

the Tiger Times

Recently Uncovered Past Shows History of FAHS Journalism

School

The Red and White, The Tiger, Tiger Tales, The Tiger Times, and... The Pepsi Post? Yes, the history of Fleetwood's School newspaper is indeed an interesting one.

Looking back at older school papers (the oldest paper currently on file is from 1958), historians can observe the gradual change in the newspaper, as well as the rest of the world.

Based on the remaining school papers at the disposal of The Tiger Times staff, we imagine that the school paper was known as The Red and White from roughly 1958 to 1967. The year 1970 seemed to bring about The Tiger, which lasted until sometime in the 80s, when the name was changed to Tiger Tales, though the name eventually returned to the beloved Tiger. However, sometime during the dynasty of The Tiger, the school paper appeared to have received sponsorship from Pepsi Cola, prompting a name change to The Pepsi Post, lasting only a year. The simple name of the Tiger stuck until the late 90s, when 2010 Fleetwood Area High School retiree Nancy Mellon took over.

Looking back at recent papers reminds the reader not much has changed

over the years. In fact, surprising slang used here today has actually been around much longer than most students would imagine. In a 1968 publication of The Tiger, one reporter stated that "F-Wood" (a term commonly used by students today) had fans who were acting less than reputably, which unquestionably continues to this day.

One thing that definitely has changed over time is the artwork in the papers. The earliest editions of The Red and White had original art on numerous pages that was all hand drawn by students. In fact, the 1958 Christmas publication is actually covered with red and green pieces of construction paper, each with original artwork.

Some forms of the paper even have hippy tigers on them. These psychedelic felines were all hand drawn and are often found standing by the words "The Tiger" while sporting a peace medallion.

All in all, the history of Fleetwood's school paper is beyond fascinating. The way that changing times have altered our paper is truly remarkable. One can only imagine what the future has in store for The Tiger Times.

By Derek Evanovsky

Courtyard Four Square Banned from Spring Lunches and Study Halls

Recreation

From a distance, four square seems like a harmless, enjoyable game. It is a creative way for seniors to pass time in their lunch or study hall periods, by hitting a small ball from square to square. Many of the seniors are infatuated with the sport.

"Some even call it America's Pastime," senior Pat Schukraft said.

The truth is revealed, however, when the doors to the courtyard open. One can find excessive celebrations, arguing over the rules, and rage quitting. The participants are so loud that people inside can hear the intense playing out on the court. The shrieks are especially loud on "Wham it Wednesday," when players are allowed to strike the ball downwards.

Teachers find it rather distracting. So do students trying to increase their level of knowledge in the classrooms. The players took it so far that the administration had to ban all four square games from the courtyard. Students went into disarray, not knowing what to do after their meal was consumed or their homework completed.

Period seven lunch, which has approximately fifteen players, was the first period to be banned from playing due to noise complaints. Next came period nine study hall, when the four square ball hit the window of a classroom. As a result, all periods were prohibited from playing.

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"It is an outrage," Matt McCammitt, an avid four squarer said.

"It's very unsportsmanlike," said senior Emily Schilling.

Now that we are approaching winter, it is not that big of a dilemma for seniors because it will be too cold to play anyway. Nevertheless, when spring time comes around, a decision will have to be made: whether to lift the ban or continue to prohibit the playing of four square.

"If four square doesn't come back in the spring, I will organize Occupy the Courtyard to protest the decision," Conor Donohoe said.

The students are anxious to see whether or not they will be able to get back to playing the game they love.

By Devin Wenzel

St. Nick Represents Childhood For Students

Holiday

The legend of Saint Nick, known to most as Santa Claus or simply "Santa", is one that has for many years stood as a symbol of the Christmas season.

As nearly every American Christian, adult or child, can tell you, it is Santa who slips down the chimney of each and every family, leaving behind an abundance of gifts and a few cookie crumbs.

The broad and jolly Santa Claus is a figure of infinite joy for many children, representing the promise of a truly merry Christmas, not to mention some long-desired toys and gadgets beneath the Christmas tree.

It is for this reason that each year children go to great lengths to fulfill the custom of making wishes to their dear Santa

in hopes of finding precisely what they want on Christmas morning.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it is common to see long lines in the local mall packed with children reciting their Christmas lists under their breath in anticipation of the moment they reach the lap of their beloved Santa. Others resort to writing letters addressed to their bearded hero, each and every word pleading their case for the season's must-have Christmas gift.

