

SNATCHING THE SUPERBOWL

The Arlington Catholic Cougars snatched the win for the Division 3 State Championship on Saturday morning at Gillette Stadium, 32-20 against the purple and black Lancers of Norton High School.

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PHOTO—The Cougars march onto the field at Gillette Stadium. For the first time in 15 years the AC Cougars are Super Bowl Champions. (Staff photo)



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The future Division 3 champions celebrate after a cross-town win over rivals, Arlington High Spy Ponders. (Staff photo)

Mr. Barrett Becomes Dean of Students

By Valerie Bennett

The first second quarter has already ended, and unfortunately many students have not been given the chance to get to know our new dean of students, Mr. Stephen Barrett. Thankfully, I have been provided with the opportunity to sit down and get to know a little more about the new addition to our faculty.

Valerie: *I understand your last position was held at Austin Prep. What was your role there?*

Mr. Barrett: I was the athletic director there from 2005 until this past school year.

V: *Well, the school year has only just started and you've already made many changes. Do you have any plans for further changes?*

B: (laughing) I did!

V: *Well, like the uniform change for example.*

B: Yeah! Well, I made that change in the summer. People like Ms. Butt and myself, we all kind of collaborated and came up with that. There are certainly some things that need

to be changed for next year. I was to refrain from changing things in the middle of the school year, but there are a number of things that need to be changed for next year. And will be changed for next year, but I don't think anything too upsetting.

V: *You appear to be a very active supporter of the uniform policy but many people oppose it. What are your views on this?*

B: Well, the uniform here is pretty easy to follow. The students have a lot of options for clothing here that aren't necessarily the case for other schools that are around here. I know that Austin is very strict with the dress code, here you can wear

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Big Changes for AC Both Inside and Out

By Alexandra Gandolfo

As I place myself comfortably before Mr. Biagioni's large desk, I take a glimpse at the pile of paperwork resting on top of his calendar, where each date has a note or appointment scribbled below. The principle here at Arlington Catholic is clearly a busy man. Reserving a place on his calendar for me, Mr. Biagioni agreed to speak about the adjustments to the school as well as his views on the changes in the economy and the Church.

Q: *The school has replaced the tiling in the main hallways, introduced new cafeteria tables, and installed smart boards in most classrooms. How do you feel about these improvements?*

A: I'm really excited about them. We're looking into a lot of things, we're looking to build a wellness center, add some art rooms, build guidance suite, and maybe lay down some turf at the Pit as well. The plans are in the works, but we need to raise some money.

Q: *Do you feel the choices at the snack bar are a healthy option?*

A: I think there are a lot of healthy choices at the snack bar. Those are snacks, they're meant to be a supplement to your lunch; it's



Mr. Stephen Biagioni

your choice. If kids are using those snacks as their only lunch that'd be a problem but we think that most of our students are mature enough to handle using the snack bar as what it should be, a desert. Even if we had some students buying snacks as a substitute to lunch that's another issue, but we don't see much of that.

Q: *How do you think the economy's current position will influence the future of students, particularly the seniors going out into the world next fall?*

A: My biggest fear is that some of the seniors can't afford to go to college. Hopefully colleges and the government are accepting during these economic challenges. I'm also very worried about parents being able to afford our tuitions here, that's how we survive.

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*Have a
Blessed
Christmas*

Mrs. Charlotte Stone Builds ACHS Band Program

By Alexander Morella

Charlotte Stone is the band director here at Arlington Catholic. She wishes to grow the band program at Arlington Catholic so that it can match up with the other great band programs in the Boston area. She is well on her way.

Mrs. Stone started her long love affair with music in the second grade when she learned how to play the piano. She did not like the piano very much, and always dreamed of playing the Saxophone. Finally, in the sixth

grade, her father bought her a Saxophone. "It was the greatest day of my life," said Mrs. Stone.

