

The Big Move: 2014

by Matt N.

The Orthogenic School has been on E. 60th street since the 1940's. We have been in the same building for so long that some people have ignored other possibilities for our location. Nobody would expect that one day, we would move but that's what's happening in the summer of 2014. A few weeks before winter break, Pete and Diana went around to all of the dorms and announced that the school will be moving to a new location.

Many students were surprised at this news, even though most, if not all, students won't be here to witness it. Pete and Diana, the co-directors of our school, helped make the whole situation more clear. They explained that the University owns our land and this building. It just so happens the uni-



*The O'School Move will require alot more than packing.
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versity needs our land in the year 2014, so we don't really have a choice. They believe that the move is in our best interest and that the University is working with us in a friendly way. They also stated that when we move we

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Technology Helps Relieve Haiti

By Molly



*Text messages were sent to the Red Cross to donate to support Haiti in this time of crisis.
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On January 12, 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake occurred in Haiti. The earthquake hit the capital city, Port-au-Prince. This city is the most densely populated city in Haiti and the earthquake had tremendous effects. Many were killed and thousands were left homeless, as the city's infrastructure was basically left in ruins.

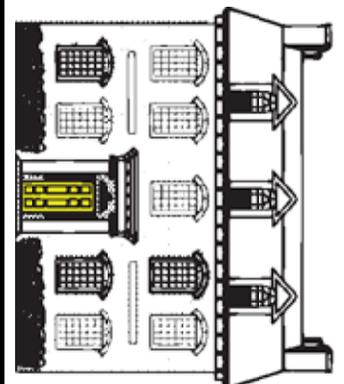
The country of Haiti has always had economic struggles and is not very wealthy. This did not contribute positively to the relief efforts that the country needed in order to start rebuilding. They needed help from other countries and luckily they received it. Relief efforts have been one of the most successful because of technology.

The reason that the relief efforts have been so successful in Haiti is because of the new ways that peo-

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ple have started to donate money. Many of these new donation processes have been made possible through technology. Over 22 million dollars have been raised through text messaging. According to the New York Times it's a simple way to donate \$10 dollars to the Red Cross Foundation. All that you have to do is text "HAITI" to 90999. When you receive your cell phone bill, you will have an added 10 dollar fee to pay.

The New York Times further emphasized that word has spread about this donation process through websites such as Facebook and Twitter. While Facebook and Twitter haven't provided money directly to Haiti, they have contributed to the success of many relief efforts that the country needed. Almost immediately after the earthquake, Facebook and Twitter responded by posting photos, videos, and articles about the earthquake. People also posted links and numbers of charities to

which people could donate money. This really helped spread awareness and information about the earthquake, which made people want to help out in any way that they could. An estimated 150,000 posts containing both "Haiti" and "Red Cross" have been sent through Twitter since January 12, 2010.

The donations sent through text messages are an efficient way to give money to Haiti, but it is not the fastest way. When donating through text message it can take up to 90 days for the money to actually reach the charities to which the money is donated. Charities and cell phone carriers are working on a faster way to transfer the money but as of now people are advised to follow up their 10 dollar donation by going to the websites and donating directly.

Something else to be aware of while making donations is scammers who often take advantage of instances
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Google Threatens to Pull Out of China

By Casimir

On January 11, 2010, Google filed a complaint against China concerning hacking attempts and telling the Chinese government to stop censoring its search results. This action caused a rapid response across the globe.

Google has allowed some censorship in their search results in China. For example, according to CBC, Canadian Broadcast Center, News, if you search for the banned Falun Gong movement, a message claiming the browser cannot display the webpage will appear. However, according to the CBC, on January 12th, 2010, Google stopped blocking search results on some topics, allowing any computer user to view web pages, images and other material the Chinese government does not want people to see (e.g., The Tiananmen Square riots).



*Will Google Pull Out of China?
Photo by Kyle, YDC Staff*

Because of this, the Chinese government has shown that it is willing to kick Google out of China over this issue.

In contrast, according to the New York Times, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said, "Censorship should not be in any way accepted by any company from any-

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Airline Security Gets Tightened Yet Again

By Kyle

On December 25, 2009, there was an attempted bombing on-board Northwest Flight 253, a flight bound to Detroit from Amsterdam. At 11:40 am, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the 23-year-old son of Nigerian banker attempted to detonate an explosive sewn in the crotch of his underwear. Passengers, led by Dutch filmmaker Jasper Schuringa, were able to immediately subdue and restrain him. This unsuccessful bombing has resulted in immediate and widespread tightening of security around the world.

The most important result of this bombing is what effect it will have on everyday life, which is the security at airports. To what length will the government go to protect us? The US government has begun to lead the effort around the world to implement increased security measures in danger areas such as Nigeria and Yemen. The US has ordered full body scanners to be implemented at multiple airports throughout the country and at multiple other countries that are considered security risks. Abdulmutallab was able to smuggle the explosive device onto the plane by going through security in Nigeria and Amsterdam where he only had to go through a metal detector and ID checks.

The new body scanners being implemented are body image scanners that can reveal items hidden on the body. The problem with them was that they raised some issues about privacy because the image that is generated is so detailed it effectively makes the passenger naked. However, despite these concerns, these methods still are going to be there for the obvious reason to prevent another bombing. As of February 24, a full body scanner was implemented



*Airport Security Tightens
Photo by Kyle, YDC Staff*

at two airports in the US including O'Hare International in Chicago.

