

## Lettermen Club debuts “Activities Nights” with Dodgeball tournament

By Stephanie Pineda

On Friday, Feb. 5, Lane’s Lettermen Club held its first of many “Activities Nights.” The first was a dodgeball tournament since last year’s dodgeball tournament proved to be so successful. Admission was five dollars for participants and spectators.

Around 5:45 pm, teams began checking in. After a slow start—having only four confirmed teams a week before the event—the tournament ended up consisting of 20 teams.

Some teams got into the spirit of the tournament, showing up with unique uniforms and names. Many made shirts that proudly displayed their team names, and wore matching shorts and socks.

One team even went as far as wearing a uniform that represented their name; “The Anchormen” showed up in suits and fake mustaches which they wore for their games.

“[My team and I] are just a bunch of crazy dudes, and we figured you have to be pretty crazy to play a dodgeball tourney in blazers and ties,” said Jake Poliszczuk, Div.

042, a member of The Anchormen. “We thought it would be hilarious.”

Another Will Ferrell comedy, Stepbrothers, was the source for the team name Prestige Worldwide.

The Typical Cats took their name from the local Chicago hip-hop group of the same name.

“Three days before the tournament my friend asked me if I had any ideas [for a team name], and well, in my mind I already knew that Typical Cats would be perfect for us,” said Emanuel Guzman, Div. 182, member of The Typical Cats.

Participants were optimistic going into the tournament.

“I knew that other teams had a lot of talent and would be hard to beat, but none had outfits like The Anchormen,” Poliszczuk said. “Underneath the suits, we wanted to win it. [We wanted to] have fun—yes—but we all had the winner’s mindset.”

“We were pretty optimistic about the whole tournament,” said Matt Ortiz, Div. 028, a member of Prestige Worldwide. “We were telling everybody we were going to make it all the way to the end, so we had to walk the walk since we talked a lot during school.”

“We knew we were going to be the favorites. Nobody else matched up against us,” said Kyle Huber, Div. 028, another member of Prestige Worldwide. “We didn’t have any doubt that we [were] going to win.”

“In regard to the other teams, I was excited. [I] thought there was some good competition and expected the tournament to be a lot of fun and at the same time competitive,” said Nicholas Virgilio, Div. 184, member of the Malibu Riders. “I expected my team to make it all the way to the championship game. We had high expectations of ourselves.”

Others, however, did not have high expectations.

“We didn’t expect to make it far at all,” Guzman said. “We at least wanted to win one game. That was our goal.”

“I’ll admit we didn’t expect to make it very far, but it all

depended on who we thought we would play,” said Jensen Rohlf, Div. 030, member of The Breakfast Club. “We knew we were better than most teams, but we also knew that there were teams that were better than us too.”

“We really wanted to win, but we knew that wasn’t going to happen so we made it our goal to at least get past the first round with a win,” said Alexandria Melton, Div. 163, member of Lady Indians and Sergio.

The tournament began shortly after 6pm. For the sake of time, the gym was divided into three courts.

Spectators quickly got into the games, cheering loudly for the teams they were there to support.

Dodgeballs were flying in every direction, into other courts and even the stands.

After the first round, nine teams remained: Prestige Worldwide, The Breakfast Club, A.N.T. Squad, The Typical Cats, Brick Squad, In Your Face, The Wrestlers, The Anchormen, and Taboo.

Since the tournament was single-elimination, as teams were eliminated, they quickly took sides with other teams and booed anyone playing against them. Consequently, along with the loud cheering, there was also a lot of booing going on throughout the tournament.

With fewer participating teams as eliminations occurred, each round went by more quickly. After the second round, five teams remained—Brick Squad, In Your Face, Prestige Worldwide, The Anchormen, and The Typical Cats.

With the tournament down to five teams, Mr. LoGalbo, tournament organizer, decided to give a team a bye, skipping round three and automatically advancing to the fourth round. Through a random selection, Brick Squad received the bye. After round three, only three teams remained so another bye was given, this time to Prestige Worldwide.

With the Typical Cats facing off against Brick Squad for the right to go to the final, the crowd became rowdier, having only one court to focus on. Everyone quickly chose a team to cheer for.

When The Typical Cats beat Brick Squad, the final match was set. Spectators surrounded the court for the championship game.

The Typical Cats’ advancing in the



Photo by Brenda Gamboa

**Prestige Worldwide won the Dodgeball tournament at the Lettermen Club’s first “Activities Nights.” The team finished first ahead of 19 other teams.**

championship game came as a surprise to many.

“[I thought we’d be up against] either The Anchormen or [Brick Squad],” Huber said.

“I was expecting it to be us against the Malibu Riders because they had a pretty stacked team,” Ortiz said.

“[I expected] my team [to make it to the finals] because Reed Lubin, my teammate has a wicked curve ball,” said Jake Pieruccini, Div. 040, member of No Fake Talk.

“I expected the baseball team and my team [to make it to the championship game], not the soccer team,” Virgilio said.

“Looking at the games while we were resting, I expected Malibu Riders to make it all the way,” Guzman said. “Before the game, I saw them, and they were intimidating.”

Richard Green, Div. 150, a member of Prestige Worldwide, however, was not surprised.

“I expected to face [The Typical Cats] in the finals,” Green said. “I knew that we would end up facing them after I started seeing them beat teams [whom] I thought were going to make it far.”

Both teams played really well in the final, leading to a three game final.

Prestige Worldwide won the first game, after it turned into a one-on-one dodgeball game between Huber and Guzman, and The Typical Cats won the second game. Finally, during “overload,” which is a point in the game in which the teams are allowed to

cross the boundary line into the other team’s court, Prestige Worldwide eliminated the last of The Typical Cats. Participants look forward to the next “Activities Night” and even provided suggestions.

“Of course [I would participate]! I think it’s great for the school, and I know everyone had so much fun—win or lose,” Poliszczuk said.

“I would definitely participate,” Melton said.

“I would [participate], although the team we played cheated so that lead to our early exit, but yeah, they should have another one,” Pieruccini said. “Maybe a bags tournament.”

Not all participants were as satisfied with the event.

“There were too many problems with the dodgeball tournament,” Virgilio said. “Horrible reffing, bad enforcement of the tournament rules, and an excessive amount of cheating are my main complaints. I understand that it was supposed to be a fun activity for all the students, but when my money is involved, I expect things to be taken seriously.”

The Lettermen Club fundraised about \$1,000, but it did not meet the expectations of Coach Rio or LoGalbo.

“It was really disappointing,” Rio said. “I thought we’d get a big turnout.”

The Lettermen hope to hold their next “Activities Night” on Feb. 26, but the actual tournament has yet to be determined.



Photo by Brenda Gamboa

**Prestige Worldwide (yellow), and The Breakfast Club (white) race to the line at the start of a second round dodgeball match.**

## New law will admit students based on income, change Lane’s diversity

By Johnny Stacewicz

On Sept. 24, 2009, United States District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras vacated the CPS desegregation decree. CPS had required a race-based admission to selective enrollment high Schools since 1980. The goal was to have populations at Selective Enrollment Schools that were 15-35 percent white and 65-85 percent minorities. As a result of the change, race will no longer play a part in the 2010-2011 admissions process.

The new law for admission to selective enrollment high schools is now based more on where a student lives, though financial statistics of those areas will also factor in. Chicago has been split into four groups based on median family income, adult educational attainment, percent of single parent households, percent of owner occupied homes, and percent of population speaking a language other than English. Lane’s population is already made up of students from all corners of the city. The new law aims to reduce the likelihood that the best schools will not be accessible only to children from the wealthiest and best-educated families.

Prospective students will be sorted into one of the four groups. The first

40 percent of students will be accepted based purely on their overall score out of 900, which is a composite of grades, ISAT scores, and the selective enrollment test. After those 40 percent are in, the next 60 percent are accepted based on their scores within their group. The students with the highest scores in the poorest groups will get top priority.

The change was made based upon facts that students who live in poverty and attend economically isolated schools generally experience lower educational outcomes. On the other hand, students who attend schools with a socially and economically diverse student population tend to experience higher educational outcomes.

Not everyone is pleased with the change in policy.

“I don’t think race should matter,” said Eric Butler, Div. 170. “There shouldn’t be a certain number of minorities that have to attend Selective Enrollment schools. It’s all about focusing [on school] and doing your best in the classroom. If those things are done, then it would be extremely hard for anyone, including minorities, not to be accepted to the school of their choice.”

Most elementary schools are trying to make sure their students and parents are aware of the change.





“When we came back to school this year we had an assembly, where our counselor explained the new law to us,” said Anna Miller, a seventh grader who attends LaSalle Language Academy.

Not all schools have been doing as much as La Salle to keep their students up to date with the ever changing laws of CPS.

“The students were not made aware of the policy change. The principal did present the information at a Local School Council meeting,” said Linda Acevedo, the vice Principal at Newberry Academy.

As a school that is so proud of its diverse population Lane is at risk of losing some of its diversity due to the law change. According to Lane Admissions Officer, Molly Hart, there will be no way to see a change in Lane’s student demographics until all incoming freshman have been accepted.

“I hope that [the school’s diversity] doesn’t change,” she said, “because it’s such a nice [aspect] of the school. We are a kind of a cross section of the city and everyone pretty much gets along, and the kids are talented across the board in all kinds of different areas and I just hope that continues.”

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# Lane Special Ed. aide, Walterine Briscoe, passes away

By Natasha Byrd

Mrs. Walterine Briscoe, a prominent member of the Special Education Department and staff of Lane, passed away on Wed. Jan. 6, after a long fight with cancer. She was 58 years old.

The passing of Briscoe saddened those on the administration and staff who knew her.

"Her death was kind of expected," Dr. LoBosco said. "She had been sick for a long time, but the timing was just tough. A new year had started. We just thought we would have a break after all that had happened."

"She was a hardworking woman, and I'll truly miss her," Diane Carroll said.

Many who worked with her were on a first name basis with her because she insisted on it.

"She never used last names because she was comfortable with everybody," nurse, Margaret Woods, said.

"She called everybody by their first name," Patrick Johnson, another aide, said.

Briscoe was known to be a very hard working woman, who dedicated her time to her family and her job because she cared about making a difference and having an impact on the lives of others.

Briscoe worked for the Board of Education as a Teacher Aide for disabled students for over 20 years. She worked at Lane as an aide helping the severely and profoundly disabled students.

She was known as a 'feisty' woman and even worked as a Union Steward for Local 46 Teachers



Briscoe attends a Sox game.

Union.

Before working at Lane, Briscoe earned various degrees in fields that included Child Welfare, Business, and Cultural Science.

"The education and welfare of children meant a lot to her. These kids meant a lot to her, and she was the type of person who could honestly say 'I love my job,'" Woods said.

"She was a hard worker and she took her job very seriously," Carroll said.

"She loved the kids and was a great teacher to them and to me," aide, Jason Warren said.

Briscoe was more than a great coworker to most of those she worked with; she had a great impact on their personal lives as well.

"She was like my mother away from home," Warren said. "She helped me with everything."

"She was like a second mother to me," Johnson said. "She gave me so much knowledge. If you wanted to learn from somebody, she was the one."

"[She] and I were very close friends. We walked around Jewel's parking lot everyday," Woods said. "Ms. B loved her some Jewels."

"Ms. B taught me everything I needed to know about my job," Warren said. "If I needed help or didn't understand I went to her, and she would teach me and help me."

"There was a time when a coworker was sick. Ms. B went into the office and asked if he could have a month of her sick days so he wouldn't be penalized for not working. That's a friend," Woods said.

Briscoe will always be remembered for being a strong woman who cared about what she did.

"Some people can be humanitarians and not be famous. What Ms. B did was not in vain, and she was a humanitarian," Woods said.

# Lane eccentric, Vogenthaler, bares "sole" to world

By David Pohl

Whether it is not wearing shoes, cross dressing, or pretending to be a completely different person, days at Lane are anything but average for Adam Vogenthaler, Div. 255. Although he is often seen shoeless in school, he likes to avoid shoes outside of school as much as he can as well.

"No shirts, no shoes, no service" is not a very well-enforced rule," Vogenthaler said.

Vogenthaler's different personality isn't a side effect of trying to go against the grain of typical high school students. It is simply because he does not pay attention to "the grain" at all.

"I don't have much of a sense of what 'ordinary' is. Sometimes I cross-dress, or write all over my face. Overall, I'm just an 'interesting' person to know," Vogenthaler said.

Vogenthaler's decision against shoes has nothing to do with his social views either.

"It's not about politics or society; it's about being comfortable," he said.

Usually students opinions can relate back to their parents who typically influence their kids. However, with a mother working at Lutheran General Hospital and a firefighter father, Vogenthaler's different views come only from himself.

Vogenthaler is known as the "different one" among his group of friends as well.

"When I told [my friends] I was going to be in [the school paper], they didn't believe it was just for walking around barefoot. I wouldn't consider it one of my more outstanding acts."

Vogenthaler's shoeless feet are only the tip of the quirky iceberg.

"Cross-dressing, face painting and such, acting as characters I make up, having different personalities at different times. I like to re-locate traffic cones and newspaper boxes to strange places. I also really like to talk to strangers."

Vogenthaler's other side, which equally makes him stand out from most teenagers, is poetry. He attends poetry slams, writes, and reads poetry on a regular basis.

"Literature is a beautiful art form, and choosing not to read, to me, is just like choosing not to listen to music, or only eating to survive," he said.

For his age, Vogenthaler can be considered a seasoned poet and follower of the art.

"I've been writing for as long as I can remember. I got really interested in maybe 6th or 7th grade, and I would just write during all my classes. I got a little more into it as I got older, especially when I started attending poetry slams and started reading a lot more."

Vogenthaler encourages teens interested in poetry by giving them a place to open up to others.

"Lately, I've been hosting my own poetry meetings where really anybody who writes can come along, meet with other poets, and read and share their own work or any other poems or stories they like."

"My meetings meet every few Saturdays, at various locations. More info can be found by contacting me via Facebook, or on the facebook group The Bauer-Reality Word Artists."

Between his shoeless, different appearance, and his interest in an underground art form, Adam Vogenthaler is definitely one of the more noticeable students in a school where, due to its size, it is hard to stand out.



Adam Vogenthaler, Div. 255, flaunts his bare feet.

# Rodriguez demonstrates faith, wearing white for year



Yasnai Rdriguez, Div. 031, poses in an all-white outfit.

By Sofi Kerpan

Since June 20, 2009, Yasnai Rodriguez, Div. 031, has worn just one color (or lack thereof)—white. Her favorite color is pink.

As a member of a Yoruban religion called Santeria, Rodriguez is currently partaking in a year-long commitment that entails wearing all-white clothing, a white hat, and skirts on a daily basis.

"It is like a promise that I make for the religion. It is one of the things that we have to do when we are initiated," Rodriguez said, "It shows my faith."

June 20 will mark the formal admission of Rodriguez into her religion, complete with a celebration. She will then be able to practice the religion independently and pass it on to others.

Consistent with most religious color symbolism this initiation values white as the color of virginity, purity, innocence, and cleanliness. It also helps to preserve family traditions.

"It is a religion my family has been a

part of for a long time...I have grown up in the religion and have seen my family go through the same thing, so it was just a matter of when it would be my turn," she said.

Originating in West Africa over 6,000 years ago, notably Nigeria and Benin, the Yoruba religion spread as slavery took many ethnic Yorubans to the New World. Different regions developed their own versions of Yoruban religion. It flourished in Brazil and Caribbean islands, including Cuba, where the Rodriguez family first adopted it.

"We believe in God, we just have different names for him," Rodriguez said. "We have similar beliefs to Catholicism."

Major doctrines of Santeria are contact with the divine saints (called orishas), destiny, reincarnation, and appreciation of nature. Rodriguez is very open to talking about this and the pledges she has made, in most cases.

"My religion isn't as uncommon as many think. When I am asked about it I am happy to answer questions, I just don't like when people already

have a [preconceived] idea about me or my religion. Many people are ignorant and show no respect for other people's cultures and beliefs, which upsets me," she said.

Fortunately, Rodriguez's friends have been very supportive of her initiation, but others remain less friendly.

"There are some people who stopped talking to me completely [this year]," she said.

Despite this, Rodriguez remains devoted to her promise. It hasn't been much of a challenge for her, yet it carries heavy meaning.

"This year has gone by so fast that I think I could [do this forever]," she said. "It is something I will never forget."

With just under five months to go, she knows what she will wear on June 21.

"JEANS!! I haven't worn jeans in forever," she said.

Until then, she will continue her promise with dedication and selflessness. However, she points out that she is also a normal teenage girl.

"I do everything other people do. I just [have to] wear white for a year."



# Alpha Program proves tougher than expected

By Caitlyn Kolakowski

Getting into a selective enrollment school, like Lane, is a triumph in itself but for a select few they receive an invitation to be a part of the Alpha program as well.

Only about 55 students were selected out of the class of '11, about 105 students from the '12 class, and about 85 for the class of '13.

For Alpha students many difficulties come with the honor of being accepted.

"I was told it was just about science fair but it is a lot more than that. We have more AP classes that are mandatory," said Sarah Hanses, Div. 266, "I also think that high school in general turned out harder than we thought."

"I found it to be a lot more challenging than I originally thought it would be. I didn't expect us to spend so much time on science fair and not only that, but I didn't realize how hard we'd have to work on each part of it," said Fatima Sabanovic, Div. 278, "I didn't expect there to be an experiment, board, and 30 page paper. I didn't think science fair would be taken as seriously as it is."

In addition, students in the program, find it hard to balance the science fair with other classes in the curriculum.

"It is hard when it is science fair time and you have an AP US History folder due. Then you have to stay up all night long and it's not right that you can text people at four in the morning because you know they are up," said Hanses.

"I remember pulling many all nighters during the school year just to get all my work done," said Joanna Buksa, Div. 171, "Basically if you are in Alpha, you are going to be sleep deprived most of your time, especially around deadlines because they come really fast."

The small class sizes that the Alpha Program consists of also prove to be a disadvantage for students due to the cohort component of Alpha. These cohort classes

mean that students of the program go to their english, science, and math classes all together everyday. This set up encourages these students in the same program to work together.

"You don't get to meet many new people because you have the same kids in most of the classes, and you can not really take electives because you have to stick with the alpha classes," said Buksa.

"One of the disadvantages is that you see the same people and you basically only have two different classes," said Hanses, "You know everyone. We are missing out on the high school experience."

On the other hand, students admit the advantages of these rigorous classes as well.

"The advantage of the Alpha program is that we get to work together to solve problems," said Saad Khan, Div. 261, "And also we are learning through experience."

"I like that it looks good for college and I like how close you become with all the other Alpha students," said Sabanovic.

"You learn a lot and become closer with your teachers," said Hanses.

"Doing the science fair looks really good on your transcripts and if you do well on your science fair, you may qualify for many scholarships and money prizes," said Buksa.

Although there was an old Alpha program that was around before this new program it had been discontinued in the year of 06/07 because enrollment went down.

The new Alpha program, similar to the old one but different as well, was started three years ago by Dr. Dignam. It is an "intensive honors program focusing on science fair, mathematics, technical reading and writing, engineering, and technology," according to the description Dignam posted on Lane's website.

However, along with students, teachers also acknowledge the demand the program has on students.

"Students are not prepared for this kind of rigorous program in elementary school," said Mr. Lanfair, Alpha

freshmen biology teacher, "They get a lot of expectations at such a high level of education."

"There is more responsibility," said Mr. Kopack. "Besides doing the [science] project, they have to complete the honors curriculum. I would actually call it honors plus."

"For freshmen, they need to pick their science project and if it is good enough they need to stick with it for the next three years," said Ms. Feuer, the English teacher for sophomore and then freshmen students for the old Alpha program, "Freshmen year is overwhelming enough anyway."

Teachers not only find that there are difficulties for students but there are difficulties for teachers as well.

"It is difficult to coordinate with other staff members in the program," said Mr. Lanfair, "Students get frustrated because they get different expectations from teachers."

For Ms. Feuer the lengthy science papers were the hardest part about the program.

"I am not a science person. I did terribly in my science classes," said Feuer, "I struggled through reading those papers. It was not exciting to read them."

Despite all the difficulties students face, teachers do what they can to make it more manageable.

"I try to break up the [science] project but I still have students who procrastinate until the last minute, making it harder on themselves," said Mr. Lanfair.

In addition to pointing out the difficult aspects of being in Alpha, the staff identifies the advantages for students.

"There is rigor and college prep in this program. It helps to develop their research, analytical thinking, and working independently," said Feuer, "For kids who want to continue in science through college, the excellent advantage is that scholarships are granted to those that continue on in science fair."

"[Students] will gain study skills and preparation for college," said Mr. Lanfair. "They will have more success in high school and learn time management early."

To some teachers, the program does not seem to have disadvantages.

"I don't know that there are disadvantages to the program," said Ms. Feuer, "I think that overall students need to challenge themselves more."

This difficult program has led some to believe that there are many students who drop out over time. However, the reality is that the drop out rate is very low.

"There is not a senior level of Alpha which looks like the program decreases by that time but is actually doesn't," said Dr. Dignam, "Of course [the program has] students not performing well, same as AP and Honors."

Students acknowledge the fact that they do not have any plans to drop out of the program.

"You hold yourself to a standard and you do not want to be the one who drops out," said Hanses.

"I feel like I've already spent a year doing it, might as well finish what I started," said Sabanovic, "On top of that, freshmen year is the hardest. The first year you create your foundation and the rest, you just build off of it. So I think each year, it'll get a little easier."

Furthermore, the Alpha program is a component that is a unique opportunity to only Lane students.

"Lane is the only school in the area that has an Alpha program," said Dr. Dignam.

