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Cheaters!

By Delaney Savoie &
Jonathan Sosa

Widespread cheating occurred on the World Literature semester final exam administered to all seniors on January 22-24 after the answer key to the test was stolen from a teacher's desk and circulated among several students in the senior class.

"By the Saturday before the final exam me and all of my friends had the answers to the final," admitted a senior who wished only to be identified as being from Division 785.

Faculty members are still unsure who stole the answer key, but an investigation is underway and the administration claims to have some leads on who was allegedly involved.

One thing that is certain is that the answers spread across the senior class very quickly.

"About four percent of my students blatantly cheated, but I believe that about 30 percent actually cheated," said a World Literature teacher who asked not to be identified. "I am surprised that Chicago's best and brightest committed such an act as cheating on an exam."

"It was crazy, I mean what some people were doing with the answers," said another senior, Div. 789. "I found them available everywhere from MySpace, FaceBook, and even to MiGente (blog websites). I know a few people who posted the answers on MySpace for sale."

"I bought my answers for the final off of some guy I didn't even know off of MySpace for \$5," claimed a senior, Div. 786.

With such a large number of seniors who cheated on the final exam it has been difficult for teachers to pinpoint exactly who cheated, but they do have some clues.

"The answer key to the World Literature final had one answer which was incorrect, so the simple solution for the senior cheating problem is to discipline everyone who received a 98 percent with that one question wrong," said Mr. Jones, an English teacher.

"Seniors who were caught blatantly cheating did get a three day out of school suspension," said Ms. Rice, Dean of Students.

But exactly how extensive is cheating at Lane? Of 400 polled

students, 100 from each grade level, 93.25 percent admitted to having cheated some time during their high school experience.

The specific reasons given for cheating were as diverse as Lane's student body. Many said they did not know why they cheated and that "it has gotten too easy not to cheat."

Catherine Santis, Div. 855, considers cheating to be wrong even though she admits to doing it, largely because she feels an obligation to help her friends.

"I don't want to feel bad for not letting a friend cheat," she said.

Many students seem to cave to the peer pressure of the "unspoken contract" between one another to help out their friends.

Others have said that the only way they would pass a class was to cheat. Although teachers have taken action to prevent cheating, students often manage to find a way around the system.

"I cheat on anything that I can get away with," said an anonymous Lane student, Div. 861.

"The only way that I can balance school, work, and my social life is to cheat a little bit here and there," said another anonymous student, Div. 770.



This pen with a scroll-like pull-out was discovered in the possession of a senior who used it to cheat on the World Literature final exam.

Students have come up with numerous techniques for cheating. Some of the simple methods include looking at their neighbor's paper, asking a friend for the answer, and even writing notes or answers on skin and clothes.

One of the most creative techniques was the "cleavage trick."

"What you do is make a cheat sheet small enough to fit in your cleavage, stick it [there], and while the teacher is not looking give yourself a little peak," said Paige Grabinski, Div. 873.

Other clothing conducive to hiding cheat sheets include the new, stylish pants with holes in them.

"Make a cheat sheet and stick it in your pants by the hole to look

at it while taking a test," said Melissa Habibovic, Div. 850.

Advances in technology also make cheating a lot easier. Such techniques include friends texting each other answers via cell phones. Also PSP's (Play Station Portables) can be used to cheat. A group of people can wirelessly connect with each other and secretly chat on PSP's or Nintendo DS's. Additionally, students in science and math classes say that they make cheat sheets and program them into their calculators.

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Physics teacher Scane resigns from Lane

By Natalia Santillan

On Nov. 22, physics teacher Mr. Brian Scane officially resigned from Lane for "personal reasons."

"I do want to say that my reason for leaving was a Chicago Board of Education issue," said Scane, "regarding a Board rule that I broke and it had nothing to do with the Lane Administration. They were extremely supportive and tried their hardest to find ways to protect my job at Lane. I thank them repeatedly for all of their efforts, and I have no animosity toward anyone."

"We tried to keep him here a little longer [and] in the end, he resigned," said Dr. Lobosco.

Some of the rumors surrounding his departure included that he suffered from dangerous health issues.

"I just wanted to drop a clear line that no, I do not have kidney failure, or any of the other crazy

rumors going around about me," said Scane. "I have to say that I think that's hilarious!"

His classes were taken over by current Lane teachers Mr. Hencinski, Mrs. Naderi, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Kanner, and Ms. Joseph.

"They should have at least let him stay until the end of the semester," said Pawel Szeliski, Div 882, former physics student of Scane. "We had a substitute, and we didn't learn anything for two weeks."

Mr. Miklusak, another physics teacher and friend of Scane, believes Lane is worse off without him.

"He was a very inventive teacher that was highly involved in his school's community," said Miklusak.

Some students remember Scane for his unconventional teaching methods.

"I thought Mr. Scane was really easy-going and different from all other teachers, which made him one-of-a-kind," said Angela

Wodnicki, Div 779. "He didn't stick to the textbooks and he taught in his own, effective way."

Many students said he should have been allowed to stay until the end of the semester.

"I don't think they should have fired him, they could have waited till the end of the year," said Alexander Riviera, Div 751. "That was very irresponsible on behalf of the administration. They took too long to find a replacement. It's as if no one cared at all, and that's very sad."

Scane does not see his departure as a setback, but as an opportunity to experience teaching outside of the CPS system.

"I know I will miss being at Lane and I will especially miss all of my students. Lane is a unique community and unfortunately I know I will never find its equal anywhere else," said Scane. "I will miss everyone very much but I do look forward to seeing my seniors at graduation this June."

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U.S. to change immigration policies

Border surveillance to increase; Illegals still guaranteed free education at high school level

By Veronica Lozano

According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are currently around 10 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, but in reality it is probably twice that amount. And each year, the population of undocumented immigrants increases by about 500,000 people.

The government is currently considering granting amnesty, or something like it, to those who are undocumented, which would pardon them of their illegal status. This, however, poses a problem. When amnesty was granted in 1986, the government estimated it would add around 1 million new citizens, but they were wrong. The U.S. actually added 3 million.

It is difficult to consider granting amnesty to these immigrants simply because there are so many of them to contend with. Many citizens are scared of the effect illegal immigrants could have on the economy, which is why there are so many different opinions on the immigration debate.

Although the U.S. houses undocumented immigrants from all over the world, Mexicans make up about 70 percent of them, and therefore the government has focused its attention primarily on the Mexican border.

In the fall of 2006, the government passed a Secure Fence Act, which called for the addition of 700 miles to the existing 100 miles of fencing along the border.

"[Building a wall] will definitely lessen the amount of illegal immigrants fleeing to the U.S.," said Emily Whitis, Div. 753.

Others believe the money used to build the wall could be spent more effectively.

"The U.S. is wasting their money," said Janeth Mendoza, Div. 756. "People are eventually going to find a way to cross the border. The U.S. should use their money for something more important, like schools."

Due to the fact the about 100 Mexicans die annually on their way across the border as a result of drowning, dehydration, and hypothermia, Mexico has recently issued a statement saying that it will supply as many as 200,000 tracking devices to Mexicans who will be attempting to cross the border in order

to assure their safe arrival. Some students believe this sympathy encourages Mexicans to attempt to illegally enter the U.S.

"The Mexican government should encourage their people to stay in their country. The device is beneficial, but it's sending the wrong message," said an anonymous sophomore.

Others believe that Mexico is only trying to ensure the safety of its people.

It seems that the major problem for most immigrants is not the journey to America, but the

ocumented immigrants access to free public education, these students cannot attend college due to their illegal status.

"It hasn't affected my education so far," said an anonymous junior, who is illegal. "I want to go to college but I don't know how."

"Deprivation of public education punishes a class of people not responsible for their legal status," states the CPS website. "Any action by a school district that has the effect of denying access to a free public education

in the U.S. for more than five years to apply for conditional status. This would authorize up to six years of legal residence, after which permanent residence may be granted.

The government has also decided to increase the difficulty level of citizenship tests. On Nov. 30, 2006, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Emilio Gonzalez declared they will release 144 questions and answers for the pilot test of a new naturalization exam. USCIS will administer the pilot exam to about 5,000 volunteer citizenship applicants in 10 cities beginning in early 2007. The test will include new questions that focus primarily on the concepts of democracy and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The test is expected to be implemented nationwide in the spring of 2008.

Lane's Records Office is unable to say how many illegal immigrants attend Lane because it is illegal to expose the identity of these students.

"America is where people come to seek a better life for themselves and their families," said Vivian Rivera, Div. 021. "If they need help it's our job to help them."

"We are not saying 'Hey, stay the heck out.' Just if you must come over, do it the right way. We don't want overcrowding to worsen, we don't want to throw off the economy, we don't want to have to strengthen the borders and beef up security," said Chakira Hamilton, Div. 873. "That stuff only winds up costing us money in the long run, and everyone wants to hold on to their money. We just want to ensure a certain type of order, which obviously the immigrants find appealing. So help us help you and do it the right way!"

Despite government efforts, immigration continues to be a hot topic for debate both in Congress and among Lane's student body.



A sign near the U.S. / Mexico boarder prohibiting illegal crossing.

hardships they must endure once they arrive. Many of them are hired to work on farms or in restaurants, accepting low paying jobs because they are not qualified for any other work. They take on unappealing and sometimes dangerous work that many citizens are not willing to expose themselves to.

"I am so sick of hearing that immigrants are taking citizens jobs," said Lucia Orozco, Div. 868. "If [people] would look closer they would see that most immigrants work at jobs that citizens think they are too good for."

There are also problems for immigrants who wish to pursue higher education. Although Bush's No Child Left Behind Act and 1982 Supreme Court case *Plyler v. Doe* ensure undoc-

to an immigrant student will be deemed unconstitutional."

It is said that between five and 10 percent of undocumented students go on to attend college, compared to 75 percent of U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The recently implemented DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors), however, allows students with good values residing

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Military recruitment on rise at Lane

By Frank Weinert

In a time of war and economic inequalities, enlisting in the military is a serious and considerable option for many high school seniors.

Lane's immense student population is such a target for military recruiters that it was necessary to set up a recruiting center across Addison in Lane Plaza. But the high probability of recruit deployment to Iraq and an overwhelming antiwar sentiment among Americans makes recruitment much harder.

Because Lane receives assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the CPS law department is required to provide military recruiters with Lane Tech students' names, addresses, and telephone listings when requested.

"Military recruiters are offered the same consideration as college recruiters - by law," said Dr. LoBosco. "Students have to opt out of having their names made available to the military. Forms were given out at Report Card Pick Up, but it is not too late [to have their names removed from the list]."

Recruiters successfully make their arguments by explaining the benefits of the military, such as money for education, comprehensive health care, and family services. But students have indicated that recruiters are not always forthcoming in their explanations.

"[Marine recruiters] lie straight to your face," said Arthur Wilas, Div. 779. "The military is not a bad option, but when considering enlistment, don't get all your information from recruiters because they have a quota to fill."

Some students think that recruiters omit important information about enlisting.

"They tell you all the benefits, but they kind of leave all the bad stuff out," said Noe Ortiz, Div. 750.

"Bad stuff" can include deployment to Iraq or other hostile areas, extended tours of duty, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), getting as little as three weeks a year to see family, and the ultimate sacrifice: death.

Military officials have had opportunities for recruitment at Lane during basketball games. Students in the past who gave recruiters their contact information were entered into a raffle in which a randomly chosen student won an iPod.

"Last year I put down false information on a recruiting card just so I could win the iPod," said Monica Neris, Div. 757. "I didn't win, but even if I did I would still think it was wrong for recruiters to have that raffle."

Other effective recruitment strategies

include TV ads, recruitment posters, and possibly the most effective method among teens: video games. *America's Army*, the official U.S. Army video game, is financed by U.S. tax dollars and distributed for free as a public relations initiative to help with U.S. Army recruitment. *Coalition*, which debuted December 21, 2006, is the latest version of *America's Army*, and *Rise of a Soldier* is the Playstation 2 and Xbox version of the official U.S. Army game.

"I think *America's Army* is pretty cool," said Danil Khrustov, Div. 771. "It's really realistic and it even shows you first aid."

"I haven't played the official Army games, but games like *Medal of Honor* do a good job of getting me into military combat and warfare," said Eduardo Vargas, Div. 853.

Recruitment for the growth of the U.S. Armed Forces applies especially to high

"Bush does not listen," said Damian Walega, Div. 769. "He's disregarding everything that the people want."

"There's no use in throwing out more people to die," said Anthony Wojtal, Div. 789. "It's like they're throwing the American people out in the trash."

It may be believed that the JROTC is a tool for military recruitment within Lane, but no JROTC student is obligated to enlist.

"They show you a few movies about the Navy and military schools, but don't really pressure you to join," said Brian Kapustka, Div. 910.

Although the JROTC does not require cadets to join the armed forces, students interested in the military are encouraged.

"JROTC helps you if you want to join the military," said Garrick Rothstein, Div. 768. "At least two years of JROTC and a recommendation would get you a higher rank in the military."

But some JROTC cadets with previous military aspirations have become a bit more hesitant about enlisting after the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

"Now after what Bush said, if you join [the military] you'll most likely be sent [to Iraq]," said Jason Mazariegos, Div. 757. "The only way I'll go into the Army is if I don't get into college."

Although violence in the Middle East has deterred many possible recruits, some students are motivated to join the armed forces.

"[I want to enlist] because my dad, my uncle, and both of my grandfathers were in the army," said Lynette Zayas, Div. 869, who expressed an interest in the Air Force. "I want to help fight for our country and the people."

Some look forward to the opportunity to make money in the military.

"The bonus goes up during wartime, so that's my incentive to enlist," said Alex Erdmann, Div. 769. "The situation kind of makes me think about enlisting [even though] I'm against the war."

"The Army gives you great benefits and it will, without a doubt, label you as a true American," said Oscar Rosas, Div. 755. "Please, all those who see the truth, fight for your country and be the next Thomas Jefferson; for America the beautiful should remain on top of the world. Go and join!"

U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq is inevitable, but the Armed Forces will look towards high schools and universities for more recruits in a final attempt to fulfill the President's wishes. Lane students should anticipate further recruitment attempts, as they will likely be intensified in the near future.

Recruiting Officers for the U.S. Armed Forces did not respond to questions about military recruitment at Lane.



The military recruiting center, located just north of the school in Lane Plaza, targets Lane students as potential recruits.

school seniors. When American males turn 18, they are required to register with the Selective Service System in case of a potential reintroduction of the draft. Because of the military's failure to meet recruitment quotas over the past few years, incoming Army recruits are rushed through training in order to be prepared for their tours of duty. If the rate of American casualties in Iraq rises drastically and the already falling recruitment figures continue to drop, a military draft could be enacted.

Students expressed concern over a potential draft.

"I would be deeply angered and I would avoid it at all costs," said Alan Avitia, Div. 763.

The nation is not quite ready for a military draft, but President Bush's plan to deploy at least 20,000 more troops to Iraq for a period of up to two years has students thinking.

"I guess increasing the troops could help immediately," said Nieko Rodriguez, Div. 877. "But if they keep fighting the way they're fighting, it would be impossible to win."

Many students strongly resented the President's decision.



The days of Uncle Sam seem to be over as the U.S. military tries a more hip approach to recruiting young Americans.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder a consequence of military service

By Frank Weinert

Everyone considering military enlistment should be aware of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Recruiters won't talk about the disorder because it is a turn-off for potential recruits, so anyone considering joining the military should be informed.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a psychological disorder affecting individuals who have experienced or witnessed profoundly traumatic events, such as wartime combat. Victims of PTSD suffer from anxiety, recurrent flashbacks of the traumatic event, nightmares, irritability, fatigue, forgetfulness, and social withdrawal.

PTSD is nothing new. During the Civil War it was called 'Soldier's Heart' and 'Swiss Disease.' By WWI, the name had changed to 'Shellshock.' WWII's PTSD was called 'Combat Fatigue.' The term 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder' was finally coined during the Vietnam War, although it was also referred to as 'Combat Stress Reaction' and shortly after that it was 'Combat-Operational Stress Reaction.'