Abdmutallab was in a databank of about 550,000 people deemed as security risks, after his father had warned Nigerian and US officials that his son was developing radical views. US officials, however, failed to act upon this news. His family had last heard from him when they were attempting to send him to a college where they hoped he would not be able to continue developing his radi-

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like these to take people's money. People who are donating are asked to make sure the charity that they are donating to is legitimate or only use ones that are certified approved. Despite its drawbacks, donations through text messaging have proven to be a successful way to raise money because it is something that everyone can do.

Another way that a lot of money was raised for Haiti was through a T.V. telethon organized by George Clooney, with stars such as Brad Pitt, Beyonce, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, John Legend and more. These stars all came together to urge the public to donate for relief efforts in Haiti. A C.D. of the performances was made and went on sale the day

after the telethon. The C.D. is called "Hope for Haiti Now," and has been a major success. One of its hit songs called "Stranded," by Jay-Z, Rihanna, Bono, and the Edge is the number one single on iTunes. All of the profits from the Album and its singles will be sent to Haiti.

You probably want to know what exactly all this money that is being donated will be used for. It really depends on what organization you donate to because almost all of them help out in different ways. Most donation funds will take the money and use it to provide the people in Haiti with food, water, medical attention, shelter, clothing, and other essential things, while some organizations will use the money for re-

building and other long-term things. Although different organizations use the donations differently you can be sure that whichever organization you donate to, the donations will be used to help Haiti.

Most people have cell phones and Internet access. They can see what has happened in Haiti through online pictures and articles and then they will want to help in any way that they can. The Red Cross Foundation, Cell phone carriers, Websites, Music producers, T.V. networks, and many more have made it possible for everyday people to contribute to a devastating situation and make it better.

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where. This needs to be a part of our national brand.” It is suspected that Google may leave by its own will.

Google managed to hack into a computer located in Taiwan, which was suspected of being used by Chinese officials to hack the Gmail accounts of Chinese human rights activists. It is thought that the Chinese government made this attack. Google secretly hacked into the computer in Taiwan, discovering similar attacks on other companies such as Adobe Systems. Despite the fact that the suspected computer

was in Taiwan, many believe that the Chinese government is responsible.

According to Harvard law professor Jonathon Zittrain “The aim [of censorship] is to keep the average Internet user pointed away from controversial content and towards approved content.”

The people of China are worried that Google will leave their country. They have been begging Google to stay in China through the Internet. Due to censorship, some Chinese citizens have shown anger towards their government. One person on

the website Tianya.cn went as far as saying “Google is a great soldier of freedom. You don’t bow to the devils.”

“China doesn’t believe in survival of the fittest. It believes in ‘survival of whomever we say survives,’” says Anthony Migyanka, an economist.

These are difficult times for both China and Google, and much remains to be seen. The future of foreign business operations in China may be at risk whether they choose to follow Google’s example or China’s restrictions.

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cal views. He went to an institute in Yemen where he would be studying Arabic, but he dropped out and told his family they didn’t matter to him anymore. That was in October 2009, and that was when his father, Alhaji Umaru Mutallab, warned the US by approaching the US embassy in Nigeria and talked to a CIA agent.

Abdulmutallab’s name was added onto the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment list. People suspected of being linked to or committing terrorist activities are placed on the list. However being on that list doesn’t mean that a person would be banned from flying. You would have to be on the next list to be banned from flying.

The next list is the Terrorist Screening Database (TSD), which is composed of 400,000 people who are under tighter watch. However, that would not have affected Abdulmutallab from making his flight. To qualify for that, the suspected person must be on one of the two sub-lists of the TSD: one that has 14,000 people who need extra airport screening to fly to the US, and the actual list of 3,400 people that are banned from flying. Following the Christmas bombing attempt, the government is lim-

iting this information to one list; if you get on it, you are banned from flying.

Passengers on US bound flights from other countries designated by the US as “state-sponsors of terrorism” and other “countries of interest” are subject to special screening, unless specifically cleared. On the list are Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, and Yemen.

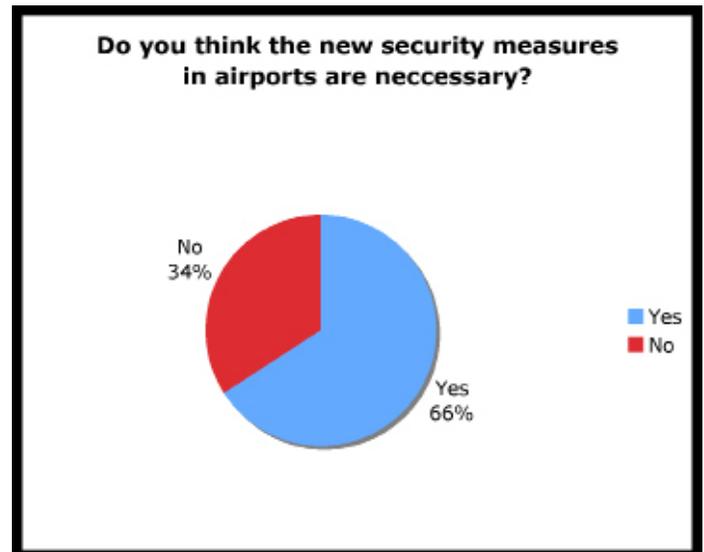
Additional security steps have to do with what travelers are allowed to carry. Sharp objects must be checked-in, small amounts of liquids are allowed if in a transparent bag, and containers larger than 100ml will not be allowed.

Also, to detect explosives, passengers will have to undergo a hand-spray to detect if the passenger had been in contact with explosives. Trained bomb sniffer dogs will

also be used and behavior detection officers, who are trained to detect passengers who seem ill at ease, will be on hand in the airports.

Hand baggage will go through x-ray scanners, and detectors that could detect explosives and different types of liquids are also in development.

