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## Russian Meteor Explosion Rocks World

*Science/Technology*

On 15 February, 2012, over the Moscow sky, a meteor approximately 55-feet in diameter exploded, causing mass mayhem.

"I've seen videos of what people were doing at the time of the explosion. One guy had a piece of the meteor crash through the window of his car, and he just kept driving like it was nothing. In another, a freight truck tipped over and all these cows walked out of the truck with no idea of what was going on and just walked into a field to graze. The other one I saw, a meteor hit a guy's car and caused him to get in a crash with another guy, and they both got out of their cars and got in a fist fight with each other. Basically, it was mayhem, but I think the Russians can deal," senior Skyler Ammend said.



Coming down at 40,000 miles per hour, the meteor was apparently only traveling through the air for about 32.5 seconds. The blast injured roughly 1,000 people, damaged hundreds of buildings, and caused all kinds of

really safe," senior Casey Jones said.

Despite the carnage caused by this meteor, this is not the greatest meteor explosion in recorded history or even Russia's recorded history. That honor goes to the Tunguska Event in 1908, when a massive 130-foot diameter meteor exploded over the Siberian wilderness, flattening trees in over a 825 square mile radius.

Even before human history, massive meteors crashed into the earth, including the one that is theorized to have killed the dinosaurs. One of the most apparent ones even today is a meteor crater in Arizona that is believed to have been caused by a meteor with a 150-foot radius.

With meteors that are probably even larger in the universe, one can only hope that humans do not go the way of the dinosaur.

By Leif Greiss

## Fleetwood Seniors Afraid of Postponed Graduation

*School News*

With the year slowly winding down, many seniors anxiously await acceptance letters or begin prospective jobs, but there is something brooding over the head of every senior.

The possibility of graduation being postponed is a real threat. With the school snow days dwindling down and Easter just behind them, many students are worried whether or not the seniors will truly be able to graduate on time.

"It would really be depressing," senior Wyatt Angstadt said. "I just want to get out of this school and start living my life."

"I would be upset," senior Anthony Parzanese said. "That's not only unfair to seniors, but unfair to the whole school."

Some students, on the other, hand do not really mind.

"It wouldn't be that big of a deal," senior Joseph Roman said. "I'm still graduating, so what's a few extra days?"

The administration had nothing to say when asked them about predicament. It seems as though officials believe Fleetwood's graduation will go off without a hitch.

Students may be in luck: the temperature is rising, and the threat of postponement is creeping away.

By Cody Millard

## FAHS Students Compete in First Annual Language Meet at KU

*Academics*

On Wednesday, 10 April, German students will be going on a field trip to Kutztown University to compete in the first annual World Languages Meet.

This meet will bring together students from high schools across the county as they showcase their skills in various language competitions.

This event will include students who take Spanish, German, and French.

The competitions will include a Virtual Amazing Language Race, which is a scavenger hunt in a foreign language inspired by the TV show. This will test students' interpretive listening skills as they solve clues in their language.

The second event will be "Taboorades." In this activity, students will be playing a game of charades in their foreign language; however, there is a 'twist.' Students will not be allowed to use words considered 'taboo' in their language, forcing them to expand their vocabulary.

Finally, students will give a Visual and Spoken Culture Presentation. This presentation will focus on several aspects of the students' selected languages, including the 3 'P's' of culture: Product, Practice, and Perspective.

Shea Oswald, Tiana Tracy, and Peter



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Sitarik will be competing in the Virtual Amazing Language Race.

Brian Keeney, Becky Zerbe, Kendell Frank, and Robert Kohl will be playing Taboorades.

Becca Weida, Veronika Kraft, Aaron Kulaga, Ian Grafe, and Piper O'Keefe are preparing a presentation to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the German fairytale. They will be giving a shadow puppet show version of Little Red Riding Hood.

"Hopefully, we will be able to win some of the events," Frau Moll said. "This is the first year Kutztown is hosting this, so we really don't know what to expect."

Win or lose, the day is a good way for students to use their language skills.

By Michael Norton



# American Obesity in Slow Decline

Health/Medicine

During a study conducted during the years 2007- 2010, a new discovery was made concerning American diets. According to the research that was conducted, 11% of the average adult calorie intake (per year) consisted entirely of fast food.

