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Presidential candidates: substance or style?

Students argue methods of voting are "very superficial."

By Daniel Castro
& Anna Treesara

"That's what some [students] make it seem like, 'I'm going to vote for Obama just because he's black, or Hillary because she's a woman,'" said Goran Ciganovic, Div. 872.

Though he admits not all students reason that way, he is one of several who think young voters are guilty of supporting candidates based on who they are or what they look like rather than where they stand on important political issues.

Taaha Rana of Div. 913 says that voting for someone based solely on their gender is "stupid" and "sexist."

"Their responsibility is to look past that and actually understand where each candidate stands," agreed Theo Zajler, Div. 859. "Some students either don't care or they base their decisions on the personality of the candidates."

Other students believe that people should be allowed to exercise their right to vote in whichever way they want.

"It's not irresponsible because they're voting for the candidate they think is right," said Pawel Szeliski, Div. 882. "The person that is right is a gut feeling, varying from person to person."

Even so, some young voters are conscientious enough to question their gut.

"I was really caught up in Obama. He's an amazing orator but I want to hear substance," said Andrew Hobaugh, Div. 870. "Barack is more about change. [He's] a new leader and I don't know what he's doing when he gets there."

While many students find politics boring, many others are busy learning as much as they can about the candidates in order to make an educated decision when they finally cast their ballot in November.

Students use sites like Glassbooth.org, which claims to be a "nonprofit organization creating innovative ways to access political information." The site matches the user with a candidate based on their answers to a series of questions about issues important to them. However, results do not always reflect the exact candidate that students initially preferred.

"Seems like [the site] works [even though Hillary Clinton was chosen for] me," said Szeliski who leans toward Republican Ron Paul.

"I have used [sites like Glassbooth.org] and I think they do work," said Hobaugh. "It is one of the better things you can do because [the results give] real quotes with citations and it is non-biased. It is not a bad way [to make your decision on who to vote for] if you have no idea who you want."

For students who are still undecided, there are numerous Hollywood celebrities who are happy to tell them who to vote for. Many celebs have openly endorsed a candidate to help gain more attention and support for their politician of choice. Examples of these endorsements include: Oprah for Obama, Chuck Norris for Huckabee, Madonna for Clinton, and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for McCain.

"If teenagers see that, some will be like 'oh man, I gotta vote for that one'," said Ciganovic.

"They don't affect the way I see a



Young voters chose who they will vote for on Super Tuesday.

candidate," said Szeliski. "But for the masses [it might]."

Media coverage has also changed. More campaigning is taking place online, including debates sponsored by popular networking sites like YouTube and Facebook. Candidates use social networking websites to engage students and get them excited about their campaigns.

According to Facebook, over 500 U.S. politicians have their own profile pages, which include detailed information about their campaigns and personal life. The site gives an insight into which candidate young Facebook users prefer.

A recent ABC News/Facebook Election Pulse Poll indicated that Facebook

users favored Democrat Barack Obama (77 percent) and Republican Ron Paul (37 percent) in contrast to the rest of the nation which, according to a recent Gallup Poll, preferred Democrat Hillary Clinton (42 percent) and Republican John McCain (32 percent).

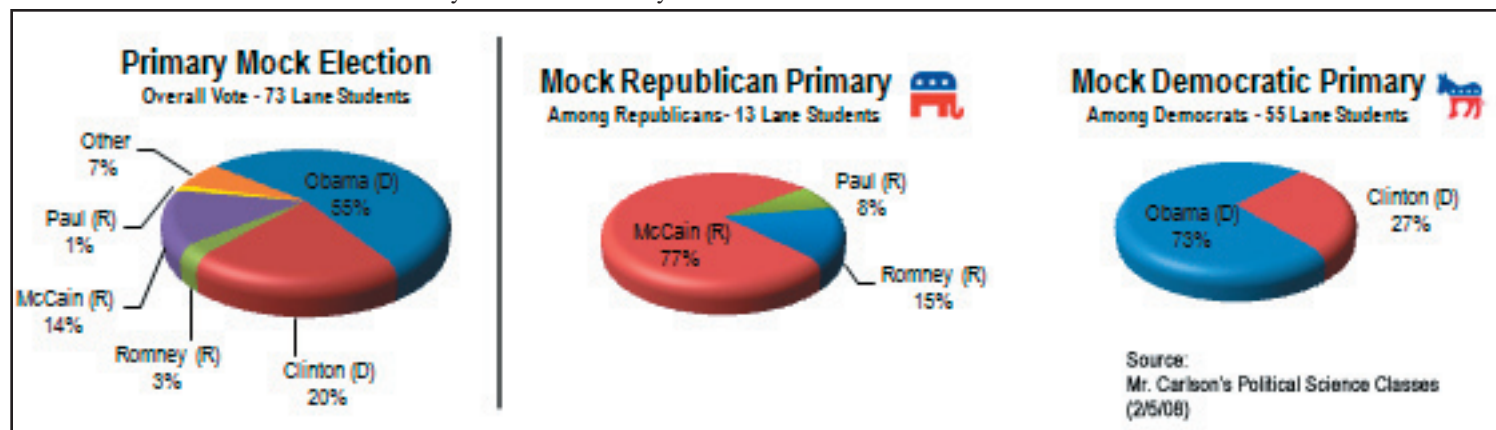
The internet has helped less popular candidates like Ron Paul fundraise more efficiently, though many still do not know what his hype is all about.

"People [at Lane] keep talking about Ron Paul. I don't know why. I believe they are just joking around," said Ciganovic.

Additionally, a poll taken on February 5,

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Programming process leaves some students irritated

By Anna Treesara

Every year at the end of first semester students receive their grades and begin choosing their classes for the next school year. The electives fair, where students obtain approval signatures from teachers to take their classes, has been very specifically organized in recent years.

The procedure for signing

up for classes has traditionally worked as follows: students are congregated in the auditorium; groups of students – based on GPA – are then dismissed to the student cafeteria where teachers are waiting with sign up sheets for their classes; and every few minutes thereafter another group of GPA-categorized students is then released to do the same thing.

However, this year's pro-

cedure was altered. The "Bye Bye Birdie" cast was rehearsing in the auditorium, so the only room big enough to serve as a holding pen for hundreds of students was the cafeteria. This meant teachers doing sign ups also had to move. Rather than put all the teachers together, they were divided between several different classrooms on the first floor. Maps and room numbers indicating where they

were stationed were provided for students.

Many students were unhappy with the change in the process.

"Lane is big enough as it is," said Abigail Gonsalves, Div. 935. "The last thing it needs is for students anxiously running around through the long hallways trying to find the rooms with the classes they want."

"When it was my freshman

year, we had to go to each individual teacher located all over the school [not just on the first floor]," said Brianne Santucci, Div. 880. "I personally believe how [programming] was done last year was the best way."

Several took advantage of the confusion caused by this year's changes and found

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Candy sales: put your junk in the box

By Yasmine Ramirez &
Keila Scott

Have you ever wondered why students at Lane are always fundraising? Has it ever occurred to you that maybe students aren't just selling candy inside of those boxes provided by clubs?

For many years the Athletic Department, Music Department, and several clubs at Lane have used candy sales to raise money for different activities. Whether fundraising for new uniforms or an out-of-state trip, students in need of money are seemingly always selling.

For some students, however, this fundraising isn't always for school related activities. One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that the candy sales helped him pay a school debt.

"I needed to pay for a fee for school so I found an easy way [to make money]," said the anonymous male student from Division 855. "Everyone eats candy when they're hungry so it was easy money." This student claims he successfully sold candy without ever being caught.

Besides buying candy in bulk and reselling for profit, students have found it easy to store other things inside their candy boxes as well. There have been students known to sell items like stolen watches and calculators.

"The guy stole [calculators] and sold them out of a candy box," said Halla Karaman, Div. 860. "I needed one so I bought it."

Another male senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, sold candy for himself for most of his sophomore year.

"I was making more [money] at school than people with jobs," he said. "I had people selling for me. That brought more money in." An anonymous female from Division 876 said the school does not do much to keep students from illegally selling products within the school.

"When I was a freshman I sold anything and everything inside my candy box," she said. "You don't get caught because nobody ever thinks to look. It's a candy box."

Nevertheless, selling candy or any other product is against school policy unless it is for a club or school organization. To sell anything at Lane, approval is needed from Mrs. Houston, Lane's Budget Director. Each club must fill out forms before and after candy sales specifying the amount of candy boxes being distributed and the amount of money that should be made by the end of the sale. Each club is given a two-week limit for fundraising.

"I keep a list of the clubs selling candy," said Mrs. Houston. "If I notice the same kid is walking around the school with a box for more than two weeks I stop them and ask what club they are selling for."

In 2006 a student who was a sophomore at the time and who wishes to remain anonymous ran an elaborate candy operation, which eventually turned into a drug operation.

"I first started selling candy for myself after finding a full candy box in the middle of the fourth floor hallway after school," said the student. "With the money that I made from the candy it occurred to me that I could buy more in bulk, then resell for profit."

Within three weeks this student was making a large enough profit that he could afford to buy even more candy – more than he could sell alone. So he sought the help of "employees" to increase sales throughout the school. This same student soon realized he could use the same operation to sell drugs.

"I eventually got six people working for me and was grossing about \$1,200 a week at my high point. I was drug dealing outside of school and figured out that I could sneak drugs into school inside my candy box."

Once established as running a small-scale candy shop, this "entrepreneur" became perhaps Lane's biggest drug dealer. He would hide marijuana in empty candy wrappers, each type of which contained different amounts of the drug. In his system Skittles contained \$10 worth of marijuana, Plain M&M's \$20 worth, Peanut M&M's \$30 worth, and Tropical Skittles \$50 worth.



In a single Friday his operations inside the school would gross anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000.

"There would be Fridays where I would get rid of anywhere between an ounce to two ounces of bud with the help of my crew," he said.

This student was never caught but claims he no longer sells drugs.

Ms. Rice, Dean of Students, said security has never caught anyone illegally selling anything out of candy boxes, but – now that she knows – will make note of it and alert security to the possibility.

When students are caught distributing anything not approved by school personnel, different disciplinary actions – depending on the severity of the case – will be taken.

Every student involved in a club or sport has the right to fundraise by selling candy as long as it has been approved. Those selling candy for themselves may profit, but if caught will have to pay a hefty price.

Cramming proves poor study method

Studies show that without regular review, information is lost long-term.

By Nancy Carrera

After final exams, school is usually followed by a day off, which gives students a much deserved rest, especially since the days leading up to finals tend to be filled with stress and all-night studying.

With so much to remember – or even learn for the first time – students often turn to cramming as a method of studying.

"I cram the night before because it is fresher in my mind for the next day," said Abigail Gonsalves, Div. 935. "I think it is easier to study a couple days before [the exam] and keep reviewing a little bit everyday [until the exam day], but that can be hard to do when there is seven classes to study for."

"I try to get myself all organized by stapling all my notes together and putting them in order of what tests I take first," said Sara Domaradzki, Div. 023. "Then I tend to study a little the night before, on the ride to school, and then in the halls walking to class. It's easier for me to remember everything when I do it right before the test."

"I cram," admitted Safiya Merchant, Div. 039. "Usually because the week before [the final] you have all this work for your classes so I don't have time to study till the night before the final."

Cramming means that students study for hours non-stop or with

little breaks in between each study session. Sometimes, students don't even go to bed, or stay up really late because they are reviewing.

"I stay up late," said Gonsalves, "but I try not to stay up too late to the point where I'm completely exhausted the next day for the test. If I do stay up late I drink coffee, a lot of it."

"Sometimes, I'm falling asleep during my tests," said Sandy Morales, Div. 874. "But, I usually drink a Red Bull in the morning [to stay awake]."

While filling up on caffeine and energy drinks is among the most popular methods for students, they have other ways of staying up through the night.

"Sometimes there are other people [online] who are up studying, also," said Morales. "I just talk to them while I work."

"I watch TV while I study because if it gets too quiet in the room, I fall asleep," said Mario Contreras, Div. 936. "Or I eat something like a sandwich or drink coffee because it makes me focus on something else that is not sleeping."

Even though cramming may seem like an effective and easy way of remembering everything, studies show that it has no benefits for long-term memory. Psychologists Doug Rohrer and Harold Pashler conducted an experiment, published on the InterScience website, in which

two groups of students (students who crammed vs. students who studied at their own leisure) took tests to see which one scored better. The students who crammed, called the "overlearners," scored higher than the students who studied over a longer period of time. However, both group of students were tested again four weeks later, and the results were reversed; the overlearners had forgotten nearly everything they had studied. The study, along with several like it, concluded that "massing all the study on a single topic into a single session reduces long-term retention."

Even though remembering material is more effective if one does a review study of the main topics in each classes every month, many Lane students leave the studying until the last minute.

However, some students claim not to procrastinate in their studies because they don't like the pressure of cramming for finals.

"I base how long I study on how well I know the material," said Cynthia Mathews, Div. 049. "If I know it all pretty well, then I don't study as much since there's no real need to. If I don't understand it very well, then I'll study longer and usually begin earlier. It helps to keep everything balanced so I come out even on all subjects, and so that I'm not overloaded with work."

"I don't cram for tests because I

don't think I can remember [the material] all at once and it's much harder to study for a test under pressure," said Julian Auza, Div. 050. "I crammed once and I was fine, but I worked harder."

"I usually won't study the night of [the final] because [the material] doesn't stick as long as it will when I study a few days before the test," said Alex Enriquez, Div. 904.

There are also many Lane students who find both cramming and evenly-spaced studying to be too much effort. So, they resort to other methods of passing the final.

"It's either you cheat or you cram," said an anonymous Lane student. "If I really have to pass the test, then I'm just going to get a friend to give me the answers to the test, or the test itself, and then I'm just going to put the answers on a small piece of paper and that's it. I mean, it's not a new thing, everyone is doing it."

"I cheat when I don't know what I'm doing," said another anonymous Lane student. "Either I'm too lazy to study or sometimes it's just way easier to cheat."

Obviously, students who resort to cheating learn even less of the content than those who cram.

Whatever method students employ to get through finals, they should be aware that whatever information they really want to keep for later in life will require review and reinforcement.

Lane's hallway murals go unnoticed

By Thomas Hayes & Jose Rivera

Students at Lane tend to ignore the collection of murals lining the hallways of the first floor, but many are not aware of the rich history behind them.

The 40 murals originating from Chicago's Second World's Fair named the Century of Progress, were created as part of an exhibit from General Motors. The murals portray the various products that are involved with the production of automobiles, and the states from which they come. Upon the Fair's conclusion in 1934, the murals were donated to Lane.

The murals depict men working in different areas of industry, agriculture, and manufacturing.

"The people in them are shown working hard," said Serafin Garcia, Div. 869. "I think they are there to motivate Lane students to put pride in their work."

According to an informational pamphlet put out by Lane entitled *Art Collection*, "[The murals] evoke the energy and vitality of a booming Chicago during the early 20th Century."

The paintings were made during the Great Depression, a time when economic turmoil and poverty were rampant. These times required an increased industrial workforce, and the murals were made to inspire young Americans towards this workforce.

"I like the murals and the depiction of the 'working man' and the 'American-spirit,'" said Matt Siek, Div. 853.

These particular murals are just part of Lane's collection of artwork. At various locations around the school, more than 25 other murals can be found. The murals are often overlooked by students.

"I never really paid much attention to the murals in the school," said Theresa Medina, Div. 862. "The hallways are always so busy between classes. The only time I actually notice them is when school's over and I have to stay for activities."

Something else about the murals that few notice is that of the 40 World's Fair murals only one features a woman, which is apparently a sign of the times. The painting that does have a woman in it hangs across from room 139, adjacent to Exit O.

"You have to realize that during [The Depression] the middle class values of the man working and the woman staying at home were prevalent. Women didn't take an active role in the labor force," said Mr. Allegrezza, AP U.S. History Teacher.

"It's understandable that only one woman is found in the murals," said Medina. "[The murals] were made a long time ago. Women weren't treated equally back then and it's just how the time period of the murals was when they were created."

The mural, outside room 139, depicts the crafting of what appears to be ceramics in Kentucky. The lone woman is obscured by several men. Wearing a long skirt and her hair up, she is easily overlooked.

"I didn't realize that only one mural had a woman but I think that's just due to the fact that it used to be an all boys school," said Daniela Valdez, Div. 875. "But Lane has come a long way since then, so it doesn't really bother me. More girls are enrolled into Lane so, [as] a feminist, I wouldn't take it offensively. It just reminds me of how much we have grown."

Although there is only one



A woman works alongside men in this mural by Room 127.

woman included in the murals, the paintings' artistic value is still appreciated by some students.

"I just think the murals are a tradition," said Allen Lee, Div. 880. "It's like a part of the building. Even though no one notices them they're still part of history."

"The murals are just for decoration," said Annie Chin, Div. 879. "Since our mascot is an Indian, they drew Indians. They bring history to the school."

However, this sentiment is not shared by all.

"Murals are completely

insignificant to me," said Damian Jez, Div. 856. [Looking at them is] nothing more than staring at some random guy that I don't even know. They do portray something, but they don't reach out to me."

According to author Mary Lackritz Gray, the artist behind many of the murals, Miklos Gaspar, was born in Kana, Hungary, and was named official war artist for his nation's government during World War I. After a year of living in the United States, Gaspar won the Chicago Tribune's Prize for Historical Painting.

Lane students say CTA rides chaotic: "... That's why I drive now."

By Aleksandra Sebaseva

Many who use the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) vehicles to travel around the city enjoy an easy commute with no problems. Others leave their rides with some interesting, smelly, scary, and even hilarious stories about what happened along the way.

Natalie O'Sullivan, Div. 929, was coming home from downtown, and had just transferred from the Red line to the Blue line. As she squeezed into the overcrowded train car, she actually found a seat and sat down. Not long afterwards a young regularly dressed man came up to her while she was reading her book and cheerily shouted, "El blanca Diabla! Do you have any money?" A bit caught off guard, she laughed in response "...What?" He repeated his request, and she replied, "No."

"You liar!" he said bluntly, then sat down right across from her and stared at her until he got off the train.

"It's never really a dull moment on the train unless you're on the

Yellow Line," said O'Sullivan referring to the fact that the Yellow line has only two stops.

This past summer I had a similar moment on the Irving Park Express bus. A few minutes into the ride, an old man got on the bus holding a liter of Raspberry Smirnoff, sat down right next to me, and continued to drink. He smelled like he hadn't taken a shower in weeks. I could somewhat tolerate the smell, but later on when a young black woman got on the bus, I got mad.

The man looked up at the woman, and casually said, "You know, slavery should never have been abolished."