Many American children are raised by parents who encourage the belief in Santa Claus, and many others develop the belief through exposure to both holiday-related media, as well as other believers. It is certainly fair to say that belief in Santa Claus is anything but uncommon, and it often seems

that the majority of children are avid believers.

In fact, a 2006 AP-AOL study found that 86% of surveyed adults believed in Santa as a child, and 60% with children acknowledge that the famous figure is still a significant part of their holiday celebrations.

For most, however, there comes a time when the belief in Saint Nick fades, whether it is by some sudden occurrence or gradual realization.

"When I was 11 or so, I just stopped believing," freshman Tyler Rapposelli said.

Though childhood beliefs of Santa Claus and other holiday characters are often mocked by certain individuals, popular faith in the truth of Old Saint Nick has been un-

dying over the years. Some FAHS students even claim they are still "believers," despite the evidence other use to suggest otherwise.

"I've believed in Santa for about 13 years now," freshman Matt Hook said. "People tell me he's not real, but I just don't think they have Christmas spirit."

Although the matter of whether or not Santa Claus does indeed exist may never be agreed upon by all, it can be assumed that the belief in the character will be passed down for many generations to come. Santa Claus has surely made his case--and likely will for many more years to come.

By Brad Arndt

Wind Ensemble Selected for PMEA Festival

Art/Entertainment

The school band is a group among Fleetwood High School students that's likely to stand out. Participants work as hard as they can to be the best they can be. This year, a certain group within the band went the extra mile and earned a special spotlight.

The Wind Ensemble will play at the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Convention in Lancaster on 19 April, 2012.

"I'm really excited. Last year's Wind Ensemble was really good. They had an excellent performance. We're in this convention due to all of their hard work and dedication," senior band member Margariete Malenda said.

The group was also selected because of the hard work of teacher, Charles , who has sent in tapes to the PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) for the last sixteen years.

"Somewhere in Pennsylvania every year, there's a festival held for ensembles such as the State Concert Band, State Wind

Ensemble, State Chorus, State Jazz Band, State Orchestra, and others. Each year, there is always one extra ensemble picked out of all of the high schools in Pennsylvania to perform as an 'extra' in the weekend of performances. This year, out of all of Pennsylvania, we were picked to perform," senior band member Erin Phillips said.

The Wind Ensemble is a respectable group of students. They rehearse every Wednesday and Thursday after school along with regular band practices during school.

"When we get there, we will play a few songs and enjoy the experience," senior band member Casey Cavallomagno said.

After sixteen years of hard work and dedication to their music, this has been the first year Fleetwood's Wind Ensemble has been selected. The Ensemble agrees that having been selected is an honor to everyone involved in the group.

By Kyle Flannery

Tigers Looking to Take Basketball Program in New, Improved Direction

Sports

"Open gyms are looking nice. A lot of people are coming out," senior power forward Connor Donohoe said.

With fall sports coming to an end, the boys' basketball season is quickly approaching. Superfans once again are rallying their troops for war.

Unfortunately, last year's season didn't go as well as planned. The boys' record was 0-12 in the league, although they were able to pull out three wins for their overall record. For five seniors, it's their last year to make a statement at Fleetwood High.

"This year, we definitely need to share the ball to win games," said Donohoe, who is looking forward to achieving many similar goals with the team. The seniors aren't the only ones with high hopes this time around.

Christian Boyer, class of 2013, is determined to "get to county playoffs this year." Returning center Kyle Flannery is even a little ambi-

tious stating, "We're looking to win states this year."

The players aren't the only ones preparing for a big season. Our mighty and spirited Superfans are also planning big things.

After the semi-successful soccer season, when the highlight was getting over 70 people to attend the Muhlenburg game, they're back once more to support one of the winter sports teams.

"We're gonna get rowdy!" senior Superfan Matt McCammitt said.

For most of the Superfans, it's also they're last year because most of the Tigers are seniors. For all the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and even seniors who missed out on the soccer season earlier this year, this is the chance to redeem yourself.

By Andy Moran



ART: MATT KELLET

Modern Perspective on *The Manchurian Candidate* Provides Interesting Insights

Review

The Manchurian Candidate, written by Richard Condon in 1959, is considered a classic in Cold War literature, and it has been made into two movies since its creation. But how does it hold up today?

