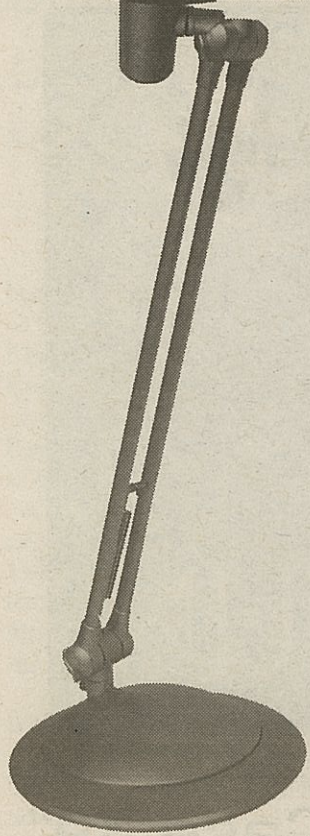


# in the Spotlight

## Chelsea Gliva



**E**ver wondered what it would be like to travel to Europe? Well, Chelsea Gliva knows exactly what it feels like. Over this past summer, Chelsea, a seventeen year old junior at BHS, took a vacation to four different countries. She traveled to Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and England.

"All of these places were different and unique in their own way," Chelsea said, "it was a nice change from being in Beecher all the time and I learned so many new things."

Chelsea traveled to Europe through a program called People to People.

According to [peopletopeople.com](http://peopletopeople.com), this program "prepares students for success in a globalized world through international travel and positive, life-changing educational experiences."

Chelsea was recommended for this program by a teacher or a coach, who remains anonymous.

"I was so surprised and excited when I found out I was recommended for People to People," Chelsea said. The total cost for her trip was \$6,500.

"I did so much fundraising," Chelsea said.

All of that fundraising paid off, Chelsea spent almost 6 weeks of her vacation in Europe.

"In Europe the people had very strong accents, sometimes it was very hard to understand what they were saying, especially in Ireland," Chelsea said, "their vocabulary is somewhat different, too."

Examples? Instead of saying "fries," they used "chips." Instead of saying "trash," they said "rubbish." Also, they used "gurkin" and "tats" for pickles and potatoes. They also spoke very proper. Their attire is much more appropriate, also.

"Everyone was completely covered and well-dressed," Chelsea explained, "in Scotland they really do wear kilts!"

Food was also something very different for Chelsea.

"It was hard for me to get used to; it was all very plain and simple with no flavor". She explained that most of what she ate was chicken and a side of potatoes. The portions were much

smaller than what most people are used to in America, and they don't give refills on drinks, either.

"Europe honestly didn't have many obese people at all," Chelsea said.

As for sports, Rugby, Soccer, and Gaelic football were the main sources of athletic entertainment.

"They didn't know what baseball was," Chelsea said. An interesting fact that most people don't know is that their professional sports teams don't get paid. They play it simply for the love of the game.

"Everyone was so friendly, cheerful, and very happy," Chelsea said. Ireland was her favorite stop on her vacation, "It was just so beautiful." Another thing most Beecherites don't know is how eco-friendly Europe is. Chelsea explained the 5-minute shower limit and how there was absolutely no litter. "There were sensor lights everywhere I went, no switches," Chelsea said, "washers and driers were a privilege."

The schools in Europe do not have any grade levels. There is a middle school and a grad school. Their education is very high though, with no extracurricular activities unless a person is in honors classes. Technology was something very different, too. London was the only city where people walked around with cell phones. Televisions were used to watch news and sporting events only.

"In England they had the telephone booths," Chelsea said.

Overall, Chelsea's trip can help everyone understand just how different our world is. Cultural diversity is a world-

wide subject. What most people are used to in Beecher are the sports games or going to Buddies. Chelsea had the opportunity to travel across the world and see what it is really like on the other side.

"I'm so thankful to have had the chance to travel at my age and see the rest of the world," Chelsea said.

For more information on People to People go to [peopletopeople.com](http://peopletopeople.com).



**In England:** Chelsea poses in a telephone booth, which are common.

"The People to People movement dates back more than half a century to its founding by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. Eisenhower was acting on his firm belief that direct interaction between ordinary citizens around the world can promote cultural understanding and world peace. That proud legacy of hope lives on in People to People Ambassador Programs on seven continents."

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## Question & Answer with Chelsea Gliva

**Spectrum:** What was your favorite place and why?

**Chelsea:** Ireland, it was the most beautiful place I've ever seen.

**Spectrum:** Which place was the most usual and why?

**Chelsea:** Scotland, everything there was completely different from what we're used to, from the clothes, to the way they watch t.v.

**Spectrum:** What was your favorite memory?

**Chelsea:** Repelling down a castle wall in Wales.

**Spectrum:** Would you go on another People to People trip again?

**Chelsea:** Definitely.

**Spectrum:** Would you recommend People to People to anyone else?

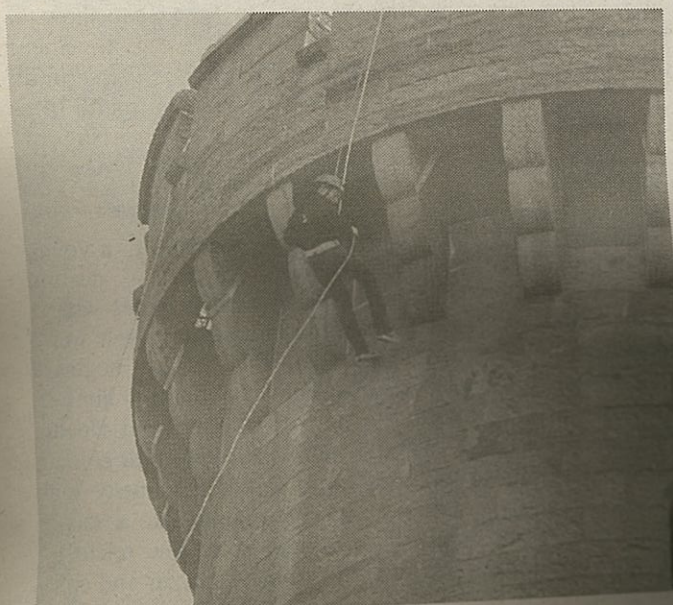
**Chelsea:** I definitely would, it's such a great experience.

**Spectrum:** What was the strangest thing you ate?

**Chelsea:** Haggis, which is sheep's stomach.

**Spectrum:** What did you really like about the program?

**Chelsea:** Just having the experience to travel to such amazing places.



**Adventure is added:** Chelsea rappelling down a castle wall in Wales.



**Enjoying the scenery:** Chelsea poses for a picture at a beach in Ireland.



**Ireland:** Castles are scattered in Ireland along with the great scenery.