However, Lane is working with other suburban schools with similar programs.

"In the suburbs the science program is not called Alpha. They call it the STEM program which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math," said Kopack.

This collaboration is to help better the programs in these schools, some of which include Niles West and Niles North.

Overall, Dr. Dignam acknowledges that program is hard but the outcome for students is positive in many ways.

"This is a rigorous program but the goal is to make the student feel successful," said Dr. Dignam.

# Chemistry students compete to make best 'moles'

By Mary Nguyen

Moles have infested the chemistry room as a tradition at Lane. However, they are not real moles, just artificial "moles" that chemistry students make as a competition to see which student can create the most unique ones.

Every year, the top three moles are voted by chemistry students and displayed in the glass case by stairway A. This year's finalists are Molerio by Anais Barba, Div. 280, Koala Mole by Shrasta Tamrakar, Div.

262, Captain Mole Sparrow by Maritza Pineda, Div. 251, and Mol-E by Melissa Morales, Div. 261.

Chemistry teachers, Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Reid, agree that the purpose of the mole project is to help students better understand the fundamental term of 'the mole' in chemistry.

"A mole is a unit used to measure an atom. But the atom is so small, we use scientific notation  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ . The term is such an astronomic number that it's hard to understand. It would take forever to count to that number so the idea is fathom to anyone's mind," Mr. Reid said.

Although the purpose of making a mole may seem only academic, teachers hope that students can also have fun creating a mole with their families while learning chemistry.

"It's a fun, family friendly activity that students can work on together with their families so the concept of a mole would not be so scary," said Reid.

As chemistry teachers predicted, many students were scared off by the mole, but the project served its purpose.

"At first I freaked out when she [Mrs.



**Koala Mole by Shrasta Tamrakar, Div. 262**

McCoy] explained it to us. This project did help me remember what a mole is, and memorize it, and now  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  just rolls off my tongue," Tamrakar said.

When students were given the assignment, they were handed an outline shape of the mole, but other than that they were not restricted on what to do. For the creative part, however, students were on their own and many struggled to come up with creative ideas.

Yet for other students, it seemed like they were able to get ideas from everywhere. Some moles were movie inspired.



**Captain Mole Sparrow by Maritza Pineda, Div. 251.**



**Molerio by Anais Barba, Div. 280.**

# Teachers use creative methods to keep students awake in class

By Katarzyna Barnak

While bears hibernate in caves during the chilly season, many students are "hibernating" in class. In order to keep students awake, some teachers use creative methods to keep their pupils alert and active in class.

"I take out my camera," said Ms. Meacham, a Survey Literature teacher.

"I give them till zoom in and if they don't wake up, I take a picture and put it on the Wall of Shame," she said.

The Wall of Shame is a collection of pictures of sleeping students that remain there for the rest of the following year.

While Ms. Meacham uses humorous ways to keep her students awake, other teachers use aerobics to help students get blood pumping into their brain.

Mr. Elkins, a Spanish teacher, does yoga between activities to help students refocus.

"Yoga gives energy. I was trying to think of a creative alternative to connect with the students," Elkins said.

"I enjoy the stretching," said Justyna Jakubaszek Div. 045, a student of Mr. Elkins. "It helps me relax and is a nice change from the constant routine in every other class."

Ms. Tracy, a German teacher, also tries to get her students physically active so that they can get more out of her class.

"Last year I made them run laps in and out the classroom," Ms. Tracy said. "I try to do something that gets them up and moving."

Some students, however, have their own ideas on how teachers should make class lively.

"I wish we had a teacher who would keep us awake by belting a falsetto," said Monica Velazquez Div. 267. "That would keep me very awake," she said.

Although not many teachers can hit a falsetto, some sing songs with the

class to both educate and wake their students.

"Early in the year on two occasions we [sang] a few 'economics songs'," said Mr. Vlahos an AP Microeconomics teacher.

He also has a few "economics cheers" which he and his class recite every now and then to get into the spirit of learning. These cheers usually consist of repeating economic terms using hand gestures.

"[I try to] highlight funny, ironic, or absurd realities related to the concept. I also have a loud voice and use inflection," Vlahos said.

Other teachers do not try to prevent students from dozing off but instead they punish them when they do.

"I have never fallen asleep in class," said Bart Mazur Div. 175. "Some of my teachers squirt people in the face with a water bottle [when they fall asleep]."

To some students this policy seems

harsh.

"I think water in the face is plain obnoxious," Velazquez said.

While wetting students can cause controversy, most methods to prevent students from sleeping do not.

"Parents love the policy. They think it's hilarious," Ms. Meacham said about her picture policy. "I've received quite a few positive notes from them," she said. She makes her students and parents sign off on the photo policy in her syllabus.

Some teachers like Mr. Lewis, an AP Human Geography teacher, modify their lesson plans to keep students awake.

"Good lessons solve 90 percent of discipline problems and are fun to create and fun to teach," Mr. Lewis said.

He likes to engage his students in the lesson with funny photos and videos related to the subject he teaches.

"He shows fat monkeys, and I mean fat, that disgust you, [as well as] cute

little kids wearing French fries costume," said Linda Nguyen Div. 267, one of Mr. Lewis's students. "I think that with these weird, strange things [it] gets the student interested and [helps them] not fall asleep, or well at least it's that way for me."

Most students agree that the effort teachers put in their lessons affect the students sleepiness.

"It's more important how teachers carry out the lesson. Like talking in a monotone voice will make students fall asleep naturally. Plus, a lot of us are tired from staying up with homework, especially now in the winter," Jakubaszek said.

Regardless of the season, weather, or workload, students have to keep up and pay attention in class. In the meantime, teachers continue to come up with creative methods to ensure that students stay alert.



## ‘Boobies’ get support

By Ben Palmer

Wherever there is a bare wrist, re-tailer, Zumiez, is prepared to cover it with the slogan, “BOOBIES!”

Students, supporting breast cancer, face skeptical looks, snide remarks, and a general “WOW” factor.

The reason is due to the fact that they wear colorful wristbands that declare, “I <3 BOOBIES!”

While the method may seem unique, many students said the intentions behind wearing the rubber bracelets are harmless.

“I wanted to make people laugh,” said Tommy Angsten, Div. 270. “At first I had no idea [it was for charity] but I’m glad it’s for a good cause.”

But others, like sophomore Kyle Foley, Div. 270, wear the bracelet for more personal reasons.

“My mom has breast cancer,” said Foley. One of the ways he shows that his family supports her is by wearing this bracelet.

“Everyone in my family wears one,” Foley said, “...my mom wears hers all the time.”

Despite the genuine reason for wearing the bracelet, Foley has received negative attention due to the bracelet from nearly all of his teachers.

He is not alone – almost every student wearing the charitable accessories has run into some minor troubles.

“People thought I was a pervert,” said John Nguyen, Div. 272.

Similarly, George Best, Div. 164, was judged at first.

“They see ‘boobies’ and are like ‘What?’” said Best, “Then they know it’s for charity, and it’s fine.”

Fortunately for those wearing the wristbands, most students and teachers at Lane think the bracelets are fine because they are for charity.

However, Italian teacher, Ms. Paganelli saw the problem facing Lane students.

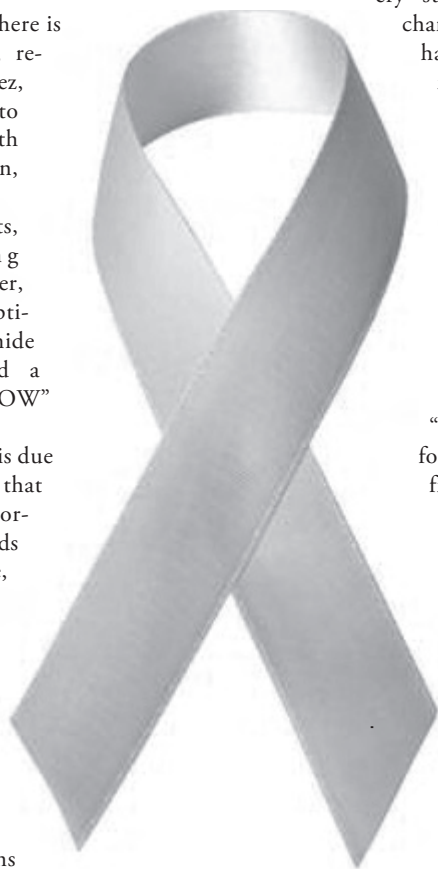
“It’s kind of a moral question,” said Paganelli, “Is it okay to wear something shocking for a good cause?”

Paganelli, who has numerous students wearing the bracelets, says it is okay. Other non-wearers such as Gabriela Munoz, Div. 264, agree.

Munoz said she knew the wristbands were for charity and didn’t find their message vulgar. In fact, she hoped she would eventually wear one herself.

Like Paganelli, Munoz recognized the moral issue at hand.

Nevertheless, no wearers said they’ve run into administrative trouble involving the bracelets. This means Lane will likely be seeing more of the colorful wristbands, especially if students like Munoz get their wish.



## Underwater robot contest could lead to Hawaii trip

By Bianca Rodriguez

As the weather outside remains cold, John Green’s physics class imagines how hot Hawaii might be. Hawaii is where this year’s nationals will be held for an underwater robot building contest.

This past winter break, Green, a new teacher in the physics department, met with the education director of the Shedd Aquarium. He applied for a grant from the Lane Tech Alumni Foundation, which he hopes will help pay for the building of a robot.

On May 1, the University of Illinois at Chicago will be hosting the first round of the contest. They will use their swimming pool to put the competing robots to the test.

The room will be filled with eight teams, which will be in groups of 10-15 students. Each team must build a multi-functional underwater ROV (remote operated vehicle) to compete with other teams in the mid-west region. The robot must be able to complete four tasks.

To perform these tasks they recreate a scientific expedition. Task one consists of unloading sensory equipment underwater and plugging in the sensory equipment. Here they will use their robot to pull out and plug in metal rods. (100 points). Task two, they will collect samples of a new species of crustacean; which are little crabs and shrimp. (60 points). Task three involves monitoring the temperature of an undersea vent, this vent releases a different temperature than the water surrounding it. (80 points). Task four’s objective is to collect a sample of a bacterial mat, which is similar to gel. (60 points).

Lane will compete with other schools in Illinois, Boy Scout Troops from the state of Michigan, and other middle and high schools in both states.

As far as competition, Green can not say, for sure, how well the others might



Students competing in the contest meet in Room 225 after school to begin the process of building the robot.

do because it is Lanes first year competing.

Mr. Green could not explain in words how excited he is, but admits it will not be easy even with the help from other teachers.

He has put together a group of students who are interested in the challenge. Although they are not necessarily familiar with building a robot, Green has full confidence in them.

“If our students apply themselves, they can win the regional for sure,” he says.

The team who collects the most points in total, which is a combination of all categories, places first and wins regionals. First prize receives a trophy, a \$500 Visa card, \$2,000 in travel support to attend UI 2008, and Lights Camera Action which is an underwater camera.

First prize winners will move on to nationals. This year nationals are being held June 24 – 26, 2010 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

After “pulling a few strings,” Green said that if Lane students win, they may only have to pay two-thirds of the ticket for a round trip to Hawaii, estimating close to \$400.

In Hawaii, competition will only get harder. Here they will go against teams nation wide, teams who dominated

those in their region once before.

Although few students have a robot building background, Green was not shy in admitting to owning a few himself.

“I have a fully-functional jellyfish robot and a Toby Tomi 2000,” said Green.

Students will work to create this underwater machine from now, up until the day of competition. This means a full four months of thought and precise creativity. After weeks of training and building, students will be given one chance. Within 15 minutes, their robots must complete all four tasks without stopping. Each task is equally difficult according to Green.

Prizes consist of money ranging between \$50-500, and are given to winners of different categories: best engineering design, those who exhibit most safety, best poster etc. They also reward the team who spent the least to build their robot with a monetary prize as well.

Although Mr. Green expressed his enthusiasm, the project will be the work of his students.

“The students do all the work. I’m just there to help get the students what they need to participate. Getting the money, making phone calls, purchasing, etc...” said Green.

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# AP Art students choose their concentrations

By Grace McQueeney

Nina Palumbo, Div. 029, wields her sharpened pencils and charcoal to bring a surrealist interpretation of the frustration of the modern day businessman into her AP portfolio. The drawings featured in her concentration section will capture the overwhelming, suffocating frustration she imagines them feeling on a day-to-day basis. Like Palumbo, Lane AP Art students have begun working to bring social, economic and personal issues into their portfolios.

After spending the last four months compiling the “breadth” section, which contains miscellaneous works, they began the concentration component of their portfolios. All 12 pieces in this section must relate to a similar look or idea.

“I am making portraits and human body figures,” said Izabela Ferat, Div. 020. “They will [have the] abstract meaning of the seven deadly sins.”

Marina Diaz, Div. 172, is also making human portraits for her concentration. However, she has a different “vision” for them.

“I am making heads with extra large eyes,” said Diaz. “It will be a window to their soul.”

Diaz’s first piece is a human head with hands encircling it and huge eye sockets filled with smaller faces.

Ashurina Atto, Div. 034, is also experimenting with body parts in her concentration in order to express her personal childhood struggle.

“I could never hear well,” said Atto. “I was always made fun of and yelled at for not paying attention.”

Atto is creating installation sculptures composed of ears that she will sculpt of white clay.

“[My lack of hearing] made communication difficult, and I am someone who listens to people,” she said.



The first concentration piece of France La, Div. 032.

AP Art teachers witness each student’s progress throughout the year and have a positive outlook on their students’ expanding portfolios.

“Based on their breadth work, I am confident [that] the students have the potential to do really creative work,” said AP Photography teacher Ms. McMeans.

AP Studio Art: 2D teacher Mr. Ceh believes that most of his AP students have equally creative or even better work than most college students.

Using a different medium, AP Studio Art: 2D students first draw their ideas in a sketchbook, then transfer them on a canvas, and finally paint or draw their final piece. Mr. Ceh requires them to make an entry in their sketchbook each day.

Palumbo chose a concentration of charcoal drawings that illustrate a businessman and his so-called “perfect life.” She was inspired by the 1950s and 60s ideal of the perfect family and the TV show, *Mad Men*.

“My concentration will reveal his feelings of frustration,” said Palumbo. “He has everything, yet he is still unhappy.”

Her first piece shows a businessman’s profile with office supplies flying out of

his mouth.

Arturo Aldama, Div. 052, chose to use watercolors to create a surrealist representation of humanity’s impact on the environment.

“My first piece was a strawberry with fish in it,” said Aldama. “There are strawberries immune to the cold [because they are created] with fish genes.”

AP Photography students attempt to bring unique perspectives into their concentrations using both staged and candid photos.

“I prefer to take pictures of people,” said Sarah Lee, Div. 052. “It is easier and more interesting.”

Lee, whose concentration will illustrate her unique friends and city life, does not like to set up her shots. Instead, she likes to capture natural moments.

Rebeca Veloz, Div. 036, however, is staging her pictures for her concentration. By using wooden crosses and string, she wants to make the people in her shots appear as “puppets on a string.”

“I got the idea from Psychology,” said Veloz. “Society influences what we do, and we think we have free will when we don’t.”

AP Art students must complete their

portfolios by May 7. Depending on the course, each student has one or two weeks to finish a piece.

“Every week, we get 2 rotations in the dark room,” said Lee.

“If their pieces aren’t AP quality, [we] either critique it, or they trash it,” said Ceh.

Ceh explains that the concentration is the most difficult part of the portfolio, and that many students change theirs after they begin working on them.

“It is not easy to pick a concentration,” said Danielle Larsen, Div. 043. “The whole portfolio is based on a good concentration idea.”

Students are told to think about what is important to them or what bothers them to help inspire the focus for their concentration.

“Students usually find it difficult to narrow down their ideas to one main focus,” said McMeans. “The topic must

be broad enough to spend three months on, but specific enough to show actual concentrated thought.”

Since nearly all AP Art students are seniors, many are deciding whether or not they want to incorporate art into their careers.

“I could be an art dealer,” said Larsen, who plans on going to art school next year.

“I am planning on doing this as a hobby,” said Aldama. “I want to go into computer design.”

Palumbo, who is already enrolled in the American Academy of Art, wants to do art direction, storyboard arts, and posters.

“I also want to publish my own comic book,” said Palumbo.

Instead of pursuing photography, Lee wants to be an art history teacher.

“What better way to learn about art than to do it yourself?” said Lee.



A concentration piece by Nina Palumbo, Div. 029.

## Jersey Shore’s guidos and guidettes create Italian chaos on MTV

By Paulina Yousif

Jersey Shore: two words that have created chaos for MTV, and an addiction for Lane students. The new reality show follows eight young Italian-Americans from various parts of New York that are vacationing in Seaside Heights, Jersey Shore for a month during the summer.

There are eight “characters” on the show who are all guidos and guidettes. A guido is a stereotype depicting Italian-American men as excessively tan, very muscular, that wear tight muscle shirts, rock the blowout hairstyle, and are extremely proud to be Italian. A guidette is the female version minus the excessive muscles. The term guido used to be an offensive word to refer to Italian-Americans but now it is a life style and, to some, a compliment.

The show premiered Dec. 3 with controversy surrounding it. Many Italian-Americans and New Jersey residents felt that the show would depict them in a negative way. The premiere was weak, but the show’s ratings grew to millions of viewers by the third episode.

“Ratings get higher because the people on the show are not your average cast. They are like characters as opposed to actual people and they do things that some people would normally be ashamed to do. That is why people watch,” said Emily Pacione, Div. 045, who is an Italian-American.

The more the show grows in ratings, the higher the controversy surrounding it becomes. Jersey Shore has created problems with advertisers such as Domino’s Pizza, who pulled their commercials from airings of the show saying that they have no issue with MTV. They just don’t want to be on during that particular show.

“That is too extreme [to pull ads off

during the show], but I could see why some people wouldn’t want their brand associated with this show due to the press that it is receiving,” said Sabrina Koval, Div. 021, who is also an Italian-American.

Not all Italian-Americans find the show offensive. To them it is just a show. The show is very similar to The Real World. Usually people chosen to be on The Real World are chosen because they are “reality TV material.”

“I am not offended by the show. I do not think that it is offensive to Italian-Americans either because the show isn’t saying that all Italians are like this or that the reason these people behave the way they do is because they are Italian,” said Koval. “If people make that generalization then they are ignorant about how all other Italian-Americans are. I do agree that the show makes the ‘jersey shore’ seem like a place for hook-ups and clubs. I don’t think it is overall offensive. It is just a TV show.”

“[The show does not] portray Italians in a poor manner because if you put a bunch of people in their twenties in a house to party, [the same situation will happen regardless of race], not just with Italian-Americans, said Molly Dunbar, Div. 153.

However, Ms. Paganelli, an Italian teacher and an Italian-American from the east coast, finds the show offensive. She also said most parts of the Jersey Shore used to be different from when she used to go there for vacations. It was mostly a family oriented place because of the boardwalk, but that has now changed from what people see on the show.

“I am offended by it because it appears to be that it is meant to give a general representation of Italian-Americans, and it is much farther from the truth,” she said. “I am from there and it

misrepresents Italians from New York and New Jersey and the rest of the east coast.”

The show has also had some controversial “oh my gosh” moments. One of the guidettes on the show, Snooki, was punched by a drunk man while they were at a bar. MTV chose not to air the clip during the show, making the screen go blank during the actual punch. But it did air the scene several times during commercial previews, drawing an audience and raising ratings. Fans of the show were angered that that clip was cut out during the actual episode because it was what drew them to watch. The clip, however, was posted all over the internet so was still seen by millions of people.

“I was attracted to watching the show because I saw that girl get hit in the previews. I love The Real World and it looked like it was going to be almost the same,” said Olivia O’Donovan, Div. 150.

“As messed up as the clip was, that is the kind of stuff people are attracted to on TV and that is what they like to watch for some reason,” said Koval.

Controversy aside, the guido stereotype exists in Chicago as well as the east coast, but that does not mean that they are clones from the show.

“My cousin is definitely a guido, but that does not mean he is trashy and a womanizer [like on the show],” said Pacione. “Eight people do not represent more than a million.”

“Stereotypes come from reality. People observe how a group acts, but they need to remember that does not mean all of them are that way,” said Paganelli. “Saying all Italian-Americans from the east coast are guidos and behave the same way is like the generalization that all Sicilians are mobsters.”

“The way the guidos behave on the



The cast of Jersey Shore.

show is because of the type of person they are, not because they are dressed like guidos, or look like guidos,” said Mitchel Yabes, Div. 042.

There have also been many spoofs on the internet that people have posted which have made the show even more popular. MTV aired a segment called Jersey Shore Spoof’d, which consisted of the cast watching the spoofs and rating the ones they liked with a fist pump (a signature guido dance move).

On the season finale reunion, one of the guidos, Pauly, was asked what

he thought about the controversy and misrepresentation issue. He defended himself by saying that he is one person who happens to be Italian and a guido, but that is just him and he is representing himself and no one else. With that, this show has been picked up for a second season, despite all of the petitions and on-going controversy from Italian-Americans. However, there is speculation that the second season of the show will not be as popular because it will be featuring a whole new cast.

