Hare Today History Lessons: Twitch Plays History

Many of you may have become familiar with the phenomenon “Twitch Plays Pokemon” over the past two weeks. The program, in which over a hundred thousand individuals all attempt to input commands into the same online version of “Pokemon Red” in a collected effort to beat the game, reached its stunning conclusion over the weekend when everyone somehow managed to not only agree on a strategy to defeat the Elite Four and champion, but also carry it out. Granted, the game took over sixteen straight days of playing, just shy of 400 consecutive hours and close to twenty times longer than it should have taken, but overall, everyone seemed to agree that this was now one of humanity’s crowning achievements. But just as many a great man or woman has only reached their peaks by standing on the shoulders of giants, so too must we acknowledge the numerous earlier efforts that built up to the eventual final defeat of the Pokemon League.

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House Events
3/3 5:30pm Chiara Quartet Dinner
3/5 7:00pm House Yoga
3/6 5:30pm Not Just Sherry Hour
3/6 6:00pm Community Dinner
3/7 12:00pm Old Library Luncheon

3/3 8:30pm Ice Hockey vs. Eliot/Quincy

Movie Quote
“I don’t want to survive. I want to live.”

Last Week’s Quote was from Frozen.
[“Do you want to build a snowman?”]
Many years later, England successfully employs the same method in its attempts to colonize the land that would eventually become America. The program spawns many successes, although it’s not without tragedy; early settlement Roanoke is inadvertently released during an ill-fated PC visit by the Royal Crown, never to be seen again.

Finally, in the Cold War, Twitch would set the US’s initial efforts in the Space Race back several years. Players could not agree on the best shuttle to purchase and teach HM02-Fly to, giving the Soviets a leg up in the process. However, in the battle over the cursor, Twitch-led NASA would purchase 3 ATVs, a really nice boat, and a fire stone to evolve Eevee.

From these early trials and errors, eventually the world was able to collective take its position as the true Pokemon Master. Or at least, until they started the sequel, Pokemon Crystal, on Sunday…

Good Luck to all Leverett students with their thesis work! Leverett believes in you!