

## Where have all the locks gone?!

After initial confusion, students adapt to loss of school-supplied locks

By **Sofie Brooks**

Where have all the locks gone? Mount Greylock students got to the first day of school this year and were surprised to find that someone had taken away the locks for the lockers, but no new locks were issued in school. For many, it was tough adjustment: "when I arrived on the first day without any notification of the policy change, I had to carry around all my bags from class to class," says student Dan Whateley. Many students still carry their backpacks around from class to class every day fearing that their belongings will be stolen from their lockers. This habit can get annoying for those sitting next to them in class, however, and causes students to make fun of them. Another aspect of this change is that many students realized how much they had depended on their trusty locks. "Since seventh grade, I have locked my locker every day, all year," says one junior. Another senior commented, "Last year I had the luxury of storing items such as my Steinway piano and younger brother in my locker, knowing they would be safe. Now I'm forced to carry both around with me and it's quite a hassle. Please return the locks to us." But in all seriousness, the disappearance of the locks has some benefits as well, although they might not be readily apparent to the students.

This decision was not actually as sudden as it appeared on the first day of school. Mr. Payne went to the School Council last spring to propose that this policy be implemented in the fall after he had to remove close to 70 locks from seniors' lockers, since they had forgotten the combinations. This was not the beginning of his dislike for com-



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binations locks, however. Every year, after the students go home for the summer, the locks on all of the lockers must be removed with a key and matched to their combinations using a serial number. This serial number must then be printed on a tag and organized in baskets to give to teachers, who in

turn hand them out to students in the fall. Mr. Payne, as well as Ms. Livernois and various students, was unlucky enough to be part of this process at one point, and he has decided that it takes more time and therefore money than the locks are worth. In addition, most students, especially seniors and juniors, don't even lock their lockers and just keep their locks on the front piece of metal. So this year, the locks were removed from the lockers and placed unsorted into a bin in Mr. Payne's office, where they still remain. Any student can purchase a lock from Mr. Payne for two dollars, which is less than they would cost in a store. Students in the middle school receive the locks for free.

While the high schoolers were wondering what to do on the first day of school, the middle school was supplied with locks as usual, since they are new to the school and didn't need an extra worry. Also, the middle school has teams of teachers, so locks were easier to hand out.

So is the middle school now less susceptible to locker theft than the high school? "It's too early to tell," says Mr. Payne, who has only had a few reports of theft since school began.

The theft rate shouldn't go up though, because students are still expected to lock their lockers, whether they buy a lock on their own from the school.

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## Greylock's Community Day: Big Hit!

By **Gina Iannitelli**

Wednesday, Sept. 19 was a new kind of half day for both the students and teachers at Mt. Greylock.

It was the first official "community building day," a concept that is part of the school council's "School Improvement Plan." The plan is altered annually, this year focusing on community bonding. Marjorie Keeley, who helped to organize the community day, explains that its purpose is "to foster community through events and to come together to celebrate and appreciate what we offer in the school."

The students were led through three 45-minute sections. The activities included a class meeting for each grade, adventure games with Coach Gill, and a viewing of co-curricular activities booths in the cafeteria. All organizations were invited in order to spark interest in the clubs. At the close of the day,



**Hannah Chenail, Abby Bishop, and Amanda Burdick at Community Building Day.**

everyone ended up in the gymnasium, where the Student Council presented a skit to the school. According to Keeley, "just that act of putting the entire school in the gym builds community."

Though the day may have been geared more towards the younger grades (especially the session in the cafeteria), the feedback from the younger students was mostly that "yes, it was better than class." Anyone with suggestions for the next community building day should contact the student council, either in school or through the link on the MGRHS website.

## Mixed reviews on new schedule

By **Daniel Weiner**

Most students have felt the confusing effects of the new schedule, as it is a large change from the normal rotating or non-rotating schedules to which we had become accustomed.

