

Greylock Community Rethinks Core Values

By NICOLE JONES

In early April, the Student Council ran a schoolwide survey to re-evaluate Mt. Greylock's core values. During their directed studies, Student Council members led students in brainstorming beliefs and values that they felt exemplified a Mt. Greylock student. Greylock's previous core values included accountability, respect, integrity, stewardship and excellence, together forming the somewhat infamous acronym ARISE. While the acronym has never been particularly popular amongst students, the mixed public opinion of ARISE is not the cause of re-evaluation. The NEASC, or New England Association of Schools and Colleges, is an accreditation organization that sets the framework of standards and expectations for New England Schools. Every three to five years, NEASC asks schools to re-evaluate their core values. "ARISE isn't being discarded, just reconsidered," says principal Mary MacDonald. The purpose of the exercise was to make sure that all students have a voice to help establish the Greylock Way. "I'm curious to see the caliber of the words that come out of a student-run exercise," MacDonald said back in April. Hopefully, with more student involvement, students will be more enthusiastic and supportive of the Greylock Way.

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Budget Cuts Cost School

By ELIAS SEKKAL and EMILY RUDD

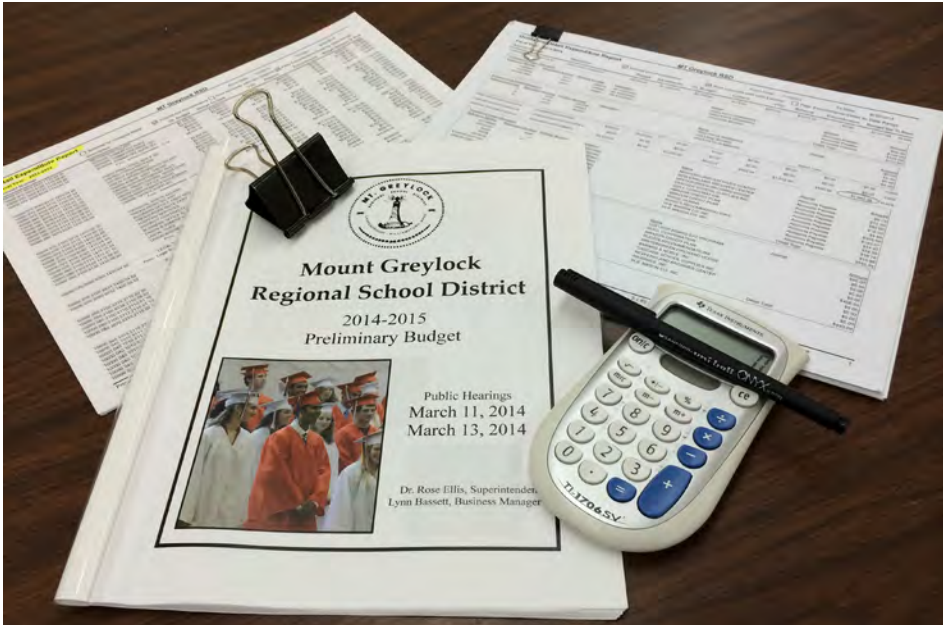


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Some of the important documents for the 2014-2015 Budget are pictured above.

On May 20, the town of Williamstown voted to officially finalize the Mt. Greylock school budget for next year, and the town of Lanesborough will vote on June 10. Principal Mary MacDonald, along with the School Committee, worked on creating a budget designed to run the school next year in a way which would cover the cost of electricity, heating and textbooks in addition to providing salaries and benefits for teachers and faculty members. Most years, the school budget is rela-

tively the same as that of the year before; this year, there are significant changes. Mt. Greylock has been working towards funding a feasibility study, an inspection that would assess the school's infrastructure and efficiency. If the feasibility study shows that the school is in need of a new building or renovation, the state of Massachusetts will reimburse Williamstown and Lanesborough fifty percent of the cost of

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1 in 650: An Interview with Aaron Ziemer

By IAN CULNANE



Photo courtesy of Ari Solomon

Aaron Ziemer was an integral member of the Greylock community throughout his six years at the school. In addition to contributions in the classroom and strong academic performance, Aaron has made a lasting impact on organizations such as Student Council, Junior Classical League, The Echo, National Honor Society and Peer Team. This past year, he helped to introduce the popular series Greylock Talks, was the head of photography for the Echo and attended the JCL State Convention. The Echo Staff wanted to talk to Aaron about his plans for next year and the unique opportunities in his near future.

Echo: What are your plans for next year? Aaron: I'm going to Deep Springs, which is a two year college founded by an old industrial barron named L.L. Nunn. He founded a series of alternative education places, initially for the people who worked at his [gold] mine. Soon after, he founded Deep Springs along with a similar program, the Telluride Association at Cornell. Echo: Where is Deep Springs and what is it like there? Aaron: Deep Springs is on the border between California and Nevada, near Death Valley. The whole policy of Deep Springs is the isolation policy. Once you go there during term there is no unnecessary contact with the outside world; you can call home occasionally, but you should be doing the rest of your socializing in the community. The community is made up of 25 students and the 30-40 "staffuly," which is what they call staff and faculty there. Echo: What's your opinion on the isolation policy? Are you excited, nervous, curious? Aaron: I think the isolation policy is very beneficial because it forces you to take this community of 30 to 40 people where it is pretty much guaranteed that you won't like someone and deal with the person there and not just go and complain to your friends on Facebook or go call someone who is outside of the situation. You really have to deal with the situation and find a way to make it work, and I think that that

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Students Take a Stand in Hospital Campaign

By KELSEY HEBERT



Photo courtesy of Cindy Polinsky

Students from Mt. Greylock hold posters to show their support at a recent campaign in North Adams.

In late March, the North Adams Regional Hospital abruptly closed due to bankruptcy, impacting 530 workers in the greater Berkshire county area and families in and surrounding North Adams. On April 28, Berkshire Medical Center (BMC) in Pittsfield offered to buy North Adams Regional for \$3.4 million, adding another \$600,000 for the Northern Berkshire Family Medicine building nearby. The deal is contingent on other bids for the hospital during the 45-day Chapter 7 Bankruptcy time allowance for bidders. Even so, the contingent sales agreement allowed for Berkshire Medical Center to open and

run the emergency room at the North Adams Hospital starting May 19 until the deal is either finalized or quashed. Prior to BMC making an offer on the hospital, community members protested with a campaign spearheaded by slogans such as "Save our Hospital" and "Stop the Closure." About 10 Mt. Greylock students went to the hospital in early April during a day-long protest to bring back the hospital. Senior Tom Guettler, one of the students who attended the protest, said, "The hospital is an important part of the North Adams and Northern Berkshire Community. Even though I don't have any family members

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Greylock Talks Inspires Alternative Learning

By SAM KLASS

Mt. Greylock's Student Council decided earlier this year to start offering a unique opportunity for high school students during Directed Study, affectionately calling the lecture series Greylock Talks. The talks were organized as a means of allowing the Mt. Greylock student body to learn more about topics that are not necessarily included in the school curriculum. All of the speakers that have volunteered their time thus far are either associated with the Greylock community as parents of students, associated with the Williams College community, or in some cases, associated with both. Magnus Bernhardsson, a professor of Middle Eastern History at Williams College, had the honor of being the inaugural speaker of these talks, discussing the Middle East's immediate past and close future. Bernhardsson raved about his experience during Greylock Talks. "I had a great time with the Greylock students," he said. "This is a wonderful and ambitious initiative and a great opportunity for people outside of Greylock to interact with the Mt. Greylock students who are enthusiastic to learn more about the outside world." Bernhardsson couldn't find much wrong with the event. "My only complaint was that the time allotted was too short!" he added somewhat jokingly.

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Photo Courtesy of Ian Culnane

An attentive high school audience listens to writer Elizabeth Kolbert speaks on global warming. The screen reads “Changing the World.”

Since Bernhardtsson, students have welcomed several more speakers, talking about a wide variety of subjects. Williams professor Ronadh Cox spoke on super storms and coastal erosion. New Yorker contributor and author Elizabeth Kolbert came in to talk about global warming, an issue that she has devoted entire books to. Some topics have included life lessona and advice. Stephen Klass, Vice President of Student Life at Williams College, advised students not to settle for a career by relating to them his own roundabout career path. Klass described his experience similarly to Bernhardtsson saying, “I was very

impressed with the amount of students who attended, and the questions that they asked were great and thought provoking.”

Other talks have featured Williams Professor of Philosophy Joe Cruz and Scott Lewis and Wilfred Kokeh, who spoke on the conditions in Liberia, specifically its education system. Most recently, Greylock’s own English teacher Matthew Fisher treated students to a talk on “Capitalism, Democracy and American Values.” Overall, the program had been successful, and the Student Council hopes to continue it next year. ♦

## Core Values Re-evaluated

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The new core values aren’t important only because they will prompt the creation of a brand new pep rally chant. The Greylock core values will set the new standard of academic, social and civic expectations. “Everything we do should be reflective of these core values,” says MacDonald. “[The core values] will determine how we organize classes.” For example, “global awareness” came up frequently during faculty collaboration. If Greylock chose this as a new core value, classes might be altered to examine their subjects on a broader, global scale.

Students were not the only ones to have a say in the new Greylock Way. Faculty and community members also hady the op-

portunity to contribute to the re-evaluation. Some values that were particularly popular amongst students included honesty, creativity and determination.

“The faculty wanted to involve everyone,” said student council member Mercer Greenwald. “They wanted it to be fair, and that is something the Student Council was willing to support.” The administration hopes that through this exercise students will see that they truly have a voice at Greylock. “The faculty had no influence over student ideas; they were purely their own,” says MacDonald. “We hope that by working with students, especially the middle schoolers, we can teach them to take pride in contributing to the Greylock community.” ♦

## Budget Cuts

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the study itself. However, in order for the study to occur, Williamstown and Lanesborough must first fund it, which means there will be less money for other uses in next year’s budget. Williamstown has already voted to fund the study, and we are now waiting on Lanesborough’s vote.

