

Building Project Update

By TENLEY SMITH

As the school year nears completion, so too does the Mt. Greylock Regional School Building Project. Principal Mary MacDonald and the rest of the design and school building committee have finalized the interior and exterior plan for design and materials. In fact, the building project will begin to pick

up steam as the school year draws to a close. Not only are the steel frames for the academic wing being put in, but renovation will begin on the gym, and work on the auditorium and corridor between the auditorium and gym will resume. Everything is ready to go in the design except for “things that can

move” as MacDonald put it. Student input will be used for decisions about furniture. Additionally, anything that the administration deems not worthy of being transferred to the new school will be sold at a tag sale. Students and community members will be able to buy everything from lockers to white

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Chromebook Success at Greylock

By COLTON ADAMS



Image courtesy of Google

After years of Mt. Greylock students taking MCAS tests, the administration has switched middle schoolers to the online version of the PARCC tests on the school’s new Google Chromebooks. These new laptops have been a large success at Mt. Greylock so far. At

first, there were concerns about the variety of the chromebooks. The school was unsure that the Google platform had enough to offer for students, but the restriction seemed to

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Administration Addresses Recent Behavior Trend

By SAM CULVER

In response to recent student incidents, Mt. Greylock administrators have standardized procedures to follow a physical altercation. There has been a significant increase in student conflict over the past few months, forcing administrators to discourage these disputes through more than just discipline. Assistant Principal Jacob Schutz says that he is “pulling out pieces from different parts of the student handbook to put together a package of corrective actions, remedial actions, and discipline” to create a Code of Conduct memorandum. Schutz presented this memorandum to the Student Support Team, a group dedi-

cated to student safety, in a meeting on Friday, March 31. The council fully supported the memorandum, and administration will push forward on establishing it as a rule. Schutz believes that discipline alone will not be effective enough in preventing altercations so he is looking to make clear the corrective actions intended “to prevent a specific fight from happening again,” and remedial actions intended “to fix a systemic issue,” to stem the recent outbreak. According to the memorandum, some of the corrective actions taken will be “educational components, safety contracts, counseling, social probation, and additional

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Interview with New Teacher Alexander Davis

By DARRIEN SMITH



After Mrs. Ames’s retirement at the end of the 2016 year, Mr Davis stepped into the picture giving Mt. Greylock back its fifth high school English teacher.

Photo: Darrien Smith

Echo: What did you do before you were at Mt. Greylock?

Davis: The past two years I’ve taught at Reid middle school in Pittsfield, I taught 7th grade English there. The year before that I was the French teacher at Saint Joe’s Catholic High school. And before that I was touring India.

Echo: How long have you been teaching?

Davis: I’ve been teaching since I graduated with my undergraduate degree from the University of Tampa in 2007.

Echo: Out of your whole teaching career, what has been your favorite moment?

Davis: Favorite moment of teaching? It’d be difficult to pick any one specific moment. A good teacher aims for a lot of little moments when they see a student’s eyes light up as they understand something they’ve been struggling with and I try to have at least one of those a day.

Echo: Overall have you enjoyed teaching at Mt. Greylock?

Davis: Yes, Mt. Greylock is fantastic. A fun a close knit community that is radically different that any other place I’ve ever taught but it has already made me feel very much comfortable.

Echo: What differences have you noticed from other schools to this one?

Davis: I’ve only previously taught at one High school. Mt. Greylock is; even though it is somewhat of a Much smaller school, it is much much larger than that one. So, simply the number of students is the biggest raw difference. That said there is also a much

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cause no problems for the students. These laptops are reasonably affordable, which means the school receives more of them. There are currently 108 of these laptops in service, only two of which have ever had issues, unlike the old laptops which often had problems with logging in, not turning on, or connecting to wifi. Our technology director, Rob Wnuk states “The chromebooks have been a nice, easy, cost-effective addition to the school.” The school has recently bought 106 new chromebooks, and 4 new laptop carts which are now in service. Because of the initial success of the chromebooks, even more laptops are in our future. Recently, students have noticed that now they can only log into these computers using their school assigned email. This is because one of the