The woman looked at him, realized he was drunk, laughed, and walked away. He got up, walked to where she was sitting, and continued to badger her until the bus driver finally heard what the man was saying and kicked him off the bus.

Lizbeth Cruz, Div. 876, also had a bad experience with a man who was under the influence on the 152 Addison bus going west. A man that was sitting across from her on one

of the bench seats tried to throw a paper ball down Cruz's shirt.

"I got kind of scared, and had to move," said Cruz.

Daniel Budzioch, Div. 876, had a rather nasty encounter with a drunken bum on the Blue line.

"There was a drunken bum sitting next to us. He started talking to us, and threw up all over himself, wiped it off with his hand and then shook my friend's hand. After all that he offered us booze," said Budzioch.

"I've had too many CTA experiences.... That's why I drive now," he added.

For some the experiences that they've had on the CTA have made them feel unsafe about taking the bus/train, particularly when the person operating the vehicle does not enforce the rules of civility.

Holly Nieves, Div. 878, had an experience where a teenage boy started screaming on the bus about society being corrupt and treating him like there was something wrong with him.

"They started calling him crazy, and asking him if he was on crack,"

said Nieves.

According to Nieves the boy kept "ranting" for about ten minutes, during which time about twenty people had gotten off the bus.

"That personally made me feel unsafe, because if the driver can't be responsible enough to keep passengers on his vehicle safe, he probably won't make responsible decisions while driving that vehicle and could endanger his passengers' lives in the future," she said.

According to Catherine Hosinski, a CTA Media representative, people should not be afraid to tell the operator when someone is making them feel uncomfortable.

"If a rider on a CTA bus feels threatened as the result of another individual's behavior, they should notify the bus operator immediately," said Hosinski.

Although not all bus drivers or rail operators take action if some disturbance happens, they do have the authority to ask the person causing the disturbance to get off the bus or train. If the person refuses to get off, the operator can call the police to escort the violator

off the train or bus.

Though some might not hear them, CTA vehicles do have voice recorded rules and regulations that are announced periodically.

"Automated voice announcements on CTA buses and trains help reinforce the rules of conduct prohibited on the system," said Hosinski. "They also encourage customers to be courteous to one another."

While traveling on the bus or the train can be challenging, the experiences on the CTA are not always bad.

A man known as "Subway Jesus" is familiar to several people who travel on the Red and Blue lines, including a number of Lanites. The man, who wears white or purple robes and carries a seven foot plywood cross, actually resembles popular images of Jesus Christ. He has a long beard and hair and is featured in a book entitled *Illinois 24-7*.

To encounter other interesting characters just step onto one of your local CTA vehicles.

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No system of academic probation at Lane

By Siobhan Lally &
Crystal Lee

Selective enrollment schools accept the best students; only the kids who are most qualified are invited to come to Lane. If this is true, why are so many students failing?

Often times, a bad transition from elementary school to high school can be to blame for poor grades.

"Sometimes, it's kids who come in and it's the adjustment from grade school," said Ms. Coorlas, the department chair of Counseling. "A lot of kids, at least half, come in not used to the way of studying."

"My freshman year was the worst," said one junior who wishes to remain anonymous. "At my old school I was valedictorian, but [at Lane] I almost failed biology."

In an attempt to help ease the transition from grade school to high school steps are being taken to ensure that freshmen get the most out of their high school experience. It is part of a "Freshmen-on-Track" program that Dr. LoBosco is emphasizing starting this year. The idea is to help freshmen before they fall too far. As a first step, Freshmen Parent Night began this school year.

Freshmen Parent Night is a night where freshmen, who are receiving multiple Fs, and their parents are invited to school to figure out ways to get the students back on track.

If students do not pass their freshman year they could be moved to a "demo division." In this demo division, all of the demos will be together.

Before they even reach the point of becoming a demo though, freshmen are usually approached by their counselor.

"As soon as the fifth week grades are out, we look for one or more F's," said Coorlas. "We then try to meet with them [and ask], 'What's your plan of action?'"

However, at a school with over 4,000 students it is almost impossible to track down every student who might be failing. But why is there so much emphasis being put on the freshmen?

Studies have shown that students who do not succeed in getting the required amount of

credits to become sophomores are the most likely to dropout.

To prevent a high dropout rate, LoBosco and the Lane administrative team are taking other steps to ease the transition for freshmen students including: parent workshops; expanding Big Brothers and Big Sisters, so that every freshman would have an older mentor; implementing mandatory tutoring for those freshmen students who fail; possibly eliminating one class and adding a life skills/study skills period; and CPS is considering a possible mandatory three week orientation for eighth graders.

On the other hand, is it fair to only focus on freshmen students when upperclassman may be in need of extra help?

Other than not being promoted to the next grade level there is no real penalty for not passing, except not being able to graduate. To receive a diploma a student must make up any missing credits in summer school or night school.

It is not uncommon for students, especially at the high school age to become involved in more social activities. Students join clubs, sports, etc. that can take away from their study time. There are many reasons kids can begin to flunk out, sometimes it's problems at home, sometimes students become involved with the wrong crowd, other times students just aren't studying as hard as they should.

"Most of the time it's not that [the students] don't belong here," said Coorlas. "It's just that kids just have too much going on outside school: work, taking care of siblings, and any home issue. They don't have to be awful things, just enough to preoccupy [a student]."

It is true that most high school students live some of the busiest lives. They attend school for almost seven hours, five days a week,

some have after school jobs, others have practice for various sports or clubs, and on top of this they usually have a couple hours of homework per night.

Unlike many years ago, kids who are flunking out are no longer forced by the school to leave.

"Grades alone isn't enough [to get you expelled]," said Coorlas. "Expulsion really has to do with the student discipline code."

Absenteeism and behavioral issues come

up the class in summer school," said Joe, Div. 854. "I figured it was okay to fail another class, so I failed again during one semester in sophomore year."

It's not uncommon to fail multiple classes in a single school year.

"[My grades] were decent freshman year, but sophomore year and most of junior year I didn't do so well," said an anonymous senior. "I kind of got into some bad stuff. I started to focus a lot more on my friends, girlfriend, and just having fun. Anyway, I failed about seven classes total, my GPA fell to a 1.7 or something. Now I'm making up for everything. I don't know if I'll graduate on time."

Not all students agree, however, that students fail because of a bad social environment. Sometimes lack of motivation is to blame.

"I think students fail because they lack the motivation to go on and work harder," said Saleha Amreen, Div. 175. "Procrastination is another big issue. I'm not saying you shouldn't procrastinate; you just can't help it at times. But try to procrastinate later. Put academic matters before everything else and you'll propel your way though your educational life."

There are students who are surprised Lane has no form of academic probation.

"Since Lane has such a big reputation for academics I'm surprised they don't penalize students who do horribly at school," said Melissa Gonzalez, Div. 881. "I think they should penalize kids who show constant failures in their school work and that show no improvement."

However, other students are grateful that they don't.

"I think it's a good thing [that Lane does not have an academic probation]" said Eloise Zarco, Div. 022. "I did really bad freshman year first and second semester. Now as a sophomore I'm doing way better than I did before."

Students at Lane and other high schools may not be expelled from school for failing now, but in college much more will be expected.

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23610	R	ADVANCED JAPANESE	F	F-	0.50	いが道子	06
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in play when expelling a student. It may surprise many students to know that Lane does not have an official academic system of probation.

"Kicking [students out for poor grades] is not an option," said Dr. LoBosco. "If a student continues coming to school, they must find something interesting about it and all we can do is make it more meaningful to them."

However with students constantly failing classes, an academic probation may be needed in the future. Many students at Lane sometimes make little to no effort to pass classes, especially when they know they won't be "punished."

"I failed a class one semester of freshman year, but I still got promoted because I made

Caution: teenagers on road

By Abigail Arroyo &
Brigette Arroyo

Although they have the highest accident rate of any age group, most teenagers look forward to driving.

Studies show that in the decision-making area the teenage brain is still developing during the teenage years. Teens have also shown that they are the least likely to wear seatbelts and the most likely to drink and drive. The presence of other teenage passengers strongly increases the risk that they will crash. Although teenage fatalities through the past 25 years have decreased, there are still plenty of teenage car accidents.

"Junior year in high school is the year when everybody is looking forward to start driving," said Michael Jeuk, Div. 902.

Two hours after receiving his

driver's license Jeuk was involved in a car accident. He had made plans with his friends to go out the day he received his license.

"I was coming out of an alley by my friend's house and out of nowhere a car came in front of me and I hit him," said Jeuk.

Jeuk and the other driver didn't exchange information so Jeuk ended up paying all the damages on his car. Jeuk was involved in a more serious accident 3 weeks after his first accident.

"My brakes did not work, so I didn't have enough time to stop. When the car in front of me stopped I hit [it]," he said.

The price of Jeuk's insurance increased and his parents told him to take more precautions on the road. Jeuk was involved in yet another accident afterwards, but it wasn't his fault.

"I don't know how to prevent

car accidents," said Jeuk. "I am accident prone."

In the case of Don Guillen, Div. 914, he had been behind the wheel for five months when he was involved in his first accident. It occurred on a snowy night when another driver tried to merge into his lane without using a turn signal. The driver of the other vehicle admitted it was his fault and Guillen received money for the damages.

"My advice to prevent teen crashes is to drive defensively and be on the lookout for other people," said Guillen.

In many European countries the driving age is 18. Most teens in the U.S. who are accustomed to getting their licenses at 16 would not be happy with this policy.

"Eighteen year olds are going to drink and drive too," said Luis Negrón, Div. 921. "Age doesn't matter; people are going to mess

around when they first start driving. There are immature and mature sixteen year olds [as well as] immature and mature eighteen year olds."

Nevertheless, Negrón admits to having already been in an accident caused by common adolescent distractions.

"I should've known better than to get distracted [by my girlfriend]," said Negrón. "But it's up to the driver; people get distracted by anything. Even radios! What are they going to do, take radios off cars?"

Several CPS high schools offer students Driver Education classes their sophomore year. At Lane students are required to pass the written exam as well as three driving tests on the road with grades of at

least a B.

Though education is an important part of learning to drive safely, personal behavior is clearly a larger component.

"Classes we take prepare you to drive," said Abel Lopez, Div. 920. "[but] it's how responsible [the person] is when nobody is watching."



The appearance of wealth: students try to fit the part

By Monika Janczuk

Not everyone can be a rap superstar; live large, with a big house, and five cars. But it seems like everyone at Lane sure is trying. Students commonly flaunt designer purses, expensive clothes, jewelry, and even cars.

In an observational survey taken in eight classrooms in January, one in four girls were wearing Classic Ugg boots, which run anywhere between \$100 and \$160 on the company's official website. This does not include the look-alike Sketchers that are popular as well. That's an awful lot for boots that tread through dirty snow, salt, and mud.

So how are students able to afford these expensive items?

According to Consumer Insight research, 60 percent of teenagers obtain their spending money from their parents. Additionally teenagers spend an average of \$107 weekly. Are kids at Lane this spoiled?

"There are probably a clique of kids that are [spoiled]," said Melanie Francia, Div. 874. "They stay together so it's easy to point them out from those who aren't financially lucky."

Students seem to associate a certain "look" with wealth. This can include a specific style of sweater, brand name pair of shoes, or even personal attitude that people sport while walking down the hall.

"I think a good amount of Lane kids are spoiled, especially the ones with like a billion Northface sweaters, jackets, real Birkenstocks, and real Coach, Louis Vuitton, Gucci bags," said Allen Lee, Div. 880.

Many students are able to pay for these things with part-time jobs they have after school. But some students just have generous parents.

"People call me spoiled all the time!" said a Lane student, who wished to remain anonymous. "I mean, I do own purses and nice clothes, but my parents buy them for me."

Each of the six purses this student owns is designer. The least expensive purse, a Hamptons Signature Carryall, cost a little over \$200, and the most expensive, a Dolce & Gabbana tote, cost \$650.

The most prominent way to identify students with extra cash is to look at the car they drive.

Kamil Czyzewski, Div. 858, drives a 2005 Infiniti G35 that Czyzewski's parents paid half for. He does, however, pay the other half off with the money he earns at a part-time job. The car was an 18th birthday present.

The 18th birthday seems to be a popular occasion for students to

get cars. Agatha Obrecki, Div. 865, was given a 2007 Hyundai Sonata for her 18th birthday in December. Obrecki has a Shell credit card that she uses for gas purchases, which is paid off by her uncle. Her parents pay for the insurance, and she must pay off \$3,000 of the approximate \$18,000 her parents paid for the car.

Jose Jimerez, Div.877, drives a 2008 Nissan Altima, a car whose ManufacturerSuggestedRetailPrice ranges from \$18,230 to \$28,280 according to Yahoo!Autos.

Additionally, Jimerez's parents who own their on grocery store on the North Side, give him money for things such as gas, and they pay for his insurance.

"I was lucky enough to get my parents to buy it for my 18th birthday," said Jimerez. "A lot say I'm lucky, not spoiled."

According to a survey of 105 Lane student drivers, 30.4% own a car that cost below \$5,000 while 59% said their car cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Many students can relate to the situation of Mary Bross, Div. 879 who owns a 1995 Chevy Beretta that cost her about \$1,500.

"I bought the car myself," said Bross, with the money she earned at a part-time job that paid her about \$100 per week.

According to the Lane Field of Dreams website, 59 percent of Lane's student body comes from a low-income households. This should come as no surprise due to Lane's diversity, where students come from all over the city and from various backgrounds.

"Spoiled kids are everywhere but at Lane it comes off a little more because we have such a diverse group of kids from all different economic backgrounds, meaning spoiled kids stand out, maybe not intentionally," said senior Grace Clark.

Portrayal or reality?

"The only reason I have name brand shoes is because I get a discount," said Sylwia Kukla, Div. 921, who is employed at a Foot Locker.

While there are privileged or "lucky" kids at Lane, why do the majority of students find themselves wanting the same luxuries that the wealthy possess?

"There are always a bunch of kids that want to fit in so yeah they're gonna try to buy expensive things," said Daniel Dyrda, Div. 052. "I'm sure there are rich people as well though."

The truth is, whether consciously or subconsciously, most teenagers want to look good in front of their peers and believe they can do so by spending their money on clothes that are considered to

be in-style.. With incomes from part-time jobs, weekly allowances, birthday money, and "guilt money" from parents, teenagers today have disposable income that they spend on teenage necessities, whether it be Apple Bottom jeans, Ugg boots, North Face sweaters, or jewelry. Additionally, it is easy to portray a rich persona when there are online sources that provide advice on how to do so.

Websites such as WikiHow.com describe step-by-step instructions on "How to look rich without being rich (for teens)." Some of the rules include: wearing designer clothes (even if they are bought in outlet malls), wearing real jewelry (not from stores such as Claire's that sell mostly cheap imitations), sporting nice shoes, and staying well groomed.

An interesting, even comical



Are Apple Bottom Jeans and boots with the fur a status symbol?

piece of advice is given in point three about shoes. It says:

"Birkenstocks (if you get these, they MUST be real - the devil is in the details and girls WILL notice if they are real), the same goes for Uggs. For winter if you want boots that aren't Uggs, make sure they're leather or suede, nylon is trash." (sic)

While few enjoy these higher-end luxuries, most students say that they own "average" items. For example, Francia said she does not depend on her parents to supply her with money unless it's for things like a fee for school.

"If it's just for shopping and stuff, I try to sacrifice and pay for it on

my own" she said.

"My parents give me money depending on what it is for," said Brittany Goodman, Div.858.

Misconceptions

"Rich kids are spoiled...and have a materialistic attitude and make themselves noticeable," said Halla Karaman, Div. 863. "If they have a North Face book bag, they're rich. If they have more than one pair of Uggs or Birkenstocks, wear brand name clothes all the time [they're rich]."

Grace Clark, a senior who drives a 2007 Infiniti truck, said she gets called spoiled all the time.

"But honestly, I prefer the word privileged. It isn't really my fault I live the life I do," she said.

While the well-to-do are few in number at Lane, they say that they have experienced people who misunderstand and unfairly stereotype them.

"My friends understand that money doesn't change who I am," said an anonymous senior.

"Throughout my four years at lane I think I've managed to keep a low profile, and my friends who are just like me have also managed to do so," said Clark. "I feel the biggest misconception about 'spoiled' kids is that we're bitchy and conceited. Yes, I've had my 'b' days but everyone goes through that."

This is not to say, however, that there are not some who are affluent that do not try to show off their wealth by showcasing their nicer possessions.

Media influence

After the Depression and the chaos of World War II, economic stability led to a desire to become a part of the growing suburban middle-class. Consequently, Americans spent millions of dollars on TVs, automobiles, and home appliances. This trend of growth and consumerism has become a part of the American psyche.

According to the book "The American Teenager: Examining Pop Culture," teenagers "like nothing better than spending their earnings on clothes, entertainment, and fast food. Brand names and fashionable merchandise have become central to adolescent identity for many young people."

Last year, teens spent \$179 billion on products. Twenty-seven percent of teens earned money from odd jobs, while 60 percent said they receive money from their parents whenever they asked. This statistic might explain how some of Lane's students sit behind top of the line, brand new cars.

"We definitely value our teen shoppers" said Edan Gelt, Corporate Marketing Director at the HIP, a

shopping center located at 4104 N. Harlem Ave. "In 2004, we did focus heavily on the teen consumer with risky photography depicting a bare belly, low rise jeans, and belly button ring." Gelt said that the HIP's goal is to attract more teen retailers. "We have been pursuing Aeropostale and other national tenants," said Gelt.

Retailers keep a close eye on teenagers because they are vital contributors to our economy, especially when there is the threat of a recession. Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU) claims to provide "insights that have helped many of the world's most successful companies and organizations develop meaningful connections with young people." To put it bluntly, they research the world of teen consumers. Everything from teen demographics, values, lifestyles, likes and dislikes, and spending habits are studied and figured into statistics and trend reports that marketers can utilize. However for a one year subscription to the website, it costs between \$22,000 and \$30,000, depending on the length of the subscription.

"Advertisers do know that teens work hard for their money and will purchase things they value the most," said Gelt. "I think advertisers have gotten smart about how to target teens... [they] try to appeal to the value of today's teens."

It is no surprise that our society likes to indulge in expensive products. Celebrities on MTV's *Cribs* never fail to show off their waxed-down, multi-hundred thousand dollar Bentleys, Mercedes Benzes, Porsches, and Ferraris.

Rap videos are also notorious for featuring the artist's wealth. While music is produced to entertain, it often becomes the dictator of what should be sought after if one is to have the glamorous lifestyle of celebrities.