The criteria for the study included cheeseburgers, pizza, fries, and other types of foods that are usually available at fast food and takeout places.

Considering the amount of calories that are consumed by the average person each year, 11% may seem like a lot.

However, it is actually a decrease from the amount of fast food consumed in previous years.

The same study was conducted in 2006. In this year, about 13% of calories came from fast food, marking a 2% decrease over the next four years.

Adding to this trend, in 2010 and 2012 the average American family bought 152 meals a year in fast food restaurants, which is a decrease from 158 in 2006.

When it came to who consumed more fast food, men (11.8%) consumed slight-

ly more calories in fast food than women (10.9%).

What could be the reason for the sudden decrease in American fast food consumption?

One possibility may be the price of the food itself. Currently, the price of a restaurant meal is three times the price of a home-made meal.

Not surprisingly, the proportion of calories from fast food increased with weight. It was shown that obese Americans gained more calories from fast food than normal-weighted adults. The average percentage for obese Americans was 18% of their diet.

Currently, more than one-third of American adults are obese. It has been proven that frequent fast food consumption contributes to weight gain, which goes hand-in-hand with the given statistics.

The new trend of decreased fast food consumption may continue over the next few years. With it, a healthier America would follow.

By Daniel Norton

# Fleetwood Boys' Baseball Hopeful for Success this Season

Sports

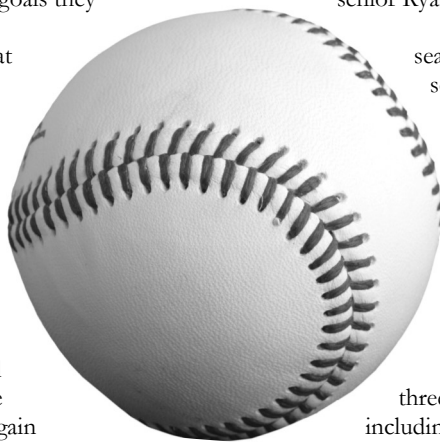
The former county champions are back in action. The Fleetwood boys' baseball team has started to practice again, and they are looking to have another successful season.

The boys are hard at work to make sure they reach the same goals they achieved the year prior.

"I'm hoping that we have a really good year, and I hope we can live up to the success we had last season. We lost some good players, but we still have a really good team," sophomore Jared Adam said.

The year of 2012 was a great year in history for the Fleetwood Area School District. The baseball team was once again county champions after not winning for close to 42 years. Yes, 42 long, unsuccessful, disappointing years.

Fleetwood alumni Devin "Whammy" Wenzel led the team to the championship in a 12-6 thrashing over Governor Mifflin on Thursday, 17 May, 2012.



The team was escorted back into Fleetwood while spectators cheered for the victory.

"I'm really looking forward to this season, and I can't wait to start playing again," senior Ryan Steward said.

The team started their season successfully in a scrimmage against Easton, which ended 11-5.

"Last year was a really good year for us, and I'm hoping to replicate that success with my team this coming season," sophomore Tyler Emge said.

The team lost three of their main players, including Devin Wenzel, Ryan Cortazzo, and Derek Petersen.

Overall, the team lost five seniors over the last year. The team should be pretty confident since they almost have the whole of last year's team still together.

By Tyler Rappaselli

# Art Event 2013: I Art, Therefore I Am

School

On Saturday, 2 March, the Fleetwood Area High School held its annual Art Event for five hours, opening for the public at noon. Five hours, however, was not even close to the full amount of effort high school students and art teachers put in to prepare for it.



sell handmade products. There were various vendors, many that made different types of jewelry.

Face painting happened to be one of the most popular stations at the Art Event. Desiare Leshner was one of the lead face painters.

"I worked with a bunch of people, including Rachael Stump. We had a blast. The kids seemed really excited. Many

A main feature of the Art Event was the student-run creation stations. There were many stands, anywhere from face painting to hair weaving to bags and stamps and water marbling, plus so much more. "I worked at the Tie-Dye station with Ryan Schlegel and Sarah Pierpoint," senior Rachael Knarr said. "The Art Event was cool with positive feelings and good vibes. It was all good, everything about the art event. No changes, man."

