

### Column of the Issue:

# Room 115: Family Complete with feuds and food

At the beginning of each year, each student is faced with many different challenges. Each class is full of different people and each student may not know one another. With the end of the year approaching, I just want to take the time to say that this year in newspaper has been one of the best.

We all do not come from the same "cliques" or groups. We are not all the same, we do not like all the same things, and maybe that is why we all get along so well. It does not matter if we do not hang out on the weekends or even outside of class during the school day, but inside of room 115 we are a family.

We know what we have to do to put out the best paper that we can. We may not always get along but we have each other's backs no matter what happens.

Throughout the procrastination and the bickering we love each other. We all have one thing in common and that is that we love working on the newspaper and we have the most fun when we are together as a group. We have a duty to the school to make a great paper and for the most part we do a pretty good job. It is not about individuals in this room, it is about all of us.

We are there for each other and worry a little bit when someone is having a bad day. We will gladly take a load off of someone who is struggling or is overwhelmed. It is the little things that make us so close. We would do anything for each other and we have become a family this year.

Not saying that we do not have our moments, all families have their moments. We are like brothers and sisters, we fight. But when we do fight we do not stay mad long, it takes about two seconds and we are back doing the next annoying thing.

Overall this is not about newspaper, this is about the friendships and the memories that we are making. Memories that will stay with us forever, just because we are different students who came together to make a newspaper for PHS, and a pretty good one at that.

So the lesson to be learned from my family in room 115 is to go out of your way to talk to someone new and do things that you would not normally do. Life is about having fun and meeting people, just because they are not someone you would usually hang with does not mean you will not get along. The *Paolite* staff is a proven fact that opposites attract.

By Shelby Waynick

## STAFF ED Stereotyping

**Stereotype:** A conventional, formulaic and oversimplified conception, opinion or image of others. Or in other words, this is when a person looks at a peer and labels them.

Prep.

Emo.

Jock.

These are all labels and they all tie into stereotyping. People stereotype others all the time.

We at the *Paolite* Staff believe that the 'broken down definition' of stereotyping is when a person labels a peer without getting to know them. You basically judge someone before you take the time to actually get to know them. The most commonly heard names from stereotyping are usually: prep, emo, jock, geek, goody-goody, hick, teacher's pet and hundreds more.

We believe that stereotyping more often than not has a negative effect on others. You are categorizing someone without truly getting to know them and this can be really hurtful. We also believe that as bad as it is, everyone at least once in their life has stereotyped one of their classmates before getting to know them. We also believe that stereotyping someone is rude, mean and can upset someone greatly.

We also believe that sometimes stereotyping can have a positive effect. But, it depends on what you are saying about the other person. Downgrading them equals a negative effect; complementing them on something such as being a good role model equals a positive effect. It really just depends on what you are saying to the other person.

We at the *Paolite* believe everyone reacts differently about stereotyping. Some of us ignore the comments because we know they are made out of stupidity and that they are just judging us. While some of us get really upset when people do not take the time to get to know us. We also believe the best way to reduce stereotyping is to just take the time to get to know one another before you judge them.

We believe stereotyping is something everyone does. Some of us care about it and some of us do not. But if you take the time to get to know someone, you will not have to judge them.

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Art by Gracen Dunn

## HITS & MISSES

The Paolite Staff takes a look at PHS culture and world events to rate the hits and misses.

### HITS

#### Spring Sports

There is something extra thrilling in near-summer athletics.

#### Reese's Eggs

They are our favorite thing to get in our Easter baskets.

#### March Madness

Senior Tasha Tedrow likes the excitement!

#### Cadbury Eggs

Cream, caramel, original it doesn't matter, we love 'em.

#### Artificial Tans

Junior Sam Patton says, "They are fine, as long as you do not look as if you belong on Jersey Shore."

#### Kony Viral Video

Good message, but too long.

#### Easter Egg Hunts

We loved them when we were little, now not so much.

#### Mandals (man+sandals)

We have mixed feelings on this one. Cool if you like them and cool if you do not.

### MISSES

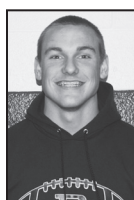
By Gracen Dunn & Paolite Staff

## —YOU SAID...— What do you think about stereotyping?



**"Well, it's wrong. Just because you play a certain sport or hangout with other people doesn't mean that they be given a reputation. Everyone is their own person."**

Sophomore  
Chelsey Lankford



**"Does it matter? At the end of the day you are who you are, and they are who they are. It's just drama you don't want to mess with."**

Junior  
C.J. Andry



**"The real problem with stereotyping is not that we have them but that we don't allow people to change our minds about them."**

Biology Teacher  
Laurie Jo Andry



**"It's wrong to make fun of people beyond what they can't control."**

Freshman  
Luke Becht

Info by Cohen Bostock