

FEM Club's Queen Bea



Bea Tabacchi founded FEM Club her junior year in 2013 | Tabacchi

by Madison McVey

Senior Bea Tabacchi, founder of "FEM Club," defines FEMinism as "the equal treatment and opportunity of genders."

FEM Club is open to all students. "I think the name assumes the existing condition of patriarchy, and therefore emphasizes the liberation of females specifically. However, anyone can be a feminist. Girl, boy, transgender, white, black," said Tabacchi.

Things like the "hot list," which is made every year and is comprised of 50 of the "hottest" New Trier girls, makes the female population of New Trier who didn't make the list feel insecure about themselves and their body.

Tabacchi said, "The process of ranking girls superficially and

without their consent, hurting people's feelings and invading their privacy, it's just so wrong."

She also mentioned, "A boy in my math class told me to 'shut up because I was a girl.' My junior year, in AP US History, a substitute teacher commented on my 'behind' and the boys in my class later defended him, saying I had overreacted. That's a culture of denial."

Tabacchi's goal in founding FEM Club was to create a place where students could discuss the issue of feminism.

"I just wanted to make the idea of feminism more accessible to my peers. I wanted those who did think progressively to be able to have a discussion forum," said Tabacchi.

This is FEM Club's first year

as an official New Trier club. "FEM Club is varied in what we offer: a discussion forum, lectures, FEM Zine, which is our art and literary publication," Tabacchi said.

Zine is a small, pamphlet-like "magazine". It's mainly visual, but also contains written submissions. FEM Club will be publishing editions quarterly.

The first edition, coming out second quarter, is focused on what Feminism means, the misconceptions of feminism, and mainstream feminism.

Regarding New Trier's recent "sexting scandal," Tabacchi said, "The sexting scandal sounds stupid. People should learn that once you're in high school, you're only a few years from having to act like a full-grown adult."

Regarding the recent domestic violence within the NFL involving Ray Rice and his wife, Janay Palmer, Tabacchi said, "I don't even watch football, but whoever that guy is that is a 'role model' and beat up his wife, should be fired," she said.

"Victims of domestic abuse often find excuses for their abusers, for the very reason that they are loved ones, but that's unhealthy."

According to Tabacchi, "the problem with feminism is that it's been hard to define for many people. Some talk about the 'three waves of feminism.' A lot of scholars have a problem with this term because it assumes only the history of white feminism. I think defining feminism is hard because of the variation from culture to culture."

Bea Tabacchi provides New Trier with the opportunity to notice feminism by creating and leading FEM Club, which will continue to be open to anyone and everyone who wishes to be a part of it.

Sub shop abruptly shuts down despite community support

by Nick Merrill

Wilmette Subs and Ice Cream, a staple of great cuisine on the North Shore, closed its doors Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Formerly a Quiznos, the establishment at 1135 Greenleaf Avenue had become a community favorite.

The closure wasn't due to a lack of profits or operating hardship, but rather a political decision made by a new landlord to give the space to a dance studio next door (without allowing Wilmette Subs an opportunity to re-lease the space).

It was 6:45 PM on the restaurant's final day when I had just enough time to drive to Wilmette Subs one last time with a couple of friends after cross country practice. We piled in my car and drove over, speechless with the sudden realization that this would be our last trip to one of the best sandwich shops in the area.

Cars lined both sides of Greenleaf Avenue. Parking wasn't available anywhere in sight so, ironically enough, we parked in the Panera lot across the street.

As we were walking in we ran into two friends, perhaps the biggest Wilmette Subs enthusiasts I've ever met. Charlie Bunge and Jack Josellis had frequented Wilmette Subs since it opened. Each of the seniors passed us teary-eyed, clearly distraught and holding free t-shirts that the storeowner had given them in

appreciation for all of their support.

Bunge and Josellis actually met at Wilmette Subs. There, they created a friendship through their mutual appreciation of sub sandwiches.

"We were both frequent customers and we sort of knew each other," said Bunge. "We bonded over our mutual love of local toasted sub sandwiches and it spawned a beautiful friendship."

They weren't ready to let go when the closing was announced. To help compensate for its shutdown, Bunge visited Wilmette Subs everyday for the eight days leading up to the official closing of the doors. Not to be outdone, Josellis went nine of the last ten days.

"I've done the math and I estimate that I've spent roughly \$8,000 there since forth grade, when it was still a Quiznos," said Josellis.