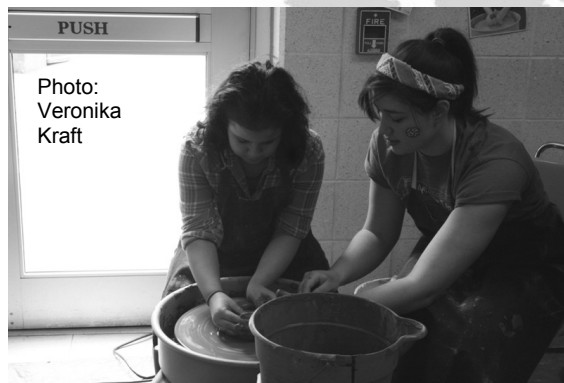


Photo: Veronika Kraft

Fleetwood's very own art teacher, Elaine Hilbert, had her own jewelry stand that was down to earth and made with natural products such as coconut.

With all the hard work the students, vendors, and shoppers did, many needed a pick me up, which was not far out of reach. The concession stand consisted of a variety of items for lunch, including burgers, hot dogs, and beverages as well as snacks such as baked goods and, of course, a complimentary Rita's Ice stand.

Besides the Art Event t-shirts the students working wore, a way to set them apart from the crowd was their intermittent 'flash mob.' The DJ would play "Barbra Streisand" by Duck Sauce, and all the students would dance. Every time art students heard her name, they would clap their hands above their heads and spin around, then continue to dance. Many spectators were confused but in awe over the randomness of the dancing. It was a sight for all, full of laughs and smiles.



Photo: Veronika Kraft

Besides the creative creation stations, the students also were able to let their talents shine on stage. Most of the music played throughout the day was played live by various students here at the high school.

"My favorite part was the music, duh! What's an Art Event without music?... And art!" Knarr said. "Yes, I'm going to the Art Event next year. I gotta visit!"

The layout out and flow of traffic was something else many seemed to enjoy.

"It was so comfortable and welcoming, I wish we could stay one more year and keep everything about the creation stations the same!... I will definitely be coming back!" senior Joseph Roman said.

Besides the creation stations that were paid for with tickets, many came out to



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those of the children being told that it was time to go home.

By Melanie Lehman



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Video Games a Scapegoat for Violent Crimes

Opinion/Editorial

Gamers argue that video games do not cause violence; they are simply a way to relieve stress.

Video games have become a vital part of society and a huge mark as to how technology is advancing. A hundred years ago, no one even dreamed of being able to play a video game, even with a controller. Now, we have games where someone can use his or her body as the controller, like Xbox's Kinect.

People are using video games as a scapegoat when searching for a reason for violence, but they are just a huge stress reliever.

Video games are a virtual depiction of events, and players are reacting within the virtual atmosphere.

They can be made for little kids, such as the game Spyro the Dragon, or for older teens and adults, such as the Call of Duty series.

Video games provoke interest in someone's mind. If there is something in which he or she is interested, games can keep players' attention for hours--even days--on end.

Video games have become such a defining part of society that people will forever remember games such as Call Of Duty similarly

to how the people of today remember games like Technobowl and Pac-Man.

People in today's society are using video games as an excuse for violence among teens and adults alike.

"Those who say that video games cause violence are merely using video games as a scapegoat to explain the faults within the ethos of society," student teacher Maury Weimer said.

Weimer believes video games do not have an effect on the actions of the gamer.

There could also be a case made that parents are using video games because they do not want to accept it is their bad parenting at fault.

If a parent does not instill the right values into his or her child and the child ends up committing an act of extreme violence, parents are not held responsible for it, so society uses video games as an excuse.

Video games take remove players from life and immerse then in a different world. They can use certain video games to cause unreal violence and relieve the stresses of everyday life.

This is shown in games such as Saints Row: The Third. Players can do almost anything

they want in this game, from killing someone to stealing cars to simply running or driving around doing nothing.

Activities such as this relieve stress by taking out all frustrations and angry emotions in the game, leaving the player less angry and less stressed.