While she also has a love for art, making her own greeting card line and doing some cartooning, she realized music was her true love and she went to Notre Dame College in New Hampshire to study to be a music teacher. Mrs. Stone has taught in many schools, both private and public in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. After a while, however, she de-

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Pray the Rosary

AC Welcomes Beth Jordan

By Kimberly Todisco

The Cougar Chronicle interviewed Ms. Beth Jordan, our new Guidance Counselor here at Arlington Catholic for the year 2008.

K: What brought you to Arlington Catholic?

J: I just graduated from BC where I received my masters degree in school counseling. I'm from Pennsylvania actually, but I came up here to go to BC, I fell in love with the area. I worked at Medford High School where many of the teachers over there knew Mr. B, so I heard nothing but wonderful things about this school, which, by the way, have all by far been very true now that I have my own personal experience here. There was an opening which I was very interested in so I hopped over to see what it was like. I'm very happy here so I'm glad I checked it out.

K: How many years have you been a guidance counselor?

J: This is actually my very first year, 2 months in. I went straight from undergrad to graduate school. I knew exactly what I wanted to do and that was the fastest way to go from point A to point B so I got my undergrad at BC and then headed straight to Medford High School.

K: Do you like being a guidance counselor?

J: I Love it, you come to work everyday. I have friends who tell me they aren't pumped about their jobs but I come to work everyday happy when I get here happy when I leave here. I love this job I'm really happy with it, it's definitely my calling.

K: So are there any hard parts of being a guidance counselor?

J: If it wasn't challenging you would get bored, each day is different and new, today I had about 80 things I had to do. What happen are you come in with a list of things to do and then you get 4 calls and 4 emails, and something trumps your list, but ya know that's what makes it fun. I guess with all the multitasking you feel like you are juggling a lot of balls all day but it's challenging and that is what makes it so fun.

K: So, with college being so important right now, do you think the college process of applying and all the steps you have to take is overwhelming for the students?

J: Oh, absolutely, for the students and parents. I think that especially for those families who have not gone through the process before, there is a big fear of the unknown. It can become overwhelming which is why I encourage my seniors early on to get going with the process and do all the steps. At AC I think they have a great method with getting everyone on the college process quickly, from PSAT's to SAT's, and then you have a college list at the end of your junior year. From my experience, it makes it so much easier. I know coming from Medford I had seniors come November starting to think of it. This schools prepares you well which is nice, but it is an overwhelming process. Come May, you will think it flew by, and you will be pros by then.

K: So coming from Pennsylvania, how did you find Boston College?

J: I was online looking for a really good program for a masters in school counseling, and I know BC – everyone does – but I wasn't sure where I wanted to end up after leaving Pennsylvania. I wanted to go to a well-known school and to have a good program backing me because this is what I wanted to do the rest of my life. I found BC, and when I got in I was sold. I applied to a lot of different schools but BC was the one I was hanging on to, I started packing my bags as soon as I got accepted.

K: So you have wanted to be a Guidance Counselor for a while right?

J: I wasn't sure, I was teetering on being a teacher but I went to college and fell in love with psychology and sociology and the background that really builds towards being a guidance counselor and by the end of my sophomore year I was sold. I knew from that point on I wanted to be a GC so I didn't take time off in between.

K: Do you have any advice for the class of 2009?

J: Even though it is overwhelming, the whole college process, and it's a lot of work on top of all your homework, essay coming, just really enjoy your senior year. This is stressful but it should be fun. Don't get completely and totally stressed out to the point where you miss out on your senior year. Always look back and forever remember the good times. Come June, when you guys are graduating it will feel like a blink of the eye and it was all gone. Enjoy every minute this year. Keep working hard, colleges want to know that you are following through. It is a stressful process but enjoy every minute of it. Enjoy every second is my advice, the long winded version of course.

