

Students overcome fears of terror attacks

Students don't let fears of terror attacks control their lives

by Maya Kowitz

Ever since the terror attacks that ensued in Paris on Nov. 13, 2015, the West has been shell shocked with a wave of fright associated with travel and public events.

The Paris attacks were conducted by gunmen and suicide bombers, who caused terror at a concert hall, a major stadium, and restaurants and bars throughout Paris.

The significance of the Paris attacks is not just from the hundreds of innocent people who were killed or injured by them, but also by the alarming nature of these attacks and the trepidation it has caused for people who weren't even directly affected by them.

Similar to how government agencies issue travel warnings--statements that provide information about the relative safety of travelling to a specific foreign country--people have developed their own internal barometer of when and where they feel safe.

Many people, like senior RJ Meyer, find it hard to feel completely safe when traveling because of the continuous track record of terror attacks the world has seen this year.

This past summer, Meyer went



Students attend their normal routines despite terror outside of country. Zervas

on a European cruise with his family, and stated how he was initially apprehensive to go on the trip.

"Predominately, I was scared of the airport. I didn't want to be at a public airport, in a foreign country, when all you hear on the news are these terrorist attacks targeting highly populated areas such as airports and tourist sites," Meyer said.

It is evident that terror is on the rise, when looking at a timeline of how often the news highlights terror attacks such as the work-place shooting in San Bernardino on Dec. 2, and the Brussels suicide bombings on March 22.

Similar to these examples, all terror attacks have one thing in common: no one could possibly expect or prepare for them, because no one wants to believe these tragedies could happen to them.

That's where this anxiety and possible paranoia rises, leaving people questioning whether or not they want to go to nightclubs or even music festivals, places that people once had never thought twice about attending.

Popular music festivals such as Lollapalooza and Country Thunder are now under even stricter security restrictions and safety precautions. Security was at the top of people's minds, since the festival took place just weeks after a truck rampage through a Bastille Day celebration in Nice, France, and the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando that left 49 people dead.

"With this year being the 25th anniversary of Lollapalooza, and existing as one of the biggest attractions of young people in Chicago, I could see how people would

be nervous to go to these events," senior Isabel Egan said.

The question then rises, should people avoid traveling to foreign countries and going to highly populated events?

Sophomore Ella Schotz believes that people have different reactions to these events, "Since these attacks have occurred so far away from me, it doesn't stay in my mind or affect my day cause I haven't directly been affected."

Schotz states that when she wants to go to a concert or the city, she doesn't think of what could happen. "If I were to travel to another country where an attack had taken place, I would definitely be thinking about it more than I do here," Schotz said.

Contrary to Schotz's statement, senior Nate Denberg actually flew into Istanbul airport seven days after the bombings, "It didn't bother me at all. I didn't even think about it," Denberg said.

Junior Alli Schwartz states that it's important to trust our country's security, "I am not particularly worried to travel, though outside of the country could be scary because you don't know other country's security policies. I think there's a chance of something happening anywhere you go, but you can't just not go places because you're afraid an attack may happen," Schwartz said.

French teacher Franck Greaux,

chaperoned the trip to France this summer, and explained how safety was especially on their minds this year. "We tried not to get anyone too anxious about the whole process because that steals away from the experience of going abroad and enjoying yourself. We initiated a safety routine with each student. As chaperones, we asked students to look out for each other more, and more often than past times," Greaux said.

Greaux stressed the importance that they did not avoid places in Paris or change the itinerary of their trip due to fears of an attack occurring.

Junior Michael Kolovos believes that these fears of not knowing when and where these terror attacks could occur, should not handicap you from doing things you want to do.

"It's okay to be more cautious and aware, but don't let your fears control what you do. I was going to the pride parade, and my parents didn't want me to go. I regret not going and showing my support because it's something that I wanted to do," Kolovos said.

Many people, like Kolovos, believe that avoiding things in life and living in fear is not the answer when these terror threats become prevalent. "Just be cautious and aware of your surroundings, and stay at Perry's at Lollapalooza," senior Gus Raith said.

Are colleges biased towards students?

Is there something to the rumors that colleges don't accept students from NT?

by Georgia Caras

As the school year begins and college applications start to filter in, so do the common misconceptions of how admissions officers feel about seeing a New Trier student's application.

"I've heard from a handful of people that The University of Wisconsin-Madison hates New Trier kids," junior Julie Resnick said.

This sentiment of a certain university "hating" New Trier students can be heard just about every day throughout the school's hallways.

James Conroy, the post high-schooling counseling office's department chair, explained that he's no stranger to the unsupported beliefs that many students hold about how colleges view New Trier.

"Students think that there's some different standard that colleges hold for New Trier," Conroy said. "They think that you have to reach a higher plateau in terms of achievement than people from most other schools do."