Currently, according to the Veterans Administration, 20,638 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom troops have been diagnosed with PTSD, with the Marines and Army nearly four times more likely to report the disorder than the Navy or Air Force. And studies show that U.S. women serving in Iraq suffer from more pronounced and debilitating forms of PTSD than their male counterparts. But the troops are not receiving the treatment they need for PTSD. This problem will likely become more difficult to solve when an additional 20,000 troops are exposed to traumatic events in Iraq.

Indian symbol source of pride or shame?

By Maggie Byrne

Evidence of the school symbol is everywhere: Lanites call themselves Indians, our newspaper is *The Warrior*, and our yearbook, *The Arrowhead*. Yet much is forgotten of the history of the symbol, and little thought is given to its future.

Most students do not even take note of these images, while some take great pride in them. But not everyone believes that having an Indian for a symbol is appropriate.

In the NCAA, the use of racially or ethnically "hostile" or "abusive" nicknames or representations was recently banned from post-season tournaments, and uniforms can no longer feature American Indians. While many effected teams were outraged, the NCAA said this measure was taken to preserve the dignity of Native American culture. Many colleges and universities have already changed their nicknames, including St. John's, where the Redmen became the Red Storm. Among the schools affected by this new rule are the Illinois Fighting Illini and the Florida State Seminoles.

As of yet, no high schools have had to officially change their symbols, but change is coming. Niles West High School recently changed its nickname from the Indians to the Wolves.

What this might mean for the Lane symbol is still unclear. Although Lane has not received any official pressure to stop using the nickname "The Indians," some measures have been taken to show that the Indian is a mark of honor and respect, not some silly, dancing mascot. For

one thing, it is stressed that the Indian is a symbol, not a mascot. And a few years ago, students were reminded before pep rally that any "Indian calls" or other signs of disrespect would not be tolerated.

Miami, Illinois, and Shawnee Tribes. Many streets, cities, rivers, and even this state itself were named for the peoples who once lived on this land. Although there is no conclusive proof, it would not be unfair to assume

speech, former principal Bogan faltered while speaking of the hard work displayed by "these... these...these Indians." It seemed to be a term he chose on the spur of the moment. While the reasons for his choosing that particular term remain unclear, Nelson said that "the name caught the fancy of the students and was promptly adopted."

Whatever the true reason behind the nickname, the term "Lane Indians" took root. The Indian became a unifying symbol for Lanites.

"...The term 'Lane Indian' should mean much to all Lane Students for [it is] indeed symbolic," said former principal James Smith, in 1948. "Every boy who enters Lane becomes a 'Lane Indian.' Forgotten are differences in wealth, race, creed or social prestige which may be present outside the school. ...In our 'Lane Tribe' there are no differences, for all are 'Lane Indians.'"

Today, the prevalence of the Indian symbol is still strong. The mural in the auditorium features not only a painting of a Native American but also a message in the hieroglyphics used by the Crow Tribe. The totem pole on the front lawn and the paintings of Native Americans on the first floor of the building remind students that they are "Lane Indians." On any given day, several students will wear shirts with pictures of an Indian on the front. After all, both the Lettermen club and Big Brothers and Big Sisters shirts feature a rendering of an Indian Chief. Even NHS has the slogan "Chiefs

among the Indians" on the back of its shirt.

The honor and connection to Lane's symbol run deep. But history and culture also run deep for real Native Americans, who could find offense at light references to the honor and tradition of their past.

If Lanites wish to keep their symbol, it is important that the Indian symbol be treated with the respect its founders meant it to command.



The Indian head displayed on the mats of the main gym is one of many found around the school.

These measures seem to have been effective, as very few people have complained.

"I am not at all [offended by the symbol,]" said Alex Bellinger, Div. 859, an Ojibwa student at Lane. "When Native Americans are offended by [those symbols,] it is because [the representation] is ridiculed. But Lane Tech doesn't treat the mascot the way the Illini do. [Lane's symbol] is a good image of the Native American community. It's respectful."

The origins of the Lane symbol are not completely certain, but its history as a mark of the school is strong. Much of the land in this area was once inhabited by the Chickasaw, Dakota, Ho Chunk,

that Lane's symbol was derived, at least in part, as a memory of those who came before.

The Lane Alumni Office maintains the Archive Room, which contains school memorabilia dating back to the early 1900s. Research gathered from this office revealed insight into the history of the school symbol.

According to a 1966 issue of Lane's literary magazine, *The Tech Prep*, the first reference to Lanites as Indians was as early as 1912. According to the personal account of Mr. Jack Nelson, class of 1915, the term was first used at a drama performance to describe the young men of Lane. He said that during his introductory



This statue displayed outside of the main office is a replica of "Shooting the Stars." The larger version can be found in the Memorial Garden.

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Cameras are also being used to cheat.

"Sophomore year my friend took pictures of the semester final and gave them to another friend two days before her exam," said Doracely Martinez, Div. 850.

"I use my Side Kick (a PDA Phone) to cheat on tests. Sometimes I chat with buddies on AIM (America Online Instant Messenger), or sometimes I just research the topic on Google. Once I even read the answer right out of an online book," said a Lane student who wished to remain anonymous.

Some teachers have uncovered other clever methods students use to cheat.

"If they sit near the window

they write answers on the shades," said Mr. Kimmons, a social studies teacher.

Teachers usually watch closely for cheating and do what they can to prevent it.

"I know when people are cheating because they keep an eye on me instead of their own paper because they want to know where I am in the room," said Mr. Kimmons.

Mr. Jones also mentioned that, like many teachers, he walks around the class during tests and watches out for suspicious behavior.

Despite the apparent prevalence of cheating at Lane, several students have admitted that cheating is unfair and unacceptable.

"No, it's not [acceptable]," said Elvis Veizi, Div. 882. "It's just something that you do and get

away with."

However, cheating at Lane may soon come to an end, at least for research papers and reports. A new program from TurnItIn.com, the internet's most widely used site for preventing the spread of plagiarism, is now being utilized by Lane faculty. The program helps teachers detect cheating more easily. Students' papers can be uploaded onto the website where they are compared to all the other sources in its database. The site then gives the teacher a percentage of how similar the paper's content is to other sources on the web and every other paper submitted onto its server. Although many students are unaware of the new program, those who are don't seem to be too worried.

"It's just going to slow cheating down," said Tony Monreal, Div.

853. "No matter what, people will find a way around it. There's always a way around things."

Students might not be the only ones responsible for such a high cheating rate. Teachers might also be to blame.

"Lazy teachers make it easier to cheat," said Kathy Martinez, Div. 780.

Additionally, students claim it is easier to cheat when a substitute is running the class. During Veizi's sophomore year he walked into his math class expecting a test that he was stressed over, but shortly after he was surprised to find a substitute.

"I was so happy. I thought we weren't going to have a test, but she had it for us," he said.

Another student asked the substitute if they could use notes.

"Surprisingly enough, the

substitute allowed us to cheat," said Veizi.

Although, some Lane students view cheating as a common, everyday occurrence, they don't realize some of the serious consequences it can bring.

"Cheating defeats the purpose of education," said Ms. Sebestyen, a Lane history teacher.

"One thing that we have to teach students is how serious cheating is taken in college," said Dr. LoBosco, principal of Lane.

Cheating in college is a completely different story. It can lead to expulsion and the possibility of never being able to attend another college once that mark has been placed on your record.

Theft from Jewel results in hostility toward Lane students

By Karie Drucker

"Y'all, stop stealing the chicken from Jewel," said Mr. Milsap at the October senior meeting.

Although it would seem obvious that stealing is illegal, Lane's Discipline Office receives phone calls from Jewel security weekly, who have caught yet another student shoplifting. As a result of this and other problems Jewel encounters with students, some of their employees have adopted a hostile attitude towards the student body.

"I have problems with Lane students daily," said Jewel store director Michael Legler. "It ranges from students who shoplift to those that are just rude."

Although some employees are annoyed with the large quantity students that crowd Jewel daily, others are sympathetic.

"It's a shame that a few students have to ruin it for the rest, because the majority of Lane students that I see are polite and respectful," said Chuck Kilgore, Jewel employee.

Many students believe that Jewel employees are irritated with Lane students, and many think that they are treated with an unjust hostility no matter how polite they are.

"They are rude to us, and they

discriminate by asking us to show them our receipts when we leave," said Jessica Pinto, Div. 785.

Others, however, believe that Jewel is justified in being wary of students as a result of previous experiences with shoplifters.

"The way they treat us is fair because they have to protect their store," said Kyle Welsh, Div. 783. "Whatever measures they have to take to prevent theft should be taken, no matter how they treat the students."

Perhaps the reason students are tempted to steal is because they believe they will not get caught. This could be due to a lack of a strong presence of security at Jewel, or simply because students do not realize the consequences they will suffer if they are caught.

"If you knew before you [shoplifted] that you would be given a suspension and possibly arrested, you wouldn't do it," said Ms. Rice, head of security at Lane.

Despite an exceptionally high number of shoplifting instances as a result of being located next to such a large school, Jewel has not increased security.

"We have the same amount of security as any other Jewel," said Legler. "We do, however, prosecute all shoplifters."

Some students say they steal because, frankly, it is easy to get away with.

"Every once in a while I just hide [the items] in my purse or backpack," said a senior girl, who admits to shoplifting from Jewel on a weekly basis. "I only do it if I don't have money, but Jewel is such a large corporation that I don't think it's that bad."

"Usually I just eat the chicken or whatever in the store, then get rid of the package," said a junior. "No one has ever noticed."

Students also admitted to stealing magazines by slipping them in between the stack of books they are carrying. Some steal chicken by requesting two portions at the deli counter, then emptying the contents of one bag into the other, thus having to purchase only one of the two bags. Some enter the wrong item codes on the self-checkout, entering a less expensive item instead of the item they are actually purchasing.

"I've seen people enter the code for donuts when they are actually buying bagels, since they are cheaper," said a senior.

Others, however, are less discreet. "I just walk out with my food sometimes," said a junior boy. "There are always so many students there that they never notice."

Some students even blame the self-checkout for their shoplifting habits.

"I've seen my friends take things from Jewel during lunch,"



Lane students wait in line to buy chicken from Jewel.

said a sophomore who preferred to remain anonymous. "They just go through the self checkout lane and don't scan everything."

Rice agrees that this could be the reason Jewel has a bigger shoplifting problem than other local establishments.

"I think the problem is what occurs from the time students get their food to the time they get to the self-checkout. Their items seem to disappear. Whereas in other places, you have to pay for your food before you can take it," said Rice.

Dominick's, on the other hand, has few problems with students shoplifting.

"It could be because of their proximity to the school, because they prosecute all shoplifters, or the fact that they don't have self-checkout lines," said Rice. "I

don't know what the reason is, but we just don't get calls from Dominick's."

Consequences of theft from Jewel vary on a case-by-case basis, depending largely on the value of the items taken. Lane policy, however, is a standard three-day out of school suspension.

"If [students] get caught, they will get three days out," said Rice. "Unless, of course they are repeat offenders, in which case they would receive more."

The discipline office says, however, that theft is down since last year.

"It could be because we are more vocal about it than last year, which started with Milsap announcing it at the rules assemblies," said Rice with a grin. "But maybe people are just realizing the consequences."

Local eateries attract students

By Adrianna Gniot & Lorri Kaczmariski

She spends \$3.50 at McDonald's on Monday, \$4 at Popeye's on Tuesday, \$3.75 at Wendy's on Wednesday, and \$5 at Jewel on Thursday and Friday. By the end of the week, Roxanna Rodriguez, Div. 865, realizes she has spent over \$20 for one week's lunch. She knows if she had eaten in the school lunchroom, she would have spent around \$10.

"The school lunch doesn't attract me," said Rodriguez. "The food outside is better than it is in the cafeteria."

Lane students have different reasons for going outside for lunch, including the social element and the variety and quality of the food available.

"I like the freedom of going outside, but sometimes I stay in because of the cold weather," said Chris Ballinger, Div. 773.

Other students eat in the cafeteria for lunch because of financial reasons.

"I don't want to waste money

everyday going out," said Ambreen Maan, Div 915. "It's cheaper to stay in."

Not only is Lane's off-campus lunch policy beneficial for the students, but it is beneficial for businesses as well.



An employee from Big Boy Gyros said that most of their income is from Lane students. To express their gratitude, they give some of it back to Lane by having t-shirts made for the sports teams. Big Boy Gyros also has lots of Lane memorabilia posted up on tack boards around the restaurant - team photos, students, and articles about Lane. They say it is

for memories and for making the students feel at home.

Many of the businesses around Lane go out of their way to attract students. Pete's Pizza gives Lane students a discount price of \$2 for a large slice of pizza and can of soda.

"We do everything we can for the neighborhood," said Pete's manager.

Also, during football season, Hero's had a mural on the side of their building of the dates of Lane football games.

"The kids that come in here are extremely nice," said the manager of Hero's, who gives students free lunch for their birthday if she knows them.

Not everyone thinks eating off-campus is the best option.

"The food outside is way overloaded with calories," said Mr. Pikes, the school food service manager. "The cafeteria food is much healthier than it has ever been."

Meanwhile, Dr. LoBosco thinks the off campus lunch policy is great for everyone.

"The businesses love it," she said. "I think [students] need to get out and get fresh air."

Lane increases price of school lunch

By Melissa Foley

As of this school year, there has been an increase in the price of school lunches. Not only has this change affected the students who eat in the cafeteria, but also the teachers who buy their lunches from the school.

For students who receive the reduced fair lunch, prices have doubled from 20 cents to 40 cents.

Regular lunch prices rose a few years ago from \$.85 to \$1.25, and finally to this year's price of \$2.10. A regular student lunch, which used to be \$2.00, is now \$3.00. For the lunch special, which is larger than the regular student lunch, prices have risen from \$3.00 to \$4.00. The teachers' lunch prices have risen at the same rate.

"The department hasn't changed the price of these lunches in 15 years and they are behind. The prices had to change to make

quota," said Mr. Charles Pikes, Lane's Food Service Manager.

Because of this increase, the school is making more money, and since CPS's Food Service Department is a non-profit organization, most of the money pays for the equipment used in the kitchen. The rest of the money goes towards supplies and food costs.

"People will complain when prices increase. Everything goes up. If something costs more to get, prices have to raise," said Pikes.

Most of these prices have increased by a lot, which leads to the topic of the quality of the food. Many people can argue their opinions about the food, but take into consideration what they compare it to.

"This food has the most nutrients compared to the other food places around Lane. It's just healthier in school lunchrooms," said Pikes.

Valentine's Day sure to feature more PDA in hallways

By Bianca Chassagne

Walking through the halls it looks like Valentine's Day everyday with all the couples displaying their affection.

One particularly noticeable couple has frequently been seen engaging in amorous behavior on the grass outside the school.

"I could contain myself, but why should I?" said one half of the anonymous pair. "People are allowed to express themselves. If someone is bothered they don't have to look, but most people watch."

"I think it's fine," said the other half of the anonymous pair. "We're not in the 50s anymore and [it is okay] just as long as you don't take it too far."

Public displays of affection (PDA) can be included as inappropriate sexual conduct under Group 5 in the CPS Student Code of Conduct Handbook, which includes conduct that is consensual, but inappropriate.

Although there are some students who overtly show their affection, there are others who are not fond of these displays.

"I can't stand seeing kids slob each other down all day long in the hallway," said Laurina Robinson, Div. 788. "I don't

think it's the right environment [to do that]."

Many other students shared her opinion.

"That's so disgusting. I've seen mostly upperclassmen [making out] in the halls," said an anonymous female freshman.

"Most of the people who do it are literally on top of each other," said Yurify Koverko, Div. 872. "They don't care that other people have to watch them stick their tongues down each other's throat."

The students who do this in the hall are often asked to stop by security or a teacher.

"I ask them not to," said Henry Flowers, security guard. "This is not the place. Sometimes they're kissing sexually, but I tell them to break it up."

"I've seen holding hands, kissing, making out basically," said Mrs. Ojofeitimi, math teacher. "It makes me nauseous. What makes it worse is when I tell them to stop and they stop; then I turn around and they're making out again."