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To the most wonderful, loving, hilarious and quirky friends I could have ever asked for: Edec, Jazzy, Nergal, Saki-san, Jenkins, J-Chain, Javi, Ewa my love, and my darling Safiya! Thank you for all the laughter, for all the sadness you turned into smiles, for all the problems you made bearable, for all the ordinary days you made into something special, and most of all, for all the amazing memories that have made these past four years the best that I have ever known. You mean more to me than I could ever say. <3  
Always & Forever, Cynthia

P.S. And for all the nicknames too! [Cindi-chan, Hippy, Flower Sun Moon Earth Child, Cinnus, Dove, Gerbil A22289, Swee, Rapunzel, Tohru, and... "blondie." \*shudder\*]

I love you Evin, C. -  
Happy Valentine's Day!!  
2 wonderful years together  
-- Love, Ana Rivera

Richy; Kochanie,  
You are the love of my life. You have become my better half over the years. I will always love you as much as I do now.  
-Ashleigh Sala

Nicole!!! I love us. You are my bestest friend and you help me through everything. I'm glad you're my valentine. I heart you mucho. Your wife, Sammy Boo.

Make sure your  
love is legal!

Dear Paola Johanna Lopez,  
You are such an awesome friend and I'm really glad that I met you. I dont know what else to write so...WHATEVER! I love you and yeah...you're awesome.From, Candace

I love you Flory, Magie, Tory, Maricel, Rachel, Karen, Ali, Jessica, Andres, Edwin, Brian, Ada, Destiny, Paola, Nicole, Quincy, Kyle, Maria, Pondexter, Ringer, Marina, Mitch, Sam, JP, Jesus, Texchua, Ricky, Dmitri, Robert, Ashley, Kathy, Ellie, Burbano, Chris, Danielle, Grecia, Ruby, Jackie, Edrienne, Mia, Natalie, Kevin, Erik, Gabe, Irene, Mrock, Tiffany, Ed, Natalija, Dulce, Cheescake, Korey, Tubby, Michelle, Judy, Donovan, Cody, Alex, Will, Julie, Joseph, Neka, Squishy <3

Happy Valentine's Day Usah!  
-Ahmed Awad

Happy V-day Jeanie and Isa!  
I love you guys a ton!  
-Jessica

Elizabeth Kaplan, my Jew princess, my lover. I love you more than Habib ever could. I have since freshman year and I will until the day we are together, even in death.  
-XXXXXXXXXX  
P.S. I made a shrine my love :)

Dearest Elizabeth C., From the moment I saw you falling up the stairs, rolling around with your hands in your pockets, grasping for the railing, squealing like a newborn babe and yelling "Shut up!", your beautiful dead sheep slipping off your delicate feet, your poor button nose exposed to the harsh, biting frost...I knew you were the one.  
-The guy with the backpack from the Harlem station

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO AMANDA, KARINA, SARAH, EMMELINE, JESSICA, ELIZABETH, SHABNAM, AND JAVIER!! LOVE YOU ALL! <3 -ADA-

To the herd: Jessica, Isabel, Andrew, Mayra, Nicole, Fernalis, CJ, Yesi, Alex, Ada, Edwin, Ashley, and Matt, I <3 you all! -)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MAYRA, CJ, YESI, LAUREN, AND ASHLEY!! THANKS FOR BEING PART OF MY HERD -) I LOVE YOU GUYS <3

Our life is love and joy that knows no end  
You're my love, my dream, my very best friend  
You see that you are and will always be  
Abraham Kim, the only one for me  
So always have faith in this dream come true  
And I, Julie Tran, will always love you.

To that special someone who means a lot to me :)  
Rawrrr Bear

Hi Stephanie, You are so awesome and cool. I love your wavy hair in Physics.

Continue To  
Miss You  
Byron Jones!

Hi boo, just wanted to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and I'm glad that we have gotten so far. Roses are red, Violets are blue, Daisies are yellow and I <3 you.  
-Pawetek (character map)

DIV 031 Love me or hate me: the 4 years are almost up and you'll always be my babies! Happy V-Day Ms Paganelli

I LOVE YOU Niki, Stephanie, Krystyna, and Ada! Happy Valentine's Day to my lunch group: Emme, Mayra, Sarah, and Karina! I love you Casey, Olivia, Denise, and Dara as well, you guys are awesome.

-LOVE Mandy <3  
I love Christina Kehr and Christina Fuentes!

Julie Dimas, this is for you. It is a waste of two dollars! Just kidding!

I Love you! =)

R.A.K <3  
I Love you my HunneyBun!

Edith: Tu y tu amor significan felicidad, me entiendes. Conoces mis alegrías y mis penas como yo conozco las tuyas. Siempre estas a mi lado cuando necesito apoyo o animo y sabes llegar a lo mas profundo de mi corazon con solo un detalle...un "te quiero." En este día de San Valentin, quiero que quede grabado en tu corazon que todo lo que eres para mi significa amor. Cada día me enamoro mas de ti porque recuerdo que eres todo loque necesito, todo lo que deseo. Ver tu sonrisa, escuchar tu voz, y sentir tu amor...sin duda, son las mejores rosas de la vida. Te amo con todo lo que soy, con toda mi alma, y con todas mis fuerzas.

Dearest Ellie,  
I can write for eons about you, but the paper would be kind of mad so here I go. I'm utterly grateful to be with you each and every day. Your smile always shines my day even though it may not seem that way at times. You are as beautiful as you are intelligent and I just want to say I am profoundly, passionately, undeniably yours. I love you Ellie Kaplan and Happy Valentine's day babe.  
Love always, Habib B.

To the only person who has my heart (and always will)...Sergio Corona, did you ever think that the girl you DIDN'T want to pick up (the day we went to the batting cages) would be the girl you spend the rest of your life with? Well, I knew that day, at that moment I sat next to you in the passenger's seat that I wanted you to be mine. Nothing was going to stop me from making you mine, babe. But you know all this, I've told you many times before. I just can't beli\*eve this is our second Valentine's Day together, and I wouldn't want to spend it with anyone else. I don't care what anyone else has to say about me or us, as long as I have you by my side at the end of the day...Almost 15 months and counting-I LOVE you Sergio. I've said it once and I'll say it again: My batman, you've saved me since 11-24-08. Happy Valentine's Day.  
Love Always and Forever,  
Kellie  
XOXOXO

Dear Ms. Shafer-K/Mrs. Stack, your the best division teacher ever! Don't ever leave us with a sub again! Name your baby DIV 028!  
LOVE THE BEST DIVISION EVER 028

to my candy girl: scruz loves you! <2+1  
Wo Xi Huan Ni  
-Wang Zi

Kristie and Hayley are liars. I am dedicated and in love with you Steph Pineda. 9/25/09. Always and Forever. -Danielle

And now there are 4, there are 4 wolves in my wolf pack... Haha. I just want to wish you girls a very Happy Valentines Day! You all deserve the world and more. I love you all and remember, we're the 4 best friends that anyone can have! Love always, Beta.

Unexpected. You seen me eating my tamale. We share this feeling in our bones that make me stay in your planet, for what you do to me oh baby there's no measure and now I stumble in devotion. IOU a kiss in the rain so then we can check that off our long long list. I AM mi little monsta w(<^0<)w(I had to steal it.) With love, the momma of a baby turtle with a mustache.

To all my loves: I <3 You!!  
Breanna G, Chelbea Chelsea, Lauren a.k.a LO, Brace Face, Jewel, Blair, Chair, Casey and My Mr. Brown Sugar Dimples  
I LOVE YOU ALL

Chelz, Gabs, and Lo...I love ya'll and ya'll flashy ways...No I just love you guys you make other peoples friend so not cool and thats on real ha ha ha.  
Love Breezy!

To my girls...i <3 u guys! This year wouldn't be the same without you all.  
To: Connie, Judy, Lizzie, Evie, LaPamela, Lolita  
-AnGeeLa

Shout out to all my so icey Jack boys. Dave the Barbarian, Spook da goon, P.A. Tone bone, Luthir, Vante, Grey Lord, Rugawells aka the Dhalí Lama, aka the boogie man. Happy Valentines day.  
No Homo. Burr. Burr. Burr.

To Aarika Homan  
Hey baby, you're my best friend & I couldn't ask for anything more. From the love of my life. I love you more!!!  
Love, Ricardo Lopez

Dear Slam Team,  
Y'aa are sooo awesome! Shout out to my Home Girls. Ollie, the Dork is is secretly a sedctress, Gaby, who's super sweet under Guatemalon tough exterior, JB, soul sistah-foxy! Jelaila, a gangsta princess. Tre, you are dope and not a home girl. Anna, best buds for life. Nancy, rocking photographer. Best, Carl

In '79 Happy Valentines day. Just know Im your biggest fan on and off the field. Hope you take this and my love with you to Duke. (143) (23423)?  
Love Bryanna  
P.S. Happy birthday.

Bring Back Carlson!  
Love Div. 039

Natalie! Happy Valentine's. Better convince her not to ask: Love ya. I'll miss ya next year. You better keep playing viola. Secret Ad

I never thought a kung fu ninja panda would make me so happy. I can't think of anyone else I'd rather spend vday with. =) shh...just, just let it happen babe. Imao  
ja volim tebe <2 you're amazing.

Happy Valentine's Day Kevin Sanchez!  
I love you baby!  
Love, Nikky

To everybody that matters: Tara, Bre, Tempestt, Natasha, Dave, Tron, Spook, Abdul, Chelsea (sister), Kadija(sister), Bovie blood (zeal), Jazz, my boo P-Drew, My BSA girls, everybody in journalism, and anybody I suppa <3!  
Love Always, Shanae

JHs our last year LETS LIVE IT UP!!! Artecia, Olivia, Gabby, Lauren M, Breanna G, Vanisha, Shanae, Mariah (& others) Lets make memories. Lets make ppl remember class of 2010! I LOVE U GIRLIES!!! 2010!  
-Chelsea W

Artecia, Olivia B, Gabby, Breanna G, Lauren M, Shanae J, (& others) I love you so much Thank u 4 always being there for me. IDK what I would do or where I would be w/o u.  
LOVE CHELSEA W

WILL I LOVE NEVER!  
I love you girls with all my heart and it has been an amazing 4 years together!! twoja jedyna, Tyinka :) oh, and of course I love my A.B.F.M -D  
You know who you are!!  
Justyna Kaczmarek Div. 042

Senior year is finally upon us. We're all going our separate ways, and we're all going to experience so many new things. Although, I just want to say, these four years with you guys were amazing. All the Memories we've created and shared will stay with me forever. All of you have left an imprint on my heart and I don't think I need to mention who you are.  
With much love and respect, Isabel Bierca

Conrad-  
Way more than the average dude.  
-Minx

Dear Michelle Flores and Kelly Letten, words still cannot describe my feelings for you.  
Love Byanka Casas

3 years and 8 months! I love you gurl!  
-Ned

Joaquin! These past 10 months have been amazing because you are so good to me. You mean so much to me and I am here for you in any way. There will always be a place for you in my heart. I love being with you and I love all the moments we've shared. You are always making me laugh and making me feel special. I love you baby. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Jeanette

I couldn't pick just one Valentine, so I'm picking 6. Kaitlyn, Lisa, Danielle, Marina, Anastasia, and Niya, will you all be my Valentines?  
Love you, Rina I.

Jeanette, I'm doing this so everyone knows the girl I love. You give me honey and joy. I don't know what would be of me without you on my side. What I feel about you I can barley describe. You leave me speechless. I love you babe, always and I'm happy to be with you this long, with all we went through.  
Truly yours, Joaquin

Yo, Samantha!  
It's a quarter after one, and I need you now. Love you boo  
-Joe Gonzo

Shots, shots, shots, shots, shots, shots,  
EVERYBODY!!!!

Arlene is my bby. I love her.  
My baddest B. -Dylan

EVILY <3

Nikky,  
I met you and you changed my life for the better. I love being with you. You are more than what I deserve, more than what I ask for. You are simply an amazing girl and I love you for being yourself  
Kevin S. Div. 047

Hey baby, we have been together now for over two years. You are beautiful, amazing, wonderful, and most all I love you for who you are, and the things you do. For Sreeruppa.

Eloise Zarco Div. 032, why are you the best creeper that I know?! Love always your Best Friend, Nena.

Ring Ding Dong Ring Ding Dong! GeeGeeGee-Gee Baby Baby GeeGeeGeeGee Baby Baby. Replay Replay Replay!  
-To my Asian Day Buddies! I love you!

Monica my baby,  
I love you  
Happy Valentine's day, my heart is yours everyday with you makes me happy and you bring the greatest joy to my life <3  
-Mister Penguin

To a stupid bunny. "Thank you for loving me when I least deserved it, because that's when I really needed it." Love always, shampoohead =P <3

To my cupcake: I love you with all my heart and I always wonder what amazing thing I did to deserve you. You're everything I want and need. Every second I spend with you is filled with love and happiness. You really are amazing. You're not just my boyfriend, you're my love and my best friend. Love always, Pancake aka your wify.

Happy Valentine's day to all my squares: Magda, Dingo, Errikah, My Boo, Luis, C-Los, Jocy, Kristan K, Romin, Alyssa, Jennifer, Erik, Dan, Ange, Jairo, Aldo, Nena, Arisa, Granada, Lamie and my sexy Senior class officers :) Sincerely, Michelle, My-shell, Shelly, Shanel ILY Guys!

Lane Tech Jummah Crew.  
Keeping Fridays alive since 2006.  
<3  
Happy Valentine's day to Kitty G and the Goof-troops (aka Jonathan, Andre, and Vivek)  
-Love Sree

Hey Shona, I am so glad your mine. Hope we spend another two years together. Kohem Che.  
-From your bunny

Amanda Ruiz <33  
You are my best friend and I couldn't live without you. I love you.  
David "D-Poh"

Theres only one thing to do  
three words for you.  
I love you Kelsey <3  
Love always, Daniel

Jack be my Valentine again?! You really have no other choice. =)  
Love you times a million and a half!!  
Lindsay

P.S. Richelle I guess you can be mine too.

I LOVE YOU BABY!!!  
030609 <333

Jake Ryan, I can't wait to marry, marry 2 marry, marry 2 marry! (jeez) you! Happy Valentines Day! I love you more than anything in this world!  
-Samantha Baker

10/19/09=My Favorite day  
11/30/09=the 1st time you told me you loved me.  
1/06/10=the day I made you mega cheese.  
2/04/10=the 1st day without you.  
2/14/10=Our 1st Valentine's day  
-Your little monsta

A mes estudiants d'AP  
Vous etes mes etudianta preferes!  
Ne dites rien aux autres!  
Madame I

Happy <3 Day to mii bosses and besties, Spook, Tasha, Bre B, Mii baby Momma, Nae, Brandon, Jennifer C; Ashley Jeracki, Ashley Evans, Oliva B, and of course Big Daddy Woo Woo.  
-Tempestt

To: Javier  
If you were a booger I'd pick you 1st Love, Jose  
I have wanted to tell you for so long

Our handwriting is the same, our height similar too, and what we share, I believe, should always stay between us two.  
<3 C.d.

LANE TECH TRACK  
BRINGING THE HEAT  
-Captain Jackson

Jay Tripla:  
Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. -Lane Tech Track

To my suga Vante McCarter. Check it out. I love you. Forever. And ever. Ha!  
Bear that. Love, Suga, AHH. AHH. AHH. AHH. AHH.  
<3

I love Lourdes Guillen, Sarah Clark, Tali Arroyo, Joan Pancho, Joanne Agsalua, Jensine Samanilla, Edenne Besagar, Yasnai Rodriguez, Manicel Taballoa, 8th period AP Psych-Langford, Drama III/II period 2, and Div 033.  
Love Ruby Benigno!

Hector Acevedo...I love you with all my heart. You told the other piece in which I strive to retrieve and without it, I can not love whole. We've been together since freshman year and I hope we can one day express our love in greater ways than imagined. Cupid shot me with an arrow and the wound is yet to heal. I love you!  
-Felicia Hallman

My Dearest Lala,  
Seeing you in first period makes my day. I love going to sleep knowing you're never too far away.  
-Your secret admirer  
P.S. Prom?

Dusty! I don't even know why I like you so much. I just do. Ah. I love you! not rly, but yano. <3 Let's hang out sometime, eh?

To my biffles 4 ly63, Jairo Chavez you are the pop to my tart and the go to my fart. haha inside joke! Jonathan Jackson you are the oreo to my milk the hole to my donut. haha inside joke. butt really I love guys  
Will you be my Valentines? haha inside joke

HAPPY VALENTINES  
DAY, JAAACKIIIIIEEE!  
11!!1!!1!!!11!!

To all my doggz and besties, Happy Valentine's Day.  
-Love Tasha Basha

Happy Vday to all my Jack boys: Panda, spook, Jasmine, Greg, Chelsea, Tyler, Shah, Bre B., Tasha, Jeremy, Cody, Weezy, and to my boo Fat Fat!!  
From Abdu Oten

To all my beloved Div 036  
Happy Valentine's Day  
May you pursue all your aspirations.

Potato <3

I remember this quote from 2PM's 'Heartbeat': Listen to my heartbeat-it's waiting for you! I guess this might be surprising but that's what I felt for the last few months...You be mine and I'm all yours »D, to Mia (From Hanjoomee~ N)

I love you Chicken Little and Bekita! R.A.K.  
“Go big or go home” THE BREAKFAST CLUB <3  
Love KOT LAMBO

Happy Valentine's day to my lunch time buddies; Mercedes, Hector, and my husband David Soto. <3

Kathy (Khaos), I can not wait to marry you... JK.  
I LOVE YOU, and your best friend, Sara (Sahara)

To Nick Nguyen my Asian hubby, I LOVE YOU!  
<3 -Chelsea Lombardo

ALMOST OUT OF  
THIS SCHOOL!!!  
SENIORS '10!!!

Neka you left your slayer unmentionables at my house, come get them!  
Catalina “sitting bull” Lagunas

You're a falling star, You're a getaway car  
You're the line in the sand, when I go too far  
You're the swimming pool on a August day and  
You're the perfect thing to say  
BABY YOUR MY EVERYTHING <3  
SINCE 4/30/08 Happy Valentines Day!

Uregua and Paprika,  
You guys are always there when I'm down. I love you so much. In ten years we're going to get together and have a movie night.  
Love Always, Head Hostess with the Mostess

To my Track Girls Frizz, Crash, and JarJar,  
Be prepared to take city and go down state. I love you guys and will miss you so much next year. Dream Team forever  
Love Always, Pink



# SENIORS

Guess who Paisa Krew.  
It is not Mario foo (or is it?)  
  
Signed Mario  
P.S. Keep Guessing son

Hey Period 4 & 7:  
Try not to be a a'(t) on Valentine's Day! HA!  
-Mrs. Michie

Trevor, Jose, Victor, and Edwin I can hate you guys so much, but I love you regardless, I'm going to be so bored in college without you guys. From Lolita (I'll miss Div 051)

Nistha Tamrakar, will you be my valentine? then you'd have to marry me though, no exceptions.

This message goes out to the 6 greatest friends a girl could ever have: Sarah, Chasiaee, Blessing, Shaylynn, Ariana, Ashandriana! I love yall so much c!: its refreshing to always have someone in you corner that will always come thru. My highschool years will always be memorable becuz I had you guys to share it with. Whether it be @ lunch or on the date from hell or listening to my crazy extravaganzas lol regardless I love yal -Happy Valentines Day (Mardy)

7 Plus 1 NC-17  
PG-13 Rated R  
TV-14 Septagon  
PG-15  
P6

I want to tell you something nice, but i don't want to sound weird. Soo i guess i'll just turn it around and say i hate you but you know what i mean! but buy me some chocolates and i'll keep being your friend.  
From Eloise CoolKid To: Nena Creeper

This is for the cereal group (you know who you are), Ms. Meacham, The Slam team, Ambrell Hambrell Gambrell, Mi love Bre, G, Tinesha, my David Hurley, my Hessika baby, 1st & 8th period, Mr. Kimmons, Div 027...and my shawny poo lol (i couldnt forget you) You guys have changed my life & I am forever grateful. Highschool @ lane wouldnt have been the same without you guys. I'll love you for as long as I live. <3. aw yeah I forgot my yearbook family I luv yall 2. -Forever and only with love <3 Jasmine<3

Cody Smith you're in one of my classes and you're really cute so will you be my valentine?

Happy Vday to my AP Photo Class + the Class of 2010! We almost there, college here we come! Blessing Wallace

Dear World Literature- You are more than halfway through your highschool career! Keep racing to the finish line!  
Love Ms. Gholston

Dear Habib, you're weird. But I like you, a lot. I like being weird with you. Besides that, you're extremely smart & dedicated, & I respect you for that. & you have THE cutest smile. I love you. Like, a lot. -Ellie <3

Andres J. I <3 you! You're so cute!

David, I'll always remember how we met in algebra, fell in love in chemistry, and grew closer in Brit. Lit. Now that we're seniors, we're the strongest we've ever been. Although we won't have classes together in college, I know that we will last! I love you!  
Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Holly

Happy Valentine's Day D. Geezy! Love,  
  
Mz. Beezy  
I just want to let the people I love, know how happy I am to have them in my life. The chocolates => and both of my Jessicas :)  
Love you guys, 11  
Ricky, I know you love your XBOX more than me, but Happy V-Day anyways, and I love you. Love Gel.

giggles <3 cheeks

Happy V-Day to all seniors

ALI is 2 cool =]]]]]  
I guess Vanessa is too....=]]]] a lil bit  
=  
FASHO!!!

Happy Valentine's Day Grub Cre. Love ya guys!  
PB&J

Kellie  
You're the best thing thats happen to me, I would be lost without you. Your my one and only. I love you so much. Will you be my Valentine?  
  
Love, Your Batman

Dear Dulce, I've been denying my feelings for you for four years but now I'm finally going to admit it. I still have that shirt you gave me last year and I wear it every night. I think the reason why I reject everybody is because I've been waiting for the right person and I think it's you. Can you hear my heart beating?  
Your BFF!

