

This Means War a Disappointment

Review

On 17 January, of this year metalcore band Attack Attack! released their third studio album, "This Means War." Expectations for this album were very high for the Ohio-based band after they gained popularity and recognition from their unique sound developed on their first two albums.

However, this album has a different sound than their first two albums, "Someday Came Suddenly" and "Attack Attack!" Their previous albums helped the band develop their own sound, which included electronica influences and sections of auto-tuned vocals. "This Means War" contains neither of those. Instead, the band goes for a heavier sound while sticking to some of their original roots.

Part of the reason for this change can be attributed to the recent departure of band member Johnny Franck. Franck played rhythm guitar, and he contributed auto-tuned clean vocals up until his departure in 2010. His absence may explain the absence of auto-tune.

Lead singer Caleb Shomo now does both clean and screaming vocals.



Despite the change in sound, the album itself is not as bad as it could have been. Attack Attack! now has a heavier sound and uses more intense breakdowns on "This Means War." These changes could also be a sign of the band trying to mature as musicians.

Some of the highlights on the album include "The Betrayal," "The Wretched," and "The Motivation."

Despite the band's best efforts, they have lost their unique sound that put them on the map. They should have stuck with what they had instead of the dramatic change on "This Means War." They don't have any redeeming qualities that separates them from many other bands in the metalcore genre.

If you are new to Attack Attack! or the genre in general, this album might appeal to you. However, if you are a long-time fan of the band or prefer their previous two albums, this will probably disappoint you.

By Dan Norton

Superstar Delp Takes Talents to North Philly

Sports

For Alyssa Delp, 2011 was a very successful year.

Fleetwood's star field hockey player was seen in the Reading Eagle at least three times per week during the fall season. She was named County Player of the Year, All-Berks, and first team All-State in her senior year. Along with her individual achievements, Delp helped bring home a county championship and led her team to the second round of PIAA Playoffs.

The 5'4" senior midfielder accomplished all of this after committing to play field hockey at Temple University. One might think that, after committing, a player might lack enthusiasm to continue to play well. However, Delp kept working hard to get better, and it showed this year.

In July, she narrowed it down to her top three schools: Indiana University, University of Delaware, and Temple.

"I chose Temple because, overall, it was the best school I visited. I had the most fun on their campus during my visit to Temple. The coaches are nice, and the current players really seemed to enjoy being there," Delp said.

Since freshman year, the coaches at Temple have been after Delp. She received emails twice a week from the head coach,

Amanda Janney. Coach Janney was trying to get to know Alyssa, not just to convince her to go to Temple.

"Our first phone conversation was two hours long. Knowing me as a person was slightly more important to her than knowing me as a player," Delp said.

Coach Janney saw her play in the Indoor Nationals at Virginia Beach, Virginia, during the winter of her freshman year. The coaches at Temple would continue to see her at various showcases and tournaments during Alyssa's time with High Styx, a field hockey travel team. Coaches also came to a few high school games during district and state playoffs.

On Wednesday, 1 February, 2012, Delp signed her National Letter of Intent to take her talent to North Philly. The ceremony took place in the FAHS library at 4:00 p.m. Eastern/Standard time with friends, teammates, coaches, and family in attendance. Alyssa's parents, coach Joyce Angsadt, and Delp herself each made speeches. The festivities were topped off by delicious, red velvet cupcakes.

"It went smoothly," Delp said.

By Devin Wenzel

Paramore Still Moving Past Line-Up Change

Arts/Entertainment

As many Paramore fans know, in December of 2010 two dearly loved members of the band left.

Brothers Josh and Zac Farro left the band because of ongoing drama between the band members. Josh Farro was the lead guitarist, and Zac was the drummer. Although Paramore has not officially added new members to the band, current band member Taylor York's brother has been helping with guitar, and a friend of the band has been helping with drums.

Since the departure of the Farro brothers, Paramore has released new songs and have been moving on without them. A lot of fans thought Paramore would not stay together or that they would completely change their sound. And although the sound of the music has changed a bit, Paramore is doing just fine without their former band members.