Another teacher, who chose to remain anonymous, has noticed an increase in affectionate activity.

"This year a lot of the kids are hugging and kissing in the hall," said the teacher. "I've seen more

PDA with the younger students versus last year."

Teachers are not the only ones who have noticed an increase in PDA. The administration has also.

"I've noticed an increase and it's not even Spring yet," said Dr. LoBosco. "A peck on the cheek or mouth is fine but [there shouldn't be] excessive body contact."

Students who are constantly caught showing PDA are sent to the discipline office.

"[We] call their parents," said Ms. Rice, Head of Security. "Most teenager's parents aren't happy about it."

There are students who are not bothered by other students showing their affection.

"There's nothing wrong with it," said Tenisia Adams, Div. 854. "They shouldn't have sex in the hall, but if they're making out, whatever. It's high school. If you don't want to see it, don't look at them."

Some students, however, claim that PDA is hard to ignore.

"It's okay, but I get tired of seeing the same couple kiss every period," said Briana Smith, Div. 765. "I see it at least two periods a day after the bell rings."

"It doesn't bother me," said Jamelle Williams, Div. 770.



An affectionate couple keep warm outside the auditorium.

"But I can see why other people feel offended. They're being inconsiderate."

Despite these objections the

halls are sure to be filled with couples showing their affection with the arrival of Valentine's Day.

Cyber dating leads to romance for some, disgust for others

By Omar Aguilar & Janeth Mendoza

Cyber dating has become an increasingly popular way for teens to "hook up."

In a poll of 50 Lane students, 66 percent said they have a blog account, and 28 percent admitted to having met someone in person after meeting them online. Some students like online dating because initially it can be less nerve wracking.

"I think it's a lot more comfortable to meet someone online first because you don't have to go through that bad date," said Kathy Baran, Div. 790.

"I met my first cyber boyfriend in a yahoo chat room," said a sophomore who asked only to be identified as Liz. "His personality was attractive to me at first. It took about two months before we started dating."

Other students believe online dating is a bad idea because so many people are misleading

about their true identity.

"It's the stupidest thing ever. It's like someone [liking] a fat chick in Arizona when she says she looks like Pamela Anderson," said Neill O'Brien, Div. 774.

Although some relationships are based on physical attraction, others are based on shared interests.

"I met my ex through this internet community called Xanga," said an anonymous senior. "She found my site and found my (AOL Instant Messenger) screen name and IM'd me from there."

In Cindy Grant's online article, *Cyber Love: What is Real and What is Virtual*, she said cyber dating is usually considered by people who have become fascinated by the easiness of chatting. A person may find someone who interests him/her and begin conversing, which may or may not result in a date.

In another book about online dating, *Life on the Screen*, MIT sociology Professor Sherry Turkle explains how some

people use the internet as an opportunity to alter their identity. Often, invalid information is given to impress or lure the other person.

"(Some guy) was trying to hook up with me online, telling me that he was 18, but I don't do that so I was like nope," said Danielle Lara, Div. 752. "Then at the end of our conversation, he goes 'whatever b****. I'm 32 anyways, I don't need you.'"

Another potential problem with online dating includes suitors looking for more than just a friendship, with minors.

"One time I received a message from this guy and he was like 'I like girls young, like 12 or 13, [because] they are hornier at that age,'" said an anonymous junior. "I was disgusted so I blocked him."

There are over a billion internet users worldwide, so bloggers should beware: chances are good their profile will show up in someone's search engine.

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Commute to Lane a tough ride for many

By Miriam Vargas

Because Lane is a selective enrollment school, drawing its population from all over the city, some students have to travel as much as two hours to get here each day.

"If I didn't wake up at 5:20 then I wouldn't be able to come to school by 8:00," said Anabella Avalos, Div. 903.

Lane offers many classes, clubs, and extra-curricular activities that are not offered at other high schools, and this is what attracts many students to attend.

"I definitely know that Lane has many classes that cannot be taken at my neighborhood high school, and this is what I like about Lane," said Karina Vega, Div. 750.

While many students are willing to wake up early in order to

get to Lane on time, some think that it is useless.

"People are crazy waking up so early. Just imagine how exhausted they are by the end of the week, and it's only to come to school," said Stephany Burnett, Div. 936.

"I don't wake up that early and I get so tired before the end of the week, so I really don't know how and why students put up with all that hard work of waking up early," said Tovah Jacobson, Div. 750.

However, other students think it is to their advantage to take the opportunity for a better education

"Lane is among the top schools of Chicago for a reason and I want to have an education that is better than anyone else. That's why the distance and length of time doesn't matter to me," said Marvin Vega, Div. 927.

Coming to Lane from such a long distance also means that



The bus stop on the corner of Addison and Western fills with students waiting to ride home after school.

many students are willing to sacrifice the chance to have a job or participate in extra-curricular activities after school.

"I don't have a job because by the time I get home, it's already too late, and I don't want to feel pressure from both work and school," said Avalos.

Most of the students who have a long commute to Lane usually try to manage their time efficiently and maintain an active social life. Many find time in their schedule to participate in extracurricular activities.

"Even though it takes me a long time to get home, I still find a way to go to work, be at club meetings, and sometimes to hang out with some friends. I guess it depends how well you manage your time," said Ulisses Salgado, Div. 750.

"Most of the time I start doing some homework in school, then go to work and that way I save some time," said Sara Sajdak, Div. 750.

Living far from the school is not the only reason that students have a long commute to and from Lane. Many students attribute the lengthy travel to traffic issues.

"If it wasn't for the traffic in the morning, I would get to school twenty minutes before I usually do, especially during winter when all the cars go so slowly," said Diego Villegas, Div. 781.

Many students also have to take public transportation. And the majority of them believe that the pace of public transportation also makes the commute longer.

"I think that the buses take too long to get to Lane. Sometimes the driver drives so slowly even when

there is no traffic, and this bothers me a lot because it just makes me take longer to get to school," said Alejandro Aviles, Div. 764.

"It's ridiculous how long I have to ride on the bus apart from waiting for it. I don't live that far and yet it takes about 50 minutes for the stupid bus to arrive at Lane," said Danielle Villar, Div. 758.

Even though coming to Lane for many students requires them to wake up at early hours of the morning, some students are willing to make sacrifices such as giving up part of their social lives.

"I didn't want to go to my neighborhood high school because it's bad; I prefer to come to Lane even though it is a little bit far from my house, but it is worth it," said Salgado.

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Seniors

To Tina, Natasia, Justeen, Marshae, Brittani, and Le'Dia; you guys rock!! You're the bestest friendz in the whole wise world and I appreciate our friend-ship. You guys make my day. -Love, Parysita						Hey guys last year here man, we had fun and lots of good experiences. Happy alentines day shoutouts to all my people: Khushbo, Amareeh, Mishi, Aisha, Courtney, Kathy, Beatriz, Olence, Kyle, NOOR, Kristina, Happy Valentines day guys. (Now who wants to be my valentine:))	
Happy Valentine's Day Jessica! You are amazing! Thank you for everything. Love, Scott.							
To Ana Pelayo: You are beautiful.		Dear Adrian Cruz, You are my knight in shining armor. Div 776! Love, Natalie Fugate	My Praying Mantis. Three states in one night will never be quite enough. You mean the world to me. I love you! -Angent K		Valentine's Day has come back around and we're both alone. But to me this is another day that our friendship has grown strong. We always laugh and smile while chillin in Carerra's and Ms. Atkinson's class, and I realized now our friendship is as thick as window glass. You are always going to be the coolest and most true girl of all time. So Chantelle Strong, will you be my Valentine? From: Your Friend		Fabian, guess what?! I LOVE YOU!! We have been going out for over a year and it's been GREAT! I picked a great guy to date. I love the time we spend together and I hope it will last! I know that sometimes we fight but no worries. Love will bring us together! I LOVE YOU FABIAN! Je T'aime! Te amo! -Brooke Alexis
Avacado Amy! ^_^ It's our last year together in the same school. I wish the best for you. Just don't forget me when you're rich and famous.		To the Entire Warrior Staff: Thanks for such a great issue! Lets make the next one even better! -Mr. Johnson	Happy Valentnes Day my Big Yoshi Bear!! Just want to say I love ya! Love Magen		My Sexy, I can't explain how much I care, All the moments that we share, Your every word lingers in my mind, 10 months onl seems like 10 seconds in time, You're my hero, my one and only I wish forever that you'll love and hold me. i love you. Happy Valentine's Day! - Your Baby		P.S. Put a sheet on your bed.
Ihrzy <3's Amy, Boryana, and Taylor.		To my Division 751 Buddies, It's been 4 years already and you know its almost over. Thank you for everyone who has always helped me. Im going to miss you all. -Rosario Lopez	Happy Valentine's Day Ms. Yost! From Room 161		I LOVE GABI!!! LOVE ALWAYS, BRIDGETTE		I LOVE YOU PARYSE!! YOU'RE SO AWESOM AND YOU ROCK! MARRY ME PWEEZE?!?! YOOH SO SEKZIH!! LOVE -TWEETY BIRD (GUESS WHO)
You are my everything and I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentines Day. Love, Carlos.		To my stunt group: Cindy, Camilla, Stephanie, and Day. I love you all so much! Thanks for putting up with me, you guys are the best! -ITS MONICA!	Diana, this past month has been really incredible. You're such an amazing girl, and you make me happier than I thought I ever could be. I care about you so much. Seeing you is always the best part of my day, and the feeling I get when I see you smile is indescribable. I'm so glad you're mine. Happy Valentine's Day! - Mike		My honey bunches, I love you more that life itself. when I'm with you time ceases to exist. You're the one who showed me true love. There was a piece missing in my life and that was you. you mke me complete. I will love you until the end of time and evern after that I will continue loving you. I LOVE YOU DIEGO!!! Love, your Sweetcakes		Jessica, Ronnett, Emma, Kristina, Jasmine, Kelly, Maria, Miguel, Mary, & Joe: continue to work hard and make dignified decisions. Mama's proud. Love, ACParker
I Freakin' Love Ya! - Anthony Johnson		Mr. Miller you are so sesy! Didnt you want it with a s? I just thought to let you know. Happy Valetine's Day. -2009 B	Shoutout to Barbara, Ashley, Memi, and Nina. It's senior year, we made it! Have a happy Valentine's Day!! -Luv, Katie		Wishing everyone in Division 775 a Happy Valentine's Day. Lots of love to Brenda, Lucia, Cindy, Kate, Kasia, and Ingrid. Especially to my love Jonathan who I miss very much. And even though distance has kept us apart, you're always on my mind. Thank you for always putting a smile on my face. Hope we have you here soon corazon. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day to all my seniors! Smile and you will always be happy. Best wishes, Nubia		I would like to thank you for always being therre for me and making me laugh. The past 4 years have been so much fun. I hope life after high school will treat you well.I LOVE YOU ALL!! (Miriam, Diego, Ulisses) Love Karina
PIYA <3 DJ HAPPY 14th MONTH BABY!		Amanda Roman. I LOVE YOU! Your Boo, Adam	I love you Katie! jupjup! My best friend now and always; you are my little poisson!		Jorge, I love you with all my heart! You're my one and only and it doesn't matter what other people say. We've been through so much so I guess that's a sign forsomething. Jorge Gabriel Rodriguez, tu eres mi corazon, y que te quiero! I love you. Love always, Amanda		To my sweetie-cakes: We're about to be 10 months. Time has gone by so fast it seems like only weeks. Yes, we have our ups and downs and not everyone likes us together, but who cares? I only care about you. You're the greatest dream come true because I have you. I'd be lost without you. Losing you means losing everything. When I find myself feeling alone, all I do is picture your face and I remember our past moments together. You're always on my mind. I LOVE YOU. Love, your Honey-Bunches
Ashley Dreshsler, You are the ying to my yang, the Simon to my Garfunkel, you are roy and I am the white tiger. FO'EVA, Bief Bufeengtun		TO MY ITALIAN CLUB: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND GET READY FOR INTERNATONAL DAYS! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.	My party girls - drunk, drunk Jessie Poo, Vania Lae Lay, Sha-lette, Geli-Qua, PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET, Baby Mama Shaina, and E-Boogie! DO IT BIG!		To my BuhBee, I love you so much & I just wanted to say Happy 10 month anniversary & good luck in kentucky. You're my bestfriend, my football stud, my ubiriamia. I guess it's right when they say you fall in love with the person you'd least expect. And believe me, I never thought we'd be together. But thank god for Jessica Alba! 72 always and forver. Vega aka Ms. Anton.		Your friendship is special Like the flowers that bloom, Or when a butterfly emerges From within its cocoon... You remind me of that butterfly, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!! Loving and free, Bright and colorful, For the world to see... sharing sunshine and rainbows; Sometimes, the rain and the snow; It'll stand together through it, While the cold winds blow... When the time is right, Que??Como?? won't stop to ask "Why??" Our friendship will take flight On the wings of a butterfly ...- To: Karina from: Miriam
Dear Sun, Gir you is the bomb diggity. Teez! Now to be serious, I'm always here for you, so is Mateo, Carmelita, Steffo, and the other Christina... Can't wait until 2011. Apartemento time! 60's wallpaper and all. XOXO CH. MOON.		LOVE, RACHEL TO GABI AND MONICA, WE ARE AWESOME AT SELLING VALENTINE'S MESSAGES. -ARMAN	Dear Adrian, Happy Valentine's Day Babe! Who would have ver thought that after all these years of being in the same division we would end up together. What took us so long!?! I'm not sure, but I'm so happy it happened becuae you are the best boyfriend I could ever ask for. So far this year has been perfect. Thank you for treating me so good. Happy Valentine's Day Babe... Love, Jessica.		To all my friends, High School wouldn't have been the same without all of you!To my buddies from 7th period dance,you guys have made my senior year very fun and special!I also want to thank all my freinds that have been with me through think and thin!You guys were there with me last year when no one else was! I LOVE YOU ALL! LOVE, Kelly T		My Baby Birdie, Hey! So i just wanted to let you know that I love you a lot and that you mean the world to me. You're different than everyone else. You make me feel soo happy and loved. The love I have for you is strong and will endure the test of time. I truly feel blessed that you have become a part of my life. You bring out the best in me. Thinking of you makes my heart feel full. I will forever be indebted to you for all you have brought to my life. I love you more today than I did yesterday, and I'll love you more tomorrow than I do today. Happy Valentine's day and Happy Anniversary. With all my heart I am forever yours, Mindy
Leonine son, you phantasm artist in disguise...you remind me of dusk clouds in evening skies, Keep the mystery, don't hide madness.		Happy Valentine's Day Gaby, Adrian, and Angelica from your friend and partner Brian.	I <3 DIV 764! Ms. Feuer		Dot Chomsky, Are my pants at your house? -Annie Kay		Victor Diaz: I love you so much. Happy Valentines day darling. All I can say is that I love you so much, no words can explain. Love, Amy.
Noe, Hold my hand, look into my eyes and I will take you places you won't deny. I always tell you I love you and I swear it's not a lie. When it comes to loving you, you know I do.		To my kids, Caroline, Gar-bear and Tenderness. You are the loves of my life! Love, Mom.	Jerry Joseph Be My Valentine?		Annie Kay, Your pants are at my house. -Dot Chomsky		Happy Valentines Day babe! This is our 1st 2nd holiday together & we have alot more to come. I love you more than anything & nothing & no1 will change that. Love, ur princess.
To Hawty and Brt-face, this is fresh buns! GALALALA! Let me massage your temples on VALENTINE'S DAY!		To my Asian Invasion, Camilla, Miriam, Hayanny and Sandy! You are all so beautiful. I love you forever with my deepest love, Kristina Pilman.	Anthony, you are my whole world and I love that. I love you so much. Happy three-year anniversary!-Daisy DIV 771		Marisol Rodriquez, eres la chica mas linda que he visto toda me vida. Ojala me dieras una oportunidad para ensenarte que yo te puedo amar.		
TOUCH IT! - SPARTICUS MAHKEHBOP X3 - Unnatural Deeds QUE?		Christine Horst, You are truly one-of-a-kind lady with a genuine beauty. You deserve someone who appreciates every part of you. With great love, anonymous.	Hey! This goes for Richard Marszalek! Enjoy this special day cutie!		If beauty could be expressed in you name, I'll whisper my feelings to the wind, In hope that it will reach your heart someday.		
Aleks D, From the moment I sat by you in 5th I knew it was meant to be. I didn't know how to tell you, but now you kno. Be my valentine? Love, Kenny G.		Jennifer Nicole Olczyk I love you! And it's not that teenager poop expressed in here. I really love you. 1 Corinthians 13:7 Love, your Nathaniel	My lunch buddies: Shaina-my baby mama; Justeen- and her baby daddy; Sylvester - MONROE!; and Germaine-Whoa Tilly! I love you guys so much! -Kaya				
Bart L, When i see you I get all jittery. Your lips are so juicy. After you read this meet me by your 3rd floor locker. Love, Your Jessie		[CRISTINO, STEFFO, MATEO, JACKJO] PERRIER + TAMALES SINCE 2006	I love you Linda. It's been more than two and a half years, and I wish to spend the rest of my years with you. Good times or bad, I will always be there with you. I will spend the rest of my life trying to make you happy, and hope that the years to come will make our relationship better. I will love you forever. Aldo G.				
Shout out to Nick. Love you forever. Yo're my dream man. Hope you know who I am. You're the best guy and I love you. You're the best guy and the good looking dream man I've ever met. I really love you very much. Love, C		To my fellow New Lifers and brothers and sisters in Christ, keep pressing forward in the things of the Lord, for your faithfulness he will surely bless you. 1John 4:19 We love because He first loved us. Love Always, Amanda Roman "07"	Shelton be my Valentine! -Michelle R.				
Just wanna say I love you to Shang, my man. Love you, forever. You're the best and nicest guy ever. I love you so much. I would be missing you when you're graduating Happy Valentine's day. I love you. Love, C		I know you dont go here, but I still want to write in that I LOVE YOU ELI. You make me so happy everyday. I'm happy that we will, hopefully, have many more days together.	Hey Cutie Just want to tell you that you are great and that I love being with you. Happy Valentine's Day MUAH <3 <3 Gerardo Trejo				
I want to give a shoutout to my friends who are very special to me! I love you guys so much and I am very happy to have you all in my life! Happy Valentine's Day! SWAK! Luv, Hot Donna							
Div. 759 YOU'RE ALL MY FAVORITE VALENTINES! LOVE, MS. CHOI							
Dear Ulisses, u might get on my bad side but that doesnt mean I dont care about u.sometimes I may say things that I dont like, but u knw wat? Life isn't fair. and i'm the way i'am.but so are you.Happy Valentine's day, love Miriam V.							
Mike-Thinking of you! Happy Valentines Day! Diana							
Jason, have a happy valentine's day and i love you very much! Always, Juliana Cruz							