Currently, the budget MacDonald proposed to the towns is approximately \$10.4 million. Although this may seem like plenty to run a school, Mt. Greylock has had trouble with the building, and it is costing the school more money than there is to run it. The two towns have struggled to expand the budget to meet the demands of these extra costs as many residents of Williamstown and Lanesborough who choose to attend different schools other than Mt. Greylock are using up any additional funds. Currently it costs approximately \$16,000 to fund a student’s education at Mt. Greylock and upwards of \$19,000 to educate someone who chooses to attend another school. In the past, Mt. Greylock has been able to cover these expenses by using money from a reserve that the school has had. However, the money in the reserve has been depleted while the need for that money to fund students’ education still remains. As the reserve has been depleted and the building is claiming a large portion of the budget, many have voiced their issues with the out-

dated facility; the renovations the school has been needing must now be addressed. MacDonald explains, “an old school building complicates the learning experience for students.” Since these renovations are necessary and the feasibility study must be funded for the approval to fix the building, there is much less money to put towards the budget and also the many luxuries Mt. Greylock has been fortunate to have. Programs such as after school bus loops and alpine skiing may be cut, and extra-curricular activity fees will go up. These have been included in the debate over what should be cut or downsized. Also, the issue of increasing property taxes has been raised as a possible way to increase the school budget; both towns have said they will not take this step.

Junior Laura Galib believes that cutting the after school bus routes would, “make kids stop going to after school activities. Mt. Greylock is in a bad location because students can’t walk home, especially those from Lanesborough who have to travel fifteen miles to get home.” Many students have expressed their disapproval of the cuts and have even taken a step toward changing the school’s priorities when it comes to budgeting. Since the beginning of May, Sophomore Noah Savage has been working on a petition to reinstate the

late bus loop into the budget. He, with the support of many Mt. Greylock students, has approached Mrs. MacDonald about the issue and will have the opportunity to ask questions and speak about the budget and its cuts at an upcoming school meeting. Mrs. MacDonald herself has said that she supports the bus loops and does not want them cut; because of Noah’s efforts, she has decided to begin meeting with the student council officers and any other concerned students in quarterly meetings where she hopes to answer any questions the student body has, commenting that she was “delighted to see how many students were supporting the buses.”

Despite many student’s protests to the cuts, there are many at Mt. Greylock who do not see the budget cuts as an issue. English teacher Blair Dils has described the cuts as, “inconveniences” but, “I don’t think we will notice much of a difference next year.” At the moment the school’s main priority this summer is to begin the process toward renovations to ensure that the students have an updated and efficient environment to learn in. Mrs. MacDonald explained that the school and the towns are “working with the money” that is currently available and that the budget, feasibility study, and the face of Mt. Greylock may change drastically in the near future. ♦

## Writing Competitions

By CHARLOTTE RAND

In the past couple of months, a number of Mt. Greylock students have entered local writing competitions. The Edith Wharton Writing Competition announced its winners at the end of April, two of which are Mt. Greylock students, and the Berkshire Writers Room Competition has not announced its winners, but had a deadline of May 31. These contests gave students interested in writing a chance to showcase their talent, and be rewarded for it, outside of the classroom.

This year marked the 15th annual Edith Wharton Writing Competition. The contest was created in honor of Edith Wharton, an author who lived from the mid 1800s to early 1900s and spent much of her time writing and living in Lenox, Massachusetts. Participants were split into two groups, one comprising of ninth and tenth graders and the other of eleventh and twelfth graders. Both fiction and poetry pieces were accepted in separate categories in each group. A winner, runner up and honorable mention were selected from each category and invited to The Mount, Edith Wharton’s home in Lenox, for a reception on April 27 to read what they had written. Over 150 pieces were entered into the competition from 22 schools in the area. Among the winners were two Mt. Greylock students. Junior

Emmett Shepard and sophomore Anya Sheldon both won first place for fiction in their respective age groups. Sheldon, who received a prize of \$200 in addition to the opportunity to share her piece at the April 27 reception, said that she’d never shared her writing with such a large group before and also noted that “Everyone was really friendly. It was great to hear other people’s work.”

Students who missed out on the Edith Wharton competition had the opportunity to enter the third annual Berkshire Writers Room Competition. This year the theme was flash fiction, and the entries were divided into two sections: one with stories that were under 100 words and the other with works that consisted of 100-250 words. In each section, a first, second and third place winner were announced along with two honorable mentions.

While the opportunity to take part in these writing competitions is over for the year, those who did enter were given a great chance to showcase and get noticed for their hard work. Hopefully, in the future, even more contests will interest a wider range of Mt. Greylock students and help them improve their writing in a more competitive way. ♦

## Hospital Closing

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who work there, there is no doubt that the loss of jobs from the hospital’s closing has had and will have a negative effect on the region.” Another student protester, senior Harrison Diltthey, said, “The protest turned out to be an awesome and moving experience. Seeing these people fight for their hospital really showed us how important the hospital is to so many people.” Guettler agreed, saying, “I was strongly affected by the emotions of the other protesters. Several employees were in tears as they walked out of the doors of the hospital after their last shift. I felt as though the people protesting gave them support even though most of us didn’t know them. For that reason, I’m glad I went.”

Also prior to the sales offer, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick arranged a temporary medical clinic in conjunction with the student health center at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA). While plans for the emergency room opening and the eventual reopening of the North Adams Hospital under the command of BMC are in the works, the MCLA medical center will act not as an emergency center

but an available resource for residents that have minor, pressing medical issues that may not require a trip to the emergency room at BMC in Pittsfield.

If BMC acquires the hospital, it plans to update the North Adams building and its equipment by investing \$10 million in renovation. They hope that this will bring the hospital up-to-date and provide more accurate and efficient care.

In addition to efforts from the state to aid the 530 workers who were laid off after the closing, BMC has reached out to some workers and given them employment within its own Pittsfield facility. However, different employment opportunities often come with a significant loss of hours and pay from former jobs, and while any income is better than none, many workers are still struggling to get back on their feet. The future of the hospital is still unclear, but community members and officials are turning to each other for support and doing everything they can to make the best of the current situation with the hope of reopening the hospital as soon as possible. ♦

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## Spring Drama *Dearly Departed* Hits the Stage

By DULCE REINHARDT



Photo courtesy of Janean Laidlaw

*Familiar faces rehearse a scene from Dearly Departed.*

On May 30 and 31, Mount Greylock students put on their annual Spring Drama at Lanesborough Elementary School. This year's drama was *Dearly Departed* co-written by David Botrell and Jessie Jones. Janean Laidlaw directed the Greylock production.

*Dearly Departed* takes place below the Mason-Dixon line, which separated Maryland and Pennsylvania before the abolition of slavery, in a town near Lula and Timson today. The play follows the life of the people in Bud Turpin's family and community after his unexpected death. Sophomore Anya Sheldon says, "It is about the daily life and relationships between [the characters], which can be dysfunctional."

Evi Mahon, Pearl Sutter, Steven O'Brien, Connor Hadley, Rose Mele and Katelin Marchand led the cast, ranging anywhere from eighth graders to seniors. Most of the characters in the drama are in Bud Turpin's family: Raynelle Turpin, his wife; Ray-Bud Turpin, his oldest son; Junior Turpin, his youngest son; and Delightful, his daughter, along with some of their close friends and significant others. *Dearly Departed* is funny and full of drama, making for an entertaining show. The students who didn't have major roles participated in short scenes during intermission. The cast worked diligently in order to give those in attendance an enjoyable performance. ♦

## Greylock Alum Jaffe Plays with High School Band

By CHARLOTTE RAND

On Friday, March 11, Mt. Greylock graduate Ben Jaffe ('03) and his band *honeyhoney* played in a special concert to help benefit the school's arts programs.

Jaffe plays the guitar and sings with Suzanne Santo, who is the lead vocalist and violinist, although she plays a variety of instruments. *Honeyhoney*'s music is a mix of country, rock and soul, among other things. They were joined in a few of their songs by the high school band, which had spent the weeks prior to the show rehearsing honeyhoney's original pieces. Ben Galina, an associate of Jaffe and *honeyhoney*, had specially adapted the songs for concert band. In addition, Conor Meehan, who was a member of the Mt. Greylock band at the same time as Jaffe, accompanied the duo on the drums. The event, organized by Cecilia Hirsch, Principal Mary MacDonald

and band teacher Lyndon Moors, was free; however donations were welcome, and all proceeds went directly to the Friends of the Arts program at Mt. Greylock to fund theatre, music and art. Audience members who donated \$25 or more could attend a reception after the concert with food from Wild Oat and the chance to converse with the band. The 40-piece school band paired with *honeyhoney* provided an interesting and entertaining twist to both bands' repertoires.

Before the concert, the school was open to the public to tour as a way to raise awareness of the building's deteriorating state. Ideally, the exposure would supplement the push for a new school building by helping to get the message out that the community needs to take some sort of action. Another reason for holding the event was to encour-

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## Students and Teachers Featured in MASS MoCA Art Show

By MOLLY WILSON

Mt. Greylock offers many exciting opportunities for students. One of these opportunities is the chance to display student artwork at the local museum MASS MoCA in North Adams. The annual Teen Invitational art show, held this spring from April 11 until April 13, allows students from six different area high schools to see their artwork displayed in a professional setting.

Students had the chance to submit a piece they had created over the year in any type of medium. The Invitational aims to reach all students with an interest in art who have created works in their art classes. A group of MASS MoCA staff, teachers and area artists judge the artwork, and many students receive cash prizes. The high schools participating were Mt. Greylock, Drury High School, BART Charter School, Hoosac Valley High School, Buxton School and Pine Cobble School.

This year's participating art students

and teachers from Greylock were Krystal Lewis, Sydney Gurek, Kyle Alvarez, Brianna Chilton, Junior Lopez, Amanda Quinn, Hope Willis, Anya Sheldon, Sophie Gerry, Emma Whitney, Carter Cummings, Abigail Little, Kevin Alberti, Harrison Dilthey, Zavi Sheldon, Rosemarie Mele, Paige Willis, Alex Delano, Cara Betti, Kelsey Hadley, Michele Gingras, Thomas Kelley, Mike Power, and Jane-ellen DeSomma.

The front gallery of the museum boasted the artwork, so the pieces were immediately apparent upon entrance. The function was reportedly well-attended with many people interested in witnessing the pieces of art. Sophomore Sophie Gerry, who had an art piece featured, commented, "I loved seeing all the other school's works and had a good time." A reception followed the opening of the on Friday with the Mt. Greylock-based band The Grizzlies providing entertainment. ♦

## American Theatre Group on School Showdown

By NAJLA NASSAR

Mt. Greylock's American Theatre group had the opportunity this spring to compete on WGGB Springfield's School Showdown, a new high school choir competition.