In a recent interview, lead singer Hayley Williams stated, "(Recent touring) made me feel like I had a sense of purpose again—even though we weren't off tour for very long, it was a tough off-time we went through. I was feeling that renewed sense of purpose and feeling hope again."

In December 2011, Paramore released a collection of new singles entitled "The

Singles Club," which featured four new songs: "In the Mourning," "Monster," "Hello Cold World," and "Renegade." The singles were the first songs they wrote and played without the Farros' help.

Out of those four songs, "Monster" is the only song that really stayed true to Paramore's original sound. "In the Mourning" had a little bit of a country twang to it; the lyrics for "Renegade" are harsher than some of their other songs; and "Hello Cold World" in every way sounds nothing like anything the band has ever released. These songs aren't necessarily bad songs; Paramore is just growing as a band and experimenting with what they are going to do for their next album.

There has been no set date for when Paramore is going to release their new album, but lead singer Hayley Williams tweets about being in the recording studio and writing new songs frequently.

Paramore did say they would have a new album released this year, however. Paramore fans everywhere will undoubtedly be anxiously awaiting it's arrival.

By Madison Rice

Boys Basketball Looks to Future for Success

Sports

For as long as students can remember, Fleetwood Boys Basketball has been far from the top of the food chain among the Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association. In fact, for the last two years they have not won a single division game, and they have only 6 wins in total.

One of the problems I noticed when I would watch them over the years was that, in middle school, there were so many boys playing, and as the years went on most of them in my class quit," senior and captain of the girls basketball team Samantha Sanders said.

Due to a late hiring before the 2010-11 season, the team was not able to train during all of the off season; the team lost by an average of about 22.5 points per game.

This year, their three wins came against Hamburg (53-42), led by Frans Estima with 16 points; Kutztown (42-34), led by Kyle Flannery with 12 points; and Pallasades (47-46), led by Frans Estima with 19 points.

Although the record remained the same as last season, most of the losses were cut in points significantly. Strides have definitely been made by this year's team.

"We played in spurts, basically. We would have a good half, and then everything would fall apart," sophomore Brian Schu-

macher said.

Each of the past two seasons have started with a win against Hamburg in their opening tournament, leaving high hopes for the rest of the season. What the team and fans didn't expect was that this win would be one of three the team would accumulate all year.

The closest losses the boys played were a 49-36 loss to division rivals Conrad Weiser and a 50-37 loss to another division rival, Muhlenberg.

Frans Estima led the team in scoring all year, averaging 11 points per game, followed by Kyle Flannery (4.4 ppg), Stephen Hilborn (3.8 ppg), Christian Boyer (3.4 ppg), and Sam Moran (3.3 ppg).

"We weren't a high scoring team," point guard Ryan Steward said.

The team made one other minor improvement by taking second in their home Christmas Tournament—winning 47-46 against Pallasades—as opposed to their last place finish the previous season.

Although the years have been rough, the JV team finished 14-6 overall and are looking to improve the program in the years to come.

By Kyle Flannery

Brandywine-Kutztown Merger Called Off

Community

Was there really going to be a merger between the Brandywine and Kutztown school districts?

According to recent talks, it could have been very possible.

The Kutztown and Brandywine school districts were rumored to be merging sometime in the near future, but the talks recently stopped.

The possibility arose during the Brandywine budget forums when various residents began asking questions about the topic. The administrators of Brandywine all agreed that the possibility of a merger with Kutztown was the most asked question by the people in attendance.

There was some logic behind these talks. For starters, both schools are geographically close to each other, making it easier for students to adjust who live in the area if a merger had occurred. Also, both districts have declined in enrollment in recent years.

In recent years both school districts had closed several elementary schools as well. This only adds to the problem that both districts face.

Despite all of this, Brandywine declined to merge with Kutztown school district.

“We’re much better off than we were four years ago,” said Brandywine board member Ken Heffner. “Now is not the time to talk merger.”

One reason for this offer being declined is that Pennsylvania does not provide the funding for a merger. There has been only one school merger in the state since 1980, which took three years just to complete.