Magazines are easily attainable and affordable sources that dictate what is popular. During division and class, several students can be spotted hiding a magazine behind a book. Magazines such as *Vogue*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Esquire*, *Elle*, and *InStyle* are the largest-selling young women's magazines and are famous for style and beauty tips.

"I look at *Cosmo* to look at clothes" said Karaman, while flipping through the magazine before class.

Reality TV shows such MTV's *Sweet Sixteen* portray rich, spoiled, soon to be 16 year-olds, who want the best, most expensive party that no one will forget. While it is unlikely to see wealth and behavior like this among Lane students, it doesn't mean they're not trying.

Do I look fat? Overweight students struggle to fit in

By Adisa Dardagan

Greasy fast-food, late nights in front of a television set, and no motivation for exercise is a way of life for one out of five American teenagers.

Some students are not afraid to judge their peers based on weight.

"When I see an obese person, I just think they do not take care of themselves," said an anonymous junior.

"I think obese people are lazy. It may not be their fault, but they should receive some medical attention or arrange for a work-out plan," said another anonymous junior.

Other students agree.

"I would not date an extremely obese girl," said Ben Leon, Div. 882. "If she is a heavier girl, but curvaceous ('thick'), then I would not have a problem with her weight."

Some students find it difficult to be in a relationship without physical attraction.

"Appearance is the most important factor in a relationship because I can not be with

someone who I am not physically attracted to," said an anonymous senior.

Some students claim to look closer than just at what meets the eye.

"I do not care how people look. In the end, personality is always the key," said Ruben Astorga, Div. 919.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has acknowledged obesity as a spreading epidemic. When people eat more calories than they burn off, their bodies store the extra calories as fat. As this pattern continues, more fat starts to build up. Using the Body Mass Index (BMI), a measure of body fat based on height and weight, doctors determine if an individual is "overweight" or "obese." A person who is overweight has a BMI of 25-30. Individuals with a BMI of 30 and above are considered obese.

According to recent studies, 16 to 33 percent of teens are obese. That percentage has tripled since 1980, when only five to 11 percent of teenagers were obese. Three-hundred thousand deaths occur every year due to poor or no exercise and unhealthy nutrition. For the first time in a century, American adolescents face a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

Many people do not know the real struggles behind being overweight.

"I used to walk to class very slow. I could not run as fast and I got tired often," said an anonymous junior who used to be slightly overweight.

She has, however, managed to change her habits and unhealthy lifestyle by joining a weight-

loss program at the local Boys and Girls Club.

"At first, I was losing only five pounds a month and eating about 3,000 calories a day," she said. "After I got some expert advice, I started counting my calories, working out, and I dropped more weight. It was a slow process."

What difference does being thin make in today's society?

"Losing weight changed the way guys look at me," said the same junior. "This does not get to me because it has only made me realize that people care about appearance more than anything else. As sad as it is, people are superficial."

Other girls agree that attempts at weight-loss should be for one's own benefit, not others.

"Girls should not lose weight because they want to impress guys. Instead, they should be concerned about heart disease and living a longer and healthier life," said an anonymous junior.

Attempts to lose weight are often stopped by difficulties to stay on track.

"I have tried different diets, work-out plans, and even a physical fitness expert," said an anonymous junior at Amundsen. "I find it very hard to exercise after a long day at school. I think I will always be overweight."

Obesity created the same difficulties 15 years ago as it does today.

"I was overweight in junior high," said Mr. Marchan, a Physical Education teacher and Track Coach at Lane. "Nobody directly picked on me, but fat jokes directed towards me always came up."

Marchan's weight issues started at a young age.

"My mother worked in the evenings and I stayed with my aunt. My aunt spoiled me. She always gave me junk food," he said.

Although he was physically active, losing weight was not immediate for Marchan.

"Back then, we did not have video games. I liked playing baseball with my friends, but since I was a slow runner and I got tired easily the only way I knew I would drop weight fast was to starve myself. That's what I did."

Studies show that obesity has skyrocketed in the past 20 years, largely because of the cultural changes brought on by technological advancements, which have led teens to a more sedentary lifestyle spent mostly indoors.

Also a contributor to weight problems among teens is that food can get used a way of cope with depression. Dealing with the stresses of school, parents' divorce, feelings of social isolation, and other childhood problems can all lead young people into over-eating. This

presents a problem for many students who struggle to lose weight.

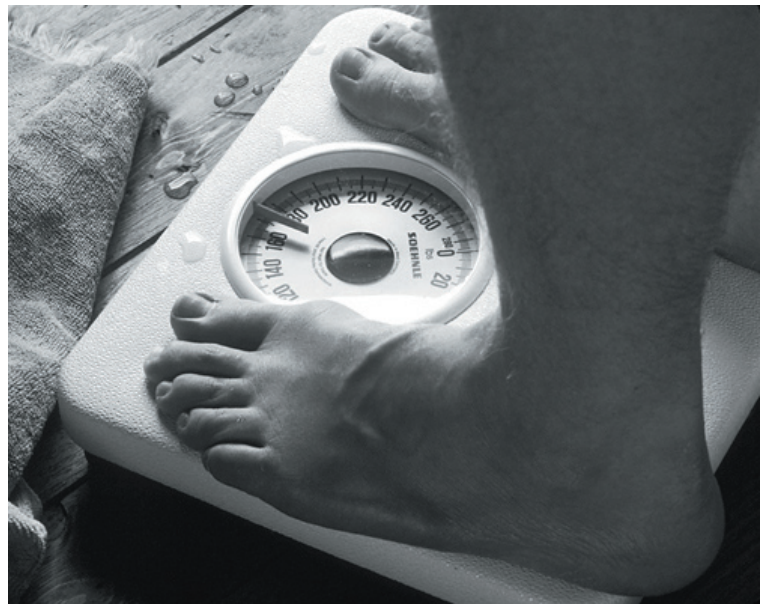
"I am not motivated to exercise if I am frustrated and unhappy," said an anonymous Lane freshman.

Genetics can play a role in weight problems. In fact, studies show that children born of obese parents have an 80 percent chance of being overweight.

Obesity can increase the chances of high blood pressure, diabetes, and respiratory problems. Overweight teenagers also develop low self-esteem and low energy.

Teens can avoid becoming obese by using weight-management programs, which encourage watching portion sizes and eating less calories. Individuals can increase their physical activity by taking more Physical Education classes. Using the BMI, teens can watch if their height and weight are proportional.

"Obesity is a choice people make and only they can change that," said Marchan.



>>Candidates

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known as Super Tuesday, asked Facebook users: "Which of these would make you the most likely to vote?" Nearly 70 percent wished that they could cast their ballots online, 17 percent would prefer voting on the weekend, while 11 percent said it should be a legal requirement to vote.

Many students are uncomfortable with the notion that everyone should be forced to vote. They compare it to voting for candidates in lower offices, which sometimes contain names that many have never even heard of.

"You can't mandate people to vote," said Ciprian Tucaliuc, Div. 923. "If you did then you would have a bunch of idiots voting for candidates randomly. If people are forced to vote, they'll vote for someone out of spite and they can easily be bribed because they are indifferent [about the election] and [would consequently] change the outcome of a fair election."

There are some students who have already cast their ballots and know exactly why they voted for that candidate.

"I voted for John McCain. I always vote Republican, even though I took the time to look at Democratic positions on the issues of the day," said Zajler. "McCain is my ideal candidate because he and I agree on almost every issue, such as immigration and the economy."

Some have not quite made up their minds but have an idea of who they might vote for.

"I'm actually a follower of Ron Paul's campaign though [he does not] really have a chance," said Szeliski.

Others explain why it can even be difficult to vote for a candidate with whom they share political values.

"I'm a democrat through and through, and they each have certain ideas and points but none of [the candidates] really seem like they could really take the lead and be a really good president," said Kirstin Anderson, Div. 907.

Political Science teacher, Mr. Carlson, conducted a mock primary election among his classes, which resembled the actual ballots. The results were as follows: Barack Obama received 73 percent of the vote for the Democrats (40 out of 55 students voted for him over Hillary Clinton) and John McCain received 77 percent of the vote for the Republicans (10 students voted for him while two voted for Mitt Romney, one for Ron Paul, and none for Mike Huckabee).

There are also mixed feelings about the upcoming election.

"I'm encouraged by how many candidates want change," said Szeliski. "I'm also frustrated by the amount of students that think I made up Ron Paul."

This election will be a historic and memorable one. Consequently, students are expressing its importance and why students of voting age should participate in the process.

"It's exciting because of the diversity," said Hobaugh. "Young people are worried, defense is important, and new people are running."

>>Programming

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ways to obtain signatures earlier than they should have. In past years, when teachers were all grouped together in the cafeteria to sign programs, security personnel checked students' programs as they entered to make sure that only the appropriate GPA groups got in. With teachers spread throughout the building this year no such measures were taken.

"Many kids roamed the halls until they saw people exit the lunchroom and followed them to go get their classes signed," said Megha Shah, Div. 923.

"One drawback ... was that students could easily sit in bathrooms waiting for people to come out," said Kyle Lin, Div. 915.

Other students noticed that people who arrived late to the cafeteria ended up being dismissed earlier than they should have because they were closer to the exit.

"I didn't think it was fair how some students with the same color sticker as someone else who had been waiting there longer, would just walk in and they were able to [leave and] get their classes signed first," said Shaheen Kazmi, Div. 920.

"Students with lower GPAs were sometimes able to sneak out of the lunchroom and obtain signatures before students with higher GPAs," said Gonsalves.

"I wouldn't have arrived at the lunchroom early if I knew they were going to let students waiting in the hallways fill up spots in the lunchroom and let them leave first," said James Chon, Div. 919.

Some students suggested this problem could have

been avoided with a little more organization and stricter enforcement of the rules.

"This year's programming went pretty well," said Lin. "The only thing I would suggest is making [seating] sections for certain colors so that everyone would be forced to sit in one area and [speed up the process]."

An additional complaint voiced by students was that spots in popular classes were already taken up because teachers had signed up several students days before.

"If teachers are going to hold spots for students before programming day, then there's no point in even having an electives fair," said Kazmi.

Some teachers, however, believe there are good reasons for signing a student's program early.

"I signed one program in advance," said Ms. Langford. "She had an extremely high GPA (way over 4.0) and she had a family matter to attend that afternoon."

Many students suggested IMPACT was partially to blame for all the chaos at programming.

"Many GPAs were wrong," said Daisy Macias, Div. 924. "Even if it was only by .1, a person with a 4.0 instead had a 3.9, and therefore didn't get the highest ranked sticker."

"I think the school should have handled it better by printing out a copy of our report cards beforehand," said an anonymous sophomore. "Also, they should have rescheduled programming because we received our report cards so late and everything just seemed rushed for no reason."

"[Programming] wasn't a success, but it wasn't a total failure either," said Macias. "I just hope next year's programming gets better."

SENIORS

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Pinky! Lene! Mari! you all are the bestest chicas ever. You all rock my socks Happy valentines day! -Steffy-
To my bestest friend Ashley! Hope all goes well. Happy Valentines Day! Sherrell you light up my life!
Here is to the best friend any one could have, Nora, Danela, Jary, Llz, Sarah, Rocio, and of course Lucy! I love you all, now & forever -Special K P.S. & Stephen & Chris & Raul
Hey BABE!! I GUESS I JUST WANNA SAY I LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING SENIOR YEAR GO BY A LITTLE FASTER... WITH ALL THE "SNOW DAYS", YOU'RE THE ONLY REASON I COME TO SCHOOL. I LOVE YOU TUBBY!
Dear Mauricio, I've known you for 17 years and you are by far the cutest coolest cat ever. P.S.: Micheelle thinks you're a dork. PSS. Mauricio I don't see nothing wrong with a little bump and grinding.
To Ben - My favorite 7th and 8th period buddy ever - Tamanna
Joe Rodriguez, You have a secret admirer. Here's a clue: My lockers by Z (3rd floor). You know me.
To all my friends thank you for always being there when I needed you guys the most. You guys are awesome and will always rock. Wish you all a spectacular Valentine's Day. Love Maddy
To all my friends: Knocknee, Red, Trice, Shakira, Cherokee, Wardlow, meccy, Gary, Shannon, Squillo, Buddha, Ariel, Marisol, Ashley, Kentrell, Tornika, Autumn, Dillon, D-Wade, Amanda, Chetta, Tesa, Kita, Gyp, and Janelle. Thanx 4 the last 4 years. I'ma miss ya'll. -Joanay
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! LOVE ALL OF YOU GUYS ADRI, NATMALIE, SALAM, IVAN, BRITNEY, STEPH, INU, DEBBIE, AND EVERYONE ELSE!! YOU GUYS ROCK! LOVE SHARON
Siobhan, you are my favorite white girl. -Alex
Just a reminder of how much I love and care for you. You mean the world to me, every moment with you is amazing! You are my sunshine! <3
To all the wonderful people I know: I love you all. Happy Valentine's Day, to all of the seniors of Class of '08. -Kylie
Happy Valentine's Day Luis! -Nina
Kirby enjoy you moldy Goldfish
To Jake Steel, Happy Valentine's Day! Suprise! I just wanted to let you know there's no other glass of chocolate milk I'd rather be next to. (~^_~^) Mahal kita, The Muffin <3
To Anetaboo and Maggielicious and Jumble. I love all you creepos and stalkers even though none of you guys would ODGras with me! love your home-skillet Raquelly
TIM NOVAK, I think you're really cute!
Jesus, stop seducing teachers. Happy Valentines Day!
To my personal Ice Cream Scooper Happy Valentine's Day! I'm still waiting for my free ice cream =) From: Your punk jazzy
Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for being my friends. To: Jesus Solis, Wilson Robles, Nina Tobar, Philby Philip and Alyssa De Castro From: Cynthia Trujillo
Mrs. Yee, Division 881 misses you.
Mrs. Garcia, Why'd you come back? -881
I <3 Estefania Reyna!!!!!! like a lot -Daisy
Michelle! Michelle! Michelle! Michelle! Hi!

To that special "bumblebee"
I'm going to miss those calls at night,
Those nice rides in your car, your
funny jokes, your funny laugh, but
most of all your sweet, warm smile.

-Love Jessica

Happy Valentine's Day to My
Senior Class Officers, Mrs. Coleman-Parker, and Ms. Ray.
I LOVE YOU ALL
UR Vice President
Carina =D

To: Marcos Chagoya. I'm not gonna lie. I don't know what it was about you that caught my eye. Could've been your style, must've been your smile. Or maybe the way you moved to that Rihanna song was what drove me wild. Whatever it is, when I see you I start blushing like a child. -Ms. Anonymous

Hey amor! Just wanted to let you know that I'm really happy to be with you and that you're such an amazing guy! I can't thank you enough for always being there for me, and making me laugh when I'm down. You bring a smile to my face everyday! -Liz

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Happy Valentine's
Day Ben! ;)

- :) A

C.J,
Forever & always
<3 L.C.

Catherine
There are no words that describe how happy I feel to have you by my side. The time I've been with you has been the best. I'm thrilled to have such a special girl with me, and I'm glad that I can spend Valentine's with you. I love you babe. -Jesus

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JESSE PRADO!
"Hey what's up?" Happy Valentine's Day! I'm looking forward to a fresh start. I want to let go and think of the future. Everytime we are together, we just have a great time. And we could never stop talking, hugging, or kissing. It feels good to be with you.
XO Your boo boo,
Brooke Alexis
P.S. B is for Brooke! Lalala! JB, JB, JB!

HAPPY 18th B-DAY ALEX!!!
I can't believe that we're seniors already. You have been my absolute best friend for the past 4 years. You have been there for me through the good and bad and we have created many fun memories together. I love you like a sister! Go Iowa State!!! Go H.S 101!!

Dearest Black Sharpie,
Where my girls at? Uh huh... see I don't need that! Oh no you didn't!
Would you like to open an account? Here's a pamphlet superstar. Vill yoo be mah boo-boo bear? Happy Valentine's Day honey bunches!
Luv aaf,
T-tall/paper

First of all George loves Danielle and David loves Jenny and I LOVE YOU LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA! LAURA!

Sure Monika....
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Jessica Zuniga,
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serenely sweet express
How pure, how dear their
dwelling place"
By my valentine, fair maid.
-Ze secretary

To my Nora bear <3
Since Kris wouldn't get an ad for you ::shakes fist::
(I see how it is) I decided I would write one for you lol So 4 yrs....wow....long time ahh the fun orchestra memories lol
Anywho! I love you my white chocolate koala bear! <3
-Your Dark chocolte koala bear <3 (beat that Kris lol jk)

To my one and only Juachy...
So wow... It's amazing how we made it through all of the drama. Babe, I want you to know that I have never been happier then when I am with you. You have made such a great impact on my life, and I can honestly say that you've made me a better person. The past seven months have changed my life and I can't possibly picture my life without you. You have shown me the true meaning of love, and I know one day that our plans for the future will come true. You're the best thing that has ever happened to me. Happy Valentine's Day! I LOVE YOU!

Love,
Mandy
(<3 July 3, 2007 <3)
P.S. Giggity-Giggity-Goo...
LOL

My dear baby bunny, we are now making three years. What a ride this has been. We have practically shared our entire high school experience together. We have become pretty in tune with eachother and know what to expect from eachother. We have grown up together through some of our critical moments as teenagers! LEILANI, look forward to growing much older with you still in my life, because everyday I know you, I love you even more. ... I know, I know, cliché, but it fits. Happy Anniversary
-Andrew

HAPPY VALENTINES
DAY TO MY LOVES:
COCOA PUFFS, CHEER-
IOS, LUCKY CHARMS,
CAP' N CRUNCH, SPECIAL K, FROOT LOOPS,
KRISTINA AND JES-
SALYNN! I LOVE YOU
GUYS!

-HONEY BUNCH

Senior Swimmers
Jill, Ashley, Nicole, Michelle, & Morgan! I love you guys soo much! You guys made every minute of practice worthwhile over these past four years! I'm going to miss you! You ladies! Happy Valentine's Day! Be good! :)

Smooches <3
Amanda

I love every person ever! I love cheese. I love Samantha. I love pizza sandwiches. I love lamp. I love carpet. I love chest. I love the letter 6. I love the number 456712469AB. I love straw. I love cardboard. I love feet. I love sexy. I love Justin Timberlake's curls on Thursdays! I love charcoal. I love magical unicorns.
Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Hey Sandy... Um... my
mother wants to know when
you're coming over for dinner again?
--Tam Nguyen

To my Carribean Passion, no one is lovelier than you, except me. But really i'm glad we get to spend so much time together our senior year, even getting a bit sick of you. But I love you!
-Carolina

Gigi,
Will you be my sunshine, my
shining beam of hope, my well of
inspiration and most importantly,
my love?

