



# THE FAN FLS' Amazing Newsletter

## Happy Chinese New Year!!!

by Hirokazu Onoe

Chinese New Year (based on the lunar and solar calendar) is the biggest national holiday of the China, Taiwan, Korea, and so on, and this year it was celebrated on February 9th. This holiday was first celebrated in 2600 B.C., so it's older than western calendar, which first celebrated the new year in the 17 century.

Do you know what people prepare for and how people celebrate it? One month before this holiday comes, people begin to buy many things like decorations, food, and clothing – similar to how people celebrate Christmas in the USA. And they

usually have to clean their house from top to bottom, which represents sweeping away any trace of bad luck. They also decorate doors and windows with red paper and paint.

The most exciting and biggest parts of this holiday are the Chinese New Year Eve's customs which are traditional rituals. Their dinner is usually a feast of seafood and dumplings, and they wear red clothes. Red represents protection from evil spirits, and they avoid wearing black and white this these two colors represent sorrow. After dinner, the family sits up for playing card games,

board games, or watching TV shows about this holiday. At 12 a.m. sharp, they set off many fire crackers to protect themselves from evil spirits and to greet spring.

After I researched this information, I noticed that I could make two New Year's resolutions – one in January, and then again in February!! Actually, I already broke my resolution this year. So starting next year, if you break New Year's resolution before the Chinese New Year, you can make another resolution and try again!! Don't forget it!!

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### Coming up Next Term:

- Skiing Opportunities at Tussy Mountain, and Sawmill
- National Aerobics of Taiwan
- Lock Haven University Choir Concert
- LHU Symphonic Band Concert

## Rear Light: Beijing Modern Dance Company

by Yi-Chieh Huang (Una)

Hmm...Did we have any great activity this month? When I was checking the grass green calendar, I suddenly shouted "Pink Floyd!!!" Pink Floyd, an artistic and smashing rock band in modern music history, is one of my

favorite bands. To my surprise, a Chinese dance company set their performance to the soundtrack of their famous album, "The Wall". It was so interesting that even a teacher, Dawn, was curious about their tour com-

ing to Penn State Eisenhower Auditorium.

A quote from Rear Light's Artistic Director in the program: "...This performance attempts to challenge our usual perception of stage performance.

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## Different Ways to Celebrate Love

by Tomohisa Koga (Tom)



"Valentine's Day" is the most important event in the year, especially to the person who has a beloved. There are many different customs around the world to celebrate Valentine's Day.

First in Japan, girls usually present a gift, that is different from each person, to boys. Especially the girl who has a target strives to get lovers I feel. Some girls give a small chocolate to many guys such as co-worker, father, friend and so on who can return some present on March 14<sup>th</sup> – a holiday the Japanese call "White Day". Provided someone gets many chocolates, they must reply to girls with presents I consider far from cheap. According to my investigation, Korea has the

same custom as well.

Then in America, the custom differs from Japan in which usually boy gives a gift to a girl, and no reply is required, according to my host mom. And the price isn't expensive at all. Just affection is important; the price isn't related to love, as I thought. But I suppose if one boy wants to conquer one stunning girl's affection, he will strive as much as a Japanese girl.

Next, in Taiwan, Turkey, and South America, their custom is the same as America. I've never heard that a girl presents a gift to a boy in America for Valentine's Day. The custom that includes a reply present is perhaps only in Japan and Korea, ac-

ording to my investigation.

Therefore, let me introduce to you various contents of presents each country:

Japan: Chocolate, cake (hand made?), clothing, and champagne and so on. This is due to my experience.

America: Chocolate, clothing, dresses and so on. This is according to my host family.

Korea: Chocolate, clothing and so on. Candy is used on White day.

Turkey: Necklaces, watches, and so on.

Happy Valentine's Day!

## Rear Light, con't...

toward the light, and your eyes are blinded by the light; the further you go, the darker it gets, on arrival at the heart of darkness, you see light again. Rear Light is meant to reflect the younger generation of China today, their fight to be free from tradition and the anxious city, complicated world." Light is the new hope, and finally, they find it.

After this performance, my fellows and I felt the music was more attractive than the dancing, except for the number "Dance with me", in which audience members were encouraged to join the dancers on stage. I guess if we read the program before the show, we could have understand and enjoy the show more.

## Big Man on Campus by Huang Yi-Chieh (Una)

I had an exclusive interview with a handsome guy, and I know you are curious about who he is! His name is Rodrigo Prida.

U: I heard you joined the ski club at LHU and that you are really fond of skiing. How often did you go skiing here?

R: Yes, I joined the ski club. I go skiing on Fridays. The bus leaves at 4:00 PM and returns at 11:00 PM from the lower parking lot. There are about 40 people - some ski and snowboard very well. It's small but we have a good time. The place called Ski Sawmill is very closeby, we got there by school bus just 45 minutes.

U: How long have you been in the ski club?

R: I have been in the ski club since Oct.15<sup>th</sup>, but we began to ski on January 14<sup>th</sup>. We planned the trips and we will go to the Poconos in January and

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February.

U: How did you find out about this club? From Alex?

R: I asked Wendy about the club and she gave me information how to contact the person in charge.