Conroy also explained that students think certain schools have quotas for how many students from New Trier they can take. But according to Conroy, they don't have a certain number of students they can take from each school. The colleges view each student individually and, "consider every kid in the context of what was available to them."

For example, Conroy said, "If you come from a rural Illinois that doesn't offer any AP courses, the college is not going to penalize you for not having AP's in your schedule. However, if you come from a school like New Trier that offers loads of AP



New Trier students fear that college admissions officers "hate" them. Zervas

courses, the more selective schools are expecting that you challenge yourself with them."

In as affluent and racially uniform of a school as New Trier, it is no surprise that amongst the height of college rumors is the role race plays in admission.

"My older sisters have told me that schools want diversity and not just the same rich, smart white kid over and over again. Therefore, they can only select the smartest of the smartest from New Trier," said Sophomore Price Carlson.

Carlson expresses the views of many New Trier students. As Senior Lily Warner said, "Students here often think that if they went to a school that is more diverse in income and race, they would be better off or stand out more."

Warner, however, disagrees with such a belief. She said, "We have been raised in a community that has been predominantly white and upper class for such a long time, that our education has been formulated to enhance just that: to make us all get that 'New Trier' education and those connections."

Conroy explains that, at the public level at least, colleges are not

allowed to use race as a factor in the admissions process. He reiterated that to any college, the opportunity we're presented at our school has a significantly larger factor in admissions than the color of your skin.

With the multitude of college rumors like these that float amongst the student body, it is inevitable to wonder where they come from.

Conroy said, "A lot of it is based on the stories that circulate at parties, picnics, and things of the sort. The problem with that is, people often fail to tell the whole story."

These rumors and the versions of them, that get as miscommunicated as a game of broken telephone, are evidently problematic in our school's perception of college.

"In a high achieving community like this, college has become the parental report card. It's become the status symbol for families. It's become very much a prestigious thing to be able to say I've done a great job as a parent because my child is going to this incredibly selective school. This is too bad, because it's what's inside of you, not where you're sitting, that makes you a good person," Conroy said.

Graeter's failure to open causes summer job stress

Graeter's ice cream not open until Fall

by May Paddor

Everyone screams for ice cream in the summer, which is why working at Graeter's Ice Cream seems like the ideal job if the store opened, that is.

According to Graeter's Ice Cream's website, a store was planned to open at 940 Green Bay Road in Winnetka, where the old Panera Bread used to be.

Manager, Nate McLaughlin, said Graeter's "had issues with the building, just because it's a very old building. Issues with the structure kept delaying us and now it's not getting open until fall and wintertime, we decided it would not be a good time to open. It's not ice cream season."

The Daily North Shore clarified that Graeter's Ice Cream is having issues with the building's landlord over who will pay for the new flooring of the store.

Assistant Director of Community Development, Brian Norkus, told The Daily North Shore, "while the village is playing an advisory role to assist in the resolution of this issue, the dispute is between Graeter's and the landlord," Norkus said.

However, many students looking for jobs were impacted by the confusion. It postponed summer jobs and also made transportation a bigger issue.

This created trouble for students commuting back and forth between their homes and the other Graeter's Ice Cream store in Northbrook. McLaughlin said, "We tried to give everybody as many hours as we could. A couple of people decided not to work until that store opens just because of the drive."

Junior, Nick Faltar was one of the students who were unable to work at Graeter's because of the commute. "It affected my decision because I needed a summer job and the store

is not open until August. I knew I couldn't work there," Faltar said.

"I filled out an application, and then I had to call them because they weren't responding to when I was going to be interviewed. When I called them, they delivered the news that the store would not be open until August."

Some students were not notified until they were already hired.

"I wasn't aware that it was going to be delayed until someone else I know, who was supposed to work at the Winnetka location, found out that he didn't have his job there anymore because of the delay," Junior Olivia Appel said.

However, both Appel and Faltar agree that the delay was the main issue with Graeter's summer jobs. Appel said, "There were no other reasons that employees quit other than the delay, that I know of."

Despite the recent confusion, the Graeter's application process is like any other store. Manager McLaughlin said, "The application process is just filling out an application either in the store or online. Then, once we interview you, we either tell you at the end of the interview that you got the job or we give you a call and let you know. A lot of it has to do with availability."

A total of about 60 students interviewed with Graeter's for jobs between the Northbrook and Winnetka stores. "We typically have a cap, depending on business, of how many kids we hire just for summer. Once we hire that allotment of kids, then we typically are looking for kids who can work all year around," McLaughlin said.

Once a student gets a job with Graeter's, they have complete security. "We do everything we can to work with you guys. As long as you leave on good terms, you're always welcome to come back, whether it's at [the Northbrook] store or another," McLaughlin said.