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TRU TUBE: Students find stardom online



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Students on campus are finding more ways to express themselves on the Internet.

YouTube allows users to upload their homemade videos for free and communicate with other YouTube users all over the world.

Although a majority of the videos are intended to be comical, other YouTube users have begun to create video blogs, or vlogs, to talk about whatever they want.

Sophomore Dan Heagney is a frequent vlogger, and he steadily is becoming an Internet celebrity. At the end of August, the gay news site AfterElton.com featured Heagney as one of seven "Gay Internet Stars of Tomorrow."

AfterElton.com commended Heagney for the way in which he "takes aim at gay stereotypes," according to the article.

Heagney has been making video blogs for more than a year on YouTube under the name GDProphetXVII.

"I was just tired of writing blogs on MySpace," he said. "I wanted to do some-

thing different."

Heagney started recording himself discussing primarily gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues and sexuality, although other issues come into play, such as race.

Heagney currently has more than 80 videos on YouTube, with a combined total of more than 50,000 views.

"I get about 20 new [subscribers] a day," he said. "I never expected to get that many."

More than 2,100 YouTube members have subscribed to his videos.

Heagney said he has received a lot of praise for his vlogs. He also said one person even contacted him saying the videos helped him "come out" to his entire family.

"At first it was just a big ego boost ... because a lot of people would leave comments and compliment me," he said. "Now it gives me a sense that people look up to me. It helps me know that I am reaching out to people."

Each video, he said, takes about two hours to make. Heagney also said that although most of his videos are planned and edited, he will make impromptu vlogs on occasion.

He said that although he doesn't know of many people who vlog, he doesn't see a need for everyone to try it.

"People should only do it if they're going to talk about something important," Heagney said.

Heagney also has a vlog with sophomore Kelley Seitter. Seitter and Heagney created a series on YouTube during which they expound on a variety of social issues ranging from fashion to human behavior.

"We say stuff I think people are too afraid to say," Seitter said. "I think that's why people really like it."

Seitter said their video series also has recorded thousands of views.

"Our fan base keeps growing every single time we make them, which is really cool to watch," she said.

Seitter said she has experienced Internet fame — recently, a complete stranger in Kansas City recognized her from her videos with Heagney.

"You don't realize how many people you get to without that feedback," she said. "It's kind of overwhelming."

Seitter said she and Heagney add another episode every few months, so that they have plenty to say when they put it together. Their comical rantings last about eight to 10 minutes.

Seitter also said they plan to continue the series for as long as there is interest.

"As long as people keep watching them and liking them, then we'll keep doing them," Seitter said.

Sophomore Benjamin Sells said he doesn't plan to enter the world of "vlogging" soon.

"Video blogging comes off too often as just being angry or sad," he said. "How many video blogs are of happy people?"

Instead, Sells makes videos of himself dancing or singing to various songs, such as "Jerk It Out" by The Caesars. Although he only has made three videos thus far, Sells said he intends on making more this semester.

"YouTube is like the new frontier," Sells said, emphasizing the ease of the video-making process. "I can do it at anytime, and I don't have to work on the video much."

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Sophomore Benjamin Sells (alias zoomz66) lets loose with The Caesars on YouTube.



Sophomores Dan Heagney, also left, and Kelley Seitter co-host a popular vlog series.

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Ovarian cancer symptoms often go unnoticed

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Freshman Kristen Sparks said she doesn't know much about ovarian cancer. "I know it's in your ovaries," she said. Sparks said she is unfamiliar with the symptoms of ovarian cancer and doesn't know anyone affected by the disease.

"Most diseases out there, we don't know that much about unless they're highly publicized," Sparks said.

Indiana resident Aubrey Yike's story, however, is very different.

"I should have picked up on the signs"

On a shopping trip around town, then-

19-year-old Indiana resident Aubrey Yike noticed a change in her body: One side of her abdomen was bloated outward.

"I felt like I swallowed a big rock, and I couldn't bend over," the now 24-year-old said.

Yike dismissed the problem, blaming it on the heat and the fact that she hadn't eaten.

Later, she experienced other problems: frequent fatigue, growing thicker-than-usual facial hair and becoming dizzy at work.

"[The dizziness] was almost cartoon-like, when you get the stars," she said.

Yike said she felt a hard spot on one

side of her stomach but attributed it to weight gain.

"I should have picked up on the signs, but I had an excuse for everything," Yike said.

"I was very lucky"

Those symptoms, in addition to constipation, diarrhea and other issues, were trying to tell her she had ovarian cancer.

When Yike finally went to the doctor and was diagnosed, she was rushed to surgery. Three tumors and an ovary were removed from her body before she underwent three months of intense chemotherapy, Yike said.

Because of the severity of the germ

cell tumors, an uncommon, aggressive form of ovarian cancer, Yike was left with only one working kidney and had to undergo an extra surgery because of it, she said.

Now Yike is left with only one ovary, but she said it doesn't concern her. She said she could consider adoption.

"It wouldn't be a big deal if down the road they had to take the other one," she said. "It's not the end of the world if you can't have kids."

Although cancer at age 19 might seem like a life-changing event, Yike said it didn't affect her too much, aside from maturing her more quickly.

"I don't hold it against anyone, and

I'm not mad I had cancer," she said.

Now Yike is more cautious about her body and taking care of herself.

"I was very lucky," Yike said.

Common for college women?

Kirksville doctor Melicien Tettambel said germ cell tumors in the ovaries are the most common form of ovarian cancer in younger women, and the development and symptoms occur much more quickly.

Dermoid ovarian cancer also is more common among younger women, Tettambel said.

However, ovarian cancer in women age 18 to 24 is rather rare, she said.

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Free