-Your Secret Admirer

HIGH SCHOOL
SWEETHEART!
TOM
YOU ROCK
MY WORLD!
I LOVE YOU!

Always & forever,
Amanda

Hey corazón lindo (Cristian Rodriguez)
Happy Valentine's Day!!! It's been 7 months that I wouldn't trade for the world. Being with you has made me soo happy. This relationship has been filled with ups and downs that have made us much stronger as a couple. All the memories that we share are very special to me. Nunca olvides que siempre estare aqui cualquier cosa que necesites. Even though I may not say it enough, I do appreciate everything you do for me and the way you care about me soo much. Siempre ocuparas un lugar muy especial y unico en mi corazón.
TE ADORO CON TODO TU CORAZON
Dalila
P.S. Luv u more

Happy Valentine's Day

Boxhead!
I love you!

-Love,
Sasha

-Juan Antonio Camacho-
No hay palabras suficientes para describir todo el amor que te tengo pero te quiero decir, con el corazón en la mano que tú para mí eres alguien muy especial e importante que quiero muchísimo. Nunca pensé que te fueras a convertir en alguien muy especial pero aavez de los días te metiste muy dentro de mi corazón. Gracias por ser comprensible, amoroso y respetuos. Gracias por todos los "te quiero mucho". Yo se que hemos cometido errores con el uno al otro pero creo que al reconocer esos errores, nos ha acercado más fuerte. Gracias por todo el cariño y amor que me has dado. Tú eres todo lo que yo no soy y yo soy todo lo que tú no eres. Te quiero mucho! I LOVE YOU!
<3 3-23-07 <3

-SAMANTHA ORTEGA-

I remember when I first saw you by
beboba.

I remember our first kiss in matt's
car

I remember our first "I love you" in
my room.

I remember our first dance at prom.

I remember our first good bye at
the airport.

I remember our final hello for the
rest of our lives.

Pookieie

SZUK! We love you even though
you keep threatneing to drop us.
And we're never going to have
perfect attendance...or be on time.
-Div 880 <3

Crystal I Love You!!! Division 860 What up?! And Cassandraa G. Happy Valentine's Day!! =] John Comia '08
"TRUTH IS TREASON IN THE EMIPRE OF LIES" The Ron Paul R[evol]ution
To Marta, Gracie and Emily <3 Ahh fun times at ihop/gayhop ^^ we need to go more often lol Emily - WATCH OUT THE ZOMBIES ARE GONNA COME OUT OF THE PAPER!!!! >.< Gracie - How many years have I been in school with you? 14? And why does everybody call you Gracie now? lol Marta - So....whats up with you?
2PT wishes Happy Valentine's Day to: Weatherman, Wulf, Hog, Rat, moose and the weatherwoman. JP na 100%
We <3 you Mr. jimenez be our valentine!!! always G, E, and X!
I just want to shout out to Ben Adisa, Devonne, Tamanna, and everyone else in AP World History 8th period. Also my right hand Delisia Brown and Div 874. Happy Valentine's Day Nicole Latimore
Theresa Rae Galvez-Medina be my SUNSHINE forever! Love, B.B. BSOS to my amores! Cheerios, Honeybunsh, Cocoa Puffs, Froot Loops, Capn Crunch & Special K! Thanks for everything. I really appreciate you all! Hope u have a Happy Valentine's Day! xoxo Lucky Charms
Mi Tesorina, We have seen eachother through everything and known a love most people can only dream of. Weeks turn to months, months to a year, and soon years turning to a lifetime. Love eternal. You Know Who
We love you Monika, you know we do! Nobody has a colder heart than you. Your hair color changes as easily as your mood. But out of the three of us, no one is more gorgeous than you. - C-n-N
To my T-tall Baller, I love you like a fat kid loves cake! Happy sexii Valentine's Day boo boo! Oh & remember: I make it boom dynamite, I watch u sleep at night. -Luv always, Telikapathic Blackhole
I hope you graduate! - your one & only
Jenny I love you! George loves Danielle 2!
Would you BBBBEEE My Valentine Kelly Anne Mulvaney from "Sugar Muffin"
Division 857 Mr. Harper! Happy Valentine's Day my loves! You guys are the best in the world! You make Division super fan! Love you lots, Tina Trajkovska
NGUTWIRTH
Oh thar yar! I know this song! Weapon of mass seduction! I was asking him for a stick of ...gobble gobble... Thanks for the good lines, guys! -Megan 853
Michael Hufana has a cute butt!
Togst Ganbold, will you be my boy- friend? - Love, Ray Branda P.S. I love the picture you gave me.
Kirby Piatek, I was always too shy to talk to you. -Joe Loscuito
To my C.A.L.L. Girls, I just want you all to know that it makes so happy and glad to have you girls in my life. Thank You for always having my back and caring so much about me. Mahal na Mahal ko kayo at salamat sa lahat! -Love, Lorie Pangilinan
To all my desi benchods and Chodiyas: I'm going to miss you guys after high school. We've had some memorable times these past few years. Just know that I will always love you guys! Aw! :) -Love, Kubu.
Jay Noga, you are super fly. These past two years have been the best years of my life. I love you. -Jill
BRIG! I would simply be lost without you! I Love You Girl! <3 Always A-manda
Happy Valent... Sorry to dissappoint you, we just couldn't finish. lol jk We love you Sam O! --Khushbu, Katie, Aneta

Love from afar

By Lucia Ramirez & Stephanie Lopez

A famous love song by Richard Marx reads "...whatever it takes or how my heart breaks I will be right here waiting for you..." This identifies many couples who, due to "destiny obstacles," live in different cities.

According to psychologist Emiliano De la Cruz, when the sentiment is true on both sides, the distance ends up being just another stage for the couple, and even serves to bring them closer together. This is beneficial because it consolidates a deep relationship in which both are aware of the effort that it involves.

According to an article published on longdistancerelationships.com, about seven million couples in the U.S. maintain a long distance relationship. This includes 2.5 to 3 million long distance marriages and between 3 and 4.5 million dating couples. Up to 50 percent of first-year college students report being involved in a long distance relationship.

There are many obstacles for a long distance relationship.

"My boyfriend lives in Houston, TX and I live in Summit, IL," said Denise Reyes, a junior at Argo Community High School. "I met him in Mexico about a year ago, but we didn't [initially] start a relationship because we thought it would be hard to communicate."

Long distance relationships of the past did not have access to

as many communication options that the technological advances of today have made available.

"We have many ways of talking," said Mayra Maldonado, Div. 923, whose boyfriend lives in Florida. "Sometimes I call him, but I love talking to him online because I get to see him through the webcam."

So, what is the key to making a long distance relationship work?

"Distance cannot, and will not hurt a bond between two people that is based on mutual respect, trust, commitment, and love," said De La Cruz. "With distance involved these attributes have greater significance. One does not need to be physically close to get to know each other better. The love can grow by having security and fluid communication."

For many it is not easy because humans need physical contact to feel care and love. According to longdistancerelationships.com, touch is a powerful force and has some amazing effects on the body that we don't fully understand.

"We have been going out for almost a year now," said Reyes. "I have learned so much from this experience. I never take for granted any moment we spend together, and every time we see each other it's amazing because we live each day like it was our last."

Face-to-face visits are harder and less frequent for those in long-distance relationships, but research has shown little connection

between how frequently you visit your partner and how successful your relationship will be.

Most long-distance relationships, however, do not have positive outcomes.

"I thought it was going to work but after almost one year I felt like I was hindering her from being happy," said a senior at Lane, who asked to be called Giovanni. "I felt bad because she would tell me that it was hard, so we broke up."

For many it was easier to let go than to keep fighting for something they did not believe in.

"As much as I wanted to be with her I had to be strong and let go; she deserved happiness," said Giovanni. "Sometimes letting go of someone you love is the right thing for both yourself and them."

Long-distance relationships are also difficult when those involved don't get support from friends and family.

"I'm constantly being told that I'm dumb for being with him," said Cristina Martinez, a student at Kelly High School who also has a long distance relationship with a guy in Mexico. "People tell me that he's probably cheating on me, but I believe in him and believe in what we have."

While many agree that a long-distance relationship is not always the healthiest or most successful way to date, it may be ideal for those who are very independent and committed. Communication and trust are the keys to success.

That 'older' conquest

By Francesca Sanchez

It is considered aggravated criminal sexual abuse for a person of age 18 to date a person of age 17 in the state of Illinois. Any individual who breaks this law may be imprisoned for three to seven years. Most couples with age differences keep their relationship a secret from the law, but often even more so from their families. Couples are afraid of legal consequences and a negative reaction from their parents. To skip this difficulty, most couples will lie about their lover's age or keep him or her a secret until it is legally acceptable. "We lied to her mom about how old I was at the time," said Tony Carocci, a man from the Southside of Chicago, who dated a 16 year old when he was 32. "When she found out, she was very upset with us. She threatened to tell the police, so I had to stay away from her daughter for a while. After a few weeks, I started seeing her again," said Carocci. Other couples

with large age differences had to break things off for more practical reasons.

"My boyfriend and I kind of took a break from each other because he understood I had to concentrate on school and I had factors preventing me from seeing him as often as he'd like," said an anonymous senior at Lane, who dated a 30 year old when she was 17.

Many people express pride in making an older conquest.

"I'd pat my friend on the back if he was dating an older woman," said Josh Amaya, Div. 928. "I think it would be exciting if you dated an older person because they've already done things you don't know anything about yet." Not all students agree with the idea that a man dating an older woman makes him superior. "I'd think they were idiots," said Benny Llamas, Div. 928. "The woman dating the younger guy would have to be desperate or something, and I think the guy would be taking what he can get just because she has 'experience'."

Underage girls who date older men seem more often to get a negative response, however. "If someone told me they dated an older guy, I'd probably look at them funny," said Kirstin Anderson, Div. 907. "It would seem to me that the girl would be in it for something other than a caring relationship. It's disappointing to realize that even I'm being judgmental, and I'm a girl." If the age difference in a relationship is obvious enough, couples may find that they are publicly frowned upon.

"When we were out in public, some people would give us weird looks and stare," said the anonymous senior. "Most of my friends didn't mind that I dated him, and some of them just said to take his money. A few were even 'afraid' that he might be a perverted serial killer out for his next victim. We had to stick up for each other sometimes." Most couples in a position of defending their relationship without much support find it hard to stay together. Nevertheless, many

Unwanted pregnancy makes for tough decisions

By Delaney Savoie

According to troubledteens.com, a parental help website, 46.8 percent of all high school students admitted to having premarital sex during high school. With raging, unbalanced hormones and sex so prominent in the media, it has become more and more tempting for students to engage in sexual activity during high school.

Lane is equipped with a sexual education program to teach the consequences of premarital sex such as STDs and pregnancy. However, several students still begin their sexual lives with a mindset of "that only happens on TV" or "that could never happen to me." This perspective leads to students having sex without condoms or any other method of birth control.

For one anonymous 18 year-old Lane senior, who will be referred to as "Kate," this behavior lead her to the abortion clinic.

Kate had been sexually active for a few years without the use of condoms or any other birth control before she became pregnant.

"I noticed that I didn't get my period in a long time," said Kate. "So I took a pregnancy test. Actually, I took three because I was in denial. And of course, I was pregnant, almost by ten weeks, in fact."

In this type of situation many teenage girls feel stuck or lost and are unsure of what to do. Kate decided to handle it in the way she felt was most responsible. "Since I am still alive, my parents did not know [that I was pregnant]," she said. "I took matters into my own hands and made some calls and an appointment at the abortion clinic. I saved up money plus I borrowed \$100 from a friend."

Teen pregnancy can be even more complicated when the father denies all responsibility of the baby or refuses to help with any of the expenses. Sometimes, like in Kate's situation, the father is completely clueless of the stress and problems the mother is going through.

"I know who the father was but I kept it a secret," said Kate. "It didn't matter because I knew I was getting an abortion and I wasn't in a relationship with the baby daddy."

Throughout Chicago there are several different women's clinics where different types of abortions are available at various prices

depending on the stage of the mother's pregnancy.

"[The abortion clinic] used the vacuum method," said Kate. "They put me to sleep and vacuumed [it] out. I was pretty scared."

However, any type of abortion is usually going to be a couple hundred dollars.

"It was \$375," said Kate. "I could have gotten a designer purse instead, but oh well."

Not only do abortions affect the bank account, but they also can cause psychological hardships on everyone involved. Such emotional consequences can include: post traumatic stress, sexual dysfunction, drug abuse, eating disorders, and many more.

However, Kate tried to make the best out of her situation.

"It hasn't really affected my life that much because I didn't let it affect my life," she said. "I took it as a wake up call to be more careful with my choices in life. I definitely learned that all actions have consequences. It was my mistake and I made it so I can get back up and on the right path towards success in my life. It was a lesson learned."

Sometimes, even when the couple is using protection, incidents occur that are beyond their control.

"I took The Morning-After Pill because the condom came off during the act," said an anonymous junior. "That's when I began using birth control pills."

The Morning-After Pill is an emergency contraceptive that is also referred to as Plan B. It comes with two pills, which are to be taken six hours apart from each other. The pills only work if they are consumed less than 72 hours after intercourse. It is available at Planned Parenthood or Walgreens for approximately \$44 plus tax. Some women's clinics distribute it for free depending on the age of the consumer.

Plan B works in three different ways. It suppresses ovulation, prevents sperm from coming in contact with the egg, or prevents a fertilized egg from entering the uterus. The latter is considered an early form of abortion.

Side effects of Plan B include nausea, abdominal pain, tiredness, headaches, menstrual irregularities, vomiting and dizziness. However, most teenage girls would rather have these side effects for a few days than be pregnant for nine months with an unwanted child for the rest of their lives.

age-gapped couples continue to date. "I didn't care that her mom was upset about us," said Corocci. "I still wanted to see her. I would see her during lunch, pick her up after school, and have her sneak out of the house. Could you blame me for wanting to be with her?"

While some would answer, 'yes.' Others understand all too well reasons for attraction that are enhanced because of the difference

in age. "The big thing I love about older guys is their intelligence, and their understanding of things that a lot of teenage boys can't grasp," said the anonymous senior. "These men have gone through things already, and have years of maturity and experience under their belt. I feel like I can have a deeper connection with a man than I can with a high school boy; and that's what really draws me."

Thirteen going on 30

Teen mothers have to grow up faster than ever.

By Samantha D'Anna

Each year almost 1.1 million teenagers, ages 15-19, become parents. It's hard to believe teen pregnancy rates have declined by 36% since 1990, but due to improvement in contraceptives, more teenagers are practicing safe sex with different forms of birth control.

Although using a condom or other forms of birth control are very effective, the only way to prevent contraception is by choosing abstinence, which is difficult for many young adults today. While 63 percent of teenagers are sexually active, not all of them are practicing safe sex.

Becoming pregnant at a young age can result in many hard decisions, beginning with whether to keep the child or not. Either giving it up for adoption or having an abortion are options many must consider.

"All summer me and my boyfriend were trying to get an abortion. Something would always go wrong and then it was too late..." said Stephani Buttrey, age 17, who recently gave birth to a baby girl.

"My mom and boyfriend brought [abortion] up once, but when I told them I didn't want to, they never brought it up again" said Stephanie Gomez, Div. 906, mother to a baby boy.

Telling your parents about your pregnancy can be difficult, because they won't always respond favorably.

"My parents were shocked. My Dad didn't talk to me for three days. My mom was pretty sympathetic, because she had a baby at my age too," said Buttrey.

"My parents were very upset be-



Left: Stephani Buttrey and her newborn daughter Madison Lynn.

up. An average baby costs around \$11,000 dollars in its first year. This makes it very difficult for a teenager to go to school, have a job to pay for expenses, and raise a baby.

"I will eventually have to try to find a job to provide a good life for Madison. I'm going to be responsible for my actions," said Buttrey.

Having the responsibility of taking care of another person can be very challenging and it takes a strong person to do so.

"I believe I am doing a good job. My son has all the stuff and love he needs. He is always taken good care of, so I wouldn't change anything," said Gomez.

"I wouldn't change anything actually," Buttrey agreed. "The moment I held that little girl in my arms, I knew my life would change, but I didn't care. I felt the most incredible love I have ever felt."

Despite the struggles of being a teen parent, there are plenty of joyful moments while watching a child grow day by day.

"If you think you're ready for a baby, think about your decision. Your entire life will change and if you don't have a reliable babysitter you won't be able to work or even go to school. If you know that your not ready, use protection!" stressed Gomez.

To protect from STDs and unplanned pregnancy, safe sex is very important at any age, but especially a young age when people typically are less capable of caring for a child.

"I would say to just be safe, use a condom or get birth control," said Buttrey. "I'm not going to say don't do it [have sex], because that's just stupid advice, just be safe when you do it."

causethey could not believe what was happening," said Chandra Carrasquillo.

Many have a very difficult time telling their parents because they are worried about what their reaction will be.

"Abortion was an option for them [her parents], but not for me," said Carrasquillo.

"My Dad was mad because he thought I would drop out of school. My Mom didn't really have a reaction, just 'Oh, wow...' I guess she was shocked, but now they both love my son to death," said Gomez.

Pregnancy and parenting can be a very difficult period in someone's life, especially as a teenager. Teen parents aren't able to participate the activities common teenagers do. Their whole lives change when faced with the responsibility of raising a child.

"My life hasn't really changed yet, although I am tired all the time from being up at night with Madison, and I can't really hang out with my friends unless I find a reliable babysitter," said Buttrey.

"Everything is different now. I don't see my friends and I am always tired," echoed Gomez. "Everything I do revolves around my son because I don't just trust anyone to baby sit. But I love it!"

Teen parents face many financial obstacles also. The costs of milk, diapers, medicine, clothes for a baby that is growing constantly, all add

miserable again," said Diamond Suissa of Mather High School, whose parents divorced when she was two years old. "I would rather have them divorced and happy."

"I wouldn't want my parents back together because my dad was never nice towards my mom," said Vajide Memedov, Div.927. "I like it how we started our lives over and without him."

Many teens with divorced parents can't help but imagine what their lives would have been like if their parents had stayed together.

"I think I would have been unhappier because my mom, my brothers, and I are used to having fun," said Olsen. "If my dad was still with us, he would have kept us from having that fun."

Most parents move away once they get a divorce from their spouses. Teens learn to get used to the distance once their parents are gone.

"My mom, my sister, and I are so much better off without my dad, and I like it that he lives in another country. I wouldn't want him to come back here," said Memedov.

Some students enjoy having homes in different cities.

"At first I was upset that my dad moved away to California," said Suissa. "Now it's fun because I get to travel and visit him a lot."

