from time to time as they popped in and out of short cuts, showing no sign of fatigue.

Within minutes of meeting them we got to know their names. They continued on with us until we reached the village of Markury, where we would set up camp and do our community service for the next few days. Our group included 18 Morristown-Beard students and three faculty members: dance teacher Andrea Deventer, math teacher Cori Eggert, and English department head Darren Lovelock.

"Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces every day, especially after we taught them and gave them toothbrushes, was touching," Imani Wideman said. "It brought to light what we were doing in Peru."

Each morning we were startled awake by a shattering chorus of dogs, bulls, lambs, and who knows what else that rang throughout the

village of Markury.

The village men working with us would tap on our tents to make sure we were up. They came with pots of water, stack of cups, and as-



Photo: Nick Fazio

Getting ready to explore Pisac, a village in the heart of the Sacred Valley.

sortments of teas and hot chocolate.

"The members of the village were some of the happiest people I have ever met, and despite us looking, talking, and dressing differently, they were extremely welcoming in having us live in their community," Ryan Waters said.

The local people who worked with us also cooked us eggs, pancakes, and oatmeal for breakfast to prepare us for a long day of work.

After we cleaned up our ta-

deep, along the side of a mountain.

Once completed, this project would bring a clean water supply from fresh water springs up the mountain, down to the villages. The new pipes would ensure that no animal feces or other harmful waste products would contaminate the villagers' water supply.

"Of all of the school trips I have ever done, this was the most physically demanding, mainly because of the altitude," Mr. Lovelock said. "We were exhausted because we not only worked hard, but walked to and from our work site everyday."

After constructing the trench, we visited the ancient remnants of Machu Picchu, a wonder of the world. To cap our trip, we hiked up 1800 steps to watch the sun rise over the ruins.

There is truly something special about being separated from the bustle of the industrial world. Up in the mountains of Peru, we were far away from the chaos. Instead of constantly checking our phones, shopping for the newest accessories, or stressing about what to wear, we were able to enjoy each other's company and, most importantly, the company of the villagers.

Video Journalism course released

By MOLLY GLICK

Video journalism class arrives in the digital arts department this fall, introduced by Nicholas Marmo, Technical Theater Supervisor. Mr. Marmo is reshaping a course he taught at West Orange High School for ten years.

"It's all still very much in its infancy," Mr. Marmo said. "It's all kind of up in the air right now and I hope it grows and blossoms into something we can really be proud of."

Compared to his classes in West Orange, which consisted of around 30 students, his class at MBS currently has ten. He also runs the class alone, whereas in the past he worked with an English teacher to handle the writing and acting aspects. Nevertheless, he is ready to take on the challenge.

"With ten years of experience, I can see the oncoming train and get you out of the way," he said.

Through his class, Marmo encourages students to work together to share events, local and international, with the school community. In addition to the newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine, he wants news to extend off the campus and into the world.

How class works: students brainstorm together, then split into teams. Each consists of three students: a producer who will "steer the vision of the piece", reporters who form questions and interview in the field for stories, and a camera operator who scouts locations and equipment, all of "the works." The group then critiques the finished piece and decides whether it should be released.

The class will also work closely with the performing arts department. In preparation for their first project, students recently met with Susan Speidel, head of the theater depart-



Photo: Amanda Sit

Nik Marmo shows his Video Broadcast Journalism students the basics of their editing software, Adobe Premiere Pro CS6.

ment, to learn to deliver news on camera.

Ray Namar 16' enrolled in the class after years of working with Marmo on the tech team for school productions and taking several digital arts classes.

"I really like it," Namar said. "I loved Mr. Mar-

mo already, and he is a great teacher. He obviously knows what he's doing."

Video Journalism will also act as a capstone for all of the department's classes. After taking courses like Digital Video Storytelling and Graphic Design, students will combine the

skills from past years in creating their newscasts.

In the future, Mr. Marmo hopes the class number triples in size and possibly develops a website or Youtube channel. For now, he's focused on the first steps: giving the newscast a name.

SPORTS

Boys' Soccer: Looking to rebound

BY BRETT RUDNITSKY

After finishing last season with a 16-5-1 record, boys' varsity soccer entered the 2015-2016 season knowing it would be an uphill climb. Despite losing seniors John McDonald, Austin Goodman, Sam Curtis, and Kevin Budd to graduation last year, the team has aspirations of reaching the Prep B Finals and North B State Championship once again this season.