Math Comes First for Mr. Bruno

By Guy Sergi

A couple of weeks ago, I was given the opportunity to interview one of AC's knowledgeable math teachers, Mr. Michael Bruno. He was speaking to me as the coach and leader of the Math Team and he was being interviewed on their behalf. To me,



and I believe many others, the Math Team's dimly lit accomplishments have kept them in the

shadow of AC's sports and drama club. During my interview with Mr. Bruno, a lot of the mysteries of the Math Team were revealed. The Math Team consists of a number of students. These students take up the challenge to involve themselves in extremely deep thinking math topics. The team tries to meet once a month to practice. They do the practice tests with each other and get ready for the competitions. Mr. Bruno told me that sometimes it is hard for the whole team to meet because of all the other activities going on after

school. Most people know how a football game is played and scored, but what is it like at a math meet? I asked Mr. Bruno about the "atmosphere" surrounding the competition days. He told me that all the schools competing will meet in the host's cafeteria. Only ten students on AC's team are actually going to score for the school, but the other teammates go for practice and to help the ones competing. The meet is scored through six rounds. The highest score for one person is 18. Since there are ten people competing, the highest score for the day could be 180. Each round is a different topic of math. Complex numbers, geometric area, factoring, trigonometry, quadratic equations, and polynomial functions are just a few of the topics used in the six meets. Mr. Bruno told me that getting ready before the competition is "just like before a football game, when you're throwing the football around. It's very similar. Before the math meet starts, they are throwing math problems around and trying to look the material over." Usually after the competition, the teams all talk and "strike up friendships from chatting with the other students around." I also asked Mr. Bruno how the club works with the school's philosophy. He explained how each student on the team has to "stretch their abilities. The Math Team thinks outside the box to figure out a problem. They break the normal train of thinking." The Math Team competes against local schools in the Middlesex County area. They always compete with diligent minds and with respect for their peers. Mr. Bruno and I also talked about some interesting facts, involving the team or math in general, that he could share with our readers. I was enlightened to find out that in 1994, the Arlington Catholic Math Team won their division. They came in first place (for division B) and was awarded with a trophy. Mr. Bruno also told me "an interesting fact that will get the science people ticked off. Math is the only true science. Without math, there is no science. Math came first." Whether you want to debate that or not (science people), you cannot debate the preparation, competition, and enjoyment that the Arlington Catholic Math Team experiences.

Ms. Butt Enthused as Vice Principal

By Dominic Colarossi

As Ms. Linda Butt enters her first year as Vice Principal at Arlington Catholic High School, she is enthusiastic about the challenges ahead this year. She spoke about the year so far and what she hopes will be accomplished.

Q: How is the job of Vice Principal different from the job of Dean of Students?

A: The Vice Principal deals with academics and I have a closer relationship with the teachers. I deal less with discipline and attendance but I still check for uniforms but now I send them to Mr. Barrett.

Q: How has the transition been?

A: The transition has been smooth with the support from

the faculty and the staff and especially from Mr. Biagioni, Mr. Rosa, and Mr. Hurley. Mr. Hurley helps with the computer system of the school. Mr. Rosa moved AC into the area of technology successfully I want to keep up with that precedent through training and workshops—there are many unseen things that people don't get to see.

Q: Are you still teaching?

A: I asked Mr. Biagioni if I could stay in the classroom and stepped back into the classroom because of an illness to a teacher. When you step into the classroom you feel connected and you can feel the enthusiasm from the students. When you step out of the classroom, especially when I was dean, I dealt with negative energy and that was hard for me because I love positive energy.

Q: What is your vision for this year?

A: One of the things I would like to accomplish this year is a real collaborative faculty about students. Good communication and good conversation about students about what we want for them. It's dealing with faculty on a different level than when one your in a classroom from one faculty member to another. As dean I was helping them resolve disciplinary issues. Now its setting about goals for what we the students to achieve academically. We still have much work to do. I want to encourage and challenge the students to help them reach their full potential so their dreams can come true.

Mr. Foley Moderates Model UN

By Alexandra Gandolfo

Among the many clubs that Arlington Catholic offers to its students, Model United Nations is arguably one of the most interesting. Beginning its 5th year running,



Mr. Michael Foley, the teacher overseeing the club, is excited for this year's turnout. "We've grown from

about 10 people to 43." The club, which is open to all students at Arlington Catholic, spans the nation and invites kids to learn about countries and politics from around the world. The students are assigned to a country and a specific council, which vary from Human Rights to Economic Development to Health. Students also learn about outside sources that factor into the operation of countries such as terrorist groups, NGOs, and the press corps.