I know I've messed up plenty of times but you gave me another chance and I really thank you for it. I've been wanting you to be my Valentine ever since high school started, and now I have the chance to prove it to you. It's unfortunate that our relationship didn't start earlier but I plan to make the most out of all the time we spend together from now on. I'm really happy that you finally came out and admitted that you liked me because if you didn't I don't know if I would have had the guts to come at you. You know sometimes you make me feel nervous when I talk to you or even when I see you. I think it's because your exactly what I was looking for in a girl. You're mature, pretty, caring, and if I go on, it would take up this whole page. I'm happy I'm with you and I know we're goin g to have a happy Valentine's day.

I <3 U,
Love Bug

Happy Valentine's Day to Best Friends: Kaya, Jessica, and Gerald. Kaya, I thank you for making me laugh, letting me beat you up, being there when people weren't acting right, going to Cold Stone with me when I had the wires, "that made my eye go close"...and I can go on and on. I love you soo much, bestest best friend! Jessie Poo (aka "Pootah"): We have soo many memories together (crying: "but I told him I loved him!") that I cherish deeply because friends like you are very rare. I appreciate you for you. Even if we don't go to the same college, know that "I'll always be there." I love you mucho! Gerald: You're the estest male friend I ever had. Even thought you are sometimes a send-off (lol), I still love you! College: Howard? :)

Love always, Le'Dia "Daddy's Girl" Smith

Nikki Rodz,
The first time I saw you I knew you were the one/That day at Zephyrs after we won/I don't know how we met...I don't really care/You were the one that changed what I wear/You are the one that is always there/Through thick and thin we managed to last/I dont wanna ever make you part of my past/I miss you like crazy everytime we part/You stole my heart right from the start/But I took revenge and stole yours too/And now here we are and I really love you/I'll do my best to make you stay mine/So won't you be my Valentine?

Jess,
When I look at you I think about how very fortunate I am to have you as my girl. I am very happy and proud to be with you. There are many words to describe you, such as gorgeous, sexy, smart, unique, funny and clumsy, but most of all you are truly BEAUTIFUL inside and out. We've been really good friends for a long time which makes it much better now that we're together. You makes my heart skip a beat when we kiss. I truly appreciate everything you have given me babe. I want you to know that you are very special to me and I love you very much.

Happy Valentine's Day Babe
-Adrian

Adrian Cruz,
Can you be my Jack Bauer?
XOXO Kelly

To my BoBo! Finally senior year & we're still together. I always pictured me being with someone special senior year. I'm happy that is you. I kno it cheezy but u kno you like it! After two years, couples usually get sick of eachother, but not me. I think your the most beautiful, gorgeous, sexy girl I have ever known, met & seen. This is why I don't kno your with me. However, I'm glad your with me. I LOVE YOU & want to be with you as long as I can. I can't picture me with anyone but you.

Love, Brown & sexy.

To all my friends and people I adore, I want to wish you a Happy V-Day! P.S. Reeseey, Lo-Lo, Dae-Dae, Mr. Smith & Manner do anything tha=t I wouldn't do today lol much Luv, J.P.

MR. WENDORF WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE KEY CLUB MEMBERS AND THE M.E.C MEMBERS FOR BE-ING THE BEST CLUBS IN THE SCHOOL!!!

Wesley Daniel- I've seen you around in school and i think you're the BEST Atticus I've ever seen! From what I can tell you're hilarious, outgoing, hot, talented, and I'd like to find out more. So when Scout and Jem are getting into trouble and you don't have some big case, I'd love to hang out and get to know you better.

Kaya Carolyn Flowers... Let me just say, first off, baby you be bagin'! =] You are a beautiful girl and I am so glad that you have walked into my life. You have a heart so big and true, there is not one like you! I admire your determination and unique spirit. I am so blessed to have you in my life. Girlfriend, isn't it obvious? Te t' iame boo! carpltunnel and all!!!

To people (girls) that matter to me: Panvard Tetiwat , Wendy Wong, and Jessica Pan. You girls are freaking lames but I love you guys Foshizzle! =] My world is so much better w. you guys. Haha!

Too my Best Auther, my righting snob, the won who make editing funn, we r awesome. Couldnt be the same with out u. i wuv u! Happy Valon-tines day. (Ha! edit THAT)

To my Party People- Nettah Pooh, Killa K, Dia Boo, Bucketts, NuNu Maine, & My Shay Shay (who dont go here LOL!)

Norma, I love you. I'm always here for you through thick and thin. Always love yourself first. You're my bff for life. You don't need a guy to make you smile. Always remember that. Happy Valentines Day! Love, Man.

Hey Piotr, Happy Valentine's Day my sweet honey bunches of oats:) Be Mine? xoxo hugs and kisses

Chrissy! Thank you for being such a good friend! Happy V-day my love! We don't need no smelly boys! We've got each other. I love you!

Alex, "Your love is the only thing I live for in this world. Oh how I wait for the day your heart burns...I just want you to know I will always be waiting." S'agapo. Always and Forever, Arielle

To My Love Gary...I can't thank you enough for putting up with my crap for so long. We have been through so much together, and its made us that much closer. Thanks for always being there for me babe. I'm gonna miss you when you go off to college! It's been a great 3 years. I love You sooo much! Happy Valentines! 7/25/03 Love Erica A.K.A (Mrs. Snooks) P.S. Tell Spunkles I love him too! xoxoxo

To my Eddie: This whole time that we've been together- you have made me so happy. More than I could have asked for. I care so much for you- words cannot express just how much. Happy 2 yrs. I love you.

Jason Mazariegos likes Rothstien

To: Rosario L, Alysa R, Emma S, Yuri S, Luis V, Rosemarie J, Ebony R, Maritza R, Jelissa M. If someone jumped you, I'll jump them. If some-one hurts you, I'll hurt them. If your kicked out I'll take you in. If your world comes crashing down, I'll be there to help you through it..I'm here until the end. Happy Valentines Day! Lots of love, Jakie Padilla

Nathaniel Vann, You are the hottest guy I ever met. I'm really glad were going out and that your hawt. I love you only because your hawt. love your hot lover Jennifer Olczyk

Shout out to my 2 bestest friends Jen& Clinton! I just spilled some tea. Anyway I LOVE YOU GUYS Happy! V-Day! Love Kate Respect KOOKIEPOOOOOOO!

Happy Valentines Day Babe!! I just wanted to tell you that you've been such a great novia for the past year. And Te Amo Muchisimo Y con todo mi corazon. I LOVE YOU HEATHER!!!
-Love Mario

Dear Dana, Happy Valentine's Day babe. I'm really glad I have gotten to know you or I would have missed out on a lot the past nine months.

Roses are Red, Voilets are blue, Hey mop a gop e nop can I go to prom with you?

Dear Katy I love red bras! Happy Valen-tine's Day! Love Always, Nadia

Steph, Senior year is drawing to a close, and college is right ahead. Just wanted you to know how much your friendship has meant over these past 8 years! Luv ya MB

To the one girl that makes me smiles even when I become angry. Even when I dont show it, you're still close to my heart. Words cannot express my love for you. Love Always B.K> P.S. I Love Leah also.

To: "Superman"
Este ano, he sentido un "spark" Entre nosotros, y te escribo esta nota para dejarte saber que siento algo especial por ti. Tambien te quiere desear un feliz dia de San Valentin!
Con Carino,Val

Alexis Therese Gorski-
What can I say except you complete me. Your not my best friend, your more of a sister. I love you and I'll miss you next year. Happy Valentine's Day!
-Your Hunny Bunches of Oats

To the bestest Polish Folk Dancer Basia...
Roses r Red, Violets r Blue, Peter's pants r tight, & so r u! Thanx 4 being a great friend <3 Lili

Ladies. Give me a call.

Love Ilija
I would like to give a Valentine's Day shout-out to all my best friends: Chrissy, Felicia, Jesse, Andriena, Olivia, and Cili. Together, we've shared some pretty crazy moments and some bad ones too, but no matter what, we've always stuck together. You guys have always been there for me and helped me through my worst moments, and I can't even imagine highschool without all of our childish jokes, pranks, crazy nights, crazy bus and car rides, and so much more. Each one of you is different and unique in her own way and I love that about our little "click." lol. Despite my often cruel jokes, you guys know I love you and even though some of us will be heading off to different places in a few months, I know we'll always stick together and I will never forget any of you cuz you huys really do complete me lol. Happy Valentines Day!

Brian Baby-
I Love You
-Cindy

Dear Monica, You are my favorite!
By my Valentine?
Love, Bridgette =)

Caroline Van Den Bosch,
You are the wind beneath my wings.
Love, Your Secret Admirer

To: Ivan Vazquez- I want the world to know that you're my heart and I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Always and Forever

Happy Valentine's Day to the Ecuadorian Club.
From Your President,
Heather Velasco

To all of my girls and boys that I love! Janet Asmr, Zulma, Jesus, Jaime, and Peter B. Happy Valentine's Day.

To the greatest people on Earth. I love you guys! Jackie, Jesus, AJ, Janet, Abigail, Bianca, Anthony, Jackie P., Jazmine, and Kiana. Happy Valentines Day!

To ma airhead friends Flo, Asmr, Lanna, Abi, Chely, Suky, and Nelly. Happy Valentine's Day and even though we get mad at each other there is still mad luv for ya'll. And to ma guy 2, Luv u too.

To Abraham: Happy Valentine's Day mi cosa bella. I want you to know that I really appreciate you and everything you've ever done for me. Te quiero como nada e querido a nadie y te amare siempre. Te amo: Petrayris

Happy Valentine's Day Div. 760

To my hotties Jazzy and Esther, you are the loves of my life. You two complete me! Ur my partners in crime! Don't do anything I wouldn't this V-Day (which isn't alot!) wink wink.

To my 779 babes, Weronika, Jessica, Jackie, and Leah. I love you girls so much! and our little division snacks too! You just wanted to get me fat for Valentine's Day!
Love Your Lil Esther
AMMY NOOOOOOOKES YEEAH!!
LOVE YOU, JOSH PETERS

To: Alberto Ramirez AKA Beto. If time could stand still, I'd freeze it here, so you'd always hold me, close and near. In your arms, where I'm meant to be, filled with the perfect love you've given to me. A bond so strong, a hold so tight to know you're the one; my "Mr. Right." In you I've found my one true love. Our lives journey we're just begun. Where you and I will find no less, than eternal love and happiness.
Lane <3 Curie 08-27-04

To my Crew! lol i love all of you very much! This year has been so much fun despite all of our drama. I hope we remain friends for a long time! I'll see ya'll at Mama Lu's Next year on Christmas Eve Eve!!! No ear muffs Thank you! <3 Jas

Nadia: Even though you didnt take me to turnabout, made me miss homecoming, and didn't take me to the superbowl its ok I forgive you. lol! But really Nadia Thanks for being a pain in my...It has been great I wouldn't want it any other way! Have a Very SPECIAL Day! Luv???

Valentine's Day? Whatever I'll just use this to send a shout out to all my senior class officers and the "to kill a Mocking bird cast." you guys rock! -Joe Aka Joemamma

KRISTINA ANDREA PILMAN,
Je ne comprends pas... je t'aime! You are a beautiful person and I'm elated that we have become so close. Eating crepes in Paris, ORANGINA!, Being girlfriends, senior memories video, "DO THE KAYA!", all of our many problems, laughing at our problems, and not having passports! That is rather unfortunate... I'm sure you are aware. I don't know how I would survive A.P. English without you. Thank you ma'am. Love ya girlfriend!
K-Money

Para el Amor de mi Vida- Christian,
When I'm with you is when I'm truly happy your like a part of me that was missing and I never even knew It's ironic how things turn out. I never thought love could be this Easy But with you Everything makes sense you complete me so you have to know that no matter what ill always be by your side I don't have 2 search anymore because Everything I've ever wanted I found in you
Love always,
Kiana

Lili, you are not a bald eagle! And even though we make fun of you we still love you!!!
-The Crew

This is it guys. This year is the end, but also a beginning. From freshmen year by "A" to the migration of "the circle" by "O." We stuck together. This is for all my bud-dies. WE MADE IT! PEACE & LOVE -> Kim J.

To all the people I eat lunch with: Peter, Mark, Oscar, Freddy, Esther, and Jakub. Happy Valentine's day! *Pat on the back* -Lumi Nagisa

To all my friends,
Shannon (My best friend), me and you are inseper-able and we will always be best friends no matter how far I go. Thank you for always being there for me and taking care of me when I needed you the most. Just remember to keep on pimpin' and 1, 2 steppin' cuz "I'm ready, I'm ready." (LOL) Gary, you are the best and I am so happy I met you. Thank you for being so sincere & supporting me. To all my other friends, Le'Dia, Je'ssica, Kiara Mix, Arielle, William Battle, Briana, Oksana and all those I forgot...Happy Valentines's Day.
Love, Delana Oats

To Danny
Happy Valentines Day babe. Put you pointer finger and thumb together...that's how much I love you!
Love Dana

Can you guess who we are?
Parfait huit
Magnifico otto
Ocho bonitas divas
Vos en Krasavits'
So tam dep
Walong Magando
Phenomenal eight
If you can't guess by now you must be livin' under a rock we're DA TEAM. Oh. You don't know who DA TEAM is I'll tell you Quasheena, Adrienne, Ashely, Dominique, Kierra, Cree, Crystal, and Me, Ta'Tianna. Happy Valentine's Day to all my girls.DA TEAM RUN IT 08' is our year Love, Da Young one A.K.A. Ta'Tianna

Miriam Vargas... One word. Amazing. be my Valentine?
u know who I 'am

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DIVISION 753 MS. M

DEAR WWII:
CFS! Love ya,
Heb

My love for you will always grow, despite any impediment. Our love and happiness may wax and wane, but the most euphoric times will remain perpetual. I am truley glad that we met, and I wouldn't want it any other way.