To my girls, Lourcies, Jocelyn, Zulma, Mayra, Cecilia, Isabel, Jessica (s), Mabel, Jackie, & Veronica. It has been a great 4 years, I am really going to miss you guys and I will keep these memories close to my heart.  
With lots of Love, Fabiola ^ ^

Michael, Kevin, Mari, Izzy-I love you all! Happy Valentines Day! We have had some adventures this year so far that I'll never forget, and lunch has been a blast. When college breaks our hearts...I know we'll all be here for each other. uhhhAHHH!(hpr!)  
Love, Grace McQueeny

To my Homeskillers! Zulma, Fabby, Chica, Cici, Mini Maria, These past four years have been the best. Without you guys I couldn't of done it, I would be lost! On a serious note though...Las quiero mucho gu eyes  
Lourdes

Hey Seniors!! this is our year and lets make the best out of it. i just wanted to say I freaken love guys!! (Zulma, Lourdes, Mini Maria, Fabiola you and Chiva!!) LMAO

Hey mono, just wanted 2 say HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Ernie, I miss u!!! I miss our 7th period crazy days with Mabel. And Mabel, lol we're so far away in 3rd...you suck. You get to be with Ingrid. Hi Julie! -Grecia

I <3 YOU INDIA CLUB BOYS & GIRLS!!!

I LOVE YOU ALEX BROWN!!!  
from: everyone

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular? Right, Elias? \*Love is being stupid together and without you (Megan, Sam, Brit, Ellie, etc.) I wouldn't have found love. Happy Valentine's Day. -Carm <3

What a long, strange trip its been...  
-Jackie and Donna

When you're ready to die you're ready to love. When you're ready to die for love, you're ready to be together forever. <3  
Tanya Vargas  
N-Company

OMG you guys! I just want to say that I love you guys tons and that you mean the world to me! Life would be terrible w/o you guys! =>  
-Zulma

To my friends  
HAPPY HEARTS DAY!!!  
Chenie

Just letting the bestie DJ know that I love her. Thanks for putting me on with my boo, Cody. Happy Valentine's Day boo. You the best I ever had. I love you sooo much!  
-Tinesha

Div 047  
Best Division Ever  
Go Seniors  
I will miss you  
Love, Sra. Palmares

Is it a sin, is it a crime, loving you dear like I do? it's a crime, then I'm guilty, guilty of loving you. Maybe I'm wrong, dreaming of you, dreaming the lonely night through. If it's a crime, then I'm guilty. Guilty of dreaming of you.  
-Zeljko Andjelic

To my Honey Bunches of Oats, I love you and I can't wait till practice to bang ur drum!!  
Always and Forever  
Honey Nut Cherrios

Ay Nikkay, Ay Amy, Ay Mary, Ay Ariana, Ay Ashlay, Ay Zee! Happy Valentines day my 7th+8th period AP Sculpture table! I love you all!  
Love, Grace Geh

Maria Maria! You remind me of the west side story! -Armin Santana

Vero! I love you times  
Chuck Norris! -Leo

I LOVE YOU  
Holly Brooke  
Giersch

-David Atanus

I <3 T. BEN!  
....Niya

Dearest Samantha Boo!  
"to die by your side is such a heavenly way to die." <3  
Your valentine, Nicole

God grant me the  
SERENITY to  
accept the things I  
cannot change,  
the COURAGE to  
change the things  
I can,  
and WISDOM to  
know the difference.  
I wanna believe you.

Wilfredo-I wish I could tell you this in person but I guess I've always been better at writing anyway. I just want you to know that you make me so happy without even trying. You are such a sweet, friendly person; whenever we talk I can't stop grinning. Your smile makes me smile and you're one of the nicest guys I know. You're such an inspiration Will.- I miss you already.

Nedim Rakanovic, Happy Valentine's Day and Happy 3-year & 8 month anniversary! You mean the world to me, and remember--- you're the brightest star and I'm in love with who you are.  
-->Angie

Dearest Ali Wali Watkins!  
Como la flor, con tanto amor, me diste tu, se marchito, me marcho hoy, yo se perder....  
ay ay ay como me duele!

Thanks for all the laughs and smiles. I hate how you guys will be leaving soon but I guess life moves on. I will miss you old people. MJ23, the young grasshopper. Saranghae Oppa and Unnie!  
Para mi media naranja, I know you don't like this kind of stuff so I'm going to keep it short and simple. You are my best friend and I'm glad we got to share so many moments together! I'm grateful that I have you in my life. Thank you for being so amazing!  
Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie! Je t'aime Karla

Karen, you're the most amazing person in the world and that is true, we went through moments that were good and bad, even moments that were happy and sad. Where would I be without you? If it weren't for a friend like you. Nothing in this world can keep us apart, cause you'll always be in my heart.  
MUAH  
From Bibty

Hey suga! You are the wind beneath my wings and the jam between my toes. I luhh you suga <3  
p.s. Lourdes and Maggie said “Hi” LOL

Alexandra Lopez we've known each other for four years and you've been with me through thick and thin ever since. I know we've had our little arguments but thats all part of friendship :) Hopefully this was a surprise or you, but this our last year, lets make the most of it. You're a great person and the best friend anyone can ask for. You're gonna be famous one day. God Bless <3  
-Beans :)

Dearest Jarofurine,  
“L is for the the way you look at me, O is for the only one I see, V is very very extradordinary, e is even more than any one that you adore...”  
bbypants

Estrawberry,  
jerk for me  
baby :D

Emily Pacione,  
I can't help but watch you as you exit your Toyota Corolla everyday. One day I will find you and we can ride in Style together. Be my valentine? Love, Your Secret Admirer

My love.  
My eyes are jealous of my heart because youre close to my heart but far from my eyes.  
Hector

I LOVE YOU MS PADILLA  
-Love ERIK H

My skin molds to yours  
friction creates  
perfect art  
shaped by pas-sions fire.

I love you Karl  
Rodriguez

From: Juicy James  
This is as real as my love for you

Samantha! Happy V-day baby! You are the best girlfriend ever and Im so happy that you are my Valentine. I love you with all my heart and I always want you to be my one and only BABY BOO! Happy Valentines day! I love you with all my hearyt!!  
Always your baby boo, Kevin

This is for all my LOVES!!!- Alex, Caty, Christina, Destiny, and Kathy! LOVE you all sooo very mucho!!! I dont know what I would do without you girls in my life! You mean sooo much to me. Shoutout to all my HOMIES in Journalism-we make one amazing staff!! Trisha Nettnin is awesom-she cracks me up everyday in Anatomy! =0 SUAY SUAY, Bon QUI QUI AND CRAOLA HA-HAHA. You guys make my day!!! =) Hello to Yasnai and Nathalie!!! See, I told you I would do it! Anywho, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to you all, I wish all of you guys lost of happiness and remember that you deserve the best! <<<<3

To my love Jayson:  
When I first met you I never thought you would be the best thing that has ever happened to me. I can't stop being thankful for all your love and the joy you brought to my lfie. I love you more than words can ever say and I want to spend the rest of my life with you baby!  
Ti amo molto mi amore \*(01-08-07)\*  
Maritza & Jayson

I just wanna say “Thank You” and “I love you” to everyone I've met here at Lane: All my amazing friends, my classmates, my awesome lunch buddies, my inspiring teachers, everyone who's ever had a good conversation with me, made me laugh, made me think, said “hi” to me in the hallway...High school would not be the same without each & every one of you. But how could I forget?! My family-Div . 030-<3 You guys mean the world to me.

Hey Brenda happy valentines day...hope to see you on 2/14 and prom :)  
-Jack Preso

Hey me! I'm awesome.  
Love, Chris

Roses are red, violets are blue, I broke your finger, but as your sis, I just want to say, I LOVE YOU!  
Happy Birthday Moquito!

I <3 Kendra! Jamie! Kasey! Tory! John! Carmen! Habi! Gabe! Ashley! Jane! Caty! Maria! Maricoll! April! Holly! David! Magie! Raul! Carol! Chris! Adina! Alex! Alice! Catherine! Dennis! Elias! Farhat! Judy! Mayra! Millie! Noemi! Victor! Diana! Yuliy! Senior class 2010! Division 054! <3, Ellie

Danielle's been around the whole Varsity XC team...sorry Steph. She talks funny too, but her bun is too cute! Love ya, Hayley

I LOVE YOU SENIORS  
-Ambrell Gambrell



# JUNIORS

I <3 YOU MATT CURTIS!
I'm sorry -Toca (:
<small>AMELIA AUGUSTINE. ALTHOUGH WE'VE RARELY SHARED A MOMENT, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS NON-REFUNDABLE, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE, HAPLESS, MEDIOCRE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU THAT I FIND YOU EXTREMELY FASCINATING. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY UNREQUTED, IT JUST HAD TO BE EXPRESSED SOMEHOW/ SOMEWHERE. -VERBOTEN</small>
Corazoncito mio, you've made the last five months amazing and I love you with all my heart. I'm so happy I can call you mine. Love, your Carebear
Everyone fist pump at Mill ball, cazzo kappa? Kappa.
Skyler Hallowell and Battle Moran and AYoung Yoo! Oh you juniors. I love you guys! <3
I found Jesus in my Waffle Iron.
Dear Alex, Happy Valentine's Day! I hope this day is very special for us, just like everyday is. You're the one who puts a smile on my face each day. I love you so much! Love, Madziusia
Hey Michelle Naese! :) You always make me smile, so I hope this makes you smile. Have an AMAZING DAY. I love you. -Joseph something Asian Lee
<small>Vikussia! I love you baby you're my best friend, sister, hon-eybun, misiq, and everything in between. You are the second half of my heart and I can't live without you! Forever and ever 10.09.07! (I would write all our nicknames we've ever had, but it's too much...BOB SAGE!?! Haha!!) -Agatka</small>
Happy happy happy happy happy happy birth-day! That's wahsup. Doan Buny
<small>"HOLD UP...AYYY!" So like we had the most memorable times from BBQ's, that tripple threat, trying to run swallows over with Salmans Benz, and playing games in Best Buy. HAPPY V-DAY Guys! For: Bhagat, Rashid, &amp; Baig OXO</small>
HAPPY LATE BIRTHDAY ALEKS! from Greg
<small>Thanks for being such an awesome division teacher! GO SWEET! Love, Michelle and Jessica, Division 185</small>
<small>Holla at 5th period lunch crew! Party at Sanjay's locker! Lets all dye our hair purple! Keep on fist pumping!-From Niki (AKA the Vegan) and Sanj-Wown</small>
Dear Sal, Max, Alec, and Joe- You guys are HAWT! Hope you "run" into love this Valentine's Day! Haha JK we know that's super cheesy. You are all dashing young men and we love you! =) From Laura & Ellen
<small>To killaCampOx We don't know the actual day, but we cool, we chill. I shall beat you in MK babe- always have and always will. I have to say you got me in COD; Bby I'll give you that. But na you can't beat a game by just choosing Sagat! XOXO times all the stars in Katman Damay &amp; Because I love you, man...We slappin' the bass, my Joban, mu muchach. :) I'm not even mad, that's amazing. From: Cptn1ns4no</small>
<small>To my JUNIORS: Saya, Lizbeth, Bunny, and Roger (even though you call me Ichigo!) I LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH!!! ^.^ And thanks for the great memories. &lt;3 Love, your awesomeness in a can SENIOR, Mary Alice! heart.</small>
Hi, Nina, Gaby, and Betty. I luv you chicas and I'm gonna miss you guys next year. Don't forget your coolest senior friend.-Grecia
Oh blue eyes! I don't like you, but I like looking at you! <3
Life without you is like a broken pencil, pointless.

“Forever Mine, Forever Thine, Forever Ours...” Pusia i Kotek
Zac Bennet, much brotherly love from another guy -D-Block
It's been really great having you as a friend 8:30.
Liz, You can say that this is a bribe for me to get a sigh or you can say this is just me sayin happy Valentine's Day. -From Text me.
<small>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY SWEET CHEEKS SKYLER H. YOUR MY ONE AND ONLY. I LOOOVEEEE YOU MORE THAN A REALLY BIG HUG! FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER I WILL LOVE YOU. I'LL FOLLOW YOU EVERY WHERE. LOVE YOU...</small>
<small>To my P.I.C, know that I'm always here for you no matter what. You hit me, hurt me, smack me, bully me, blackmail me, torture me, but I know you love me. I have your back. Love always, Jon Caliso &lt;3</small>
<small>It's amazing how a single person can change your life. Some changes were good, some were bad but in the end, I'm happier than I could have ever been. I love you Davie. 3-3-09</small>
<small>To my pink, ditto, hunger monster, natural disaster bf...I LY! :j</small>
1408 AW I love you Whitney. Love always, your Chunkey Monkey.
Yo Gcuadorian L., Me and You-Secret Love :) Happy V-Day
I Love my Best friends Brianna and Dynishia. Happy Valentine's Day. From Simon “To cool 4 you” Tran
Chris Francois! I Love you till the day I die! Love, Chrissy F. Baby <3
Joey Rialmo, Nothing last forever, Will you be my nothing? -Mrs. Raquel Rialmo
<small>Surprise! Didn't think I would write one for you right? Well I did. Happy Valentine's Day Anthony! Now lets go see Dear John. I love you!</small>
<small>Hey Julio of Lion (DeLeon)!! I'm glad I met you. You're an awesome kid. Seeing your smile everyday makes my day. I want you to know that there's someone out there who truly cares about you. You and I would look good together. :) Happy Valentine's Day. XOXOXO</small>
<small>OH CHELSEY LOMBARDO. I LUHHH U. You are absolutely the coolest. Love, Nick Nguyen</small>
<small>So Cupid set it up, that is for a fact. Arent' you glad she hooked you up with Matt. As things started small, but continue to get better, soon enough you'll inherit a LT baseball sweater. Some call you short, but your hair is curly, it's only right for me to call you Shurly. Happy Valentine's Day Babe. P.S. It's OFFFISH</small>
<small>Happy Valentine's Day, "Bino." I just want to let you know that you're the best and you always manage to put a smile on my face. I love you. From your "Lina"</small>
<small>To Gabriella Quiznos, Hi Happy Valentine's Day. Have fun liking bio and stuff. Oh, and Vivian says hi too. Love Sanjay</small>
<small>To Veronica Flores. You are clearly the cutest, weirdest, most special girl I have ever met. TQM Sincerely Anonymous :)</small>

Happy Valentine's Day Linda, I want yo make the 19th special for you, I'm counting the ways, U da Best I eva had, (: I LY-Buck
I Love you Chris Francois. Your my best friend. Love, Robbie
Christine Malone, Marry Me???-Tim Feeley
Happy Valentines day H.buns =] You truly are the next young money. Me and you sounds good together, Jesster =)
I LOVE YOU BABY BE
WOLF <small>The shadows don't seem as dark as usual. You, the lunar eclipse to my endless night Now there's a bright side to the Darkside, and I wait impatiently for twilight to arrive-Me</small>
Benji loves his Tanya very much. Not even Boki can come between us. :3
I Love my best friends Darijan Despenic and Lukasz Wozny Denise ROSALYN!!! If I were rich, i'd buy this entire wall to write your message! You are a great friend-we'll survive physics somehow!!!! -JB :)
DIV 171, YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST!!! -JB:)
“There is always some madness in love, but there is always some reason in madness.” Alex, Amelia, Edwin, Jeisson, Chris, Kathy, Hannah (Do you want stripes with that?)
Sam, I just wanted to let you know that nothing and no one will ever stop me from loving you...You're more to me than all the chocolate in the world can ever mean! LOL. I Love You, Mayra Kalinka! You are such a great friend! & so many memories =) Love, Asiunia =)
<small>To My Mister Mikeezee Bby! I love you more than you may ever know. Thank you for the greatest times of my life. You are my world. You're my Duck and I'm your PenDaDs. Happy Valentine's Day!-Cyarra Anjelie</small>

A few words to the group. Conor, Hector Juan Rafa, Chris, Wayne, Leo, Luis, Danny, and the girls. I Love all of you.
Dear Kristen Hal, I don't hope for anything more, but I wanted to compensate for all the wasted time.
Ms. Isabella Janczur, I hope you see this and if you do be happy because there's somebody thinking of you on Valentine's Day.
<small>Amor! Yo te quiero MUCHO &lt;3 Thank you for being there for me and remember I will always be here for you too. Best friends forever. P.S. I'm your Valentine, NOT William Levy :P -Love, Ishe</small>
Audrey, I believe I won. Love Anthony :)
HEY TEDDY !!! 8D <small>Nakita! My Russian twin separated at birth! I'm so lucky you're in my division and you've been in my 1st period all 3 years so far. Your the best, and remember you deserve the very bestest! ILY! BFF ALWAYS! -Love, Bejonka (Ashie) :)</small>
<small>Hey vamp kid! Stop stalking me :) Anyhow, Kasia, Vivian, Laura, Salvador, Sam, and Magda Happy V-Day!</small>
Phil! I know you would have liked rocks better than this, but thats too bad! And no Ben, a clock on the ceiling is not a good idea to capitalize on, I give you spiderman though LOL. Happy Valentines Day though guys... even though you both cheat at “Eye Spy Go Fish!” =) Love you both to death!
THANKS MADDY!!
<small>Your welcome Kelly! And hey guys! Sanja, Mike O., Mike Kisler, Anthony, Niki, Bill, Nikki, Swan, Philip, Alex, Chris, Karl, Paul, Captain Crunch, and everyone else, have a great day yall!</small>
To the lunch group you are all Awesome, except Kenan. That is all. From Philly D.
Happy Valentines Day Kelly (twin), Amy, Lia, Becca, and Laura! I love you guys so much! My true Bandies for life. Love Kate
Happy Valentines day Stinky Butt!! Love you with all my heart. Love, Miguel P.S. “That 30% =)”
<small>Souch! I know I bought into the Government's Vday plan, but it's okay we figured them out already and the FBI should be contacting us ASAP! Cant wait for our trolley adventures! Starburst and Spiderveins! LOL I accept your plan to marry a 80 year old. Who needs love when your rich?! JKjk. Davie Bowie would be proud =) But yea we ARE Charlie's Angels! I'm glad we have the FriendSHIP! (Great name) Love ya Lots!</small>
Happy Valentines Day baby! I hope I make it a very special one. You are the most amazing girl I've ever met. I love you so much and I'm falling more in love with you every single day! Love David
<small>Dear Karla, I promised I would write to you this year, and, well, I just can't break that promise. Karla, you have been my best friend for the last couple of years and you have always been there for me. You made my last year here awesome. Anyways, you better not be busy this weekend, alright? (Especially this Sunday) Your Best friend, Aziz</small>
Priscilla, you are the reason I come to school. When ever I'm having a bad day your smile always cheers me up.=(^_ ^)=
To my bikers! Check out Randy VenisonStu, Hungry Jack the Lumberjack, and Bad...Bruce! Is it so wrong that I just want to stare at you for a minute?! =) Its funny we can go from being afraid of each other freshman year to the bel-lybutton incident and basement conversations. Love you bikers lots! Crusher Joe
MHT, I miss you. Love always KST
<small>I Love You Krizza Jimenez! Marry Me?? (I already bought the ring...so say yes!) -Pikachu &lt;3</small>
<small>Stef, you are my brightest hope. Even if life is rough, I'LL LOVE YOU. FOR WHO YOU ARE. TE AMO CHIQUIUA. -Wilo</small>
Hi Veronica! Thanks for being a good friend! -From somebody in your Trig class.
I love Meghan Wart and Heathrawr J.

Happy Valentine's Day Michelle Maese and Josphe Lee! Thanks so much. Love y'all. =]
<small>Cassie. If there's anything that you want If there's anything I can do Just call on me and I'll send it along With love, from me, to you.</small>
To Kamile, my best friend. This is my wish for you: comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, confidence when you doubt, love to complete your life. From A.O XOXO
Mikey, words can't describe my feelings for you. I want you forever :) <3 Heidi
<small>i feel like i'm a journalist, putting my ideas on paper and im rhyming every line, and, everythings about her, everynight i go to sleep, im never feeling down, cuz i know your in your cama, sleeping safe and sound, and in the mornings i get up, i never quite wake up, until i look into your eyes, because my world lights up, pues un poco en espanol, no creo que sea tan duro, te lo dedico mi amorcito con puro amor puro, cuando miro a tus ojitos, me contento mi chiquita, y me muero de algeria, cuando me paras la trompita. ill be with you by your side, Yaritsa eso te lo juro, siempre en mi corazon mi chula, con puro amor puro,</small>
<small>Yari pues te quiero mucho baby!! I hope you like it mi gatita=)</small>
<small>Babe, god gave us 2 hands, 2 feet, 2 eyes, 2 ears, and one heart. You know why??? because we have to find the other one. Babe your heart is that other one. With you I am complete. Happy valentines day and don't forget that I love you. From: Sewak R. To: Socheata Vong &lt;3 I love you Babe!</small>
<small>Everytime Im with you I lose you because you're so small but I always find you cuz your always on my mind. S. pie</small>
<small>To: Priscilla. R To the girl with the cutest smile. Happy V-Day =)</small>
Happy Valentines Day H. buns =) are the next young money lol.
TE AMO MUCHO CHULO! MWAH! Forever and ever bae. Love, Your fiance-Mrs. Frias :)
Physics! Happy Valentine's day students. -Mr. Green
<small>Mi Cielito Lindo, You are an intelligent, funny, and beautiful young woman and friend. I love you a lot and wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!!! -Renaissance</small>
iFeliz dia de San Valentin! DIV 160, 173, and per. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 De: Senorita Daly
Divison 185 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO THE BEST DIVISION -MR. SWEET
<small>16 DIV. 155 Thank you for brightening my morning every day! XOXO Ms. Feuer</small>



I've been crazy about you since I first lerned your name, watched you running, saw you as you came. Made small talk to catch your interest and now its more intense. Saw you at practice and suddenly I knew. I had to be with you! A person so amazing I consider lucky to have met, without your smile in my life, mine would have surely left. -To the most beautiful girl in the world, Mayra Gutierrez 10-11 Sam

Happy Valentine's Day to all my luvs: Mile High Girls, "Who gon Check me boo Crew (Div.175), Baby Momma Tati,Mina boo, Dynisha, Briana M. and the Burribles! Luv you guys! "Breezy Baby"

Happy Valentine's to thee mile High Club, thee REAL Burribles, G-cide, 3T Girls track and all my other loves! From POMO!

