

The Hole Issue

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News Clubs Take Off By Tyler Hardy

At the beginning of the semester, Dean of Students, Tyler Hardy, made a proclamation: "Any clubs that do not meet deadlines or that are deemed unproductive will lose their charters and cease to exist." Hardy's statement reflected his frustration with several clubs from years past that demonstrated nothing greater than lethargy. While patrolling the hallways, he frequently "busted" students screwing around on their computers while they were supposed to be engaged in official club activities. Thus, the plan changed going into the 2010-2011 school year. Hardy, and his new Clubs Deputy, Karen Hodges, adopted an all business attitude.

In September, all club leaders were required to meet with Hardy, and to agree on specific goals for the semester. Each club was given deadlines and if those deadlines were missed, then the club would make like General Macarthur and "fade away." Hodges and Hardy would check in with clubs during meetings block to ensure that club members were working diligently.

As the end of the semester approaches, the results of the new Clubs policies appear to have provided some motivation.

The Fundraising Club: Last year, the Fundraising Club (FC)

Volume 1 Issue 5 was more commonly known as the Commons Social Club, as they spent most of their time chatting in the commons and occasionally helping with a mailer. How times have changed. The, the FC helped make this year's Old Bill's event the most successful in seven years, and it's current canned food/toy drive continues to impress. Four large boxes, in the common area of the school are overflowing with donations. Another item on the fundraising agenda includes preparing for the upcoming Jackson's Unique Events Auction.



The Culinary Arts Club: At its inception, the Culinary Arts Club was met with skepticism by Hardy and Hodges. Yet Club members were not to be denied. They immediately set forth to prove themselves and have done so in grand fashion. To date they have completed two delicious and profitable bake sales, proceeds from which have been

donated to the JHCS Scholarship fund. Furthermore, the Club is responsible for the recipes that can be found in the Lifestyle section of *The Hole Issue*.

The Yearbook Club: While the Yearbook Club (YC) has been slandered for the past few years (an actual yearbook has yet to be published), indications are that this campaign may mark the tipping point for success. Contributors are engaged in gathering information from members of the school, compiling photographs, and collecting reports on the performances of fall sports programs. Look for a dynamic JHCS Yearbook in May, 2011.

The Glee Club: Finally, JHCS has a singing group. Originally proposed as an a cappella group, members ultimately decided to go the glee route and the decision has paid off. The Glee Club has already performed publicly, singing two songs at the recent Jackson Hole Music Experience Concert, and the group has plans to sing at Graduation. The Glee Club is one of the more popular clubs, with 14 members. Stay tuned for upcoming performance dates.

The Arts Magazine Club: This club was one of the more successful last year, as it produced a Literary Arts Magazine called *Ink*, last May. A combination of poetry, photography, short stories, and original artwork, all created by faculty and students, the magazine was met with rave reviews from

community members. This year's edition appears to be on track to far surpass the quality of last year's. Club members are busy gathering pieces for inclusion, and it appears possible that more than one edition may be published. Be sure to get your copies.

The Book Club: The Book Club recently finished reading their first piece, What is the What, by Dave Eggers. The book tells the story of Achak Deng Valentino, one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Club members endorsed the book in a review that they submitted for the November 17th issue of The Hole Issue.

The Newspaper Club: Another club that felt the brunt of many jokes at the outset of the year. Last year's Newspaper Club never actually went to press. People kidded, "I hear the newspaper comes out every two years!" But, Editor-in-Chief, Sawyer Gordon used the teasing as motivation, and to date the Newspaper Club has met its deadlines, to the delight of community members. The paper contains four sections: News, Opinions, Sports and Lifestyle, with articles ranging from comedic editorials to informative international news pieces. The fact that you are reading this article right now demonstrates the success achieved by the Newspaper Club.

While Hardy is pleased with the results of the Clubs Program, not all club charters will be renewed for the second semester. "There are a few clubs that have not met deadlines and that have not shown us any results," says Hodges. "We'll meet with them and figure out the plan going forward. Schedules may need to be adjusted."

American Legal Giant Visits JHCS

By Michael Redzich

In what was truly one of the Jackson Hole Community School's greatest visits, world renowned trial lawyer, Gerry Spence, expounded upon the purpose of law, being a lawyer, and finding oneself. Entertained by his extravagant introduction, Mr. Spence jokingly said, "How does it feel to look at this world famous lawyer?" In a more reverent tone, he went on to stress that failure is an important ingredient of success. As an example, he referenced his unsuccessful Congressional run from several years before. Sometimes, people just don't want somebody proactive representing them, he said. Mr. Spence took this failure as a chance to learn. From that time forward, he said, he recognized that his place was not in Washington. In a larger sense, one may find themselves needing to stay where they belong, in his words, to look inside themselves to find who they really are.



