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Struggle & Emerge

Spirit Week & Winter Carnival

Spirit Week is a highly anticipated week that all the staff & students always look forward to! On Monday our different houses, Gunner, Chopper & Badger, dress up in their favourite jerseys. Tuesday was crazy hair & pajama day. Everyone looked like they just rolled out of bed! Wednesday was twin day. We pick someone that looks like us & dressed exactly the same. Thursday, Winter Carnival day, the Hounds all dressed in their orange, blue & green house colors. The winter carnival was Thursday afternoon. The school & our campus was filled with the bright colors of blue, green & orange and our spirit was through the roof! The Badgers came through big and won both the Winter Carnival & Spirit

Week competitions from participation & competition points combined. Friday was our annual staff student hockey game. All of the Hounds go to the arena to



watch & laugh at the crazy antics and costumes on the ice. The students had two teams dress for two separate periods of hockey. For the first time in 16 years the students managed to hold off the "clutching & grabbing" game plan of the staff and came out with the overtime shoot out victory!!!

Congratulations to four year Hound Drew George on scoring the OT shoot out winner.

A huge thanks to student activities coordinator Derek Belvedere for organizing an amazing week for us! Thanks to the varsity & teaching staff for going along with all of the disruptions, mess & utter chaos!! We had a blast!

This E-News captures the week through the eyes of the Notre Dame students. We hope you enjoy our unique perspective and can "feel" the energy and fun of each Winter Carnival competition.

By: Brittany Kaminski

Winter Carnival

Every year the Hounds wait in anticipation for February Spirit Week! One of the best days of this awesome week is WINTER CARNIVAL!! This is where the Hounds gather in their respective house colors: green for Woodchopper, "Choppers", blue for the Gunners and orange for the Badgers.

For one afternoon we participate and compete in many wild events. All for house points of course! This year we competed & played in the Muckers Relay, Stongman (woman), Dodgeball, Fear Factor, Road Hockey, Broomball and various skating events.

All of the Hounds join

in on this amazing day of fun, fresh air & friends. Returning Hounds enjoy the events they have mastered while our new Hounds find their place in the array of wild events. There is nothing else like this eventful day, and in the end, the Hounds cannot wait for next year!

By: Megan Weisshaar

Strong Man Competition



Rachel cleans her plate in the Fear Factor finale.

The Winter Carnival is a huge event that Notre Dame loves each & every year. There are three team houses: Badger, Chopper and Gunner, who all compete for house points at many different events.

The first event for the Winter Carnival was the Muckers Relay. This is a relay race between all three houses. The Gunners were the undefeated champs of this event! After the relay everyone splits up and goes to their own separate events, such as: broomball, dodge ball, speed

skating, strong man and woman contests, and numerous hockey skill contests.

I participated in the strong man contest. This competition consists of weight lifting and medicine ball throw. My team dominated in this contest because most of the strong guys in the school are Gunners!! After that I went and played some intense games of dodge ball.

The last event of the day was fear factor. This is when two people from each house eat some really gross food just like in the TV series

Fear Factor. For the Gunners, Colleen and Tyler participated. The Badgers had Dan and Rachel and the Choppers had Rhyley and Kaitlin. It was a very close finish but the winners were Rhyley and Kaitlin.

The Badgers came out on top & ended up winning the Winter Carnival.

By: Brandon Ogle

The Bolland Report



Daniel wore his orange velour top & matching skirt to the strong man event!!!

The winter carnival is an event that displays Notre Dame's school spirit and allows students to represent their designated house in fun, challenging and exciting games. The activities a student may participate in include the Muckers Relay, road hockey, broomball, dodge ball, speed skating, stick handling, strongest man and the famous Fear Factor.

The Fear factor activity is the one where students gather round and watch grade twelve volunteers eat many disgusting things that we would not normally partake in eating! It is the highlight of the winter carnival and as odd as it sounds, it shows who has the strongest stomach! This year Rachel Cox proved to be dominant in eating her food the fastest. She led the pack by finishing twenty minutes ahead

of the next contestant, Kaitlin Sherven. Women seemed to rule the department of eating the disgusting food!

I participated in the speed skating competition in the grade ten and eleven category. There were 6 contestants, Paul Brisebois, Clinton Pirio, Trevor Cameron, Brad Cuzner, Jens Johnson and myself. Trevor Cameron, the defending champion, faced off against me in our heat. The races went by in a matter of seconds but were worth a lot more to the participants. One lap around the ice is all it takes!

