



Despite delays, Fultonian Yearbook ready to roll

What's going on with the Fultonian Yearbook? That's the question some people have been asking, and so far the answer is simply, "not much."

That's because Fultonian Adviser Mr. Senecal has been busy behind the scenes in what he terms as a "year of transition," but the picture is starting to become clearer as the yearbook nears its first deadline.

After numerous years with Josten's, this year's yearbook will be produced by a different company, Herff-Jones. And with the change in companies comes a whole new procedure, especially since this year's yearbook is being done entirely on-line for the first time ever. "It's never easy to make wholesale changes like we are making," Mr. Senecal noted. "Especially since we not only have a new company and a new system, we also don't really have many experienced yearbook members back this year."

One of the biggest concerns for the Senior Class of 2011 has to do with the inclusion of baby and prom pictures, as well as the senior poll. Thanks to an agreement reached just last week, this year's Fultonian will include these items, as has been the case in the past. "What most people don't realize is that the Senior Class pays for this section," Senecal commented. "It's not something that we include for free." The Class of 2011 will contribute to the Fultonian at the end of the school year to pay for the pages.

Class poll voting and the senior directory forms will be given out toward the end of the month and are due by Friday, Dec. 3, with poll pictures set to be taken on Wednesday, December 22, the same day as the club and class officer pictures.

The deadline for prom and baby pictures is Wednesday, November 17, and students are urged to get their pictures in as soon as possible to Mr. Senecal in room 102, with their name and advisory/seminar teacher listed on the back. The seniors are limited to one baby picture and two prom pictures apiece. In the past every baby picture has been included, with prom pictures being utilized depending on space. Students can also upload their pictures to the yearbook on-line.

Again due to the involvement with a new company, yearbook sales will be handled

somewhat differently this year. Students should receive a Wish List postcard sometime in November to fill out, and from there Herff-Jones will mail home yearbook order details to the students.

next week to take group pictures of each of the different advisory classes. A schedule will be released at the end of this week with the details. The seniors will still be featured in the traditional way, and by saving space they will

Fultonian Yearbook dates and deadlines:

Friday, Nov. 5: Senior recognition ads due

Wed., Nov. 17: Prom and baby pictures due

November: Wish List postcards distributed

Tues. Nov. 30: Winter sports team pictures

Fri., Dec. 3: Deadline for senior activity sheets

Wed., Dec. 22: Club, class officer, senior poll pictures

Submit pictures for consideration online!

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An online ordering option will be available, and unlike past years buyers can use a credit card to purchase the 2011 yearbook. This year's Fultonian will cost \$55 plus tax, which will put the final cost at around \$60. Because the Yearbook Club is charged tax, they have to pass this on to the consumer after absorbing it themselves the last two years.

"We are being charged sales tax now, so we have to recoup that money," Mr. Senecal said while noting that last year's sales tax total was around \$2,200. That, combined with the much higher cost for producing the book, meant that the Fultonian barely broke even in 2010. "We're not looking to make tons of money off the yearbook," Mr. Senecal commented, "but we are in need of supplies such as cameras, computers and the like, and we can't buy those things if we aren't making a profit."

The "Wish List" cards offer several options for students such as an autograph section, end of the year review, and protective sheets for the cover. These options will raise the cost of the yearbook, but they are just that, options. "I wanted to make these things available for people who want them," Mr. Senecal stated. "But at the same time I want to keep the yearbook affordable."

Another change in this year's yearbook will be the elimination of what Mr. Senecal termed as, "mug shots" for the underclassmen. Instead of listing the freshman class in rows, Fultonian members will be coming to advisory classes

be featured more prominently than usual.

Mr. Senecal also wanted to remind parents that the deadline for the Senior Recognition Ads is this Friday, November 5, although they will be accepted next week as well. Parents should have received the forms in August when report cards were mailed out, but there are extra forms available in the main office. The ads are priced at \$35 for a 1/8th page ad and \$60 for a half-page ad and should include a picture and message for the graduating seniors. All checks should be made out to The Fultonian Yearbook.