Chromebooks recently went missing. Wnuk began an investigation and eventually found the missing laptop after it randomly turned up one day. Unfortunately, he was unable to detect who took the laptop because there were several log-ins from personal emails on it recently. Allowing students to login only using school emails is a matter of security. Wnuk wants to be able to tell who logs into the computers in case another theft happens again in the future. Although this may seem like a problem for students trying to access their work on their personal email accounts, they can sign into their personal email once they are logged in to the computer. Hopefully this change helps prevent any laptops from going missing again. ♦

New Coding Opportunity at Greylock

By MADISON VAN DEURZEN

In collaboration with Williams College, Mt. Greylock is currently offering an opportunity for students to learn computer coding this spring. The program, called Leaders in Tech, was initiated by two Williams College computer science majors, Anjali Pai and Diego Gonzalez, who applied for a Google grant called Ignite to fund the program. Gonzalez, Pai, and other Williams College students will teach the program, which will be a project-based introduction to computer coding using a software named Python. Eileen Belastock, Mt. Greylock’s new Director of Academic Technology, is acting as the liaison and has been communicating with both the Williams College students to coordinate the program and with Mt. Greylock students to advertise and create interest. Leaders in Tech is open to all Mt. Greylock high school students, but Belastock is especially trying to recruit girls to join the program. “Very few girls get into coding” said Belastock. “Anjali presented [the program] to the Writing Club, which basically is all girls, maybe one or two boys... [Anjali] was a writer, she was a poet, so while she loved English, she also loved coding in high school. She really related to students who weren’t tech people or math people, but as long as you have a creative side, it’s worth a shot” Belastock said. Leaders in Tech began the week of April 2nd and will run for five weeks, meeting one afternoon a week at Mt. Greylock and Sunday afternoons at Williams College. Students will get to work in small groups or one-on-one with the Williams College computer

science students to explore and create projects using Python. This small student-to-instructor ratio will allow students to learn and create at their own pace, ensuring that all students will be able to understand the program. “[The Mt. Greylock students] could possibly have one-on-one training with Williams College computer science students. How often do you have that opportunity?” Belastock marvelled. Belastock is also hoping to take the Leaders In Tech project beyond the five-week program. “We’re looking to hopefully showcase this grant at a MassCUE conference in the fall [of 2017],” she explained. The MassCUE, or Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, conferences are events held at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts that bring together students and educators to learn about and explore technology. “If my proposal is accepted, I could bring some students from here and the Williams College students can come and they could do a student showcase of this program,” Belastock explained eagerly. Belastock is enthusiastic about the Leaders in Tech opportunity and its implications for the students and Mt. Greylock. “We’re trying to get more computer science into the building... It just opens up a whole other world for [students] when they start coding” she said. “I don’t want this to be a one-hit wonder. I think it’d be nice if it is successful and kids are interested, we could start offering it to seventh and eighth graders as an after school program” Belastock added. “It’s just the beginning of what we’re doing.” ♦

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Behavior Trend

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supervision,” and the possible remedial actions will be “social or emotional intervention, adjustments to individual educational plans, student or staff training, or community engagement.” Typically, Greylock suspends students 3-5 days for a fight, with the instigator receiving a harsher punishment. Schutz expects the punishment to stay the same but to no longer be the sole measure taken to prevent altercations. Although he thinks the memorandum will be an effective new rule set, Schutz also believes that it is important to do anything to respond to the increase in conflict in order to show students that administration are thinking about the issue. On Monday April 3, Schutz and Principal Mary MacDonald sent an email to the Mt. Greylock community detailing the issue. They also attached the new Code of Conduct memorandum to inform students and parents of the new rules. The email focused on leaving behind the trend of fighting and returning the student body to the principles of the Greylock Way: integrity, responsibility, and perseverance. Schutz also relayed the information to students through class meetings. The email and meetings summarized the views of Mr. Schutz in that student fighting has become an issue that will be solved through a package of discipline, corrective actions, and remedial actions. ♦