"It's a challenge for students to learn about their country and speak publicly in front of their peers...It's a great education about the world. Some kids learn about countries they've never even heard of. They get to see what else is out there instead of just a focus on the Western world," said Mr. Foley. The responsibility to be prepared as well as educated about the country a member has been assigned falls completely to the students, creating an independence in MUN that is unique from other clubs.

The clubs President and Vice-President, seniors Ryan Kenny and Katie Tomkewicz respectively, have already begun to prepare members for the oncoming conference in the winter. When asked about their progression so far, Mr. Foley only had confidence in the club's leaders. "Model United Nations is a mostly student run club, they've already been very helpful getting things started this year. MUN is in good hands with those two." This year's conference will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and will be hosted by Boston University the weekend of February 27th, 2009 through March 1st, 2009. Mr. Foley concluded, "I think [our members] will represent both themselves and the school well."

Mr. Barrett

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sweatshirts to support your teams, and that's great. And you can wear anything that says AC on it and show your school pride. They didn't get the option to wear... boys wearing boots and girls wearing Uggs, and now everyone wearing sneakers. There are plenty of options for shoes so that there shouldn't be an issue but it still is. I think that it's a liberal policy fairly easy to follow but there are those who do not follow the rules. I wish that they would follow it but I do think it is a fairly easy policy to follow.

V: OK, one more question. How does your son feel about you being here?

B: (laughing) Well, not too happy about it in the summertime. He wasn't real... anxious to come here. He liked Austin Prep a lot, all of his friends are there and it's tough to transfer midway through your high school career. It's tough to transfer at any time but certainly after two-years. He's not the only junior to transfer in this year. We have about 15 other juniors that transferred this year both international and local. I think if I were him I'd be a little nervous about my dad being the disciplinarian. I think it helps that the kids here have been very welcoming towards him. They don't view him as the dean of students' kid. And I see a lot of that here in the school. The kids who have been here for a couple years see the new juniors and sophomores and try to help them. I've been in many other schools and I can tell you that this is the first one I've been in where kids actually try to help. As a parent, I like that. I like seeing that. Is he happy that I'm the dean of students? I think that he would like to be some place where his dad's not the dean. His little brother doesn't want to come here either for the same reason. But it's a big enough school that our paths don't cross that often. But it does help when he asks me for money at lunch time and the teachers have been very good about letting him be Stephen Barrett the student, and not Stephen Barrett the Dean's kid. I appreciate that.

