



Actions speak louder than words?

The LHS speech team would beg to differ

by Janelle Fennessy
News writer

With trophies and medals as proof, the Lemont High School speech team filled its 2009-10 season with victories, championship titles and LHS firsts.

On Jan. 27, the speech team won its first ever South Suburban Conference-Blue Division title at Oak Lawn High School thanks to seven top-five finishes in individual events. The team posted a score of 178; 85 points higher than its closest competition, T.F. South.

Junior Danny Banas led the team with third place finishes in both Special Occasion Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. In addition, Junior Enrika Grigorjevaite placed

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fourth in Oratorical Declamation. LHS also had four fifth-place finishes from seniors Arlene Bozich and Lauren Dohse, junior Amy Harlovic and sophomore Cara Dohse.

“It’s great [winning conference], considering it’s only our fifth year” said Banas

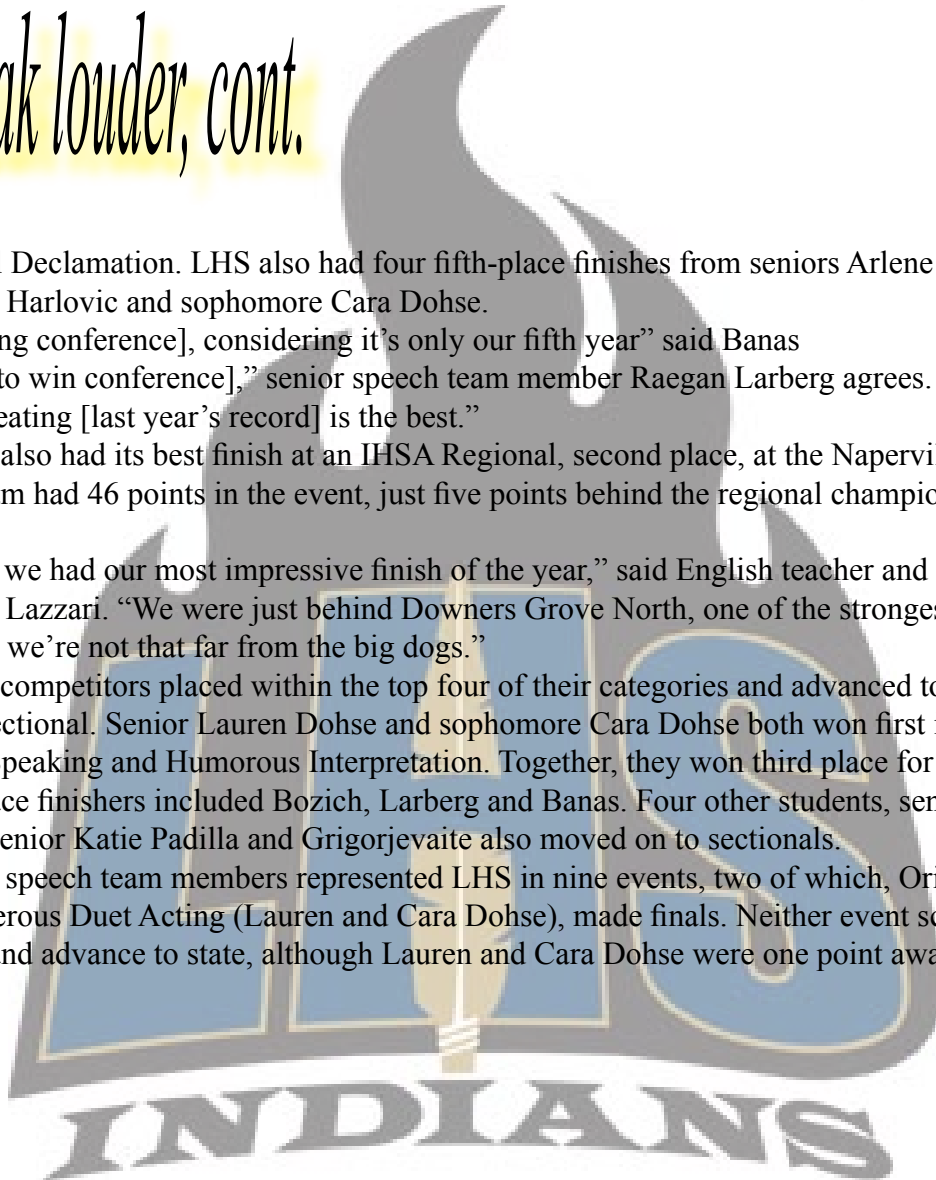
“It’s really cool [to win conference],” senior speech team member Raegan Larberg agrees. “We had to practice so much and just beating [last year’s record] is the best.”