To my lovely Martian,
At one different point, we BOTH were looking for something more than a friendship; didn't work out.U Know Why?Our fienship is stronger than anything else.I truly thank u 4 being an understanding friend.
with much love,
Miriam V.

I love you
Ilija!!!!

I shudder at the faet that men could die for their religion. I shudder no more, Love is my religion and if I could die for that, I could die for you. To: My muffin Cake

Just wanted to show some love to my Lokas and my Love Seli
Love, Koko

Shout out to my best friends Nathan and Danielle I love you 2! wOOp wOOp to my juggalo family. Ted is the sexiext guitarist ever (no offense Zach, I love you.) To anyone who knows me, who has hugged me or indulged in conversation with me- put up with my antics for these 4 years, or a year, or even a week: I love you. I have had a LOT of good times with a LOT of you and I felt like sharing that. Love, Dee. P.S. Division 781 is da bomb!

Amy, words cannot describe how much I love you or how happy you make me feel. I am just as greatful for you today as I ever was, if not more. Te Amo! <3

This is for all my best girls: Karolina, Gaby, Nidia, Senada, Christian, Marta, Jenifer, Crystal, Magen, Britney, Sadiya, and anyone else I forgot...sorry. I love you! Ya been there for me through it all, and for that I love you all! Remember "we ride" to the end, no matter what! We agree with the dic-tionary girls before guys! Besides, who says we need guys on Valentine's Day? I got ya'll and that's all I need.
Love you all,
Krystal

JESSICA CRESPO,
Lets "erase" the bad times and "chalk" up happier ones no matter what the cost(co).
be my valentine?
HEART, ADRIAN CRUZ

Natalie Fugate,
If I had "one wish" you would be my valentine.
HEART, Adrian Cruz
P.S. I hope this didn't make you nauseous.

Bianca ur the sweetest most awesome person ever! I love you! Love, Bianca

To my Valentines, Sharlett, thanks for being my best friend and the most "genuine" person I know, Love Ya. Jessica, I miss eating lunch with you and just plain chillin, thanks for being a great listener. Jamelle, Ladell, Gerald & Javier, it's been a blast having lunch with ya'll everyday, ya'll keep me rolling. Leo, you are a great person and I love dancing with you, I wish we would've started chillin before Senior year. Will, you know you my guy!
Happy V-Day,
Luv Chantell

2 Cor. 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old one has gone and the new has come" Nathaniel Vann, you are an amzing Creation of God and a Blessing to my life. Love Jennifer.

Nick <3, You are the only one for me. I love you.
-Lauren <3

Dear Stephanie Iza, Being friends with you was great...It got even better when we went out on our first date! I hope this message brightens up your day..just like you do for me in every single way! Being with you has been the best of time...and I just want you to know you'll always be MINES! Love, Yours

Supercalifragilisticexpeealadocius, I Love You! -SH

Happy Valentines Day to all my girls in Equadorian club. I love you all. Yanin, Stephamie, Alojandra, Carolina, Coloste, Martiza, and April.
Love, Sebastino

Happy Valentines Day to all of you Aurora, Marcia, Miriam, Cindy, Claudia, Mirium V, Karma, Catlin, and Farila and anyone else I haven't mentioned.
Love, Sebastino

Oksana I know we haven't been close and we really dont spend alot of time together but your such an amazing girl! 4 years went by so fast so here is my way of saying THANK YOU. Thanks O-DOGG! Have a Great Day! Luv???

Diego,
Thank for being there always when I needed u. we have so much fun together that brings out my childish side of me. and i thank u 4 dat. Have a nice Valentine's day with ur lover.
Love, Miriam V

Natalia Fugate:
"...unbreak my heart, say you love me again., undo this hurt you caused when you walked out of my life!" XOXO Princess Kelly

Roxanne: Knowing you has been great. Your a fly and I love it. You have been so good to me, life just wouldn't be the same without you. Thanks for EVERYTHING! (Sorry about your bed skirt) I LOVE YOU- The Fly

Leo Chavez will you be my Valen-tine? Luv ya!
-Your Secret Admirer <3

To my sexy QB Bobby! I <3 the fact that you are working out just for me:) I can't wait for the final product! This is going to make it even more exciting! Muah Baby! <3 Jas

boyfriend...
I LOVE YOU
-girlfriend

Happy V-day Ooga Booga Woof, Bonequeesha, and Frosqueeta - Love Tataneequa	Hey Tori, I just want to acknowledge you on this special day and let you know I'm thinking about you, I want to be yours so would you be mine? Happy Valentine's Day. - Yours Truly	Baby, two days after seeing this, it will finally be our two year AMINIVERSARY. It has been a long and adventurous road these past two years. I think some would say that our love is not perfect, however, it is the best I could ever wish for, and therefore it is perfect, perfect for me. After a few years of searching, I have found you, the girl I always wanted. Now I've met you, I want to put it all on the line to keep you. To take care of you, hold you, keep you safe, and tp promise you my heat forever. I want to, because you are worth it. - With all that I am... Bunny	AMANDA GORSKI!! I Miss you and love you more than you'll ever know! I hate how we have become so distant, I miss the days when we would just sit and talk forever and laugh until we got ourselves in trouble. I want you to know that I'M ALWAYS here no matter what! I love you big leauge! Happy Valentine's day love, always, Amanda Hamilton aka English <3 p.s GOTCHA!	To my love Jesus, These past two years have been amazing!! You have brought to my life nothing but hapiness. it's amazing how we ended up together and everything we had to go through to get where we are today. Despite our disagreements and the multiple times you have made me upset....just kidding...I love you! I don't know what I would do without you. You are everything I ever hoped for Babe. Happy Valentines day! Love you, Mitzy
DearWWI: We're almost out of the wild! Woo Hoo! Love ya, Heb	To my Darling boyfriend! You're my best friend in ever way, and seeing your smile brightens up my day! You're sweet, you're special and make me laugh too! So I wnsnt you to know I care about you! <3 Always, Jennie P.S Donne-moi une bise!	Happy V-Day to all my homies: De'Lisia (Li'l Silk Daddy), Jello, Tornika Boo, Reese, Shakira, Adrienne, Ashley Warlow, Shanni, Ke-ke, Cherokee, Shikita B, Nobe, Ju-Ju, Trey Fivve, Jason, Joanay and Ashley, Trav-is, Twquila, MoMo, Ko-Ko, and Jaquanda. Shout-outs to my sisters: Quida, Booty Stank, Quille. Happy V-Day to my freshies: E-Lord, C-Toe, K-Lord, and C-Lord. Better known as J.E.C.K.S.! Love all yall!	Happy Valentines Day to all my best friends : Gary (poo poo head), Gemise, and my love De'Lana. I love you guys so much. Thanks for the laughs and the memories. De'Lana even though you're going to Virginia State, you will still be my best friend. First Wives forever! LOL And Gary... what cha gonna do with that one ball?? - Shannon	To my wife, Gemisw and my mistress Shannon : I love both of yall to death! - Gary
Happy Valentine's Day To: "Da Team" Adrienne, Ashley, Cree, Crystal, Dominique, Ki-erra, Quasheena, Ta'Tianna '08 run it Da Team run it! We girls 4 life!	To Melanie Velez, Everytime you smile, you make my day, your like the frosting to my cake. Evrytime you're sad, you make me droop, you're like the fruit to my loops. Without you I don't see how anyone can stay alive. You're like education, without it I can't survive. So hopefully today we won't have to debate over whether things that happen for a reason is fate. And since Valentine's day is full of love. When angels come from up above, they give the love and hide the hate, my heart is your for the take. Will you be my valentine's date? Love, Kevin P.S. Call me.	Love Elmo	Renee, 5 month ago, I would've never thought I would fall in love with you. I couldn't even remember your name. Now I can't stop thinkin' about you. Your beautiful smile and wonderful personality. I just wanted to let you know, that I will always be here for you and there will always be a place in my heart for you. Forever yours Chris B. xoxo	SKEEZA PLEEZA!! Volim te Steven!
Ms. Something- So just a month and a half ago, we randomly started talking and its definately one of the best things I've done. You're really incredible, beautiful, intelligent, and funny. You're really important to me and what I really want most is to be the Mr. to your Mrs. Something. =)	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BABE! WE CONNECTED SO QUICKLY AND YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE WHEN I HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE IN RELATIONSHIPS. WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS IN COMMON. OUR LOVE OF BRAZIL, DESIRE TO STUDY ABROAD, AND OUR LOVE FOR STRAWBERRIES, JUST TO NAME A FEW. I DIDN'T BUY A BIG ENOUGH BOX TO EXPLAIN HALF OF WHAT YOU MEAN TO ME, BUT I TELL YOU EVERY NIGHT SO I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA. WE TALK FOR HOURS AND THEN WE ARGUE ABOUT HANGINGIN UP. TE QUIERO BABE, BUT I DON'T CARE HOW LONG WE ARE TOGETHER I WILL NEVER LET YOU CUT MY HAIR! LOVE, BABY	Kirby and Haley. You guys are amazing friends. Thanks for making my Junior year the best yet. I love you guys! Happy Valentine's Day, Halla K. Dear Kimya, I see you windin' and grindin' up in that hall. I kno you see me lookin at you and you already kno. I wanna LOVE YOU! -Eighth Period Lover	To Mi amor Chris. Baby I'm so glad we are together & that I found you. I'm opening up my heart and giving my all to you. Even though we haven't been together for a long time it feels like it. Im so happy I finally found that special somebody who will be there for me. Te amo mi amor con todo mi corazon. Besitos. Happy Valentine's day Baby. love, your one & only, Erica	Yo Wonderwoman thanks for your concern and having my back. Your the most smartest, beautiful, and dearest crime fighting Brown north face model I know. I love you MUCHO - Love Mockingbird.
	To my PROTOTYPE: I never knew or believed in love until I knew you. You are beyond amazing & I greatly appreciate your good lovin'. OLIVE JUICE, beb. VERY MUCHALOT. So here's to amny more happy valentine's days. xox Muah	Bear, In these past two weeks we have become more than just boyfriend and girlfriend. I love the scent of your car in the morning and your sweatshirt at night. I'm so glad we met and I hop we're together forever. Love Honey	To every girl in the school. To every girl that gives life to this world. To the ones that we live up to everyday. To the ones that do and don't have a valentine's day. Have a beautiful day. yours truly, N. Romo	Naomi, Ive had a wonderful time with you. Even though the time we share never seems to be enough. You're always the highlight of my day. Happy Valentine's Day, Aishiteru! -Anata
	To my Dalia I love you with all my heart and with you I am nothing. Love: Frank	I <3 the Sexy Six. Carmen, Danika, Jennifer, Lorri, Michelle, Nancy -Anonymos	Brittany G. thinks rhinoceros are rancheros. Monika J thinks desert is dessert. We love Nash. Patrick...yeah.	To the one girl that makes coming to school worthwhile. Every-time I see you, I can't help but smile. I'll beg and plead and get on my knees... be my valentine, Gemise, Te quiero mucho: Kedward
	To my GFH's Daniela, Jess, + Jaz, I love you guys so much. Daniela, you're beautiful. OK and so is jess and Jaz -Chris	Grace Rocks! -From Nina	I love you from here to Pluto and back! You mean so much to me. 1/1/07 - Wiener	to my nerds, husband, I want to be the friend who inspires you to be YOU. I want us to form a team when the timpossible dosen't seem possible anymore. Remember baby your my sunshine. I love you.
JESUS CHRIST LOVES YOU ALL!	To: Pow, Sam, & Becca. Thanks you guys for always being there for me, especially through these last few months. I love you guys! Luv, Chelle.	Nina Rocks! From Grace	To all of my great friends, Thank you for all you have done. You were there for me during some of the most pivital moments in my life. You will never and can never be replaced. You will always be held in my heart and never forgotten. I love you all dearly. You all are important for one reason or another, whether it was because I confided in you, laughed with you, or cried with you that has made you important to me. Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, Kylie	The apartment onn the lake with the balcony, the round bed with the Gucci sheets, leather couches, 60 inches, and cocoa platinum puff.
	The 5th Period Pimps: Grace * Jen * Thuong * Rebecca	To Ray: Love is...Universal. Ku-cham cie. Je t'aim. Te amo. Mahal kita. I love you. <3 Michelle. Breathe in for luck, breathe in so deep. This air is blessed you share with me. This night is wild So calm and dull These hearts they race with self control Your legs are smooth as they graze mine we're doing fine we're doing nothing at all..My hopes are so high that your kiss might kill me. So won't you kill me? So I die happy. My heart is yours to fill or burst to break or bury or wear as jewelry, whichever you prefer	Monika Janczuk, you're so lame but I loves you anayway :) -Robbie	Haley (Biffle) & Halla- You guys are the best frieds ever. I love you both too much!- Kirby
	CAN'T TOUCH THIS By: The Lollipop Guild	Toooooooooooooom is awesome!	This is a dedication. A dedication to the Spartan Sensation. My Brah and hero, Zoe. - Erik	Pepito! Happy Valentine's Day Osito! Te quiero Mucho! I'm so happy I finally met you, hopefully we can keep having fun. Con todo la crew Organizazion Pladium forever clubbin fuentes. Oh, love you girls too: Pancha, Marlene, Karla, Roscio,Michelle, nicole,yollz,daniella,Jerly and liz! Much love,yesenia Avalos aka LA SOPE
	To: Noe Qu'est-ce que tu on sais!! Je t'adore From: Perla Abarca	To: Tequilla No words I say can be more real than I LOVE YOU and life with you just ain't long enough. Perfection is you and me 4ever. Love ya Boo. From: Mike	To the HTF I love you guys and Lauren and Carina and Omar	Liz, Kevi,Yost,George and Ela: you are the freshest juniors I could think of to spend money on. Who's mom is the bomb? Liz, let's go dig a pony! I love you guys! Lots of Love from Dee
	Every single time I think about you or hear someone say your name, I can't help but smile! Thank you for being you! - Tenisia "Pretty T" Adams.	Angie	Kimmy, Tania, Lwona, Meagan, Adka, Monice, Paolma and Belly. Happy Valentines Day from Your Girl Joannie	To the awesome security guards @ Lane, you guys are the best, sincerely- Mike Hawke
	Div. 854 - Only 1.5 left! I will miss all of you (except C.R.). I couldn't have asked for a better division (except maybe one without C.R.). Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. G-Sky.	Angie	Para: Diana Lugo No se porque no quieres ester conmigo yo solo quiero darte mi carino jamas te haria sufrir, siempre te haria feliz Tal vez tu no me quieras, no me importa para mi tu eres hermosa, me encantas, cada dia espero para que tu seas mia no me dare por veneido hasta que te tenga como novia me gustas mucho y eso no lo niego Te quiero yo oes lo que te digo Y que tu estes conmigo. -Gase	Cali, Monika, Delaney, Diana, Carina, and Angela! I love you gurls . You are always there for me. I will always be there for you! Happy v-day ! By the way, when's the next girls night out? Love, Mandy
	Diane N., I'm writing to you because I want to prove my feelings for you are true. You're a very beautiful girl and I can't begin to explain how you have me feeling. I'm sorry for the awkwardness I may be causing. - Manonymous	Angie	FEUER!!!! B.T. & S.J. (the Golden Boys) want to send a shout-out to you and all the books you've won resounding victories over!!!!	To : my 2 partners in crime: Iwona and Roxy. Luv you girl, remember I'm always here for you! Happy Valentine's Day your dumb "blonde" ADA
	To the K.A.H.s. We're better than any "team." Happy Valentine's Day ya'll and don't worry we will always have haters because we ballin'. Enjoy your day and keep ya game up because they can't catch up. Love Always, Mrs. E3	Angie	Hey Babe, Happy Valentine's Day! I just want you to know that you've been the best girlfriend ever. It's going on two years and I haven't been happier. I love you so much. To Ashley S. From Tim N.	Schmucker!!!! Just want you to know that you mean everything in the world to me!! I wish every second I spend with you could be eternity. I love you scooter!! Love, Boomer.
	I like the bed I woke up on. It said "hair you brush with your teeth." So I did and I woke up on a floating banana. But it wasn't really a floating.., it was my pants that heard like bananas that ate a hippo that was crazy like a fox and silly like a geoses. Then it exploded like a baby, named simone, that I laid on, like a bed. -Zach	Angie		To: Yuli you re my heart you are soul. My love for you is never ending, so I just wanted to say that you have the most amazing RACK. Love Frank
		Angie		Elvis Veizi, you are unbelievably hot and I would love if you would be my valentine. Happy Valentine's Day! - Mad Dawg
		Angie		Anna Marie Chernik, My other Half, We have come along way since our freshmen year. Sometimes without you I don't know what I'd do. I love you! Happy Valentines Day! - Your Babicakez
		Angie		to my 7th period lovers! I love you Cali, ana, adrianna, Melinda, David, and Piotr. You guys are the best listeners! Thank you for listening to my crazy stories. I'm always a phone call,text, or messgae away. Happy V-day! Love, Mandy
		Angie		To all my former teachers, the academic team, and my cousins Hiram Jr., Tamara, and Yasmine. I love you all and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
		Angie		Big C, My love for you is deeper than the ocen and sweet that maple syrup. I love you so much, it's amazing to have you in my life. Happy Valentines day Babe! - Babicakez
		Angie		Tom, three years and I'm finally taking out an ad, guess this means we're getting kinda serious.
		Angie		P.S. I love you more than you'll ever know!!! Love always & forever, Amanda
		Angie		Dear Division 859: No making out. Hugs not drugs. Keep your hands to yourselves. You guys want doughnuts tomorrow? 38 days until the ACT! Love you lots, Mama Heb