JOCASTA! JOCASTA! I LOVE YOU BEST BUDDY! YOU MAKE MY HEART SMILE JESIAH REEVES FROM BRE- ITTA GORDON

Emily, Kim, Kelly the most beautiful girls I know and the bestest of friends. Also, I said I would mention Ben so there you go Ben. From the Wizard

Always...never...forget to check your references.

Water Boy ;)

Beante, I loved you then, I love you now and I'll love you until the end of time. You don't know how reall special you are,Im truly lucky to have found you. Love, Baby Bear

Baby we werent meant to be, we just happened and if I could have anything I put it on everything it would be you. I use to think love was for suckas until I met you, then I knew wat it was (:

I LOVE ALL MY HOMIES!! 2011 FOREVER!!

Dear Justin, Where did you put the remote? I've been looking for it all week. -Love Alex

P.S. Phoebe I think we should start seeing other people

Octavio, this has been an amazing year for the both of us! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! - Love Diana

To all Majorettes I love yall! Special to Shay1, Shay 2, Kidd, Ashley, Isaly, Danisha, My boo Briana and my Lane Tech Lover Preston Love yall Happy Valentine's Day. Love Jemita!

It's because James Madsen, Isaac,Slade, and Milo,have nothing on you. I love you. my very own Scott Summers, and I always will.

Gabriella Corrine, "All we know for sure, is all that we are fighting for." -Isaac

Liceth, do you want to go out with me?

Happy Valentine's Day: Ivy, Jenny Afra, Michelle N., Michy, Christine, and you too =] Love you guys.- iRed Caty

Ricky Rod (RRod) I love you Man- No Homer -From D- Block

Vivian!! Happy Vivian is a B-day!! Also I love my Brit Lit buddy Salvador! Meghan

I JUST WANT ALL MY HOMIES TO KNOW I LOVE THEM! ALSO I WISH YOU THE BEST WITH VALENTINE'S DAY! AND HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO MY PLAYA PLAYA MUKE DUKE AND MY BOOI LOVE KIDD

Joseph Lee, you are mine and I am yours! We're going to make it! I love you! Let's spend tonight on top of the world, we can do anything, we can be anyone.

Sorry I'm gone but this is all i would get for now....happy valentine's day babe. -Jorge M

Christine Phan, having you in my life has ben one of the greatest things to happen to me. Thank you for being there for me everytime. I LOVE YOU with all of my heart. Always and Forever. From Lemuel Maglonzo, your Superman.

I WANT ALL OF MY WONDERFUL STUDENTS TO KNOW THAT I DISLIKE THEM AND THAT THEY ARE FAILING. - Mr. Wilson

To everyone I know: My love for all you people is like a rotting corpse burining in the sun on the side of the road. LOVE YOU GUYS (NOT) P.S. SKYLER HAS A DISHWASHER Signed, A.Pockets

(: I LOVE YOU SO MUCHOZ. :) HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! A TOAST TO 1 YEAR HARINA.

Fredi Zuniga, I know this idea is a little [dumb], but I doubt you'll be reading it anyways. If you are, just know I lov you, (and always will). From you not so secret valentine

For my husband Sir David

Thank you for staying when everyone would leave. Happy Birthday & Happy Valentine's Day. If I never succeed in anything in my life, I want to succeed in saying I love you. Love, Your Waifu

LG, will you be my valentine?-- Andy

So I luv all of yall becuz no matter what you guys have been here for me luv u team! We've been through alot butt yup yup Majorette Love Clarissa

# SOPHOMORES

I PINKY PROMISE 09.09.09

I LOVE YOU, BIG BROTHER

Oscar Rivera, we just met this year but I can't get you out of my head. I have fallen for you!!

Everyone in my 6th period rocks my world --Kenny.

Happy Valentines day Maritza BFTTEOT for life! And happy valentines day to the Beastliest Division anyone can ask for!

Words can't describe how much of a jerk I've been to you. You mean so much to me and I just pushed you away. I know this message won't change anything, but I just hope you realize that for you, I'd do anything and that no matter what I won't stop caring about you the way I do.

Ummm to all my awesome friends!! I love you guys!! -From Angella Ellis

I LOVE CARNE (AZA) DA! - SAM MOY

I miss you babe :) and I hope you have a very Happy Valentines Day !!

If there was anything I'd have to complain about in life, it wuld be not spending enough time with you. You're the only guy that could ever make me feel this happy. I love you babe, Vanessa.

TO MY WIFEY AARON, MY BFF ALEJANDRO, RICKY & BUTTERSCOTCH. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY LITTLE ONES LOL! AARON WHEN YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH CALL ME (LMAO JK I ALREADY WIFED YOU W/ THE SPIDEY RING). BFF THX FOR LABELING ME A HOT BULLY. RICKY... SORRY I BULLY/PUNCH/SAP YOU ALL THE TIME... LOVE YOU LOL & FINALLY SCOTTY! I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE BARELY OLD ENOUGH TO WATCH A PG MOVIE LOL. I'M ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU KIDDO! I'LL THINK OF YOU GUYS WHEN I'M IN COLLEGE <3

Hey guys, I just want to give a shout out to my besties. Ana R., Ale, Mary, Nikki, Janet, Jasmine, Richard, Mehneez, Kenya, and Senait!!! You guys are awesome and the best! Happy Valentine's Day! =-) -Ismar G.

Okay honies, so here's the deal. I want to send lots and lots of love to all of my Lane friends, people who complete me and make my day that much brighter. Let me slip a few names: Jasmine Hernandez (Lane wouldn't be the same without this chick), Melissa Alva (she be my homie), Ioana Cornea (my banana), Lovely Venus (my explorer partner), Alexandra Alexandru, Damarus, Karla, Laura, Nylsa, and all of my other babes. From Lilah Mia, ILY guys!

I love you Stefi and Nicole! You guys are awesome! Your BFFL, Madalina => I love you guys. Happy Valentines Day!

I just wanted my own box :) -JLH

Shout out to TRIANGLE CREW: Michael (Random) Monica J (Sonic) Monica G (Mona) Juan (Pica piedra) and Jesus (Chewy) R.I.P Western X49: Green Elephants 4th Period lunch love

Dear You, Tell me if you see this. You know who you are. -Randy Lee ^\_^

SUPERMAN!! Max Schneider is a hottie piscotti with a hot body!

To my love Don Godsel you are my reason for waking up every morning... P.S. I win From Max

To all my friends who I love, I love you. Get out dat storm drain, lol. -Ben

Giovanni Franco, You are the Mario to my Peach. You save my day :)

Dear Karolina Krol, Can you believe it's been eleven months => Happy Valentines Day! Ask me for the personal letter after this! I love you! I hope this makes you smile. Love, Jakub Ogana 03-10-09

From: Adan To: Ely

Hard to describe what I feel in a piece of paper, so I wish that every minute that I spend with you I can show you how much you mean to me. In the three most simple words I can tell you what I feel for you now, and as long as I have an extra pulse to take a breath, "I love you"

I'd like to let Alicia, Patty, Airis, Veronica, Sophia, Brianna, Cynthia, Kaidin, Nylsa, Kat, and Claudia know that I <3 them. Happy Valentines Day! Love, Lusi

I love Buck Bare Banger! Yours always, Jen

Jasmine J. Garcia this goes out to you! Since we're buds thru thick or thin, side by side like bowling pins I just wanted to say I wuv you super mucho bestie! Love AIMEE!

To my love Vanessa, Everything makes sense with you and brings me to peace with the world and each day I still fall more and more in love with you. Stay amazing Beautiful! I love you baby! -Jorge

Hi, my name is Julia. Want to say hi to my BFF Oscar, Ben, and Happy Valentines Day to all.

Happy Valentine's Day I love all my buddies Karina, Cristina, Maria, Jeet, Damian, Gabriel, the other Gabriel, Julian, Ashi, Alex, Pierre, Kathy, Luisa, Sonya, Ana, Mandy, Deyy, Jessie, Claudia, and Happy Birthday to Kiya and Tkeyah. ily from chela <3

To describe my love for you, there is no way. I have yet to cease to show it, From the day of the carnival to this very day.

OHAI ANNIE I too Pinky Promise 9.9.09 I love you <3 Big Brother.

To: Jasmine. The past 4 months have been great. So much fun. You're the best! I can't wait until Summer. <3 Love Liam.

Happy Valentines day Maritza, Alex, Jorge, Elizabeth, Jasmine, and Kevo. You guys are awesome. Love Ryan.

To the love of my life: I tried thinking of some words to tell you how much I love you but one will do: Coldplay. Alex: I love you, I hate you, but mostly I just love you.

Shout out to my people. To pretty girls & cool chill dudes People with art skill and lyrical skill 4th period lunch people, From Chewy 'Class of 2012' Div 275 I don't know why, but I love every last one of you! -Mama Isaacson

Noey, Zumiya Karen && Jasmine ily guys with all my heart <3 -Deersay Toca (:

Yousra, my wifey, mon amour, je t'aime. I hope you see this, and it makes your day! You are amazing and my new bestie. Happy Valentine's Day and good luck with you know who!! Love Love love your facebook wife <3

I LOVE RO! :) Happy Valentine's Day! From, Jocely

Sam, I love you. Happy Valentine's Day! I'm glad that this year for Valentine's Day, I'll have you. Forever and always, I promise. 892k9 <3 Love, Jennifer Huang

This goes out to my people who've been by my side since the beginning of H.S.: Lauren, Angella, Eric, Joan, Jerry, Rene, Leeza, and Nancy as well as every-one else who I have so much love for (You know who you are.) You are all very special and I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day! (And also to my new friend, P. Smith, thanks for being a very sweet start to my new year! <3)-Cherrell A.

I love all of you! -PATTY MOTA SORRY FOR THE STAB

To all my friends: I LOVE YOU GUYS! Specially Karen, Monica J, Jose E, Miguel, Nathalia, Jesus and Michael who brighten my day and have been there when I needed them the most. And never left me alone Love Mona.

When love is not madness, it's not love. (Pe-dra Calderon de la Barca). Happy Valentine's Day to all the Lane Tech people, from Z.Z.

Elizabeth, Jasmine, Kevin, and Ryan. You guys are amazing! I love you guys! Too many fun times and early morning snacks. Happy Valentines day! anonymous (you have to know what this is)

You are that special someone that has my heart tied in a knot and my stomach in a twirl. Je t'aime beaucoup. -Alexito ^\_^

# FRESHMEN

GRACE!!! Happy 5 months baby <33 I wana start this off by thanking you for making it the best five months I've ever had. And to think that it all started with an inflatable raft. I don't go a day without thinking how lucky I am to have you as my girlfriend, you're the best girl anyone could ever ask for. Even while writing this, remembering all of the amazing times we've shared together makes me miss you. I can't wait to see you before 5th cause I'm expecting a big hug and an even bigger kiss :) I just want everyone to know that I have the most adorable girlfriend anyone could ever have. I could be in the worst possible mood, but one smile from you is enough to turn my day around. I hope you realize how important you are to me baby. Happy Valentine's Day, 9/07/09 <3

Happy Valentines day Danielle Greco and Danielle Del Nadal! I love you two with all my heart!! you da best! GTL :) Love Grace Kerpan

Ashanty likes Jesus

To all my Orchestra people. Agnes, Lily, Linda,Jesus, and the rest of yall. You hit all of my right notes! Jk! Thanks for al the great work. Happy Valentine's. -Sam

Happy Valentine's Day Princess! - Teddy

Ms. Sebestyen loves her world Studies Class.

How many of you freshmen feel you have been personally victimized by Ben Palmer?

Jessica I think your super hot and I want you bad Love Juanito





# OTHEB

I love you Sean, Thea, Stephaniee, Hajar, Youstra, Heather, Georgia, Danielle, Zaya, Taylor, Aldina, Adam, Kaih Kahperf, Izzy, Kristie, Hayley, Elisa, Martha, Tess, Emma, Dylan, Maddy, Johnathan Jackson, and Erik! Love Clarissa	LT Slam Fl Lyfe! Good Luck @ LTAB!!	8:30 is awesome!	Happy Valentine's Day to ma girls I love yall and you know who you are XOXOXO -Love your SKKIP!!! P.S. I love Jamie Culen!	To who can decipher this code: it's 2L84U run when you can.
6th period-APUSH-of THEM. Keep up the outstanding effort this semester, and stay focused! From The Big B.O. (Benevolent One)-Mr. Ruckauf	Your whole godly being reminds me of the best song ever created, popularly known as "Foxy Lady." Garth my sweetie, I really do hope you enjoy your new life next door to me. FOREVER I will love you forever and ever Garth!	To KHB <3 Words cannot express our feelings for each of you. You are the cures to our ARAY! and our love will not PARTAY! You will always be in our hearts and never in our minds. ^ ^ -Kapamilva Habang Buhay Officers	While (we love AP computer Science) & System.out.println (your 5th period students loooove infinite loops!") ;) => You're an awesome teacher Mr. Law! -The DJ Class	To: LTVC - "The love my of my life is the love between my friends and I" In this case, the love between our club. This ain't no Viet Club, it's a Viet Love. I love you guys, my second family. <3 => -- Michelle Ng.
2nd period-APUSH-of THEM. Keep up the outstanding effort this semester, and stay focused! From The Big B.O. (Benevolent One)-Mr. Ruckauf	Mr. Was (: I've had the BIGGEST crush on you for the longest time!! <3	Ms. Ray = Best Division Teacher Ever! We love you! From: Julissa (along with Div. 181) Hernandez	To all the people who have crossed my path at Lane over the last 4-years and made my life here great: I LOVE YOU!!! Aleks, Tina, Sofi; Party On! Denise, mein Liebschen: Deutsche Leate, deutsches Bier, deutsche Party's sind besser mit dir. Liz: once your sunshine always your sunshine =>). Marita, mon amie argentinee, retourne deja! I miss you already. LT Swim Team: Swim strong guys. Grace: You made my life Nick + Nora's Infinite Playlist, I could ask for nothing more in a bst friend! Izzy: Gossipp, Girl's Nights, Boys, Ice Cream + eerything else that makes us amazing! Lots of Love, Podgers	Alex Alfaro, I Love You & You Bud- O.O Soft petals caress Blase thorns prick supple skin The plight of a rose  a poet
To Lane Tech Chinese Club! I love you guys. I had a great time this year. Class of 2010-Mitchel Happy Valentine's Day Xijias! Anah, Claudia, Nelly, Monica, Gena, and Becca! Love you crazy chicks a ton! -Tu madre	To My Heterosexual lifemate I LOVE YOU!!!!!!! I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!- Patre	Hey Boo! So I just want to say I think you're very sexy. You're a junior (I think) and I'm a senior. I see you walk by H to J afterschool and I really want you. :) You're always wearing black/gray/white Nikes and a black jacket & a Jansport book bag. Look for me between H to J afterschool if you're interested. :) - You're secret admirer	Mr. Hilmara loves Div. 048!!! Especially Tina, Caitlyn, Angelica!!	J2, Thanks for all your hard work on Issue 3! Keep it up! --Mr.J
Happy Valentine's Day, to the best division, 352  Love Ms. OJO :)	Dear chemistry department, Thanks for a wonderful year! You guys are awesome to work with! Sincerely, Thanks again for everything! => Mr. Reid	DanYo, Happy Valentines Day! =] - Asian Persuasion	Chi-Town, ova and out! I love my wolf pack: Summa Maloney and Tina Mashheddy! - Tanya Lasagna	LINCOLN IS LIFE LIFE IS LIFE YOU SIR ARE #1 ALWAYS
Celebrate Valentine's Day with a book of love poetry from your library. Happy Valentine's Day-Your librarians	WOMEN IN LIT- YOU ROCK XOXO Ms. Feuer	X Italiano 4: siete i migliori! Siete delle bestie!! E ricordatevi e sempre piu bello con il congiuntivo! PROF PAGA	MAY EVERYONE FIND YOUR LOVE - THEY ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER.... - MR. R. WEILER	TO THE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS: YOU'RE THE BEST! FROM YOUR SECRET ADMIRER
I love you Korean Club! You guys are my second family. -Chan Kho Kim	Majorettes I Love You!!! -Jalessa	Jensen you have the best smile and I have a crush on you. - :)	I love freshmen basketball team, the friendship KR3W, and Daniel Birt and James Angston, Joey Heath	Kyle, I'm sorry - Zach
Orlando be quiet in class Love Mr. Kern	Happy Valentines Day Girls Track and Field Team! Good Luck this season! - Boys Track Team	Dear Secret Lithium Club Lifetime Members. :) I will always cherish the wonderful opportunity of teaching & mentoring you.You guys are such terrific kids & I am confident that you will find success in all of your professional & personal endeavors. BTW, I think the world of all of you. I really do! =o)	LT WRESTLING <3 You guys are the best, this season has been so fun, I'm glad I decided to do this. Have a great Valentine's Day! Love always :)	J-1 will never live up to the 2010 J-2 legacy!
Table 3 Photography 8th period GUCCI CRAZY!!!	Happy Valentine's Day Kelly Amy Lig Becca Laura Natalie, and Catherine. Bandies for life! Kim and Emily, the not so band but awesome people. Saleha (my syllyha) and yellow. Ms Twohill, Mr. Obrien, and Mr. Flyat, the best band directors in the world! Alex, Caitlin, Ellen, Jacyten, Zargie. Tessie and Allison. I love you guys all so much and hope you have an amazing Valentines Day. Love Kate	HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO THE BEST GUITAR ENSEMBLE IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO! ALL MY BEST- MR. SWEET	Erik P. will you be my valentine? - From Someone in J-2 P	
OMG! Congratulations to 8th period AP Psych on winning 1st Semester oral quizzes. You are swell. To Karl, George, and Leo: the three guys who have made Italian oh so memorable! Luv you guys tantissimo!-Tina	Fernanda , I love you and I want to be with you FOREVER! Love, PM	Edwin Luciano Vasquez! Yasnai Caridad Rodriguez! I <3 U!! You too are everything to me! For realz. IDK what I would do without you two!! - Brazelfrat/Pancake!	Happy Valentine's Day to all Psychology Club members! :) - Love (your officers)	
OMG, I Love All my classes, especially 2nd period. Love, Ms. Ray Alle mie classi di Italiano 2: siete bravissimi e vi adoro! Studiate! PROF PAGA	Nelma you make my eyes glitter. -- Karen P.S- Sadeta you too... (NOT) :) P.P.S- Berenice u are an awesome lunch buddy P.P.P.S- Ange and Hiathem- I like instigating P.P.P.P.S- Nader u rock P.P.P.P.P.S- Katie, I'm excited about graduation P.P.P.P.P.P.S- Sadeta I'm rily just sad we dont eat together this yr :) P.P.P.P.P.P.P.S- Mr. Johnson I'm sorry I dont like u when u return my stories P.P.P.P.P.P.P.P.S- Tally... It's on YOUR forehead!	Dear Mr. Rybicki's mustache, We miss you and we love you. Please come home. Love Alex, Skyler, Alek, Patrick, Joey, Derell, Kyle, and the entire drafting class of 2010 2011 and 2012	I LOVE YOU, KAREN RONDERO. I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE. AND I KNOW YOUR MOM.	
Dear: Alexis Morin & Alyssa Jaclyn Vasquez, I love you both more than my own mother. lol. This year would've been hell without you guys. Us three forver. <3 --Gaby.	Valentines Day is the greatest I hope you all enjoy it too.		To Ms. Callahan We love you -4th period	
Happy Valentines Day!	Nelma will you go to prom with me? - Your Soul Mate			
Babe you're my one and only From now and after I'm old and ugly And if I ever get so old I forget your name I'll be sure to write it on my hand. Your chemistry Monster				



Happy Valentine's Day  
from the Warrior staff



# From chicken to boots, students can get it for free

By Karen Baena

It's fourth period lunch and Monica Garcia, Div. 266, is about to steal a packet of gum at Jewel. She walks over to the gum rack and chooses her favorite gum, Polar Ice. She takes it, feeling the plastic, focusing on finding the ridge in between plastic that will allow her to rip it off easily.

She heads over to the gift card section and picks up a random \$20 eBay card. She feigns interest. Her other hand has already snuck the gum packet under the gift card. Her hands and the card shield the gum. No one notices that the plastic has been torn off. Monica looks over her shoulder and, reassured that no one is watching, she pockets the gum sticks.

Getting rid of the box and bar code, she assumes no alarm will ring as she exits the building.

According to [www.shopliftingprevention.org](http://www.shopliftingprevention.org), one in every 11 people shoplifts. Teens are responsible for 25% of all shoplifting.

D'Arcy Lyness, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Editor for [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org) and Child and Adolescent Psychologist, classifies shoplifting into two categories.

First there are the amateur or casual shoplifters. Casual shoplifters tend not to have intentions of stealing; they just seize available shoplifting opportunities.

Then there are the pros. They usually take more expensive items, like clothing and jewelry.

## The small timers

Shoplifting is common enough at Lane that in 2008 an economics class designed a tee shirt with a list titled, "You know you go to Lane when..." and one of the 10 sayings was "You are warned to not steal chicken from Jewel."