The speech team also had its best finish at an IHSA Regional, second place, at the Naperville Central Regional on Feb. 12. The team had 46 points in the event, just five points behind the regional champion Downers Grove North.

“With regionals, we had our most impressive finish of the year,” said English teacher and Speech Team assistant coach Mr. Phil Lazzari. “We were just behind Downers Grove North, one of the strongest programs in the area, which tells us we’re not that far from the big dogs.”

At regional, nine competitors placed within the top four of their categories and advanced to the Feb. 13 Downers Grove South Sectional. Senior Lauren Dohse and sophomore Cara Dohse both won first in their respective categories, Radio Speaking and Humorous Interpretation. Together, they won third place for Humorous Duet Acting. Second-place finishers included Bozich, Larberg and Banas. Four other students, seniors Alexis Brown and David Timm, senior Katie Padilla and Grigorjevaite also moved on to sectionals.

At sectionals, the speech team members represented LHS in nine events, two of which, Original Oratory (Bozich) and Humorous Duet Acting (Lauren and Cara Dohse), made finals. Neither event scored high enough to finish top three and advance to state, although Lauren and Cara Dohse were one point away from the third place finishers.



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Doctors without Borders

by Dylan Blaha
News Editor

It happened at once. The 7.0 magnitude earthquake, the highest in 200 years, struck 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince, covering Haitian soil with rubble and dust. The earthquake carried on, sending 33 aftershocks ranging in magnitude from 4.2 to 5.9. After 4:53 pm on Jan. 12, 3 million Haitian citizens lay in waiting amongst the rubble, in need of medical attention.

A week later, the European Union stated the death toll now stood at over 200,000. In addition, the earthquake left another 1.5 million Haitians homeless. The nation held no other option than to wait for help.

Last year, Lemont High School's National Honor Society chose to contribute to the St. Baldrick's Foundation as their semester charity and raised over \$10,000 in the process. This time around, the Society tabbed Doctors without Borders as the new beneficiary.

According to Doctorswithoutborders.org, the "international medical humanitarian organization" works in over 60 countries helping people "whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophe."

Senior Zack Howell, NHS Fundraising Chairman, said a student-faculty game around late April seems like a possible benefit, in addition to traditional collection buckets and/or candy selling. "We'd like the game to coincide with March Madness, which is usually in late March, but we'll have to see how everything goes," he said.

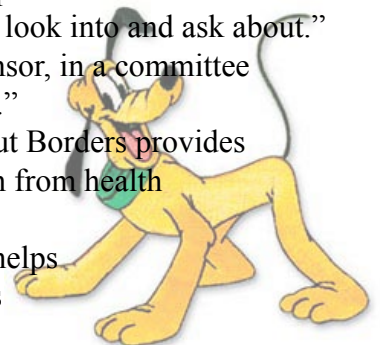
Howell also mentioned a raffle to accompany the game, possibly with the help of "charitable donations" from retail stores, such as Walmart and Best Buy. "It's definitely something to look into and ask about."

"We still have to get the game approved," said Mr. Marek Dron, NHS sponsor, in a committee meeting. "I think we could do the raffle if [the game] gets approved or not."

Created by doctors and journalists in France in 1971, Doctors Without Borders provides aid for sufferers of armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, exclusion from health care and, in this case, natural disasters.

"I think Doctors without Borders is a great idea because it helps Haiti," said junior Nick Hunt. "I think people of all ages should look into donating to this cause."

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by David Timm
Head Editor

Let's face it; the majority of high school students hate nearly all classic literature. But why?

Well first off, some supposedly "great" literature is not exactly easy to relate to. Take *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner for example; the story in a nutshell: a very dysfunctional Southern family's mother is dying and wishes to be buried in a town called Jackson; one of her sons, a carpenter, builds her coffin in front of her. I guess they didn't plan on her recovery. Soon after her death, the body almost gets set on fire, the daughter gets pregnant and has to sleep with another dude to get abortion drugs which turn out not to be the right ones after all, and the sanest person in the family gets sent to an insane asylum. How's that for ironic? And, to top it all off, the father gets some new false teeth and marries a woman he met just before burying his wife.

All in all, it's a terribly un-motivating story, and as if that wasn't enough, Faulkner goes a little semi-colon happy throughout, making the book seem longer than it actually is. What book could possibly be easier or any more fun to read?

With joking aside, while the inability to relate to literature is a big factor, school is the main cause for this apathy, (which borders on hatred) of classic literature. Some teachers don't find fresh ways to teach this material, but more often, it is the demanding over-analysis of the literature that does not allow for enjoyment.