Abimel is the best-est friend ever!
4m Annabel

You want something depressing? You want something cheerful? Lean a bit closer, I'll give you an earful. Life can be beautiful; life can be tough, but love is what you make it, when the going gets rough. Love is not lust; Love is not mating; Love is not only in honeymoon consumating. But love is long lasting. Love will hold tight, never give up and love stays in sight. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
To: Jasmine Birt
From: Kevin McGhee

The top 6 reasons why I love my sophomore division: 6. They arrive on time everyday 5. They learned what a hyphen is so they can spell my name correctly 4. They throw my garbage away 3. They bring in pop tabs 2. They like each other and...#1. They wear their IDs every-day (even if everyone else doesn't). Happy Valentine's Day Div. 914
-Mrs. Vale-Saurez

Ha what's up Joseph you don't know me but I have seen u and I think u are cute and I want u to be my Valentine. Happy V-day.
From: Rashard

Ha Alex u know me. I've seen u in hallways sometimes but u are in my class and you are goofy. "Roses are red violets are blue I'm black and I have a mustache too" Can you guess who I am? Be my Valentine!

Amigas por siempre- Caitlin, Lauren, Becca, Crystal, Lo, Leslie, Laura, Fabi, Devi, Samra, & Sophia

This is to my #1 girls the thick 1, the Ba-Ba lover, D'white lover, the booty shaka, and my smiley face. I luv y'all, (no homo). Thanks 4 bein there when I needed y'all. And 4 the thick 1 and the booty shaka' I know we will have lots of fun cause we sharin. u kno. Happy V-Day, Jasmine, Bridgette, Brittany, Shenay, and Tia. I luv's you much!

To Sophia,

The moments that I'm not with you are spent wishing I was able to speed up time so I could see you, hold you, and kiss you.

To a special and beautiful girl who can never see just how great she is, but I sure can. Happy Valentine's Day!

Pablo loves you! We love chesse!! We love you much!!
Sincerely Nadia and Arienne

Undenlabe essence and emotions that portray such feelings within. I know deep inside you feel more than you can imagine. So real you are my everything, the blood pumpin through my veins, the oxygen I breath, and when we kiss, I swear an angel has touched me. You leave me with a kiss as sweet as the virgin's kiss. I promise I'll struggle for you because you are worth it. 4434. TO MY COCOA IUBI. FROM WHY? CHOCOLATE OLI.

I love you Shaheen Kazmi
-From Peter

Your Sweet Love
Your Sweet Love, my darling, makes me burn with desire. The sweetness of your kiss, sets my heart on fire. The heat of your body, and the fire of mine, is like a burning torch, a feeling so divine. There on the table sits the flowers and wine. Give you all my loving 'cause you're my Valentine. -Happy Valentine's Day Kristin

Sweet Valentine
Sweeter than the sweetest candy, warmer than the warmest sunshine. Prettier than a pink carnation, tastier than the finest wine. Fresher than April showers, brighter than the brightest rainbows... That's what your love means to me, just thought I'd let you know. Happy Valentine's Day, Kristin.

Jessica, Tia, and Sheney I love you girls. You guys brighten up my day with smiles and laughter and I hope I do the same. Happy Valentine's Day. We're going to be the hottest at International Days.
-Much Love, Jasmine

Babe!!! So Anna made me buy one of these and since I'm bad at writing I just wanted to say that I LOVE YOU like crazy, even though you're slow at times and always complain about everything =)
Te Amo!
-Stephanie

Shenay, I think you are so beautiful. You are my dreamgirl. I see you dancing and being you and I feel like I'm in love. We don't really talk but I just wanted to say you're wonderful. Love, Anonymous "07"

REBEKAH ATANUS YOU ARE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!!!
-YOUR SECRET ADMIRER

POOKIE, WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?
-PADOOKIE

=) I..LOVE..SAPPHIRE =)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY HONEY BUNNEY! AND FOR TOMORROW, HAPPY 14TH MONTH! I LOVE YOU MOST! HA I WIN!
-D.J.

I Love
Jiayin Zheng-Mach

To all my friends
Love Liz

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY AN! YOU DORKIE! =]
<3 TINA =]

Stephanie, I love you- BFF! -Elani

Though I've tried before to tell her of the feelings I have for her in my heart everytime that I come near her, I just lose my nerve as I've done from the start, cuz Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic.

Hey Mumbles :) Took us awhile to B but im happy we're together now. Happy Valentines Day.
Your Punk

Dear Jacky,
This is our first Valentine's Day together as a couple and I hope you are as excited about it as I am. Our love that we share together is like no other. I know that we were meant to be together. I also know that our love will last forever, no matter what happens. You know I am always here for you when you need it.
Love Always, Your Pookie, Robert

Dear Walter DWDRAK Jr.,
I think you're hott stuff!
-Greg

Hey Zayna, you good looking piece of hotness. You have 2 classes with me and during those two classes, it's my favorite part of the day. I can never get over how beautiful you are. I LOVE YOU!
Love, xoxo <3 :)

To: Jesus Baca
From: Your Secret admirer DCA
Thinking of YOU..
<3 <3 <3

Ha. What's bolt2or. I want you to be my Valentine's because I do like like you for Valentine's Day, but we dont talk a lot.
Secret Admirer.

Happy Valentine's Day Division 937!

Waddup Chugg!

Hey Anna! I drew you a picture!
-D.C.

Nicole Nazarowski
I love you like a fat kid loves a cake. Your milkshake brings all the boys to the yard!
Peace out, Jim Shu

BEKAH! These past few weeks have been kind of hard. Just wanted to say I love you always, and I'm sorry. Love ya, the S in J.A.R.S.

Becca-Boo: You mean the world to me- Te amo para siempre bebe.
Love, your boy.

IVAN <3 SONIA
Happy Valentine's Day

Leah (Alexandra) Alers, You are beautiful. Inside and out. Your unique personality simply lights up a room. Your heart is what sets you apart and is special compared to the rest. I love you forever.

Sincerely, K. Pilman
Happy Valentines Day Selena!!
I'm very glad I even have a valentine and its even better that it's you.
Love, Diego

Brittany I am proud of you!
-Uncle

Hello!! OMG!! I'm writting you a message! I feel so cool. Um...anywayz I <3 U ttty!!!!
<3 Tali*

Ha. What's up Lewis? I know you're in my history class and I like you and I want you to be my Valentine. We cant talk, not alot. Secret Admirer.

Happy Valentine's Day Stephanie!
Love,
Jose'

Sharon is my Valentine!
4m Annabel

Ashley, Luv ya like a sis.
Happy V-Day. Luv, Jordan

Hi Ljubavi. I just wanted to say Happy Valentine's Day. Znaj da te volim najvise na svetu i da hocu ovaj dan samo uz tebe da provedem. I love you.
-Dijana voli Igora

Sending out a Valentine's shout out to my family! Hey Elise, Sterling, S

Have a happy Valentines Day!
Hope you find your true love today!

Sending out a Valentine's shout out to my family! Hey Elise, Sterling, Sloan, Sydney and my baby Sister Hayden! Happy Valentines Day
Love Tyler

Hi Vince. I think you are cute. This is my valentine to you so on February 14 will you be mine?
From: a Secret Crush

Hey Kyle love! You know your my freshy and I love you, but I also like you! So be my Valentine!?
Your Junior

Dear Jamie, Will you be my Valentine? Yes No I heart you! You make me 'Parry'
-My Mom

Dear Jamie, Will you be my Valentine? Yes No I heart you! You make me 'Parry'
-My Mom

Gaby Reno, I'm Bleu for you....

RABBIT,
I LOVE
YOU!
WHEEZE

Happy Valentines Day Jarmel,
You are great and I think you are cute. I have admired you for a while so be my valentine.
-Jessica Hunicar

Ashley and Paulina are Babes
-Love Peter

Brittany, through thick and thin, we'll always be best friends. I love you gurl. Class of 10!
-Fannie

Karina, whenever I hear that name my heart beats faster. Is it love? Is it my soul longing to be with her? Maybe, I'm just crazy, but whatever it is, I know i'll only be happy if I'm with her.

Chris Leyba, you mean so much to me, you are the sweetest guy I know. That is why I want to ask you "Will you be my Valentine?"
Love, Holly

Tali!!!
Happy Valentines Day baby cakes. I can't even start to tell you what you mean to me. I'm so glad we just met (even though you ignored me) LOL. Your my everything and I'm grateful for everyday we're together. I Love You soooooo much. Have a great day.
-Thomas "googley bear"

Happy Valentines Day Div. 031, the best freshmen ever!
Ms. Paganelli

I love you Kristina Todosijevic from Jeffrey Jacobs

Anthony-
Wookie Sound
-Meg :)

To all my survey kiddos: It's poetry people, SHOW ME the love!! Vocab quiz Friday. Love ya! Miss Hebbly

Hi Sophia! This is Antonio and all I want to say is that I like you very much and that I liked you ever since the first day I saw you. I was just too afraid to tell you this, but now, I've finally worked up the up the courage to tell you. I love you and I hope you have a happy Valentines Day!
Love, Antonio Stevens

I Love you Alex,
Mi corazon
Forever & Always
-Vixicn

Hey Guys this year in bio and world studies was fun, so Happy Valentine's Day to my peeps. Specially to Ellie, Peggie, FiFe, Sara, Samantha, Jackie, Sara, Pat, Carmen, Anthony Herbie. This year was fun you guys made it more memorable. -Keyur

Happy Valentine's Day Baby! I Love You so much! Oh...and Happy Anniversary! I hope we will be together forever! I will always be there for you mi amor...and you can always count on me. Ari Ruiz loves Luis Cabanas!
8-14-06

To Paulina, I know I might not have made a good first impression, but I just want you to know that I love you and I want you to be my valentine.
Love, Reed Lubin

Giovanni, You are the most awesome person I have ever met. You are funny, handsome, hott, and a very likeable person. Just seeing you makes me smile and makes me happy for the rest of the day. Have an awesome Valentines' day Cutie, -your not so secret admirer. (oh did I mention your hott?)

Jason & Maria
12-27-04
I LOVE YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEART!

Dear Yearbook Students! This year has been going great. Thanks for all your haard work. I'm sure all Lane's students will love our color book! -Mrs. S-L

Ms. Blanchard, you are such a wonderful teacher! We will all miss you when you leave! Love, 3rd period

DEROSS,
YOUR CONSERVATISM IS RIDICULOUSLY HOT.

To the entire Lane Tech cheerleading team! Happy Valentine's Day! From your captains- Cindy, Monica and Gaby

Mr. Bertenshaw!
You don't know how much you are cherished. We learned more in your classroom than in all four years of highschool combined.
Love, your former students.

Dear Danielle, I know we have our ups and downs but it has been great being with you. You're the best ever and I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Zach Wiener

Happy Valentine's Day to the Cast and Crew of To Kill a Mockingbird. Congratulations on a great show!
Mrs. Hanson

To Juli & Liz
You guys I am so glad that we have lunch together! Thanks for listening to me and giving me advice. I have enjoyed all of our crazy conversations!
LOVE, Kelly T

Here is something nice for all my friends! V-Day isn't just for lovers you know! Luv ya lots! Love Hayley aka Peanut

To my GFH's J-Rex, Cereal, and D. I love you guys soo soo much! You all are my val-entines...gay! LOL. love always, Jazzy Bear P.S. the suit is black...NOT!
I'll Be there for you always
Love,
Jesus C
1-2-3 I love my varsity 3-2-1 love your little one.
-Coach Barb

Dignam named Vice Principal

By Maggie Byrne

Former biology teacher, Mr. Chris Dignam, returned to Lane last week as an Assistant Principal, filling the spot left by Dr. LoBosco when she moved into the position of Head Principal.

Last year Dignam worked in the CPS Regional Office as a curriculum specialist. When he heard about the open administrative position at Lane, he immediately applied. He went through the application and interview

process last year and was hired at the beginning of this year when his contract was finalized.

"I am really excited to be here as a former student and teacher," said Dignam. "I look forward to helping improve Lane."

Dignam has taken over most of LoBosco's old duties. His work will focus on the school's curriculum, but will also oversee the A.P. and Lane Scholars programs.

Miscellaneous Valentine's (continued)

For my significant other, Happy 2 yrs of Love TinTin! Being with you, I realized that God has sent me my Angel, you. I Love you. I love everything about you. This love is unconditional, nothing will break it. I know that in our relationship, we have many arguments b/cos I'm stupid, but I thank you for being in my life. You make my life complete. So let's be together, heart to heart 4 ever. Mahal NA Mahal Kita, Tutuy :)	Dina, Jessica, Le'Dia and Maddy: You guys are a great stunt group and I'm lucky to have all of you :) It's been a good year. Love, Gabi XOX
	Good luck this season to the Boys and Girls Track and Field teams. You guys are awesome. See you in Charleston, IL on Saturday! -Roof
	If you go by the name of "Flaco" and know where I live, STOP stalking me and telling lies to my boyfriend. You know who you are!!! Gaby
Hey Silly Goose! Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. -Samantha	To All Athletes and members of the Field of Dreams: Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to making Lane Tech the true "School of Champions." Happy Valentines Day! -Mr. Rio
	To all my friends- I love you all and I am so thankful to every single one of you for all the wonderful memories you gave me. I'll miss you! -Dominika
Emeelenee, you are a very special girl. I adore looking at your beautiful hair and Guatemalan lifestyle, I love you.	Happy V- Day Everyone!
	Much love from random person. :P
	Mr. Rio, Thank you for all tht you do for Lettermen Club. We may not always show it but we really appreciate you!
My Moosey!! <3 You are the most extraordinary person I have ever had, and the last one I plan to have in my life. I Love You Bonito. You are my everything	To all our cross country coaches: Thanks for all your time and dedication! Without your time and support, we could never have accomplished all that we did. Thanks. -All members of the Cross country team.
Check out SHAMAN, the medicine men of Rock & Roll @ www.myspace.com/ShamanOfRock	Special moments have left but you're still in my heart you were always there, and I can't forget about you I want to be more than friends Instead of going out on all those secret dates. Auguri a tutti i miei studenti d'italiano! Felicitades a mis estudiantes de espanol! Prof Paganelli
1st period AP US History your great! Keep up the good work! -Mr. R	Dear Miss Lane, So uh, what's cookin' Good lookin'?
Miss McMeans You steal my heart like a fiend Bringing sexy back You make me do a little jig With that hair of yours, oh so big Your eyes are so big and green, They just make my heart scream In this class I wish I could stay. You can take my picture any day When asking me if my pictures are too light or too dark What I really want to know is if We can take a walk through the park Oh my Dharia, I wanna go far with ya! Mr. Fixer	Riza, Baby you must be a parking ticket becuase you got FINE written all over you -Love Micheal H
	Jake, even though you were really geeky in grammar school, I still thought you were hot, I miss you so. love your girlfriend :)
	Mr. Jones, White flowers have blossomed in you hair, swept back to better view the screen. Your crocs squeak as you kick them off and relax. In life's video game, you have the high score. (It's never too late)
	Attention all single female teachers: The Warrior sponsor, Mr. Johnson, is currently single and taking girlfriend applications. Please pick yours up in Room 139.
	Happy Valentine's Day Divison 866 Ms. Payne
5th period AP US History your great! Keep up the good work! -Mr. R	Happy Birthday Alex Gibson Ms. Payne



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Edline posts grades online

By Paige Grabinski &
Anna Treesara

A new tool known as Edline, an online website used to post student grades, has been introduced this year to Lane. Many are asking, however, if it is truly helpful or just a technological hassle.

