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New Addition Shaping Up

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The time is drawing near for exciting new changes here at BBCHS. The 10th and largest new addition to the building is ahead of schedule and quickly approaching its completion date. Ground-breaking began in April 2008, and the beloved Quad became a memory, but with the sacrifices, a brand new chapter of BBCHS history is being made. The improvements are badly needed. Students and faculty for quite a few years now have all had to deal with the great lack of space, lack of classrooms, aging facilities, and little to no air-conditioning. Thankfully, those dark days are coming to an end.

The new addition all started with the exciting groundbreaking and the installment of the new windows, giving the school a sleek new look. From then on, the construction workers and officials have become a common sight in BBCHS hallways. When the whole project is complete, a total of 14 new classrooms will be available. These classrooms will include three new art rooms and three technology labs, which were made available right at the beginning of this school year.

The construction is very much ahead of schedule. The expected completion date was originally set for February or March of 2010. Now BBCHS students and especially seniors, can expect to see and experience the new addition much earlier. As early as January 19th the new hallways will be open. The hallways themselves are nearly double the size of the hallways in the older sections, making trips to the next class easy and much less crowded. Included with the hallways, four new science rooms will be available



followed by two new math rooms and three new business labs.

A beautiful new entranceway will also be completed, along with a new weight room resting underneath a large atrium, which will also be made ready soon. The free weight machines in the old weight room will be moved to this new location and the space left over will be used for P.E. classes and become strictly a cardio area. Along with the free weights, brand-new machines commonly seen in health clubs will also be added. The spin bikes, treadmills, and ellipticals will be kept in the stage area.

Parking will become much more defined as the project comes to a close. Faculty and visitor parking will be in the back of the building and students will be kept to the gravel lots for clarity purposes. Additional parking will also be created that has never been seen before, so that visitors can enter the building through the new entrance rather than the main lobby.

Locker improvements will also be made. Though they will not be used when the new addition is opened, by the new 2010-2011 school year, every student is expected to have their own locker. A total of 600+ new lockers have been added. The new area will be mixed with freshman through seniors, eliminating the "class hallways" we experience now. The lockers near the cafeterias are planned to be no longer in use to make more space for students going to lunch, passing through and waiting in line.

DLR is the architect for the new addition, and the construction itself has been managed by Henry Bros Construction Co. along with many local subcontractors.

New Additions Fast Facts

The original BBCHS was completed in 1948

The original building only held only six classrooms

The Communications classroom was added in 1997

The East Gym was added in 1973

BBCHS once held welding, metal, auto, and wood shops

The Auditorium and Swimming Pool were added in 1979.

Basketball Starts 0-3, Looks to Turn Season Around

J. Gordon

Frustrating. This is one word that could describe the Boilmakers last few basketball seasons. They haven't had a winning season in five years and they will be looking to get back on track in the 09-10 season. Head coach, A. Renchen, will be looking to fire up his players with his intense coaching strategies from the bench. They'll have only four returning seniors from last year, but senior, Z. Wadley has been starting since his sophomore year with varsity. He brings much more than a three-point shot onto the court; he brings experience with him. Wadley and the other seniors will have to lead this young Boiler team to success. They might be young but the Boilers definitely have the talent to turn their luck around. There is a lot of talent in this group of juniors such as P. Rooney, K. Homberg, and A. Halcomb. All three of these young bucks were playing up with varsity at the end of last year's basketball season and are expected to contribute to the offense. A big concern for the Boilmakers will be the size of their lineup. For the past two years, M. Atoyebi has done the majority of the post play for the Boilmakers. His size will be sorely missed with their only real big man being junior, A. Halcomb. He is going to have to have a dominating season with new matchups against powerhouses such as Thornwood, Thornridge, and Thornton. These new teams have been added to the SWSC with the addition of



new schools to the area. The Boilmakers started off their season at the "Turkey Tourney." They have been putting in countless hours upon hours in the gym this offseason, including exhibition games to workouts at six in the morning. The Boilers are going to come out hungry this season in hope to end their frustrating past. They didn't get the start they wanted with an 0-3 record at this year's "Turkey Tourney." The Boilmakers were having trouble scoring throughout the tourney and just couldn't produce enough offense to get ahead. On the bright side B. Moliga, for the Boilmakers, was named to the All-Tourney Team. The Boilers haven't given up on the season though with a thrilling win over the Oak-Forest Bengals. B. Moliga hit the game winning field-goal with 40 seconds left. The Boilers then got a nice defensive stop while the clock expired for the Boilers to surge to their first win. The Boilers then lost a tough game to the Thornridge Falcons. It was a heated battle all the way through until the

Boilers were down by 11 points in the third quarter. They weren't about to lay down to the Falcons and went on a scoring spree to put them up by one. However, the Falcon's offense seemed to much and the Boilers went home with their first loss in conference. Their next game is Friday against Lincoln-Way North as the Boilers will look to come home with a conference win. The Boilers next home game won't be until the middle of January so come support them Friday at Lincoln-Way North.