I don't know about you, but when I read, it's for enjoyment, not to find every last politically-motivated sentence that George Orwell slipped into *Animal Farm*. Of course, on occasion, a work of art will strike a chord with a student but sadly those instances are few and far between.

We need to help (just a suggestion) students understand not only is this great literature, but why it's great; not only the fact that it's a satire about eating Irish babies, but it is a genius comedic piece poking fun at very serious issues in ways similar to the Colbert Report or Saturday Night Live.

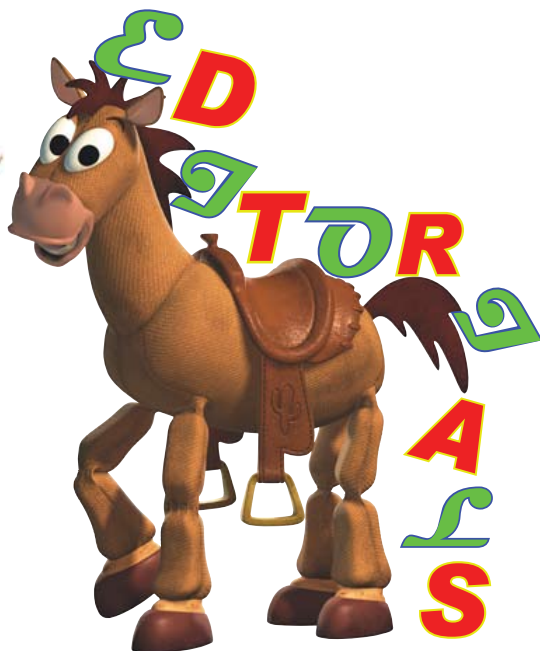
No matter how you try, you can't deny that the idea of eating poor Irish babies brings a slightly shameful smile to your face - even if it is only funny in a sick, twisted way.

To tell students that literature is great is one thing, but to show modern contemporaries, compare them and shed a relatable light on these works, many hundreds of years old, will interest students and even better improve their appreciate of great literature as well as understand it.

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South Side Irish Parade:

by Katie Callaghan
Editorial writer

NO MORE

Everyone is Irish at the South Side Irish Parade, held in the Beverly community of Chicago. For 30 years of traditional fun, over 300,000 people have crowded the streets of Beverly and watched as the parade passed by. But unfortunately, a decision was made last March by the South Side Irish Parade Committee that it would be cancelled for the following year.

Ever since I can remember, my mom has made me and my three younger sisters wear matching “CALLAGHAN” Irish sweaters on the day of the parade. We would pack into our car and drive thirty minutes to my aunt and uncle’s house in Beverly for brunch. It’s great to be able to use our Irish heritage as an excuse to throw a family party to bring everyone together for the day. At this gathering, everyone is decked out in green. ‘Kiss me I’m Irish!’ necklaces hang around everyone’s necks with a plethora of colored beads. Around noon, most of the cousins and family friends will begin the trek to Western Ave to get a good spot to ensure that we could see the parade as it passes by.

When I was younger, seeing the parade was the most crucial part because, in order for me to enjoy the parade, I needed to be able to catch all the candy thrown my way. It was like Halloween for me at that age, except instead of going door to door; the candy just threw itself right at me.

But that was ten years ago. Even though the parade has gotten more and more popular, the town of Beverly has stayed the same size. Colleen Kozubowski, a member of the South Side Irish Committee said that they “suspended the South Side Irish Parade simply because it became too large an event for our neighborhood to handle. It became too much for residents and law enforcement officials to safely manage.” At last year’s parade, 54 people were arrested, and most of these offenses drinking related. Where do you put 300,000 people in a town

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South Side Irish St. Patrick's Parade

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Chicago Breaking News Center

Organizers of the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade on Western Avenue said today they would no longer hold the event "in its present form."

Mary Beth Sheehan, a spokeswoman for the parade, said the decision was not the result of any specific incident. She said, "It's a cumulative thing. We have a small, wonderful neighborhood here. Mashing 300,000 people in here is a little too much for this neighborhood."

The parade, which went through the Beverly and Morgan Park neighborhoods on the Far South Side, started as about two dozen children marching a few blocks and has grown into a yearly event that draws hundreds of thousands of revelers from around the Chicago area, some drunk.

This year the parade was held on Sunday, March 15. Chicago police officers made 54 arrests at this year's event, most of them alcohol-related, said Morgan Park District Sgt. Mike Casey. There were 30 arrests last year.

Most of the arrests were of revelers from outside the neighborhood; police arrested only seven Chicago residents at this year's festivities, he said.