The new schedule, which has non-rotating first three classes and rotating last four classes, was created to give the students the best of both worlds. You may sleepwalk your way through the first three periods without much thought of what class is next, yet there is an enjoyable variation provided by the last four periods. The five-day schedule also provides an easy transition after holidays and breaks without asking every teacher you find what day it is and getting multiple answers.

Though this schedule has its benefits, it also has its disadvantages. It is confusing. Someone might ask, why, on Tuesday, does period 4 get skipped and tacked

back on at the end of the day? Why does Wednesday go from period 3 to 6 then switches from 7 to 4? Why are there two identical days? For some, this schedule provides as much intellectual stimulation as their classes. Another complaint often heard is that the morning schedule was luck of the draw. If you are one of the students who has three of your most difficult classes back-to-back-to-back first thing in the morning, you know what I mean, and you are stuck with it every morning for the rest of the semester.

When asked about the schedule, the opinions varied. Among the students, it was pretty well divided among liking it, disliking it, and just not caring. The teachers were also split between liking it for giving certain features. One of these features is that extra-curricular and co-curricular activities that take place during the school day, such as college courses are easier to fit in.

## Daily announcements move from audio to web after retirement of Livernois

By **Gina Iannitelli**

Daily announcements have been rebooted, following the retirement of Jan Livernois, the principal's office secretary who's PA-system voice was a familiar bearer of daily announcements.

Now, the administration will actively update the announcements section of the school website, and is asking teachers to read them to their classes each day in first and seventh periods, according to principal's office manager Cheryl Yarter.

Mrs. Yarter explained that this is a result of teacher and student complaints that the notices were both read at inconvenient times and were too quiet to understand easily under the old PA system.

Information in the bulletin is updated throughout the day, so students inquiring about changes in sports schedules or clubs can find out from their teachers, or check the website at any time when they are free and authorized to do so.

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# OPINION

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## Mt. Greylock's 'unsilent' blunder on Sept. 11

By Shannon Young

Sept. 11, 2001 drastically changed the lives of many Americans, as loved ones of victims were emotionally ripped apart, fear swept across the country, and the United States was catapulted into a "War on Terror." On that tragic day, our government says 2,752 people lost their lives at the hands of terrorists, while in the years following an estimated 3,798 Americans casualties have been recorded in Iraq, with nearly 28,000 Americans wounded.

This Sept. 11 marked the sixth anniversary of that fatal day, with memorial ceremonies and services held throughout the country. While many school and colleges participated in the national precedent of honoring these brave Americans, both alive and dead, through a moment of silence, Mt. Greylock was not among them.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2007, many teachers didn't even acknowledge the date, or the school's apparent lack of respect for those who suffered or are still



Notes to loved ones posted at Ground Zero in NYC

suffering. A school, that six years previously had glued itself to the television screen as news of the terrorist attacks unfolded, a school housing children from New York City; a school with more than one volunteer firefighter on its staff; could not even spare a minute in tribute.

Perhaps, it was oversight by the administration; with the lack of a secretary, many announcements are either overlooked or unheard, but that still is no excuse. Every Monday, first thing, Mt. Greylock is led in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Why would it have been so difficult for such a "patriotic" school to bow its collective head in remembrance?

It is a little late now, but I hope everyone who reads this takes even a few seconds to have their own moment of silence and remember what happened that day and in the days following. I know it does not make up for the school's lack of tribute, but at least it's a start.

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## SINGIN' THE BLUES: Suspicions linger about health of Room 59

*Fohrhaltz invites students to wear facemasks, dons one herself, rings bells in protest; is orchestra crippled?*