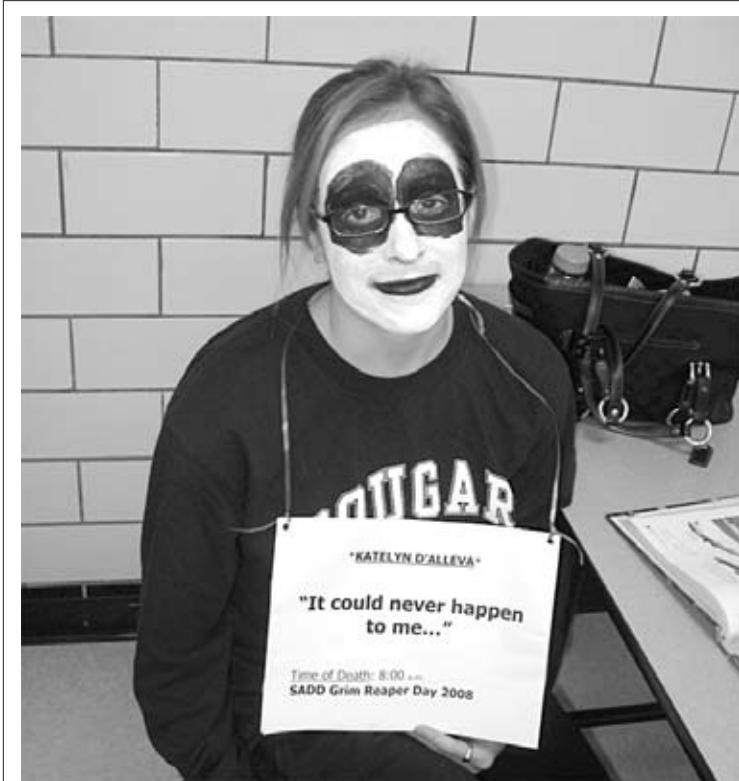
**THINK
SNOW!**

Humanitarian Club Helps AC Go Green

By Colleen McCormack

The Humanitarian Club is a new addition to the club community here at Arlington Catholic this year. Its focus is on serving the community and preserving the environment. Club members have already painted recycling bins vibrant and eye-catching colors to remind students of the importance of recycling. In addition, seventeen members traveled to the Seaport World Trade center in Boston to volunteer at Massachusetts General's annual Halloween Town benefit which provides support for children receiving care from the hospital. In the coming year, members hope to volunteer at animal shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens. The Humanitarian Club is a great club to join if you are interested in serving others and participating in rewarding experiences

**Good Luck to
AC's Winter
Sports Teams**



SADD, or Students Against Destructive Decisions is an Arlington Catholic club aimed at promoting the philosophy that young people who are empowered to help each other are the most effective force in prevention. On October 31st, SADD hosted its fifth annual Grim Reaper Day in which we were reminded of the tragic fact that a person dies every 33 minutes in a drunk-driving related accident. In addition, SADD members sign a "Contract for Life" and participate in Red Ribbon Day as a way to promote a healthy, drug-free life. This year members of SADD also hope to run mock prom and graduation days to remind students of the importance of safety during these activities.

Across the Universe: A Review

By Alexis Street

The only thing my mum and I could ever seem to agree on was her Beatles record collection. At age five I was savvier with their songs than the alphabet. Long before I was born, The Beatles were poster children for the British Invasion when they flew over in 1964. Teens in the U.S. actually laughed when they saw four men with funny little haircuts and such polished suits. But that was quickly forgotten when they were recognized as revolutionaries in music history.

Such revolutionaries should be celebrated, should they not? I had been anticipating fall film *Across the Universe* since I saw the trailer in theaters last winter. Director Julie Taymor, with the help of screenwriters Dick Clement and Ian Le Frenais, composed a storyline supported entirely by Beatles classics. "How brilliant!" I thought.

With my dear friend, Andrea, in tow, we enthusiastically bought our tickets, handed them to the ticket man, and skipped down to the theater. Forced into seats far too close, we settled in, loudly opening our bags of candy as the previews began to play. After what felt was an hour, the movie began. Sitting on a gray beach was Jude (Jim Sturgess) singing a bittersweet 'Girl'. I was sold! The movie was brilliant. The story progressed to reveal the lives of a sheltered Lucy (Evan Racheal Wood), her college drop-out brother, Max (Joe Anderson), and the company of their flatmates in New York. The eclectic bunch, with the addition of the landlord/singer, Sadie (Dana Fuchs), her boyfriend/guitarist, JoJo (Martin Luther McCoy), and the over-moody Prudence (T.V. Carpio), demonstrated 1960s New York migrants just trying to make a difference.

Unwillingly sent to fight in Vietnam, Max leaves his sister and her Liverpool boyfriend, Jude, in New York. Lucy joins a college anti-war group while working at a diner, while Jude works on his art. Their landlord, Sadie, spits from her band, leaving them in the dust and JoJo betrayed. Prudence comes and goes, just looking for somebody to love. Supported by well-choreographed extras, the cast fills out the movie with an incredible soundtrack.