To emphasize his central theme of individuality, Mr. Spence said, "I want you to look around and see your brothers and your sisters and realize that none of you are the same." Subsequently, he asked the students to examine their thumb prints and realize that they were totally unique. This individuality was, as he put it, is

the greatest gift that a person can possess. Illustrating this point further, he drew a comparison between people and pearls. An authentic person that does not flee from themselves is the genuine pearl. The person who tries to be somebody else (like a movie star) trades their valuable pearl for a cosmetically beautiful substitute that is in fact an impostor in substance. Finding oneself is not easy -- it takes failure (for Mr. Spence that included the Congressional run, not becoming a legal professor or judge and dropping out of art school), but, as one can see from observing Mr. Spence, the results are far worth the struggle.

For JHCS students, many among them aspiring lawyers, this was a very valuable visit. Nonetheless, whether hoping for a career like Gerry Spence's or something completely different, one would undoubtedly benefit by trying to find themselves. Every human being must keep the valuable pearl that they have been given.

Tunnels

By Eric Brecheen

A drug tunnel was discovered this Thanksgiving, going across the Mexican-American border from Tijuana to New Mexico. Officials seized 20 tons of marijuana from the tunnel, a major drug bust for the border patrol, totaling approximately 100 million American dollars.

The tunnel begins from a residential basement a few hundred yards from the border, and emerges in a warehouse on the other side. Two rooms in this house were stacked to the ceiling with sandbags, full of the soil dug out from the tunnel. The dining

room was full of lumber. In the warehouse, the tunnel was covered by a sheet of wood. Behind the wood lies a steep set of stairs leading to the tunnel, far below the floor. The tunnel is relatively sophisticated, with a mine cart system inside to transport the packages of marijuana across the tunnel quickly and efficiently.

The Spotlight Rundown

By Michael Redzich

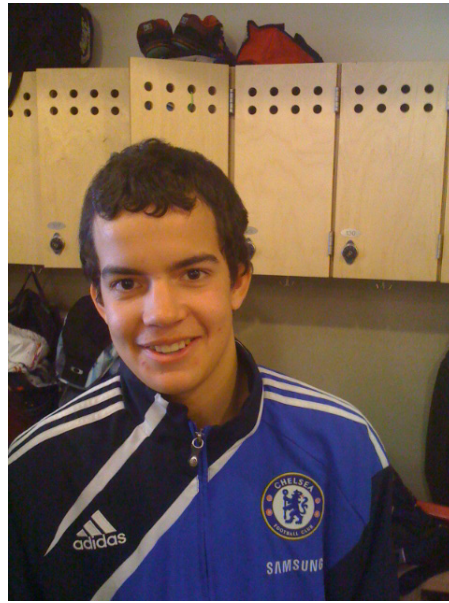
It's been a busy several weeks in Town Hall. Through Spotlight presentation, students have shared about their travels and areas of expertise. Since returning from Thanksgiving break, the student body has heard from Willie Wise, Max Jannotta and Parker Case.

Willie's presentation revolved around photography. He shared several pictures he has taken, and talked about what got him interested in photo, where he intends to go with it down the road, and spoke about several of the technological aspects involved with the hobby.



Max Jannotta shared pictures and stories from a recent trip he took to Alaska with his father. The trip involved fishing, hiking,

boating and heli-skiing.



Parker Case taught the school about an up and coming musical style: Indie Bands. Parker shared a song, talked about what makes a band Indie (Independent) and gave a brief history of this type of music. He is interested in it because, according to him, it is a genre unto itself.



All juniors are required to participate in the Spotlight program. Students from other grades and faculty may if they wish. The school is always enlightened by these presentations. If you have any questions about the ones above, feel free to ask Willie,

Max or Parker.

The War that Never Ended

By Michael Redzich

In 1953, North and South Korean leaders (in conjunction with their more powerful allies, including the United States, the U.S.S.R. and China) signed a piece of paper. The paper - officially called an armistice - put an official end to all military conflict in the region and fractured the Korean peninsula into two very different nations. This measure simply suspended the war, rather than ending it once and for all. Now, fifty seven years later, that fragile, temporary peace is coming under literal fire as the communist North and capitalist South each rattle their sabers at one another.