Opinion by Lizzie Fox

The sound of bells recently filled the hallways of Mount Greylock. Ouisa Fohrhaltz, the school orchestra director, donned a jingle bell bracelet for several days, alerting all of her presence while making a loud statement about the new orchestra room. The orchestra room was previously positioned opposite the chorus room, but at the very end of this summer the old orchestra room was transformed into the school "meeting room" and Fohrhaltz was relegated to the furthest corner of the eastern side of the building. The new room (59), which was previously Mrs. Slocik's and is across from Dr. Burdick's, "is extremely detrimental to the music program," says sophomore Patrick Madden. "Our old orchestra room not only had wonderful acoustics, good humidity, and tiered levels perfect for a strings group, but it was also situated near the chorus room and the music hallway where students could safely store their instruments. The new orchestra room . . . is physically as far away from the auditorium as possible, which will make it extremely difficult when it comes time for concerts and concert rehearsals." Adds Fohrhaltz: "When the chorus and orchestra rooms were close together, then we at least had two thirds of the music program together . . . We have a wonderful group of students this year. We have a potential for greatness, but we have to be close to each other. And now students can't find [my room]. My middle schoolers are fragile; they need to know where I am, but they get lost all the time." Rufus Paisley, another sophomore, and a bass player in both the orchestra and the band, says that "every day I go to band, I have to haul my bass all the way from one corner of the school to the other." This is not only harmful to the instrument, it detracts nearly twelve minutes from his learning period in transportation time. "The room change . . . has thrown a rather large and cumbersome wrench into the works," says Madden. A neighboring Spanish class has also complained that their learning is impacted negatively by the proximity of the orchestra.

In a Sept. 10 Parent-Teacher Organization meeting, administrators listed the reasons for moving the orchestra room. The motives included that there was no way to control the dryness of the old orchestra room (air moisture is critical to the maintenance of the instruments), there was a lack of storage, and the use of the library as an impermanent meeting room provides too much labor for the custodial staff.

As of Sept. 21, however, Fohrhaltz had not received a dehumidifier or any type of air control system promised to her by the administration at the beginning of the year, and she says that there was no lack of storage at all in the old room—in fact, major amounts of money were spent to install specific storage compartments in previous years. Fohrhaltz also says that in just the first few weeks of school more damage has occurred to instruments than usually occurs in an entire school year. On top of that, sources say that the new "meeting room" has not been used once during the school day.



Orchestra teacher Ouisa Fohrhaltz, tending to instruments in Room 59.

### Fohrhaltz, in an attempt to avoid the disease, has worn a face mask for many days

But the new room's position is not the only, nor the most pressing, concern. This particular room has been in and out of school and local news for years because it is speculated that the room's poor ventilation is a cause of serious illness. Trudy Ames, a part-time Mount Greylock English teacher currently taking a year off, inhabited the room for many years up until 2003. In the 2000-2001 school year, Robin Lehleitner, then another part-time English teacher, shared the room with her. In 2001, Ames was diagnosed with sarcoidosis, a non-contagious autoimmune disease with no known cure which primarily attacks the respiratory system, but can also attack other organs.

Its most likely cause is environmental factors, but, at the time of Ames's diagnosis, no one questioned the air

quality of her room. It was not until 2002, when Lehleitner too was diagnosed with sarcoidosis, that the room's safety became a concern. Lehleitner, a former opera singer now unable to sing because of her illness, underwent surgery to obtain a lung biopsy in 2002 (because of a mysterious and persistent cough), which left a large and visible scar on her upper chest. At that time, the greater Greylock community grew anxious about Room 59's air quality. Tests were taken in 2003, showing a high amount of pine pollen (often thought to be a cause of sarcoidosis) in the vents. Articles were written, and one senior went so far as to wrap hazard tape on the door of the room as a prank. New teachers, however, were continually placed in that room, even after the teachers' union made it possible for Ames to be moved from the room in 2003.

From 2003-2004, Randy Sherwood, another new, part-time English teacher, used the room, and in 2004 Chrissy Morrissey, yet another new English teacher, was assigned to that room but encouraged to switch by fellow teachers. From 2004-2006, Rachel Slocik, a special education teacher, and her aid, Jackie Watson, used the room. School sources say that throughout those two years, both Slocik and Watson suffered from multiple respiratory illnesses.

Despite the initial uproar in 2002 and 2003 when Lehleitner had just been diagnosed, the threats of sarcoidosis and other respiratory illnesses have been largely ignored or denied, but, says Lehleitner, "I would like to see anybody—custodial staff, administration, teachers—who dares to question whether that room is a health hazard move his office there."

