

No Shave November takes over New Trier

by Grace Murphy

Every Nov. 1, the seasonal Halloween decorations are taken down and replaced by cornucopias, decorative leaves, and beards. Yes, beards.

To some, Nov. 1 means the start of a month without shaving. Known to many as No Shave November, men refrain from shaving for an entire month in order to raise awareness and funds for men's cancers.

Several language teachers formed a team for "No Shave November" this year. Franck Greaux, Joshua Sollie, and Gary Schubert are just a few members of that team. Greaux assembled the team and most of the men threw away their razors on the first of November, however Greaux began earlier in October.

Greaux has a personal reason for doing No Shave November. Prior to this project, Greaux had melanoma, a dangerous type of skin cancer. He explained, "When you hear about something that is affecting another person's life, you may feel empathy, but it really drives it home when you are the person affected by this."

Greaux said, "We like to think of ourselves as impervious to things



Franck Greaux was team captain for NT No Shave November. | Greaux

such as cancer, and so very often we wait until the very last minute. In the case of cancer, it's very often too late."

Schubert believes men's cancer awareness should be similar to breast cancer awareness, possibly with encouraging people to wear blue instead of pink. He thinks that this could raise awareness of

men's cancers along with No Shave November.

All three teachers said that they normally do not have facial hair, so they were frequently asked why they had a beard. According to Greaux, this, in turn, educated people about the fact that a lot of men are going to fight cancer sometime in their lives.

When Sollie was asked by

advisees and students why he decided to participate, he said, "It seemed like a great way to raise awareness of the issue rather than just donate money. It's more of a visible sign that you support the people who suffer from cancer."

Sollie was also encouraged by Greaux's enthusiasm for the project and decided to try to make it the whole month without shaving. Schubert has only ever gone a few weeks without shaving. "Unfortunately if I go a long time without shaving, it's not very attractive. Not like Mr. Greaux," Schubert said.

Dan Linger, a senior in Greaux's advisory, had not shaved in about a month and a half. A few other advisees of Greaux also joined in the beginning of November, according to senior Joe Faught.

Faught wanted to participate in the project because he was unable to do it when he attended Loyola Academy, where students are required to be clean shaven every day. He said, "[This is] a fun thing to do, and if it helps cancer, it's just that much better."

Schubert said, "There is just something about the solidarity of a male project to support the uniqueness of male cancer. I guess there's a lot about 'the pink' breast cancer and stuff like that. This just appealed to me. This is a way to participate for

the men's side of cancer."

Although men consider themselves tough and indestructible, the hard truth is that they are still vulnerable to cancer. Greaux explained that about 50% of men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

Women speak more freely about their health, but men's cancers still need the same amount of attention that is given to women's cancers.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website states that the three most common types of cancer among men are prostate cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer. These are also in the list of the top three causes of cancer death in men.

According to the "No Shave November" website, by growing out their beards and spreading awareness of men's cancers, these teachers and thousands of other participants will spread the word and help raise funds that go towards "preventing the disease, saving lives, funding research, education, and aiding those fighting the battle."

(Ugly) sweater weather warms NT

by Carly Travis

When the band The Neighborhood released their song "Sweater Weather", teens everywhere swooned. The moment temperatures dip below 70 degrees, sweater weather commences.

The same is said for ugly Christmas sweaters, this time, in relation to autumn ending and winter beginning. The season to bear embarrassing embroidery is marked by the Friday after Thanksgiving and the days leading up to the holidays.

Not only are these moments celebrated with [virgin] eggnog stained lips and flushed, red cheeks, but people also trade traditional knitwear for gaudy, yet, playful Christmas (and Hanukkah) garments.

High school and college students may walk into Urban Outfitters or a local thrift store and stumble upon this "fashion piece" alongside ripped jeans and popular records and graphic t-shirts that read "I'm with stupid".

Likewise, this style reaches older generations of the North Shore. In fact, those nearing their late 70s may even outfit an ugly sweater mindless of the trend factor. Wearing what is unseemingly, vintage, and quirky is the popular choice for youth and an easy option for elders.