However, often times the relationship a child has with at least on of

his or her parents suffers because of the divorce. Some students stand behind one parent because they have a closer relationship with them or feel bitter toward the other.

"I was on my mom's side because I knew my dad wasn't the best person to either of us," said Elvedin Softic of Von Steuben High School.

Other students are torn between their parents because they want both of them to be in their lives.

"I liked the idea of my parents being together," said an anonymous junior. "But I've accepted the fact that that is most likely not going to happen."

After a divorce bitter feelings toward a parent can intensify if one starts a new relationship with someone else.

"My mom got remarried and I never really liked my step-dad," said Softic. "That's why I tried to stay away from my family as much as possible."

According to InsightPros.com, teens that experience their parents' divorce are more likely to abuse drugs, engage in violence, and fail academically.

"When both parents begin to argue and point out each other's faults, the child is confused in deciding who's right and who's wrong," said Shivam Jani, Div. 859. "They reject both parents as idols and become more open to new ideas, such as drugs and alcohol."

Some students believe that people

Homosexuality still debated

By Dulce Arroyo & Noemi Villanueva

Eric Campos, Div. 908, casually walks down the hallway as he hears insults badgering his bisexuality.

Homophobia has become a common social issue among high school students, and Lane's diverse community deals with mixed opinions concerning homosexuality.

Campos knows how harsh criticism can be, but he tries to ignore it. "In school, I hear people say, 'fag,' but I don't care. Outside, I see people [stare] at me. But I think it's a more open world, especially here in Chicago," said Campos.

Some resentment is shown towards gay students because their lifestyles are not consistent with others' religious beliefs. Terrance Howard, Div. 910, is a devoted Christian-Baptist who is against homosexuality.

"[Marital] relationships are meant to produce children; two people of the same sex cannot produce children," he said. Although he has friends that are gay, he does not necessarily support their lifestyle.

However, there are many students who are completely supportive of the openness shown by gay students.

"If [homosexuals] are happy with what they're doing, we shouldn't care," said Rodriguez, Div. 929. "Once you get to know them, they get closer and open up."

Lane's Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) offers guidance to students who are gay or confused about their sexuality. Support is provided through discussions about difficulties members may be facing with families or friends, and movies are shown that address all sorts of issues on homosexuality.

Two active members of the GSA, Benny Llamas, Div. 928, and Danny Carrasco, Div. 935, said that their involvement in the club has helped each of them and their relationship.

Llamas and Carrasco have been dating for a little over a year and a half. Carrasco's hearing impediment proved to be a small obstacle for his relationship with Llamas.

"I learned sign language for him," said Llamas. "I thought it'd be rude to date him if I didn't." There has been a debate over whether homosexuality is the result of a person's environment or genetics. The American Psychological Association stands on the belief that homosexuality emerges from

most people in early adolescence with no prior sexual experience. Other social theorists argue that the study of a person's genes may give evidence that they are gay before they were even born. Llamas and Carrasco both agree with the latter opinion.

"You don't just wake up one morning and decide to be gay," said Llamas.

"It's not completely a choice," said Carrasco. "Why would you choose to be discriminated like a minority?"

Although their lifestyle is different from most, Llamas and Carrasco said they have been fortunate not to have received much criticism at Lane, though they have faced some discrimination outside of school.

Carrasco also recalled an incident where he faced discrimination alone.

"One time I went to a deaf volleyball game," he said. "A guy came up to me and said that he should beat my ass because I was gay."

Many other gay students also experience harsh discrimination because of their sexual orientation. Taylor Brady, Div. 921, another member of the GSA, recalled a negative experience she had at the Gay Pride Parade. "At the entrance [of the parade] there's a group of Christians that say, 'Gays go to hell!'" said Brady.

Other GSA members have not only faced criticism in public, but also in their homes.

"A lot of kids [in the club] usually say that their families would ostracize them if they came out," said GSA Vice-President Daisy Ortiz, Div. 927. "So they'll go to their friends instead."

Abraham Mendoza, Div. 920, agrees with Ortiz and said that the difficulty of coming out has slightly lessened over the years. "It's still hard to come out," said Mendoza. "But people are now a lot more outspoken [about their sexuality]."

Llamas and Carrasco understand the difficulties of dealing with homosexuality and advise students to find support.

"Make sure it's who you are; and until then you should try to meet more people like you so you won't feel alone," said Llamas. "Get to an open environment."

The Gay/Straight Alliance accepts any and all students who are dealing with questions of sexuality and are in need of support. Meetings are held on Tuesdays during ninth period in room 244.

change significantly as a result of a divorce in their family.

"I know people that have changed so much ever since their parents have divorced," said an anonymous junior. "They have started smoking and doing drugs, and I know this wouldn't have happened if their parents were still together."

"I've seen kids get involved with unnecessary things once their parents get a divorce," said Mosqueda. "They want to forget everything they once had by getting involved with things that they think will ease the pain."

However, some students believe that their lives would not be different if their parents were still together.

"Even if my parents didn't get a divorce, I would still be doing the things I do now," said an anonymous

senior. "Studies could show whatever they want, but I don't think that kids end up doing what they do because their parents get a divorce."

A divorce can change children's views about the future of their own lives.

"My parents' divorce made me question having kids because I wouldn't want to have my kids go through what I went through," said an anonymous junior.

Although seeing parents divorce can be hard, some teens are fine with being a part of two different families.

"I'm not sad about them separating now," said Olsen. "It was all for the best."

Divorce leaves students torn

By Samra Pecanin

The fights, the shouting, the angry words, and finally, kids hear that their parents are getting a divorce.

According to the United States Department of Vital Statistics, divorce rates have increased by 68 percent since 1995. That means that each year over one million American children experience the separation of their parents. And rarely is the experience a positive one.

"I didn't want my parents to get a divorce. Very few kids want their parents to split," said an anonymous junior. "Seeing my dad with all those boxes was a sad thing to see."

Candice Olsen, Div. 902, had a similar experience with similar feelings.

"It was a shock when I first found out because I was little and I didn't know why we were moving without my dad," she said.

Fabiola Mosqueda, Div. 905, admires the love that her parents have for one another. However, she cannot help but worry when they argue.

"I can't imagine my parents getting a divorce," she said. "The possibility of losing what you love the most, your family, is a scary thought."

Although most students want their parents to stay together, others would rather have their parents divorced.

"I don't want to see my parents

Daniel! Ich liebe dich! Und Ti Vo-gliobene! Your german and Italian partner Maria
Division 853- You're Seniors!! Good Job!! It's been fun!! -Ms Langford
Happy Valentine's Day, Miss Silly Lai =D From- Ok
To my dear Thomas Haynes: Thanks for rocking my world with these past four years. --With Love, your secret Admirer
Grace, Nina, Luis. I'm so glad you guys are my friends this year and that we can be total goofs together. --Becca
TO ALL MY GULLY SKEEB TRACK CREW. WHAT UP! I SKEEB ALL YOU SKEEBERS. WHAT UP WITH THAT SKEEB? FROM SKEETER
I like cookies & cheese And I love pie Apple Pie. I love you mi amor.
To Luis and Nina. I'm really proud of you guys. Good Luck -Rebecca
Yo! Blondie, Nancy Poo Poo Head, Chink, Jerry, Eddie, Earving. P.L.P.S 4 Life! Garbage! Sweet N Low! What Up! Lets go get some hamburgers with cheese? Irving Park Road! HAHA. Love you guys! <3 Carmenator
Elvis, You are def H-O-T-T in pink! love, your secret admirer
To Jazzy Baby, I love you and you are a big part of my life. I appreciate you. Love, your secret admirer.
Life is full of mistakes we arent perfect But one thing ill never regret is meeting you Happy Valentines Day JENEEW Love Tony
To all my sistas, Jazzy loves you all. I'm so glad that I have you girls in my life. (FAF Foreva) (Nellz, Juju, Dija, Mae Mae and Chelz) Without you all I wouldn't be complete. -Love Gyp
Dear Mel, I just wanted to say I love you! I care for you with all my hert, even though hard times you & me will get through it. Oh yeah will you go to prom with me? And your answer is yes ok Love you, David
Oh, that ya! I know this song! Weapon of mass seduction! I was asking him for a stick of... Gobble gobble Thanks for the good times, guys. -Meagan, 853
Roses only last a day And they take a big chunk of your pay. So get candy instead. At least then she will be fed. -A.S.
to my beloved, rose of all roses, rose of all The world! Upon the wharves of sorrow and heard ring the bell that calls us on; the sweetest far thing. Be not afraid of what may come for I Shall always be there. ~G.S~
Haiku for Cliff Oh my dearest Cliff Your tight shirts are amazing Oh how I love you
Hey Baby! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you very much! We hit a year! I love you! -Ciara <3
We love MRS. YEE - Div. 881!! XOXO
ERNESTO NO MORE DANDUFF PUCAR get bigger. Joel get a real name Vicor get real friends not you're brothers. Tony get real lips, not blue ones. Anthony, your a loser! PucAa <3 Miss Stone.
Happy Valentines Day From Ms. Walls To 1st 3rd 4th 6th + 8th per. classes
I Love you Jessica Martinez Div.857
Nina, Rebecca, Luis its been a great four years. You guys are my sec ond family! Happy V-day! -Grace
DANIELA !!!!!..... TAKE HIM TO PROM HE WILL TURN SOME HEADS THAT NIGHT!!! BY THE END OF THE NIGHT... HE'LL BE HOOKED!!!! - "JJ Redick's Girlfriend"

Christopher Ocasio, Hunny I Love You with all of my heart! I am so greatful that im with you! You are so understanding & patient with me! Youre the PERFECT MAN for me, nothing can compare or describe the love I have for you! I love to spend every second with you & i dont want to give away for nothing. I cant wait to spend the rest of my life with you! Love, your wify Erica Ocasio
To My Senior Class Officers: You guys are doing such a wonderful job this year... I am so proud of you! Happy Valentine's Day to all my babies: Catherine, Carina, Melinda, Daisy, Jenson, Russell, Enid, Lee Ann, Crystal and Agatha. Keep up the good work. Love, ACParker
<i>Lorri, I'm missing you! My eyes are all watery right now : [JOSSEEEEEEE lol</i>
Happy Valentines Day Nina! xo - Luis
Angela, do you want to be my boyfriend? I like! Love, your polack BFF =)
Dear Rex, Your smile makes me smile. I love you! - Stephanie -
Rosie you are my heart and soul. These past three years with you have been the best, especially these past 5 months. I don't know what I would do without you. Happy Valentine's Day babe. Te amo con mi corazon. your wify, Liz
Karolina G + Kootch-Poo You guys are awesome + so hilarious! I love you both and we hella tite fo sho! You both make my day, all day. err day! Cuenta!! Horale guey!! Diego! Watch my feet!! Your OG- Nesey Boo!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, BABE! Just wanted to let you know how happy I feel to have such a great person in my life. Thanks for being the best boyfriend ever. You mean the world to me! Catherine <3 P.S. TQM
To Quentin, You know I love you and always will. I just wanted to wish you a happy valentine's day Love always, your girl
Nina, Grace, and Becca are so damn spicy!
To: The Table Grace, Jose, Isabel, Tom, Nina, Chris, Mike, Sandy, Luis and my Red Bull...the best start to anyone's day. Much Love, Daniel
Mr. Block's 3rd period math class is the best! We can prove it!

9-26-07 The past four months and nineteen days have been amazing. You're absolutely perfect. I love you Lauren! Love, Your Other Half (Steven)
To the Law In American Society Classes: I am crazy about you all! Not just crazy... Love Ms. Sebestyen
Happy Valentine's Day everybody! Vanessa - u encourage me! ur such a great friend! Mylene - my love! U are the sweetest person I know! Tracey - *hugs* I miss hanging out in Drivers Ed! Ur the best! Ceramics room lunch - I love eating with u girls! U inspire me! Mr. Telles + everyone in 4th period - u guys are the best! Miss u Yasmina! Ms. Heath + the animals - zoology rules! Shout-out to everyone in the library! I miss all of u and we haven't even graduated yet! Lots of love, Maya
Happy Valentine's day to all. Ya'll know I should've been voted bested dressed. But I still love all my haters. Love always, Sherrell
I LOVE YOU STEFANIE!!! A.D. =)
What is love, but an endless time of care that comes from the bottom of my heart My heart reaches within, and holds on tight ou are my Pillar on this earth my one and only The love and joy that you give me makes me smile and shine of everything I have And how important you are to me
Sixteen months of love Sixteen months of my soul intertwined with yours What is love, but you and me I love you your babe
I love you all so much! Meeting all of you these past four years has brought so much joy to my life. All of you hold a special place in my heart. Div 860 and my pat teachers, Happy Valentine's Day!!! Anime Club I love you all! Happy Valentine's Day! ^.^ From Adriana Velez a.k.a. President
Girls Varsity Soccer: 1) Dan the Man, 20 Falbby Gabby, 3) Steph the Deaf, 4) Katie the Lamb, 5) Sabrina the savage, 5) Mia =legs, 7) Chevy = paleskin, 8) Shabby Gaby...do you rhyme? =)
To my bestest friend Ashley! Hope all goes well. Happy Valentines Day! Sherrell you light up my life!
J2 IS BETTER THAN J1!!!!

I love how you watch me shoot those threes. Come visit me down south and you'll never forget it! Love your husband #4
I couldn't have met better people this year! The great lunch group- Chris Smith, Jenn Lai, Jose, Ho, Carl, Francis P, and Bullet! You guys are among the greatest people I've met. Class of '08! Jennifer Nguyen
P.S. JOHNSON NGUYEN LOVES HASHBROWNS
I love you Chanda! <3 -Russell G
Bernardo C. Hey mijo, solo quiero que sepas que te quiero mucho. You mean the world to me. Hemos superado buenos y malos momentos y no me arrepiento de ninguno. Quiero darte las gracias por ser honesto conmigo y quereme tanto. You make me feel happy and loved. Siempre estare en deuda por todo el amor que me has traído a mi vida. Es la forma en que me miras, la forma en que me hablas y la forma en que me besas que hace que te ame mas y mas. Thank you for letting me be part of your life. Gracias por ser como eres. Happy Valentine's Day. P.S. Bessos -Cynthia Trujilio- <3 11-26-07 <3
Laney, you leave great voicemails and you're the best tippy toer in the world, and always remember big glass - yes; tall glass-no. Oh and I think it's the tiny arms, if you know what I mean. MÔT. happy cost-little things day. JOSEEEEEEE
<3 09.17.2007 <3 <3 I LOVE YOU BABE!!! <3 -Your Huni Bunni
JOAQUINO, Hi meanie! Just thought I'd write to you. Thanks for being a good friend to me, even though you call me a dumb blonde all the time. And thanks for makin' my best friend happy! Happy Valentine's Day! Love you huey! XOXO Brooke a.k.a. Your Blonde

To Mandy I LOVE YOU! Love Juanchy
Hey HTF!!! You guys are the best. I love all you soccer girls! Eric I hate you! -Daniela
Alberto, my BB, Words can't express how I feel towards you. I love you and I promise I'll never hurt you. I'm yours babe-my heart, body, and soul. Happy Valentine's Day! Te quiero much! Love, XOXO Theresa
Kelly, Nina, Ray, Angela, Gabbee, Truc, Diane, Ron, Binno, Yesenia, Gigi I love you guys! Lane is full of cherished memories. YEAA MAN! WE'RE GRADUATING! Love, Lara
If someone told me my freshmen year, way back in 2004, that 3 years later I'd fall in love with the silly girl in my drafting class who never had graph paper, I would have called that person crazy. Now look at me, I love her so much I offer her my pizza crusts. Rex
ORCH DORKS '08

I just want to give a shout out to the best group of people in this whole school....J2 staff!!!

To all of you who work so hard and socialize so much during 5th period, and during our extended hours: 6th period, after school and Saturday mornings!!! It doesn't even feel like a class to me cuz you guys make it a party... I will miss all of you !!!! But since we're still here, we're just going to have fun...:) To Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ara, you guys are the best and funniest teachers!! -Lots of love, Sumugaga

P.S.
My dad agreed not to send me to an all-girls college!!! Chiki-chiki-yeah my minutesss Jose!!!

Dear Daniela, I hate you!!
--Eric

VOLIM TE!

My strawberry surfrider, you know you're the best, you are the brain a scarecrow to my cowardly lion. Stay sweet and sour! --Natalia

Catie Houston, is there a ninja in your pants? Cause your ass is kickin! Love Dorthy Gicela. Valente, you're ok.

Jer!
Would you be mine?
-O'dell (the computer)

Grace Loves the table and yes, she even loves you Jose.

Dear Aneta and Raquel, thank you for being my closest friends. I really appreciate you both and everything you do to help me. I hope we can still stay this close college. I love you both. --Jamie

Thanks to Sigma Sigma Eta for holding it down this year, and for staying with us this long.
--Love Latrice Holmes Div. 882

To the loves of my life.. Stephanie, Bacci, Roxie, Ariel, Nora, Heather, Athena, Cari, Yari, Nicco, Melinda, and Iwona! I <3 you!
-Yanin

Dear Galan,
Why don't you come to lunch anymore? I used to be able to stare into your eyes and forget about the world, now I can't. It's over Gery. It's over. Marvel is better than D.C. comics.

B if you don't hurry up and ask Ann out, I will!
-High2

Ugh...Why? Is your mohing wondering if I left you yet?
-Sandy Chang

To Paige-
I Love You, Pumpkin.
-Love Marc

Lui Bui

Happy Valentine's Day Rosalia.
From you hubby in 6th period

I gotta win my science fair!!!

Marek, I Love You Baby!!!
Marzenika

Senior Class Officers 2008
I love you guys so much and I'm glad have have done things together and accomplished so much! We are the best! LOVE, Enid

Your beauty radiates like the gentle sun and ou reyes glisten like the stars in the sky. Jennifer and I'd like to really get to know you more. I like you.

Bake N Shake! lol Love you guys. -T.

Jackie Ng-
Lemme take you to prom Jerky!
-Jer

Otto I Love you Big Guy.

Sergio #23,
Cuando nos vemos somos uno. Cuando te siento tu me sientes. Pero cuando te hablo tu no escuchas. Te digo y tu no me entiendes. Cuando te explico tu te confundes a ti mismo. Por que...por que no puedes aceptar una verdad blanca que esta en tu cara. Como la nieve en un invierno negro, asi se siente tener este sentimiento oculto entre sonrisas que te doy dia a dia.
p.s. Will you be MY sexy superman?