With the gym soon to be gutted and undergoing renovations as part of the building project, the gym classes are facing some major limitations for the remainder of the year. As the gym and weight room will no longer be functional, some creative solutions are being implemented. Gym classes will have to take advantage of hopefully pleasant spring weather as much as possible, with the plan being to hold most gym classes outside. When the weather is not cooperative, the gym teachers are going to have to be a bit more creative. Students and teachers have recently begun relocating the old weight room to the large classroom known as the Dead Cat Room. The weights, chin-up bars, and other fitness equipment are now in this impromptu weight room which will serve as the only indoor option. Otherwise the gym teachers are “hoping for a dry spring,” according to Coach Emily Leitt. To accommodate for poor weather, “there is talk of a tent so that we have an outside space when it rains,” said Coach Brian Gill. The large tent would provide protection from the elements and serve as a space for yoga and other games. Additionally, rooms adjacent to Mr. Powers’ classroom in the science hall-

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higher level of level of socio economic status at Mt. Greylock, because of the comparative wealth of Williamstown and Lanesborough, to the other schools I taught which were rural and impoverished schools in Korea. **Echo: To follow that up, out of all the schools you could have taught at, why specifically this one?** Davis: I live in Williamstown and so this is much closer to my family with a 6 month old daughter at home, I needed to be closer to home. Also both my wife and my father in-law are mounties. Having been raised in Williamstown and gone to Mt. Greylock when they were kids, and so I thought this was a great way to get back to that tradition. **Echo: What’s it like to be the MGJ-CL advisor?** Davis: It is...formidable. The...I had not been planning to take on an advisory role to any club this year with a baby at home and being a new teacher. But I saw the need to step in and fill it. The experience has been heart warming as I see what that amazing group of students in capable of doing solely on their own and with only some guidance. The Junior Classical League is everything that a club should be. Student lead, student directed, student organised, and student powered and I truly am an advisory role. **Echo: What is the funniest thing you’ve experienced?** Davis: Recently, in class I have been using the story of a pencil named Reggie in order to illustrate the power of narrative and the funniest moment was the scream of horror when I broke Reggie in half. **Echo: What would you say is your favorite TV show?** Davis: It would have to be One Punch Man currently, and Dead Wood for all time. ♦

ways are serving as storage for equipment and makeshift locker rooms. Classes will officially be out of the old gym on Friday, April 14th. Many gym classes have recently consisted of students moving gear and equipment to its new locations. Though it is an inconvenience and it will be difficult to give students the same gym experience, everyone is hoping to get through this tough stretch, and are looking forward to the new gym renovations. The renovations are on track to be ready for phys. ed. classes and indoor sports by November at the latest, and could be ready as early as September for volleyball matches. Gill is enthusiastic about the new proposed makeup of the gym. With the main basketball court shifted closer to the old weight room wall, “Gym 3” will now be a much larger and more functional space. There will be a retractable wooden wall that will seal off Gym 3 from the basketball court. Gill is most excited about the new weight room: “We will have one third more space as before for functional fitness, but unfortunately there is no separate wrestling room.” Though it is unideal, this transitional period will be relatively painless, and all involved are eagerly awaiting the new “Mountie Dome.” ♦

Gym Classes Relocated Due to Construction

By SAM DILS

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boards. The proceeds will benefit the school directly. Design choices within the school have been made to highlight student work. Said MacDonald, “The focus of this new building will be student work.”

The next steps will be to move from the gym into the transitional space that classes will use while the gym classes are being renovated. Boys will occupy what was formerly Mr. Power’s green room and girls will use the Global Meeting Room, formerly Mrs. Gibson’s classroom. Gym classes will take place outside as much as weather permits, but when they have to go inside, classes will use the Dead Cat Room as a yoga and fitness space. Said MacDonald of the challenge, “The PE teachers have been incredibly flexible. I can’t thank them enough.” The reason for this arrangement is to avoid portable classrooms, which present challenges that staying within the existing school facilities do not. “They’re hot, they’re cold. They’re small,” added MacDonald.