Today, Lehleitner and Ames say they continue to suffer from the effects of their disease, and Fohrhaltz, in an attempt to avoid the disease, has worn a face mask for many days (and offers them to all students, especially those with asthma and serious allergies) and is anxious to have another air quality test taken. "The administration claims to have a current air quality report, but that report is from 2003," she says. Fohrhaltz also longs for increased student reaction to the dangers and inconveniences created by the room. Hence the bells.

It may be wise to note that most of the teachers who have been moved into the infamous Room 59 were either new or not associated with the teachers' union. Lehleitner, Sherwood, and Morrissey were all new, while neither Slocik nor Fohrhaltz has membership in the union. It also should be noted that the funding for the orchestra program is constantly in jeopardy, and that this new room has caused a possibly convenient decrease in orchestra participation not only because of the confusion for middle schoolers, but also because of the apparent health risk. "It's like divide and conquer," says Fohrhaltz. "Does Mount Greylock really want its fine arts programs?"

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# NEWS

## The new Berkshire County cup: Mounties look strong

By Nick Fogel

2007 marks the inaugural year of the Berkshire County Cup. Schools from around the county will be competing for the glory and bragging rights that go along with the coveted cup.

The idea for the cup comes from the NCAA's Directors Cup, which is awarded to the top athletic programs in the nation. Points for the BC Cup are awarded based on regular season record, league standing, and postseason performance.

MGRHS Teacher Blair Dils originally suggested the idea of a Berkshire County version of the Director's Cup to Zach Bishop and I. Since that time, we have set up a website to facilitate the award. The website, [www.bccup.org](http://www.bccup.org), also covers all sports during the year. Writers from around the county contribute articles about their team.

The big question that everyone is asking this year is "who will win the first ever BC Cup?" With strong performances thus far in the young sports' season it seems Greylock has a great shot at bringing home the award. Greylock has top-ranked girls' cross-country and volleyball teams, a talented and unbeaten crew in the county boys' soccer team, a much improved girls' soccer team that is exceeding all expectations, a golf team that can play with anyone in Western Mass, a boys' running team that should challenge Monument for a county title, and a football team that has lost three close games but should be much improved in a stretch run for the postseason.

The big surprise of the year is the success of the volleyball, golf, and girls' soccer teams. The volleyball team went to their first ever Western Mass. Tournament last year but entered the season having lost a load of talent from that squad. Seniors Katy Markland and Ashley Bouchard are leading a young team that is atop the county right now. Greylock defeated Pittsfield and Taconic, both traditional powers, and the team will have a chance to go far into the tournament this year. The golf team has only one loss this year and has defeated Taconic, one of the top teams in the county. The league this year is very even and if Greylock gets consistent scoring, they are a threat to win a county title. The golf team is led by Dylan Dethier, Sam Garavaltis, Cory Nichols, Mitch Hebert, and Henry Sauve. The girls' soccer team entered this year coming off a four-win season and having lost numerous seniors to graduation. New coach Tom



Varsity volleyball captains Megan Stiles, Katy Markland and Ashley Bouchard. (Photo: Shannon Young)



Girls' crosscountry teammates, from left, Laura Nowlan, Mackenzie Hitchcock, Amanda Burdick and Suzy Shanley. (Photo: Shannon Young)

Ostheimer has turned the program into a Berkshire County power, however. The Mounties have played every team tough thus far and have gotten key wins over Hoosac and Drury and played to a draw against Wahconah. Greylock has found scoring from Amanda Karampatsos, Joni Hirsch, and Brigid Flynn.