By using video games to relieve stress, someone can completely erase all thoughts on violence and other stressors. People can completely immerse themselves into the game, and everything going on in the game may seem real to some.

These people, however, still understand that it is just a game and that there are differences between video games and real life. They still understand that the things they are doing in the video games are not acceptable to do in society.

Even if they do not realize it, subconsciously, their mind knows the difference between a game and real life.

It needs to be accepted that video games truly are not the cause of the violence.

By Zared Reichert

Misa's Fugue Film Earns Assortment of Laurels

School

Around Fleetwood Area School District, the name Misa's Fugue is spoken with pride. What started as a student film project is now a powerful documentary of the time spent by artist Frank "Misa" Grunwald in Nazi concentration camps.

"The film made me feel a wide array of emotions and a deep feeling of empathy for Grunwald and his suffering. That is why I loved it," senior Casey Jones said.

Now Misa's Fugue is earning fame outside of just Fleetwood. Fugue has been personally selected by the judges of the Phoenix Film Festival in Arizona .

"It is one thing for a mother, a father, or a friend to say your movie is good, but this is an exclusive group of judges who say your movie is good. The movie wasn't even enrolled to be in the festival.

They selected it themselves, of their own volition," director Shawn Gaston said.

That, however, is not the only honor Fugue has earned. It has also won Telly awards in 4 different categories and has also won the people's choice Telly award for 2012.

"It's no surprise that it has won 4 Telly awards and was selected for the Phoenix Film Festival. These accomplishments would be impressive of any independent film, and the fact that this was made by students in Fleetwood makes it all the more impressive," Jones said.

"The movie is good. It deserved all those awards," senior Anthony Parzanese said.

This only begs the question, could Misa's Fugue receive any more honors, awards, and nods. If so, is an international release possible?

One can only wonder.



By Leif Greiss

Boys' Volleyball Prizes Teamwork, Motivation, Success

Sports

The Fleetwood High School boys' volleyball team has begun its season and is hoping for a successful record.

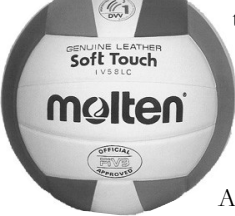
The boys lost some key senior varsity starters, but upcoming players are expected to step up and fill the spots.

"I just started playing volleyball this year, but so far, I see that we need to buckle down and keep working hard," senior Aaron Nelson said.

This year, the boys have a difficult schedule, but with hard work and determination, they will be able to achieve a winning record.

Some key players are Nate Reinert, Kyle Flannery, and Ryan Andre.

"I cannot wait to get back on the court! Last year was exciting, and I learned a lot



of different skills about the game. This year should be even more fun if the whole team works together to win some volleyball games," junior Ryan Andre said.

The boys' team's coach, Ron Humor, works the team very hard. During tryouts, athletes were conditioned to get them prepped for games. A lot of endurance is required to play the sport. In one single match, there are five games. A team must win two out of three games to win the match.

"Coach Ron teaches us well. He believes the way to win a lot of matches is teamwork. His practices are lengthy, but they keep us in shape, so we are always on the top of our game. All in all, I couldn't ask for a better coach," junior Nate Reinert said.

As volleyball season starts, the bleachers of the gymnasium should start to fill with loyal super fans.

A strong fan base can lead to success, and the team always welcomes motivation at their matches. With hard work and perseverance, the boys' volleyball team could be destined for a great season.

By Christian Schwenig

I is by sophomore Alex Edinger done in Sharpee ink with focus on a cactus in the lower left hand corner.

II is senior Brittany Gantz's sketchbook, Zombie.

2013 FAHS National Honor Society Inductees Honored

Academics

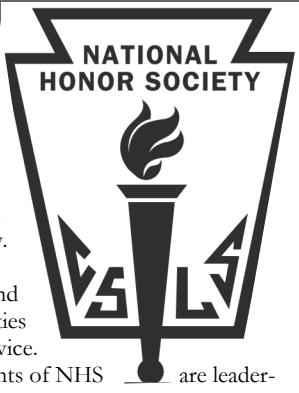
On 28 February, 2013, the FAHS chapter of National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony. At this ceremony, senior members of NHS inducted the new junior and senior members.