The next hurdle for the gym renovation is the storage space. Coaches are dealing with their own sport specific

storage, but gym classes will use former office space in the northwest corner of the building as well as a room that will be created next to the Maker-Space. Outdoor storage containers will also be used. “It takes a lot of work and it takes an extraordinary amount of coordination,” said MacDonald of the building project as a whole. Overall, the project is still on track for completion in the spring of 2018, making this year’s juniors the first class to graduate from the new gym, academic wing, and auditorium.

The main entrance to the building has also changed slightly. More windows have been added to the ceiling to allow for more natural light. Wood paneling in the ceiling has also been added to provide a more natural look to the space. Another aspect of the building plan that has been added is an outdoor classroom. Currently it will take the space of an elliptical seating area surrounding a stone area. The only part of the outdoor classroom that has yet to be finalized is what exactly the seating will be. “We are exploring wood as well as stone seating,” added MacDonald. ♦

Logan Review

By WHIT ELLINGWOOD



Photo courtesy of Fandango

I am an avid movie fan, especially when it comes to superhero films. But with the oversaturation of cookie cutter plot lines and dime a dozen villains, I was ready for a change. Director James Mangold has struck gold with Logan, his concluding chapter of the Wolverine trilogy. His first two iterations divided long time X Men fans, but his most recent contribution will certainly satisfy any craving for an action-packed character-driven story. By far the most violent film in the franchise, Logan is rated R with good reason. There is no mistaking that this film is for adults. Hugh Jackman gives an astoundingly touching performance, and seeing as it may be his final appearance as the Wolverine, it is a wonderful send off for the character. Patrick Stewart reprises his role as Professor Xavier, and his chemistry with Jackman works like a charm. The two main characters are weathered and aging versions of their iconic characters. Surprisingly, the child actor in this movie is not a weak link in the slightest. Dafne Keen’s per-

formance as the younger clone of Wolverine is quite a thrilling character arc to follow. Without giving too much away, I can honestly say she has given one of the best portrayals of a child comicbook character that I have ever seen. While I did enjoy this movie, one must go into realizing it is unlike most other superhero movies that have come out recently. First off, this movie does not directly connect with any of the other X Men movies in the franchise. So if you are looking for a continuation of the newer trilogy that just came out, you will be disappointed. Secondly, while this movie is full of action, it is mainly focused on the relationship between the main characters. This is not a mindless action movie. It is arguably one of the most emotional and violent movies I have seen in a long time. In all, I would say that if you were to mix No Country For Old Men and a few X Men with some witty Tarantino dialogue, the end result would be Logan. I absolutely love this movie and give it a solid 8.5 out of 10 stars. ♦

1 in 650: Interview with Isabel Northington

By PATTY THISTLE



Sophomore Isabel Northington is a new student this year who moved here from Texas. The Echo wanted to interview our new student about her transition into Greylock and about her previous life down South. Photo: Patty Thistle

Echo: Where in Texas are you from?
Isabel: Tyler, but I’m originally from Fairhope Alabama.

Echo: Why did you move up to Massachusetts?
Isabel: Because my stepdad got a job at Williams as the Men’s And Women’s Tennis Coach.

Echo: How do you like it here so far?
Isabel: I like it but it’s a little cold.

Echo: We know you are a very good tennis player. How has tennis been different in Massachusetts and how has your experience been playing for Greylock so far?
Isabel: I think that there is much less competition here, but there’s also not as much pressure on athletics at this school as there was at my old school.

Echo: How is the culture different here from your hometown?
Isabel: I think things are more transparent. Like if someone doesn’t like you here they’re gonna tell you. If someone didn’t like you from where I’m from they would act nice to your face. I also think people are more politically liberal than what I’m used to.

