



fan accounts: the new way to appreciate friends

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There are around 800 million accounts on Instagram, and not all of them are people and businesses. One type of account many in the Class of 2021 have taken to is fan accounts. From David Rozen's meme account to Synnove Mikkelsen's fan club page, fan accounts have become part of the culture of the sophomore class.

The largest fan account is the David Rozen meme page. The original account amassed more than 300 followers within about three months before getting deleted. Arman Arabzadeh, one of the sophomores in charge of the page, expressed disbelief over the account growing so quickly. The account had more followers than David Rozen's personal account. No one knows why the original fan account was deleted, but Arabzadeh has his theories.

"My best guess is that someone reported it as impersonation, but David was fully aware of it, and if you go to his main account you can see that it's in his bio," Arabzadeh said.

The group in charge still has hope for the new account to return to its predecessor's glory. Still, Arabzadeh stressed that he would not approve of the account if Rozen disliked it.

"It is literally memes of him, [so] obviously if anybody does not want something of themselves out on the internet and I can control that, then I'll do something about it," Arabzadeh said.

While Rozen has not yet identified the three people who are in charge of the account, he still expresses pride over the account's existence.

Rozen is not the only one who enjoys having a fan account. Sophomore Synnove Mikkelsen said the fan account based on her is both entertaining and a great conversation starter. Mikkelsen has a favorable opinion on fan accounts, and she said she would even consider making one for someone else.

"I think it's so much fun because it is about loving yourself or loving another person, so I think it's really positive overall," Mikkelsen said.

She said the account is a giant meme in itself, but the person who runs the account disagrees, calling it an "appreciation account."

"Synnove was eating some Life Savers, which is the greatest candy ever created," the anonymous creator explained. "I told Synnove, 'If you give me that Life

Saver I'll make you the best fan account.' She was hooked, and she gave me the Life Saver. But after creating the account, it was no longer about the Life Saver, it was about appreciation of a queen."

Not all fan accounts are active forever, though. Sophomore Jolie Kolassa's best friend at the time, Aaron Batista, made a fan account for her in eighth grade. The account died after its first year of creation. Kolassa said she associates it with "the good old days" and found it "very entertaining."

Sophomore class president Zaneer Mitha also has a fan account. "I was asked for permission from someone to start this account as a form of publicity for my [sophomore class president] campaign, and I said I didn't think it was a good idea. I then

made a deal with a friend that as soon as the campaign was over, I would give him permission to start the account. The polls closed, and that was that," Mitha said.

Mitha's fan account showcases his complexity as a person.

"I think this account is legitimate because it shows all sides of me and not just the sides of me that I think look good on camera," Mitha explained.

Whether active or inactive, the accounts have proven to be a light-hearted way for these sophomores to bond and appreciate each other in today's busy high school social life.

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