Several vocal and musical groups from Massachusetts performed throughout April, and supporters voted online on WGGB's Facebook page. The top three schools that acquired the most votes then performed live on May 21 on ABC40 News. After the live performance, a second round of voting commenced with the winner receiving a prize of \$1000.

The American Musical Theatre class runs for one semester and covers the history of American Theatre from the 1850s to the present day. Each week students are responsible for thoroughly researching a particular song. After handing in their research and discussing the information they found, students then perform the song to the class as if in the original show.

Mt. Greylock Superintendent Dr. Rose Ellis contacted chorus teacher Kate Caton

months ago, informing her of the WGGB Springfield ad that called for high school choirs to perform in an online theatre competition, which required the class to present three songs, each no more than four minutes in length. Greylock Theatre group's performances of "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Take Me Back to Old Virginia" and an operetta were filmed at Mount Greylock on April 18. The entire Musical Theatre class participated in the competition.

After many weeks of anticipation, Mt. Greylock unfortunately did not receive enough votes to perform live on School Showdown. Still, many of the students gained positive takeaways from this opportunity. Freshman and theatre class member Elizabeth Bartlett said, "Being a contestant on School Showdown took our class out of the 'school' context and showed us what we could achieve. It was also a great experience for our class to come together to create something entertaining." ♦



Photo courtesy of Dan Vogel

*The American Theater Group poses after performing a number to an audience at Sweetwood in Williamstown.*

## Greylock Plays Gets Students Listening

By ANDREW WHITAKER

On Friday, May 16, during Block 5, students packed into the meeting room to witness the debut of Greylock Plays, a musical cousin to the Greylock Talks lecture series. The program is designed to showcase the musical talents of Greylock students to a wide audience. Featured senior musicians in the inaugural performance were pianist Miranda Bucky, bassist Harrison Dilthey, guitarist Gef Fisher, saxophonist Derek Wood.

Orchestra director Ouisa Fohrhaltz stated, "There are so many strong musicians in the school, and many of them aren't represented by our musical ensembles. We have everything from rap groups to string quartets." The music department has tried to

create a concert series for quite some time. "Originally," said Fohrhaltz, "we were planning on creating a chamber group, but we wanted to give all types of musicians an opportunity."

Senior Taylor Fohrhaltz-Burbank mainly coordinated the program and also served as hostess for the concert. She said, "After seeing the new, interesting activities that are starting to be offered during Directed Study, I was excited to start a music-related one. I'm really happy with how everything has gone so far and hope it continues in the same positive direction." Both Taylor and her brother, senior Schuyler Fohrhaltz-Burbank, performed in the concert.

"It's a different setting than I'm used

to," noted Schuyler. "It's more personal and comfortable. You're still trying to do your best, but some of the anxiety is eliminated by knowing your audience." Rather than playing on a large stage or special platform, performers sat close to the audience so that viewers could easily see and hear the diverse music.

Greylock Plays is an example of the music department's recent expansions. Fohrhaltz elaborated, "We now have a Music Lab course. Students are taking a greater interest in the performing arts, and we're finding many new kinds of talent. Mt. Greylock now has a variety of ways to get more people interested and involved with music."

Senior Gef Fisher added, "It was amazing to see how many people came to support the musicians. I really think this program will last." This enthusiasm was shared by those who attended.

Now that the program has gained traction, musicians at Mt. Greylock are eager to continue. "Greylock Plays has already created a closer link between Greylock students and the Music Department," said junior Tom Graf. "I especially hope seniors can help to keep this going next year."

Schuyler agreed. "With so many students enrolled in music classes, it looks like Greylock Plays has the potential to live on in good hands." ♦



# Graduation

## Congratulations, Class of 2014



Photo: Echo files

*Blast from the past: The graduating class of 2014, pictured as sophomores, get pumped up for the 2011 Pep Rally.*

### Senior Initiative: Laid-Back Lunch Returns

By KATELIN MARCHAND

In the fall of 2013, a few seniors, namely Gef Fisher and Miranda Bucky, coordinated with Principal Mary MacDonald to start a new project, which they called “Laid-Back Lunch.” During Laid-Back Lunch, only members of the senior class can bring a bagged lunch and sit out in the Japanese garden with other classmates, if the weather permits. Over the years, students and teachers have never taken full advantage of the Japanese garden, but the beautiful space has transformed this year with Laid Back Lunch and Free Studio. In the first semester Directed Study was utilized for Free Studio, which senior Amalia Leamon ran for five weeks. Over the course of the five weeks, students that applied for Free Studio would come,

when they did not have lab, and sit out in the Japanese garden and create artwork. Senior Gef Fisher, one of the main proponents of this initiative, stated, “I think [Laid-Back Lunch] could be just the beginning of the courtyards being used more. If people can prove they can be responsible in the Laid-Back Lunch setting, then, hopefully, more and more courtyards will start to be used, and it can start to spread to lower grades too.” Fisher was also considering making a proposal to the SEE Fund to replace the pond in the garden. Although Laid-Back Lunch had a late start this spring due to the weather, members of the Class of 2015 could expand on and enjoy the senior privilege for the next school year. ♦

### Class of 2014 Leaves its Mark

By EMILY KAEGI

The class of 2014 is a diverse bunch. With 116 students in the graduating class, a senior can be found in almost any club, sport or activity. However, the large student body hasn’t stopped the class from growing together. “I love how close we are” said senior Kiara Garofalo. Julia Vlahopoulos, another member of the graduating class, agreed, “I think we’re comfortable with each other.” One of the uniting forces for the class was the lack of actual school days. Snow storms and freak occurrences like wet floors and power outages gave all of the students many days off. The seniors lucked out this year because graduation is a set date, and they do not need to make up any of the missed days. Senior Alana Chesney said, “I could hear the groans of underclassmen echoing in the wind every time I heard Mrs. MacDonald’s robo calls. I couldn’t help but smile and imagine Mother Nature saying ‘May the weather ever be in your favor.’” Posts lit up several social media sites during these days with the blissful words: “Best year to be a senior.” The class has been through a lot together; the students have experienced four different principals in their six years. Senior Aaron Ziemer said, “I think the school has gotten better in some ways and worse in others. We have way more rules than we had before, but we also have cool stuff going on. Mrs. MacDonald lets us do interesting things.” Principal Mary MacDonald brought new ideas to the school this year and has been open to student-led initiatives. “I think we’ve supported the new administration and everything they’ve tried to do to make a better school community,” said senior Nick DiSanti. Students enjoyed the freedom of pursuing interests in a variety of independent studies such as senior Sophie Leamon’s independent study in Marketing and Home-made Clothing. Gef Fisher is another senior who has taken advantage of the administration’s willingness to support student ideas.

He created a club in the fall that brought together music and art and helped to organize Laid-Back Lunch. Other new additions to the school community by seniors have been Greylock Talks and Greylock Plays. These two events during Directed Study allowed professors and speakers to talk about intriguing subjects, and talented student musicians to display their talents to the student body. Seniors also spoke highly of having the freedom to eat in the Japanese Garden during “laid-back lunch.” Many seniors decided to try new things during their final year. Some started a new sport during their last season, others took their first Advanced Placement (AP) course. As they walk out the doors this spring for the last time, the members of the class of 2014 will know that they all made many lasting impacts on the Mt. Greylock community. ♦



Photo courtesy of Harrison Dilthey

*Seniors receive and sign each other’s yearbooks in the cafeteria last Tuesday.*

### Post-Graduation Plans

*Editors’ Note: Only the names of graduates who gave the Echo permission to print their plans appear below.*

Richard Astle.....	Berkshire Community College
Cara Betti.....	Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Nicholas Bolognia.....	University of New England
Miranda Bucky.....	Haverford College
Ethan Buell.....	Berkshire Community College
Robert Buffis Jr.....	Alvernia University
Nicholas Carrigan.....	United States Marine Corp
Dustin Chang.....	American University
Alana Chesney.....	St. Lawrence University
Alexander Cheung.....	Washington University in St. Louis
Daivon Clement.....	Western New England University
Rachel Clement.....	Union College
Nicholas Dastoli.....	Clarkson University & United States Marine Corp
Alexandra Delano.....	Boston University
Meredith Dezieck.....	University of New Haven
Brianna DiNicola.....	Berkshire Community College
Nicholas DiSanti.....	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Erin Dodig.....	Boston University
Makayla Duda.....	Endicott College
Jessica Ferry.....	Berkshire Community College then Culinary School
Geff Fisher.....	Skidmore College
Mackenzie Flynn.....	Springfield College
Schuyler Fohrhaltz-Burbank.....	Skidmore College
Taylor Forhaltz-Burbank.....	Skidmore College
Kendal Frye.....	Curry College
Amanda Galib.....	Simmons College
Kiara Garofalo.....	Loyola University of Chicago (First year in Rome)
Madeline Gaskill.....	Keene State College
Michelle Gingras.....	Berkshire Community College
Kayla Goodwin.....	University of New Hampshire
Celeste Gravel.....	Saint Joseph’s College of Maine
Joseph Greenhalgh.....	Bucknell University
Thomas Guettler.....	George Washington University
Kelsey Hadley.....	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
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# Graduation

## Mountie Memories: Interviews with Harrison Dilthey and Emily Kaegi

By JACKIE VAN SLYCKE

Harrison Dilthey and Emily Kaegi are two standout seniors at Mt. Greylock who students and faculty have chosen, respectively, to speak at the graduation of the class of 2014. Emily is one of the strongest members of Varsity Cross Country Running and Track and Field. She is also president of her class and a District Attorney Youth Advisory Board member. Harrison Dilthey is a well-known bass player who participated in the school orchestra as well as Empire State Youth Orchestra, Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Berkshire Symphony Orchestra and Sage City Orchestra and performed in both Greylock Plays. Dilthey has received numerous awards, including the rotary youth leadership award, the ARISE award and music awards. We met with Harrison and Emily to ask them to reflect on their six years at Greylock.

**Echo:** How has your class changed since your first year at Mt. Greylock?

**Harrison:** I think it takes a long time for all the classes at Greylock to come together, and I think we've evolved from the experiences we've been through and bonded as a class.