The plot is centered around a man named Raymond Shaw who, while serving in the Korean War, was kidnapped and brainwashed with the rest of his squad by communists. However, the thing that makes Raymond special is that he holds a disdain for virtually the whole human race, a trait I found refreshing due to how many characters in books try too hard to be likeable or just turn out inadvertently unlikeable. Since he is so disconnected from other people emotionally, he is chosen by the communists to be made into an assassin.

Shaw could only be "activated" into becoming an assassin by the phrase "how about a game of solitaire to pass the time?" and drawing the queen of diamonds. Upon his "activation", he would do anything he was commanded to do without any prior memory of executing the task after completing it.

This thriller, however, follows other characters along the way, including Ben Marco, Raymond's friend and former squad leader who tries to figure out what is wrong with Raymond. This character is one I grew to like and respect, just as I grew to hate his megalomaniacal and controlling mother as I learned more about her.

Despite having an excellently crafted cast of characters and an intriguing storyline, the book suffers from issues with wording, such as in the following quote, "He had elected himself Head Chump when he stepped down from Valhalla and telephoned this sweaty little advantage taker." This quote makes virtually no sense and is only one example of the rather poor wording that pops up every once in a while in the book.

Despite the issues in the wording, The Manchuria Candidate is a very good book with colorful and interesting characters. It includes a highly interesting plot and twists that I never saw coming.

By Leif Greiss

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Cyber Schooling Scare Occurs in Antietam Area

Community

The rumors started to circulate in late October regarding the future of the Antietam School District. Many speculated that the school district was going to make the full conversion to a cyber-school and start teaching all of their courses online. Recently, the Antietam School Board addressed these rumors about the school district's future.

Dr. Lawrence M. Mayes, the Superintendent of Antietam, released a press statement about the rumors circulating about his school district.

"As of this date, the Board of Directors for the Antietam School District has only agreed to permit a no-cost readiness assessment," Mayes said. "The administration and board would like to reassert that no decision to move in this direction has been made nor will it be made without the opportunity for community and staff input."

Mayes went on to in his press re-

lease that there will be a meeting of representatives in November to discuss the school's future, and they will later present their report with the school board in December. The board will then decide what the best action is for the district and its students, whether it is sticking with the current system or making the full conversion into a cyber-school.

Last August, Antietam started the first year of its cyber-school expansion. A couple of Antietam students had already participated in a trial run of the program last year. This school year, two or three students will participate in the full-time program, and a few others will attend part-time.

For now, Antietam School District will continue using its current system. Everyone will have to wait for any additional information in the upcoming months.

By Daniel Norton

Fleetwood Borough Challenges Fleetwood Pizza with Possible Move

Community

After more than thirty years on Main Street, the Fleetwood Borough Council is planning on going through with their demolition plans for Fleetwood Pizza. They are trying to buy Fleetwood Pizza by offering \$183,000 for the property.

Plans call for Fleetwood Pizza to be taken away for a walkway to a strip mall that has not yet been created. The strip mall is planned to be placed in the vacant lot behind Fleetwood Pizza and other businesses.

But the business owners have been fighting back; their lawyers have been fighting for a while to save the small pizzeria.

Fleetwood Pizza employs nine people. While the proposed strip mall would offer new employment opportunities, those nine people are going to be without a job if this proposal goes through. This "walkway

to nowhere," as the employees at Fleetwood Pizza call it, is going to cost tax payers money and reduce the borough's tax base.

"Take a look at all the strip malls just down the road from Fleetwood. They're failing to fill their spaces, and they are already built," Lisa Hoimes said. Hoimes is the owner's wife and an employee at Fleetwood Pizza.

Gus, one of the two owners, said, if worst comes to worst, they will have to find an open building into which to move. He hopes an opening will come up on Main Street, but at the moment there is no available location for the pizzeria.

Gus predicts they will have to move out in the springtime next year, but this date was not confirmed by the borough.

By Holly Wagner

Journalism Keeps Growing in the Fleetwood Area

Academics

Recently, a few lucky students--including me--had the chance to participate in The Pennsylvania School Press Association (PSPA) annual convention. What the convention boiled down to was a number of seminars that the students could choose attend depending on their specific fields of study. For example, students from Tiger Tale would participate in any seminar pertaining to yearbook composition.