The best advice to be given to the average traveler would generally be the same as before. Give yourself plenty of time, make sure you have everything with you and to try and check with your airline for their procedures ahead of time.



Dana Brightens the O'School

By Angie

Do you ever wonder who that woman is who's been showing up in a bunch of your classes when your teacher is absent? That's Dana Bellich and she's the substitute teacher here at the O'School. Although Dana

isn't new anymore, it seems as though no one knows anything about her such as the things she likes to do and where she's from. Luckily I was given the chance to sit down and talk to her and get to know her a little bit better.

I found out that there are a lot of interesting things to know about Dana. She's the only one I know who can move her pinky toe without moving any of her other toes. She can play the guitar and cook. Her favorite thing to cook is lasagna roll-ups with spinach and Gorgonzola and her favorite foods to eat are cheese and bacon but not together.

What does Dana like to do on her free time? She likes to scrapbook, practice the guitar and to play nerdy board games. Her favorite kinds of movies are action movies, although ironically her favorite movies of all time are *The Wizard of Oz* and *Pride and Prejudice*. Her favorite season dur-

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Dana
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Transitioning: The Final Transition

By Casey

Everyone gets <insert any emotion here> when Transition time rolls around. What do we mean by Transition? Well, it's a fun word that means something like, "To Move On," at the Orthogenic School. When the O'School thinks of transition, they generally think of TLC, or moving to TLC. Well, transition often does have to do with TLC, not only because it's the **Transitional** Living Center, but because it is the dorm that most teenage and adult students graduate from. Graduating is often a tough and painful process, one which starts not long after you come to the school. The closer you get, the more imperative it is that plans go into effect.

The general consensus on graduation is excitement. Everyone wants to get the flunk out of here... And that means that you have to not flunk out of school,

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TLC living room
Photo By Kyle

O'School Holidays and Traditions

By Matt N.

The O school has many holidays and traditions that are celebrated throughout the year. All of said holidays have certain themes or activities depending on the time of year said event takes place. Such activities include dances, barbecues and festivities. These activities put an extra kick in the day.

Some of the main activities are the dances and the traditions that go with each holiday. In annual order, first there's the Halloween dance. The Halloween dance always has a spooky theme to go with it. Before the dance, the dorms decorate their areas to a specific theme while other dorms visit and get candy. It is also a contest to see which dorm did better in various categories. Next, the Valentine's dance always has a theme that is related to love, such as cheesy pick up lines and love/hate relationships. There are usually at least three slow songs for obvious reasons. Next, in early June, is the prom, which is probably the biggest dance of the year. All of the guys have a choice to rent a tux with the knowledge that their parents are paying for it, and the girls usually pick out fancy dresses. Shortly after school, students also have a choice to go get their hair done in the little gym. About an hour before the dance starts, you are able to go on a 10-minute limo ride around Hyde Park. Student council works really hard organizing these events.

Another type of event is the picnics and barbecues, all of which your families can attend. The first family oriented event of the year is the Garden party, which is the time where families can view the gardens that the vocational horticulture students worked hard on. It is also a time when awards are handed out to the students who worked on the gardens. Next comes the spaghetti lunch, which takes place near the end of February. It is a time where students and



*Jillian dressed in her Sunday best.
Photo by Kyle*

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ing the year is winter, but her favorite sport to watch is baseball. She's a Sox fan. If you see her at a game make sure to hide your foam finger; she terrified of them! Foam fingers are her biggest fear.

Dana's nickname is Belly itch, thanks to her last name Dana Bellich. She grew up in Claredon Hills all of her life. She has two brothers, Mark who is 26 and Jay who's 20. She played and still plays a lot of sports. For example, she was a swimmer and she used that skill to get her first part time job as a lifeguard and then later on to become a swim coach. She was a cheerleader and she was on her high school badminton team, which

went to state. Her team placed 9th overall in the doubles competitions.

Dana loves working here at the O'School. Her favorite things about working here are the supportive staff members, the student's dedication to improve themselves and how involved the program is. Dana has been working at the O'School for a little over 6 months. She heard about the O'School like many other staff members, by word of mouth. Dana heard about the open position from Ryan one of the Penguin's counselors. She decided to take the job because it combined all aspects of her education, which are Psychology, Education, and Spanish.

She chose to work in this profession because she feels like she's doing her part in the world. She said "What better way to help the world out than helping educate the next generation." When I asked Dana what it's like working with Tony, the only thing she said was, entertaining. I also asked her if she ever secretly wanted to take his job and she said no, but if she did it would only be so she could save all of the students from seeing his DePaul shirts all the time, "Go Marquette!"

On top of Dana working here full time she is also going to school. She takes Spanish classes to keep up with her Spanish and at this time

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will own our land instead of the University owning it. As for the location, the O' School is aiming to settle in the Hyde Park area, supposedly within a 10 block radius from our current location.

In terms of transitioning, many hope that the current staff will stay with us when we move. They also stated that it doesn't seem likely that staff would need to re-apply. As for the students, the school leaders want to make it a careful process, and to come up with a solid plan when the building is ready. As for the Hyde Park Day School, they are coming with us.

When the new building is ready, there are some improvements we need or want to have. Diana said we would like to have an elevator, which makes perfect sense in case someone is injured and can't take the stairs. Pete said they would try to have more independent rooms, stating some could benefit from them. Since it is a new building, we won't have to worry about being in an old building with bad plumbing and odd smells that appear randomly. In terms of how the school is run, as well as O' School traditions, they want keep it the same as much as possible. They also want to take items and furniture that symbolize our school such as the yellow door.