**Emily:** I think that we have definitely grown together as a class, and we've gained a lot of kids, so we are a huge grade right now, and I think everyone has found a place in the class. With so many kids, everyone does different things, so everyone has sort of found an identity.

**Echo:** When did you feel your class first started to come together?

**Harrison:** For me personally, I think the Gettysburg trip really brought us together. It was a really good bonding experience for all of us, and we really learned a lot about each other and made some really good friends.

**Emily:** I think part of it was at the end of ju-



Photo courtesy of Max Dilthey

### Student-Elected Speaker Harrison Dilthey

nior year after last year's senior prank. The whole class was like "Whoa, we are going to have the best senior prank ever," so I think that started it. Pep rally definitely brought us together when we practiced, and then during the actual day everyone was just so into it and excited, and that was really great.

**Echo:** Throughout your entire Greylock experience, when have you been most proud of your grade or your school?

**Harrison:** I think the most proud of my grade that I've ever been was at this year's pep rally. We really all came together and made it a big event for everyone. It was the best experience for all of us I think.

**Emily:** There have been a lot of moments, but I think one that stands out the most was



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### Faculty-Chosen Speaker Emily Kaegi

at pep rally when we had that full school mosh pit; that was totally unplanned, and everyone was just dancing in the middle of the gym. You would think complete chaos would ensue, but it didn't. Nobody even got hurt. The teachers didn't have to tell us to go back; it just happened. Also, we've really stepped up this year and been supportive of classes and new initiatives like Greylock Talks and Greylock Plays, just by showing excitement of people's work.

**Echo:** As you and your class leave Greylock, what piece of advice do you pass on to next year's seniors?

**Harrison:** It's good as a class to keep an open mind and never make assumptions about each other because that definitely

makes for a better experience for everyone. I also think that you should always include everyone and make everybody a part of the group.

**Emily:** Don't take anything for granted. Be thankful of the experiences you have and where you are right now because a lot of people think...we are seniors, this is the best year, but still say thank you and remember it's really special and that a lot of people are putting in effort to make it good for you.

**Echo:** What has been your personal favorite or most memorable experience from Mt. Greylock?

**Harrison:** I think my personal favorite experience has to be pep rally this year. It was a really great experience for everyone and definitely the best pep rally ever.

**Emily:** There are so many. This year at Western Mass for cross country we went into it not knowing if we were going to make it to States. The race went really well for me, and I crossed the finish line, and I loved watching all the red Greylock girls come in, and then Laura Galib crosses the line, and she's out of breath, and she says, "Emily, I think we won!" Then I started crying because I was just so happy, and Coach Bell came up to us and told us we won, and it was really exciting.

**Echo:** Final question: if you were creating the Mt. Greylock bucket list, what would you put as the number one thing all Mounties should do before they graduate?

**Harrison:** The top thing on my bucket list... this is hard. I think the top thing on my bucket list is to have a big prank, after what just happened. Just make it huge and have fun doing it.

**Emily:** Ok. I think it would be to try and go to at least one of everything. Try to go to a sports game, a play, a Greylock Talks. ♦

## 1 in 650: Aaron Ziemer

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is a really beneficial skill. Also, the isolation policy allows you to really focus on the unique experience, which I think would be diminished if you spent all your time talking to other people. I'm really excited. I think I'm not very nervous because I was there for three days, so I know people there.

**Echo:** Why did you initially consider applying to Deep Springs? Why didn't you apply to a four year college and instead pursue this unique college?

**Aaron:** Well, I initially heard about [Deep Springs] by reading a New York Times article, and I just thought it sounded like a really interesting school, an experience you wouldn't get anywhere else, and something that would be really useful for the rest of my life. The only drawback is that when you transfer to whatever college you go to, you have to come with your major already in mind and then you basically have to only take classes within that major because you have two years to complete it. So if I don't get a lot of prerequisites lined up well from Deep Springs, then it can be challenging transferring credits, and I might be kind of forced into doing very specific classes at whichever college I attend.

**Echo:** What was the application process to get in?

**Aaron:** I wrote a 1500 word essay on several questions, then another 2500 word essay on several more questions. Then I flew out

to Deep Springs and stayed there for four days, where you had a live interview. And then you either got accepted or rejected.

**Echo:** In your four days there, what did you do?

**Aaron:** The first night, we got in late and got to listen to students practice public speaking. The basic goal of Deep Springs is to create leaders to serve the world. Nunn created the school so he could educate the people who he thought could best serve the world and make the world a better place. To this end, they try to make you an incredible writer and an incredible speaker. Every week you give one public speech to the whole campus. The next day I slaughtered a pig, skinned that same pig, fed all of the cows, hiked around the valley, dropped in on a Euclid class and made breakfast for the campus. I really got a taste of everything. If you can imagine, the students run the school, so anything that needs to be done, the students do it. In some ways, they run the school.

**Echo:** Is Deep Springs specifically an agricultural college?

**Aaron:** No, the classes are normal. Some of the classes are Euclid, Capitalism theory, theory of punishment, Hagil and a mathematics class. The goal of the labor is to make you a better person and improve your problem solving.

**Echo:** How are students/staff different at Deep Springs than at other institutions?

**Aaron:** Well, as for the staff, they are either young students who just got their graduate degree or are about to go and apply somewhere else to become an assistant professor, and so they kind of get dragged in by Deep Spring. Or they are Deep Springs alum. It is a very hard position to get, so we get the top of the line, young, excited teachers. Students are very like-minded; you need people who have decided to live in a community of 25 students without outside contact. You have people who decided to do ranch work as a part of their day and who decided that really intense academics is something they would be interested in.

**Echo:** Only 25 people go to this school; does this small number limit your options for classes?

**Aaron:** You have fewer options than you would at a normal college. Your class could consist of you, your friend and the professor, so you gain a lot more interactions and deep conversations with your professor. Your discussions develop differently than they would in a normal school.

**Echo:** What do you look to do after Deep Springs?

**Aaron:** It is frequently said that people who go to Deep Springs can transfer to any school in the country afterward; the school of choice for most is Brown. However, I'm not sure how true that is. I plan to transfer to Middlebury and study Arabic and inter-

national relations. I may try to work for the state department; I may intern at the CIA as an analyst, and I could see myself in a field involving some form of international relations/political science.

**Echo:** Do you think you will stay in contact with your friends?

**Aaron:** I will probably stay in contact with my friends; there are phones there. The specifics of the isolation policy are you can't leave the school during term unless its for a very specific explicit reason, which are very few and far between. However, you can call and email people if you want to.

**Echo:** What are you most excited for?

**Aaron:** I'm most looking forward to living with these 30 people who have decided to live in this community. I think the structure, the ranch and the classes will all be cool, but living, sleeping, working and forming bonds with these people will be cooler compared with a standard college. I think it will be hugely interesting, hugely entertaining; when I was just an applicant, I sat down at lunch and had a 50 minute argument about Kant and Stoicism and philosophy. And that type of thing happens a lot; you have these cool, fun intellectual arguments sometimes, and other times it's just talking. But it's like living in a community of 25 people who are your family, this amazingly intelligent, hugely entertaining family. ♦



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## Greylock Garden Apprentices Appointed

By WILLIAM WALTER

Mt. Greylock has hired two new summer student gardeners for the 2014 season. They will work together to care for the garden on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 in the morning to 11:30 in the afternoon, starting in early July. The gardeners will work alongside two Williams College interns to maintain the Mt. Greylock school garden and three various Williams College gardens. Together, the high school and college students will plant food that the cafeteria uses for school lunches, such as potatoes, spinach, lettuce, green beans, peas and herbs.

The summer gardening jobs have become a growing interest through the years at Mt. Greylock, and students took more initiatives this year as opposed to previous years. In the summer of 2013, just four students applied, and all applicants got the

job. However, this year, an astounding thirteen applications were received, with just two job openings. The application required an essay that reviewed why the person wanted the position and described what he or she could bring to the gardens.

The Mt. Greylock summer gardening jobs have garnered attention throughout the school in the last couple of years, and Greylock gardening staff adviser Rebecca Green has found this important. “I think it encourages the local food movement,” said Green. She then added, “It’s also a nice educational opportunity for the students, especially the environmental ones.” With the changing climate and the fear of Global Warming looming higher each day, the more environmentally educated students are, the better. ♦

## K-9 Stay-in-Place

By ELIAS SEKKAL

On April 14, Assistant Principal Jacob Schutz called for a schoolwide Stay-In-Place drill. While students and faculty remained behind closed doors, the Williamstown Police Department K-9 Unit roamed the empty hallways in search of illegal substances. For over 40 minutes, multiple dogs and police officers ensured that Mt. Greylock’s corridors were clean and later revealed that they had not discovered any such substances. Later that same day, Schutz sent an email to all parents and guardians of Mt. Greylock students, explaining how the K-9 Units had been just one part of a three step program conducted by the school to educate students about drug abuse and eliminate it at Greylock. The first step were the sophomore class meetings, which took place earlier this year and served to inform students about the negative effects of drugs. The second step was a meeting that told parents about

the damaging effects of illegal substances and clearly outlined the consequences students would face if they were caught either in possession or in the act. Schutz said that the K-9 search was the third and final step in Mt. Greylock’s effort to eradicate substance abuse from the student body. Many faculty and board members hope that these actions will improve Mt. Greylock’s control of student drug use and also hope that the conferences effectively educated and warned the community about the consequences of substance abuse. Though all the steps have been completed, Mt. Greylock has brought to attention of many students’ that there is a substance abuse counselor in the building at all times Looking towards the future, Schutz has mentioned that there may be further steps taken in the next several years to truly ensure that substance abuse becomes obsolete among Mt. Greylock’s student body. ♦

## Student Body Elects Officers and Council Members for 2014-2015

By SAM KOBRIN

After April break, Mt. Greylock hit the polls and elected many new officials to class officer, School Council and Student Council positions.