Happy Valentine's Day, Mahal! You're the best thing that has happened in my life and I'll never forget it. Even when it's dark, I can still feel your presence because thats how strong our love is. I love you.Love Anna x3

To the best junior division 913, this was cheaper than buying yall chocolate. Happy Valentines Day! Love ya. Ms. Padilla

To: Alondra and Tania
From: Diana
Happy V-Day Gees
I heart u's -For realz

Happy Valentine's Day Div. 910
We hope you get an A Jesse!

Mr. Was is the coolest! From: Johanna and Monica

I love...Grumpy-my love sweetheart, Maria n Lisa-my HG's, Lucy, Vany, Brenda, Ary, Anette, Bibi, Liz-my hrz, Zizu, Tito, Danny, Bunny, Kumar-Krzytgrs. Jaqui/ney-ney/fam-Love you!-Livy

Abby baby! You are the coolest person ever! Happy Valentines Day my love & yes, guys are all Jerks, but your girls as always there for you. Uhhmm... I don't know what else to say. I think this sums it up. *ahem* I Love You!! xoxo, your secret admirer. aka. Lizzard =]

I love you, Tracey!
Div. 933

Ms. Oh, its 2nd period
Happy Valentine's Day!!!
We can square root all day long...in trig class.
Your the x to my y factor.

Hey babe 15 months, crazy right?
Happy Valentine's Day!!!
You can get your gift later at my house if you know what I mean lol
Noel Pagan

MY M-N-MS
Happy Valentine's Day!
Volim Vas!!

To my bestest friends in the whole wide world
Juana, Soledad, and Kelly
Love Paty

Feliz Aniversario!
Que cumplan muchos mas!
Feliz 18!
02-16-08
De su hija Soledad

**PIYA & DJ
FOREVER LOVE**

OMG. Happy Valentine's Day. So the guy was like woah and the tsunami was like wosh. Muah. To my love in division 910.

Excuse me! What kinda starburst did you just say!? I love you GF! BFFFFF!
Happy Valentines Day! Love always, GF!

Max Mooney, I think you are really hotttt!
When I see you, you take my breath away.
Will you be my Valentine? --Kasey

Yeah, dis a shoutout to ma numba 1 boo. Baby u fine Holla -Squirt
P.S. I love you.

Steven,
I am so happy that I met you. You are always there for me no matter what and you always make me smile, Thank you for being as wonderful as ou are. I love you, you're my other half, Happy Valentines Day! Love Lauren

The last there months with you have been absolutely perfect! I ahve never met somone as amazing as you. Our inside jokes and memories ae totally priceless..nothing could ever replace them. I love you squirt! I guess you can say.. accidetally in love. [11-7-07]

To: Kayla, Amanda, & Gina,
I Love you guys so much!!
What would I do without you three?? Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Becky

Happy Valentine's Day to my wonderful darlings. Sylvia, Jimmy, Edwarda, Nina, Dolly, Tomek, Follick, Danielle, Juan and Mandy. This year would not have been the same without you guys. I couldn't have asked for better friends this year. Thanks for always being there when I needed you. I love you!
XOXO Aiisha

To my beautiful Little Eskimo,
I can speak of your beauty for 100 years. I can look into your eyes for hours and not get bored. You are truly special to me. Happy Valentine's Day, I LOVE YOU BABY!
--Your Papi (Andrew)

To my Evil Twin, Becca #2, Jessica, and Monica. You're my JRM! And to my best buddies in Div. 916 (even you Mr. Karls)
ILOVE YOU ALL!
-Becca #1

It's GREEN!
Transformers. Great movie. Ever since that day you're all I think about, I wouldn't go back and change anything that's happened in the past few months & I don't think you would either. Who would've ever thunk it. Its been great with you and I love being with you. But most importantly I love you. Je t'aime.
P.S. LEARN HOW TO WATCH MOVIES!!!

To the most beautiful girl on the planet, yes you Andrea Gonzalez. After everytime we speak, I like you more and more. Wishing you were my girl. I love your rosy cheeks and everything there is about you. I want to be more than friends but I don't want to ruin our friendship. It's so much harder knowing how I feel about you and seeing you in class everyday. I would be your Valentine...

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I LOVE MY PANCAKE!
--French Toast

Get on Google and watch freedom to facism

Jenna Bean,
When are we gonna adopt our baby as a lesbian couple?lol..I just wanted to let you know that I'm here for you through any drama,boys,and ROTC problems. We have known eachother now for a while now,and I'm happy to say that we are friends again!I love you OH so much!
Remember: bros before hoes!
(and Ima bro!)lol I love you.
Your, Lilla<3

Though of you for many days
Remeniscing of moolit eyes
Mornings where my heart skipped
Perfume that dances in my lungs
Angelic face accented by light
A smile that soothes my soul
Daydream of warm embrace
Love that burned unto me
-ZERO-

To: Brittany Baughman

CI-ARA!
This beat is automatic, supersonic! lol I love you sooo much.
You mean so much to me. We've been beat friends for so long and I think it's time to renew our best friends contract. I know that sometimes I get you in trouble with 210 sometimes but it's all worth it. I know that no matter what you'll be there through any problems, boys, or pain. Thank you, I love you.
Your Best Friend,
Brooke Alexis
Aka. Dago B, Pigeon, and the blonde.
XOXO

To: Rob #22
I have seen you at your games and you have a nice shot. You know how to make the play and you always beat the clock. I have seen you from behind and you have a nice butt. Be my valentine and I'll show you what I got. I won't be here long so you should make it worth my while. End your season with a 3 and I'll leave with a smile. My advice for next year, work hard and get on the floor. And I promise when that buzzer sounds you'll have another chance to score. Now do that cute little wave before we say goodbye, and boy when I'm done with you, you won't be shy.
-Anonymous

Ivan,
Happy Valentines Day! I love you so much! You mean more to me than you will ever know. You have become my best friend. You are the most amazing person, and nothing makes me happier than being with you. I love you so much!
--Megan Finnegan

The greatest fall at your sight with your ever so bright smile.You make happy,you've given me a gift that you don't know you've given me.. this gift.the gift of life.I linger in the absence of mystery,I lurk in the presence of shyness.I gather up strength day after day continuing something. I image coming true y cuando cierro mis ojos, te veo. Y cuando te veo, me encuentro... y me pongo feliz.
Dame una oportunidad para entrar en tu ALMA. Para que sientas mi felicidad en tu ALMA.

**The tall brown jr.
that says “wapow”
is sexy as hell!
His last name
means frog in
Spanish.Please be
my Valentine.**

To my bros-my love for you is over 9000! I LOST THE GAME!
-Dina

IVAN <3 SONIA
12/08/06

Erik Bose,
Be single in the month of May..Then, go to Prom with me. You won't regret one night of fun! If you use your imagination, you'll know what I mean.

I love you KATRINA!
- anonymous

Diana M, Kelly S, Becca F, +all my juniors--ur sweeties! I'm going to miss u! xoxo --Love, Maya

Eric Campos,
Wake up! I'm in love with you!!

BOO! To: Wendy. Happy Valentine's Day! Yay! you got into that thing you audition for LOL! Love you...BE HAPPY.. SMILE!
P.S. Remeber... Till the day we die in heaven... Love Always, Bricky

Hey Smiles!!! Happy Valentie's Day! I hope that it is with meee! I'm supposed to send this to somebody special and you are the mostest special person I could think of.

I'll keep it short and sweet. I love you Kevin A. Storm. Remember, 12.10.06
Richard

Good luck on the ACTs

To Natalie Reyes, my baby.I want to take this chance to tell you that I really love you.You are such an amazing person.I don't know what I would do without you.
Love Johnny

JORY YOU ARE FRIKKIN' HOOTTT!

Happy V-Day to my sister Nicole and my Best friend Stephanie Wirkvs. Love you Both!! --Amanda Foley

Division 914
is the best I've ever seen. They are funny and smart, but next year we will part. Dear first division of mine, You make me proud, Class of '09!
Happy Valentine's Day from Mrs. Vale-Suarez

To Jocelyn, Lucy, &Ivette. I love you guys. Hope u have a happy Valentine's day! - Paty

To Sophie,
This girl who can always make my day, and who I love to see smile, Happy Valentine's Day. 12/9/07
There was never a better day unless it was being spent with you!
From, Harvey

Edwarda,
Will you be my “confused-cluck” this Valentine's day?
-Your secret Admirer-

No one should be allowed to be Tall, Dark, and Handsome, and yet here we are. Happy Valentine's Day Taaha. Love ya Babe. Your Shorty in Division

JUNIORS

To Angela,
You are prettier than any girl around. Your eyes are more hypnotizing that the ocean blue. Your radiant beauty knows no bounds. The way you walk is both graceful and true. Your voice is sweeter than any sound. My heart knows this, I'm not confused.
There are no words that can be found to describe how much I'm in love with you.
Sincerely yours,
Andrew

Aisha Iz Awesome. Secret Admirer

Crystal Valdez is a sexy beast!

Ya tu sabe,
Roberto T. :)

I love you little foot. Happy Valentines Day babe you the Best!!!
I LOVE YOU.

To my Best Division Buddie Brooke.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love Terrance

Frances [Jazzy]
12 years down...
100 more to go
<3 your bff

To Noemi:
Chewy Bars?
-Eddie

Eirc Castro & Bianca Muniz
I love you BooBoo 11.27.06

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day Jenny, I guess I'm your special someone this year. Love me.

I luv u Celeste
2 yr anniversary of our friendship
=) ur one n only maczito
~mAcz~
what would my life be without you...

Happy Valentines Day Pinky! I Heart You!

"I wan sum thoup" HA HA
Happy Valentine's Day Baby! I love you! from your: Eskimo, Yoshi, Titanic, + Precious <3 "Imma call you!"

Dear Cynthia Boo,
You know I'm there for yai whenever you need me. Have a happy Valentines's Day and I love you.
-Dominique

To my girls: Daisy Dukes, Ale Cecy, & Jaks. Happy Valentines Dat! Las uiero much! But not more than mi <3 (lol jay kay)
And Mrs. Suarez! (haha) You an okay division teacher (but you would be the BEST if you buy me them tacos you alwyas talking about!!! :) Steph

Dear Jennevy AKA my lil sis
Your the greatest lil sis. Hope everything works out with your issues. Happy Valentine's Day
-Love Christian

Happy Valentine's Day to the class of '09

To Div 935
from Mr. Weiler, your Div teacher
Happy Valentines Day

I love you mucho have a great day
and I'll see you later for some fun

Papa, we've had our ups & downs but in the end remember it's always going to be "you & me together forever!" Love you,
mama

My dearest Brigette,
ahem* Your hair smells like that of a llama & I want you to be my...baby momma. THE END! Your not so secret-secret admirer XOXOXO

Jose - I bet you can't figure who I am! I'm pretty tall (I think), taught you how to dance (even thugh you still step on me), and I love to eat (like Jr. bacon cheese burgers without the bacon). I love ya tons and happy Valentine's day!

To my Angela, Becca, and Laura, Looks! Your names are in the newspaper! Hehe => I love you all oh so much, even with all of our "interesting" talks during lunch! Happy Valentine's Day!!! Love, Stephanie

Kristin,
I wish you'd give me a chance, I'm a pretty nice guy once you get to know me. Just ask Lauren.
---Biscuit

-My Baby Ruben-
Baby, I love you so much, Happy Valentines Day, I dont know what I would do if I didnt have you, no lie you mean everything to me and you will alwyas hold an extra big piece of my heart. I feel that everyday that passes we have bigger connection, although you make fun of me A LOT, (LOL) my love for you grows more and more by the day...I LOVE YOU NOW till Forever
~Cindy~

BRANDON MICHAEL BUSH Omg
I had this BIG brush on you since like freshmen year. You probably never knew because I didn't show it. You gon know who this is by how I look at you in the hall, but know that I want you to "Oil This Up" EARLY. -Anonymous-

To: Andrew Cirt
We've known each other for almost a year now and you have touched my life. I know I will never forget you. Regardless of whether you like me or not, I am grateful to have met you, because you have shown me a whole other world that is so much brighter than what mine used to be. Thank you so much for being so sweet and caring and Happy Valentine's Day!
From: Me <3

Marry Me Katrina -A. Ruiz

To my Pritzker Baberz:
Words can't express how much I love yall. You guyz have always been there for me despite the situation. We have been friends for oh so long now that I would consider you guys my true sisters. So to my sisters...Kennia, Kieraa, and Jasmine! Happy Valentine's Day!
-Ashley M.

To my Wifey Material and my Baby Momma's, Stino and Chelz:
I love yall so much! We have been through so much stuff together especially with these boys. So this V-Day going to be for my girls.
Happy Valentine's Day -Ashley M.

Renee!
We've had some pretty awesome times this year and I'm glad you were with me through it all. SLOWSKIS and ST. AN-DREWS! Love you to death and I wanna go to the rooftop and screa I love my best friend Renee. lol love, Laura

Richard Simmons! (Alyssa)
O wow I don't know what I would do without you in XC. "Happy faces Happy Bodies!" I'm so lucky to have you and if I had more money I would go on for a page about how awesome you are. I love you R. SIM Style -Love Rich (Laura)

Heather Seicr!
Well I don't kno where I'd be w/out you. You've been with me through it all and your basically my sister. I couldn't ask for a better best friend that you, and I'm not gonna get one because you're stuck with me for good, sorry but its true lol.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love Laura Funkler XOXO

Laura! My Richard Simmons. I love you so much. Even though we got in a bit of trouble this year, I'm glad you were there with me! I can't wait until next Homecoming with you! Haha. Happy Valentines next Homecoming with you! Haha. Happy Valentines Day! Love, Alyssa (R. Sim.)

To my cousin Jose and all the beautiful girls: Jessica, Stephanie, Indira, Rebecca, Laura Pati, Lucy, Tesi and...Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! -Angela

Heya Marysia,
Your an amazing friend, and I'd sing Riky ticky tak with you anytime =P
-Chpokio AKA the girl who keeps you sane!

Hey Brookezilla! I love you & remember...you don't need a man in your life! Remember 4 months!!! Have a great Valentine's Day! I love you!
-Ciara <3

Jesus, You truely are special to m and I'm so glad I have you in my life. I love you and even though we've been through a lot I still love you . Love always your
Blondy-Blonde-Blonde

Dear Cindy Garcia,
I see you and I think you have the most beautiful eyes.

Maria,
I've had a cursh on you ever since I heard your adorable laugh in our class last year. Going out with someone you've cared about fo such a long time feels so good-Maria, you are SO special to me. I love everything about you, from your long eyelashes to your short height. whenever I hold your hand, hug you tight, or kiss your neck, I can't help but wonder how lucky I am to have such a sweet, beautiful girl. Every moment I get with you - from our first kiss to our lasty - will stay in my heart forever.
Love, Abi <3

To my dearest leaky one:
SEE YOU IN 8th!!!
sincerely,
your love guppy <<3
P.S. How do you get that dangerously hott-looking body through lane security every morning???
PSS - ily. Marry me????

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to Div 905!!! -From Ms. Taitt

HEY JUNIORS!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! We had to many good memories together! Caro, Celeste, Ricky, Zach White, and the other ones you guys know who you are. Tank you for all the patience that you guys for me! Caro thank you for all the rides!!!! Happy Valentine's Day!! Hope you guys find someone special on this day!!!! LOTS OF LOVE FROM HENNY ROJAS
A.K.A. GHETTO SKWIRREL

"It's Teal!"-
We've gone through so much, but that's only brought us closer and its made me love you even more each day...You make everyday amazing. You make my world go round! I LOVE YOU! Never doubt it!
P.S. Don't let it get to your big head!
-Your Secret Admirer Shh....

Blinded at sight yet never picky for a fight. Contained by unworthy Love and held up by uncontrollable Hate. Actions that speak louder thn the heart to the open ear listener, who awaits HER reactions to the visions that are compared between two difrent people And the words spoken to her heart. So I the writer waits Hop-ing it reaches her heart her mind Just Her Yours truly
"PEPITO"

Happy Valentine's Day, MARCEL B. GIBSON, don't ask how I got ur middle initial just know that a girl yearning for you and anxiously waiting for you to make her Valentine's Day special "staining" is all on my mind when I think of you perhaps you can call me thirsty or shall I say a hungry. I remember when I first saw you. I wanted you like a fat kid when they first saw cake.
-Anonymous

Valentines Day without you wouldn't be "nothing". 8 months later and it still feels like the very first day I met you. I love yu, Luis A. Martinez.
-Jaz-

Nena - You mean the world to me and words can't express how much I love you. You are my life, my love, my everything. Don't ever forget htat you're my other half without you I'm incomplete.
-XOXO Bella

Laura, Happy Valentines day! Your my best friend and you know I luv you. Well I can't wait for our Valentines dinner. You know I'll always be there for you. I hope you have a Happy Valentines Day.
-Heather Sencis

Jessica Herberg, The girl with the blonde hair, And the blue eyes. Everytime I see you, My hear wants to flu. the girl of my heart, And of my dreams. You may not guess, But you know me.
-J.S.

To Chris Howze even though we are no longer together i still wish you a happy Valentine's Day I still got love for you hope you have a good and specil Day 143
anonymous

My Best Division Buddy Terrance,
I LOVE YOU HEFFER!!
Happy Valentines Day
Love Brooke

Robbie!!!!!!!!!! Hi!!!!

When I bought this space I didn't know what to say, Maybe its becase you don't deserve to know how I feel through a piece of paper. I plan to show how much I love you, and how much I can't be without you!! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY BABAGANOOSE! ABC

I LOVE YOU JESSICA!

Dear Jessica...
Everyday with you...
The bell rings it all begins.
In Drama, you are the Juliet to my Romeo.
In Trig, you are the solution to my love equation
In Physics, you are the electric field that holds us together.
En Español, eres la realidad de mi mundo.
In Lunch, you are what I hunger.
In History, you are the past, present and future.
In Lit, you are the story of my life.
And finally in Chemistry, you are the action to my every reaction.

I LOVE YOU AGAIN!

Anonymously Earl.

Liz, I've been meawning to tell you this for a long time, so here it goes. Ever since the first time I saw you I knew that you were special, every time. I think about you I can't help but smile. You make me feel like I've never felt before, there is no one in this world that I would rather be with. I'm so thankful that I have found such an amazing person like you. The last few months have been the greatest months of my life, and it makes me so happy knowing that its going to continue. I know that your getting cheezy reading this, but I mean everything that I'm writing. You mean the world to me. 12-08-07
S.G.

TO MITU, JEKASA, COCOSHU, CAPRITA, MARU, OVI, ADAN, AND TOMEK.
VA IUBESC, I LOVE YOU TE QUIERO, JE T'AI ME!!!!
-FROM GREEN EYES

Anh, Tam, Jory, Sam, Davie, Kai, RJ, and Ponley.
The Butt kicking, always late, sometimes ballin, 6th period lunch Buddies.