Students have their own view of the transition. One topic that was brought up was what items we want to bring with



*Current Orthogenic School building.
Photo by Kyle, YDC Staff*

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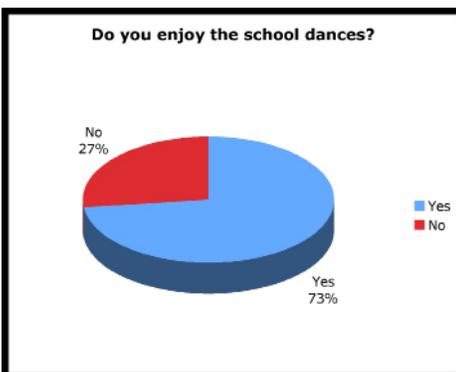
their families gather in the big gym, and where various pastas and drinks are served. After a while, everyone in the gym takes place in a giant game of bingo complete with many prizes. Next up is the Mother's

Day picnic, where we set up tables in the sideyard, complete with a variety of food. There's also a contest to see which mom has the best hat. This is followed in short order by the Father's Day barbecue. Next up is the Fourth of July barbecue. What better way to celebrate our independence by eating burgers and hot dogs in the sideyard, which is basically what it is. This is also the one time your family can come and view the dorms.

The last tradition of the year is the Christmas dinner. On the last Thursday before the break, there is the talent show, except, that's another article. However, after the talent show, Santa makes an appearance and hands out presents. Later in the day, there

is the Christmas dinner, which is super special awesome because the teachers are the servers! Another twist is that students are randomly sorted into various tables to mix things up a bit. After people eat, every table takes part in singing the twelve days of Christmas.

Holidays at the Orthogenic School can be considered one of a kind. You rarely see other schools run their holidays like we do, which just enhances the experience. It's also nice to have family oriented events, which let you learn more about each other. The holidays also help cut loose on daily routines and put that extra twist in your day you wouldn't normally have.

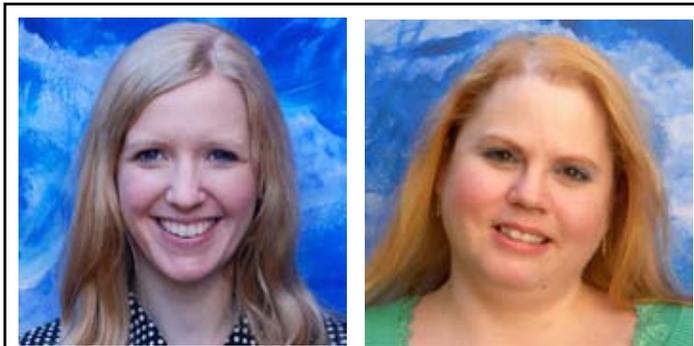


Day Schoolers On The Rise

By Casimir

You may have noticed an increase in day students coming to the O-school. Maybe you've heard about the new community meeting schedule. What everyone does know is that day students are playing a bigger role in the O-school lately. Day students are on the rise.

The O-school is working on including day students more. According to Diana, "Bitsy and Ronda have a lot of ideas and we talk about this all the time. Today, for example, we are starting our new



Bitsy Taylor-Score & Ronda Skilton
Day School Case Managers

Community Meeting Schedule, which was designed to help Day School students participate in a whole community meeting, rather than just a few minutes. The students also have a lot of ideas – and while we cannot make them all happen - we are so happy that everyone is thinking about this as we grow!"

According to Bitsy, "The O-School wants more day schoolers because the more day schoolers we have the more they will feel like they are a part of the community. There will be more people who all have the same experience of having to balance living at home and attending the Orthogenic School during the day. Also, the day school's kids can have a larger peer support group."

Katie, a day schooler in the Conquerors class, said "If day schoolers had permission from their families to stay longer, the day schoolers would get to know the dorm students better." According to Jessica C., a day student in the Xenophiles classroom "I don't think day schoolers want to stay later. Maybe before community meetings while waiting we could have games or free time."

It appears as though the day schoolers are increasing. This means that day schoolers have a bigger voice in the O-school and will require more staff. The O-school will find more ways to better include the day schoolers, whether it's during or after school.

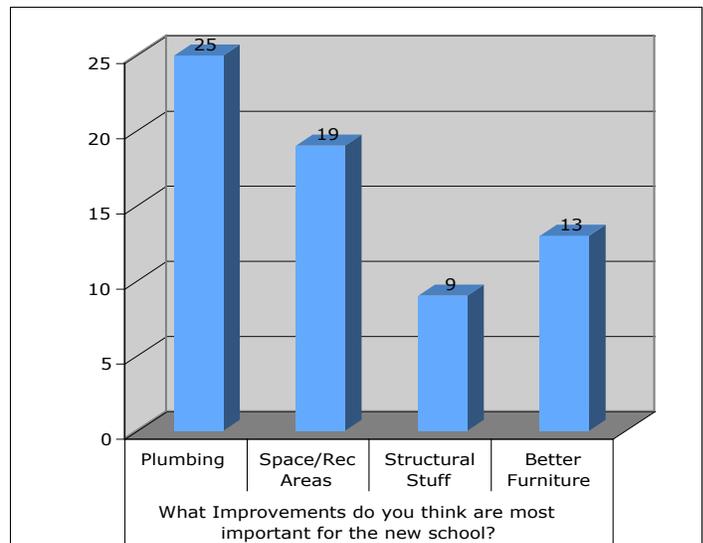
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us when we move. Many students suggested we take the yellow door because it is considered the symbol of our school. Nick A. and Joe, both members of TLC, suggest we bring all of the beds and couches, assuming there still in good condition. Many students suggested that we bring artwork. Jacob, a member of the Gryphons dorm, thought of bringing the courtyard fountain and the sculpture in the sideyard. Brooklyn, a member of the Starz dorm, suggested bringing the horse in the living room, the piano in the unit and the stained glass windows in the transitional hallway. Billy, a member of the Penguins dorm, thinks we should take the kitchen mural with us, although that would difficult.

