

# Green Team more inclusive than ever

Following an exclusive history, Green Team strives to unify students

by Robert Pettas

In 2004, New Trier's student section was given the moniker "greenNTeam." The name was the brainchild of the (then assistant) football coach Brian Doll (himself a 1995 New Trier Alum).

"I wanted to come up with an identity to the student section in an effort to unify students and bring them out to games," said Doll.

Although at that point, Green Team was a far cry from the Green Team of today. Green Team started with 1000 t-shirts donated by the booster club, and were passed out to the student body regardless of class.

After Doll left New Trier, Green Team did not have an official affiliation with the school, and it became a senior-run, selective group.

Green Team was a group that was more concerned with social status than actually supporting New Trier athletics.

Upon Doll's return in 2014 as head football coach, he wanted to make Green Team more inclusive. That is when Matt Kenyon, a 2014 Green Team captain, had the idea of a senior sweatshirt. This way, all

seniors could show their support, and take part in Green Team if they wished.

This year, nearly 800 seniors ordered Green Team sweatshirts, a long way away from the small selective group that Green Team once was.

While Green Team is as inclusive as ever, its captains are still working to include more students.

2017 senior captain Kevin Donahue said, "It's important for us to reach all classes to get more people at games. Also, we want to leave a legacy for having younger students going to games, and supporting their classmates and their school."

Doll and the captains have a few ideas in mind to improve student attendance and general attendance in upcoming years.

They have designed Green Team t-shirts specialized for freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

Another potential modification for next year is the addition of a school-wide pep rally.

"I think a pep rally would really improve school spirit, but, obviously there is a lot of organization that goes into an event like that," said Doll.

Captains have also worked to recruit female Green Team captains. Next year marks the first year that girls are considered for this position.

Doll believes that recruiting a female leader would do positive things in the way of attendance.

"There are a ton of students



NT Green Team prepares to rush the court following a close win over Loyola's boys basketball team | Varsity Views

interested in girls games, and the girl captains will help promote those games and get more people coming out to those games," said Doll.

The Green Team captains for the Class of 2018 include Caroline Iserloth, Gabe Herman, Sophie McGinnis, Abby Schinderle, Courtney Kaskey, Peter Liffrendahl, Mac Lamasan, and Luke Lato.

Among next year's captains is Abby Schinderle, "I think [that girls are now included as Green Team captains] is awesome, I know a lot of people have been upset in the past that there's only been guys so it's

great that they're finally deciding to change it. Our goals for next year are to make Green Team bigger than ever before. The way we run it is changing, and a lot more people will be included."

Another goal for Green Team is to get student support at a variety of sporting events, not just the traditionally well-attended events such as football, hockey, and basketball.

The way Green Team is addressing this issue is by selecting captains that play a variety of sports, and creating a Facebook group that

is free for any senior to post and promote their event.

"I believe New Trier has the best athletics in the state of Illinois," said Doll. "I also think New Trier is capable of having the best student support as well. I want New Trier athletics to have the reputation of being the best on the field and in the stands."

# Dancing at Lolla land



Lollapalooza is taking place at Grant Park on August 3-6 | Lollapalooza

Lollapalooza ticket sale creates frenzy once again among the student body

by Katie Kim

On March 21, students raced to buy Lollapalooza tickets before they sold out.

This year, Lollapalooza will be held on August 3 to 6. The tickets cost from \$120 to \$335. Single day tickets, from the official Lollapalooza site itself, were \$120 + fees, realistically coming out to \$135 to \$145. Comparatively, the 4-day passes were \$335 + fees.

However, those who couldn't get tickets from the Lollapalooza ticket venue bought them from other ticket websites like Stubhub, SeatGeek, and Ticketmaster.

Since these other ticket sale websites offer different deals than the official Lollapalooza venue, tickets

then are close to \$100 to \$200 more expensive than the official sales, making it close to \$400 to \$600 in total of what students spent.

Sophomore Lily Mosele said, "My favorite part is the train ride there. The atmosphere gets you hyped up and excited for experiences you may have never known would happen. Also, you see a bunch of your classmates and school friends on it so it's like an open invite New Trier party on wheels."

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Junior Alli Schwartz had similar thoughts: "The social aspect of Lollapalooza is a key component

on what makes it fun. So many kids from New Trier go and everyone takes the train together. While it's so chaotic, it is exciting to see everyone again at the end of the summer for this huge event."

With 4 days of socializing and listening to music, the event can be exhausting.

"It is four days of surviving and thriving. Senior Myles Knight explained.

The festival is also set apart because it's not only about the music. It's also about the people you meet for either 10 seconds or a whole day, the food you get to taste for the first time, and the discovery of new and fun things.

"One of the coolest things about Lollapalooza is the eclectic mix of people that you witness from maybe just walking down the street or dancing in the crowd of your favorite artist," Kaskey added.

"I look forward to Lollapalooza because I find it interesting knowing that some of the artists you listen to everyday could be performing in the same vicinity as you. Not to mention the food that Lollapalooza serves because it's basically every restaurant you can think of and because of the variety, I discovered one of my favorite restaurants. The first time I discovered Wow Bao was at Lolla and if I had never gone, I probably wouldn't have discovered it until later or maybe never at all," Junior Ian Stone said.

"I think that Lollapalooza is the festival of youth. It gives us the opportunity to not only have the benefit of being surrounded by music performed by various artists but it also is a good chance for people to experience something different from their normal lives," Sophomore Jack Reynolds stated.

# Facebook executive and NT alum speaks to classes

Chris Cox, FB Chief Product Officer, spoke to business and computer science classes

by Arjun Thakkar

After attending the New Trier 2017 Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner, Facebook's Chief Product Officer, Chris Cox, came to the EPI Center on Friday March 17 to present to business education and computer science classes.

The presentation he gave primarily focused on the lessons he learned at Facebook for future entrepreneurs to consider, but Cox emphasized how his points were applicable to any work environment.

Cox described how he was studying engineering at Stanford when he went to work with the company in Palo Alto on what was then known as 'The Facebook' in 2005.

He noted how Facebook's office space at the time of his first interview "had donuts and water bottles everywhere" unlike the sleek, organized look presented in the David Fincher's "The Social Network."

Cox played an instrumental role in the integration of Facebook's News Feed, which he described as an example of an obvious, inevitable development in a product.

From the News Feed came another piece of advice, which mentioned the importance of observing a user's behavior within a service and implementing their desired functions.

Many early Facebook users

used the website as a platform for organizing protests and meetings, so the company worked to streamline this process and make it more accessible.

In order to observe the website's usage, Cox stressed the importance of having concrete data to analyze and use to make decisions. By seeing the one word comments users posted, Facebook was able to add emoji-esque buttons with icons that most represented these short replies.

Another key point was the need for empathy in the company. Cox described how employees of Facebook had access to 4G networks and high tech smartphones, but users in other countries often had less effective devices on a slower 2G network, such as in Delhi.

To help these users, Facebook applied several measures, including more customer service for different regions and a "2G Tuesday" within the company for employees to see if specific features would work on slower networks.

Finally, Cox brought up the idea of harvesting creativity and pursuing passion projects, even in a highly technical work environment.

He described how Pixar's president, Edwin Catmull, served as an inspiration with the book "Creativity Inc." The book, which describes the importance of constructive criticism in the creative process, remains influential in Cox's creative efforts at Facebook.

As part of the Class of 2000, Cox played the keyboard on the jazz band. In 2014, the Tribune mentioned how he stood out to many of his teachers, including soon-to-be superintendent Paul Sally and Math Department Chair Mary Lappan.

Cox was unavailable for an interview.