After years of St. Patrick's Day's parades in Irish enclaves on the North, West and South Sides, Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1961 consolidated the events into one downtown celebration, held on March 17, according to another Tribune story.

But the holiday often fell on weekdays, when children in school and working adults couldn't attend. For that reason, the story says, the Far South Side's Irish community started holding their own parade on the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day.

Ending

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with a population of only 34,900?

"The committee discussed many options and tried implementing many different plans," said Kozubowski about the decision to cancel the parade. The result of the committee's decision is to host a South Side Irish Parade Family Fest. This festival, being held on Saturday Mar 13, is for those families who wish to still celebrate their heritage. There will be many activities for all ages hosted at the Beverly Arts Center. For more information on the festival, visit their website at <http://www.southsideirishparade.org/>.

Now, eight years later, I witnessed last year's parade in a much different way. Everyone is there. And everyone is in green so it makes it hard to differentiate your friends and your family, which in turn makes it hard to find your parents when everyone looks alike. But there is no point in going to look for them because you can't move a single foot forward, backward, or even sideways. Cups of beer are bound to be poured down your back, and if you don't watch your step you might step in some unmentionables.

I came to the conclusion that there were two sides of the parade: there was the family traditional side for people who were coming to view the parade and enjoy the Irish music and dance, then there was the side of the parade that enjoyed the one thing Irish people are famous for; beer. For these people, the parade is one huge pub crawl down Western Ave. It was a constant battle trying to push my way through this crowd. A shove in the wrong direction landed some people with a black eye. Putting these two sides of these parades together just causes one huge catastrophe.

Other than the spectators being upset about the cancellation

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of the parade, there are also the participants of the parade who are being deeply affected. Gavin Quinn, a former LHS student and a member of the Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band, said that “this parade’s cancellation is having an effect on our band. We have been in the number one leading spot in the parade for years.” Quinn also states that “the bars on Western Ave will be hurting this year, too. Many of the bars pay the year’s rent in that one day.” Even though Quinn has been a part of the South Side Irish Parade for many years, he doesn’t disagree with the committee’s decision for the cancellation.

“I’ve seen firsthand the madness that occurs,” says Quinn about the day of the parade.

For those heavy hearted Irish fans, though, the cancellation of the parade has brought them to rebel against the committee’s decision. George Kelleher, the creator of the Facebook event called “I say we show up at the Southside Irish Parade anyways,” created the event “just to see what others thought about showing up that day just to show our support for the parade.”

Kelleher’s event spread like wildfire, as more than 13,000 people checked that they would be attending this event. But the event that entailed just showing up at the used-to-be parade location turned into something much bigger. What once was a traditional parade for the old Irish in the town of Beverly has now turned this event into an outrageous pub crawl. Even though this year’s pub crawl is unorganized, Kelleher hopes that “if things turn out okay, I will try to get a more organized thing for next year and possibly break the record in the Guinness Book of World Records.”

Even though the parade is no longer running, I know that my family still plans on having a get together to celebrate our Irish heritage with plenty of food and a handful of good friends. Many will be affected by the decision. Some might be mourning the end of tradition, some might be rejoicing for no traffic, and some might even be rebelling with a beer in their hand. But hopefully, everyone will treasure the memories they made from the 30-year tradition of the South Side Irish Parade.



Some can't let go of the South Side Irish Parade

Article courtesy of
Chicago Breaking News Center

More than 13,000 people have made a Facebook pledge to show up in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood on the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day to honor the demise of the South Side Irish Parade with what may turn out to be the world's largest pub crawl.

That might be ironic considering that parade organizers canceled the 30-year-old tradition because of widespread drunkenness.

Pub crawl organizer George Kelleher of neighboring Evergreen Park told WGN Radio host Greg Jarrett this morning that the idea of a pub crawl “took off” within hours of Kelleher posting a calendar item on the Facebook social networking site.

“A lot of people look forward to that day every year,” he said.

Another 7,600 count themselves as a “maybe” for the pub crawl along South Western Avenue.

Over the years, the size of the crowds attracted by the parade mushroomed, about 300,000 at the end.

But neighborhood residents complained the event put too much strain on the area and that there was too much public drinking.

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POLAR OPPOSITE

by Rachel Colant
Features writer

For more information on Polar Opposite, visit their Facebook Fan Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/PolarOppositeCL>



“Polar opposites don’t push away/It’s the same on the weekends as the rest of the days,” croons Isaac Brock of Modest Mouse. These lyrics may not mean anything to you, but for two LHS students, these opening lines are a symbol of their new company: Polar Opposite Clothing Line.