The Fultonian is currently on the lookout for pictures, and anyone may contribute via the new online system. To submit a picture, simply go to www.hjshare.com and enter the school code 3033913. Up to 10 photos may be uploaded at a time for consideration to be used in this year's Fultonian. Mr. Senecal said that there is a dire need for pictures from the recently concluded fall sports season as several of the school's top photographers graduated last year and at this point no one has stepped forward to take their place. He hopes to have this taken care of in time for the upcoming winter seasons, and encourages students and parents alike to contribute pictures of any school related events.

The long silence about the Fultonian Yearbook has finally ended. And with that the staff hopes that it will be full steam ahead toward another great edition of The Fultonian.

Opinion

What makes for a lasting friendship?

By Jennifer Woodruff

People are odd creatures. Minds are constantly changing, and opinions continually altering to conform to society. Why do we want to fit in with others so badly? Is it because we fear being by ourselves, sinking into loneliness?

Think about it, if we had the choice of sitting by ourselves in the cafeteria or sitting amongst mere acquaintances, what would we choose? Sitting with others of course, unless we really feel as though no one would like to be around us...then we would be off in a corner alone.

It seems at though people have a mask over their face, covering up their true personalities and free to take upon any persona they wish. How does one decipher the liars from the truth tellers? When we come across someone who is too good to be true, in actuality they probably are too good to be true. Though they never allow society to see their flaws, they are living a lie each and every day. Are the people who hide themselves truly living?

As the saying goes: "Burn me once, shame on you. Burn me twice, shame on me."

When I think of friendship, I am often reminded of how wronged I have been by people. Even as a young and reserved child, I couldn't help but enjoy being everyone's friend. Now that we've hit high school people have gone through their changes and joined their cliques, no one wants to associate themselves with any outsiders.

Think about our relationships with other students, they don't really travel any further than the school premises. Would we really want to be around people we only have relations with while we are in school? Probably not, but if we needed someone, it would be the person we



knew in some way shape or form.

When do we know when it is time to move on from past relationships with our friends? When they don't defend us, speak of us behind our backs, or merely say cruel things to our faces? We seem to base friendship upon appearances and how others act, never on personality.

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we just learn to deal with the way they act with other people. That's not a situation you would want to have yourself in, especially when you know that you are not committed to that person.

If our friend betrays us, how long does it take us to fully forgive them? Would we really want to? I suppose it depends upon the situation, if he or she was really your friend why would their shenanigans not be confronted at the time of its occurrence? Instead of focusing on the past, we should learn to move forward and let things go. We will always have that red flag in front of us, saying that maybe someone whom we encounter is not someone we should be around.

Upcoming College Visits

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Finger Lakes CC (11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 4: SUNY Canton (11 a.m.)

Monday, Nov. 8: Cazenovia College (10 a.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 10: Castleton State College (8 a.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 18: Alfred State College (9 a.m.)

Quote of the day:

'Fairy tales are more than true; not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.'

G.K. Chesterton

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In the News

Fulton fields play host to sectional tourney

By Tyler Crandell

Fulton Turf Hosts Sectional Teams
Although for Fulton the sports season involving the new athletic turf is over, the stadium was put to good use last Friday night for the class AA sectional quarter-finals as Fulton acted as the neutral site for a pair of games. The Baldwinsville varsity girls soccer team took on Oswego and shut them out 5-0 while the Baldwinsville boys team dismantled Liverpool 4-0. Both teams advanced to the semi-final round and are seeking sectional titles.

There are some benefits to these games being played at Fulton. This drew fans to the game who got to see the new athletic turf in action. The turf brings a little element of quality to Fulton athletics that was absent with all the games being played on grass. This also brought fans to the concession stand that would have otherwise been closed for the season. This gave the Fulton Athletic Booster Club an opportunity to make a little more money through the sale of food and drinks. With it being an especially cold night, hot cocoa was in high demand and was constantly being served to eager (and freezing) customers. Students were also able to help work the concession stand to earn community service hours. They took orders, made change and served customers their food.

Baldwinsville, being the higher seed in both fixtures, earned the status of home team. They made Fulton's stadium their own, decorating it with posters and banners to cheer on their teams. The game also gave Fulton residents something to do on their frigid Friday night. While it is not ideal to go out into the chilly night air, some Fulton athletics fans made their way to the stadium to see the games. The games were really something to see as two exceptional Baldwinsville teams took on good opposition and just outplayed and outclassed them.