Both schools had agreed on a way to divide sports to each district’s students before the merger had been called off. Beginning this fall, students from Brandywine can join Kutztown’s football team. Students from Kutztown will be able to join Brandywine’s track and field and volleyball teams.

How would a merger between these districts affect Fleetwood? There would be more possibilities for students looking to move to a new school district. It would also be easier for taxpayers in the area as well.

By Dan Norton

Cadillac Tradition Embraced by Area

Community

The town once known as Coxville, and now known as our home town of Fleetwood, has quite a bit of unexpected history behind it.

There are two theories as to how the name Fleetwood came about. Some say Mr. Fleet and Mr. Wood were two railroad surveyors and the names were combined, while others say Fleetwood got its name because it reminded a man who was working on the railroad at the time of a seaside resort named Fleetwood.

Regardless of how Fleetwood earned its name, it has a lot of history behind it.

Fleetwood was once home to the Fleetwood Cadillac. In 1947, the Fleetwood

Brougham Cadillac first appeared and continued to be produced up until 1996.

During the '90s, Cadillac went through many changes in order to update the vehicle. During this time, the Fleetwood Cadillac was renamed to the Brougham Cadillac.

The Cadillac automobile was named after Le Sieur Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. By 1907, more than 20,000 Cadillacs had been produced. In 1954, Cadillac actually became the first car manufacturer to make power steering standard on its line of automobiles.

There are some that still collect these classic cars to this day.

By Kelsey Steiner

Snow Squall Strikes Reading Region

Weather

On Tuesday, 3 January 2012, turbulent weather shocked commuters driving through Reading. It was a normal morning...until the snow came.

“It was more like a light dusting that was blowing across the road,” media teacher Sean Gaston said.

It might not have been a lot of snow, but the roads were not prepared for it. Slick roads caused drivers to hit the brakes and drive carefully. Gaston drove through this snow squall on his way to school.

“My car did fishtail once,” he said.

Luckily, there were no major accidents because of the snow. Minor crashes were scattered throughout the squall, causing traffic and delays.

A “squall” is a sudden, localized storm. It can happen with rain, sleet, or

snow. Squalls are difficult to predict because they are so small and usually last around a half an hour.

Snow squalls can be very dangerous because of how quickly they occur. The roads become slick as a result of how quickly the snow accumulates, which can lead to many accidents on account of people’s confusion.

Although the squall was in relatively close proximity to our area, many students were unaware of its existence.

“I didn’t even know this happened,” sophomore Stephanie Berlin said.

While some students wished the squall would have hit Fleetwood, others were relieved we weren’t affected.

By Holly Wagner

Mayan Calendar Does Not Predict the Apocalypse

Holiday

Twenty-one December 2011 is the infamous date most people know as the last day of the Mayan calendar and consider to be the supposed apocalypse.

However, according to recent studies and discoveries, the date appears to have taken on some new, far less sinister meanings.

According to recent research done on the Mayan calendar, what nearly every-

one believed the date meant or supposedly meant is wrong.

“Scholars have determined from references to earlier cycles that after 13 B’ak’tuns, the ‘zero date’ is reset, like a clock striking midnight, and the count begins again from a new ‘zero date’ as it has in the past,” John Mink said in his article about the date on cyark.com

By Leif Greiss

A Peek at Groundhog's Days Past

Holiday

Although 2 February may not strike everyone as an important day, it is quite a popular holiday across the United States. Groundhog Day has earned its spot on the map as the traditions of the holiday carry on year after year.

The exact origins of Groundhog Day are not known, but the holiday is definitely associated with nature and the awakening of animals in certain seasons or at certain times.

The meaning of the day as most people know it is that, if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter and he returns to his hole to rest. If the day happens to be cloudy and the groundhog cannot see his shadow, spring has come and he stays above ground.

Early Christians in Europe had their own holiday for a similar day known as Candlemas. On that day, the clergy members would bless candles and give them out to people to mark a significant point in the winter. The weather on that specific day pointed out the type of winter weather people would endure.