Senior Josh Eby and 2009 graduate Gavin Leppo founded Polar Opposite in early 2010. Their plan? Taking a creative look at t-shirt designs.

“We see shirts as a canvas to create and be expressive on,” comments Eby.

Working from Eby’s basement, he and Leppo plan, draw, design and print t-shirts on the weekends. So far, the boys have four designs and about ten more “in the works.” For now, they’re focusing on their shirts; they want to have a variety of choices in design and style (a female cut is on the way!) before expanding their horizons, but they’re definitely not ruling out other Polar Opposite apparel in the future.

After looking at their designs, you wouldn’t be surprised that Polar Opposite has been successful selling their \$15 shirts, especially since they take orders directly on Facebook.

“It’s awesome that someone at our school is doing something like [Polar Opposite],” said junior Kevin Fritz.

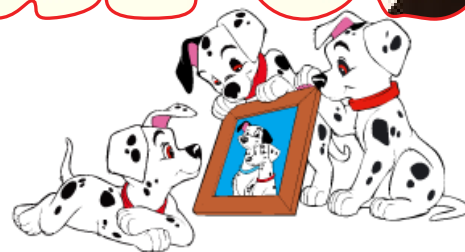
Eby explains, “We’ve been asked to do shirts for bands, charity events, sports teams and multiple other groups. It’s pretty exciting. Right now, we’re working on getting the word to other schools, then hopefully the world! If you haven’t already, search “Polar Opposite Clothing Line” on Facebook and join our group.”

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Disney makes

Photo by Steph D'Amato

dreams come true

Disney World, the land of dreams, has been drawing in crowds since 1971. In the words of the famous Walt Disney, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them," which inspired "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day."

It really is as simple as it sounds. Disney now makes it an attainable goal for everyone to have a Disney day. Simply find an organization to give a day of service to and receive a one day free entry ticket.

"I think it's such a good idea. I love Disney World and this lets everyone have a chance to go. Plus, volunteering for one day really is easy. So I'm going to Disney World," said freshman David Spinelli.

This program may seem like a dream, even if it is reality, but it won't last forever. All free tickets must be earned and redeemed by Dec. 15, 2010. Only one ticket can be awarded per person regardless of the amount of times volunteering, but that shouldn't keep others from continuing to give back.

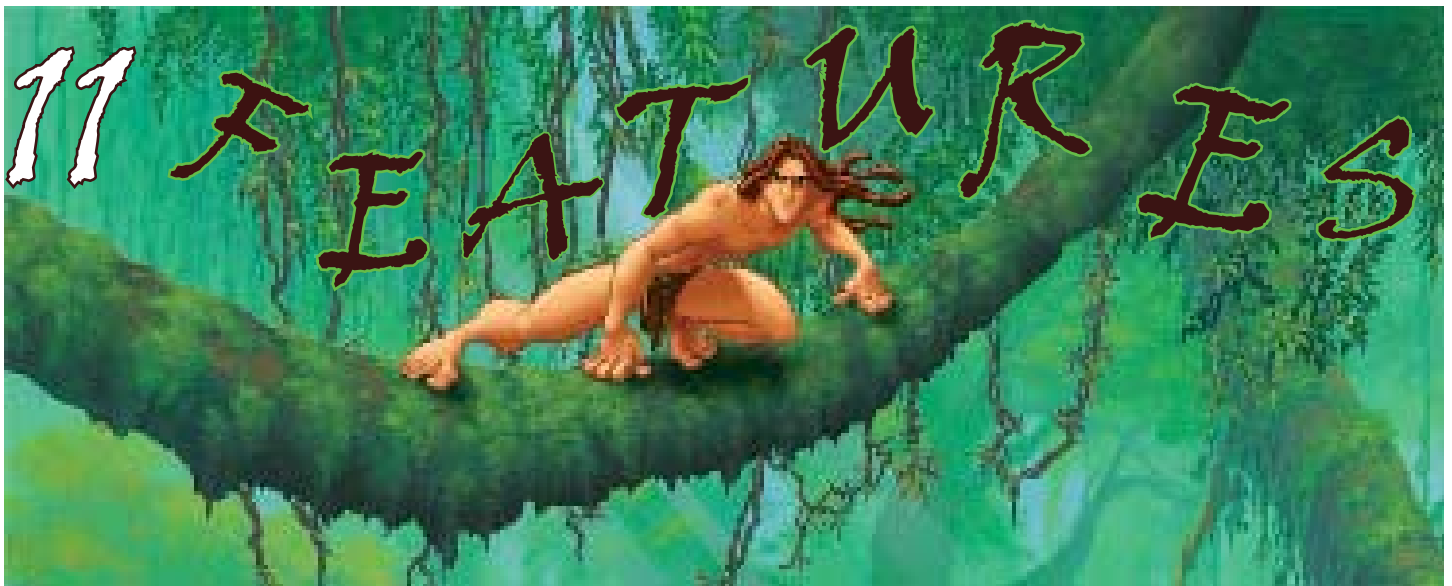
"Volunteering is a great thing and getting rewarded for it will definitely make people want to help more. I think it's a great idea", said junior Delia Ercoli.