A negligible number of American civilians had ever heard of the South Korean warship Chenoan before last March. Now, its sinking earns a noteworthy place on the calendar of events regarding the Koreas' escalating hostilities. Dozens of sailors were killed when, according to the South, a North Korean torpedo struck the hull and sent her to the bottom of the Yellow Sea. Naturally, the state-run North's media denied this claim. There was no doubt, however, when North Korean artillery opened fire with one hundred and twenty shells on the lightly defended island of Yeonping. Through the terrifying hour long bombardment, some 2 civilians and 2 South Korean marines perished, immense property damage was done, and fires were ignited across the island.

What happened next is unclear in many respects. The North claimed that its maritime

sovereignty had been violated by a South Korean military drill (which ironically involved firing artillery shells). The South, however, claimed that the shells were fired into their own waters. The disputed sea border between the two nations is seen as a major flashpoint. As the United States and South Korea subsequently flexed their muscle through planned and extensive naval exercises involving the nuclear capable American carrier U.S.S. George Washington, the North continued to warn of another and far more powerful attack. These threats were met by vows for grand military retaliation. Nothing more has yet come to pass. The reason for this did not become at least partially clear until a completely unrelated incident occurred over a week later. First, some background; North Korea's ace in the hole, so to speak, is China. Both nations are communist; they are longtime allies. China has a massive economy and the largest manned military force on the face of the globe. Were a war to erupt between the North and the South and the U.S. to become involved, the North would be desperate for fast and substantial Chinese assistance. Many experts in the region thought this was possible - and concerning - as a similar situation led to the escalation of the First World War. Kim Jong Il, however, did not know that his bluff would be called by a man named Julian Assange. Mr. Assange is the subject of great controversy surrounding actions taken by the organization he leads: Wikileaks. Wikileaks recently released a seemingly endless supply of what were supposed to be secret messages between diplomats across the

globe. Among the leaked cables were communications between China and North Korea. In so many complicated words, the simple message was this: 'We support you for now, but if you get into a major war, don't count on us.' More missives to various global leaders from China illustrated clearly that Beijing believes the Korean peninsula will be reunited under Seoul. This is not, of course, welcome news in Pyongyang. It appears - at least for now - that the region may re-enter its uncomfortable and feeble peace for another period of time. The North has lost one of its few bright spots. It no longer has the convenient crutch to lean on once proffered by its powerful neighbor. All said, the Korean region is not, and has not ever been stable since the war that never really ended. Only time will tell how that war will end. It may end peacefully; or if more incidents like those of several days ago come about, in flames. The world waits with baited breath.

Sports

Hardy Challenges All Comers

By Tyler Hardy

Four months into the JHCSFFPPT season, Tyler Hardy, the number one ranked and undefeated tour celebrity, has issued a challenge to all JHCS community members: "bring it!" he says. On Friday, December 10th, the tour will host its annual Holiday Pro-Am, inviting amateurs to compete against the professionals. "This will be a nice opportunity to face some fresh competition," said Hardy. "Frankly, I'm getting a little bored of dominating the faculty all the

time. It will be nice to take down a few students and parents."

Fellow competitor, David Heinemann, who has yet to show up for any JHCSFFPPT events, recently quipped, "I'll definitely be there for this event. I would never miss the opportunity to dishearten a student or parent. I get to do that a lot in college counseling, but this will be icing on the cake."

Last year's Pro-Am was highlighted by a bit of controversy, as tour officials suspected that number two seed, Scott Hirschfield, threw his first round match to an unnamed parent. Apparently the parent was a JHCS board member and annual donor to the school. When asked how it was possible that he got skunked, 21-0, Hirschfield responded, "no comment." Hirschfield, however, has taken a much more aggressive line in approaching this year's event. He recently twitted, "I plan to steamroll anyone who gets in my way: pregnant women, children, JHCS endowment donors..... doesn't matter. I'm coming in hot!"

Also making headlines in the last few days, has been tournament newcomer and top amateur Creel Smith. "I've seen Hardy's game, and there is no chance that he can beat me," said Smith. "He is fair at best." Hardy, while vacationing in Salt Lake City, was quick to respond to Smith's comments. "I know he's a good tennis player, but last I checked, we're not playing tennis. I am going to buff the table with him, assuming he gets out of the first round, of course."