Echo: What is your favorite thing about Massachusetts and was there anything you didn’t expect?
Isabel: This part of Massachusetts is further outside of a city that I’ve ever lived before. It’s different, and I didn’t think I’d like it but I do. People are nicer than I thought they’d be!

Echo: What do you miss most about Texas?
Isabel: The food. ♦

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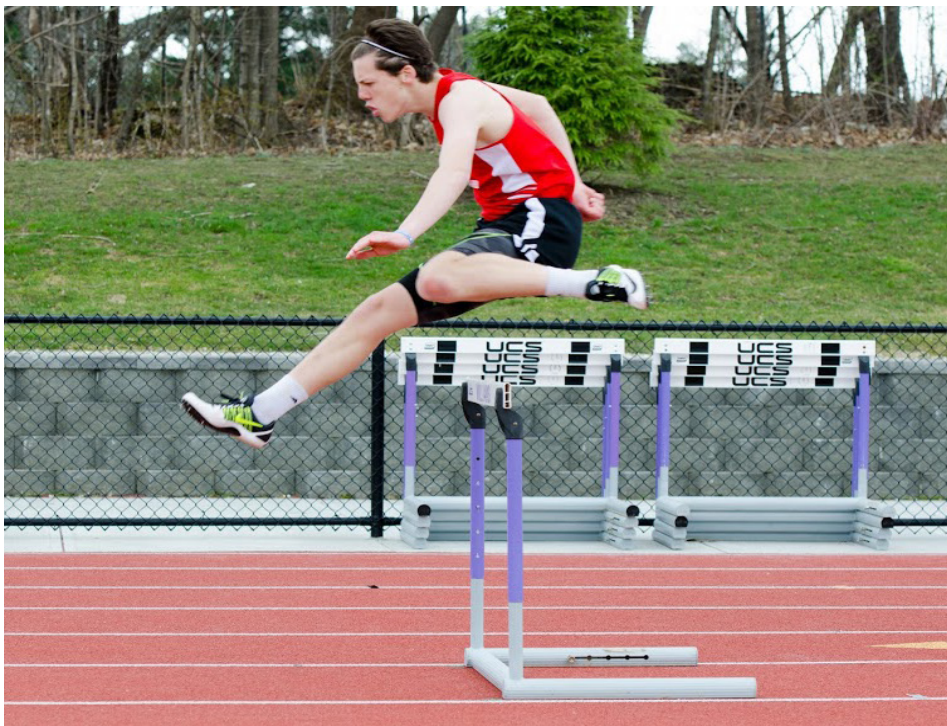
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SPORTS

Boys' Track

By SAM DILS



*Junior Sam Edge leaps over a hurdle at the Williams Track.
Photo courtesy of Noah Sandstrom.*

Returning to the track after its most successful season since 2006, the Mt. Greylock Boys' track and field team is primed for another successful season. With a 6-2 record and a second place overall finish in Berkshire County in 2016, the Mounties return many key athletes. The key losses for the team are Tommy Kirby, a long-distance powerhouse, and field specialist Luc Park, both of whom graduated. The Mounties look strong, a majority of the team's talented runners are back for another year. Leading the charge will be junior Ric Donati and senior Cameron Castonguay, who both specializes in middle distance races, like the 400. Castonguay took sixth in the 400 at the West/Central Mass. meet last year. Senior Jack Campbell looks to be a promising sprinter. Along with a number of returning veterans, the team is making some key additions. All Western Mass athletes Sam Culver and Devin Pelletier, who are both running their first year of track, are looking promising to contribute. Other returning upperclassmen include juniors