Jim Sturgess (who will be appearing alongside Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman in *The Other Boleyn Girl*) will definitely be crediting this role as his breakout. Delivering a talented voice, he does a great and poppy 'All My Loving', and a rather rock and roll 'Revolution'. The ever-talented Evan Racheal Wood (*Running With Scissors*) delivered a surprisingly angelic, yet edgy voice wonderfully mirroring her character's personality. Joe Anderson (*Becoming Jane*) did a fantastic rendition on both 'Hey Jude' and 'Happiness Is a Warm Gun'. His incomparably amazing voice was perfect for the role of a veteran, brother, son, and best friend. T.V. Carpio who flitted in and out throughout the movie possessed a very sweet voice. Her interpretation of 'I Wanna Hold Your Hand' almost made one feel bad for her character Prudence, as it was sung to a girl she knew she couldn't have. One of my favorite voices, Dana Fuchs, belted out a powerful 'Helter Skelter'.

Overall, the movie was a great memoir of the '60s. Sprinkled with cameos by Salma Hayek, Bono, Joe Cocker, and Eddie Izzard, *Across the Universe* expressed the good, the bad, and the ugliness the world was going through personally and globally. For those of you who enjoy trippy storylines and dig bizarre details, check it out, and enjoy.

Suffering in Darfur

By Alexander Morella

There has been much suffering in the country of Sudan, mainly in the region of Darfur. The people of this region are being devastated through several mass killings by local tribes and many are left with no home or food to eat.

The War in Darfur started on February 26, 2003 and continues into the present. Many have called this genocide, because up to half a million people have died. The tribes involved in this fighting are Fur, Massalit and Zaghawa.

One side of this conflict is the Sudanese military and the other side is comprised mostly of rebels. The Sudanese military is also assisted by the Janjaweed, a militia group recruited mostly from the Arab Abbala tribes of the northern Rizeigat, who are camel-herding nomads. The rebel groups are mostly made up of the Sudan Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement.

The Sudanese government, while publicly denying that it supports the Janjaweed, has provided money and assistance to the militia and has participated in joint attacks targeting the tribes from which the rebels draw support. The combination of decades of drought, desertification, and overpopulation are among the causes of the Darfur conflict, because the Janjaweed, Baggara nomads, were searching for water so they took their livestock further south, bringing them to land mainly occupied by black African farming communities. The Sudanese government has been accused of keeping some of the situation in Darfur secret by jailing and killing witnesses since 2004, and tampering with evidence like mass graves to eliminate their forensic value.

In addition, by obstructing and arresting journalists, the Sudanese government has been able to hide much of what has gone on. The United States, Britain and the European Union have repeatedly condemned these atrocities but have failed to carry out any of their numerous threats. The US referred to the killings as genocide in 2004, while last year, Tony Blair said the situation was completely unacceptable and called for urgent action. None of the resolutions passed by the Security Council regarding Darfur have been applied or used for the benefit of Darfur.

Gérard Prunier, a scholar specializing in African conflicts, argues that the world's most powerful countries have largely limited their response to expressions of concern and demands that the United Nations take action. The UN, lacking both the funding and military support of the wealthy countries, has left the African Union to deploy a token force, AMIS, without a mandate to protect civilians. As the wealthy countries of the world look the other way, 10,000 people a month are dying, and there is no sign that it will slow down.

The people of Darfur are in grave danger. Their lives are at risk and they need the help of the wealthy countries such as America so that they can move out of this terrible mess and fix their society the way that they used to know it.

GO COUGARS!

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cided being a music teacher was too taxing and decided to open her own band program. After moving from school to school with her program, she now only teaches at St. Agnes and Arlington Catholic.

"My goal is to build a self running band program at Arlington Catholic," said Mrs. Stone. She plays almost all the major instruments, spending a semester or two on each. "This is because music is basic and it is easy to learn several instruments." She has also done several private recordings with artists and her major goal is to build a stable band program at Arlington Catholic.

The Arlington Catholic band will play at several band venues this year. They are a Christmas show at St. Agnes Church, for the play "Carnegie Deli", during the arts festival in the gym, a band concert in the spring for the student body, graduation, and at the Great East Festival where Arlington Catholic has won a silver medal the last 2 years. Said Mrs. Stone, "Come down and watch us, it'll be a blast."