The boys' soccer and cross-country teams are also off to solid starts and should contribute to Greylock's chances of winning the cup. The soccer team is undefeated in county play, including a 1-1 tie with Pittsfield who many consider to be the top team in the county. Everyone should go to the Wahconah night game when the Mounties try to avenge last season's semi-final loss. The team is led by Clint Mason, Chris Condron, and Than Finan, the keeper. Greylock has been nearly unbeatable in the last four years on the running trails. Despite a disappointing opening week loss to Monument, the boys' and girls' teams look very strong. Jackie Lemme, who is among the county's best, leads the girls. Eighth grade phenoms, Mackenzie Hitchcock and Laura Nolan, are running well, and Lindley Bell, Kathleen Dudziak, Kaylene Lemme, and Marissa Ericson all finish consistently in the top 10 for the Mounties. The boys are working on forming a championship pack that can challenge Monument in a rematch on October 3rd. Nick Fogel and Pat Joslin are leading a host of runners who are very competitive. Will Alimonos, David Nolan, Peter Glover, Sean Pelletier, Andrew Wolf, Cary White, and Caleb Pudvar are fighting to improve and help the Mounties capture a fifth straight county title.

The Football team is adjusting to life after last year's dominant class. The opening two weeks revealed that last year's success will not be immediately replicated, but the team is still very competitive and will be exciting to watch this year. Bedre Whitney Montgomery-Nassif, Jon Lucido, and Danny Nawazelski lead the young Mounties.

Be sure to check out the website and follow Greylock's sports teams as they compete in Berkshire County and Western Mass. play. Cheer on all Greylock's teams because all sports gain points. Good luck to all athletes this fall. If you are interested in writing about your team contact Nick Fogel or Zach Bishop.

## LOCKS

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Overall, despite the numerous questions on the first day, the policy seems to be working out and is expected to continue in future years. Middle schoolers issued locks this year are welcome to keep those locks throughout high school, or leave them behind and find new locks by themselves in coming years. Of course the ultimate decision about the longevity of this policy will be up to the school council who makes changes to the student handbook, but hopefully at some point this issue will be irrelevant.

The hope is that Mt. Greylock will get a facelift sometime in the future and new lockers with locks built-in can replace the existing lockers. Until then, students will just have to come up with their own methods for securing goods in their lockers, whether they buy a lock or simply rely on the disgusting contents of their lockers to keep thieves away.

## NOTICES

### Buy used clothes; help the ABC house

The Williamstown A Better Chance organization is gearing up for its annual fund-raising used-clothing sale. The national program enrolls several inner-city teen-agers in Mount Greylock Regional High School and the students live in a Hoxsey Street residence in Williamstown. The clothing sale is Saturday, Sept. 29 at the First Congregational Church in Williamstown. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the sale is over by about 2:00 p.m.

### PTO invites students to join Oct. 13 workday

A day of raking, planting, trimming and weeding, with the aim of spiffing up the Mount Greylock Regional High School campus, is being organized by the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for Saturday, Oct. 13 — and students are welcomed by organizers to join in.

John MacDonald, co-president of the PTO, says projects at the "Outdoor Work Day," will include clearing and mulching around the school's free-standing sign alongside Cold Spring Road; trimming bushes around the front one-rock garden, removing small trees and lower limbs along the driveway, raking, mulching and planting of the gardens at the main entrance, gymnasium, greenhouse and the Japanese garden.

Painting may include the roof trim around the Japanese garden and the athletic side entrance, said MacDonald. An effort to pickup loose trash around the building is also planned.

### Open Echo meeting Wed. after school

All MGRHS students are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of *The Echo* on Wed., Oct. 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the school library.

Story ideas are welcome. The paper is also seeking advertising salespeople.

## The Greylock Echo

The Mount Greylock Echo is the student newspaper of Mt. Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Mass. Published monthly during the academic year. Any Mt. Greylock student may join the staff, attend meetings, and submit articles. Next meeting, Wed., Oct. 3, 2:30 p.m. in the school library.

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# SPORTS

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## Gridsters regroup after three losses; tackle Monument Mtn. tonight

By Chris Densmore

As the Mount Greylock Mounties lumbered off a damp John T. Allen Field last Saturday night, saddled with their third loss in as many games this season, one couldn't help but be concerned with the direction the team was heading. Despite the best efforts of junior running-back Ian Jones and his comrade sophomore Kyle Quagliano, who carried the ball for a combined 217 yards on the ground, the Mounties fell, 18-20, to Pittsfield High School's Generals, led by quarterback Jim Ostrikis's 173 passing yards.