Owen Brandriss and Jacob Adams, while sophomores Josh Cheung and Jakin Miller look to score points for the Mounties in longer races. Coach Courtney Randall's first season brought unprecedented success, as last year's team was the best in a decade. Now in the second year of her tenure, the Mounties goals are high as ever. Along with Pittsfield, they are looking to be one of the favorites to win Berkshire County. The team is striving for the County Title, as well as finding individual success at the West/Central Meet. The team is hopeful that if enough individuals qualify for the West/Central Meet, then they will have a shot at the overall team title. Castonguay and Campbell along with fellow senior Sean Nemtzw are the two captains for this year. The team has been working hard in preseason, but also building strong morale. Coach Randall has focused on having both older and younger runners working together, in order to nurture the future stars of the program. ♦

Baseball

By OWEN POLITIS

The Mt. Greylock Boys' baseball team went 10-10 in their regular season last year with an unfortunate loss in the postseason. Last year the team graduated six seniors, Hunter Abriel, Brodie Altieri, Adam Hall, Josh Jezouit, Jack Milne, and Adam Petricca. Both Altieri and Jezouit are now playing college baseball and will be hard to replace. Thankfully, this year the team still has an experienced roster with the six replacing seniors on the team, Zach Condon, Brandon Condon, Neel Patel, Manas Jain, Nick Rondeau, and Tyler Marten. The baseball team is in good shape for another run at the Western Mass title with the Condon twins as captains for the team. Coach Steve Messina returns as the head coach for the twenty-sixth year in a row he is surely hungry for that Western Mass

championship win this year. Throughout his career, Coach Messina has obtained over 300 wins, and was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2015. According to Brandon Condon "To prepare for this season our main focus is to just become a better team in general with things like teamwork, talk and mental toughness". The team will need to train hard to beat their biggest rivals Drury, Taconic, and Lenox and "we will beat them by working on our batting and making less errors" says Manas Jain. When Greylock made it to Western Mass last year they were abruptly knocked out by an unfortunate matchup with Hoosac. This year brings hope and opportunity for the baseball team and could lead to an exciting post season. ♦

Girls' Tennis

By SAM CULVER

The Mt. Greylock Girls' Tennis team is in the middle of a rebuilding phase as the young team looks for growth and improvement. Their hopes are high for this season despite a winless effort last year. With no students graduating last year, the team is looking stronger this year led by returning juniors Oriana van Slyke, Cedar Keyes, and Emma Stankiewicz. Also, younger players Josie Dalsin, a singles players last year, has time to improve on strong performances. Van Slyke considered last year to be a "rebuilding season and believes this year will be as well." However she is predicting a more successful season with multiple wins to build on for the future. The team has great chemistry and like to be around each other. Van Slyke says that when the weather is bad the team will have practice at the Bennington Tennis Center and after practice the team will "all sit down and have Taco Bell...just enjoying each others' company." Chemistry is an undervalued aspect to a successful tennis team. In doubles matches, chemistry is crucial to effectively playing points. Also, since tennis shows a clear ranking of whom the coaches believe are the best players with singles one down to doubles two, it is important for a tennis team to root for one another, like the Mounties do. The Mounties open with a tough sched-

ule, playing their first match on April 10 at home against Lee before playing their next seven matches on the road, including long trips to St. Mary's on April 17th and Mt. Everett on April 26. The future looks bright for the Mounties, with many underclassmen and middle schoolers on the team. Sophomore Dalsin is already a contributor to the varsity team. Freshman Lily Edge and 8th graders Hannah Gilooly and Charlotte Sanford look strong for the future from the doubles matches they have played. The Mounties also made a key addition in the offseason in sophomore Isabel Northington, who previously played tennis for Gorman Catholic School in Texas. Northington was very successful in Texas, losing only one match last year to a player ranked fortieth in the country. She will most likely inherit the number one singles role for the Mounties and hopes to win both Western Mass and states individually. Northington is excited about the transition because of the change in scenery: "I played with the same people since I was very little and I prefer to play with different people and mix it up." As the most experienced tennis player, Northington could be a leader for the young Mt. Greylock girls' tennis team in their rebuilding process. ♦

Softball

By PATTY THISTLE



*Senior captain Fiona Kelley steps up to the mound to pitch against Hoosac.
Photo courtesy of iBerkshires*