Noemi Honey! Awh, look at my Freshman buddy! Good ol' times at lunch sweetness. This is our 1st year not having lunch together ann sucks anyways, happy Valentines Day. I love ya! *Your buddy ol' pal*
-Lizzy Liz

Baby muffin! I'm glad that we're together. You're a very special person in my life and I treasure you. I love you insane amounts. I do! Happy V-Day, babe. Love, baby noodle. =)

Dear Isis S., I haven't known you for that long but I'm already falling for you I'm sorry I don't hve the courage to tell you straight to your face but I really like you and I know you don't want a relationship because Fernando broke your golden heart but I wish, I hope that I can change your mind.
-A hopeless romantic

Robert Smith, I am in love with you, to say the least. You never notice me, or even look my way. But I know someday God will bring us together forever. Until death do us part. Now with all my heart, anonymous.

Susie, I would love nothing more than to spend a day with you, talking about life and music and anything in the world you want to talk about. Give me the chance to look into your beautiful brown eyes . Go out with me.
-Gerry

To the best friends a person could ask for. Thank you Jessica, Edith, Vero, Sophia, Itachi, Ana, David, Gladys, Socoro and sammy. Srry guys. I have no money for chocolate.
Beatriz V.

Dear Joey, I have been thinking a lot lately and I have realized how good you are for me. I have finally realized tht I love you. Call me when you see this.
Love Barb

To Jasmine B.: The say your heart will always be inside your treasure, making you my treasure and the one who holds my heart.
-Luis M.

To my adorkables: Diana, Alondra, Cynthia, Vicky, Ruben... Love is letting me see the redeye every morning, overexcessive laughter, venturing out into the city and getting lost...on purpose. Enjoying every moment of this.
Love, Toi Toi

Baboo, you are my sunshine on a rainy day, the moon and the stars on a summer night, and you are special just the way you are. Ever since the first day I met you, I knew you were the one. I just want to let you know I love you and happy Valentine's Day!
Love -DC-

Dear Juani-Boo and Javi
You are a sexy beast! Yeah! LOL You're my best friend forever! My homie-G! I love ya! Javi, you crazy, seriously, but I love you.
-Love, Bnee-baby =)

Stephanie Mora, will you do me a favor?? Will you have my babies, because I want them to have your sexy eyes, lol...
Happy Valentines Day, ~mAcz~

Olivia Pantoja, YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD ME CRY, AND YOU ALWAYS KNEW WHAT TO SAY! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. REMEMBER I'M ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU TOO. LOVE YA MUCHOO. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY, STEPH

Devin Semrow, Hannah Cooney + Eric Campos, What time is it???
See page 21! You guys are AMAZING! LOVE NICOLETTE N.

Yay! I love Valentine's Day =]] Don't forget everyone, my bday is March 3rd! It's coming up! Baloons plz! hehe <3
-Lauren Salsaaa! Div 917

Pumpkin Phoo, I love you oh so very much! We have been together for so long. 4 Ever and 4 Always is what you said. 4 Ever will love you and 4 Always I will be yours. I love you for a year. I'm ready to love you for th rest of my life. See you soon!
-Apple Bottom Boo

Dear Natalie, we've known eachother for two years. Sure, maybe the first doesn't count because you didn't know who I was, but you sure left an impression on me. We've had our differences, our ups, our downs, me watching you slowly bend over to get a drink of water, and you critisizing my every move. well I guess what I'm trying to say, baby, you know the cules and so do I. A full commitment's what I'm thinking, you wouldn't get this from any other guy. I just wanna tell you how I'm feeling, gotta make you understand never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down. Never gonna run around and desert you. Never gonna make you cry, never gonna say good bye, never gonna tell a lie and hurt you. Your heart's been aching, but you're too shy to say it. Inside we both know what's been going on. We know the game and we're gonna play it. And if you ask me how I'm feeling, don't tell me you're too blind to see it. Never gonna desert you. Never gonna make you cry, and say goodbye. Never gonna lie and hurt you. I just wanted to tell you how I'm feeling because any hell is better than silence. Now Henaine, please allow me to introdune myself, for I'm a man of wealth and taste. Well I'm gonna cut this off, for now, my fairest maid. -From, come on, look eight across the table in fourth period.

To my favorite girls:
Tory, Adriana, Melanie, Annabel, Vernica C., Amaris, Ivette, Stephanie, Susie, Cidera, Veronica G., Kayla, Krystal, ally, Elena, Blanca, and freshman girls Bianca, Lizette, Alex, and Sandy. I love you all in so many different ways. Love, Abi

My love guppy; I just want to say..you had me at hello. when I asked you if I leaked (blank-o), I love you even if you do kill our children! (balloon.) love is always brightest in 8th per. =)
-Me

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY JALYN. HEY!!! ITS OUR FIRST VALENTINE. HOPEFULLY WE HAVE ALOT MORE. LOL I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART
LOVE, ASHLEY

Riley O'Neil,
Please stop peeing in your pants when girls talk to you. Happy Valentine's Day! Ask that girl out already!!
You're a cutie, but man up! -Anonymous

Kevin Hu she likes you, she's in our trig class, she's in one of the first four rows. It's so obvious!Just talk to her!
To all my single friends who spend Valentine's Day all alone. Happy Valentine's. Call me I'll show you some love. ~!ZZY
To Tamanna, my favorite 8th and 7th period buddy ever. Benjamin Leon
To my Tonio. I love yo lil ugly self. You never give up on me and you're a great friend. You're always there when I need you. You're soo special. Happy Valentine's Day Love your big girl, Gyp
Happy Valentine's Day Dulce.
Angela!! You probably look sexy today, LoL. I miss eating lunch with you and the rest, but it's cool because I chill with you at division, even though I'm late to mime, LoL. So happy Valentine's Day, much love ~*mAcz*~
We love you Tina! -Piya & DJ
I LOVE EVERYONE! =)
Celebrating our 4 month anniversary (5 days late) love ya lil Squirrel Bite.
PaRa ToDaZ Laz NaKaz,inKluiEnDo a CeCy y EsTePhaNie.OZea LaZ KiErO MiL,nUnk KmBieN. Zon LaZ MeJoReS aMiGuigUiss! FeLiZ DiA De Zan VaLenTiN! <3<3 aTTe: AleKzANDrA KueVaS
Dear Nancy, you're my beach-ball. Yours truly, Bugeyes
Megan, I'd like to thank you for being such an amazing person. I love and cherish every second we spend together, and I want the whole world to know that I love you more than anything. Happy Valentine's Day Baby! Ivan
Katrina loves James Forever and ever
Faby, I love you, honey bunches of oats. Will you be my valentine? -Maple Syrup Pancake

JOHNNY PATINO!!
I KNOW YOU DON'T
GO HERE BUT YOU'LL
PROBABLY HEAR
ABOUT THIS FROM
ALL THE LADIES
WHO FLOCK TO
YOU OUTSIDE OF
SCHOOL!!!
YOUR BASKETBALL
MOVES ARE IMPRES-
SIVE ESPECIALLY
THAT LITTLE SMIRK
YOU MAKE AFTER
YOU MAKE THE
SHOT!!!

I love cake!!
From Ice Cream

Krzysztof,
Whether it was fate or coincidence that brought us together, it doesn't matter because you are my life now.No matter what happens between us in the future, I just want to enjoy the "now" that we have. Remember, everything happens for a reason.

Dude,
What if we randomly broke into song?
I <3 all my 'o' ppl & my ride or die buddies!!!
Taylor

To my Turtle-Lover
I <3 you!
Let the clock keep running!
Love, Freddy[Jazzy]

MARY AND JESSICA for EVER
I LOVE YOU BABY.
Everyone call Sonny.He's single.

Hey Brittany!
uncle

Lauren Corso!... im 3 for 3...
colleges not behind the arc!..still waiting.. but i will miss you when I leave for college!..The football game at Notre Dame was one of the best times of my life...plus we met Bobbie!!!
I am taking him to Prom... then next year you'll take Jonathan...;) As of now, DUKE is #2....and where's North Carolina?! oh yeah BELOW DUKE!!! -Lots of love, Redick's Girlfriend

Manny Ma Best Buddy, Lil Bibi Loka- Ma Lil Brown thing, Ari- Ma Partner in crime, Brenda- The Evil One, Vany- Ma sexy Babe, Livy- Ma beautiful mamma, Crystal- Ma one-N-only Gatita Fiera! Lucy LOVES 4EVER!

Hey Steph, It may not have worked, but I still Love you Kid. Happy Valentine's Day. --RNJ

Hey Yasmin, Jennifer, N Veronica!!! Hope you guys have a great Valentine's Day! Haha me and Lucy are tired from soccer, Yasmin no diggas que this is stupid, Jennifer que todo este bien, Veronica hope you get to celebrate with David.

Hey BLAH, AlexIs and Kara da Scara. U Rock!

To my Dorky Dork a.k.a. Double D's lol! Well I just wantwd to show you ow much I care about you and wish you a Happy Valentine's day! =D I can't imagine not having you around my life just having you around my life just wouldn't be as fun or complicated jk jk you know I luv ya!
--From you BAMF

Hey Beautiful we go together like! Peanut Butter-N-Jelly.
Happy Valentines's Day my "sweet Lady"! - Anonymous

K-Bunny
Red slushy from gas station- \$1.50
Rose for 1 month anniversary- \$2.50
This ad- \$4.00
Lunch for you- \$5.00
Booty shorts from Belize- \$20.00
The feeling I get when I'm with you- PRICELESS
I love you babe, Happy Valentine's Day
- Teddy

Antonio, baby I love you with all my heart. You make me so happy, and I hope we last as long as possible. You make me smile like crazy and I am so proud to call me my boyfriend. You are not like the rest of the guys I know, you are amazing. I love you Albobaby <3 2.1.08
Love, Erna

Blessing, you should already know who this is from!

KQ....Sorry I'm so afraid to talk to girls -P. Kane

Swim Team 2008 City Champs
- Capt.
RUIZ

Tim, I love you! You've been my best friend for so long, that in the end, you ended up growing on me and becoming mouch more. Sure you have a mushroom hairstyle, and yea you look like a 5 year old in your Hong Kong "salmon" shirt and khaki pants, but I wouldn't want you any other way. I hope you read this, your cheeks turn red and you're saying to yourself, "How embarrassing!" Just remember, it's a sign of infection.

Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Jenny

Mary & Jessica.
Fo Eva & Eva Baby.
Oh, Plus Sonny

I love you loser

So I know this girl whos funny, beautiful, & the love of my life. The day I met her (10-31-06) & I LOVE HER.....Happy Valentines Day Babe: Tu amos me as dado, el mio depertence, they key to my heart belongs to you, the key is not metal, the key is not steel, its three simple words both you and me desire to hear....
Emilio

Alma:
Ese que se muere por estar entre tus brazos
Ese loco que sigue tus pasos
Ese que te entrega lo mejor
Para que tú le des su amor
Soy yo

Dear Boo Boo,
Happy Valentine's Day!Your the best thing that ever happened to me & I love you!
Your pookie-<3
Sonia <3 Ivan

Marry me Ms. McCoy!!!
+
Jesus
-Alex

To Caitlin,
You can come with me, anytime to buy an ugly jacket.
From, too cool for cake.

Hey girl hey
09!!
-Nathalie Aguila (906)

To my Tam,Sandy's got nothing on me.I'm saving up for the raffle and you're mine.
-Love Belfor

Babe. Happy Valentine's Day I love you so much more. OMG it's been two years already! Let's keep them coming my love! Roses are red. Violets are blue. \ I can't see life without you! ABC FOEREVER
Love, Babaganoosh

HAPPY VALENTINE'S
BIRTHDAY ASHLEIGH 17!!!

Stephanie:
I want you to know that, "I chose to adore you in silence, for in silence, I find no rejection.I find that beautiful means so much than just a pretty face; it means that you are so unique in oh so many ways. Because of this I find that you are amazing both inside and within..."

To:Diana Alcantara
From:???
I think you're really cool Diana and you are very special to me. I really like you but I'm sorry I can't tell you in person.

SOPHOMORES

To the class of '10 especcially Dria, Blessing, and Sigma Sigma Eta! Big ups to all my Strippers Chasidee and Sarah Boing! From little sister chitchat!
I love you barbie mafia love, Arissa
To my babies/wities/besties of Ladii M.O.B.B. I just want 2 say Happy Valentines day and "We dn't Superman no mo, We supersoak da SQUAD!!! LOL iLY
JON DANG LOVES LAWN MOWERS
A.B. !! That's what she said! :)
To all my sisters (originally) Gup Chelsea, Janeile, Jo-Jo, and Kadija. I love all yall despite everything that has ever happened, and yall will be a pat of me forever. We don't need a title to show our sisterhood. I love yall from Shanae
~* mAcz* -n- *Andrea* I know we will last long =)
Shout out to Jonathan Padilla whose 8 inches of FUN! Erik Chen shave your mustache! Jessa Carbon's glasses are cool! - Jon Dang
To my beautiful Girls. I love you girls with all my heart. My pookie booo baby cakes... To Kristina & Krstina Love Edwin
To my Boo soon 2 be Mines XOXO. To my Pooky Bear I love you and you owe me 2 dollars. Lizbeth Bastidas Love, Matt
Be mine NATALIE PARK! Your the one Jessica Najera *wink wink*. I love Connie Andrade, Joan Pancho, Hajar Jougalarf, Edrienne Besagar, Ruby Benigno, Chennie Ong, Michael Masaya, Julian Auza, Willfredo Torres, and Everyone who knows Mia!! Muah!

I love the following with all my heart: Sean (single drummer), Robert Arsen, Ted, Tpry April, Magie, Neka, Caty, Natalija, Maricel, David Johnicus, Largo, Sarah Lee and most of all Geeceorge! You've all made this year sexy, awesome, and sexy, my loves. Happy Lovin' Day peeps!

Hey ladies! Looking for a laid back, love-hungry, guitar god? I'll hook you up with smokin' hottie.
P.S. I'll be sure to wear my "X-ray" eyes.
Love Mike H.

Linda,
Just want you to know what you mean to me. When I'm with you, I never want it to end. Everytime we hug I can't bear to let go...but if I don't, you'll be late to class. Can't wait to see you boo.
Love, Feras

To JRMR Div. 048
Thou are with me befor the sun is up, and I have known thee for two years. Yet you still know not what I conceive everytime my eyes meet yours. And the reason falls on me, and me alone. For my cowardice self, but soon I hope you will know what I do. That I think of thee more than thou knows. I can only hope that you feel the same way I do.

Our hearts are one you bring me peace/ The smile, yo eyes that I see/ A beautiful girl with more than a face/The mindand person!ty defines your grace/ You support my goals you breathe my dreams/You do all in your power to see me succeed/ When I need rest you start restorin'/From my soul Happy Valentine's Day Lauren.
From Corey

Mama Alex+ Husby France=Wifey Yut Christina+ Wifey Yee Jenny+ Wifey Sam Jennifer+ Wifey Say Lisa+ Wifey MMM Julie+ Maid Abraham=Family Kung Pow! That's one tenth baby! Wo al og usah and freshies dao!

Maritza,
I've said it all to you. You mean everything to me. With you by my side we're down for whatever, forever. I love you like a fat kid loves cake :)
Juntos para siempre. Te amo princssa. Jose G.

WOW Baby 10 months already! I'm so happy that I could spend this day with you. I love you with all my heart. This is our first Valentines day & I couldn't be happier! You mean the world to me, please be mine 4ever because life w/o you is no life I want to live. Our love is full of happiness & I can't wait for Yolu, Lela, Bear (& Alexis) who will bring our lives so much happiness... I can't wait to spend my life with you & no matter where we end, as long as we're together will be fine, and I will always choose you.
I Love you with all my heart.
Happy Valentines Day!
Ari Santiago <3's Luis Santiago 4.2.07 forever!

Dear Apple: Happy Valentine's day/1 year anniversary. Love you 4 ever N 4 always.
Pumpkin

To: Soni Khudi,
Eh mere pyaare yaang
Kab se hai mujhe funhara intezaar,
Yeh meti nahin, mere dil ka hai sawaal,
Kya tumka bhi hain mujhse pyar?

If Johnathan Padilla had a dollar and Nick Nguyenn took that dollar how much does he have left?
Still more than Erik Chen

Ashley, baby we've been through a lot this past year. Even though all the stuff that has happened we've been strong for almost a year. I love you more than anything. Happy V. Day, Love D.A.

Happy Anniversary Night

Western Region of THEM-1st Period APUSH: I'm proud of all of you! Keep up the hard work and max effort to defeat the Evil Empire! Special Kudos to 'Old Man' Mario and Ricky 'Reads Everything'!
The Benevolent One (aka The Big B.O.) - Mr. Ruckauf

This is GHETTO SKWIRREL!! Thank you guys so much for everything!! Pedro Morales, Cheezcake, Jessica Hoyos, Yadira Martinez, Carlos Dominguez and so on. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!! Tank you for making me laugh and hopefully I made you laugh!! Happy Valentines Day!! Hopefully you will find someone special!!!
From Jenny Rojas
A.K.A. GHETTO SKWIRREL

I will always love you, Erik's Chin.
Even if you are homeless.
Love, Brock (from Pokemon)

To Matt
from: Lizbeth
Lubb you my crazy boo booskie... you are the best... I will always be here for you :)

Salam, Odette, and Daisy are the hottest lunch buddie. The boy at thei table is even hotter.

Danielle I you ever so much.
We will have the greatest Valentine Day ever. You just watch. David says he loves Jenny.

France is the cutest guy ever!
-Anonymous

Eastern Region of THEM- 7th Period APUSH: I'm proud of all of you! Keep up the hard work and max effort to defeat the Evil Empire! That means Ziggy and Podgers too!
The Benevolent One (aka The Big B.O.)- Mr. Ruckauf

Kelsey, you're my best friend and I love you!!!=-) Much love and Happy Valentine's Day. Lots of love to all my other friends -PODGERS

My dearest Natalija,
I am truly happy we are together. Our love seems to know no bounds, even though we are from different backrounds.
You are from upper class New York and I'm from west Philadelphia, born and raised. On a playgrounds is where I spent most of my days. Chilling out, maxin', relaxin' all cool while shootin' some b-ball outside of school, when a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighborhood. I got in one little fight and my mom got scared, she said "You're moving with your aunt and uncle to Bel-Air!" I whistled for a cab and when it came near the license plate said "fresh" and there was dice in the mirror. If anything I could tell that this cab was rare, but I thought "Nah, forget it. Yo home to Bel-Air!" I pulled up to the house around 7 or 8 and I yelled to the cabbie "Yo homes smell ya later!" Loom of my kingdom, I was finally there, to sit on my throne as the prince of Bel-Air.
Love, Zack

If I had a dollar for every lung Erik had, I'd have 50 cents.
....love Johnson Nyguyen

Hollister Luvs Jacenta

To my love Jayson.
Happy Valentine's baby. I just got to tell you that all this time that we've been together has been the best moments of my life. Through the good and bad times, I've always enjoyed your presence in my life.
I love you so much,
Marita

Happy Valentine's Day Jazzy Pooh! I know you got a man but he aint me. Ur like a skittle and I want to taste ur rainbow.