The new school is sure new to have new features. Students here at the school have their opinions on what they want to see. Danica, a member of the Starz dorm, suggested a music room with equipment and more room in the gym. Kyle, a member in the Penguins dorm, stated that we should have better/cleaner quiet room bathrooms. Olivia, a member of the Minstrels dorms, thinks there should be more independent rooms. Multiple students thought of things that would be iffy such as a pool, a hot tub, an arcade, a go-kart track, a mall, flat screens and jetpacks. But hey, anything is possible.

I am sure there are many qualities that residents



here will miss; the sideyard to the unique art lurking around every corner of the building; the unit with its enormous TV; the courtyard with its fountain; the garden where various flowers and plants have grown. We will also miss the dorms where many laughs and friendships were made and the amazing view of the midway, where the sun is shining and the wind is blowing. Do you know where the wind is taking us? Somewhere within a 10 block radius 4 years from now.

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By Casey

and that you have to complete or at least mostly complete your treatment plan. There is often confusion about treatment plans, as they often have to be revised on the fly in order to suit individual students' needs and capabilities at the time. Sometimes treatment plans just don't go as, well... planned. Things have to constantly be changing to keep it relevant and helpful to the student in question.

By August, TLC will be empty, or at least emptied of current TLC students. As stated before, students are generally excited to move on to new things, and prospective TLC students are excited to move on up to TLC so that they can begin their Transition into independence or whatever their next step may be. Really, this school is full of "transitions," it's just that graduating happens to be the biggest one for most

students. Transition is not just a rough process for students, however, it is difficult for staff as well.

Students in TLC all had feelings of their own. Aaron was excited to get into the real world, felt like he had "been here too long," and that it was time to move on. Nick A, had a thing or two to say as well, noting that "[transitioning] is hard and long." The thing we have to remember is how rewarding the end of that process is if one follows through the entire way.

Treatment planning and transition planning can be rough on staff too. It's hard for staff to know exactly what is right for each individual student, but they are quite good at figuring it out. It's important that there is a lot of communication between staff and the students about their treatment plans. With proper cooperation, transition plans sprout-

ing out of the treatment plans can run smoothly, but most times there are bumps along the way as the student has a lot of room to improve or decline in the 2-4 years, on average, that they are here.

Transition plans are some of the most important documents created during a student's stay at this school. Without a solid plan, the students would surely fail. With proper co-operation between dorm staff, school staff, and administration, it's very possible to have a smooth and positive transition out of the school and into the 'real world'. Good luck graduating students of 2010!

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By Angie

she's looking into masters programs for special education. Dana has wanted to work as a teacher all her life but like all kids and even adults she has a job that would only exist in her dreams. That dream would be to become an FBI agent.

Dana's made an impact not only on the students, but also on staff members as well. Tony, the school side's coverage, works with Dana all the time. Dana's job at the school used to be Tony's. He said she by far exceeds the standards he set. He said, "She can teach a lot of different classes and is better at teaching than I ever was." His favorite thing about working with Dana is that she is awesome at crossword puzzles and that she's built very strong relationships with the students at the O'School. He likes working with Dana because she has a lot of insight; she's flexible, hard working and, very organized.

Another staff member is Michelle Z., one of the art

teachers at the O'School. Michelle told me that she loves working with Dana because she has such a positive attitude and that she's so interested in learning. She's very calm and very level headed. She thinks one of the most interesting things about Dana is her strong interest in other cultures.

Dana Bellich may still be kind of new but she's not new to me anymore and hopefully not to you now either. There's a lot of different and, interesting things about her, so now when you see her showing up in your classes when your teacher's out sick you won't feel like she's a stranger to you. Say "Hi", get to know her a little, and maybe ask her to take her shoe off and show you her pinky toe.

O'School's Got Talent

By Angie

You know the feeling when you laugh so hard you get light headed or when you laugh so hard you think you might jump right out of your seat? Well that's the feeling that the audience got during the O'School talent show on December 17th.

Seventeen acts were performed in a show that lasted an hour-and-a-half, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. It was held in the big gym with at least 100 people in the audience.

To be able to have an act in the show, students have to go through a number of steps. The first step is for students to organize their acts; decide what they're going to do, what type of music they are going to use, and what props they are going to need. The next



*Caramelldancing
Photo by YDC Staff*

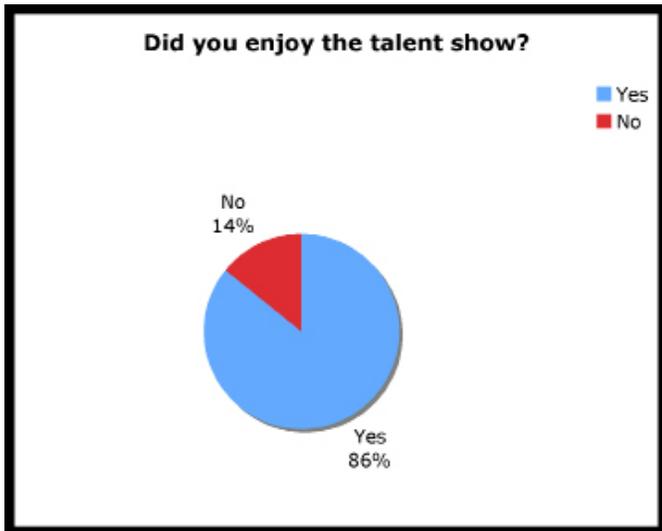
step is to fill out a sheet of paper with this information and get it approved by Ellie, Michelle Z, or Tina. After that, the students have to go to the dress rehearsal to plan how the talent show will be laid out. The final step is to show up and show everyone at the O'School what they've got.

