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Summary: The Third Annual Ground Quidditch Yule Ball will take place on Saturday, December 8, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. throughout the Student Center's Oyate Hall, Turtle Mountain Cafe, and Louie's Lower Level.

(December 1, 2012)-The Third Annual Ground Quidditch Yule Ball will take place on Saturday, December 8, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. throughout the Student Center's Oyate Hall, Turtle Mountain Cafe, and Louie's Lower Level. This holiday dance is inspired by an event depicted in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. The entrance fee is \$2 and includes a ticket for one drink and treat. Attendees are encouraged to bring extra cash for additional food and activities. Formal dress or dress robes are encouraged, but not required.

The Yule Ball is the creation of the Ground Quidditch organization, which is in its fourth year and is itself based on the magical sport in the Harry Potter series. The event will center on magically-themed decorations, treats, and activities. Various student organization will be fundraising with food and game booths during the dance. Food will include wizard-inspired cookies, cakes, pretzel wands, rock candy, and butterbeer.

Dancing will be the main focus of the night—there will be a live DJ and an opening waltz number followed by surprise events each hour.

“People should escape studying for finals and enjoy the magical event,” says Sam Bruno '13, Foley, Ground Quidditch commissioner. “Yule Ball is a tradition. You do not need to be a Potter fan to enjoy it, but if you are a fan, there are bonuses, too. Yule Ball is about having fun, and I am so glad to be part of the tradition.”

Money gathered from the entrance fee will be used to fund future Yule Balls and to purchase new brooms and hoops for the Ground Quidditch organization.

Chocolate frogs, another Potter-inspired treat, will be sold throughout the week prior to the Yule Ball. Each frog comes with a small card featuring a member of Morris faculty and staff. The cost for regular chocolate frogs will be \$1, and the cost for deluxe chocolate frogs will be \$2.

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