Sitting in on these seminars was not only educational but also quite interesting--which isn't always par-for-the-course in lecturing situations.

The 9:00 seminar brought Using Ethical Journalism to Gain Editorial Freedom to the attention of many aspiring journalists. In this seminar, the lecturer discussed the different approaches students can take to talk to administration about "sensitive topics" such as sexuality. The session allowed students to relate similar problems they have in their writing when they get their articles approved.

In the next session, which began at

9:55, Digital Writing was the topic at hand. For this one, the topic of the online newspaper was discussed and how to have a more efficient online newspaper. It gave insight on using different online sites to interact better with newspaper endeavors.

The session beginning at 10:50 brought the topic Journalism to Social Media to the table, which is a very controversial issue for many school districts. The session gave insight on other websites to use to get your online newspaper known, such as Twitter, Facebook, Foursquare, Instagram, Storify, and many more. It informed reporters that the future is here in the technological world that now seems to revolve around us.

The fourth and final session was entitled Narrative Writing Brings Stories to Life. In this session, students were able to learn how to be creative with the approaches they take to writing different articles, using the senses and different point-of-views to give the article an interesting twist.

By Melanie Lehman

Unfortunate Times For Penn State University

Sports

Lately it seems to be one bad thing after another in State College.

It all started back in early November when former Penn State University defensive coordinator, Jerry Sandusky, was indicted on 40 counts of sexually abusing eight children. Penn State's athletic director Tim Curley and vice president for finance and business Gary Schultz were also indicted on charges of perjury and failing to notify authorities. They were subsequently fired from the University.

Jerry Sandusky founded The Second Mile, a children's charity, in 1977. Sandusky is accused of using the charity to find his victims.

Many have wondered what will happen to The Second Mile. The new director says they are looking at two options: shutting down the program permanently, or transferring programs to other non-profit groups that work with disadvantaged youths.

In an interview with Bob Costas, Sandusky said he was not guilty of those charges but that he should not have showered with those kids. At one point, Costas asked him how such charges could have come about. Sandusky said, "I could say that I have done some of those things: I have horsed around with kids, I have showered after workouts, I have hugged them, and I have touched their legs without intent of sexual contact."

"The whole thing is sick," FAHS media teacher Sean Gaston said. Gaston is a father of two young children. "I read the 23 page grand jury report and almost didn't get past the third page. I honestly can't see how someone can maintain their complete innocence after all that."

Penn State president Graham Spanier and legendary coach Joe Paterno were also fired from the University a few days after the other three. Both of them

were fired because they did not do more than the minimum of what was required when a football team graduate assistant, Mike McQueary, claimed to have seen Jerry Sandusky sexually assaulting a young boy in the shower of a locker room inside the Lasch Football Building in 2002.

It was first reported that Mike McQueary, who is now the assistant football coach at Penn State, did not try to stop the assault or call the police. Instead, he called his father and they both went to see Paterno the next day. McQueary was placed on indefinite administrative leave before the Nebraska game at Penn State after receiving many threats. Days later, he released an official statement saying he stopped the assault and reported it to police.

As for Joe Paterno, things just keep getting worse. A few days after he was fired, the Big Ten made the decision to remove Paterno's name from the Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy, which would have been awarded at the inaugural Big Ten football championship game. Instead, the winner received the Stagg Championship Trophy.

"We believe that it would be inappropriate to keep Joe Paterno's name on the trophy at this time," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said. "The trophy and its name-sake are intended to be celebratory and aspirational, not controversial. We believe that it's important to keep the focus on the players and the teams that will be competing in the inaugural championship game."

It was also announced after Paterno was fired that he has lung cancer, which he was told is treatable. Joe Paterno still has many supporters who will give him and the University the strength to make it through these difficult times.

By Alexis Sonon

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Lasagna Can Be a Christmas Meal Too

Recipe

’Tis the season for really big plates of food, and lasagna is sure to have an extra large space on my plate. It’s perfect to share with the family during the cold weather and upcoming holidays. Here is a personal, Italian-family recipe that can make spirits bright.