U: Could you tell me the process to join the club? I mean should we telephone or send an e-mail to the leader?

R: Yes, the process to join the club could be by telephone or by E-mail; all the information for members is sent by e-mail.

U: What time dose the club meet? Do they charge members club fee?

R: Our activity time is every Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the PUB. We talk about all the possibili-

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## Big Man on Campus, con't...

ties and dates of the trips and how much it will cost. They don't charge you any fee to join the club, so you just show interest and participate in the activities yourself.

U: Great! Thanks. And now changing the topic a little, I heard you have a part-time job in school. Where did you get the info about jobs on campus?

R: I am working in High Hall Residence as a front desk receptionist. On a trip to Washington D.C I met

the High Hall director. He offered me a job and dorm room, so I moved to High Hall, but after four days I decided to move to Campus Village because I didn't like there.

(Una's note: It's called High Hall because it is on a high hill, far away.)

U: What do you earn per hour?

R: I earn \$5.35 per hour, and the shifts depend on the person and how many shifts they have each month, so salary depends on that.

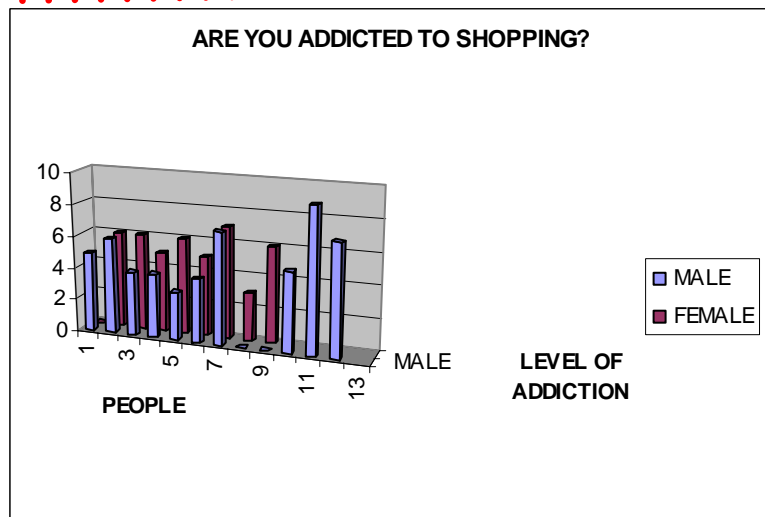
U: What do you do at this job?

R: I have to check that all the people who enter to the building belong there, answer the phone, receive packages, take notes to stuff be borrowed. It is a nice job because I can study in the free time.

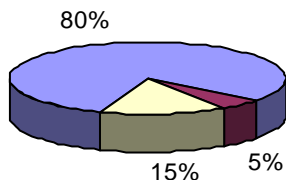
U: Thanks for your time, Rodrigo! And to the rest of the FLS students in Lock Haven, don't say living in Lock Haven is boring, because you can always find something to do. This interview proves it!

## Addiction Survey Results are in!

The Advanced Level at FLS Lock Haven distributed three surveys as a part of their studies. They polled FLS students and staff, and the following are the results. Due to some inaccuracies in the surveys, the results are approximate. Thanks for your cooperation! The higher your score, the more addicted you are....

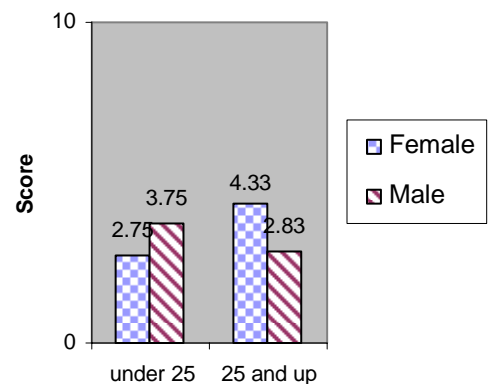


### TRUTH ABOUT SMOKING IN FLS



- Don't worried, you are just a social smoker.
- You may be getting hooked. Try to cut down on the number of cigarette.
- Watch out! Stop cold turkey now, or you will have lung cancer.

### Net Addiction by Age and Gender



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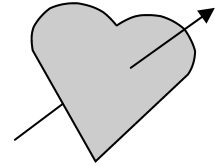
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**Valentine's Haiku Winners Get Published!  
Congratulations!**

Under the cold snow  
The warm earth holds its breath  
I'm waiting for spring  
(by Masaru Kawazoe)



I'm a small kayak  
Sailing the south galaxy  
Winter's behind me.  
(by Yi Chieh Huang)

Someone has smile always  
Truth, one has more tears and sorrow  
You have to know that  
(by Ju Hyun Lee)

**Announcements:**

**Birthdays in  
Term 0305:**

Junk Wook Seo  
3/23

**FAN MEETING:**

**When:** Thursday,  
February 24th

**Where:** Room 211

**Time:** 2:30—3:00

Come for donuts and a  
new newsletter!!!

**Quotes to Live by:**

"Don't be afraid of going  
slow. Be afraid  
of stopping."  
-unknown  
(thanks Megan)

"Let life happen to you:  
Believe me: life is in the  
right. Always."  
(Rainer Maria Rilke)