In the Prep B Finals last year, the Crimson went into over time against Newark Academy, and ended up tying 2-2. About a week and a half later, they made it to yet another final, the North B State Championship. This game did not end as well, however, with the Crimson unfortunately losing 4-3 to Hawthorne Christian.

"The seniors we lost made up a good portion of our starters and bench," said center midfielder Ian Winslow '16. The team is counting on "some freshmen and younger players," he said.

The soccer team is hoping that new additions to the squad Shyam Popat '19, Brandon Levy '19, Julian Rogala '18, Johnny Shaaf '17, Nick Gates '17, foreign exchange student José Buela '17, Gus Capatides '16, Spencer Rosen '16, and Cole Sanford '16 will make an impact this season.

In addition to losing a good deal



James Mullane (Class of 2017) dribbles the ball away from two defenders in Morristown-Beard's 0-6 loss against Dover High School.

of experience in both the starting lineup and the bench, the Crimson also lost their leading scorer from last year, Mason Toye '17.

"This year, scoring is about the team, not the individual," said Coach Martin Brown when asked how he will replace Toye's 32 goals from last season,

which was top ten in state.

"Just look at the Hanover Park game," Coach Brown said. "We scored four goals with four different players."

Youth is also an issue. "We have many skilled players, but we are just not as physical or mature as we were last year," said Captain and right back Mach Iuliano.

Undeterred, the soccer team is aiming to fix some of the issues they found hurt them in both championship games last season.

"Defending and scoring from set pieces [corner and free kicks] was not great last year, and they are something we have worked on this preseason," said Coach Brown.

Still, varsity soccer has plenty of strengths

"Leadership is held from the back with goalie Jake Kurz '17 and captains Iuliano '16 and Joey Velazquez '17 on defense," said Junior Striker Johnny Shaaf.

Thus far in the season, the boys are 1-4, but team members expressed confidence they can turn this young season around.

"We are bonding more and more as a team, and we have shown that we can beat good teams like Hanover Park already this season. We just need to start the games off stronger," said Iuliano.

Girls' Volleyball: The young and the restless push on

BY MAX MATILSKY

Last season, the girls' varsity volleyball team won its first county game in school history and Coach Michael Sturgeon hopes to do the same this year and maybe go farther. Still, coming into the 2015 season, Coach Michael Sturgeon was unclear how far her young, talented team could go. After losing Halia Rosemond, Dani Sclafani, Hannah Guenther, Sarina Morales, Vineeta Maddali, and Maddie Braunstein to graduation, following last year's success won't be easy.

Coach Sturgeon called upon captains Jenna Racaniello '17, Sarah Seuffert '16, and Jasmin Jenkins '18 to lead the team on the court.

Although the team is young, they return three excited and experienced seniors: Nicole Robertson '16, Zaire Alston '16, and Sarah Seuffert '16, all with varsity experience.

The team has a good shot to succeed in the Prep tournament, Coach Sturgeon said. The level of competition is the same among all Prep teams. The Fall Classic and State Tournament is like "a whole different world," Coach said, meaning that the competition is beyond what they see during the regular season.

In contrast to previous seasons, this year's team is relying on their younger players, whereas in years past, senior leaders played a huge role.

With all the young talent, the Crimson Girls Volleyball team has potential, and Coach Sturgeon does not consider it a rebuilding year.

"Last year we were carried by seniors, but this year we only have three," Nicole Robertson '16 said. "Our young and promising players have big shoes to fill."

The roster is heavy with sophomores and juniors as well, including returning juniors Julianne Alevras '17, Olivia Braunstein '17, Samantha Salazar '17, and Racaniello '17, as well as sophomores Julia Downey '18, Jenkins '18, Maeve Logan '18, and Kaitlin Mackin '18.

Currently holding a record of 2-4, the Crimson look to turn their season around as the Morris County Tournament and Fall Classic get closer. With strong performances in those tournaments as well as during regular season play, look for the girls to ride their momentum into the Prep and State tournaments.



Maeve Logan #22 hits the ball in the match against Villa Walsh Academy 9/21. It was a close game with volleyball losing 19-25, 20-25.

Photo: Amanda Sit