Changes at AC (continued from page 1)

Q: *Given the monetary strain much of the Catholic Church and its Parishes already are forced to face, do you worry the Church's troubles with visibly impact AC?*

A: No, we pretty much operate independently of the Church. We have to be concerned to a certain extent about the Church's structure... we operate financially independent of the Church as well, although we would like more support.

Q: *What are some of your hopes as well as fears for this school year at AC?*

A: My Hopes are always that our students remain healthy and get the most from this wonderful school we have. My fears...I see the outside influences, the disadvantages, the alcohol and drugs you know, kids tend to view them as an experiment. These are things that always concern me, but as the principle at AC I know I get tremendous pleasure from seeing my students achieve, both athletically and academically.

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We can... We will... We did!

AC Beats Norton High To Win Superbowl 2008

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The first big game break while down 12-6 occurred when a fumbled handoff by Norton ended up with players of both teams diving for the loose ball. Senior Steve Pagliocca covered the ball in the end zone to tie the game with 1:56 left in the first half. From there QB Corey Spencer assisted by Ricky Douglass scored a 24-yard touchdown pass. In the opening of the second half Charlie Bates scored from 13 yards out and Jibreel Henderson added the two point conversion to make the score 26-12. With a 20-point fourth-quarter lead our Arlington Catholic Cougars began to see the title of Superbowl Champions in their future. As the Lancers failed to recover, AC received its first state championship since 1993.

Cougars were ready to fight as they prepared in the patriots practice "bubble." Some bent down to collect turph grass for good luck. "Brady's been on this grass!" exclaimed some players. When the time came to take that fateful walk into Gillette Stadium adrenaline and spirit surged through the line. The Cougars walked the same path our beloved Patriots walk every game, lined with signs reading "No Autographs Please." When they reached the opening and ran onto the field some could never explain just how amazing this opportunity was. From the second the Cougars walked onto the field to the last minute in the game, they fought their hardest for the title none in over a decade could claim. Returning as Superbowl

Champions, the Cougars were welcomed by rallying fans, friends and family who will forever bleed blue and gold. We can, we will...we did.

Cougars Battle "Big Blue" to advance

By Danielle Olsen

Arlington just a stop for McDonalds on the way to the Superbowl for Swampscott? The Cougars gave it their all in the Division 3 playoffs and with a solid defense, AC defeated the Big Blue of Swampscott, 22-9, at Arlington High. The team thus qualified for the Superbowl at Gillette Stadium. It looks like Swampscott is not "lovin' it."

With a fighting first half the Cougars' QB Corey Spencer quickly scored the opening touchdown and gained the lead with a 6-2 advantage. Shortly after, a 41-yard option pass by Ricky Douglas occurred. The ball was then handed off from Spencer and thrown to wide receiver Joe Wesoloski. The AC's defense worked like magic for the team, forcing four turnovers. These included an interception with 4 1/2 minutes remaining in the game. Arlington Catholic posted 55 total yards to Swampscott's 54. From a strong start to finish the Cougars battled their way to Gillette.

Amazement and pride surged through the AC community in anticipation for the Superbowl game. We've come close these past three years and some thought it wouldn't happen. Yet with strong perseverance and passion players, coaches, the Cougars excitedly awaited their fate at Gillette Stadium.



ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
"THE COUGARS"
2008 VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