After talking with the heavyhearted Bunge and Josellis, we walked into the restaurant and saw a depressing version of what was once a powerhouse of fast and delicious Wilmette grub.

The soda machine was gone, the ice cream had all been sold, the bread selection was reduced to solely whole wheat, and the interior was beaten down and had begun to be torn apart. Despite all of this, the restaurant was still packed with a line almost out the door.

It was full of people who loved the sub sandwiches and were eager to get one last Wilmette Sub sandwich before the opportunity was gone

forever.

We got to the front of the line by 7:15, where we were greeted by Mr. Lopez, the owner. Lopez always had a smile on his face and always made everyone feel welcome. I placed my usual order, a "classic Italian" sub sandwich without olives.

I took everything in for the final time; the aroma of subs slowly being toasted to perfection inside the oven, the fresh ingredients layered onto the sandwiches, the smell of freshly baked bread right out of the oven; I will miss it all. We slowly savored every bite of our sandwiches as we knew the end was near.

We took our last bites and stood up to walk out for the last time. The windows that lined the front of the store were covered with "thank you" cards expressing their support and gratitude for the Lopez family and acknowledging what a great family-run business Wilmette Subs was. We shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Lopez for the last time and walked to our cars somberly.

Not even a month into his post-Wilmette Subs life, Josellis is learning to cope without his go-to lunch spot.

"I miss the quick, cheap bite to eat, friendly faces, and the great Italian and 'classic club' sandwiches that were always fresh. [It wasn't] the usual fast food feel these days."

Bunge said, "It's the saddest part of my life right now."

How to sum up your existence in 140 characters

by Leah Pearlman

The conversation can be heard in the hallways, the locker rooms, and during APES: "Have you thought of your quote yet?"

One of the most important applications a high school student will ever submit has a due date right around the corner.

"Senior quotes are kind of like an existential crisis," said Jeremy Feinstein who explained how senior quotes are a step to completing the transition from high school student to college student.

Picking a quote as early as October may be frightening, as it will forever sit right under your beautiful Stuart Rodgers picture in the yearbook. A senior quote gives your name and picture a short background for classmates to look back at after graduation. Your children and their children and their children's children will review and insult it if it's not up to par.

The quote-picking process may be a brutal and ruthless one, if you consider your choice to be important. Some students spend hours researching to find the perfect quote.

Ayesha Abassi opted for Google, "I Googled 'cute quotes' and one stood out to me. But I wasn't nervous about picking one, I sent in my quote the day we got the sheet in advisory.

Others refuse to get caught up in the hype. Neda Musa said, "I just don't care about it."

Julia Sieja said of her ideal senior quote, "It has to be legendary. It has to be something that makes them think 'Wow! That is wild. Make it wild as possible. Make people go 'what?'"

When picking a senior quote there are many routes one can take. Some decide to go the satirical direction.

"Probably something funny just cause I feel like they're more entertaining," Arta Ratkoceri said of picking her senior quote. "When I look back at [my yearbook] I wanna see something funny not something

inspirational about how hard it was to get through it all."

Zoe Linares was another fan of implementing comedy into her quote. "I want a quote that is funny and that represents my personality and my life as a high schooler," she said.

Jonah Frueh is going in the opposite direction with his, he said, "I started by looking at people I really admire and thought were eloquent speakers. He went on to say he leaned towards song lyrics but thought they were too cliché."

Grace Hemmer might go with another popular choice, a shout out to her friend and her sister. Lots of senior quotes from years prior have both a quote and a shout out. This is possible as 140 is the character limit.

When finally submitting your quote, a scary thought may linger, "did someone else choose this one?" In years prior, there have always been repeated quotes in the yearbook. For some students, it's their biggest fear.

Tanya Lorig said she wants to be inspirational but different, "I don't want the same quote as everyone else," she said.



Celeste Hall described her main goal as standing out and being different, "something that would distinguish me and be kinda amusing," she explained.

A burden lies in the due date, which happens to be Oct.31, the day before college applications are due. Charlie Black said of the approaching deadline, "there are too many other things going on right now, college stuff, my apps are due. The pressure is on."

Some students are worried about submitting at all, Sahar Steiner wished the year book asked for the quotes a month later. "I've been so busy with college apps," said Chloe O'Donoghue, "I just don't have time to think."

Whether funny, cute, inspirational, or an inside joke, make sure it is appropriate as the yearbook staff pledged to cut it.

Make it perfect and get it in within the next six days, no pressure.

Marijuana myths confusing you?

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