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SWSC Makes Expansions

Z. Wadley

In 2005, unhappy with the SICA, the conferences in the IHSA went through a major facelift. Emerging from all the confusion and flip-flopping came the Southwest Suburban Conference, or SWSC for short. A powerhouse in all sports, the SWSC boasted ten of the most successful schools in Illinois. Arguably the toughest conference in which to play sports, the SWSC has had seventeen state championships since it was formed. This marks the fifth year for the conference, which continues to get stronger. The original ten, consisting of BBCHS, Andrew, Bolingbrook, Joliet Township, Lincoln-Way East and Central, Stagg, Lockport, Sandburg, and Homewood-Flossmoor remain in their two divisions of Red and Blue, but some major expansions are coming. Lincoln-Way North already joined the Red division last season and Lincoln-Way West is making their debut this year. Also joining the conference in 2009-2010 is Thornton, Thornridge, and Thornwood which puts the school count at a beast of fifteen schools. BBCHS has long been looked at as the doormat of the SWSC; the smallest school by enrollment and too small to compete. However, if last year's three conference championships are any indication, Bradley-Bourbonnais is now a force to be reckoned with.

Making the jump from the SICA South to the Southwest Suburban Conference was no easy task for the Boilmakers. They went from being the biggest, baddest school to the smallest, most irrelevant school within a year. No one can deny it was a process to adjust and if someone needs help realizing take a look at the win-loss column. Some sports still struggle to achieve consistency but the Boilers have seen an increase in wins across the board. BBCHS has yet to win

a state championship since joining the SWSC but numerous individuals have qualified for State in badminton, wrestling, and tennis.

So far this season, BB teams have done well in SWSC play and the four new schools have not presented any obstacles. Good luck to the Boiler sports teams for the rest of the year!



School Pride Abundant at BBCHS

L. Habeeb

Come to one of BBCHS's sporting events and on your left you will see an abundance of parents, and on your right you will see a sea of red. Boiler Red. The pride our school displays is unmatched throughout the state. It doesn't matter if the game is at our cross-town rivals' school, the Red Surge will surely be there supporting our teams.



Every single one of our home football games are packed with students, overflowing the north side of the stands. Even some away games the crowds almost match the intensity of the home team. Take girls volleyball for instance. The Boilmaker squad traveled down Kennedy Drive to face off against Mac, and it is estimated that the BB to Mac crowd ratio was at least 3-1. That was only in popula-

tion, too. The cheering was unmatched, and many student crowds get unruly, but you know, BB keeps it classy.

Most of the time, BB students dress up in white polos and khaki shorts,

or as farm boys and girls, to mimic our competition. Though the administrators may not exactly approve of the way we show support, they do support the effort students put forth in the cheering our school on. Mrs. Oliver said, "The BBCHS school spirit at the Turkey Tourney is unmatched by any other school, and for the most part is good, but there are three things that can get it out of hand. Being disrespectful, distasteful, and doing any-

thing to make the referees angry."

One place the Boiler Pride is always shown is at the annual basketball



Turkey Tourney. Last year, the rivalry was displayed more in the student sections than on the court. Mac students tried to mock our students by bringing the infamous Polar Pops to games, but our students were not fazed. Some kids think they are too good to realize a great deal when they see one (\$.69 pop). They are too caught up in drinking high class Pepsi out the bottle with their pinkies out.

While our school pride is very famous, many students have taken a certain disliking to our town and school system. However, we should be grateful we are blessed with such great teachers

and administrators.

Boilmaker fans are a large part of team success. Without the crazy fans on the sidelines, it would be tough to compete in the SWSC conference, but students make it possible. We should be thankful for the great teachers we have. And please remember: while your cheering on our teams, keep it classy and keep Mrs. Oliver's three rules in mind.



What's Up With That?

Z. Wadley

For years now college football teams have been cheated out of a chance for the national championship by a computer system known as the Bowl Championship Series. College basketball has captured the craziness of the fans in the month of March by having their 64 team playoff while college football lags



behind. There are literally 50 bowls for teams to play in but when it comes to the championship game, the head honchos would rather a computer decide who plays in the game instead of teams fighting for the chance. Small schools, in particular, get robbed of national stardom year in and year out because of the system. This season teams like TCU and Boise State will be playing in bowls such as the Who Cares Poinsettia Bowl when they should have a chance for the trophy.