With returning seniors Olivia DiNicola, Rachel Voller, Fiona Kelley, Carly Munzer, Hailey Guest, Grace Dodig, and Jaedin King it should be a strong season for Mt. Greylock Girls softball team. The Mounties have pitcher Fiona Kelley and catcher Olivia DiNicola, who "have a great bond" according to junior Kate Bernardy. "They are able to block out the game and focus on each other." The Mounties will be coached by Coach June Blake. Anna Giguere of the junior class says about her returning coach, "I like how strict she is, she keeps us on

track. But she can be goofy sometimes too." The girls' season started on Tuesday, April 11th, when they played Taconic High school for their first game. Currently, their strongest rivals in the county are Pittsfield High School and Wahconah. Although their competition might be tough, the girls will be working hard before their season starts to ensure they can be at their best. Giguere says, "I've been with the same girls since we were little so we know each other and work together well." ♦

Boys' Tennis

By KATE BERNARDY

As the spring season carries on, the Mt. Greylock boys' tennis team is having another successful season. Last year, the team won Western Mass. for the second straight year and continued their three year undefeated streak in double matches. When returning sophomore, Jacob Fink, was asked about graduated players, Gray Kaegi quickly came to mind. Fink said that Kaegi was "a team leader both on and off the court. We have to play with the same passion and enthusiasm that Gray brought to every practice and every match."

Senior Josh Narey will lead the team this year as captain. The boys have high hopes for this season and will try to continue their winning streak. Fink added that their "biggest strength is how deep we are as a team." Other re-

turning players include juniors Sam Dils and Brady Foehl.

One of their biggest rivals and a competitor to look out for is Whitinsville Christian school. The team has lost to the Whitinsville boys two years in a row at the state semifinals so this year they hope to turn the odds around. Fink added that "If we make it back to the state semis, we are working hard to get over the hump and beat them or whomever we face." In addition, there are many Berkshire county boys who fly under the radar but could be tough competitors for the Mt. Greylock boys. Fink says that "we go into every match with the same winning mentality, no matter the opponent." This mentality has seemingly paid off for the tennis team as they continue their dominance in the league. ♦

Boys' Lacrosse

By WHIT ELLINGWOOD



*Sophomore Michael Wellspeak breezes by a Westfield defender.
Photo courtesy of Richard Astle*

The 2017 boys lacrosse season will bring up new challenges for the often formidable team. After head coach Brandon Asplundh stepped down, there was a scramble to find a new coach. Jeff Stripp has stepped in once again as the head position. Stripp has been the head coach before and in fact he has been at the head of youth lacrosse in Williamstown for over a decade now. The team graduated two seniors, including their 5 year starter Cal Filson who has gone on to be the starting goalie for Oberlin college and defensive starter Zach Ronnow now at Umass Amherst. Despite losing some significant members to the program, there are still some substantial athletes on the team. Captain Patrick Storie returns alongside fellow starters and captains like Reilly Parker and Kyle Bazonski to prove to Berkshire County that Greylock Lacrosse is as strong as ever. Storie, Parker, and sophomore Michael Wellspeak form

a formidable attack line that, fueled by captain Tommy Astle, junior Owen Politis, and senior Kyle Alvarez at midfield, churns out goals every game. Bazonski leads senior Cam Hadley and sophomore Toby Ellingwood in their defense of David Falk, a sophomore, in goal. There were many spots to be filled on the team, but with Stripp's experience, many are confident that the team will be as strong as ever. Captain Tommy Astle stated, "I think the team chemistry this year will be excellent as it has been in the past years and that will help us come together as one and function as one mind". While the team is still untouched in Berkshire County, their toughest competition will come from teams like Northampton and Westfield. As new as the program may be, the team has made substantial strides to be a powerhouse in the county and in Western Mass. ♦

Girls' Lacrosse

By KATIE RENZI

Although initially plagued by injury, the Mt. Greylock Girls' Lacrosse team is having a successful year. Captains Sarah Stripp, Lauren Aliberti, and Emma Polumbo lead the team this season. Lindsey von Holtz returns as the varsity coach for her sixth year in a row. The girls have high hopes for the season ahead and are confident in their abilities to work together.