School Council, which deals with school policy issues, welcomes a number of new members. The students who serve on school council hold arguably the most influential positions at Greylock. This year, the School Council oversaw the implementation of a core values process, eased the school attendance and lateness policies and kept Directed Study in the daily schedule. Two teacher seats, two parent seats and three student seats were up for election this year. Juniors Joe Gais, Sara Rudd and Andrew Whitaker and sophomores Adly Templeton and Ian Culnane campaigned for the three available student seats. Whitaker was the only incumbent candidate. In his campaign speech, Gais boasted, “I’m charismatic, intelligent and work well with others. I’m one of those guys who’s not afraid to speak my mind when the time comes, a maverick, I guess. I’ll get things done as a member of School Council.” Whitaker countered, claiming “my experience in School Council this year gives me an advantage in helping the student body. I know how to negotiate with parents and teachers to do what is best for the students here.” Out of the fray, Gais, Culnane and Whitaker emerged as the student representatives to the School Council.

The rising junior class saw heated presidential and Student Council races. Seven people ran for five spots on Student Council, and four people ran for President, which left the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer unopposed. Current sophomore and student council candidate Ian Culnane said it best: “With four people running for president, it was a very

tight race. A lot of people were undecided until late in the week. The candidates really branched out and talked to as many people as possible to win over votes. It was interesting to see who came out on top this year.” The election for the rising junior class saw a voting scandal nicknamed that you can read more about in Sam Swoap’s article.

The newly elected Student Council is 65% male and 35% female. Seventy percent of members play soccer or run cross-country. Also ninety-five percent of Student Council members call Williamstown their home. This lack of diversity in the Student Council has become a growing concern to the the administration and community members. Fortunately, newly elected Student Council Vice President sophomore Ian Culnane will issue a diversity report and try to help underrepresented groups to run for office next year.

On May 22, the Student Council met to elect members to the leadership positions President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Press Secretary. Although the Constitution states that the entire student body can attend the voting, only one student outside of the Council actually showed up. Junior Jake Foehl won against fellow classmate Jake Kobrin in the presidential contest. Culnane and juniors Carter Stripp, Miranda Dils and Jake Kobrin became Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Press Secretary, respectively.

As a whole, the student body has become even more involved in the process of electing officers and council members this year. Students have realized that the decisions they make at the ballot box can create real change in our community. Election season is a reminder of the impact all students can have on the school. ♦

## Writing Club with Greylock Alum

By KELSEY HEBERT

In March 2014, Mike Leja, a Mt. Greylock alum and substitute teacher, started an extracurricular creative writing club called Write Loud!, which meets every Monday after school from 2:30-4:00 to hone in on writing skill, style and voice. “For quite some time, I’ve been wanting to start a writing club here at the school,” said Leja. “I want students that are interested in creative writing to get that same feeling of accomplishment and family I got when I took writing workshops in college.”

Currently, only two students attend meetings on a regular basis, but Leja hopes that more students will join, even if they

are not characteristically creative writers. Having more students in the club would allow for larger group exercises and writing discussions and more peer editing and critique. Leja tries to start each meeting with a few writing exercises that focus on a different aspect of creative writing each week. After the exercises, students share work that they have written over the week or a past piece of writing that they are proud of. “I don’t want students to feel discouraged or embarrassed from sharing their creative works,” said Leja. “This club is meant to be as casual and free from pressure as possible.” ♦

## Second Annual “Great Day of Service” a Success

By EMILY RUDD

On Saturday, April 12, students, faculty and custodians from Mt. Greylock as well as several Williams College students volunteered their time to work on various projects to benefit the Mt. Greylock campus. Named the “Great Day of Service,” the 52 volunteers completed tasks such as gardening, raking the grounds, picking up trash and staining picnic tables.

Custodial supervisor Shannon Babcock sat down with facility supervisor Jesse Wirtes, Williams Center coordinator Kaatje White, biology teacher Rebecca Green and guidance counselor Jessica Casalinova to look over the specifics so that the day could run smoothly. The main concern was tim-

ing and weather. Since the date was before April break, snowstorms were a possible problem. Babcock said, “We always had a back-up plan. We figured out certain tasks to perform indoors in the case of horrible weather.”

White describes the second annual Great Day of Service as a way, “to connect Williams students with service projects in the Berkshires. I am especially pleased to see how enthusiastically the administration, PEP club and National Honor Society now supports the day, making it a growing tradition. Next year, we hope more students from all grades will participate.” ♦

## Proxy Voting Incident Calls for Revote

By SAM SWOAP

This year’s sophomore Student Council election was shrouded in controversy over the issue of proxy voting.

After the elections had proceeded, the Student Council held an emergency meeting concerning the validity of the sophomore Student Council election. During the election, a student went around collecting signatures from other students, which essentially handed over their voting rights so that the student could cast several ballots. This student voted enough times by himself to change the outcome of the election.

Although no part of the Student Government Constitution states that proxy voting is not allowed, the Student Council deemed the act unconstitutional and will change the constitution in the future to reflect this decision. Proxy voting is different from absentee voting; if a student is absent

on the day of the election, he or she can fill out a ballot beforehand and submit it to be counted. Student Council President Caleb Raymond said, “If a student is in school and wants to vote, they have to fill out a ballot themselves. They can’t get a friend to do it.” The Student Council decided to hold a second election on Thursday, May 22 for those running for the five sophomore Student Council positions; all seven candidates had their name on the ballot, with an equal chance of securing a spot on the Council. The victors in the reelection were all incumbents: Ian Culnane, Cal Filson, Gray Kaegi, Sofia Lopez and Matt Wiseman. Raymond says that “next year, [Student Council] should amend the constitution to make it clear on the subject of proxy voting. The problem was there was no precedent.” ♦

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## Public Eat and Drink

By HANNAH FEIN AND ANYA SHELDON



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*Left: The presentation of the margarita flatbread on a cutting board received high praise from reviewers Fein and Sheldon.*

*Right: The entrance to North Adams' Public Eat and Drink on Holden Street, complete with bar stools and large windows.*

Despite its relatively new establishment on 34 Holden Street in the heart of North Adams, Public has already garnered many glowing reviews that shower the restaurant with compliments of the food, environment and service, earning it 4.5 stars. We went out for lunch at Public to see if it lived up to its impressive TripAdvisor ranking as North Adams's #1 restaurant.

Immediately, the modern, sophisticated interior design of Public caught our eye. The wall facing the entrance was lined with floor to ceiling windows, providing a view of the sunny street outside and bathing the large room in natural light. We were seated against a brick wall and across from a panel of mirrors, elements that gave the room a modern, cultured feel. We perused the menu's rich variety of flatbreads, burgers, salads, and other entrees, ranging from \$7.00 to \$20.00. Our waiter presented us with a pitcher of ice water for the table. We eventually settled on our orders and waited



20 minutes until our four steaming dishes arrived.

Public produced a delicious rendition of classic chicken tenders (\$8.95), complete with a crispy fried tempura-batter and tender meat. Several sauces are available, including house barbecue, honey mustard, sweet chili and sriracha aioli. The five chicken tenders were served hot, and the contrasting textures of crispy batter and flavorful chicken made for a satisfying meal.

The fish and chips (\$12.95) received positive feedback as well. On the plate, sitting atop a tower of perfectly salted fries and flanked by small containers of tartar sauce and ketchup, were two filling pieces of cod. The combination of soft, bright-white fish and fried exterior provided a pleasant contrast. The fries, as expected, were delicious—they were salted perfectly.

The margarita flatbread (\$10.95) looked like something straight from Italy: slightly

charred to a crisp on the edges, covered in thin tomato slices, layered lightly with cheese and sprinkled with basil and pepper. Adding to its beauty was the fact that it was served on a cutting board. From the first bite, we knew this dish had nearly reached perfection. While attempts at flatbread with toppings can easily result in either droopy messes or burnt, tooth-cracking fiascos, this dish had been cooked to a happy medium. Another plus was the tomatoes; the bright, salty flavor would be pleasing to even those out there who normally aren't fans.

The mac and cheese (\$13.95) was a clear favorite out of our meals. Served in an angled bowl, the warm pasta was deliciously rich. The smoked gouda cheese was incredibly creamy, smothering each elbow in the thick, flavorful sauce. The aesthetics were there too: a thin layer of breadcrumbs covered the top of the dish, and pancetta, Italian-style bacon, was scattered among the pasta. These elements combined to give the classic dish a unique and gourmet-style flavor. In addition, the pasta's rich nature caused it to be extremely filling, and the serving size turned out to be perfect for a satisfying lunch.

Our indulgences in the dessert menu were successful as well. We ordered a ice cream sandwich (\$6.95) and lemon raspberry cake (\$7.95), both big enough for about two people to share. Made with homemade chocolate chip cookies, a generous scoop of vanilla ice cream, and drizzled with chocolate syrup, the sandwich was the ultimate sweet confection. Despite a thick layer of bland white frosting, the fruity filling and citrus tang of the cake made the dessert worthwhile.

We left lunch completely satisfied with our experience dining at Public. This restaurant exudes sophistication and class without the intimidation that accompanies many highly-ranked restaurants. Public can easily accommodate both a casual meal with friends and family or a celebration of a special occasion. Public additionally offers periodical live music performances, trivia nights and other nightlife excitement. We strongly feel that Public indeed deserves its high rankings and encourage you to go see for yourself! ♦

## Movie Review: Captain America: Winter Soldier

By JACOB ROSSITER



Photo: Echo files

*This March, Marvel Studios released the second "Captain America" action film, which was a major success, grossing over \$708 million worldwide.*

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier" is a film that succeeds in every department, emerging not just as a quality superhero flick but a stellar action spy film that raises the bar for both Marvel Studios and the action film industry. Of all of the superhero films that Marvel has released since 2012's "The Avengers", "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" is easily the most consistently well done and coherent by far. The film follows Steve Rogers (Chris Evans), also known as Captain America, as he tries to adjust to the world he now lives in. The titular hero has been frozen in ice since World War II, and he must come to grips with a world where drone warfare and rampant secrecy have become the status quo, especially within the very organization he works for, S.H.I.E.L.D. The film presents the audience with a protagonist they rarely see in today's cinema. As audience members, we so often tell ourselves that in order for a superhero story to aptly translate to the screen, the hero must hold a cynical, darker toned view of humanity. It is therefore all the more refreshing that Evans' take on the character of Rogers is that of somebody who would hold the world and America to a higher standard and hope that it would deliver on that expectation. While some may interpret his character as naive, I instead find it both endearing and uplifting.