All JHCS community members who wish to participate in the JHCSFFPPT Holiday Pro-Am can register by sending an email to

info@jhcommunityschool.org by 2:30 PM on Friday, December 10th. Play begins on center table in the common area at 3:00 PM.

Opinions

Debt vs. Deficit

By Eric Brecheen

The national news media mentions the words debt and deficit all too often. These words are frequently confused. Debt, simply stated, refers to owing something to someone. The U.S. has a debt to China for upwards of \$800 billion, comprised of Federal Reserve bonds. Deficit, meanwhile, is the amount of money we are lacking to pay off our spending. The two are linked in the sense that as the deficit grows, the debt grows. Had the U.S. worked harder to even out the deficit and pay off our debt to China, we would not have been able to bail out companies hit by the recession. Our country would probably be headed into another depression.

We need to work ourselves out of this recession. Don't buy the house, or the car you can't afford. Spending all your money on luxuries and then expecting your bank to pay for them will not work out in the long run. Resolving international conflicts can also lower our spending by large amounts, as avoiding spending hundreds of millions of dollars on military hardware could save the nation a great amount of money.

PETA's campaign against McDonalds' Animal Cruelty

By Emma Knoke

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, also known as PETA,

has chosen to take a stand against the animal cruelty demonstrated by McDonalds. Corporation. PETA refers to this as "McCruelty". The main reason for protesting against McDonalds is that they are failing to take steps in order to make the death of the animals used for its products more humane, such as the CAK, or controlled atmosphere killing, method. This would cost the company absolutely nothing in the long run, however, McDonalds refuses to change the slaughter methods. The McCruelty Campaign was launched in 1999, and there were over 400 demonstrations against McDonalds by 2000. The following is an example of how chickens are harvested by McDonalds: "In the slaughterhouses of McDonalds' U.S. and Canadian chicken suppliers, birds are dumped out of their transport crates and hung upside down in metal shackles, which can result in broken bones, extreme bruising, and hemorrhaging. Workers have the opportunity to abuse live birds, and birds have their throats cut while they are still conscious. Many birds are immersed in tanks of scalding-hot water while they are still alive and able to feel pain" (PETA). This being said, I strongly encourage you to avoid eating at McDonalds at all costs until the company agrees to stop killing the animals in this manner. I myself, having been a vegetarian for several years, am planning to organize a protest in front of the McDonalds in Jackson. Please go to www.mccruelty.com for more information about this issue. Every little thing helps.

A Necessity of the Age

By Michael Redzich

It took the Western World thousands of years to recognize that all human beings deserved

certain unalienable rights. Even now, there is not unanimous consent surrounding such treatment. Many consider the plight the gay/lesbian community to be a part of the fight for such rights. Whether that is or is not the case is debatable. Fortunately, the issue as a whole is not at the core of this article. Rather, it focuses on one particularly unclear point of disagreement.

Gay advocacy groups have taken aim and opened fire on one particular military institution: its Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. The policy essentially prevents gays and lesbians from serving openly in any U.S. military branch. The U.S House of Representatives has already voted to repeal the law, it is recommended by top military commanders, and there appears to be support in the Senate to follow suit. The policy, however, is absolutely necessary.

That position needs to be explained. Gays and lesbians are absolutely equal in all respects to heterosexual individuals. It is not for this reason that the law must continue. Rather, in a politically charged and homophobic military environment, it may prove dangerous for all gay service members to share that with the members of their units. Not all soldiers are tolerant. That is a fact. It is for their safety that the law must be upheld. Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell would only usher in an increase of hate crimes and/or sexual misconduct that the law effectively avoids. For the safety and comfort of all parties involved, the law must stand-not against equality, but to protect it.

Lifestyle

Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the sailor grab a piece of soap when his ship was sinking?

A: So he could wash himself ashore.

Horoscopes

By Emma Knoke

Aries-March 21 - April 19

Snap into action and take care of whatever big business is going down today. You've got to make sure that you're dealing with the issues of the highest priority before moving on to the fun stuff.

Taurus- April 20 - May 20

Your skeptical nature is rewarded today as you point out the flaws in a so-called bulletproof plan or hold off on a seemingly sweet deal that turns out to be pretty sour. People listen to you next time!

Gemini- May 21 - June 20

You need to deal with equals today, which can be hard when you have to interact with kids, bosses or others who expect a power relationship. Do your best to reach out to them as fellow humans.