Students can't always contribute in big ways, but this one day of donated time could reach the lives of many and gives something in return. As Spinelli said, "It really is easy".

Disney makes dreams come true; simple as that.

For more information visit: http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day





by Jessica Wienand
Features writer

Fan Page Fanatics

"I hate when one string of my hoodie becomes longer than the other." Ever see this on your Facebook home page? The group has more than one million fans and is only one of the thousands of fan pages that seem to be taking over Facebook. Why doesn't the group *"I need to stop becoming a fan for every fan page that relates to me"* have more followers?

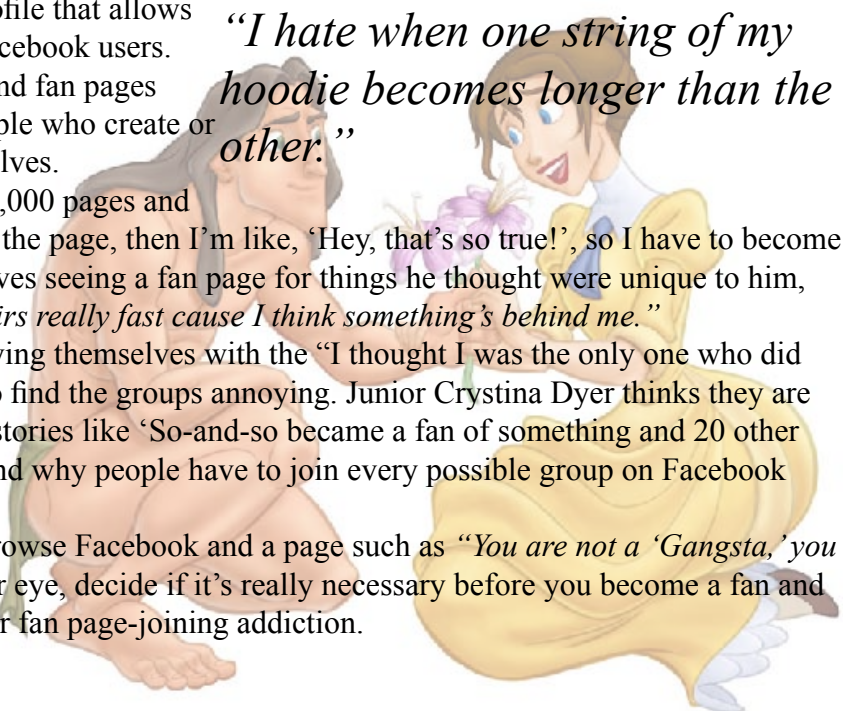
A Facebook fan page or group is a public profile that allows businesses to share ideas and products with Facebook users. But with recent trends, the legitimate groups and fan pages have been overshadowed by the hordes of people who create or become fans of any page that relates to themselves.

Sophomore Nick Theodore is a fan of over 2,000 pages and is in more than 100 groups. "I see the name of the page, then I'm like, 'Hey, that's so true!'," so I have to become a fan," Theodore explained. He also said he loves seeing a fan page for things he thought were unique to him, such as the group *"If it's dark, I run up the stairs really fast cause I think something's behind me."*

Although people like Theodore enjoy occupying themselves with the "I thought I was the only one who did that!" feeling of fan pages, there are some who find the groups annoying. Junior Crystina Dyer thinks they are pointless and "only fill the news feed up with stories like 'So-and-so became a fan of something and 20 other profiles.'" Dyer also said she doesn't understand why people have to join every possible group on Facebook they agree with.

If you're a fan page fanatic, next time you browse Facebook and a page such as *"You are not a 'Gangsta,' you are not a 'G,' you live in Lemont"* catches your eye, decide if it's really necessary before you become a fan and fill your friends' home pages with news of your fan page-joining addiction.

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Secrets Secrets Secrets Secrets They Can Really Hurt Someone Secrets Secrets

by Christine Alwan
Features Editor

**The name of this student was changed upon request.*

Greg* is your typical high school student. He enjoys spending time with friends, listening to music and staying involved in school activities. But not too long ago, Greg witnessed domestic violence in the form of spousal abuse, and he “made the decision to not tell anyone about it.”