Without revealing too much about the plot, our protagonist must, through a series of twists and turns, team up with his partner Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) to stop the corruption that is quickly spreading through the organization. Along the way, a new threat emerges: the "Winter Soldier," a relentless force set on defeating Captain America. Within this fairly simple and straightforward plot, a number of superb action sequences develop. Directors Anthony and Joe Russo avoided overusing computer special effects, which these types of films often readily employ but poorly execute. Instead, each action sequence is a product of wirework and incredible choreography that makes sure each punch and kick resounds with the audience. Of course, the film is not devoid from computer-generated imagery (CGI), but the use of it feels earned, rather than gratuitous or fake.

Of course, it is rare for any film to succeed without well-acted characters. Luckily, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" benefits from great performances by leads Evans and Johansson as well as by supporting cast members Samuel L. Jackson and Anthony Mackie. Robert Redford even shows up, likely as a nod from the directors to old school spy films like 1975's "Three Days of the Condor" and more recently 2001's "Spy Game," both of which starred Redford. At the end of the day, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" is not only arguably the best superhero film since Christopher Nolan's Dark Knight Series but also one of the better action films of the last few years. It's fast, it's fun, and it certainly should not be missed. ♦

## JCL State Convention: Reflections from a Senior

By KATELIN MARCHAND

On the weekend of April 11, 25 Greylock students and both Latin teachers, Marjorie Keeley and Amy Turner, attended the 58th annual Massachusetts Junior Classical League State Convention in Barnstable, MA.

As a senior, this was my sixth and final Convention as a "JCLer." There is so much that I could say about the benefits of State Convention, from all the friends I've made, to becoming confident with public speaking and accepting that being a fool on stage is part of the "public speaking package." Every year magic takes place; perhaps it is the sleep deprivation or the mental and physical exhaustion from tests, contests and Olympika. Maybe the magic is from the strict diet of pizza and coffee for the entire weekend or the thrill of certamen competitions, which are like Latin quiz bowls, or running for a State office and auditioning for That's Entertainment, the resident JCL talent show.

In seventh grade, I attended my first Convention, and I have Keeley and the energy of every JCLer to thank for my coming back each year. Why did I fall in love with Convention? Over my six years, I have attended the State Convention once in Worcester and the rest on Cape Cod in the town of Barnstable. Convention has improved a lot of the years due to the valiant efforts of the MassJCL Executive Board; it has reorganized schedules, created new options for meals and made other general housekeeping changes, but the energy level and excitement of Convention has never

changed, and that is the reason I love it.

At this year's convention, Mt. Greylock took third place. The two schools that beat Mt. Greylock in the overall competitions were Boston Latin Academy and Boston Latin School, which each brought over 75 delegates to the Convention. Students placed in competitions ranging from a chariot race to academic tests to graphic art competitions, such as photography and large model. Returning Convention attendee eighth grader Miriam Pomerantz

said, "Convention is fantastic because everyone there loves Latin. At school, sometimes it seems like a dead language with too much grammar, but when you go to the JCL convention, you realize that it is so much more." State Convention attendee freshman Hugh Sanford agreed with Pomerantz and said, "I love going to Convention because I love meeting so many fellow Latin geeks. It always makes me feel like I'm a part of something great." ♦



Photo: Echo files

*"JCLers" run across a football field in a State Convention chariot race.*



## Boys' Lacrosse: Finding its Stride

By GRAY KAEGI

As expected, the boys' lacrosse team has had a phenomenal season, easily qualifying for the Western Mass tournament. The Mounties have worked hard throughout the spring, finishing with a record of 17-3. This success has earned them the coveted number one seed in the Western Mass. tournament. On the team's success this year, junior Michael McCormack said, "I think the reason why we have had so much success this year is because we are so hardworking, and we are always trying to improve. Our team has done a great job at working on the little things to get better and that will help us with the upcoming tournament."

Throughout the season, the team has scored an astonishing number of goals. The Mounties have won multiple games by double digits. McCormack is a key contributor to these goals and wins. On May 21, the Mounties played against a tough Westfield team in an extremely close game. Although the Mounties lost, McCormack reached his 400th career goal, a feat that not many Greylock players before him have achieved. McCormack already has over 100 goals this season and is sure to continue his success during the Mounties' playoff run.

The Western Mass. tournament will not be a cake-walk for the team though. The Mountie's biggest rival is most likely the number three seed, Cathedral. During last year's postseason tournament, the Mount-



Photo courtesy of Peg Ronnow

*Two Greylock defensemen and goalie Cal Filson guard a Westfield opponent and prepare to block the shot.*

ies and Cathedral faced each other in the semifinals, and Cathedral managed to earn a win over Greylock. On the possible match up between Greylock and Cathedral, McCormack said, "There is a chance that we may face Cathedral in the championship, which would be a huge game for us. We have played them the past couple of years, as well as in the playoffs two years ago where we lost. Playing them is always a huge game, and I look forward to the chance of another meeting." Both teams have the potential to make it to the champi-

onship game, and if they do, the game will be a memorable experience.

The boys' lacrosse players are thrilled to head to the tournament as the number one seed. Their first matchup is against either Wahconah or Saint Bernard's. The Mounties are a capable, talented team and have an excellent shot at raising this year's Western Mass. trophy. McCormack said, "I think we are all excited about the tournament. We know that we have to take it one game at a time and not take any game for granted." ♦

## Girls' Lacrosse: Eager and Talented

By CAL FILSON



Photo courtesy of Ian Culnane

*Eighth grader Caroline Flynn looks to score.*

Coming off an outstanding 17-1-1 season, Coach Lindsey Von Holtz's girls' lacrosse team entered the Central-Western Mass. tournament as one of the favorites to win it all. The girls' 17 wins earned them the six seed in the tournament, matching them up against Springfield Cathedral in the first round. On Tuesday, May 27, Greylock beat Cathedral 16-11 and advanced to the second round.

All season long the Mounties had a balanced scoring attack among midfielders Sarah Stripp, Maggie Rorke, Kelsey Orpin and Rachel Clement as well as a shutdown defensive group consisting of Alex Delano, Miranda Bucky, Hope Willis and goaltender Paige Willis. Unfortunately, near the end of the season, Greylock was riddled by injuries that kept star players Lucy Barrett and Emily Sabin out of the lineup. Despite the unfortunate injuries, the Mounties were still focused on making a deep postseason run. In the win over Cathedral, Stripp led all scorers with seven goals and two assists. When asked about the significance of the team's first postseason win, Stripp not-

ed, "As a third year varsity program, it was really exciting to have our first tournament win and a first round home game. We have come really far and grown a lot as a program over the last three years that I have been on the team, and hopefully we keep improving and getting better every year."

In Stripp's mind, the win over Cathedral was, at the time, the most rewarding moment of the season. "The tournament win was definitely a very rewarding moment. I would like to think we have more rewarding moments coming, but that was a huge step for our program." The Mounties looked to continue their unprecedented season on May 29 against third-seeded Littleton of Central Massachusetts. Unfortunately, the Mounties were unable to gain possession throughout most of the game and faced a large goal deficit.

Despite Greylock's postseason outcome, the Mounties were nothing short of amazing this year. With many starters returning next season, this squad looks to make another run at a championship that is so dearly coveted. ♦

## Boys' Track and Field: Digging Deep

By CAL FILSON

The lingering snow in early April prevented the Mt. Greylock boys' track and field team from opening up its season until after April Break. This season has been different than any other for Greylock. While Williams College is engaged with a massive construction project at Weston Field,

normally Greylock's home track, the team has been the visiting squad at all of its meets.

On Tuesday, April 29, the Mounties competed for the first time during the 2014 season, beating Lenox 83 to 58. Three days later, Greylock suffered a tough loss

to Pittsfield 80 to 57. Since the Pittsfield loss, the Mounties suffered an additional three losses but recently recovered to add two wins against Taconic and Drury. The efforts of distance runners Carter Stripp, Sam Kobrin and Jake Kobrin, all juniors, have propelled Greylock to these crucial victories. Sprinters and throwers Richard Astle, Ryan Benoit, Nick Dastoli, Taylor Carlough, Nico Clark, Dustin Chang, and Archer Greenhalgh have also contributed to team success. The Mounties ended the regular season with an 85-56 loss against Wahconah to finish with a record of 3-4.

Despite the loss, the Mounties turned their attention to the postseason and the Western Mass Division III meet. A team goal, as well as an individual goal of many team members, was to improve on postseason success from last year. The team automatically qualifies for the postseason meet. Individual members have qualified for many different events, including distance runners Stripp, Jake, Sam, sophomore Tommy Kirby and junior Tom Schoorlemmer. Sprinters Stripp said, "I'm extremely excited to get to start competing in big meets. While there is a lot more pressure to perform, the high level of competition usu-

## Girls' Tennis: Building Confidence

By BENINI MCCOMISH

Reaching the playoffs is always a satisfying feeling. Qualifying with six matches left in the season is like getting admitted early decision to college; it makes everything easier. The Mt. Greylock girls' tennis team has accomplished such a feat.

Sophomore Tara Shastri said, "Qualifying so early gave us the confidence for the rest of the season. It gave us an extra push to win the close matches." This renewed confidence helped the Mounties win two matches against Lee and Lenox. In these matches, and during the entire season, each individual player has been instrumental in the team's success. Shastri, the number one singles player, has refined her game by taking lessons with the Williams College tennis coach since last summer. The number two and three players, senior sisters Melina Sfakianaki and Mariza Sfakianaki, have also shown a high level of dedication this spring. They often stay after practice to hit with each other and improve on their game. Number one doubles partners senior Tyra Nurmi and sophomore Charlotte Rand work off each other's strengths and won most of their regular season matches by analyzing opponents and finding ways to play off their weaknesses. Katie Mick and Amy Larabee are contributing as number two doubles.

After such a great regular season, Shastri said, "As a team we are looking forward to Western Mass." But just like the student who gets admitted early decision into college, once he or she gets there, the student cannot coast through on past accomplishments. The team, like the student, must prove itself anew. The playoffs are not merely the continuation of the season; they offer a new set of challenges for any athlete. Given the focus of the girls' tennis team, it will be mentally and physically ready to meet the tests that lie ahead. ♦



Photo courtesy of Ian Culnane

*Number one singles player sophomore Tara Shastri returns a shot during a recent match.*

ally brings out the best in people."