"Everything tastes better stolen," said Jonathan McGee, Div. 034, who was a shoplifter his freshmen year.

He would walk into Jewel on a regular basis and walk out with a full stomach and no receipt.

One day during his freshman year, he walked in, grabbed a sausage pizza, a grape Fanta, and a pack of gum. As he walked through the aisles he would leave his wrappers behind. He was heading out after leaving his unfinished pop on a shelf when a man approached him and took him to a back room.

McGee was presented with the evidence: the pizza box, the gum packet missing one piece of gum, and the opened pop. McGee had to pay for the merchandise, they called his mother, and for the remainder of the year McGee feared walking into Jewel.

"My mom made me pay, and then we didn't talk the whole way home," McGee said. "She called my grandma and we read the Bible together. [The] funny thing is I ended up working at Jewel."

Nathalia Mercado, Div. 264, has also stolen from Jewel.

"I needed lip gloss, and I was already buying food. I didn't have enough money," Mercado said. "It's not right to pay 10 dollars for lip gloss."

Garcia began shoplifting at Jewel last year.

"I had bad influences, but I've stopped," Garcia said.

Garcia's specialty was stealing gum, and she found it easy to get away with stealing it.

## The Pros

A Lane student, who we will only be referred to as Mercado, started off as a petty thief.

"I've been shoplifting since the beginning of times," Mercado said. "It was after sophomore year that it became a habit. Now I steal anything I can get my hands on."

Mercado believes it is her innocent looks that have aided her in keeping a "never been caught" record.

Jessica O., who chose not to disclose her division number, began her shoplifting career about a year ago. All her friends were doing it so she shoplifted as well. Now she steals "everything from make-up to clothes to food."

One of the most impressive things she has managed to steal is a pair of boots. She ripped off the tags, stuffed the boots in her bag, and walked out of Target.

"When I steal something I feel like I accomplished something big," O said. "I've been lucky enough to not have been caught."

For these two "pro" shoplifters it is crucial to find the right environment. Both prefer stores like Hollister where stealing is easy.

"It's easy [to shoplift]. Hollister is perfect because it's dark and the workers are into their own conversations," Mercado said.

## Disorder or bad habits?

There is a real disorder called kleptomania, which is the compulsive urge to steal, regardless of value or importance. However, according to [www.bipolarcenter.com](http://www.bipolarcenter.com) less than 5% of all reported shoplifting is actually committed by kleptomaniacs.

Students have various motivations to shoplift: peer pressure, lack of money, the thrill and rush of getting away with it, and even the attention they may receive.

"I had bad influences. My friends were doing it so I did it too," Garcia said.

Garcia no longer steals, but she was fortunate enough never

# Shoplifting 101

(assembled with the help of Lane shoplifters)

- \* Enter casually/Leave casually
- \* Look around Beware of "mystery shoppers" (they stay close and keep you in sight)
- \* Cut off plastic alerts (if you know how to)
- \* Do not be obvious keep your cool
- \* Look around every two seconds (using peripheral vision)
- \* Check camera angles, then stay away from their line of sight
- \* Enter with a crowd- avoid drawing attention
- \* Pretend you are on the phone as you exit

# \* Do not get caught

(ruled #1 by pros and small timers alike)

\*The Warrior does not endorse the use of these methods.

to get caught when she did. Not all shoplifters have the same luck.

The consequences of getting caught shoplifting are predictable: One must pay for the merchandise, and might earn a criminal record.

The bigger picture is that shoplifting increases the price of merchandise. Stores realize that shoplifting will occur and raise prices in order to make up for lost profits.

According to [www.onlinelawyersource.com](http://www.onlinelawyersource.com), the average family in America spends \$300 every year in order to make up for the cost of what shoplifters steal.

At Lane, stealing students have been drawn to shoplifting due to the thrill, peer pressure, or even because of the financial aspect of the situation.

Mercado (the pro) does not think there is a reason to pay \$50 for a shirt that probably cost less than \$10 to make, and will not spend money on "ridiculously priced things."

"[I can use my money] to help out the family," Mercado said. "Everyone needs food, and there's school to pay for, that's more important."

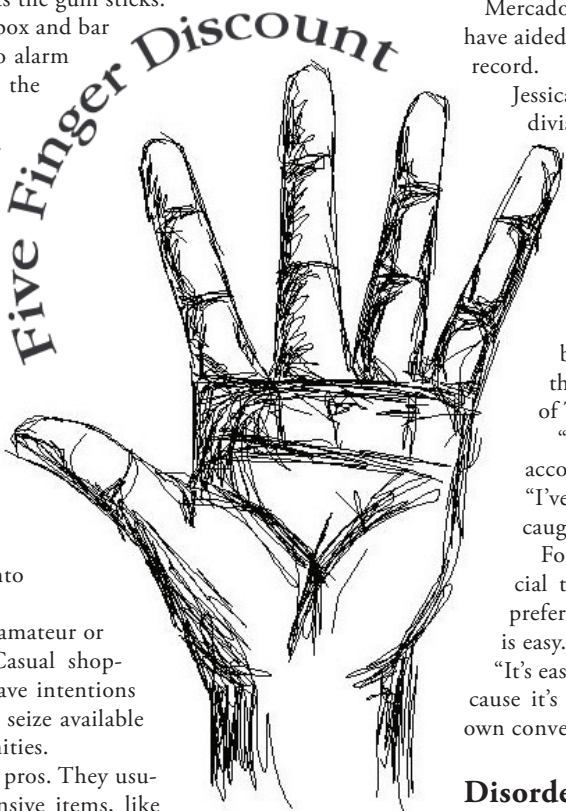
Some students do not think "the ends justify the means."

"I think it's so low [to steal]," Marianna Rivera, Div. 178, said. "If you can afford to pay for it, then pay for it. There is no reason to resort to [stealing]. Get a job, apply for government funding, there is help."

Others choose not to steal because it makes them feel guilty.

Heena Jaffri, Div. 178, stole a Tootsie roll at the age of five because her brother would not buy it for her. She was never able to eat her tootsie roll. Her conscience got in the way.

"I felt bad, it's not right to steal," Jaffri said. "Plus it's a commandment: 'Thou shall not steal.'"



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# Student poll: Top 5 Date Ideas

Lane students Top 3 date choices were clear. Genders disagreed, however, on the 4th and 5th choices.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place goes to.... Go Out To A Movie And Get Dinner
- 2nd- DVD Night
- 3rd- Make A Romantic Dinner Together

## Boys

4th- Get Ice Cream Together

5th- Go On A Tour Of The City (John Hancock, Navy Pier, Millenium Park, Willis Tower, etc.)

## Girls

4th- Go On A Walk On The Beach

5th- Go Ice Skating

# Infidelity brings relationships to an end

By Ashley Grant

Cheating hurts and it's one thing many don't want to experience. "She said we gotta talk. 'You know that bar in Tel Aviv with the big red cones?' I instantly knew what she was gonna say. My heart sank and felt like a knife went through it. She said she was drunk, but please. That is never an excuse to cheat. [I think] she wanted an easy out," said Nicholas Bruscato, Div. 021, explaining how he found out the first time he was cheated on.

Bruscato is not the only student who has had this experience of cheating within the relationship.

"In eighth grade I thought I was head over heels for my best friend. When he finally asked me out I was the happiest girl in the world and I called it love," said Elexic Ruiz, Div. 163. "But then he cheated on me and for a long time I thought I would never be able to move on from it."

Although Bruscato found out that he was cheated on by his girlfriend telling him herself, Ruiz had to find out a harder way.

"His ex girlfriend told me [that he cheated on me with her]. She felt so bad about what happened that she just came out and told me what happened. After that we started to become really close and became best friends" said Ruiz.

Being cheated on can affect people in emotionally taxing ways.

"It did change me as a person and I had a different perspective on people and myself [and] what I wanted in a girl and who I looked for. I also learned to never ever cheat, just be honest and upfront if you're unhappy," said Bruscato.

"It definitely changed me. I had a whole new perspective on guys and how their sweet fronts are just hiding how cruel they can really be. I found out the hard way that there is no such thing as a perfect guy," said Ruiz.

For those that do the cheating, they have a different view and experience.

"I was with this guy for almost a year. Things just weren't the same and I got sick of him. I didn't really have a reason to [cheat]. I just did," said Jetzi Calvin, Div. 037. "I knew it was going to end badly anyway. He wasn't too heartbroken. Guys don't really care. They'll get over it."

Soon after, Calvin's secret was revealed. "Stuff goes around quick in high school. Someone ran and snitched on my game. Nothing bad happened to me. He just found out what happened," said Calvin.

Deema Karaman's, Div. 152, reasons for cheating were much different and more for revenge.

"He cheated on me with someone in the beginning of our relationship and after that I cheated on him with one of my ex boyfriends. It was a one time thing. But since he cheated on me, I felt a little bit better, but honestly he still doesn't know," said Karaman.

Anna Fiorentino, Div. 026, explains her accidental kiss with one of her friends, which she never let her boyfriend find out about.

"I can honestly say I didn't have any big plans behind it [cheating]. I felt stupid and insensitive but not entirely regretful. I guess I saw it as a wake up call. Had I actually felt strongly about my boyfriend, I wouldn't have even considered doing it, let alone followed through," said Fiorentino.

Those who have cheated explain the mixed emotions that come with their experiences.

"I didn't care [about cheating] and its not something I'm proud of or

anything. I guess it just happened," said Calvin.

"Cheating did make me feel low at the point when I did it. But I definitely learned from it," said Karaman.

"I didn't exactly give myself a pat on the back for this. Sure I felt bad though. I wasn't a bad person then and I am not a bad person now. Not to say I'm apathetic but it just wasn't monumental," said Fiorentino.

Students have different views on whether cheating is right or wrong.

"[Cheating] is never okay. People our age should be able to realize that once you start looking outside of your relationship then it needs to come to an end. Part of growing up is taking others feelings into consideration even if it jeopardizes your own wants," said Fiorentino.

"Cheating isn't okay, but people aren't perfect and cheating happens all the time. Some people are just better at hiding it than others," said Calvin.

"I don't think cheating is okay. I think that if you're going to cheat on someone, just let them go and you can do whatever you want. It's so cruel to be in a relationship and cheat. That's what being single is for," said Ruiz.

"Cheating is never okay and never justified!" said Bruscato.

Even though some students were hurt by being cheated on, or hurt the person by doing it, most relationships ended badly.

"We split up fairly soon after. It wouldn't have been right to string [him] along. My ex and I are now friends, which is sort of a relief," said Fiorentino.

"[We broke up] after he cheated on me. I just couldn't look at him the same. I was so angry that I had put so much emotion into those five months for him to go kiss somebody else," said Ruiz.

"Things were awkward for a while; we broke up and didn't talk for weeks. Then we got back together, and then we broke up again," said Calvin.

Although cheating tore some relationships apart, for others it had different consequences.

"Our relationship grew after that actually. I felt bad and I didn't

talk to my ex [the guy I cheated on my boyfriend with]. I focused more on my boyfriend," said Karaman.

"After she cheated we stayed together. I was naïve and she still liked me," said Bruscato.

People who do cheat also do not necessarily think it is the right thing to do, but they have learned from it.

"Cheating is the most disgusting thing ever. I hate it and I hate people who do it. I felt terrible when I did it and it was the one and only time I will ever cheat," said Karaman.

"I felt bad for like two seconds, but you can't beat yourself up for it either," said Calvin.

"If I learned anything from the whole thing, it would be that nothing good can come out cheating. It's not worthwhile. It's just a hollow action. I don't see myself being a repeat offender," said Fiorentino.

To many being in a relationship means commitment. However when things go wrong it helps people realize what they really want.

"Relationships hit lots of obstacles and challenges. If you really love and care for someone you'd forgive them [for cheating]. But if it's a reoccurring issue in a relationship, that's another story and you should probably cut them loose as soon as possible," said Calvin.



By Carolina DeSouza

# Students claim friends as children, spouses on Facebook

By Julie Dimas

Normally, holding someone's hand, changing your status to "in a relationship," exchanging rings, or running for the cutest couple would not be considered a new trend. However, at Lane there has been a new trend that involves doing all of the above with your closest friends.

Nowadays, close friends go to social networks, such as Facebook, to declare their love for each other. They change their relationship status to "married," "in a relationship," or "it's complicated" with their closest friends as inside jokes.

The reason behind this social fad is simple according to various students who have acknowledged that they are a part of it.

"I think it shows how close of a relationship you have with [your friends] because it also shows that you're comfortable enough to let the whole Facebook world know that you are "in a relationship/married/engaged, etc.," Alexis Morin, Div. 030, said.

Mabel Martinez, Div. 048, agrees.

"I think it's becoming more popular among people without them even noticing, but I don't think it's a big deal. It's just a new way to let someone know that you care about them," she said.

Although this trend may not seem all that weird, some people push their fake relationships further than Facebook.

"[My friend Zulma & I] always pretend like we're married, or

we'll hold hands in the hallway. She gave me this ring one day that looks like an engagement ring. When people would ask, I would tell them that my fiancé gave it to me, and they would just look at me weird, but I didn't care," Lourdes Guillen, Div. 044, said.

Others even hoped to run for cutest couple, even though they weren't seriously committed to the other person.

"[My friend and I] decided to run for cutest couple because [she and I] thought that we were cute together because we are both short, and we just wanted that memory of being together," Fabiola Lucero, Div. 044, said. "I felt a little bummed out [when we couldn't run], but I understood that it was for 'real' couples."

Even though these fake relationships may seem harmless at first, they have caused some misunderstandings to arise.

"My friend from grammar school, whom I haven't talked to in a year, found me on Facebook and asked if I was really bisexual, and if I actually had a girlfriend," said Morin.

While some people care, others don't mind the confusion.

"Once in a while, [my friend and I] hold hands just because our hands meet. [One day],

we walked into Jewel holding hands on our way to buy food. Then this lady [who worked there] saw us holding hands and asked if we were lesbians. We told her 'yeah' and she was like 'naw' [you're not]. Now, every time we see her there we hold

# Hidden relationships cause stress, adrenaline rush

By Nistha Tamrakar

Ange Angarita, Div. 036, hid inside a Starbucks coffee shop for an hour and a half for her boyfriend, Hiathem Hamdan, Div. 168 to arrive. However, he was not late. Hamdan was returning her coat and purse she had left in his house while sneaking out the door, so his mom would not catch them together. He had to quietly leave the house later on, so his mom would not be suspicious. This type of sneaky behavior is common among teens involved in forbidden relationships.

Today, there are many teens whose parents forbid them from having a relationship. Many are not allowed to date due to cultural, religious, and maturity reasons. Still, many find tricks to sneak out, talk, and keep a relationship going.

Ajeema Mansuri, Div. 356, isn't allowed to date at all because her parents are very strict about keeping a good reputation within their family.

"They don't want me to have a boyfriend because then people in my family will talk and eventually drama will happen within my family," said Mansuri.

Mansuri has been dating her boyfriend for nine months. Throughout her relationship, she has familiarized herself with using various techniques to keep her relationship hidden from her parents.

"Whenever I go out with my boyfriend, I always tell my parents that I am out with my friends," said Mansuri. "But then they usually end up calling me to ask what me what my friends and I are up to, so I tell my mom to hold on and I call one of my friends and three way them with my mom. This makes it look like my friend is next to me and my mom will be assured I am with them."

Others have taken precautionary methods to hide the communication within their relationship.

"I have to change all my settings for my Facebook profile, said Kristin W., Div 371.

"My mom is always looking through

my computer, so I make sure everything is on private because she is very paranoid when it comes to high school girls and boys."

"I changed my boyfriend's name on my phonebook to a random girl's name," said Paulina W., Div. 373. "I always have to lie about meeting with him, and delete all my texts daily."

"I bought a prepaid phone just so I can talk to my boyfriend without my dad knowing," said an anonymous sophomore. "I have a family plan so my dad gets the bill and he can see how long I talked for to any number. I want to avoid the whole interrogation from my dad about who I am talking to for so long at night."

Some students have encountered incidents where they were nearly caught.

Maliha Khan, Div. 048, experienced a situation where she was confident that she would not get caught. However, she almost did.

"My parents went to work and I had the house all by myself," said Khan. "I told my boyfriend to come over and he did. My parents have cameras set up at work and we can monitor them from our computer at home. So while my boyfriend and I hung out at my house, I check numerous times on the computer to make sure my parents are still at work," said Khan. "However, I guess I forgot to check again and next thing you know I hear my front door open. My dad yells out, 'Maliha! I'm home.' As soon as I heard his voice my heart dropped. I shoved my boyfriend

into the closet and he hid there for 20 minutes. I went to talk to my dad and acted normal. Then when my dad finally went to his room, my boyfriend ran out the back door," said Khan.

Hiding guys in the closet is typical for movies and TV shows, but many people never realize that the same situation can occur to

them.

"Whenever I watch shows like that, I had always told myself 'Wow, I would never be as stupid as that girl,' said Berenice Arista, Div. 020. "Then again, it could happen to me, and hiding a boy in my closet can end up being my last resort."

At first, secret relationships can feel mysterious and exciting; arranging dates outside normal hang-outs and restaurants and trying other methods. After a while, however, the secrecy of the relationships becomes a chore. There is constant fear, which can close the door to true intimacy and ruin the relationship before it really has a chance to begin.

"When I did have a boyfriend, I always worried that he might end our relationship because there was always constant stress in everything we did because I was paranoid that my parents would catch me," said Arista.

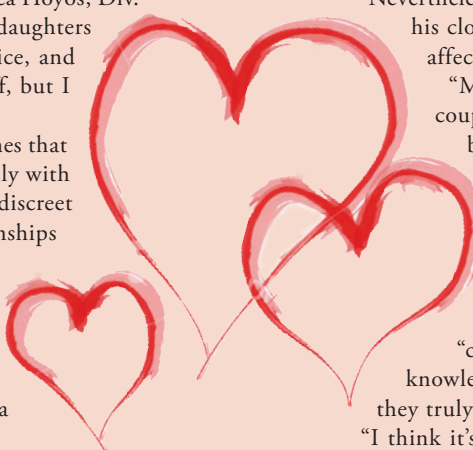
"Lately, I have been feeling that I would like to end my relationship with my boyfriend of eight months," said an anonymous junior. "I have been thinking about my future and I can't ever bring myself to tell my family about the relationship because I am only allowed to marry a guy within my culture, so therefore I feel it has no future. Although I care for him,

I don't see the point in carrying this on with all the risks it involves."

Still, many continue with such hidden relationships because they are in love with their boyfriend/girlfriend.

Many believe that if they have been able to hide it so far, then they can continue.

"My parents have had no suspicion at all, and it's been almost a year," said Mansuri. "For now, I'm just going to keep using the same tricks and methods I have been using and maybe create new ones as I need to."



he considers him a brother.

"When I got a girlfriend, he was the first person that I called. I was like, 'Oh my God! Guess what?'" Ayala said. "That's how our friendship is. I could just express myself [with him]. I could say anything to him without worrying [about] how he's going to react."

Nevertheless, he also acknowledged that sometimes his close relationship with his friend, Tony, has affected his other close relationships.

"My girlfriend is always like, 'You look like a couple.' In a way it seems like I have both—a boy friend and a girlfriend. It's weird...I don't think they like each other because I don't know how to share my time with both of them," Ayala said.

In the end, regardless of whether close friends decide to be "in a relationship," be "siblings," be each other's "children," or be "just bros," they all acknowledge that they do it to show how much they truly care about each other.

"I think it's a growing trend because a lot of people think of their friends as like another family," Grecia Ocampo, Div. 041, said. "Not to get cheesy, but that's how I see my friends. With my friends we have a 'mom' and 'dad' and other family members. It's pretty funny. I don't really think it's that big of a deal. I mean, at the end of the day, we're still friends even without getting 'married.'"



# Busy work schedules mean less time with parents for Lane students

By Safiya Merchant

For Kamile Sutaite, Div. 156, not seeing her father for a few days at a time is completely normal. Since he is a construction worker, he often has to fulfill jobs in other states. Like Kamile, many Lane students must endure parental absence in order for their parents to support their families.

According to J. Heymann, author of *The Widening Gap: Why America's Working Families are in Jeopardy and What Can Be Done About It*, non-standard work schedules can be so physically exhausting that they hinder parents' abilities to nurture their children's development. Mrs. Andros, a Lane counselor, agrees with this assessment.

"When kids don't have parental support at home, it affects their work," said Andros. "They think they can get away with more things. Their grades could drop because they feel that their parents don't support them emotionally and academically. They could start feeling lonely and depressed and it could show

in their work and demeanor."

In some students' households, Heymann's observation is apparent.

"Some people have parents who each day [say], 'Do your homework.' My parents don't do that and they leave me to be more independent about my work. I sometimes don't do my work completely. [When I lived in Lithuania, my mom worked a whole month in Russia and [I would only see her three days per month], said Sutaite. "I didn't have a female role model at all. [That's why] I guess I don't really know how to act around girls. I have better friendships with guys."

"My dad prints designs. He works pretty much the whole week...about ten hours per day. I leave [for school] before he gets home and by the time I come back, he's already left for work," said Luis Villalobos, Div. 021. "It doesn't really matter if he's there or not because either way, I don't really interact with him [since he sleeps when he is home]."

"As a little kid, [my parents] worked less. Before, we used to have nice dinners and my mom cooked everyday.

Now, she's really tired [when she comes home from work] and she'll eat a little, watch TV, and fall asleep," said Jessica Roman, Div. 034.

Due to the absence of parents, extra responsibilities often fall onto the shoulders of students.



"I have to take care of [my younger brother] more. I have to give him dinner, help him with his homework, and make him go to bed," said Kasia Doroz, Div. 365.

