

# Nasty Woman t-shirts make statement

Students take a stand on the recent presidential election and women's rights

by Helen Fagan

In the wake of the recent presidential election, six seniors are continuing to show their Clinton pride by selling homemade t-shirts with the slogan "nasty woman".

The words reference a quote from Donald Trump during a presidential debate, where he called Hillary Clinton a "nasty woman."

The girls started their t-shirt campaign after feeling lost following the result of the recent election. Nasty woman founder Maya Rabinowitz said, "After the election, a lot of people were saddened at the outcome. That prompted us to start making the shirts to raise money for a cause we believed in."

The t-shirts are made by hand using spray-paint. Using a plain white t shirt and stencils, the design is spray-painted onto the shirt. The stencils used are also cut out by hand.

The shirts sell for \$15 apiece, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to Planned Parenthood.

The seniors chose this charity as it coincides with their goal to empower women through the "nasty

woman" shirts.

The Trump campaign has voiced its intent to defund Planned Parenthood, another reason the girls chose to have the money donated there.

Rabinowitz said, "At times like this when we're not sure what public programs supporting women will continue to be funded by the government, we need to band together and make sure that everyone receives the care they deserve."

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Rabinowitz commented that her and her friends decided to make the shirts to bring hope in a time where many are feeling uncertain about the fate of the country.

She said, "We're trying to send messages of solidarity and hope with these shirts."

The shirts have received a positive response from students and staff.

Over 133 of the shirts have been sold so far. Though most of the t-shirt sales come from the senior class, as the artists are seniors, underclassmen and individuals from neighboring



Students have created multiple Nasty Women t-shirt designs to include many people around the school | Instagram

high schools are purchasing the shirts as well.

The t-shirt artists have been slightly overwhelmed with the high demand for the shirts, but are amazed by the success of the brand and are working to fill all of their orders.

As the demand for "nasty woman" shirts has expanded, the business has, too. The girls now offer more than one "nasty woman" design.

Rabinowitz said her reason for doing so was to allow anyone who wanted to join the "nasty woman" campaign the ability to do so. She said, "We've added a bunch of

other designs to be more gender and racially inclusive, so everyone can be involved in the cause."

Students have many reasons for purchasing these t-shirts. Some wish to support Planned Parenthood, others wish to speak out for Hillary Clinton or against Donald Trump, and others simply thought the shirt was well-designed.

Senior Rani Mehta bought her shirt so she could do her part in making an influence in today's political climate.

She said, "Personally, I wasn't of age to vote in the election but I think it was an election that was so important

to me being a young female. I felt passionately about a lot of the issues brought up. I think the shirts were a way to make a statement and a way to have a voice in an election where women especially were targeted and objectified."

Senior Amelia Lytle bought the shirt as she found the calling to be a "nasty woman" empowering. She said, "It creates a community of women who can find strength in each other and support each other."

Those interested in buying a shirt can visit the Instagram page @woman.together to find a link to the order form.

## New coming of age film falls short of predicted classic status

"The Edge of Seventeen" is met with raving reviews by movie-goers

by Jessi Zook

"The Edge of Seventeen" is a typical teenage angst movie, but it has fallen short of its expectations to become a modern day classic.

The film follows Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld) as she navigates her way through her junior year of high school. Like all teenagers, Nadine struggles with getting along with her mother (Kyra Sedgwick) and brother Darian (Blake Jenner).

However, these issues are heightened when Darian begins dating Nadine's best friend Krista (Haley Lu Richardson).

Woody Harrelson also stars in "The Edge of Seventeen," playing the role of Mr. Bruner, Nadine's teacher. As the plot moves forward, he takes on a larger role, eventually becoming a confidant and ally of Nadine, as it seems he's the only one she can confide in.

Throughout the movie, Nadine continually struggles to understand boys, find her role in her family, and secure her reputation at school.

The comedy comes from Nadine's constant awkward flair. Whether it be attributed to her mismatched, double-patterned outfits or her need to say exactly what's on her mind, no one can deny the sometimes overbearing quality.

The movie itself was enjoyable to watch, with a heartwarming plot. Even more than that, no one in the audience could contain their laughter.

Yet, while the movie was



"The Edge of Seventeen" grabs the attention of New Trier students | IMDb

portrayed as a comical, stitch-in-the-side, sort of film, it also managed to address real problems that adolescents face.

Many teen movies focus solely on the charming aspects of high school, but this one took on the tremendous task of showing the not so glamorous portions.

While it's exaggerated, for sure, Nadine's trek through her junior year captures the struggles that many teens face.

Though at times Nadine was quirky, painfully honest, moody, and unlikable, I was shocked to find that I resonated with her, felt for her, and couldn't help but root for her to win out in the end.

Despite the talented cast and likeable plot, the movie itself was oversold. On Rotten Tomatoes, it

was given a whopping 94 percent, a very generous rating, in my opinion.

Rotten Tomatoes even compared it to "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club," two of the most memorable movies from the eighties.

They are movies that, despite new beliefs, new technology, and new movies, have withstood the test of time. They're coming-of-age films that people will most likely still be watching years from now.

"The Edge of Seventeen," while touching on timeless ideas, will have a much more difficult time staying relevant when competing with the hundreds of other movies coming out every year.

Despite the raving reviews for "The Edge of Seventeen," I can't say that people will still be raving about it twenty years from now.

## Four Questions with rising alum duo Louis the Child

DJ duo Freddy Kennett and Robby Hauldren came back to New Trier High School on Nov. 29. Co Editor-in-Chief Connor Josellis caught up with the New Trier graduates.



Freddy Kennett and Robby Hauldren return with success | Louis the Child

CJ: So what was it like over the weekend going to the Metro, seeing such a hometown crowd?

Last year especially we both realized that we needed more time to spend on music if we want to take it to the level that we want to take it to.

RH: It was amazing, we saw a lot of kids from New Trier, it was cool to just look out and see kids in the same position we were in just a couple of years ago, going out to shows and being New Trier students and stuff. It was cool to play to them after having been out in the crowd just a couple of years ago.

CJ: Do you guys have a goal for the upcoming year?

FK: Have ten number ones-  
RH: -A million number ones

CJ: How did you come to the decision to either drop out or not attend college?

CJ: Do you guys ever take time to reflect on your rapid rise to fame?

FK: All the time, I think Robby and I always just go like "dude this is crazy" and we've been wanting this forever.

FK: It really just came over time. We had the idea that we were gonna keep going and just go to college until we started to see that shows were starting to pay more money and we were able to make a living.

RH: It's wild to see how quickly stuff happens. You don't really think about it in the moment too much, but then you look back and you're like, wow that's incredible the stuff you can do.

RH: It also reached the point where going to school would get in the way.