Head Coach Kent Lemme's squad has been resilient all season long. They have mentally battled frustration due to postponements and the absence of a real track, making them no stranger to adversity. Despite the team's record, the Mounties are proud of their accomplishments.

Stripp noted, "The most rewarding thing for me was seeing the devotion that these guys put in, even though things were not the best. As an example, just before our last meet I saw [junior] Nico Clarke outside on the discus circle practicing his form during gym class, looking for that extra couple feet to make the Western Mass tournament. As I saw him do that I realized we had a special group of guys, and I'm proud to be their captain." The dedication and devotion to the sport is evident from top to bottom in members of the 2014 boys' track and field team, which gave its all at the Western Mass meet, finishing eleventh out of 23 teams to cap off the spring season. ♦



Photo courtesy of Ian Culnane

*Senior Dustin Chang rounds the bend as teammates and fans cheer him on during the 4X400 relay race.*



## Baseball: Balance and Solid Pitching

BY ERIC HIRSCH



Photo courtesy of Melissa Brink

Senior Ryan Wadsworth watches a ball sail off his bat during a recent game.

The Mt. Greylock baseball team has found itself in a familiar position in the Western Mass Division III tournament. Despite the loss of several key seniors from last year's finalist team, Greylock has once again risen to the occasion with an outstanding regular season highlighted by a Southern Division Championship. Although longtime manager Steve Messina contributed to plenty of the team's success, credit should also be given to the team's players, most of whom never played in a varsity game until this year. Captains Nick Disanti, Jack Thistle and Rob Buffis hope to lead the team deep into the postseason.

A strong baseball team is usually characterized as disciplined, intelligent and balanced. However, no team can make a title run without solid pitching. Luckily for Greylock, a combination of experienced veterans and young newcomers give the Mounties the pitching staff they will need to do damage in the Western Mass tournament. Returning starting pitchers include senior captain Buffis and junior Ian Brink. Both have had solid years on the mound with Buffis picking up key wins against Taconic, St. Joseph's and Lee, while Brink has earned wins against Hoosac Valley, Pittsfield, St. Joseph's, Mt. Everett and Mt. Anthony. Junior Eli Holland and sophomore Brodie Altiere have also played a major role for the Mounties on the hill.

Providing the final piece of the pitching staff is sophomore left hander Adam Hall. Hall has taken Berkshire County by storm, earning saves against Taconic, Pittsfield, Hoosac Valley, Mt. Everett and Lenox. To do this, however, the sophomore had to undergo changes from last season to this season. "The most difficult adjustment from JV to varsity has been the increase in the level and intensity of the game," Hall said. "The coaches have high expectations because we have a lot of great players, and they are trying to get us to play at the highest possible level."

The fantastic pitching by the Mounties only matters if there is sufficient run support from the offense. Outfielder Delaney Pudvar headlines the Mounties' potent offense. Dan Flynn, Eric Hirsch, Jake Benzinger, Ian Brink, Jack Thistle, Nick Disanti, Ryan Wadsworth, Mikey Strizzi and Nick Bologna provide balance throughout the batting order, all supplying key hits in different games. Each of the Mountie hitters have a disciplined approach at the plate. As a result, few Greylock players strikeout in any given game. Between their solid hitting and pitching, the Mounties hope to make up for their occasional struggles in the field. The Mounties finished the regular season with a 14-6 record and earned the 7 seed in the Western Mass tournament. ♦

## Softball: Support and Camadarie

By JAKE KOBRIN

The Mt. Greylock girls' softball team has worked hard to put forth a solid season this year. "Although this year we had to work harder to get as far as we are now," said junior Miranda Voller, "it made us come together as a team".

The season started off well, with two consecutive wins against Drury and McCann. The next three games were losses, but they "fought to the very end" and "did not give up without a fight," according to Voller. Two home wins against Taconic and Monument helped restore morale and featured an impressive showing by senior Kendal Frye. The Mounties finished the season with strong wins against Lenox, Hoosac and Mt. Anthony.

Early on, many of the players thought that the team could improve in a few areas. In April, Frye said that, "Defensively, we have been making too many errors." Junior Dana Clement agreed, saying that they needed to "back each other up and stay on top of the ball." In May, further along in the season, Frye commented that lack of communication while fielding cost the team a number of runs and that they had trouble getting the ball into play under pressure.

The athletes have supported each other throughout their challenging season. "We

always pick each other back up if we mess up or strike out," Clement continued. Voller knows the team has "great hitters and makes great plays," however, "it's just a matter of making those crucial outs." Clement thought the team could also use some work in the batting box.

One cannot discredit all that the Mountie softball players have accomplished this season. They racked up a win against the previously undefeated Turners Falls team and put up quite the fight with the undefeated Mt. Everett. The team finished with a respectable 7-9 overall record.

"Our biggest challenge was overcoming our losses. We did an amazing job of sticking together and continuing with positive attitudes," said Voller. As for next season, Voller said, "the softball team will definitely miss the seniors. We will be rebuilding for better future years." This doesn't seem to worry team members. "To us, it isn't all about winning," said Frye, "but about bettering our skills and having fun as a team." In the end, the seniors graduating this year may not remember the wins and losses they had over the course of the season, but they will remember the warm camaraderie that characterizes the softball team. ♦



Photo courtesy of Brenda Frye

Senior captain Kendal Frye drives the ball to left field.

## Girls' Track and Field: A Unified Group

By NYEIN SOE

The 2014 season for the Mt. Greylock girls' track team had an unusual start as the it did not have a single meet for almost the first two months of the season.

The team initially had two scheduled meets for the beginning of the season in April against Taconic and Wahconah, both of which were cancelled because neither school had its fields ready. Greylock is currently unable to host any meets since the Williams College track, normally the Mounties' home venue, is under renovation. On top of that, a lot of the times received from other teams were inaccurate, which made it difficult to assess the competition. Despite the unusual and unfortunate situation, each individual team member tried to approach the adversity with optimism.

With a positive attitude, the team managed to see success, ending the regular season with a 5-2 record and losing only to Pittsfield and Monument, both of which were two of the most competitive teams in the county. These results came as an amazement to many team members, including Galib. "I think the season as a whole was a pleasant surprise," she said. "People weren't expecting us to be such strong contenders, but whenever we were competing against one of the stronger teams in the county, we rose to the occasion and surpassed expectations."

The girls' run in Western Mass was also surprising. The team came in second place last year, leading to high expectations earlier in this season. Senior Captain Emily Kaegi was initially wary of the challenge: "We didn't have enough girls qualified to make a run at the Western Mass title, so we were placing girls in events that they wanted to run and

putting together fast relays to try to get good times." Part of the concern, according to Phelps, was that "even though we still had an awesome distance team, we had some trouble filling in gaps from last year." Those gaps that Phelps referred to consisted of sprinters and jumpers lost last year to graduation. However, just as in the regular season, the team exceeded expectations. Those who did qualify competed at the Western Mass Division II Team Championships, in which the team earned fifth place out of 19 teams, and the Central-Western Mass Division II State Qualifier, with Kaegi earning second in the mile and Phelps a runner-up in the pentathlon. Galib, Kaegi, seventh grader Maddie Albert and sophomore Melissa Swan competed in the 4X800 relay race and collectively came in third place.

As the season comes to a close, both captains are proud of how the girls worked their hardest and expressed their deep attachment to the team. Looking back, Kaegi was more than satisfied with her final season, not only with the results but also the character of the team and the potential of upcoming athletes: "The season was more than I could have asked for. Our team is very young, so entering the season, I had no idea how we would do, but we ended up having a great finish in regular season and Western Mass. And with such a young team, they are going to be great next year, especially with runners like Maddie and Melissa, both of whom have done an outstanding job even though this is only their first season. But most of all, the team has so much fun together, and all the girls enjoy running or throwing or jumping, and that makes a great team atmosphere." ♦



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## 2014 FIFA World Cup: Five Games to Watch

By AARON KLEINER, MATTHEW KLEINER AND BENNI McCOMISH

### 1. Spain-Netherlands (Group B, June 13, 3 PM)

In this rematch of the 2010 World Cup Final, it all depends on how well Spain’s old guard will hold up. La Roja have been the kings of international football since Euro 2008, but their aging roster is a blatant weak spot. Only a year ago, in the Confederations Cup final, Spain’s group of over-30-year-old veterans including Andrés Iniesta and Xavi could not cope with the fast pace of play maintained by Brazil’s youngsters and ended up getting trounced 3-0. In this match however, the same may be said about the Dutch. It’s been four years since Holland’s World Cup Final run and many of their best players, including striker Arjen Robben, hit the peaks of their careers in the mid 2000’s. This game will almost certainly get off to a slow start and end in drama, but with so many world-class players on the pitch, nothing is guaranteed.

#### Predictions:

Aaron: Spain  
Matthew: Spain  
Benni: Spain  
Editors: Spain

### 2. Italy-England (Group D, June 14, 6 PM)

After decades of underperformance at the World Cup, England seeks to use their opening match as proof of their ability to finally hit the ground running. However, to earn a victory in the tropical city of Manaus, England will need an extraordinary performance against an Italy side desperate to redeem themselves after 2010’s ignominious group stage exit. Spearheaded by Wayne Rooney, England’s offense will need to use every weapon in its arsenal to break Italy’s catenaccio back line. In a match that features two tactically superior squads, watch for two of the world’s best playmakers ready to make their swansong a tournament for the ages: Andrea Pirlo and Steven Gerrard. With these two superstars behind them, strikers on both ends will likely see many chances. The last time these sides met, in Euro 2012, Italy won on penalties, but the main question surrounding Italy’s campaign this summer is: will Mario Balotelli be able to recreate his magic of 2012?

#### Predictions:

Aaron: Italy  
Matthew: Italy  
Benni: Italy

Editors: Italy

### 3. Germany-Portugal (Group G, June 16, 12 PM)

FIFA Ballon D’Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo hopes to begin his World Cup in style in this most anticipated match of the group stage. Used to world-class players surrounding him at Real Madrid, Ronaldo will get only minimal support from his Portuguese teammates and will struggle to break down the German defense. While this year’s German squad is filled with creative and dangerous forwards such as Toni Kroos and Mesut Özil, uncharacteristically there are some questions about the back four. The aging center-backs Per Mertesacker and Philipp Lahm may have trouble dealing with Ronaldo’s speed. But with the rest of Portugal’s offense mediocre at best, the Germans have a good chance of keeping the ball out of their net. Bottom line: if Ronaldo plays like he did in his last international match (a hat trick against Sweden in WCQ) an upset would be nothing surprising.