Last spring, the school's Tech Committee discussed how to bring Lane into the 21st century. The committee also talked to other high schools such as Northside and Payton, who already used Edline and have been satisfied with the results. As a result of this meeting the decision was made to introduce Edline at Lane.

It is mandatory for teachers to post grades. However, the deadline originally set for the end of the first semester was extended due to computer shortage.

Dr. Lobosco is expecting at least one computer in every classroom this year so teachers can familiarize themselves with and have access to Edline.

The site was originally intended for posting grades, but many teachers now post assignments online as well. Mr. Sheldon, A.P. U.S. History teacher, uses Edline for this purpose.

"I think that everyone should do it," said Sheldon. "It saves time with having to print out handouts for every student and it gets rid of the excuse, 'I lost it.'"

Not all teachers are as enthused. Several teachers have not even posted grades yet.

"I'm trying. I can't figure it out," said Mr. Jones, English teacher. "Technology confuses me."

Many students use Edline and enjoy access to grade updates. However, Edline's original purpose was to serve as a way for parents to monitor their children's grades.

However, at Lane Edline may not be helping in this area. Many parents don't even know it exists or how to use it. A letter explaining Edline was placed in the envelope containing first quarter report cards, but many parents remained uninformed.

"My dad, who's usually busy, leaves all the school stuff up to m mom," said Daisy Macias, Div. 924. "My mom, when she got the letter about Edline, just handed it to me and forgot about it."

Edline has perhaps had a stronger effect on students than on their parents.

"Students now ask, 'When will you post the updated grade,' instead of, 'Do you know my grade?'" said Ms. Buhay, from the Math Department.

Not all students are using the program, though. Some say it is not worth the time to check because so few of their teachers are using it. Also, for students without home internet access, checking Edline is sometimes more of a hassle than simply talking to teachers.

Although many people are still unaware of Edline's benefits, the concept of grade-posting and parent/student/teacher communication will continue to be revolutionized as more teachers begin to use this online tool.

Teens misrepresentin' with fake IDs

By Gabi Levine & Monica Neris

Fake IDs are very common among teenagers. Even if a teenager does not own a fake ID, many say they have used one, or would be willing to use one.

"I don't own one, but I'd say I've used a fake ID about 15 times, maybe more," said John*, a Lane senior. "I've borrowed them from friends who get them through other friends, and sometimes their older siblings."

(*Names of students appearing in this article have been changed to protect their identities).

Many people get fake IDs through friends, or from dealers whose locations are usually advertised by word of mouth.

"My friends have told me [a dealer] lives a few blocks from my house," said John.

The most common reason teenagers use fake IDs is to get into clubs and bars; not necessarily to drink, but to have a good time.

"The atmosphere is more fun. There aren't a lot of annoying teenagers running around, and people don't treat you like a little kid," said Sarah.

"[Twenty-one and over clubs] are restricted, so it seems more appealing," said Vanessa, a senior.

Many teenagers do, however, use fake IDs to buy alcohol illegally.

According to a message from the Secretary of State Jesse White, dated Dec. 29, 2004, the penalty for making and using fake or unlawfully altered IDs can be either a class A misdemeanor, (up to one year in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine) or a class 4 felony, (up to three years in prison and up to a \$25,000 fine).

"I think if teenagers were more educated on what kind of trouble they could get in while using a fake ID then this would not be such a big problem," said Sgt. William Looney, a Chicago police officer.

Many teenagers say they are aware of consequences they face if caught with a fake ID, but use them anyway.

If teenagers do not look like the picture on the ID they are often questioned. People prepare themselves for these situations by memorizing the information on the card.

"My friend found a real ID that actually looks a lot like me," said Sarah, another senior. Most of the time the reaction I get is 'You're from Ohio?' I just tell them, 'Yeah, I go to school here.' It never fails."

Students say they know many places do not check closely, as long as they see an ID.

"We only look a little alike," said Steve, a junior, who sometimes borrows his older cousin's ID to purchase alcohol. "The liquor store owner just looked at the age and handed it back."

Many clubs and bars use ID scanners to check authenticity. However, John said his fake ID went through the scanner without a problem and he was let into the bar.

Not all places are as lenient about IDs. At one liquor store John was questioned

because the picture did not look like him. He forgot the address on the ID. The store clerk handed it back to him and angrily told him to leave.

Police officials and club/bar owners are trying to keep minors out of restricted places. Books have been published, which

explain the difference between a real ID and a fake ID for all 50 states.

"The process bar owners and club owners are supposed to follow when they encounter a fake ID is to hold the person and then call the police," said Looney. "However, most don't because it takes

too much time and makes the entrance door even more busy than it already is."

"When minors do try to use fake IDs, I usually don't call the police because I am the only one working in the store and there are usually other customers," said a local liquor store owner.

Lane teachers nominated for awards in excellence

By Crystal Ramirez & Armando Cortez

There is no question that teachers can change lives, and nearly every student will attest to having had at least one exceptional teacher. But these dedicated educators go largely unrecognized, lucky to even get a "thank you" from the students whose lives they touched. However, by nominating a remarkable teacher for the Unilever Performance Plus Award, students can recognize the teachers who go above and beyond what their job requires to motivate and help their students.

To win this award teachers first have to be nominated by a student. Then, the teachers must answer four essay questions about their efforts and involvement. On April 19, after the teachers' application forms have been

mailed in, a meeting is held with a committee of CPS students who represent each district. At this meeting, the students will evaluate the nominees and choose the winners. They evaluate the teachers based on their work outside of the classroom - whether it's starting a club, or tutoring a student after school - to measure the level of commitment the teacher displayed.

Awards will be given to ten first and ten second place winning teachers in each Chicago Public High School Area. First place teachers win \$3,000 and second place teachers win a \$700 award. In addition to the personal awards, a \$200 award is given to the winning teachers' schools. Awards will be given at a special recognition ceremony on May 8, 2007, hosted by Unilever, CPS, and the Mayor's Office.

The Unilever Performance

Plus Award, formerly known as the Suave Award, was first awarded in 1996 at Orr High School. The award started as a neighborhood project to honor hard-working teachers, but has been expanded into a citywide program. Lane started participating in the program five years ago.

Mrs. Dean, assistant principal, a supporter of the Unilever Award at Lane, believes that it is an outstanding way for teachers to be recognized.

"We seldom acknowledge teachers that do a good job," she said.

A recent poll of 100 Lane students concluded that only seven percent knew what the Unilever Award was.

"Uni...what?" asked Abraham Fuentes, Div. 758.

Mr. Jones, an English teacher, won the Unilever award once in 2001, and has been nominated five times since the award was introduced at Lane.

"It always feels good to be

recognized," said Jones.

The Unilever award is not the only program which rewards excellent teachers. Another, possibly more widely known award is the state-wide Golden Apple Award. Winners of the Golden Apple receive a paid Fall semester sabbatical at Northwestern University, a laptop computer, \$3,000, and induction into the prestigious Golden Apple Academy. There has never been a winner of this award from Lane, although there have been nominees. This year's nominees included Mr. Scane, Ms. Smith, Mr. Valderrama, Mr. Bertenshaw, Mr. R. Hencinski, Ms. Hebson, and Ms. Villa. Villa is a finalist this year and says she is very excited about her nomination.

Students who have had a teacher who made a difference in their lives are encouraged to fill out an application form for nomination, available in the main office.



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Students juggle responsibilities of work, school

By Aneta Jozefczyk &
Enid Maldonado

According to a survey taken by 100 Lane juniors, 36 percent are currently employed and work an average of 18 hours per week.

Having a job and maintaining good grades at the same time is not impossible, although some unemployed students may think so.

"Students become more into their job than their academics," said Matt Jordan, Div 921, "They are always tired and don't focus in class like they should."

However, half of the surveyed students do not think that having a job impacts their ability to do well academically.

"If you're serious about your education, nothing will really hinder it," said Zerina Spahic, Div. 874.

Many employed students think that having a job can be just as important as doing well in school because of the impact it can have on the social element of education.

"I haven't been working that long, but my social skills are much better now that I do work," said an anonymous sophomore. "Not only that, but I have money to go out now, so it helps my social life in that way too."

Many teachers think that students working is great as long as they maintain academic priorities. However, others believe that a student should focus mainly on school.

"If it's not necessary for a student's survival, I don't believe that they should have a job," said Mr. Chaney, drafting teacher.

Not all students, however, have school at the top of their priority list.

"I most likely wouldn't quit [if my grades went down,]" said Agatha Obrecki, Div. 865, who works at a car insurance company. "It's good for my resume and it's a good learning experience."

Most students who work use their earned money for personal expenses, and say it gives them a feeling of independence.

"I've had a job for two years now, and the fact that I work gives me so much freedom," said an anonymous senior. "I never have to ask for money, and that is a good feeling."

Some students are under the impression that as long as their grades are acceptable, they can spend their free time working.

"I'd rather have good grades and money than great grades and an empty pocket," said Paulina Kolanko, Div. 869.

There are also some who think teachers should be more understanding when it comes to accepting late assignments from students who work.

"Most teachers won't give you extra time to do work even though you worked a 25 hour week that wasn't by choice in the first place," said Tim Novak, Div. 859. "It really affects my grades, but without my job my life would be affected."

Most unemployed students do not have a job because they spend their extra time doing

homework and participating in after school activities.

"I don't have time because of cross-country and track, and school work taking up too much time," said Peter Bronkowski, Div. 751.

Others, however, say that after school activities are simply more convenient.

"After school activities take up less time because they are generally right after school so you don't have to travel anywhere to participate in them," said Kent Frayn, Div. 857.

A few students said that they would get a job if the opportunity arose, but only if it paid well.

Not all unemployed students believe that having a job is a negative experience.

"I had a job once and I learned great time management," said Jessica Hall, Div 783.

Many students who wish to work and maintain good grades are perfectly capable of doing so. But it requires extra time and effort that many are not willing

to give.

"My grades do suffer but having money makes me happy. That's why I won't quit," said Ahmad Hasan, Div 880.

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Internet security limits student access to web

By Siobhan Lally

The silence of the library is shattered by a shrill siren and the computer screen displays a warning pop up: "You have attempted to access inappropriate content. Your attempt has been logged within our system and will be reviewed."

Sites deemed inaccessible on school computers vary from Myspace, a popular networking site, to pornography.

When teachers need to use blocked sites for class, they have to fill out a form, have it approved by the principal, and forwarded to the CPS Board for final approval. CPS also updates the list of blocked websites upon request from teachers and staff members of the Board.

With over 700 students walking in and out of the Lane library each day, internet security is just a fact of life, according to librarian Mrs. Zbinden. She says that in a perfect world the librarians would not use the system because it limits students. But in reality it allows the library staff to take care of business other than monitoring student internet use.

Librarians are not the only ones who think students are limited due to the internet filtering system. Students themselves say the same.

"I personally don't like the filtering system. It doesn't let me get on the sites I need to get on," said Jessica McCabe, Div. 877.

Some students, like McCabe, who do not have access to the internet at home and need to use computers at school, find it frustrating that they have such limited access.

However, the Internet security system was never meant to limit students access to the internet.


"[That is] not the point of the program," said Mr. Kenmotsu, head of the Technology Department. "We want to have students have access to go on the internet. It's a powerful tool. We don't want to limit access."

Not all students think the security system limits them from any vital information on the web.

"The sites I need aren't blocked," said Nicole Johnson, Div. 777, who uses school computers one to two times a week.

Some students think the internet security system is a good idea.

"I think the school is doing the right thing by having filters on certain sites," said George Espino, Div. 869. "The computers at school should be used only for educational needs and [homework], not for playing games... By having filters, these problems are solved and they can be used for what they are truly intended for."



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Students still learning how to fulfill service requirements

By Crystal Lee &
Chakira Hamilton

The Chicago Board of Education policy requires all high school students to complete a minimum of 40 Service Learning Hours in order to graduate. Many students, however, are not completely familiar with the policy for completing Service hours. Some do not even see the point.

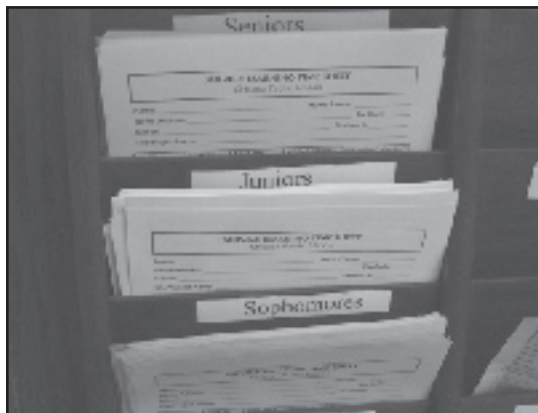
While there are service opportunities announced frequently and reinforced by bulletins, many students do not know some important details of the Service Learning policy. Some students are not aware that a post-service reflection sheet is required upon the completion of all 40 hours, or that hours must be done at a non-profit organization such as a Chicago Public Library or a soup kitchen. There are even some students who do not know

that the same color record sheet is to be used all four years.

The Parent Page of the CPS Service Learning website states that Service Learning "engages students in projects that serve the community and build their social and academic capacities." The site also offers the statistic that "nine out of ten high school students say that they learn best through hands on learning."

Some students said that they might be more willing to do the hours if there were some sort of incentive involved. It is true that there are not many instant rewards for underclassmen who finish more than the required number of hours, but there are incentives available later. For example, seniors who have completed more than 150 hours may qualify for special awards and be honored at an assembly.

"We might get more out of it if we weren't forced to do the hours," said Conar Jacobs, Div. 783. "If I wanted to help my community or 'build my



Unused service hour sheets sit waiting for students to pick them up in room 129.

academic capacities', I would do it on my own."

Outside of Lane, there are college scholarship opportunities. Many colleges look at Service Learning hours when choosing which students

to accept.

Mrs. Coleman-Parker declined to comment, saying only that people need to focus on the positive aspects of Service Learning.

Although the school tries to make hours readily available, there are still some students who are behind in their service learning progress.

"There is no time. My life is hectic; there is school, homework, I have a job and also have night school. There is just no time," said Gary Acosta, Div. 777, a senior with only four hours.

Others, however, do not mind completing the hours.

"It's only hard if you try to do them all at once," said Greysa Rivera, who has 305 hours (div 879). "If you do them during the summer it'll take you about

a week. I did my hours at a local park district. I also help with student council. They give you different opportunities to help and reward you with hours."