"I have to babysit my little siblings till [my mom] comes home. I don't get to go out with my friends or get to focus on my homework as much," said Casandra Perez, Div. 163.

Once accustomed to their parents'

schedules, some students were able to accept that they could not always be with their parents.

"I don't see [my parents' long work schedules] as a bad thing. For me, it's something that's necessary or we're not gonna eat tonight," said Roman.

However, others still desire more quality time with their parents.

"If he wasn't working so hard, I would like [to spend time with my dad] cause my dad's fun and he cracks a lot of jokes," said Villalobos.

Like those who wish for more time with their parents, parents themselves often regret that they have lost memories and time with their children.

"Yes, I've been disappointed to miss a nursery school play, a choir concert here and there," said Ms. Thompson, English teacher. "[However], one of the things that help [my] children to grow is for them to have independence and have room to stretch on their own."

Despite the difficulties that work schedules present to families, many students attempt to keep their family together and aware of each other's lives.

"Me and my mom try to keep it [a relationship] up. Sundays are our family day. [We] stay at home and talk or we go somewhere together," said Roman.

"[We] make it up over the weekend. We cook together, go shopping, or go out and eat as a family," said Doroz.

Mr. Cox, Lane's social worker, states that from the students he has seen at Lane, he thinks that parents' work schedules are not as harmful as they seem. It can even positively affect adolescents.

"Those kids are forced to take on parental responsibilities and become more independent," said Cox. [From what I've seen], they've really stepped up, and it doesn't hinder them. For the most part, for kids at Lane, I really don't believe it's a deterrent."

According to Sutaite, watching her parents work has taught her a valuable lesson. If she does not receive an education, she, like her parents, will have to get a job that requires a long work schedule and affects family life.

## Teachers utilize games in lesson plans to help students succeed

By Nader Ihmoud

At Lane, many teachers have come up with unique ways to help students review for upcoming tests and quizzes. Some play educational games such as "jeopardy" or "battle of the sexes."

Creating a lively classroom environment is essential for every teacher. Many students tend to get distracted easily in class, especially before an upcoming quiz or test. Therefore, teachers create fun activities to help students retain the information they need in order to do well on a quiz or test.

Mrs. Reedy, a history teacher, is one of many teachers at Lane who has created her own game to aid students. She plays a review game with her freshmen. However, it is not a typical review game because every student must be prepared to answer a question at any given moment.

"It's a review that everyone has to answer, so no one can space out," said Reedy.

Reedy's students are seated in rows of four. Each student has to write his or her answers on a sheet of paper. Then, Reedy begins checking the students' answers. She goes around the class until she finds the student with the right answer. Points are given appropriately.

Many students find these games motivational and helpful on the day of a test.

"When I am taking a test I remember something funny that happened while we were playing the game and it helps me remember the answer to the question," said Steven Fiumefreddo, Div. 053.

However, there are other teachers that play games that are not always just focused on benefiting the students' test and quiz scores. Some games are played to broaden students' knowledge about

the world.

Mr. Bertenshaw, an English teacher, plays a trivia game with his students on a daily basis.

"Students get to interact in a casual way," said Bertenshaw.

The game is set up boys vs. girls. Each day, each team gets the opportunity to answer a trivia question. If they get it correct, their team earns one point. The first team to earn 21 points wins the game. The losing team has to buy the winning team donuts. While serving the donuts to the winning team, they must also say, 'You are much smarter than we are. It is a pleasure to serve you.'

"It builds humor among the students, and with less structure the students ease up a bit," said Bertenshaw.

Bertenshaw has been playing this game with students for 17 years. However, he has changed things up this year. Instead of playing the game with all his English classes, he has decided to only

play it with his division.

Mr. Yadao, another English teacher, plays a game called, "Mr. Yadzle's Review Game". It is based off of the TV game show, Jeopardy.

"Students thrive on competition. The more competition the better," said Yadao.

Mr. Markese, a math teacher, also plays a review based on Jeopardy. His version is titled, "Math Jeopardy."

"Every single kid is smiling, attentive, and involved," said Markese.

The math department's geometry classes hold a "March Madness" type tournament. The competition is set in a class vs. class format. Each class splits in half, and half of the class switches to another class's room.

Geometry-related questions are asked and the winners receive bragging rights. The main purpose of the game is to help students prepare for their upcoming geometry tests, and, mainly, finals.

"It helped us review all the concepts we learned in class," said Daisy Chavez, Div. 053. "We had review sheets before the game. We went over everything."

Mr. Escudier, a history teacher, used to play a review game with his students, but decided to discontinue it.

"It was getting rowdy and test scores were not going up," said Escudier.

Despite many claims that these games are helpful, some students still do not find them effective.

Joshua Pinto, Div. 040, remembers playing a jeopardy review game in his Trigonometry class. He was not pleased with the results.

"It was not helpful," said Pinto. "You needed to know the material [to be successful in the game], either you know it or you do not."

Games are one of the many methods that teachers have begun to employ to increase the success and interest of their students.

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# Biracial students struggle to fight stereotypes of identity

By Vanessa Landa

Black, white, brown, and yellow; they are not just colors, but what some people see when they look at others.

Many students place racial labels on their peers after only looking at their physical appearance.

For biracial students, this way of thinking is often offensive.

Sarah Clark, Div. 020, is of Caucasian and Mexican descent. Her mother is Mexican and her father is Caucasian, but she looks Caucasian.

"No one believes [that I'm Mexican] because of my fair skin," said Clark. "When people see my mom, they think that I was adopted. It is upsetting because there is no way to prove it."

Clark is not the only one that, when seen, is categorized as only one ethnicity.

When Ingrid Hagen-Richardson, Div. 042, is seen, most people guess her ethnicity incorrectly.

"When people look at me they think I'm Middle Eastern, Puerto Rican, or even Native American," said Hagen-Richardson. "They are then surprised to learn that I'm German and Black and think it is a strange [mix]."

While this constant fight to prove one's identity is difficult, some students have no problem balancing their different cultures.

For instance, Battle Moran, Div. 152, who is Palestinian and Australian, was taught about both of his cultures.

"My mom tried teaching me Arabic when I

was little and my dad taught me how to surf," said Moran. "They didn't want me to be just an American guy. They wanted me to embrace both cultures."

"I consider myself both Hispanic and Native American," said Mercedes Aponte, Div. 028.

"My family goes to Pow Wows (social gathering of Native Americans), and we celebrate Hispanic holidays."

On the other hand, not every student embraces both cultures.

According to Ashley Lindauer, Div. 034, she is more German than Mexican.

"I consider myself to only be German," said Lindauer. "I have lived with my mom for almost my whole life and my dad wasn't really around much."

Angella Ellis, Div. 255, who is of a German, Hungarian, Polish, and African American descent, finds herself in a similar situation.

"I consider myself to be mostly black because I was raised by my black family," said Ellis.

Sometimes, being multicultural has its benefits. For instance, Aponte will receive financial assistance from the government because she is half Native American.

"I can get a lot of help in college," said Aponte. "The government will send me money each year

after I graduate high school."

"A positive of being biracial is learning two languages," said Layla Anderson, Div. 285, who is Japanese and African-American. "The only thing about that is sometimes I accidentally [mix the languages together]."

"I think it's cool to be mixed," said Moran. "It's something the chicks like."

Despite these positive aspects of being multi-

cultural, some students find themselves torn between the different cultures.

"I think it's difficult to find myself culturally because I don't really know which culture to

identify more with," said Lindauer.

"I sometimes wish I was one ethnicity because people always like to question me about it," said Ellis. "I get really annoyed when people ask me because I don't think it matters, even if they're just curious about it."

Sometimes families also contribute to the difficulties of being multicultural.

"During the holidays, [when there are family parties] sometimes my parents fight," said Hagen-Richardson. "My dad then decides to stay and not go with us. I don't like it because I want him to be with me."

"Sometimes my dad feels left out of things because I grew up more with my mom's cultural side," said Aishah Afzal, Div. 048, whose mother is Dominican and Puerto Rican and father is Pakistani.

These family conflicts can escalate to the point where family members pressure students to choose a side.

"My black family members would sometimes want me to choose their side, but I don't want to because I like the mix," said Ellis.

"My family members don't make me choose, but there is definitely a lot of pressure from both sides," said Lindauer. "The kind of pressure I get [on my German side] would be subtle things like [them saying] 'You were raised by us, so you are more us than you are them' type of thing."

*"No one believes that I'm Mexican because of my fair skin. When people see my mom, they think that I was adopted. It's upsetting because there's no way to prove it."*  
- Sarah Clark

# Janitors share stories of after hours at Lane

By Alejandra Jimenez

The sound of wheels gliding across the floors of Lane after hours belongs to none other than Lane's janitorial workers pushing garbage cans.

The people pushing these garbage cans keep Lane clean, but these people go unnoticed by many students.

No one really knows who the Lane janitors are, and some of them want to keep it that way.

From 3:30 pm to 11:30 pm, janitors are at Lane cleaning up after everyone.

Not only do they clean, but they also have other jobs separate from Lane.

"I'm at home [when I'm not here], taking care of kids, cooking, cleaning, and running errands," said Ana Sanchez.

"[I] work in a building downtown cleaning a kitchen," said an anonymous janitor who works on the third floor. "I [only] sleep 4 hours."

"I am going to school to be a teacher," said an anonymous janitor. "Once I get my degree, I am out of here."

Many janitors work at Lane as their main job, while others work as substitutes, filling in where needed when other janitors are away.

"I was going to be a teacher, but things got hard," said an anonymous janitor. "I needed a job right away. I did have two janitor jobs, but I was fired because there was no one to help me. I was by myself."

"[I've been here] two weeks," said Sanchez. "I am a sub-janitor. I sub for a janitor when they have a day off. I get sent to different schools."

Working late hours can sometimes be creepy, especially when there is no one else in the school.

One anonymous janitor, who has worked at Lane for three years, said that she has seen ghosts.

"They are friendly ghosts," she said.

"Once in awhile when I was by myself by the main gym, I would be sitting and see a red and white jersey walk by me."

Although she has seen ghosts, other janitors have not. Instead, they have seen some pretty disgusting things left behind in lockers and around school.

"I have found cartons of milk, cans of juice sitting in lockers for weeks or months," said an anonymous janitor.

"I have seen kids saliva in the water fountain," said Bertha Letestna. "I don't clean it, but others do."

"While cleaning I have found blood in the bathrooms," said an anonymous janitor.

Some janitors have been going from school to school or have been cleaning as a job for most of their life.

"I used to work at Foreman for 10 or 12 years," said an anonymous janitor. "Certain circumstances landed me at Lane."

"I used to work cleaning a kitchen

downtown," said a third-floor janitor. "[Total Facility Maintenance] brought me here."

Picking up after teenagers can be a hard job, especially if they do not respect what janitors do.

Students who stay late after school hours tend to see janitors at work everywhere. Some students say a simple hello when they walk by, while others just pass on

by or even throw more trash on the ground.

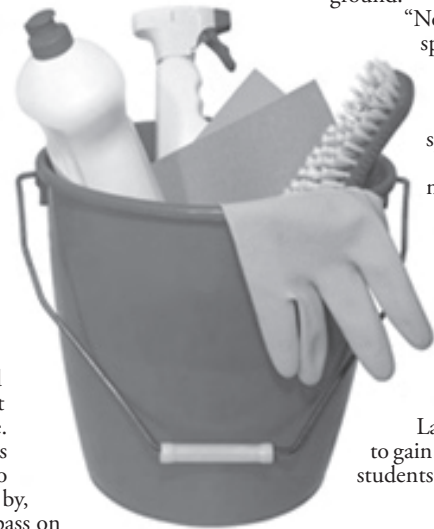
"No, [I don't feel respected]," said third-floor janitor.

"[They] only talk [to me] when spoken to."

"If I don't bother no one, they [the students] are nice," said Letestna.

"When they see me, sometimes they help," said an anonymous janitor.

Lane's janitors hope to gain more respect from students in the future.



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# Economics classes try to turn profit

By Jessica Barajas

For the past six years Mr. Vlahos, History teacher, has been challenging his economics students to come up with business ideas that will help them develop a sense of entrepreneurship. This hands-on activity allows students to create their own companies and even make a hard earned profit from their money-making ideas.

Previous businesses constructed by former students have included the following: Lane wrist bands which are now sold in the school store, dog chains, t-shirts that read "You know you go to lane when...", and the dodge ball tournament.

According to Vlahos, his students from previous years have made up to \$1000 from t-shirts and other products. Last year's dodge ball tournament made a little over \$800. Vlahos said that he does not keep any of the earnings. Students that are a part of the projects are the only ones who keep the profits and this is possible through

commission or dividends.

Cody Malonzo, Div. 023, and his economics class decided to hold an event rather than sell a product last year. Malonzo was one of the chief executives of the profitable dodge ball tournament. He was the one who suggested the idea of the tournament despite the fact that they were time limited in organizing the whole thing.

"I thought it was pretty well organized seeing how we only [created] it in four days," said Malonzo.

This year, Vlahos' fifth and eighth periods have begun brainstorming for new business ideas. Each class has to create their own business in which they believe a profit can be made.

Although the two classes operate separately, they are not competing against one another as most establishments do.

Students in fifth period are planning on

selling a Lane t-shirt that will show Lane spirit.

On the other hand, students in Vlahos' eighth period are considering the possibility of hosting their own event. The idea of



hosting a talent show has been discussed, but they are unsure of whether or not they will stick to this vision.

Both classes are still brainstorming and

looking for new ways to make their ideas profitable.

"Whatever my classes do decide to do, there is a possibility of them wanting to invest on an ad on the schools newspaper," said Vlahos.

Before any idea is concrete students must propose their business plan to Dr. LoBosco and receive her approval. Although students are encouraged to use their imaginations they must also take into consideration that the companies have to follow Lane regulations.

If students t-shirts and event are approved by the administration Vlahos expects for t-shirts to be ready to be sold in the next six weeks. He also expects for the event to take place sometime in May.

"I want students to empower themselves and realize that they can succeed in starting their own business," said Vlahos.

Many of Vlahos' students such as Michael

Robles, Div. 168, believe that Vlahos' teaching techniques motivate his students to want to learn more about economics and even consider the possibility of starting their own business one day.

"My whole family has been involved in restaurants and I might take that into consideration if not just a t-shirts store or something," said Robles.

Former students, like Malonzo, believe that Mr. Vlahos' techniques help students understand economics on a different level.

"I think his method is awesome. Not only [does] his student experience what it's like to run a business, but they also get to make money. I also think it leads them further down the road of economics," said Malonzo.

Whether students benefit most from the knowledge or the money, Vlahos gives his Economics students the opportunity to fail or succeed with their own real world business ideas.

## Lane students take gamble with online poker

By Bill Felton

Andrew Turner got home and turned on his computer and played online poker for hours that evening. Andrew Turner\* is a gambler at Lane, and has made hundreds of dollars playing online poker.

Student gambling at Lane has given some students the opportunity to make hundreds of dollars and lose hundreds of dollars as well. Students, such as Troy Haecker, Div. 047, and Andrew Turner have played poker for years and aspire to make it into a full time career.

Haecker who has been playing since the age of 12, wants to become a poker professional, turning the game into a full time job.

"I don't want to go to college, I want to play poker for the rest of my life," said Haecker. "I'd rather be an online poker professional than be stuck in an office," he continued.

Haecker aspires to eventually play in the

World Series of Poker Europe, a tournament in which poker players around the world compete and in which the finalist play for millions of dollars.

"I want to play in the World Series of Poker Europe because I can play when I turn 18," said Haecker.

The prize money for the annual World Series Of Poker, hosted in Las Vegas, reached a new high in 2006 when Jamie Gold, the first place winner in the tournament, won \$12 million.

Successful poker professionals can be young, including Joseph Cada, the 21 year old first place winner of the World Series of Poker in 2009 who won \$8.5 million. Cada, much like students at Lane, started his career playing online poker.

Online poker playing has its ups and downs and can become costly to its players when they are not careful.

"I had \$20, turned it into \$180, then lost it all within five minutes," said Turner. "It was a one on one game, I had a full house and

he just happened to have a full house that was better than mine," he continued.

Haecker too has lost money while playing online. Haecker, within a week lost a total of \$300. Despite these losses, Haecker learns from both his poker successes and his mistakes.

"This past week I almost went broke online, I lost so much money I felt numb," Haecker said. "It was a great lesson," He continued.

Poker has been a small profit to both Turner and Haecker, who have turned online poker into a means of making extra money.

"I've made about \$200 all together," said Turner.

When a player wants to collect his winnings a check is sent through the mail from the poker company.

However, due to legal issues with online gambling websites, banks in the United States refuse to cash checks sent from online poker websites. To get around this, online gambling sites send checks to the player

through other companies allowing the player to deposit the check in the bank.

"One check came from a flower shop website, and one came from a beauty shop website," said Turner.

Turner plays in the Main Event Charity Games, a weekly local poker tournament in which money from the initial buy-in goes towards charity. The first place prize of the tournament is several thousand dollars.

With countless websites dealing with poker strategies, a successful poker player has to have an understanding of card odds, statistics, and a knowledge of how to play a hand.

"I play poker online and I hate it when people say it's a game of luck," said Tim Botsford, Div. 049.

In order to become a better poker player, Haecker and Turner play multiple games at a time.

"I play five hours at a time and about eight tables [at once]," Haecker said.

While some players enjoy the thrills of

gambling and even become addicted, Turner enjoys poker as it is a way of earning extra money outside from his typical job.

"It's much more fun to earn money playing a game than at a job," said Turner.

Haecker and Turner are friends and play poker together when possible.

"We play cards at lunch close to everyday and online [occasionally]," said Turner.

Although both Haecker and Turner are responsible while playing poker and do not gamble excessively, when not responsible gambling can become a serious and costly addiction. According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services roughly two million individuals are pathological gamblers. In 76 percent of those pathological gamblers a major depressive disorder is likely to occur.

"I'm reasonable with poker, I don't spend money that I don't have," Haecker said.

Andrew Turner\* is the name given to an anonymous source.

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# Band Room attic, treasure vault of history

By Kelly Sineni

The door opens with a rush of dusty air. Worn out stairs, lined with chipped paint and dirt, lead up to the band room attic. What used to house the radio club in the 1940s is now just another forgotten part of Lane history.

At the top of the stairs stand two windows, one cracked down the middle, letting in the only light in the room. Old issues of the Lane Daily dating back to the early 1930s, handwritten sheet music, old marching uniforms, and even geometry homework left behind by a student from 1949 rest in boxes on the floor. To the left, books sit on shelves barely able to hold their weight. Signatures, tributes, and dates cover the brown walls and ceiling as a testimony to past generations of band students.

Although it is not a widely known spot in Lane (even to many band students), those who have been to the attic have witnessed and appreciated the room's history.

"There was a bunch of cool stuff, old books, old parts of instruments, and writing on the walls from previous classes from like 20, 30, 40 years ago," said Liam Hoy, Div. 261, who was allowed to enter the attic one day last year.

Dozens of names are etched into and written on the walls. The earliest is from 1953. There are a few names from the 60s and an explosion of signatures from the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

"You see on the walls people from other classes and it makes you think about all the history of the school you don't normally think about," said Lia Parrillo, Div. 177.

In a corner, a small tribute to Jim Morrison, front man for the Doors whose sudden death due to heart failure left fans heartbroken, stands out among the graffiti. It reads, "This Is The End, Jim Morrison 1943-1971." It is a reference to "The End," a hit song released by the Doors in 1967. Below that, a reference to Jimi Hendrix is also made. It says "Are you experienced?-Jimi Hendrix," based off of a song also released in 1967 by Hendrix.

In several different spots on the wall, a group of tuba players left a reminder that "Tubas rule!" A few students revisited the wall several times, with nicknames such as Slugger and Findlay.

"I think that it's amazing people wrote little things like nicknames. We want to be in on their inside jokes," said Amy Piekosz, Div. 183.

A pre-band festival good luck telegram was found in one of the many boxes, dated March 28, 1974. It says, "Good luck and give 'em hell at the band festival. A highly superior rating for a highly superior band and director. Mazel Tov. Best wishes, the guy who waves the stick in front of the orchestra."

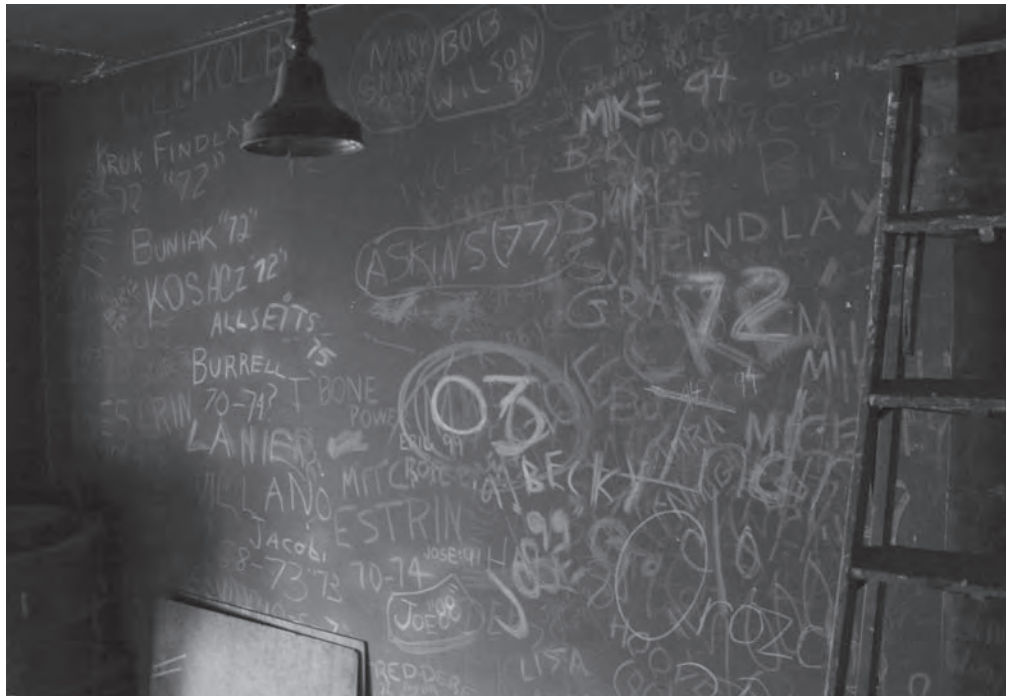
Old issues of the Lane Daily tell of World War II memorials (including the dedication of the "Shooting the Stars" statue that resides in the Memorial Garden), ROTC Hops, Dancing in Gym 1, Swing Shows, and Clean Up Drives. The earliest issues of the Lane Daily found in the attic are from around the early 1930s.