MEGAN!
SOMEONE LOVES YOU!
Cameron =)

Patrycja-
The locker is never going to be clean....but at least it smeels like lemons now!

Get on Google and watch Freedom to Fascism

There was once a girl named Keli, She was very very smelly, She liked to eat popcorn, During a snows storm, An she had a very large Belly.
--ILY Jane H.

I love you Demi, Nicolette, Sonia! I'm going to miss you guys when you guys leave!! Thanks for all the great memories in Choir! Division 028 I love you all too! Carloio you are the Greatest! 5-16-07 Byanka Be Mine!
Love Always Carmen Rivera

Happy Valentine's Day! I love you Dani! You rock my world. If ou were a man I'd punch you!
That was Spencer, I wrote the sweet stuff.
--Will

Brian Ramos is a sexy beast!!
--Table 2:2

Linda Ayapan,
You are the most craziest girl I have ever met. I'm glad that i got to know you better. You make me so happy and glad, AND I promise I'm not like any other guy. ---Love Secret Admirer

I Love 2:2! MAMMVB-PD! Sexy Beasts!!

Dear Taylor Hogan
You made Manson's party the ride of my life. I have become a man.
Love, Reed Lubin xoxo

To the one I call Gorgeous. Have fun in school and don't forget us. Be safe and hopefullu you know who this is, Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day to my second favorite bassist whose names starts with a "Ro" --Zack

Sugar Bear,
Your so cute! Happy Valentine's Day!
-your babe *muah*

Destiny,
Happy Valentine's Day! I just wanted to let you know how much I care about you on this day of love. You make me happy and you put a smile on my face, which people say doesn't happen often. The time we have had together so far has been great and I can't wait for what comes next. This is just for you.

--Marvin
Paulina,
even though you don't deserve one of these, I still found a way to come up with \$2 to buy you one. =) j/k babe... you mean so much to me, an I hope you a an Amazing Valentine's Day!
I <3 you, Zach

Giggedy giggedy giggedy goo.

I love you Nicole. JK, I lied. Jessica is my hero. John is my best friend. Jo Banana Pancakes forever! You are all so amazing. I love Jessica!

I love Div. 156!

I'm not racist Jazmine
I truly love you
Love, Baby Bougher

Honey bear, ur the shock to my system. Mahal kita mucho,
Christine Cisnero

Dayanna,
The past month has been amazing. I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. I just wanted to show you how much I care about you.
Love, Pedro

Get on Google and watch Freedom to Fascism

You are the cutest freshy in the world
To Ivan

To Our number One son Kevin, Luv you lots.Love Always your Mom's Crystal an Zaida

To Desi-Ray
The basetest sister in the world and my blonde (at heart) Partner in crime.I love you (eve though you are a ditz) 4 Ever
You Big Sis Crystal
P.S. Rectangle is the new square you know

I will never find a jewel or perfume enough for you. ever. All I can say is that I love you now tomorrow and for ever.
- Your #1 Stalker :)

AKROWAS Je t'aime

Halle... I love you... you are my baby bapesta. I call you that because I took your babe hoody...lol...
- Your Baby,
Prince A'KEEM

To all my freshman that know me in ROTC! I LOVE YOU GUYS! You guys are great and make me laugh a lot. You guys will remember me because I am the S-#3!! Happy Valentine's Day! From Jenny Rojas A.K.A Thh S-3

Sanjay, ur grades are too good! I'm jealous!
Ur he best!
Love, ur crazy sister

Just want to let my good friends know that I thank you for always being here for me. Especially to Rocio, Daisy, Wendy, Charles, Salena, Cynthia, Mayra, Tony, Christine, and Robert. Love always, Amarillo

4 Brittany Stokes
We find ourselves at awaiting the ultimate experience. It is required that one must paint a picture of his ribs in order to meet your criteria. It is truely worth the acquirement of media if you posses the quality he disconnects from potenial Butta. I understand time and its ruthless attitude to particles of the universe, so I can't expect you to throw pity. I just want you to understand that I can't be a victim to falling sand and miss out on a tasteful piece of toast. Finding Butta will be my experience, and I hope that you will choose to lace fingertips.
Sincerely yours,
Locmonster

FOR DIVISION 185. YOU'RE THE BEST - MR. SWEET

MS. SEBESTYEN LOVES HER WORLD STUDIES CLASSES!

Happy Valentine's Day to all my girlies and most of all to my SBF!!! I love you!

Caren Mangulabnan
I think you are really cute-your secret (senior) admirer

You are the best

Tanya, I love you. Steve

Cindy! You make first period fun!!
What would I do without you?? We could fill a book with the notes we pass. I love how we tell eachother about our lives and stuff. Happy Valentines Day, ~*mAcz~*

Baby, we have had a wonderful 14 months together. During this time we learned so much about one another. Day by day our love has prospered. Baby, my love, I love you so much with all my heart. Love, Your Piglet.

I LOVE MR. WAS.
From, Every Girl at Lane (and some guys).

I Just Love You to HCP from Poppy

For my A.P. Guinea Pigs. Thanks for a wonderful first year in A.P.
All my best - Mr. Sweet

For all my Guitar Geeks-Keep Rockin'- Mr Sweet

Happy Valentine's Day to all my classes and to 039-the best division ever! -Mr. Carlson

Dear yearbook students! I love all the hard work you are putting in to make this centennial edition yearbook the best yearbook ever. I'll never forget you! EVER! => KSL

To my Breakfast Club (Student Council) Happy No Hearts Day! lol Love you guys! <3 Mom P.S. 6:45 tomorrow JK!

To the hopeless romantic,
Forget about monday, you have the rest of the week in front of you.
- Papi Chulo

Happy Valentine Day Div-870
Ms. Sylvia Walls

You Rock Ms. Malstrom!
Love,
Three kids in your Division Lasiie

JOSEEEe HEARTs SHAnniaaaaa.
ps. be awake in the am! :]

To All my Filipino Brothers and sisters who represent their people and culture to the fullest. and Jasmine + Jessica
Benjamin Leon

To Jill in the Budget Office.
Thnx 4 being such a good friend
Your secret admirer.

To Mr. Was
Just wanted to let you know that you are the most attractive teacher in the whole school
From your secret admirders

To my beautiful yearbook ladies. You guys have done a great job and I'm so proud of you all!
We have some great memories that can't be beat!
Love You, Enid!

To: The students of B.S.A., Brotherhood, and Sisterhood. First and foremost, "You are our inspiration!" February is not only a time to "Show some love!" It is also the month that we celebrate our heritage and our legacy. Happy Valentine's Day! E. Williams, E. Gholston, C. Sanders & T. Williams

Hey Jill!!!!!!!
It's your boyfriend Jay. Everytime I'm with you, my stomach feels like a butterfly kingdom... And I'm the mayor..When we're not together, I feel like i've hit rock bottom, but even lower, a subterranean trench of disappointment. I love you Babe!! I owe cupid my life for bringing us together!

Happy Valentine's Day Chinese Club. Keep up the good work. I'm so proud of you guys. Chinese Club is awesome. -Ann

I want to wish a happy valentine's day to the clubs section of the yearbook staff. Karla, Anna, Maricruz, Marzena, & Stephanie; you guys are the best group anyone could ask for. Thank you for making me laugh everyday & brightening my day.
Love, Bianca Cordero

I LOVE ALL MY BABIES (NO HOMO)
DUCKY, FEE-FEE, DRIA, MELANIE, BLESS-ING, VLAUN, ERICA, JAZZY, JAZZY POO, PEGGIE, NATASHA, NATISHA, KIERRA, SHALYNN, SHIERRA, JUD, ALICIA, LADY MOB, MY TWIN D-MOB, RASHAD, ANTONIO, JOHNATHON, BRANDON, JOHNATHAN, BOTH SOPHOMORE BREANNAS, FRESHMAN BREANNA, MEECHIE, PEACHES, TANISHA, SHANAE, JUNIOR, MARVIN, JUAN RIESCO, VANISHA, CHATARA, YOLANDA, MANUELA, TANZY, LETI, DARWIN, VANTAE, GREG, ROBIN, KAYLA, EVERYONE ELSE I DIDN'T NAME I STILL LUV YA'LL
LUV ALWAYS, PHILLIS

This is a message to all of Lane Tech. It is for the people who wanted to check, to check to see if they had a special Valentine. If you didn't get a cliché "Be Mine," Then don't worry, because you don't need to be in a hurry to find the one for you.
Happy Valentine's Day.

To the Big B.O.!

"The Logic is insane."
You are the best APUSH teacher EVER! :)
IT'S RIDICULOUS!!
Love,
The Eastern Region of T.H.E.M.
P.S. Sam & Steph will buy you lunch one of these days. haha.

HAVE AN AWESOME WALEN-TINE'S DAY, ANIME CLUB!
-ANIME CLUB OFFICERS

Maestra,
Pensamos en regalarle unas caravanas, o tal vez un buzo o preararte tallarines con "meatballs," para este día de San Valentine, pero como no contamos con mucha plata preferimos mandarle este mensajito => Atte: susmonstrios de séptimo.

TINA (POOH)
Would you be my Valentine?
FROM IKE

Whattup loser!!!!!! From Da Crew

May these quotes inspire you Stage Krew Divisions 090, 890 and 940, 1st, 2nd and 5th periods German and 6th and 7th periods World Studies:

"Love conquers all." -Virgil
"Doch überwiegt das Leben alles, wenn die Liebe in seiner Schale liegt!" -Goethe
"There is no remedy for love but to love more." - Thoreau
"Who, being loved, is poor?" -Oscar Wilde
"All, everything that I understand,I understand only because I love." -Leo Tolstoy
"Where there is love, there is life."
-Gandhi

To all my French Students
You're doing a great job in my classes.
Mrs. Warner

Through thick and thin, through water and fire, I listen to my heart, cause your the only one it truly desires. I want to tell you how much I truly care about you. I'll always be there for you, Nicole.

In case you didn't see the other one I wrote, you just need to know how much I really care about you. Just remember, I'll always be there for you Nicole. Forever and ever, thru everything: From Alex <3

To my sister Ashley, maybe now people will believe us
-Eric

Bye Bye Birdie! Mama AKA Momo will miss you guys every moment was one a mother will always cherish! I <3 ou guys!

To my Gal pals of 6th pd! Karla, Bianca, Anna, Marzena & Stephanie. I love you guys for always making me laugh and making our group the most supercalafragalisticexpialdosios of 6th pd. Love, Mari p.s. Scuritos

To GF: Will you be my Valentinez
Your my berries to my cream Never leave me!! From GF: P.S. I Love You

Luv ya: Adrianna Maria Jennifer Socorro Janet Estefani Demi Maria B. Michelle Silvia Diana Marlene Diana G. Johnathan L. Ana Stephanie Jennifer Tracy Lilybug Mariela Andrea Christina Johnathan I sniff you. Happy Valentines Day from your friend who cares and loves you Elena

Hey Mr. Bobek
Thanks for keeping the orchestra legacy going!
Love, Symphony Orchestra
P.S. Listen and adjust!

Sheri Wells,
I know that you love reading our school newspaper, so I thought I'd write to you. Happy Valentine's Day!! Thank you for your daughter, she is my best friend and a gosh darn good one! Love you lots. -Brooke Kotz

Momo loves her tennis & LAX babes.

Big Mama (Yami), Edwin, Jenny, Carbs, Jocelyn, Caro, Celeste, Pedro, Flaco, Trevor I LOVE U GUYS!!!! <3 <3 <3 P.S. U 2 SGT. Butler, SGT. Figueroa and Colonel LMFAO!! -Yadira Martinez

To May, Van, and Dany! 7 years and counting! ick tick! You peeps are the best. Love! Now if we could only get rid of this curse... ha ha ha

When we spend time together my heart tingles, butterflies fill my stomach, and i feel weak in the knees. yoU have my love even when we're at the lowest point in our relationship. i love you very much and nOthing can change that. Arellano.
Love, Carina M.

To the wonderful ladies in my 3rd Period Italian class:
Estefani, Tina, Patrycja, and Arpita. It's time to FOCUS!
Lots of love,
Daniel

OTHER

(Valentines wishes continued)

TRACK TEAM: You guys have been in my heart for all my 4 years at Lane. Thank you for putting up with my stupidity!! 2nd PSYCHOLOGY: I love you all my JesusFreaks, my Mexicans, my blacks, and everyone else. APCHEMISTRY 7th-8th: You guys are loveable and fun even if you all are nerds. I "heart" you. DIV 868: You guys already know that we are the best division and year! -Sharonda Polk

To ALL orches-
tra students:
Will you be
my Valentine??
(From a secret
admirer)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY ASPIRA!!!

Love,
Aanon Bymous C

I <3 Lil' Petey.
More than Hello
Kitty!!!
I really do!
<3 Daisy

To the cast, Krew,
and orchestra of
BYE BYE BIRDIE,
Happy Valentines
Day!

Love, Mrs. Hanson

Remember
God's love!

Tony Z.

To the seniors and the seniors in JROTC! I love you guys so much!! Good memories! Good memories! We have had our ups and downs but we still manage right? Amber, rocio, Veronica, Loscuit, Yami, Samantha, Maria, Greysa, Juan, and all the other oes. Thank you so much. Happy Valentine's Day! Hope that you find someone special on this day! Lots of love from,
Jenny Rojas

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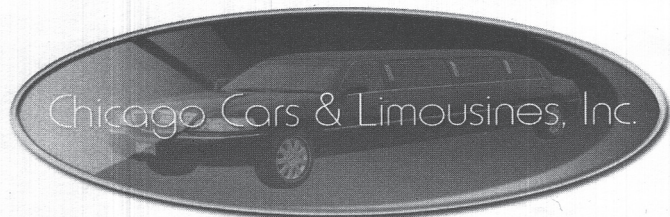
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Chess Team ends impressive run at State Tournament

By Lauren Corso

The Lane Tech Chess Team finished ninth at the State Tournament this past weekend in Peoria, Il. They were ranked third going into the tournament and looked to be a top contender for a first place run. The team has finished in the top 15 four of the last five years, and their coach, Mr. Parsons, saw great potential for a top five finish.

"The kids have the ability to finish first," said Parsons. "We've beaten almost every team ranked in the top ten. We've beaten the number one team, and have only suffered two losses this year.

Those two losses were handed to Lane by

New Trier and Whitney Young - both teams they would potentially have to face in Peoria. Parsons was hopeful team members would gain valuable experience from those losses.

"Our second loss of the season came against Whitney Young and the problem there was over-confidence," said Parsons. "We had won 14 matches in a row and beaten them twice already, and I think when the chess players sat

down against [Young] they were just over-confident and they didn't take the game seriously. But it was a good loss. It made the kids think about what they had to do at State."

Lane got off to a good start at State last Friday, Feb 8, going undefeated in the first three rounds of play. Lane's top competition also remained undefeated including New Trier, Whitney Young, Stevenson, and Evanston.

However, Lane finally lost in the fourth round - the last round of day one - when they were defeated, once again, by New Trier. The Indians were able to pull out a victory on boards one and two, which were manned by

their first and second ranked players Kevin Velazquez and Paaras Modi, but this was not enough to earn a team win.

The loss took the team out of state contention, but there was still an opportunity to finish in the top ten or better since the team still sat in seventh place at the end of the first day.

Starting off day two, the Indians knew they would have to play their very best if they were to finish in medal contention. They opened up confidently against University High, which was undefeated going into the round.

Once again Kevin Velazquez and Paaras Modi earned victories on boards one and two, and the rest of the team did not disappoint either. To seal the team victory boards five and

six also won their individual matches.

This pushed the team into the sixth round against Illinois Math and Science Academy. Incredibly, the top four players' match-ups all ended in draws. Lane's depth saved them as players on boards five and six scored victories.

In the seventh and final round, the team faced off against Mount Carmel and were dominated by a score of 48.5 to 19.5.

State was won by Stevenson with Whitney Young finishing a close second. Individually, however, Lane's top senior, Kevin Velazquez, finished ninth place over-all; and sophomore, Paaras Modi, won second overall on the second board.



Snowball Fight!! On Monday, February 4, three students leaving school for the day take time out to hurl snowballs through the fog at each other.



Wrestling Team pins down another City championship

By Lauren Corso

Lane Tech's Wrestling Team finished their season with a 13-9 record, winning City and Regional championships along the way. Additionally, three of the team's wrestlers qualified for next week's State Tournament.

"Overall I'm pleased with the team," said head coach Mark Miedona. "We have some real possibility to get some big guys down state this weekend with the tournament."

Those who qualified for state included, senior Tsogt Ganbold (125 lb.), senior David Mahaila (145 lb.), and junior Justin Cobb (130 lb.). Finishing in fourth place, making them first alternates for State, were freshman Chase Wilson (140 lb.), senior Ray Baranda (135 lb.), and senior Yuriy Koverko (160 lb.).

It was a gratifying season for the team who held their own against tough competition, including several elite suburban teams.

"The kids are willing to work hard year-round, and they believe in themselves and have confidence to go into these matches," said Miedona. "Our weakness is that we don't have some of the experience that suburban schools have. It's important for our guys to train year round and off-season, so when they're juniors and seniors they can compete at the same level as the suburbs."

The keys to Lane's success this year have been strong senior leaders. But the team is also loaded with talented freshman who should keep the team strong again next year.

"This year we've had three freshman break into the varsity lineup," said Miedona. "Regardless of what year you are in school, I put the best guy in the varsity line-up."

The three stand-out freshmen who earned starts on this year's squad were Andy Conrad, Matt Finnegan, and Chase Wilson.

Miedona said the team's success was largely in part to work they did scouting out their competition and focusing on defensive tactics.

"We try to watch other teams and focus on defending and being aware of those moves as we see them happening," said Miedona. "Winning is contagious and so is losing,

so you want to stop losing as soon as possible."

This year's State Tournament for individuals is being held next week in Champaign.



Pictured above: Lane's Tsogt Ganbold, wrestling in the 125 pound weight class, gains the upper hand on his opponent. Ganbold was one of three Lane wrestlers to qualify for this year's State Tournament.

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