The boys team took on Liverpool and was able to gain a 2-0 lead when a play was finished in the last five seconds of the first half. They scored an early goal after play had resumed and put in a fourth for good measure with around 20 minutes to go. The game ended 4-0 with the boys moving on to the semi-finals. They will be playing Cicero-North Syracuse today at neutral Chittenango. Both teams come in with a 14-2-1 record and are vying for a AA sectional final challenge.

The Baldwinsville girls attacked Oswego hard in the first half of their game as they applied pressure and never let up. They relentlessly came at the Lady Buccaneers firing five unanswered goals into their net. In the second half the Bees played more of a possession game and did not look for the net as much as they had in the first. In the few plays where they did, Oswego was able to hold them up and keep them out. The first seeded Baldwinsville girls will be playing fourth seed Liverpool today at West Genesee.

In addition, the Baldwinsville football team has been practicing on the Fulton surface, after their field was decimated by the recent rains and a mud-soaked game against CBA.

Overall, Friday proved to be a memorable night on the Fulton athletic turf. While it had been inactive with Fulton's soccer and football seasons over, it was revisited for sectionals. Being able to host teams as a neutral site for sectionals is a testament to the quality of the athletic turf. It is Fulton's hope, however, that the stadium will host one of its own athletic teams and the home support will lead them to victory in the not so distant future.

Twitter: microphone to the world

To tweet or not to tweet?

That is the question.

Twitter is one of the internet's biggest social networking sites. To briefly show the magnitude of Twitter's popularity, an example of a very popular twitter user is Britney Spears who has a following of 6,163, 741 people, second only to Lady Gaga with 6,823,320 twitter followers. That is more followers than the population of Puerto Rico, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway combined.

How is it that this website can have such a large popularity? "I met my best friend on Twitter," says senior Patty Morrison. "I don't know it's just addicting." She is just one of 70 million other twitter users.

Twitter describes itself as a micro-blogging service. Meaning that anyone who wants to post on the site, can do so at the click of a mouse. Users can even "tweet" or send updates from their smartphones, from anywhere in the world.

According to a study done by Peer Analytics, of twitter users, 41% of updates or tweets are "pointless babble" where as only 9% have an actual pass-along value. Users on twitter have a creative freedom; of being able to post as little or as much as they want.

Some users post every little detail of their lives, as well as some only posting important things. Twitter allows users to follow other members via a news feed and become updated on what other users are posting. Many Twitter users follow their favorite celebrities in order to become more informed on what they're doing, what they are thinking, and their opinions on things that hardcore fans can't learn from a magazine.

All in all, Twitter is a user friendly website that enables anyone who wants to to be creative and express their opinions to the world. From tweets about someone's meal to the announcement of someone getting engaged, Twitter has seen the most intimate details of many of its users' lives.

By Kaitlyn Lauber

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In the News

The Teen Scene

Can't be tamed: Miley Cyrus

By Patty Morrison

"You get the limo out front/hottest styles/every shoe, every color." Miley Cyrus, the teen sensation from the Disney channel show, Hannah Montana, has all of that, and a little bit more.

Inside her fantasy world of fame and fortune, there is a whole mess of controversy surrounding her. The teen took a turn off of the straight path that Disney puts forth for it's stars, and now she is on a rocky path with seemingly no end in sight. When the controversy started, she was just fourteen years old, and it dealt with her posing provocatively in her underwear. The next year, she posed on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine, with her bare back showing, and only a bed sheet covering her. Her market picked up considerably after that, and she went from getting paid \$300 a picture to \$2,000 a picture.

The controversy only continues as she gets older. This year she released a music video for a song she recorded, called "Who Owns My

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Heart." In it she was seen, dancing and moving around on a bed provocatively, again in her underwear, and she has also been filmed, both in the video and onstage where she has staged kisses with other girls her age.

That is not the image mothers want their daughters to look up too.