#	NAME		YR.	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	JOE	WESOLOSKI	SR	WR/DB	6'4	200	ARLINGTON
2	JIBREEL	HENDERSON	SR	WR/DB	5'7	150	BOSTON
3	JAMEY	CONLEY	SO	RB	5'6	135	WALTHAM
5	MIKE	PALOTTA	JR	DB/WR	5'7	145	ARLINGTON
6	MARK	HUNTLEY	SR	WR	6'1	165	BILLERICA
7	PETER	BARSAM	SO	QB / DB	5'11	155	WALTHAM
8	TRAVIS	STANLEY	SR	DB	5'8	165	ARLINGTON
9	CHARLIE	BATES	R	RB/DB/K	5'11	185	READING
10	YIFEI	YANG	JR	WR	5'9	145	BEIJING, CHINA
11	RICKY	DOUGLASS	JR	QB/DB/P	6'1	175	MALDEN
13	JONATHAN	MANCINI	JR	DB	5'11	170	ARLINGTON
17	COREY	SPENCER	SR	QB	6'1	190	MALDEN
20	PETER	MORLEY	SR	DB	6'	155	WALTHAM
21	JOHN	FOSS	JR	LB/RB	5'8	140	WILMINGTON
23	ZACHARY	BATES	FR	RB / LB	5'7	165	READING
24	ROBERT	SCHULTZ	JR	WR	5'10	155	MEDFORD
30	JOSEPH	DALY	JR	LB	5'10	185	WOBURN
32	MARK	MARINO	SO	RB	5'11	190	WINCHESTER
33	COREY	DONOVAN	JR	LB/RB	5'7	155	BILLERICA
35	SAM	WHITNEY	JR	RB	5'10	185	ARLINGTON
40	NICK	DORIA	JR	LB	5'8	180	WATERTOWN
42	STEVE	BARRETT	JR	RB/DL	5'7	165	MELROSE
43	RYAN	HARRON	SR	DB	5'9	160	WOBURN
44	STEVEN	PAGLIOCCA	SR	LB/FB	6'2	215	BELMONT
45	CHRIS	ELBAG	SR	TE	6'1	205	WATERTOWN
50	STEVE	KERINS	SR	LB/G	5'11	210	BELMONT
51	ERIC	BARTON	JR	TE/LB	6'	225	STONEHAM
52	AL	BRANDANO	SR	LB	5'10	175	LYNNFIELD
53	DAN	CANNIFF	SO	C	5'10	175	MEDFORD
54	BRETT	SPRACKLIN	SR	DL/OL	6'1	225	BURLINGTON
55	ERIC	MORAN	SR	DL / OL	5'7	180	MEDFORD
56	JAMES	BALYOZIAN	SO	OL/DL	5'8	195	ARLINGTON
61	MICHAEL	SOUZA	SO	OL/DL	5'9	175	STONEHAM
64	JOE	ZOELLER	JR	OT	6'4	245	ARLINGTON
65	ALEX	MORELLA	JR	OL	5'8	190	ARLINGTON
66	JAMES	LASHOTO	JR	OL/DL	6'2	245	WALTHAM
72	MICHAEL	CHECCA	JR	OL	5'10	175	STONEHAM
74	CHRIS	BARRILE	JR	OL	5'9	175	MEDFORD
75	NICHOLAS	GONCHAR	SO	OL / DL	6'2	265	SOMERVILLE
76	THOMAS	DONOHUE	JR	OL / DL	6'2	245	WALTHAM
77	KEVIN	CASEY	SR	C	6'1	170	STONEHAM
78	PETER	GONCHAR	SR	OL/NG	6'3	320	SOMERVILLE
80	ANDREW	MANNING	SR	WR	5'11	185	BURLINGTON
81	SEAN	DELANDE	SR	WR	6'2	170	WOBURN
82	ANDREW	LANGONE	JR	WR	6'1	155	STONEHAM
83	ANDREW	CHIKEZIE	JR	WR	6'3	175	MALDEN
85	JOE	SIMMONS	JR	WR	5'9	145	ARLINGTON
88	SHAYNE	FOWKES	SO	WR /LB	5'11	165	WOBURN
	NICOLE	MARCELLA	JR	MGR			MALDEN
	CASSANDRA	MONIZ	JR	MGR			WOBURN
	AMANDA	MORRIS	JR	MGR			BILLERICA
	AMY	REGAN	JR	MGR			MELROSE
	KAYLA	ST. GERMAIN	JR	MGR			MEDFORD
	KATIE	TOMKEWICZ	SR	MGR			MELROSE
	DANIELLE	OLSEN	JR	MGR			



AC does battle with Norton High School at Gillette Stadium. (Staff photo)



Senior AC Cougars celebrate at rally. (Staff photo)

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Assistant Coaches: Anthony Petrelis ('00), Chris Petrelis ('96), Dave Richards, Phil Canniff
Freshman Coach: Dave McCormick