According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, Roman legions brought this tradition to the Germans, who adopted it and concluded that, if the sun appeared on

Candlemas Day, an animal, such as a hedgehog, would cast a shadow predicting six more weeks of inclement weather.

Pennsylvania’s early settlers, most of whom were German, found groundhogs in abundance and closest in comparison to hedgehogs. They determined the animal was intelligent enough, on 2 February, to see its shadow and hurry back into its hole or to stay above ground and enjoy the first sights of spring.

The tradition stayed with Pennsylvanians for centuries, and Punxsutawney, PA, soon became the home to the yearly Groundhog Day celebration. The first recorded observance of the holiday in the town was in 1886.

Punxsutawney Phil, as the famous groundhog came to be known, has seen his shadow ninety-eight times, has not seen his shadow fifteen times, and twelve instances were either not recorded or had questionable outcomes.

“There has only ever been one Phil, and he is making his 126th prediction this year,” Marlene A. Lellock from the Punxsutawney Area Chamber of Commerce said.

By Kelly Stumpf

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Random Profile: Julie Sipos

By Kyle Flannery

Q: When is your birthday?
A: June 26.

Q: Are you involved in any extracurricular activities?
A: FBLA and Cheerleading.

Q: What's your favorite...
Color: Green.
TV Show: Still Standing.
Band/Artist: Selena Gomez.
School Subject: Math.

Q: What do your friends see you as?
A: Someone to go to for advice.

Q: What's your favorite part of high school?
A: Seeing my friends all day.



Q: Do you have a role model?
A: Beyoncé, because all of her songs are about how strong women are.

Q: Do you have siblings?
A: A younger sister named Angie ('15).

Q: Is there anything unique about yourself that not many people know?
A: I really love elephants.

Friends say:
"She's so little and cute." –Jenna Dantas
"Julie is quietly perky." –Mrs. London
"She's my best friend, and I love her." –Samantha Sanders
"She's nice." –Joe Sherman

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Prevention Techniques Can Eliminate or Lessen Painful, Debilitating Injuries

How-to

Injuries are very common when it comes to sports. Anything from the pain of shin splints to the burn of blisters can occur during a sporting event or practice.

Pulled muscles are the most common injuries in the sports world. Muscle pulls occur when a player stretches a muscle too far. Swelling and bruising may occur as a side effect to such an injury. To treat and prevent muscle pulls, be sure to ice and stretch before and after physical activity.

Runner's knee is also a problem in sports that involve a good deal of running, biking, or even walking. Runner's knee occurs from the overuse of the knee. Swelling, pain behind the knee cap, and/or a grinding/popping sensation will occur if this injury is inflicted.

To treat or prevent runner's knee, take time off from running, keep your knee compressed and wrapped, and rotate running surfaces. Also, try new shoes, keep hydrated, and avoid running with weights.

Although blisters may seem silly to include, they are a major injury in sports. A blister is a bubble of skin that typically hurts.

These painful blemishes occur when skin rubs against something repeatedly because of loose clothing or shoes.

There isn't really a treatment--except for putting on a Band-Aid and avoiding shoes.

Shin splints are an athlete's worst nightmare. The pain caused by shin splints occurs in the shin area because of a sudden increase in the intensity of a workout.

Taking about a week off from exercising or cross training is the best thing to do if this occurs. Strengthening the calf mus-

cle and changing the surface you run on and the shoes you wear can also help to prevent this annoying occurrence.

These injuries are not to be taken lightly. If a muscle pull occurs without treatment, the muscle could eventually tear, which would need at least some rehabilitation; shin splints can turn into a stress fracture; and blisters can even get infected.

By Holly Wagner

Random Cheese

Winter is here, though not in full force...

What is your favorite winter activity?

By Kendra Wert



"Sitting by the fire reading a book."
Nicole Knabb ('12)



"Snowboarding."
Doug DeLong ('12)



"Staying in the house, being warm."
Eldy Guillime ('15)



"Sledding."
Kyle Ahner ('14)



"Drinking hot chocolate."
Ashley Jeschonek ('12)

"Sleeping."
Margariete Malenda ('12)