A new rule was made for this year's talent show. It stated that each person could only be in two individual acts in the talent show, meaning one if they were in any group, dorm or classroom act. They made the new rule this year because in some of the previous talent shows, there were too many acts and the shows ended up lasting too long. In the end this year's new rule was a success. For the most part, everyone in the O'School thought that the number of acts was just right. This year's talent show involved a variety of different types of acts that were creative and filled with talent including dance routines, singing, and comedy skits.

One that involved many people was Caramelldansen. Even Pete went up and dragged Judith with him to join in during the Caramelldansen act. Many students who were in the audience went up and did the dance too. Caramelldansen started out as a Swedish pop song but it became popular in Japan. This was the biggest act of the night.

Anyone who stepped into the gymnasium during this year's talent show could tell how big of a success it was. The aura that filled the gymnasium walls that day was one of excitement and enthusiasm. Anyone could tell how good each act was because every time an act was finished the gym roared with applause.

The 2009 talent show was a success! There was non-stop laughter throughout the entire show, there were comedians and there was talent.

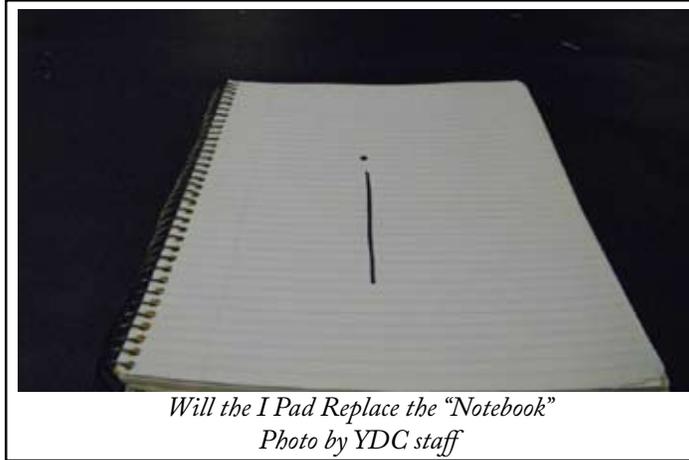


*O School talent!
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Apple's I-Pad Unveiled

By Molly

I'm sure by now many of you have heard about Apple's new device, the iPad. The iPad is Apple's version of a netbook. It is something between an iPhone and a laptop. Many say that the iPad is just an oversized iPod, while others say that the iPad is an amazing technological-ly advanced device. Sure, it has pros and cons just like any other device but is the device just an oversized iPod or is it something more? Will this device change the web experi-



Will the I Pad Replace the "Notebook"
Photo by YDC staff

ence forever or will it have little effect?

Today many people use Netbooks and they are highly popular. What makes these little laptops

so popular? Netbooks have almost as much to offer as laptops but they are much cheaper and much smaller than a regular laptop. The iPad is different from

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Google Phone Catapults into the Market

By Casey



Google Phone
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On January 5th, 2010, the Nexus One, previously dubbed 'the Google Phone' finally hit the markets. The hype has been massive, and the cravings for an Android run phone at its full capacity have reached near their maximum as the anticipation for the Nexus One builds even post release. Google has finally released its very own interpretation of how the Android phone OS should truly function, but, is the Nexus One all it's cracked up to be?

The specifications of

the phone appear to be above par for the current course. It is smaller than the iPhone, and far smaller than Verizon's Droid. "The shape and size is fantastic," wrote Gizmodo, a tech website. It runs on the brand new "Snapdragon" CPU, which is currently the fastest smartphone CPU available, running at 1 GHz. The phone has two microphones, one for talking and one for noise canceling, "Look for other phones to quickly add this feature. It's a must have," wrote

TechCrunch. According to tests done by various sites, the phone runs faster than both the iPhone and the Droid. The screen is a high res OLED screen running at 480x800, which is quite high for a phone. The iPhone runs at 320x480, or 480x320 on its side, and sports a 600 mhz processor. Obviously, high numbers are better.

Engadget sees many positive things about the phone. It is "sleek and sexy," and easy to use. However, they seemed to find nothing new or truly

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superior about the phone in relation to the iPhone or the Droid. In fact, paraphrasing the writer at Engadget, if he had an endless supply of money to buy one phone, he would choose the Droid over the Nexus One. It may also be widely noted that Engadget is notorious for being Apple and iPhone friendly, for example, their website is optimized for Safari, the internet browser of Macs and the iPhone.

Then there's the NexusOneBlog review, which praises the Nexus One in every way possible, claiming it is superior to every phone out there in almost every way. The writer of this article stated that he would buy the Nexus One in a heartbeat.

Tech Crunch had a more sensible review than NexusOneBlog in that it seemed less biased, stating more facts and testing. The writer of this review said, "the [Nexus One] has no obvious flaws," and that he will, "happily use it, until as I say, something better comes along." He also noted that the Nexus One has some very handy applications, such as Google Navigation, an easy to use GPS program. He has used just about every android smartphone on the market, and sees the Nexus One as by far the best.