This decision took minutes, possibly even seconds to make. But harboring secrets – whether it is witnessing or experiencing violence, verbal abuse or even a white lie – can actually be detrimental to your health.

In an article for the Association for Psychological Science, Eric Jaffe discussed how Daniel Wegner conducted various studies on the physical and mental consequences of secrets in the late 1980s. Wegner began one experiment by having four strangers, two men and two women, sit at a table together and play a game of cards.

According to Jaffe, “One team was instructed to play footsie without letting the other team know. At the end of the experiment, the secret footsie-players felt such a heightened attraction toward one another that the experimenters made them leave through separate doors, for ethical reasons.”

This secret and its outcome seem silly, but let’s just say it’s not a game of footsie that you are hiding. Maybe it is an incident of abuse, infidelity or rape.

In Laurie Hale Anderson’s 1999 novel Speak, freshman Melinda Sordino is raped at a party. When Melinda calls the police, they come to break up the party and send everyone home. But Melinda is never asked about what the call was really for. She ends up walking home from the party, alone and numbed. No one knows what happened, and she becomes depressed.



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Symptoms of depression and anxiety (the two are closely linked) are common among victims of the salacious power of secrets. These symptoms include insomnia, abdominal discomfort, shortness of breath and, perhaps the strangest of them all, depersonalization: the fear that you are losing touch with yourself and reality. The reason? Secrets weigh on the psyche. When your brain cannot handle the stress of a secret, it looks to balance that stress throughout the body.

Jaffe also discusses this link between the mind and the body when it comes to handling secrets. James Pennebaker, chair of the psychology department at the University of Texas, conducted a study in the early 1980s asking his subjects to write about traumatic experiences for 15 to 20 minutes for three or four days at a time.

“In one study of 50 students, those who revealed both a secret and their feelings visited the health center significantly fewer times in the ensuing six months than other students who had written about a generic topic, or those who had only revealed the secret and not the emotions surrounding it.” In fact, people who harbor secrets have a higher risk of cancer, decreased immunity and hypertension.

Secrets can also foster terrible memories. When Greg witnessed domestic violence, he found the strength within himself to search for a solution.

“I came to view them both differently when I stepped in

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Solutions to Secrets

Revealing a secret can be damaging, but keeping it to yourself can be even worse. If you have a secret you are struggling to keep, consider some of these solutions:

- Find some support: Finding support through friends, family or even complete strangers can help. As a baby step, consider going to postsecret.com, a website compiling secrets anonymously sent in on postcards. Sending one in can definitely be therapeutic, but reading them can be just as helpful. It can be comforting to know that someone shares your struggle.
- Keep a journal: As Pennebaker's study shows, writing about secrets can be a form of release. Your writing can be private. Type out all of your emotions and thoughts about your secret. When you are finished, you can simply choose to not save the file.
- Talk to someone: If you are like Greg and witnessed domestic violence or are a victim of abuse, talk to someone who can help you immediately. Our school guidance counselors, social worker and psychologist are here to help you. Get a pass to the PPS office, and don't feel embarrassed. Asking for help is the first step to healing.



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between them,” said Greg. “During the fight, I stood in the hallway between their two children’s rooms. The next morning, when their two children were sleeping, I told them to look at what [they] had created together...I think that shame, knowing that they were failing their kids, pushed them to find a better alternative.”

Former child psychologist Gary Harrison of Milwaukee, WI, speaks from experience when it comes to the trauma of secret-keeping. Harrison worked with inner-city students, many of whom came from broken homes with devastating life experiences. “While not every little secret needs to be shared, [a big secret] would cause significant internal strife if kept inside. Anything that is traumatic or has a negative consequence needs to be shared. People tend to think that they can help themselves or that the problem will go away or that they do not trust others. Or maybe they just have trouble expressing themselves. It is a difficult situation, especially if it comes to getting personal help. [Getting help] is a good first step, but it’s a hard first step for people to make.”

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15 features I LOVE Internship!

by Kathleen Clark
Features writer

Imagine taking out your car keys as the clock draws near to 1:05. 5,4,3,2,1 – the bell rings and passing to fourth period begins. Instead of scurrying to the next class like your peers, you leisurely stroll out the front doors. Your fourth period class is internship!

Now if you're a junior asking yourself, what are the requirements to enroll in the professional internship program? All you need is a 2.5 or higher GPA, senior status, teacher recommendations, and a completed application.

Besides the plus of leaving the campus before the school day is over, internship is a way to begin your future. This class is an opportunity to try out a possible profession you are interested in. Coordinator of the program, Mr. Bill Mondrella, said, "[This course allows you to] really find out about a career if you're confused, you can find out if you like it."