#### Predictions:

Aaron: Germany  
Matthew: Draw  
Benni: Germany  
Editors: Portugal

### 4. Colombia-Cote D’Ivoire (Group C, June 19, 12 PM)

Two dark horses both likely to make a surprising run this summer meet in this enticing matchup. Along with Japan and Greece, these two squads will compete in a group that looks up for grabs. Colombia has been appearing all over the international headlines for the past several years with their astonishing performances in World Cup Qualification. With their highly offensive 4-2-2-2 formation, they will look to penetrate the Ivorian defense with explosive wingers Juan Guillermo Cuadrado, Jackson Martinez and James Rodriguez. On the other side of the pitch, Cote D’Ivoire boast a group of aging superstars led by Didier Drogba and Yaya Toure looking to make one last World Cup stand. While Africa has never had a team reach the semi-finals at World Cup, Cote D’Ivoire is its best chance in Brazil. A likely high-scoring game, this match is sure to provide much excitement.

#### Predictions:

Aaron: Colombia  
Matthew: Columnia  
Benni: Cote D’Ivoire

## Boys’ Tennis: On the Hunt for a Repeat

By SAM SWOAP

The 2014 Mt. Greylock boys’ tennis team went undefeated in the county and finished the regular season with a 13-1 record. Looking back on the season, junior Will Nolan said, “this season has gone well. All the things came together really well. Doubles [teams] especially had a good season.”

One of the Mounties’ greatest strengths was their depth. Led by junior captain Nyein Soe at first singles, the Mounties hope to expand on their success from last year’s Western Mass Championship season. The scouting report on Soe speaks to his shot creativity and versatility. While he is capable of hitting a standard top-spin ball, Soe also employs sliced drop shots and slap shots. At second singles, Nolan uses his athleticism and endurance to outlast many of his opponents. Senior captain Alex Cheung provides a strong presence and consistency at the third and final singles spot. Cheung was injured late in the

Editors: Cote D’Ivoire

### 5. France-Switzerland (Group E, June 20, 3 PM)

In what is unequivocally the weakest group in the tournament, this match will probably decide which team will be the first seed. Excluding a Nicolas Anelka-induced French meltdown, as per 2010, there is really no way either France or Switzerland could fall below Ecuador or Honduras in Group E. The case for Switzerland starts with the fact that they are ranked a full 13 spots above France in the FIFA World Rankings (8 and 21 respectively). This doesn’t always mean much, though, considering that France was placed in a World Cup Qualifying group with Spain while Switzerland’s toughest opponent in their qualifying effort was Iceland. It is also true that Switzerland has a myriad of talented young players, including Gokhan Inler and Stephan Lichtsteiner, but France clearly has the more experienced squad, with veterans such as Franck Ribery and Karim Benzema. Expect high intensity throughout the match, as both these teams will look to show their skills in an otherwise uninteresting group.

#### Predictions:

Aaron: Draw  
Matthew: France  
Benni: France  
Editors: France

## honeyhoney

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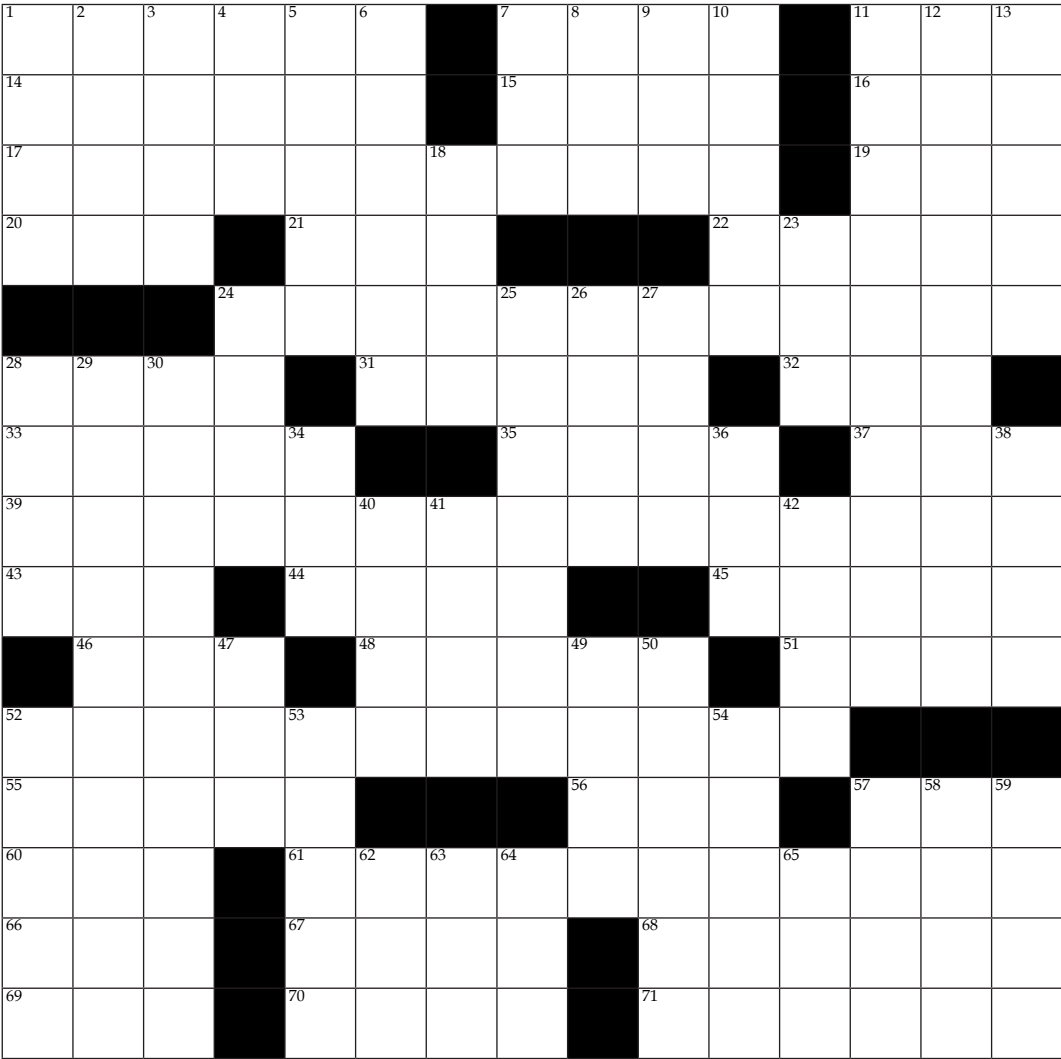
age other bands and high schools to put on similar fundraisers in order to make sure that arts programs at public schools stay in place and are sufficiently funded.

Before the concert, the Mt. Greylock band had only a couple of hours to practice with *honeyhoney*. Sophomore Lilly Crolius, who plays the oboe in the high school band said, “We were excused from our last two periods to rehearse with them, and that’s all the time we got.” While the rehearsal time was limited, the concert went smoothly for all involved. Judging from the performance, the bands seemed like they had played together longer than only a few hours. From slower songs such as “L.A. River” to the more upbeat “Little Toy Gun,” the bands fed off each other and created a unique, captivating sound.

In the end, fundraising and music-making aside, the connections that Mt. Greylock students past and present forged are what most will remember. Crolius said, “I sat with them at lunch because they looked kind of like the new kids, just sitting alone. They’re such sweet people.” Clearly, a bond exists among people who have spent time playing music in the home of the Mounties. ♦

## CROSSWORD

By BLAIR DILS



#### ACROSS

1. Stays home from school (2-wds)
7. Like some causes
11. Modern soul mate, for short
14. Stanley Kowalski’s wife
15. “It’s \_\_\_\_\_ out there...”
16. Abbrev. on music scores
17. Mother’s words of comfort
19. \_\_\_\_\_-hoo
20. Part of a match?
21. Herbal, for one
22. Waste
24. Subject of many of Shakespeare sonnets
28. “Or \_\_\_\_\_!”
31. High IQ Org.
32. Elec. bill unit
33. Essential
35. Follow
37. Lexicographer’s ref. source
39. Theme of 17-, 24-, 52-, 68-across...with apologies to Darwin
43. Many a baby boomer: abbr.
44. Grab (onto)
45. Late 90s Fiat
46. Weeks in an annus
48. Nincompoops
51. Hydrocarbon suffixes
52. “Young” main character of a Hawthorne story
55. Daddy Warbucks’ girl
56. Wool producer
57. Doze
60. Tiger Woods org.
61. Wayne Gretzky, once
66. Musket end
67. 1 = 1.36 US dollars
68. Josef Stalin, Lev Kamenev, and Grigoriy Zinov’yev, once
69. Type of ice
70. Not fake
71. Fish-eating bird

#### DOWN

1. Ideological beliefs
2. Pain in the eye
3. End of summer mo.
4. UN workers’ grp.
5. Canvas, for example
6. Sky-hooker Abdul Jabbar
7. Rastafarian god
8. Popular weapon in action films
9. Tanning source in Cabo San Lucas
10. Hot rum drink
11. Kate Chopin, for example
12. Spring road woe, in New England
13. Many high school seniors, next year
18. Cannes coffee shop
23. Seoul G.I.
24. Blue-green
25. Legislation against Cosa Nostra, say
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Aoki, formerly of 60-across
27. Fat Joe’s “Make It \_\_\_\_\_”
28. What or which ending \_\_\_\_\_
29. Health nut’s desire?
30. Still
34. Kind of nut
36. Defense against the serve-and-volley
38. Geneticists’ interests
40. Jessica of “Valentine’s Day”
41. Tom and Jerry episode, informally
42. Kukla and Ollie’s pal
47. \_\_\_\_\_ Amin, former dictator
49. \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbit
50. Part of Johannesburg
52. Stared open-mouthed
53. Dactylic hexameter, for example
54. Grates (on)
57. Garrison Keillor character Guy
58. Tennis pro Huber
59. Tennessee university Austin \_\_\_\_\_
62. Shade
63. Paleozoic \_\_\_\_\_
64. 24-hour soccer channel, \_\_\_\_\_ TV
65. Type of hat