Senior Michelle Castino was spotted wearing a festive sweater ornamented with multiple polar bears on the first day of December. "Every year since freshman year I do a countdown to Christmas by wearing an ugly sweater every school day of December until the 25th," Castino explained. She also said that her mom has a huge collection of them so she never has to repeat.

Winter fashions don't stop there. While attending my brother's

hockey game last week, a Winnetka mom adorned an ugly x-mas sweater and accessorized with a string of colorful lights around her neck as well. Has this trend gone too far and where does one acquire such unconventional ideas? Pinterest, obviously.

Also, is this trend cool or weird?

Will you automatically be marked "hipster" or "dorky" if you dress yourself in pants with Hanukkah menorahs scattered across them in place of the preppy, pink wales your blue khakis used to ornament?

Wearing ugly sweaters is similar to the bucket hat boom of 2014. What started as traditional fishermen gear and made popular by LL Cool J in the 80s, has now revolutionized itself as the new baseball cap adorned by boys and girls ages 14 and up. What was peculiar is now common.

Junior Jake Tennant said he wears Christmas sweaters ironically: "They're ugly but funny at the same time...a lot of people get a good kick out of them too."

Tennant also explained that he has about five sweaters, one even clad in Christmas trees on one side and a Hanukkah menorah on the other.

So if you want to wear something with panache, bring on all the bells and whistles. No, for real. The more bells your sweater is embellished with (pun intended), the better. Wear it with confidence too, because if you're going to pull off a jumper that is animated with singing snowmen, your attitude better match.

In short, fashion truly does say a lot about you. By outfitting yourself in a silly sweater or bodacious bucket hat, you're silently telling everyone "I'm the fun one!"

Rush Board puts on another successful tea

by Joey Reinsdorf

On Dec 6, at the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield, the Rush Junior Auxiliary Board held their annual Rush Holiday Tea event.

The crowd at the event consists of girls of different ages. There are a lot of junior high girls at the event, who are "prospects" of the Rush Junior Board. There are many parents at the event, who are part of the board, that help set up the shop before the event.

The main crowds at the event are high school girls, many of who serve on the board. Together, there are a total of over 500 people at the event. So while there are many people at the event, there is still a lot of diversity when it comes to the age of the people in attendance.

During the event, many different activities happen. Charlotte Purcell, a member of Rush's executive board, said, "There is a lot of small talk, which is always fun, but there are also many other fun activities for people of all ages."

Some of these activities include shopping at the tea's bazar, drinking tea or hot chocolate, and listening to New Trier's swing choir perform.

The purpose of the Rush Holiday Tea event is to raise money for Rush Hospital in Chicago. While at the event, there are several different methods for raising money. The first method is the admissions.

In order to get into Rush Holiday Tea, a ticket must be purchased. This way, everyone going to the event has already made a donation to the cause.

While at the event, there are a lot of more ways the group raises funds. Throughout the day they hold a silent auction, "We auctioned an iPhone 6 and Jingle Bash Tickets", Purcell says.



From left to right: Seniors Emmy Minturn, Charlotte Purcell, and Charlotte Lefkowitz at the Rush Junior Auxiliary Board Holiday Tea | Graham

Along with the silent auction, there are also booths set up that sell home made products, such as baked goods, and lip scrub. With all of these funding strategies, they hope to raise \$22,000, which would match the amount that they have raised in past years.

The Rush Junior Auxiliary Board, who organized and ran the event, is made of a large group of girls. There are over 100 girls on the board alone, all who are juniors and seniors in high school.

On the executive board, there are 14 girls, who are exclusively picked by the board, and must be seniors in high school. Also on the executive board are 5-6 parents, who help supervise the entire group.

The group also hosts other events throughout the year. In the fall, the board holds their annual car wash, and in the spring, the girls put together a fashion show, to raise more

money.

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Although the board's main goal is to raise money, it is not their only focus. All girls on the board are able to volunteer at the hospital. While volunteering at the hospital, they solve puzzles, fill in coloring books, and watch movies with the children in the pediatrics centers.

From volunteering with the children, to raising money for the Hospital, the Rush Junior Auxiliary Board covers it all.