"I don't like the way she dresses," stated Mrs. Ryan, a math teacher at GRB. "It's just inappropriate. It's not a good role model for her target audience. A Disney star should not be dressing like a tramp."

"Miley is just a seventeen year old girl who isn't responsible enough to be a role model for young girl," added Kylee Greenleaf, a senior at GRB. "That doesn't make her a bad person."

Another senior girl, Caoilinn Condon stated



Tween idol Miley Cyrus has recently come under fire for several of her photoshoots. (image from www.thewrap.com)

that, "She is a horrible influence for little girls who look up to her."

Even some of the boys in the halls at GRB have their own opinions about Miley not being a good role model. Sophomore Steven MacDougall said, "I really don't agree with what Miley has been doing lately in regards to

Bizarre news of the day: tubeless toilet paper

The use of toilet paper has been popular for hundreds of years, with the first recorded use of paper designed for such purposes dating back to the 14th century. Chinese Emperors ordered 2 x 3 foot sheets of paper with the sole purpose of cleanup. Toilet paper rolled on tubes and perforated for convenience dates back to around 1880, with the Scott Company being the lead manufacturer. The Scott Company did not associate their name with the product, due to the topic being a sensitive one at the time. The origin of two-ply lies in Great Britain, manufactured by the St. Andrew's Paper Mill in 1942.

Toilet paper is undergoing a new renovation that is sure to revolutionize the realm behind the door. Kimberly-Clark, a lead household paper producer, has developed an insert-less roll of toilet paper, hitting the shelves of Walmart and Sam's Club in the Northeastern United States on Monday. Depending on sales, the product may be developed worldwide, as well as the research being applied to the paper towel industry. The technology has not been revealed, but Kimberly-Clark manager Doug Daniels states that it is a special winding process.

The major push for this new technology is the amount of product being wasted by the current tubes of paper. Research proves that many people simply throw away the finished tube, as opposed to recycling it. Studies prove that the 17 billion rolls of toilet paper consumed by the United States alone account for a total of 160 million pounds of trash each year. Flattened and placed end to end, this is enough toilet paper waste to travel to the moon and back into your bathroom, with enough waste remaining to make the trip again.

Without the tubes, a main cause for consumers is the use of their previously purchased toilet paper spindles. Reports say that although the tubes are not perfectly circular, they will fit over the devices, so the consumer does not have to worry. Kimberly-Clark cuts down on consumer waste even more in one additional way. The reducing agent will be sure to please the consumer, due to the ability to use the last two sheets on the roll without having to rip, tear, and pick around the glue. The conveniences, as well as the environmental aspects of the new product insure that the toilet paper will roll off the shelves faster than people need it. *By Colin Shannon*

her fan base. It seems as if she is forgetting they ever existed."

A junior, Zach Mizener, also agreed, saying, "Miley Cyrus is a horrible role model who is very promiscuous."

Many of the critics are agreeing with the above statements, and many do not understand why she is trying to separate herself from her fan base so quickly. She has stated that she wants to "break away" from the Disney image, but does that require the Disney good girl to turn bad so quickly?

Of course, Miley herself has responded to the questions of many, and especially the concerns when it comes to comments of her being a horrible role model. In fact, in Harper's Bazaar magazine, she was quoted as saying, "My job is to be a role model, and that's what I want to do, but my job isn't to be a parent. My job isn't to tell your kids how to act or how not to act, because I'm still figuring that out for myself. So to take that away from me is a bit selfish. Your kids are going to make mistakes whether I do or not. That's just life."

So obviously she is still learning the difference between what is right and wrong when living such a high profile life, one where children are constantly looking up to her.

School of Thought compiled by Kirsten Francis and Kayla Hanczyk

What's your favorite thing about November?



"I love Thanksgiving!"
Kayla Distin



"I like all of the colors."
Darci Sorbello



"I love the cold weather."
Yesenia Reynoso



"My favorite part is the baseball World Series."
Sean Fink

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly cloudy. High in the mid-40s.
Record high-76 (1982) Avg. high-53

Tonight:



Clear skies. Low in the mid-20s.
Record low-17 (1965) Avg. low-36

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy. High in the low 50s.
Record high-74 (1982) Avg. high-53

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