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A. Maronich

As most of the world knows, Eldrick Tont Woods has gotten himself in somewhat of a pickle in the last couple weeks. Woods is hands down one of the most recognizable sport figures in the world, with having earned an estimated \$110 million in 2008 from winnings and endorsements. No matter how much money Tiger earns in his career nothing will change what happened to him on Nove-



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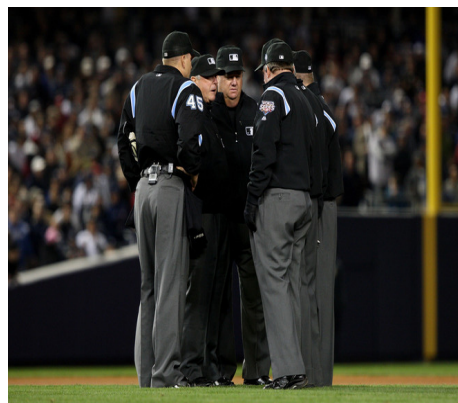
After his early morning car crash more and more dirt came out on the 14 time major championship winner, which included alleged affairs with multiple women. This is not only a mistake for Woods, but a life changing event for the worse. From now on every golf tournament Woods will not be considered as the best golfer in the world, but will be the man who cheated on his super model wife. Once again, the famous high life ruins a good man like Tiger Woods.

What's Up With That?

J. Gordon

The Major League Baseball Association has been ridiculed over the past several years for not using instant replay to review close calls the umpires may have missed. Other professional sports such as football, basketball, and tennis have already started to utilize the replay. If they have the technology to review certain mistakes on certain controversial plays, why wouldn't they just use it? It doesn't make sense not to utilize the tools around them to help improve the quality of the game. Important games have been won and lost on close calls, and they will continue to get important calls wrong. The umpires are human, and they make mistakes which is understandable but if they can review their calls and see that they were wrong and be able to change that, then they should. Major League Baseball is just being stubborn by not allowing the review of plays.

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A few weeks ago NBA superstar, LeBron James, declared to the league that he would be changing his jersey number next season to 6 because he wanted to honor Michael Jordan. That's perfectly fine. However, James went on to say that all players in the NBA should stop wearing 23 to honor Jordan. Let me say this: I am the biggest MJ fan there is, but what LeBron is trying to do is



ridiculous.

Jackie Robinson's number 42 is retired in Major League Baseball because of the significance of his breaking of the color barrier. Jordan is considered the greatest player to play the game of basketball, but it is not time to hang 23 from the rafters in every arena just yet. Again, it is a nice idea, but LeBron needs to think before he makes such a bold movement. If they retire Jordan's 23 then what about Chamberlain's 13, or Russell's 6? LeBron-we know you want the attention but retiring Jordan's 23 over past greats?

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On April 3rd 2009, the Chicago Bears made a trade that fans thought was going to bring them an undoubted Super Bowl. They couldn't have been more wrong. Yes, you guessed it, Jay Cutler, I have not seen a more overhyped trade in Chicago sports history in my short lived life at least. The Bears gave up quarterback Kyle Orton, along with two first round draft picks, and a third round draft pick.



This season Cutler has not had much to be happy about with leading the team to a 4-7 record, and accumulating an unfathomable number of interceptions through 11 games, 19 to be exact. Not to help Cutler's ego, Kyle Orton is having himself a career year for Cutler's old team, Denver.

I strongly believe if he were any other quarterback, Cutler would have been benched by now. But when you've named him your franchise quarterback before he even took a snap, then you're stuck with the human interception machine. For the Bears to make the playoffs, there is no doubt Cutler will have to pick up his game, but when five of the next seven teams the Bears play all have winning, Jay might need to wake up, cause he's not in Denver anymore.

What's Up With That?

L. Habeeb

Tom Brady- 3 Superbowl wins, 2 Superbowl MVP's, and a countless number of passing records. Drew Brees- 0 Superbowl wins, a few Pro-Bowl selections, but hardly any career achievements compared to Brady.

Last week, the two squared off in a quarterback duel, a one-sided duel that is. Brees went berserk. He put up a perfect passer rating while throwing as many touchdowns (5) as incompletions (5). Tommy boy struggled out of the gate though, throwing 2 interceptions. Is this



the dethroning of the great quarterback of the century? One man passing the torch onto the next great? It very well could be..

Brees has a chance to do exactly what Brady did a few years ago, go undefeated in the regular season. Brees will put his goal higher though, and aim to win the Superbowl. "We have the discipline to take it one game at a time, feeling like we can win each game one at a time, and if you do that enough times, maybe you go undefeated." Look for me to root for Brees to dethrone Brady as the King of the Quarterback position.

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