It's hard to find a theme on all the reviews, but one consensus that can be found among multiple reviews is that the Nexus One interface and usability is much less pleasing than the iPhone. Some describe the Nexus as having a clunky interface and awkward touch controls. Others complain about the buttons on the bottom. A lot of reviewers re-

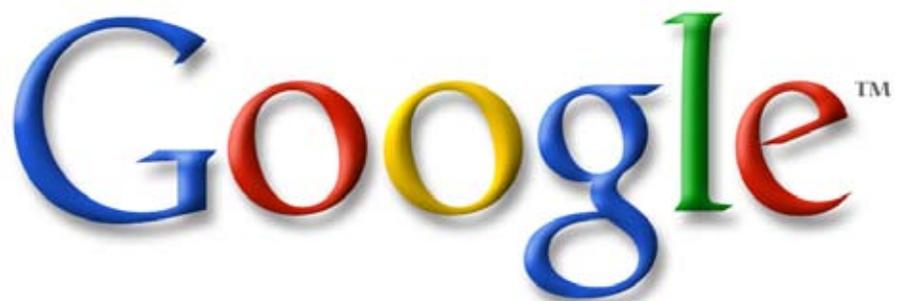
ally miss the iPhone's multi-touch technology when using the Nexus One, or any Android based phone for that matter.

Now that you know the deal with the Nexus One, I'm sure you're asking, "Well, how much does it cost?" For your average teenager and young adult budget, it's going to be steep at 180 USD for a T-Mobile contract and the phone, and five-hundred-eighty whopping dollars for the phone without a plan, unlocked to be used with any provider that utilizes the GSM coding (SIM cards). The Verizon Wireless version of the phone is "coming soon" according to Google's website, though the only carrier officially supporting the phone is T-Mobile at this time. It will also soon be available on Vodafone in Europe.

Is this phone right for your average teenager or young adult? It all depends on your budget and provider, as well as your needs in a phone. It IS expensive, and a teenager doesn't necessarily need a phone with the capabilities of the Nexus One. However, that's not to discourage you from getting it. The other factor is, if you already have a Droid or an

iPhone, it's probably not going to blow you away.

The Nexus One certainly has the capabilities to be the next iPhone, aka the "iPhone Killer," although most agree that it lacks the smoothness and apps that the iPhone has. However, it's important to note that the Nexus One only sold 20,000 units in its first week, compared to the Droid's 250,000, and the iPhone's whopping 1.6 million. Even though in some ways it may seem like it's technologically superior to the iPhone, they are still different enough that the distinguishable factors may be enough to split the community on which features are better. It may be smart to wait and see if Google releases updates for the Android platform that change things a great deal. Another idea is to wait to see if there is a "Nexus Two" on the horizon.



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most netbooks because it does not open and close like a standard netbook and it is all touch screen. The iPad is kind of like a revolutionary netbook; while it is similar in use, it does have some more capabilities, but also lacks some key ones. Netbooks have full keyboards and can multitask and run most programs, while the iPad does not have a full external keyboard and cannot multitask and cannot support some major programs such as Adobe flash.

Apple's iPad is not the only tablet device. There are other tablet devices on the market right now and some are awaiting their debut just as the iPad is. Many tablets are used for businesses and by teachers because they are an easy way of presenting things and keeping important information stored. Many new tablets lack keyboards just as the iPad does and they range in price from \$200 and up. The thing about general tablets is that they would have no use for people who just want to play around on them or surf the web. The iPad will target more of the general population not just business owners and teachers.

On January 27, 2010 Apple revealed the iPad during a press conference held in San Francisco, California. Apple's Chief Executive, Steve Jobs, did a pretty good job making the iPad sound and look appealing. During the press conference, he gave demonstrations on the iPad, showed us some new apps, and glorified "our most advanced technology in a magical and revolutionary device at an unbelievable price." Despite Apple's best efforts, the day

after the press conference there were already negative speculations about the highly acclaimed iPad.

According to *The New York Times*, many of the speculations have to do with the fact that the iPad seems very similar to the iPod, or even the iPhone. Yes, the iPad is bigger, but it is exactly the same design. Another speculation about the iPad is that it does not have a camera or video camera, which was a disappointment to many possible consumers. Most laptops and phones have cameras and video cameras, so it's hard to believe that such an "advanced" device does not.

The iPad cannot multitask meaning you cannot run more than one program at a time. For example you cannot be playing a game and listening to your iTunes at the same time, this is an obvious drawback. Possibly the biggest controversy is due to the fact that the iPad is an all touch screen device without an external keyboard. Many people find touch screens frustrating and hard to operate. Another knock on the iPad is about the name of the device which many people feel lacks creativity.

The iPad did not disappoint people in all aspects though. The iPad has some very good and "revolutionary" qualities about it. The device looks awesome; it is sleek and has clean-cut lines, which are a classic apple look. The device is very slim and fits in your hands just as a magazine would, which makes you feel more in control while operating it. Steve Jobs called it an "intimate" experience because you feel like you can have the web at your fingertips. The

iPad is actually said to give the user the best web surfing experience.

The iPad also has access to the 140,000 applications that are available in Apple's application Store. The applications are supposed to run much better on the iPad than on any other device and some apps are even upgrading so that they can have extra features when run on the iPad.

Apple also started a new program for the iPad. This new program is called iBook. It is somewhat like iTunes except instead of buying music on it you can buy books and then read them on your iPad.

Another good thing about the iPad would have to be the price of it. The iPad starts at just \$499 and its highest price is \$829, which is still pretty cheap for apple. The cheapest version of the iPad is of course Wi-Fi capable and has 16GB. The most expensive version is Wi-Fi capable as well as 3G capable and has 64GB.

The iPad is expected to be an okay seller. Many people think that it will not have as big of an impact as that of iPods and iPhones on technology, but who knows? As of now the iPad is not even available for the public. So you still have time to think about whether you really want the iPad or you could live without it. Either way Apple has got all of our attention once again.