Ingredients:

- 12 lasagna noodles
- 1 lb. ricotta cheese
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella
- 2 cups shredded cheddar
- grated Parmesan cheese (shaken)
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 egg
- 1 lb. Italian sausage
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce

Directions:

1. Cook noodles according to package directions.
2. While noodles are boiling, crumble, cook, and drain the sausage.
3. While sausage is browning, add parsley and egg to ricotta cheese, and stir until well mixed.
4. Lightly grease 9x13 baking pan, spoon enough spaghetti sauce to cover bottom:

Start with a layer of noodles.
Cover with sauce.
Add 1/3 ricotta cheese mixture.
Add 1/3 sausage and pepperoni.
Add 1/3 mozzarella and cheddar cheese.
Shake Parmesan cheese.
REPEAT.
5. End with a layer of noodles, and cover lightly with spaghetti sauce and shaker Parmesan cheese.
6. Cover with foil and bake at 350°F for approximately one hour until bubbling and steaming. If refrigerated, add 15 minutes to baking time.
7. Let pan sit 5-10 minutes before serving (lasagna will be easier to cut).
8. Enjoy!

By Nikki Hagginbothom

Random Profile: Caroline Edwards Active in Fleetwood

Profile

Q: When is your birthday?

A: April 14, 1997.

Q: In what extracurricular activities are you involved?

A: Tennis, Chorus, Band Front, Theatrical Society, Fellowship of Christian Students, Student Council, and Spirit Club.

What’s your favorite...?

- Color: Blue.

- Sport: Tennis.

- TV Show: Pretty Little Liars and Make It or Break It.

- Band/ Artist: Taylor Swift.

- School Subject: Social Studies and World Languages.

Q: How would your friends describe you ?

A: Funny, nice, helpful, encouraging, and talented.

Q: What’s your favorite part about high school?

A: Being able to be more involved.

Q: Do you have a role model?

A: My older sister Olivia and my grandmother.

Q: Do you have siblings?

A: Yes, Olivia (’12) and Wayne.

Q: Is there anything unique about yourself that not many people know?

A: I’ve been in chorus since third grade.

By Kyle Flannery

Newborn Houp Brings Joy to Family

Profile

Journalism and English instructor Zachary Houp--with assistance from his wife--recently brought a new life into the world.

Mia Faith

Houp, born on October 18th at 8:30 in the morning, weighed in at 6 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 19 in.

“We wanted something simple and beautiful for her first name, and we wanted her middle name to represent something very important to both of us,” mother Jennifer Houp said.

“It was a wonderful event,” the new dad said. “But the worst part is seeing how discolored and misshapen a baby looks the moment it comes out.”

Although Mr. Houp’s wife had a fairly easy labor, lasting only 3 and a half hours, things didn’t seem to be going so well at the beginning of the event. The couple was involved in a car accident while rushing to the hospital. It took place on Penn Avenue, when someone ran a red light and hit the side of the Houps’ car. Thankfully, no one was injured in the accident, and Mr. Houp and his wife made it to the hospital in time.

Because Mr. Houp’s wife was only in labor for just over three hours, she was not able to receive an epidural, which did-



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n’t make her very happy. When in labor, an epidural is typically a woman’s best friend. An epidural is an injection of medicine through a catheter into the epidural space. The epidural space is the space inside the bony

spinal canal but outside the membrane called the dura mater. This injection can cause both a loss of sensation and a loss of pain by blocking the transmission of signals through nerves in or near the spinal cord.

“I had definitely planned on getting an epidural, but everything happened so fast that there just wasn’t time. It scared me to go through it without any medication, but it all worked out well in the end,” Mrs. Houp said.

Though some students are wary of having another Houp in the world, most students and staff are happy for the Houps and wish him and his family the best of luck raising baby Mia.

“She is full of possibilities, which is one thing that’s so exciting. My hope is that she grows up to be a kind and confident woman who gets to spend her life doing whatever it is she loves,” said the new mother.

By Madison Rice

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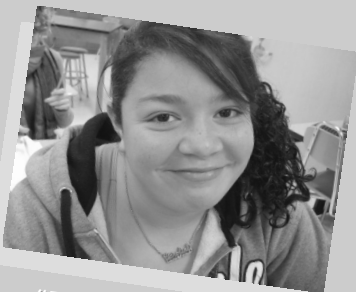
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By Danny Lopez

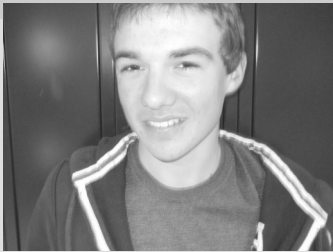
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