"It's supposed to be community service, and while Lane is a community within itself, we want you to get out there and get experience," said Dr. LoBosco.

Once hours are in, it is a concern of some students that it will take a while for Service Learning hours to be entered into the system. This is because all hours must be thoroughly checked and confirmed.

"Some schools may be less strict, but at Lane, we really follow the rules," added LoBosco. "And the Senior class is one of the biggest we've had in a while."

A full list of the regulations regarding Service Learning completion is available in room 128B, as well as a list of organizations requesting student help.



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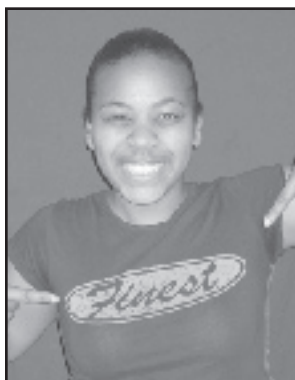
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BSA celebrates Black Heritage

By Kaya Flowers

Lane's first annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration took place on January 18th.

All branches of the Black Student Association helped to organize this wonderful event that paid tribute to Dr. King, his wife Coretta Scott King, and also awarded students for their achievements. It featured speeches by the Ethnic Studies teacher, Mr. Kimmons, and motivational speaker, Philip Jackson. Former principal, Mr. Foley, also paid a visit, and was greeted with heavy applause.

Lane's Civics Room was jam-packed with students, teachers, and administrators in support of the MLK celebration. They filled the chairs, benches on the sides of the room, and some even took seats on the floor along the back of the room. Surveying the room, I noticed that the room was not just filled with African-Americans. There were representatives from every race.

As the program began, and people filed in to crowd the room, Mr. Kimmons gave a speech that highlighted the work of Dr. King and his achievements. The Brotherhood of the BSA, clad in all black with red ties, gave a powerful performance of their rendition of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, stating their collaborative hopes for the future. The Gospel Choir shook the room with their joyous praises. The crowd clapped to the beat of their voices. The celebration continued as the Sisterhood paid tribute to Coretta Scott King, and lit a candle in honor of her life and work. There was also a moment of silence to show gratitude for her achievements after her husband's death, as well as honor for the life she lived.

The affair gained more and more applause as the BSA sponsors Ms. Sanders, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gholston, and Mr. Ward took the microphone to give out awards. Two seniors, Le'Dia Smith, Div. 752, and Gerald Turner, Div. 757, were awarded for outstanding achievement, community service, and being an active part of the BSA. A former student, James Galliday, was awarded for his contribution to young African-Americans.

The MLK celebration was far from over. A man dressed in a bright yellow sweater and dress pants walked up to the podium. The man was Philip Jackson, a member of the vital community help group, Black Star Project. He literally shook the room with his booming voice, rhyming words, and alarming statistics. He passed out t-shirts and comic books that promoted the main idea of his group and speech: EDUCATE OR DIE. As I sat there, laughing at Jackson's jokes and comparisons, I noticed everything he said was true. He talked about the gaps African-American and Latino students experience in school such as in math, reading, and even graduation rates. Fewer and fewer minorities are graduating because they may be blinded by popular things like bling, instead of trying to pursue the dream of Dr. King. When he ended the event, his final words were met with the loudest applause of the night.

The event was truly a celebration of Dr. King and his life. It was also a way to recognize the importance of education. The BSA held a memorable event which not only helped others to realize the many achievements of the Kings, but it also sparked a fire of hope that many of us will follow in their footsteps. It was a pleasure to be among such greatness.



Affirmative action prevents equality

By Dorothy Gicela

Last year, Joe Mroszczyk, the President of the Republican Group at Boston University, started a \$250 scholarship for Caucasian students, saying, "There are plenty of

White, academically gifted students who need the money just as much [as minorities]." This sparked outrage among minority leaders, despite the fact that \$250 is basically nothing when it comes to paying for the cost of college, and the applicants only had to be a quarter Caucasian to be eligible. This was one of the more significant protests against affirmative action.

Affirmative action was established in 1961 when President John F. Kennedy issued Executive Order 10925. The original intention of affirmative action was "to ensure that applicants are treated equally without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin." However, over the years, affirmative action was changed to further the advances of women and minorities, as well as provide them with opportunities to make their advances easier. Today's definition of affirmative action is "positive steps taken to increase the representation of women and minorities in areas of employment, education, and business from which they have been historically excluded," according to the Stanford Dictionary.

Examples of the effects of affirmative action can be seen in scholarships. I have heard numerous times how students said they received admission to their desired college or university, usually along with a decent if not pretty hefty scholarship. However, most of these students told me the main factor in receiving it was because they were a minority.

"If you give out a white scholarship, it's racist, and if you give out a Hispanic scholarship, it is OK," said Mroszczyk.

Indeed, many White students I know have often expressed their concerns on how limited the availability of scholarships are for Caucasian students as opposed to minority students.

I've never seen Lane advertise a Caucasian scholarship, even though numerous scholarships for Hispanic and African American students are always available in the Daily Bulletin and on poster boards on the first floor by stairway H.

Today, African Americans are the ethnic group considered to have suffered the most at the hand of discrimination. However, they are not the only ethnic group to have experienced feelings of hate throughout history. The Japanese were thrown out of society and into internment camps during World War II. In Germany, Jews faced terrors that our minds simply can not grasp. Irish people were looked down upon as being lower class, faced many racial slurs, and were given no opportunities when they first immigrated to America. However, scholarships for Irish students are much harder to come by than minority scholarships.

If we take all of today's situations involving race, including education, employment, and so forth, it makes me believe America is still not a country where everybody is equal. Looking through my ten year old sister's history book, slavery seems to be the act of discrimination most often taught in today's schools; while other events are explained minimally, if mentioned at all.

People of all races and ethnicities have been discriminated against at some point in history. Therefore no single race should claim financial benefits over others. Past damages caused by discrimination toward everyone are simply irreparable. The American government has, over the years, tried to resolve the conflict with the only possible solution: equality. However, as long as affirmative action is around, I cannot call this equality.

Lane's Mockingbird sings to critics



By Frank Weinert

Lane's stage production of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a great demonstration of student talent. Initially thought that a high school production of *Mockingbird* would not do the story justice, but I was quickly proven wrong by

the students' masterful acting abilities and maturity.

To Kill a Mockingbird teaches a great lesson about human nature and first impressions, and how a book should never be judged by its cover. Set in the Deep South in the 1930s, *Mockingbird* follows hopeful lawyer

Atticus Finch (played by Wesley Daniel, Div. 782) as he takes a risk in defending Tom Robinson (Sylvester Miller, Div. 770), a black man accused of raping a young, white lady, Mayella Ewell (Kyle Durnan-Kerns, 878), who turns out to be not so lady-like. A side story involves Finch's children Scout (Lauren Block, Div. 868) and Jem (Peter Targos, Div. 043), their friend Dill (Hannah Cooney, Div. 908), and the mysterious recluse Boo Radley (George Espino, Div. 869).

Tom Robinson and Boo Radley are both victims of stereotyping, and are judged by others who are unfamiliar with them. It turns out that Tom was innocent and Boo was not really the crazy neighbor he was made out to be.

The performances in the play were excellent. Daniel as Atticus Finch reminded me of Gregory Peck's performance in the film version. Nina Limardo, Div. 757, was great, as always, and natural as ever in her role as

Maudie Atkinson, a neighbor of the Finch family who served as the narrator throughout the play. Block and Cooney performed especially well, giving convincing, realistic portrayals of their characters.

Although the production was unfortunately marred by technical problems (microphone volume levels were often too low), the play was still extremely enjoyable. Some actors were, at times, inaudibly mumbling, but most adjusted to the technical problems and used their "stage voices."

They say an actor is only as good as the performance that a director can get out of that actor, so I have to give credit to Mrs. Hanson on a job well done. Mrs. Hanly also deserves props on a great production, as well as Mr. Hanly on a creative and appropriately fitting set. Overall, it was another highly enjoyable stage production from the Lane Tech Drama Department.

The Chicago Bears award \$200,000 to fix Lane Stadium

By Arman Abtahi

On Thursday January 25, the Chicago Bears announced that they were awarding Lane Tech a \$200,000 grant that would go to Lane Stadium. The money will be used to fix the playing field, create a new running track, and provide better lighting for night games.

The money is being awarded from the NFL Grassroots Field Grant Program, which has been fixing up public fields since 1998. Since then, \$545,000 has been spent on Chicago fields alone; and this year they have donated \$2.4 million nationwide.

"The Chicago Bears are proud to continue to support local projects that improve fields, football development, and [that] bring families and communities together through football," said Caroline Guip, Chicago Bears Director of Community Relations.

The grant was originally applied for by Marie Goss, a member of the Fields of Dreams Committee. The Committee will also try to match the grant with the help of other organizations.

These other organizations consist of CPS, its partner organizations, Lane Tech Football Booster Club, the Lane Tech Century Foundation, the Chicago Force (woman's football team), and the Chicago Park District.

The financial help of all these groups will be needed since the turf alone costs \$600,000. Another \$200,000 will be needed to make a better track, which will make the stadium slightly bigger. This will also require the lights to be repositioned adding more costs.

The total cost of the project is still undetermined. Fortunately, the project is estimated to take only a few weeks over the summer, and the new Lane Stadium should be ready for use by the school's sports teams by next year.



Lane's theater production of Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* opened on Monday, February 5 and ran four times over the course of the week.

The play received several positive responses from students and teachers. Read a review of the production on page 18.



Athletic Recruits

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"I want to go to a big soccer school because I know that I can improve a lot more at a program at such a high level," said Rodriguez.

There are also athletes who are choosing not to go to bigger universities because they believe that at a smaller school they will be able to play more.

However, because Division Three schools are not allowed to give away athletic scholarships, these athletes have to find other ways to earn scholarship money. This does allow some flexibility to the athletes, who are not bound to playing their sport for all four years since their financial aid is based on merit and need rather than athletics.

All-State soccer player Peter Bielecki, Div. 781, is in this situation. He has been scouted by Division One schools but is leaning towards a Division Three school because it is less risky for him.

"If I were to go D 1, I may get hurt and I would lose my scholarship," he said. "But if I go Division Three, I could get more money [not based on athletics]."

For some athletes there is also the option of community college. This is a good choice for athletes who want to play their sport all four years, since going to a big university might not allow them to do so. If they attend a community college for two years, they get the experience needed and they are then able to transfer to a larger school. Colon has chosen Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois for this reason.

"If I would have gone to a D 1 school, I wouldn't have played for my first two years," said Colon. "But now I will be able to transfer into a bigger school and have the opportunity to play."

Most Lane athletes are not going to the top athletic programs in the country, but there are plenty of them making that effort. Several are going to Division Three schools and some to Division One schools, but most hope to continue their athletic involvement at the next level.

Five Soccer players represent Lane at All-Star game

By Jonathan Quiles

Five of Lane Tech's best soccer players will be participating in the third annual High School All Star game along with some of the best players in the Chicago-Land Area.

The Chicago Storm professional indoor soccer team will provide their home turf for the game which will be held Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m.

The All-Stars have been divided into two teams. There is an A team and B team for both the public and

private divisions. Both A teams will compete against one another as will the B teams. After these games the Chicago Storm will play the Baltimore Blast.

Students chosen to play in the game have proven their talent throughout their high school careers. Part of the purpose of the game is to feature the players' skills for college coaches from surrounding areas who will be in attendance for recruiting purposes.

Representing Lane will be Oscar Vazquez, Div. 770, German Cervantes, Div. 774, Leonardo

Martinez, Div. 760, and all-state players Edwin Rodriguez, Div. 775, and Peter Bielecki, Div. 781.

"Representing the city feels great," said Bielecki. "We're always the underdog, but I know some guys on the Catholic team from my club team and I think we have a good chance."

"I always wanted to be invited to play in the game," said Rodriguez.

"I'm very glad that my kids were awarded for their talent and work ethic," said Lane Varsity Soccer Coach Mr. Ricks.

The public school teams have won the last two All-Star games.



The senior All-Stars, clockwise from left: Bielecki, Rodriguez, Martinez, Vasquez, and Cervantes.

Boys Swim Team takes second at City Championships

By Maggie Byrne

On February 8, the Boys Varsity Swim Team took second place to Whitney Young at the City Championship meet, with a score of 288 to 303.

It was described by both athletes and spectators as a very close meet. Despite the second place finish, many in attendance claimed it was an amazing effort with many great races.

"All the boys really improved, dropping many seconds off their times. And they even broke two

school records," said manager Amanda Rummelhof, Div. 759.

The 400 meter freestyle relay team, Nick Johnston, Div. 758, David Garcia, Div. 732, Joe Klontz, Div. 901, and Diego Le Desma, Div. 919, broke Lane's standing record by four seconds.

The boys knew going to the race that they faced many obstacles. One of the top swimmers was hospitalized. Another had to swim his event despite being physically ill and managed to earn sixth place, which other swimmers say was a very impressive finish.

The team had also suffered another huge "loss." Lane's pool was un-useable for weeks leading up to the meet because the chlorinator was broken. This meant that during the most important training period, the boys could not use pool.

Coach Sabillon arranged it so the boys could practice at other schools. They took buses to Clemente, Truman, and Northeastern so they could practice. Because they had to travel to practice, the boys did not get home until eight or nine o'clock every night. Also, they

were unable to have morning practices at all.

The team did not give up in the face of such adversity, but continued training hard. Spirits also remained high as the boys carried on the team tradition of first bleaching, then shaving off their hair.

Swimmers must dedicate an enormous amount of time to the sport during the average season; each boy swims an average of 60,000 yards a week, approximately 37 miles.

"Swimming is one of the toughest sports out there," said

Sabillon. "I have a lot of respect for the guys that do this. It takes a lot to be good at this sport."

Dedication is one thing swimmers must have in high supply. Despite their circumstances they trained hard and made a strong bid at the title.

The season is not over yet. The team continues to train for the state qualifying meet. Though the pool has not yet been fixed, the swimmers have begun practicing at Lane again anyway.

Few Lane athletes attend Division One schools

By Sophia Lugo

"The School of Champions," is a description of Lane displayed all around the building. The school has earned this title because of its athletic reputation for being the best in the city. However, it does not often send its top athletes to top universities due to poor athletic recruitment.

This happens for a variety of reasons. One of the main reasons is the high level of competition between so many student athletes throughout the country all trying to get the same spots.

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), less than five percent of graduated high school athletes participate in men's and women's basketball, football, baseball, men's ice hockey, and men's soccer at any NCAA institution.

"Division One and Division Two scholarships are very difficult to get because the schools have to look at the entire country's athletes," said

Athletic Director Coach Rio.

Another reason many people think recruitment is inadequate is due to suburban schools, which are often thought to have better athletic programs.

"It's harder for public schools to be noticed by D 1 schools because programs are better throughout the state," said baseball player Josh Colon, Div. 775.

Some college athletic directors, however, do not seem to notice a difference between the amount of recruitment for city and suburban schools. They simply want to recruit the student-athlete who will be successful academically and athletically at their institutions.

Most coaches believe that just because Lane athletes do not get these scholarships does not mean that they are not strong athletes.

"There are a lot of quality athletes that do not get the Division One scholarships," said Rio, "So it is not a knock on Lane [that] we don't have athletes that get them."

Rio likes to tell his athletes, "Recruiting is not an exact science. Sometimes they make mistakes."

There are several Lane athletes that have received scholarships or scholarship offers to a variety of schools.

Stephanie Hughes, Div. 763, who is on the Cross Country and Track teams, recently signed with DePaul University, a Division One school. After receiving many scholarship offers from various schools, it came down to which one gave her the best deal financially, and DePaul did.

There are also Lane athletes who have yet to sign with schools, but are being looked at by some of the top universities in the country. This is true for two-time All-State soccer player Edwin Rodriguez Div. 775. Rodriguez has been looked at by several Division Three schools as well as Division One schools. His ideal choice would be to play for a Division One school because of the quality of the program.

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One of many trophy cases displaying the many championships won by Lane athletes over the years.