Tiger Woods Caught Cheating

By Kyle

Tiger Woods is the number one golf player in the world. In the past couple of months he has been under fire as a number of extramarital affairs have come to light, hurting his public image and position with his endorsement companies.

On November 25, 2009, a tabloid called the National Enquirer reported nightclub manager Rachel Uchitel had an affair with Tiger Woods, a claim both denied. Two days later on November 27, Woods was involved in a car crash outside his Florida home which resulted in intense media attention with several more women claiming through multiple media outlets that they had had an affair with Woods. On December 2, Woods issued a statement that said he admitted to and was sorry for "transgressions" and offered an apology for any offended.

On December 11, Woods issued another statement offering another apology and announcing an indefinite leave from golf to work on his marriage. He also praised his wife Elin for helping him out.

Soon after the Dec. 11 statement, rumors began to circulate that Elin Nordegren, Woods' wife, was seeking a divorce as Woods checked himself into a sex rehabilitation center in Mississippi.

On January 26, entertainment website RadarOnline.com reported that Woods may be able to save his marriage, as his wife, Elin Nordegren, visited Woods

while he was in sex rehabilitation in Mississippi and reportedly has called off filing for divorce after her five-day stay there. RadarOnline.com's source told them that, "She was happy when she came home. Things went well." Nordegren wants to save the marriage, as she does not want her children to be raised fatherless.

As of February 5, there has been a report that Woods would reportedly attempt a comeback to golf on February 17, at the WGC Match Play Championship in Arizona. According to the Melbourne Herald Sun newspaper, Woods' management team approached organizers about Woods playing at the WGC event at Dove Mountain in Arizona.

BBC golf correspondent Iain Carter states, "Rumors of his return persist in Australia and were initially greeted with skepticism, but persist. It would be a surprise, but a reliable source says he will play in Arizona. The Matchplay is sponsored by Accenture, one of the companies that ended sponsorship deals with Woods in the wake of his fall from grace. It would be unlike Woods to play in a tournament backed by a sponsor that had embarrassingly ditched him, but, given this background, to return in Arizona could send a powerful message that he intends to be a changed man."

According to a study done by the University of California, Davis, Tiger Woods caused \$12 billion in losses for his endorsement companies due to the scandal around his extramarital affairs. The study says that according to the stock market returns for the 13 trading days that fell between Nov. 27 the day of the car crash and Dec. 17, a week after Woods had announced his indefinite leave from golf, the Woods affair had reduced stock value 2.3% or \$12 billion.

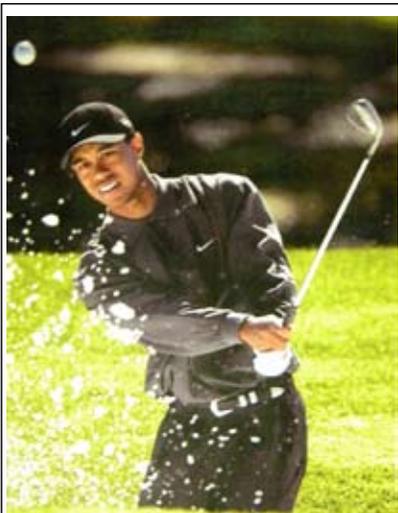
Multiple sponsor companies have let go of Woods as a sponsor since the car crash. Accenture has permanently let him go as of December 13, AT&T ended their endorsement of Woods on December 31, Gillette suspended advertisements of Woods, and Gatorade discontinued its line of Tiger Woods drinks. General Motors suspended free car loans for Woods, and watchmaker Tag Heuer has lowered its usage of Woods.

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However, Nike has backed up Woods and Electronic Arts is going ahead with plans to release a game featuring the golfer.

Tiger Woods' scandal and subsequent departure from golf have had a bad impact on his personal popularity. According to a USA Today/Gallup poll taken in December 2009, his favorable rating fell from 85% in June 2005 to 33% in December and his unfavorable rating climbed from 8% in 2005 to 57% in December.

Tiger Woods' departure from the sport that made him famous could have a major impact on the popularity of golf. Comparing the Nielsen ratings for PGA tour events in which he was in to the ones he missed in his shortened season of 2008 due to a knee injury, Wood's absence caused viewer ratings to drop considerably.



Tiger Woods
Photo by YDC staff

hot topic

What is your favorite winter olympic sport?

Women's Figure Skating Because it's graceful! -Jessica W.

I love watching ice skating because it is choreographed and in a way just like dancing -Kayla B.

Men's Ice Hockey. It's AWESOME!!!! -Matt U.

Snowboard cross because I love to snowboard -Aidan

Ski jumping, because it's not any everyday sport -Jill

Hockey, nough said -Nick A.

I really like snowboarding, mainly because I play SSX On Tour for xbox quite often. -Tommy W.

Hockey BC Casey likes it - Shelby

Hockey because I watch it a lot. -Joe

Hockey, it's a fun fest, contact sport that is very hardcore -Denzel

Hockey -Victor

None - Sky

Snowboarding. I like sports that require balance -Tyler

Ice skating - Katie

Ice skating, because it is the only one I've done - Isaiah

Bobsledding - Ryan

Skiing - Jeremy

Hockey - Leo

Snowboarding - Lucas

Bobsledding is fun - J.B.

Bobsledding - Eddie

Hockey because it rocks! - James No.

Luge and ice dancing are my favorites because they're sports I've considered trying in real life - Brooklyn

Skating - Kendall

Men's Ice Hockey is certainly the superior event at the Olympics. - Casey

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