To be inducted into NHS, one must first apply. The application includes two essays and a list of one's activities and community service.

The tenants of NHS are leadership, character, service, and scholarship. Members must demonstrate these in their lives in order to be accepted into the club.

At the ceremony, senior members read a short biography of the inductee and then welcomed them into NHS by lighting their candle. There were so many inductees this year that some senior members had to double up and read two biographies.

Beth Rothenberger, president of NHS, helped arrange the ceremony, and also had a large speaking role during the ceremony. The event went smoothly according to Rothenberger.



Carol Zheng, a new member of NHS, agreed.

It is an honor to be a part of NHS. It feels great," Zheng said.

There were many new inductees to NHS.

If students, parents, or community members are interested in seeing who the senior and junior members of NHS are, the bulletin board outside of the library (across from the office) has the names of all members currently in the club.

For any junior members bummed because they may not have gotten in, no worries, they can always apply next year.

Some advice to future applicants would be to do a lot of community service and take on a lot of leadership roles. Also, aspiring applicants should never forget about keeping their GPA above a 92%!

By Elizabeth Geisinger

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# Math Utility a Statewide Problem

Opinion/Editorial

Fleetwood Area High School's math department includes Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, all of which are required courses by the state. Teachers must meet certain standards in a school year. Many students want the answer to one question that has been asked for years: When are we ever going to use this after high school? The answer is, you most likely won't. Most parents who help with math homework have no idea how to do any of it, and they have been just fine. The response from most teachers, however, is that students need it to pass high school. This is true, but why are we not learning about percentages, credit, financing, how to pay bills, how to pay taxes, mortgages, and other common everyday tasks that need to be completed as an adult dealing with math?

The consensus among math teachers is that they all try to incorporate real world application problems where appropriate within our lessons. Two courses students must take are Economics and Family living as a senior. "We Learn about how to write checks, types of housing, mortgages, credit, homeowner's insurance, values, bills, readiness, and other topics as well," FCS teacher Nancy Castiglioni said. These topics could be covered in math courses instead of other math concepts, which most students forget after taking the test. However, there is little the teachers can do about what they are required to teach based on state regulations.

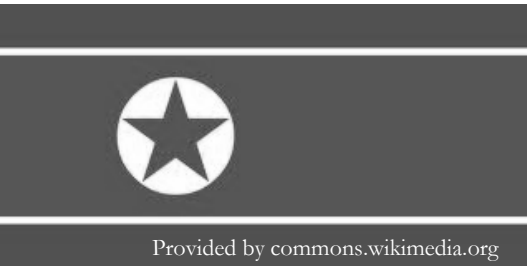
By Kelsey Steiner

# North Korea Threatens Nuclear Warfare

Military

On Thursday, 7 March, North Korean leaders threatened the United States with a preemptive nuclear strike. This raised alarms throughout the nation and caused many to wonder if these threats were serious. The threats came during a time when the U.N. Security Council was approving new sanctions against North Korea. Many believe these sanctions, including a demand to end the country's nuclear weapons development programs, have caused North Korea to issue these threats. An unidentified spokesman for North Korea stated that the country will issue "a preemptive nuclear attack to destroy the strongholds of the aggressors." He later went on to say this happened because Washington is trying to start a nuclear war with North Korea. The United States is not the only country who is feeling threatened by North Korea's instigations of nuclear warfare. One year ago, North Korea threatened it could turn its neighbor to the south, South Korea, "to ashes" in less than four minutes. More recently, North Korea also threatened to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War.

North Korea's threats have always been empty ones. Sources claim the country lacks any nuclear warheads capable of even reaching the United States, despite having the necessary fuel to do so. However, it would only work for crude, less powerful nuclear devices.



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In North Korea there is no shortage of anti-American propaganda. Posters of drawings portraying American soldiers killing and torturing Korean citizens are found everywhere in the city.

A video was recently released as well, filled with images of Americans sleeping on benches while having to eat birds and snow to survive. Conditions in North Korea are not any better than the images that are shown in anti-American propaganda released by them. Residents in the country are plagued by poverty and famine, with the average life expectancy only at 65-years. Whether Kim Jong Un is serious or not, one cannot deny that the threats made by North Korea are alarming. Americans can only wait and see whether or not the foreign power is willing to follow through with them.