Gunner, Chopper and Badger fought hard to the end, but BADGER ended the week on top with the most total points.

By: Scott Bolland

Chris ready at the starting line in his speed-skating outfit.



The Town Rink Broomball Bash



Marla & Alyssa playing broomball.

Broomball may not seem like one of the events you'd have the most fun and competitive spirit in, but all the girls had a lot of fun. Being a Gunner we're always known for putting up a good

fight. The Gunner team included Colleen, Erin and myself. We showed up fashionably late so the Badgers and Choppers had already started playing. The Badgers ran the Choppers 'show' defeating them in the first round. Each team had seven players, but having only three Gunner players was no problem at all. The Gunners' first game was against the Badgers and half-way through the game two more Gunners showed up! It was little Sherv and Cooper. We put up a good fight but were defeated 2-0. The Badgers had snatched up first place, so the Gunners and Chop-

pers had their eyes on 2nd. The third game was underway, the girls were vicious and the good spirited taunting echoed throughout the Wilcox town rink! Gunners possessing competitive greatness sniped top shelf on the Chopper goalie Victoria! We were winning 1-0. Both teams battled hard and it was difficult to get anything past Victoria because she actually is a hockey goalie. The end of the game took forever to come, but finally Ramona whistled for the game to end! Gunners grabbed 2nd place and we certainly let our competition know that the Chopper dynasty had ended! An amazing time was had by all!
By: Tamber Tisdale

"The hardest hitting, fastest game at the winter carnival is dodge ball. It's the ultimate battle between the two houses. With balls flying back and forth at tremendous rates of speed, it's a true test of agility and alertness. With many other activities to choose from at the carnival dodge ball is the most popular."
Keenan Smith

The Duncan McNeill 'Oval'

During the winter carnival the Duncan McNeill Arena transforms into a speed skating oval. Over the watchful eyes of Del Pedrick and Jason MacLean the fastest skaters from Notre Dame gather. Loud and proud we dress in our House colours. Whether our costumes are orange, blue, or green, we come ready to skate!

The heats are broken down into gender and grade. Two students at a time line up on opposite sides of the red line waiting for the whistle to blow. Skaters race a quick timed lap. The times are then tallied and the winners are announced.

For girls, Badgers came out on top with Maddy Pirio and Roberta Carson winning their age groups. Gunner and Badger took gold in the male heats.

By: Roberta Carson



Jens stick handling.



Graeme winds up for the shot in dodge ball!



Maddie, Bianca & Chandler in the women's dodge ball game.



A huge thank you to my Grade 11 English Language Arts 20 Honors class for their unique perspective on our Spirit Week & Winter Carnival. I hope you picked up a sense of how much fun it is and how much fun the Hounds have on these special days! Please check out the photo gallery

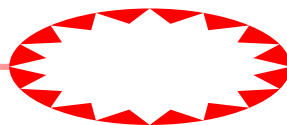
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Muckers Relay Gets the Hounds Going

One of the things we as students attending Notre Dame look forward to is the Winter Carnival. What happens during this much anticipated day? We all dress up in our house colours and compete for house points.

One of the events I participated in is called the Muckers Relay. How the Muckers relay works is, you start in front of the rink and two girls pull another girl in a tire across the parking lot. We then pass on the blade of a hockey stick to the next girl who runs up a pile of snow and at the bottom jumps on the back of an awaiting girl. They piggy back to the next station where the next girl has to spin with a hockey stick on her head. Then she takes off to the final stretch of the relay. The final girl sprints around archives and back to the starting line.

This relay is very entertaining because many people fall. My

stretch of the relay was the part where I had to run over a hill and jump on Amber Demharter's back. Megan Vestby was pulled in the tire. I took off up the hill and arrived at the bottom and to my surprise it was filled with really deep snow! I fell flat on my face!! I was up quick and ready to jump on Amber's back right away. The path she was standing on was very icy and when I jumped on her back we both went down. But you can't stop Gunner's that easily! We gave Tamber the baton and she spun and spun and spun and I honestly don't know how she was able to run in a straight line! Then it was all up to MJ Roper. She was fast, but after both of my falls we were too far behind to take first. We took second;

right behind Badger, and Chopper came in last... a common occurrence this carnival!!

By: Rachel Dombowsky



Amber hauling Rachel in the Muckers Relay