This game was considered by many of Greylock's captains to be a must-win game, with the team already 0-2 after losses to Taconic High School at home and Hoosac Valley High School on the road. Despite being mired in penalty trouble, Greylock's running game was successful throughout the night, with Jones, Quagliano, and quar-

terback Kris Jolin each rushing for a touchdown.

Unfortunately, the Mounties' passing defense struggled to contain Pittsfield's potent receiver corps, coughing up a 12-0 first quarter lead as the rain poured down on the field. The sloppy loss left Greylock, winner of the Berkshire County title last year, searching for answers and aching for wins.

### Living up to champions

The Mounties had much to be thankful for last Thanksgiving, having just wrapped up the Berkshire County Title Game with a dominant win over Wahconah Regional High School. Led by All-Eagle Offensive Most Valuable Player, quarterback Preston Trites, and All-Eagle Defensive Most Valuable Player, Dylan Schultz, the Mounties coasted throughout the season to finish undefeated in county bouts.

Now in 2007, Trites, Schultz and other All-Eagle standouts from last season, including running-back Jon LaCasse and tight end Greg Payton are gone. Seniors Whit Montgomery-Nassif, Matt St. Pierre, Dani Nawazelski, and John Lucido now captain the Mounties.

With losses mounting, Greylock's hopes for this season are diminished, but the team looks to bounce back and start a winning streak as the season progresses. "We've got the trophy until we have to give it up," explains tight end Lucido, who made three spectacular catches for 46 yards against Pittsfield. "We've gotten off to a rough start and now we have to make it up from behind."

Within the team, however, it is understood that the degree of success of last year's "insane" team is unlikely to be duplicated. In lineman Montgomery-Nassif's words, "We're a whole new team with a new identity and new personalities; you can't really compare the two [teams]."

### Injuries push youth to front

Playing a significant role in the struggles of the team so far this year has been the hampering of many of the Mounties' key role players with injuries. Among those unable to play this past week due to injuries were senior running back Ryan Wilson, his brother, sophomore lineman Matt, and junior linemen Jordan Adames and Ben Shiner.

The roster of over 30 players has been reduced to around an available 20. None of Greylock's stars are on the sidelines, but many are nagged by minor injuries and playing at less than 100 percent. With so many starters questionable, the team's underclassmen must contribute at the varsity level.

"It puts the freshmen in a position where they've got to step up and learn quickly, while you'd hope to have time to develop them," explains head coach Shaun Flaherty.

"Our backs are against the wall, but we still manage, we still put out a team every Friday or Saturday."

These freshmen and even eighth graders, forced into roles with relatively minimal training, gut it out against players significantly more physically developed than they are. Nevertheless, there is nowhere to go but up for freshmen like Jason Pilot and Kevin Agostini and the seniors and juniors understand the position they are in.

Lineman Dani Nawazelski sympathizes with this situation: "I know it's hard as a freshmen to come in and to go to practice everyday and take a lot of hits. We have to encourage them to keep coming back and give them positive reinforcement so they can keep doing their jobs." Although the term "rebuilding year" is one coaches prefer to avoid, Flaherty does agree that the team "definitely [has] a lot of players stepping up into varsity roles this year" and its character is truly being tested.

### Regrouping after Pittsfield loss

Despite struggling in these first few games of the 2007 season, the Mounties remain relaxed in the locker room, where a welcoming gang of players is constantly joking around. "We try to not dwell on the situation," says senior captain Matt St. Pierre. The need to move forward is implicit for the Mounties if they want to gather wins and push toward the playoffs. "You've got to start from scratch," says Montgomery-Nassif, "... to learn from the mistakes you've made and put them behind you."

Whether they succeed or fail as they push for the postseason, the Mounties will play as a team and individual glory will be forsaken for the sake of the team. Emblematic of this collectiveness was captain Nawazelski's selfless change of position from receiver to guard in order to bolster the offensive line. Nawazelski, one of the most focused players on the field, asserts that "if something needs to be done to help the team, than [he'll] do it."