By Daniel Norton

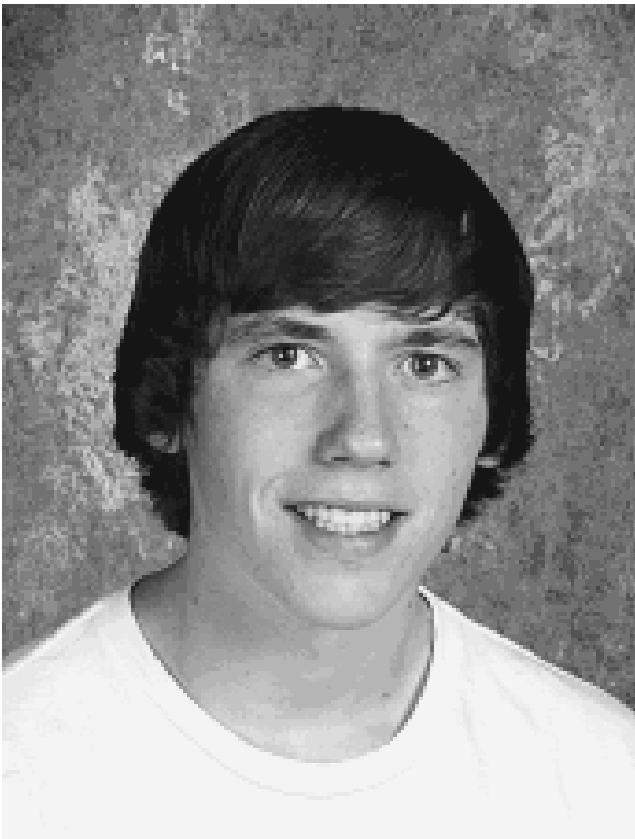
# Random Profile: Mitchell Fuerst

Profile

Mitchell Fuerst is a senior at Fleetwood Area High School and in the graduating class of 2013. In his spare time, Fuerst likes to "hang out with friends, listen to some [rap] music, and just chill". He also enjoys going on drives because he loves the sense of freedom and happiness he gets being on the open road. Rap music is his favorite kind of music because it's "a good creative outlet and fun to listen to." If he had to describe himself, Fuerst would say, "I'm a fun guy. I'm relaxed and pretty chill. I'm pretty awesome and jazzed" and that "people should get to know me. I'm not that bad of a guy."

Fuerst is involved in no extracurricular activities at present. He is currently employed at Burger King, a job he says is "easy, and the pay is not too bad". After he graduates, he plans to go to a four-year college. He's undecided where, but it has to be "somewhere local." He plans on going for a degree in media arts due to his love of all things artistic. His favorite kind of food is a pretzel melt.

"It's been my favorite kind of food ever since the first time I had one," Fuerst said. His favorite color is yellow because it's "just a really cool color, makes me happy whenever I see it."



His favorite movie of all time would have to be Saving Private Ryan. Fuerst says the movie is "my all time favorite movie, and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a great storyline and a good cast of characters in an interesting World War II setting."

By Cody Millard

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# Random Cheese



"They shouldn't take guns away. It's in the constitution so we can hunt or protect ourselves in the event that the government becomes oppressive." --Zach Siegfried, junior.



"No, there are enough laws. No, [Semi-Automatic weapons] aren't any worse than any other gun. It makes me mad because it's affecting the hunters." --Cody Wolf, junior.



"No, there are enough new laws that limit the ways we can express ourselves. They can't take this away too." --Amanda Fox, junior.



"I believe that certain weapons such as assault arms should be outlawed; however, people have every right to own firearms for uses such as hunting and self-defense." --Nathan Reinert, junior.



"No. I don't think they should ban guns because more people use them innocently than inappropriately. They should keep the gun laws the same but do background checks and history checks before the purchase." --Marissa Bubbenmoyer, senior.



"A ban would create a black market for semi-automatic weapons, and America wouldn't be the same without them." --Matt Fisher, senior.



"No, we already have them. They should be allowed." --Kylie Stoeckel, senior.

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