When asked about the season, junior Gabby Orpin states that she is "most looking forward to spending the season with this group of girls." Out of the three sports she plays, the lacrosse team has always been her favorite. She says the team is "always having a good time and there is rarely any drama." Last year, the girl's lacrosse team had six graduating seniors. This year, the team will have to make up for the loss of Julia Whitney, Haley Reinhardt, Hope Willis, Nicole Jones, Maggie Rorke, and Arianna Walden. Orpin explains that "last year's seniors were a large part of our team on and off the field. They were extremely positive and really good at the game. Losing them this year is like losing any class of seniors; it'll be tough to manage at first but we will eventually get used to it."

The Mt. Greylock Girls' Lacrosse team played their first game against Pittsfield on April 10th. The girls captured a 17-4 win against Pittsfield in the season-opener for both teams. Sarah Stripp scored six goals and assisted two, along with sophomore, Clare Sheedy, who scored twice for Greylock. The Girls' Lacrosse team finished with a successful 17-6 victory against Lee, keeping them 2-0 for the season.

The lacrosse team has faced six injuries on Varsity players alone. Gabby Orpin strained a ligament outside of her knee in the East Longmeadow Jamboree, leaving her out for 4-8 weeks of the season. Caroline Flynn also pulled her quad muscle on the same day, followed by Kristen Aliberti's possible ligament tear in her foot. The following Monday, Caroline Hadley sprained her ankle, leaving her on crutches for a few weeks. Brook Masse also received a mild concussion playing Pittsfield in their first game. Emma Polumbo also suffered a sprained ankle in the game against Mt. Anthony. The girl's are working hard to make up for lost players and to get back on track for the rest of the season. ♦

Girls' Track

By COLTON ADAMS

The Greylock Girls' Track team finished last season undefeated (7-0) and as the Berkshire County champions. This year the team is off to an impressive start to the season as they are undefeated so far. Missing last year's graduates: Maeve Shine and Elizabeth Bernardy, this season's senior captains: Lina Marcinczyk, Serena Chow, and Dagny Albano hope to lead their team through their third undefeated season in a row.

On the night of Monday, May 8, the team travelled to compete against Lenox where they won 74-67. Maddy Ross came in first place for the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.70 seconds, followed by third place Maddie Albert in 13.60 seconds. Maddie Albert also took first place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:03.10. Hannah Lock-

lear took second place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.4 seconds. In field events, Elizabeth Bartlett received first place in shot put for a throw of 28'09.00". Bartlett also earned second place in discus with a distance of 81'01.50", followed by Amaya Smith in third place for a distance of 80'08.50". The girls have high hopes that they will accomplish their goal of another undefeated season after their recent win against Lenox.

The current top three point-holders of the team are Maddy Ross - 100.50 points, Maddie Albert - 78.75, and Dagny Albano - 52.00 points. The team has two league meets remaining to their season before the Western/Central mass. championships, which they have a likely chance of winning. ♦



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Lateral Thinking Problems

These three riddles were selected by none other than Greylock’s
own Mr. Thistle, a veritable master of lateral thought.

The Man in the Bar

A man walks into a bar and asks the bartender for a glass of water. The bartender pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The
man says ‘Thank you’ and walks out. Why?

Push that Car

A man pushed his car. He stopped when he reached a hotel at which point he knew he was bankrupt. Why?

Car Wreck

A man and his son are in a car wreck on the highway. The father, unfortunately, dies. The son is air lifted to the hospital. The
doctor enters the room, prepared to do surgery. When the doctor looks down at the boy, the doctor says, ‘I can’t operate on this boy,
he is my son’. How is this possible?

Stumped? Check out the Echo website for the answers at greylockecho.mgrhs.org.

Sudoku

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