Players stress that the goal of the team is to remain together and enjoy the game as the season progresses. Even if the team were to finish the season winless, Montgomery-Nassif would be satisfied as long as "everybody [had] fun, because without fun, there's no reason to play the game."

Setting the standard for the team's approach to the game is the fiery sideline personality of Coach Flaherty. "[Coach Flaherty] really works hard to make sure that we are a unified team. . . . Being unified as a team is the most important part of the game," explains St. Pierre.

The team will use that unity to work on sustaining and finishing its drives tonight (Friday) with a 7 p.m. home kickoff against Monument Mountain as it looks to grab its first win of the season. "You have to look at the positives comparative to [the past week]," expounds Flaherty. "We need to put it all together and play a more complete game." Adds Lucido: "It makes it fun to play when people come out to cheer for you."



Greylock's boys JV football squad in a lineup shot taken Sept. 18. (Photo: Shannon Young)

## Graduations hit hard at boys X-country; 30-27

By Sean Peltier

They lay sprawled on the ground silently, their normally jovial faces covered with looks of pain and disappointment.

For the first time in 43 Berkshire County meets, the Mount Greylock boys' cross-country team had lost as they were edged out by an up-and-coming Monument Mountain team, 27-30. The boys team was hit hard by the graduation of All-Western Mass. runner Evan Dethier and the departure of Zack Yarter. Mountie stalwarts Nick Fogel and Patrick Joslin finished first and second respectively, while Will Alimonos finished ninth.

Monument's program, strengthened by the defection of several soccer players, showed that they must be considered not only a contender in Berkshire

county, but a Western Mass dark horse. Greylock did salvage a tie on the day, trouncing Drury 18-45. Drury was lead by Alex Shuckler's 6th place finish. The Mounties face Monument again on Oct. 3rd in Great Barrington.

### Girls win, 22-39

The girls team showed that, despite the loss of star Cate Costley to the soccer team, they are still the dominant team in Berkshire County. The "Sea of Red" defeated Monument 22-39 and collected a perfect score against their North County rivals, topping Drury 15-50. Junior captain Jackie Lemme was 12 seconds behind overall winner Corinne Hillman of Monument. Other Mounties in the top ten included Laura Nolan (3), Mackenzie Hitchcock (4), Kathleen

Dudziak (7), Lindley Bell (8), and Kaylene Lemme (9). Nolan, Lemme, and Hitchcock are all still in middle school, showing that Mountie girls will be a powerhouse many years from now.

The Mount Greylock boys cross-country team felt a little bit better after returning to form Wednesday the 18th and sweeping Wahconah and Pittsfield at Reid Middle School. Led by Nick Fogel's dominant first-place finish, the boys' pack survived a scary pileup and looks primed to give Monument a run for its money on Oct. 3.

With Jackie Lemme's winning performance and continued emergence of 8th graders Mackenzie Hitchcock and Laura Nolan, the girls beat host Pittsfield 17-41 and Wahconah Regional 15-50.

## Boys soccer at 4-1-3 after Lenox win; face Monument

By Dan Whateley

The Mount Greylock boys soccer team, following an impressive Western Mass performance in '06, returns to the pitch this fall having graduated just two seniors. With nearly a dozen seniors remaining, expectations are high for the

### Many seniors returned

Mounties as they compete in Berkshire County. Regardless of preseason hype, competition in the county will be fierce as teams across the Berkshires return with formidable squads.

The team stands at 4-1-3 after Tuesday's 2-1 win over Lenox. Their one loss this season was to Oneonta while playing at the Soccer Hall of Fame Tournament earlier this fall. The Mounties will face Monument Mountain home on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7:00 p.m.



Varsity boys soccer captain Chris Condron dribbles the ball while others look on. (Photo: Ed Grees)

### Open Echo meeting Wed. after school

All MGRHS students are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of *The Echo* on Wed., Oct. 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the school library.