Mondrella has been involved with the internship program for the past ten years. Mondrella stated "It began as an 'apprenticeship program'. I was asked to be the coordinator of the program but it was also something I wanted to do. I really believe in the program and think it's a valuable experience. It helps with resumes and college applications."

My internship is at Central School. I work in the Special Education room for Early Childhood development. After having worked in the room for the past semester and continuing on through this semester, I am certain this is what I want to do as my life occupation.

After driving the couple blocks to Central School, I run out of my car and skip into the school. I ring the doorbell on the locked office door and get admission from the smiling secretary. I sign in, walk down the hallway, and reach a room on the right, Teacher: Ms. Connie Cremins, Special Ed E.C.. I walk in and eleven kids turn their heads and attention away from story time and scream, "Ms. Kathleen!" I smile and tell everyone hi, then take my spot on the ground amongst the others.

After the story is finished, everyone lines up and it is time for motor. We play follow the leader to the elevator and take it down two floors to an open room to the side of the lunch room. In motor there are various activities we do to get the kids moving. We play with scooters, balloons, soccer balls, duck duck goose, and we dance.

After the twenty minutes of motor we go back upstairs and take a quick bathroom break. Then it is time for books. The children choose books from their bookcase and we sit down together and read different stories. To conclude books the teachers sing, "hey hey, hey hey, put all the books away, in the right spot where they should stay, hey hey hey hey hey!"

With the completion of story circle time, motor, and books it is now time for snack. Snack time is rushed through because then the kids get to play at centers. There's a sand table, a white board, a game table, dramatic roll, blocks, discovery, and kitchen.

My experience with this internship program is amazing. Being a teacher within this classroom, I already having sort of a 'leg up' on all my other peers that want to major in this profession, and I love it! Mondrella stated, "[incoming] seniors should consider the program to learn more about a [prospective] career in any field, not just teaching."

If you're interested in enrolling in the program, feel free to contact Mr. Mondrella at billm@lemont.k12.il.us or before school in room N226. There are still openings for the 2010-2011 school year.



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Oh, *Canada*,
WHAT

happened?

by Jamie Wiatr
Sports writer

With a bit of hope, a dash of belief, and a load of talent, Team USA hockey team grabbed a breath-taking 5-3 win on Feb. 21 against the always confident Team Canada.

It was no doubt both teams played with the utmost intensity, which kept people on the edge of their seats and didn't give fans a moment to pause. After 50 lingering minutes of play, Team USA's Ryan Kesler finally sealed the deal when he slapped one in the net with only 45 seconds remaining in the game.

While Team US member and Chicago Blackhawks player Patrick Kane celebrated a victory, Team Canada members and fellow Blackhawks players Jonathan Towes, Duncan Keith, and Brent Seabrooks weren't featured in the spotlight this time. Heart-break filled the air for Canadian hockey fans, but their hope was not lost.

Just one day shy of the famous anniversary of "Miracle on Ice" (When Team USA beat the Soviet Team back in 1980), the US team accomplished something worthy if the history books.

Defensemen Jack Johnson told the Chicago Tribune, "It's phenomenal. I wouldn't want to play Canada anywhere else than in Canada, and beating them [there] feels great."

Team Canada went on to win the gold medal in the final game during overtime, in what can only be described as a close and heart-pounding game. Although Team USA left Canada with only silver medals, this Canadian-American matchup will be one to be remembered for a long time to come.



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Boys Swimming Ends Season With a Splash

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In Nov.2009, LHS acquired a new boys sport to add to the list of programs: swimming. Their season had started off rocky because it consisted of the challenge of commuting to Bolingbrook three days a week in order to practice. It wasn't until the Lemont pool had opened that the boys could start getting in the practices they needed.

After overcoming this obstacle, the team was able to start showing off their hard work. With captains Gregg Husa (junior) and Colton Wojonowski (junior) leading both the JV and Varsity teams, the boys were able to pull off good starting records for their first year of swimming. "I'm proud of our teams' success, considering this a first year program," says Husa.

At the last sectional meet, which took place last Sat, the boys took 10th place, and had ended the season with a JV record of 2-1 and varsity 1-2. "I am proud of how the boys have come together as a team and set a good foundation for future teams," comments Science teacher and Coach Erin Boyd.

Boys swimming ended with a great first season, and the team paved the way for next year's team. The returning boys will have new goals to reach and records to beat, while the new boys can set their own new records. The team manager Eileen Batistich (senior) states, "The guys did an amazing job and I'm glad I got to see them have an awesome first season. I know that in the years to come they will become an even better and stronger team."