Cancer- June 21 - July 22

Don't hesitate to treat yourself to something special--you know you deserve it! If it means that you're hurting a little later on, it should still be worthwhile.

Leo- July 23 - August 22

You don't exactly beat around the bush this month as you strive to make yourself understood -- and while you feel pretty good, you're not exactly in the mood to mess around or linger over chitchat.

Virgo- August 23 - September 22

If you're feeling iffy about whether or not to take that career or romantic risk, you should go for it. This month brings you all sorts of opportunities that you should follow up on, as the status quo is your worst enemy.

Libra- September 23 - October 22

Don't stay in one place all day -- in fact, you need to branch out to new places if you want to make the most of your energy. You ought to meet a few new people and maybe discover your new favorite place.

Scorpio- October 23 - November 21

Trust your intuition this month, even though you feel that it may be leading you astray. This month is all about hunches and sudden changes, and you should be able to see them coming if you pay attention.

Sagittarius- November 22 - December 21

Your jolly mood might make others think of Santa when you're around -- which means they're trying extra-hard to be nice! It's easier than ever for you to get folks to see things your way.

Capricorn- December 22 - January 19

You need to buckle down this month -- focus is everything. Once you've figured out what comes next, all it comes down to is forcing yourself to do whatever it takes to get to the finish line.

Aquarius- January 20 - February 18

Reach out to your people and see what's what. Your connections are stronger than ever, but you still need to maintain them somewhat if you want to avoid any drop-off in

the near future.

Pisces- February 19 - March 20

You may be having some problems at school -- especially if the your friend thinks they know what's going on. They're wrong, of course, but good luck telling them that! You may just need to lie low for now.

* from astrology.com

Maple Carrot Cake

Cupcakes

By The Cooking Club

Ingredients

- * 2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 cup sugar
- * 1 teaspoon baking powder
- * 1 teaspoon baking soda
- * 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 4 eggs
- * 1 cup vegetable oil
- * 1/2 cup maple syrup
- * 3 cups grated carrots
- * FROSTING:
 - * 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
 - * 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - * 1/4 cup maple syrup
 - * 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - * Chopped walnuts

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. In another bowl, beat eggs, oil and syrup. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in carrots. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full.

2. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

3. For frosting, combine cream cheese, butter, syrup and vanilla in a mixing bowl; beat until smooth. Frost cooled cupcakes. Sprinkle with nuts if desired.

Allrecipes.com by Lisa Ann Dinunzio

<http://allrecipes.com//Recipe/maple-cupcake-cupcakes/Detail.aspxv>

Student Spotlight

By Emma Knoke

Name: Wilden McIntosh-Round

Age/ Birthday: 15 years old, born April 17, 1995

Grade: Sophomore

Sports: Lacrosse, Skiing

Hobbies: Reading,

Drawing, Writing

Favorite Music Genre: Pop

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: Princess Bride

You can flip a switch that will wipe any band or musical artist off the earth, who would you pick: Lady Gaga

Spiderman or Captain

Planet: Spiderman

Favorite Thing to do on

Weekends: Skiing

Are You in Support of the new Vending Machine proposal: Yes

Interesting Fact: Can tie a cherry stem in a knot with his tongue.



Faculty Spotlight

By Emma Knoke

Name: David Heinemann
Age/ Birthday: 40 April 9, 1970

Occupation: Academic

Dean and Director of

Collage Counseling

Sports: Windsurfing, skiing, mountain biking

Hobbies: Touring colleges, raising his two sons

Favorite Music Genre:

Alternative Rock

Favorite Food: Turkey

Tetrazini

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Movie: Raising

Arizona

Cat Woman or Elektra: Cat Woman

You can flip a switch that will wipe any band or musical artist off the earth, who would you pick: Britney Spears

Favorite Thing to do on

Weekends: Ski with Rutley

Are You in Support of the new Vending Machine in the school idea: Only if it has Diet Coke

Interesting Fact: He has been a type 1 Diabetic since he was 17.



Scott Hirschfield's Health Tip of the Day



This week's tip revolves around the power of Zinc. It's that time of year when we all are very susceptible to colds and sore throats. The minute you start to feel that little "twang" in the back of your throat, reach for a Zinc lozenge and you'll stave off the progression of a cold or sore throat. As an addendum, if you already have a sore throat, try mixing some fresh squeezed lemon with honey into a glass and drink the mixture a few times a day.