There are many hand written papers, rosters going back to the late 1920s, little notes between directors, and even hand written music.

"The coolest thing was original manuscripts of some of the most famous pieces, some dating back as far as 1920," said Anthony De-Francisco, Div. 270.

Although the earliest original manuscripts of pieces are from the 1920s, there is a handwritten orchestral arrangement of Romeo et Juliette, a popular opera in the 1800s, found mixed in with papers labeled "New York, 3 Agosto, 1889."

"We found some concert programs from, I would say, the mid-30s.



Names from as far back as 1953 are etched into the walls.

The coolest thing for me is the programs, to see the instrumentation, what kind of songs, and what level. But I do like the signatures too," said Mr. O'Brien, Band director.

Before it was the attic, it housed the Lane Radio Club in the 1940s, which was sponsored by a teacher named F. Kulieke. In fact, in 1922, George Frost, senior and president of the radio club, installed the first car radio into a Ford Model-T.

Due to radio restrictions passed in 1934, students could no longer broadcast on the radio. The legacy of it remains in the band room attic.

## Hard of hearing students sound off on experiences at Lane



Williams and Cook watch their interpreter during World Studies class.

Photo by Maria Murczek

By Adina Garneata

Voices. A faint, continuous humming in the background. It is difficult for Leslie to make out what they are saying, but as they get closer, it gets easier for her to read them. Ethan sits across from her at the lunch table. Someone approaches the table and they both look up at the person's mouth, waiting for the words to formulate. For Leslie and Ethan, their eyes are their ears.

Leslie Williams, Div. 353, and Ethan Cook, Div. 353, are hard of hearing/deaf. They communicate through talking, sign language, and reading lips. Both of them developed their hearing problems when they were very young.

"When I was around three years old, I got Scarlet Fever. After that, it became hard for me to hear," said Williams.

"One day after I was born, I got really sick," said Cook. "That is how I

lost most of my hearing."

At Lane, Cook and Williams are part of the Hearing Impaired Program. There are 12 students in this program, and three of them require interpreters to accompany them to all their classes: Williams, Cook, and Carla Arrleta, Div. 265. All three of these students attended Bell Elementary, where sign language is part of the curriculum.

Ms. Seifert is the interpreter that works with Williams and Cook.

"One of the best parts of my job is just spending time with the students, and being exposed to all of their classes. It's like I'm learning things all over again," said Ms. Seifert. She became an interpreter because her aunt had the same profession.

The other interpreter, Ms. Flie, goes with Arrleta to her classes.

"I became an interpreter because my sister is deaf," she said. Ms. Flie also revealed that next year, Lane will start a Sign Language Club.

Williams and Cook have known each other for five years, and have all their classes together at Lane.

"They fit right in," said Dr. Dossing, their Biology teacher. Dossing stated that while she sometimes gives Williams and Cook alternative assignments, they usually do the same work as everyone else.

"We mostly talk to each other," said Williams. "But all the other students in our classes are really nice to us. We have no problems with anyone."

However, Williams and Cook said that at Bell, they had numerous problems with the other students.

"Some of the kids that weren't hard of hearing would take advantage of us," said Cook. "They would make other deaf kids teach them bad words in sign language, and then they would make these signs to us. I don't know why. We never did anything to them."

Cook also described how, at Bell, he would play football with other kids and some of them would be mean to him. They knew that he could not hear everything they were saying so they would use that to their advantage when playing.

"We would get into a lot of fights," said Williams. "But it's not like that here

[Lane]."

Ms. Flie worked at Bell for 16 years before she came to Lane. She said that a lot of the hearing students are not used to being around deaf students, which often causes some of them to treat them differently. However, she never saw any mistreatment.

Williams and Cook both said that being hard of hearing does not bother them.

"I can still hear," said Williams. "Even though it's not very strong, I can also talk."

Cook finds it funny when people call his name and do not know that he cannot hear them.

"I only notice them if they shout really loud or if they are close to me," said

Cook.

Williams and Cook are already looking forward to the future. She wants to be a doctor and he wants to be a video game designer or hockey player.

"I love hockey. My favorite team is the Black Hawks and my favorite player is Cristobal Huet. He's awesome," said Cook, while sporting a Huet jersey. He said that his lack of hearing is not an obstacle when playing hockey.

Being hard of hearing may force Williams and Cook to have an interpreter, but it does not stop them from doing things that they enjoy. In the end, they ultimately decide what they want to do, and nothing can stop them from pursuing their dreams in life.

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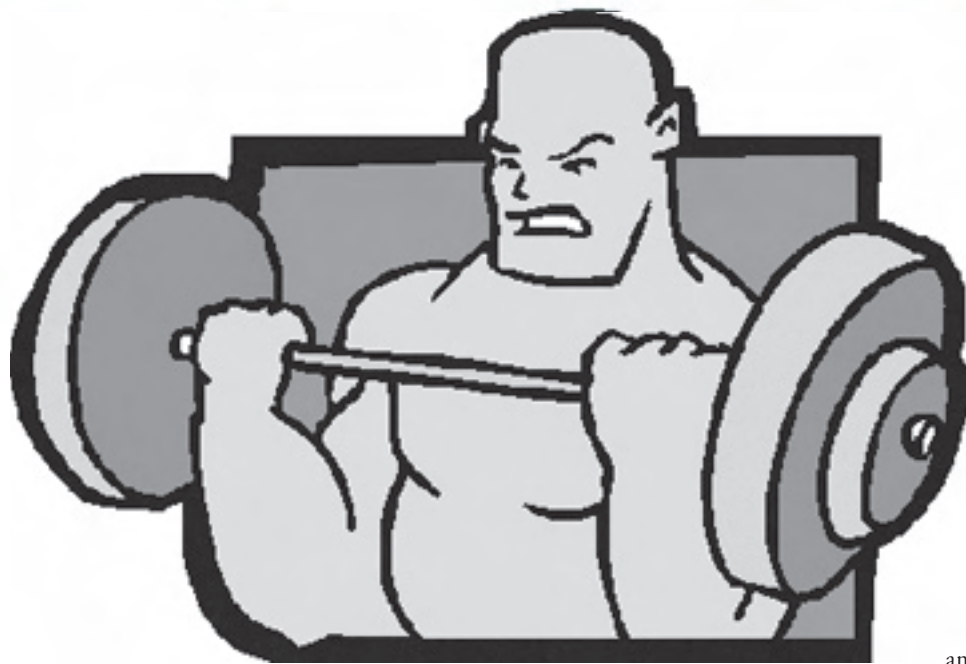
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# THE EXERCISE SECRETS OF LANE REVEALED



By Gabrielle Williams

When walking the halls of Lane, eyes wander up and down the bodies of their peers, some merely checking each other out, some a little more interested than that. But either way fit and athletic bodies tend to be more aesthetically pleasing than any other. These select students and teachers have chosen to reveal their diet and work out secrets with The Warrior.

"Staying physically fit is important to me because not only does it keep me healthy, but it also keeps me active," said Jazmin Carranza, Div. 055.

"I am in a better mood when I work off stress," said Jenna Wasserman, Div. 153. "When I am comfortable in my body, I am a more confident person."

A solid work out is hard to find, but these dedicated students gave us an inside look on their exercise routines.

"I try my best to workout on a daily basis and never miss a day. I curl twenty pound dumbbells on each arm in sets of forty and always try to increase the number of sets I do overtime. I do about 140 pushups as well as about 350 sit-ups and crunches," said Jesse Mexicano, Div. 030.

"Five to seven days [a week] I go for a 45-50 minute run. Then three to four times a week I weight lift (squats, bench, cleans, core, and much more). Every week I go up in weight for the lifts," said Jalessa Perez, Div. 090. "I don't really have a set out diet, but I've cut out the cookies, ice cream, candy, chips, fast food, sodas, and other things along those lines."

"I run about four times a week when I am not in season for lacrosse and try to eat as healthy as possible. I am a lot more lenient with my diet on the weekends though," Wasserman said.

Some people find it hard to keep to the consistent regimen required for a diet or work out. Motivation is key in getting fit and being healthy.

"My motivations are simple. If my body can take it, it's possible. Get big or go home. Head up, stay up, and live up to it," said Jairo Chavez, Div. 034.

"My motivation is knowing that there is always someone else working harder than you or who wants it more," Carranza said.

"My motivation is to kick butt during my track meets and meet goal that I set for myself. When I want to give up or only give 50% I think about how good it will feel when I'm able to run faster and lower my times," Perez said. "I also think about how much muscle I'm building and how toned I'm getting and then it's all well worth it."

But Lane students aren't alone in these effective work out habits. There are a handful of teachers who exercise just the same.

"I try to exercise outside of school three times a week. I do 35 minutes cardio, strength training, calisthenics, 100 crunches and 50 pushups. I have also been a vegetarian for four years," said Fitness and Wellness teacher Mrs. Serantoni.

"I eat whatever I want. I try to stay away from foods that are bad for me, but I love French fries. I don't have many sweets and when I do I try to eat them in moderation," said Ms. Vale-Suarez Assistant Girls Varsity Soccer Coach. "I play soccer on week-ends. I started running over



50 miles per ride and maintain a speed of around 18-20 miles per hour," said History teacher Mr. Lewis.

Everyone has different reasons for wanting to be in shape, sometimes the reasons vary depending on age.

"Being physically fit is good for you mentally and physically," Cross Country Coach Mrs. Stack said. "You feel better when you are in shape."

"If I don't feel fit I can't perform all the things I do everyday as well," said Vale-Suarez.

With today's media showing thin, lean girls and bulky, muscular guys, people can feel pressured to get in shape or to rethink their current fitness routine.

"I'd say a lot has influenced my opinion and work ethic towards fitness," said Mexicano. "The media always show America being out of shape and that's not something I want to be a part of. I've been around people who were out of shape, including my brother, and I hate the thought of being overweight or out of

summer and four times a week I do pushups, crunches and squats."

"I lift weights four times a week. Chest, shoulders and triceps are on Monday and Thursday. Biceps and back are on Tuesday and Friday. Four times a week I will go cycling (bike machine during the winter). I usually try and ride around 40 to

shape like that."

"My father was a cross-country coach here at Lane and I ran during high school and enjoy endurance sports," Lewis said. "Mr. Dongas introduced me to cycling. I do think it is important to try and make it social. It helps me to workout harder when I ride with others."

"The media has affected all of us whether we want to admit it or not," said Wasserman. "My mom has always counted calories so I am sure that got me thinking about weight earlier than I should have, but I'd rather be conscious of health facts then cluelessly be putting bad things into my body."

There is a wide variety and range of diets and work outs. Some are viewed as unhealthy or severe.

"I think that the 300 Workout is too extreme," Chaez said.

The 300 Workout consists of 25 pull ups, 50 dead lifts, 50 push ups, 50 box jumps or vertical jumps (24" high box), 50 floor wipers (push up position, moving in a single knee to the chest at a time), 50 single arm clean and press with dumbbell or kettle bell, and finally 25 more pull ups. All of this is supposed to be excuted with no breaks in between each exercise change.

"I don't believe in diet," Serantoni said. "People should learn about nutrition."

Idolization of "perfect bodies" is often a topic amongst those into exercise and fitness.

"I think a good body looks like a Victoria's Secret Angel," Wasserman said.

"For the most part I like my body, but I want to get toner and get six pack abs. I'm close, but not close enough," said Perez. "My mom tries to lure me into eating junk, but so far I've resisted. It's really hard for me to stay away from ice cream especially."

*"When I am comfortable in my body, I am a more confident person."*  
-- Jenna Wasserman

## Service hours not a burden for one Lane student

By Neka Barrera

Plumbing, electrical work, wood crafting, houses needing to be built, and so much more having to be done. This is not a problem for Sarfaraz Sajwani, Div. 029, who builds community centers for his service hours and enjoys doing so.

Sajwani got all of his service hours from an organization called Aga Khan Development Network, but turned in all of his mandatory service hours during his freshman year. He has continued to contribute to the organization on his own time for seven years now.

Aga Khan Development Network is a network of organizations that have mandates toward the environment, health, education, architecture, culture, microfinance, rural development, and disaster reduction.

"The programs can have as little as fifty people, and have as many people as 20,000 people. The person who established the network is the guider of the Ismaili religious community that I am a part of," said Sajwani.

Ismailism is a branch of Shia Islam, and is the second largest sect of Shiaism.

Sajwani's group funds the whole network by building and setting up community centers around the Midwest. Sajwani works for a branch of the organization in a group called the facility management team.

"We have built many community centers, one being the Gelview Jamatkhana. I have been doing this since the age of 10, at which I was only doing small jobs

such as helping cut wood, grabbing tools, and many simple chores," said Sajwani.

As Sajwani kept at these small jobs, he learned everything he needed to know to continue to help and get further with his volunteering. He now does much more than just the small jobs he was doing at age 10.

"We do everything from plumbing, electrical work, wood crafting, and much more. We also set up the audio, manage the stage and crowd control and help manage the programs being held [in the community centers]," said Sajwani.

Sajwani and fellow members not only build and set up these facilities, but they also manage them. So changing light bulbs, fixing air conditioning or heaters, cleaning the carpet, even reconstructing the entire floor, are all tasks covered by Sajwani and his group.

In 2007, Sajwani was made a facilitator, allowing him to teach and lead the projects. Being a facilitator, Sajwani is more than willing to put work before rest.

"I worked three days straight without going home or sleeping," Sajwani said.

Sajwani's diligence and admirable amount of hard work has impressed his friends, as well as his community.

"I say well done because that is something very inspirational. Doing something for your community is something to be rewarded upon and it's nice to know that people still care these days about stuff like that, because nowadays people are lazy. It's nice to know my friend does it," said Hira Rehman, Div. 023.

For more information on Aga Khan Development Network, you can visit <http://www.akdn.org>.





# Universal Healthcare should be available to everyone



By Stephanie Pineda

With Republican Scott Brown's victory over Democrat Martha Coakley and Independent Joe Kennedy in the Jan. 19 special election in Massachusetts to replace Ted Kennedy's US Senate seat, any efforts for a universal healthcare program were highly compromised. This is because Democrats now only have 59 Senate seats which enables Republicans to prevent a bill from being passed via a filibuster, which is an extended debate on a proposal in order to delay or entirely delay a vote on it. Thus, since most Republicans are against a healthcare reform, Scott Brown's victory takes the super majority (3/5) away from Democrats, making it more difficult for them to pass a bill. I cannot say that, personally, I am utterly devastated by this news, but I am not pleased either.

I am lucky enough to have health insurance, so whether or not a universal healthcare program was approved would not have a direct negative effect on me. Nonetheless, I feel that for the sake of others, who can testify to needing it more than I, universal healthcare would be very beneficial. It would be extremely useful to people who cannot currently afford health insurance.

People against universal healthcare argue that it would lead to an increase in taxes. However, there are already existing laws that require emergency rooms to see patients even if they do not have health insurance. This costs hospitals money, which is passed to consumers and insurance companies. With a universal healthcare program, people who do not currently have health insurance would pay for it through taxes, and the new distributed cost would decrease the personal expenses of those who already pay for private insurance, so in reality it would be a winning situation for those so

strongly opposed to it.

"Healthy" people who take care of themselves may argue that they will have to pay for the burden of smokers, obese people, etc. It is even argued that the government would be more likely to form additional restrictions by increasing taxes on cigarettes, fast food, etc., leading to a loss of their personal freedoms. The way I see it, though, this would be beneficial because smoking and obesity are responsible for so many preventable deaths in America that by increasing taxes on these unhealthy habits less people would engage in them. Therefore, we could potentially diminish the number of deaths they cause each year, and said taxes would only be a good thing for everyone.



Universal healthcare would ultimately cover everyone, regardless of whether they are employed or not, which is a huge issue because it deters many people from supporting it. Thus, people may argue that they refuse to pay for the health insurance of "lazy" people who do not work. However, with the recession we are currently in, these conservatives who are so opposed to Universal Healthcare should realize that jobs are scarce right now, and people do not always have a choice as to whether or not they are employed.

That being said, there are also people out there who hold down two or three jobs just to try to provide for their families, and it still does not suffice for health insurance. Is it fair to neglect these people healthcare simply because they cannot afford it? I think not. We are all human and deserve to be cared for, regardless of the amount of money we possess. I fail to see how lending a helping hand to those less fortunate can be so detrimental. What is wrong with people these days that it "hurts" them so much to help others? The United States spends more money on healthcare than any other developed nation. Why not offer this to everyone and not just a select few? Ultimately, "paying for other people's insurance"

should be the last thing on anyone's mind when debating this topic.

These conservatives also look at universal healthcare in other countries where it is already an established program and argue that it is inefficient because patients are often subjected to extremely long waits for treatment. They say that it often takes a month for someone to see a specialist. Honestly, though, even with private healthcare it can often take that long to see a specialist, but with the many doctors we have in the

United States, I do not see that being a problem, where we go to get universal healthcare; rather, it could prove to be quite efficient in getting people to a doctor or specialist more quickly because everyone would have equal rights to see a specialist since they would all be equally insured.

In the end, universal healthcare would prove to be beneficial to all, regardless of economic statuses, and it is very ignorant for conservatives to not want to consider this opportunity to help our country and the people in it. I particularly think Scott Brown is a hypocrite in being against Universal Healthcare considering the state of Massachusetts has had Universal Healthcare since 2006, so why not expand that to the entire United States, Mr. Senator?

## Politicians bring to light issues of racial sensitivity in their use of language



By Melanie Johnson

Rod Blagojevich has been ridiculed recently because of comments characterizing himself as black. "I'm blacker than Barack Obama," he said. "I shined shoes. I grew up in a five-room apartment. My father had a little laundromat in a black community not far from where we lived; I saw it all growing up."

I believe that Blagojevich was trying to illustrate the adversity and circumstances he faced growing up. His point was to show how hard he had to work to become successful; it wasn't just handed to him on a silver platter. Still, comments like these make me wonder what others think it means to be "black," and what does it take to be a successful African American in this country? In Blagojevich's case owning a laundromat, living in an apartment, and being poor makes him more like a black person. Others may criticize these comments

ing book, *ColorBlindness*, that Reid privately said that he believed Barack Obama was well suited for a presidential run because he is a "light-skinned" African American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one."

Even though many found this disrespectful and racist, I believe that Harry Reid's words are a perspective that many people in America hold, especially in the workforce. Reid's comments broadcasted how blacks are perceived in America, and even though it was offensive I think it was an eye opener for blacks to get their act together and change for the better.

While Reid was wrong for implying that Obama was more successful because he is lighter skinned, I believe that he did make a valid point regarding dialect and how he speaks. Ebonics and slang is common in the black community, though is widely considered unprofessional to use in the workplace. It is unlikely that people



Blagojevich stands next to Obama.

would get hired if in their interview they said things like: "ya'll should hire me" or "watch iz da qualifications fo' dis job." How one talks can take away from their presentation and credentials.

I believe many blacks were offended by Reid's reference to black vernacular not because it isn't true but because it came from a white man. If Jesse Jackson had said it, blacks would not have been as offended.

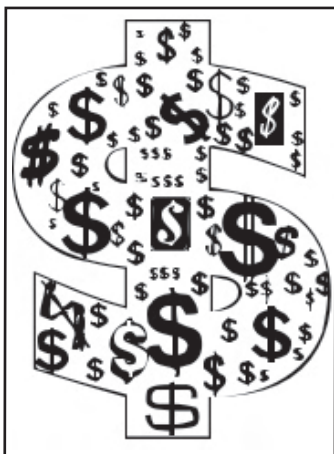
We all have controversial opinions about other races and ethnicities. Today people are highly sensitive when people mention their race or compare themselves to others. Many tensions still exist between Americans because of past mistreatment. But if perceptions between people of different races are to change, it will require that people be more sensitive about what they say and less sensitive about what they hear.



Harry Reid talks to Obama.

but deep inside they probably feel the same way - including blacks.

Just a few days before Blagojevich's quote, Senator Majority Leader, Harry Reid, issued an apology for his controversial comments that created great turmoil in the media and political world. It was revealed in an upcoming



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# Colleges place price on ambition



By Safiya Merchant

At the beginning of my college application process, I decided to apply to more than five schools. I wanted to see how much financial aid each institution would offer, and then choose which school I wanted to attend. However, I did not know that the process of applying would be expensive as well.

In order to be considered for many institutions, you need to send transcripts, ACT

scores, AP test scores, SAT subject test scores, financial documents, and the applications themselves. If you do not qualify for fee waivers, you can end up paying over \$500 just to apply to school. Although I obtained fee waivers for my transcripts and applications (which I hope are accepted by the schools), the remaining amount that I have to pay is still too expensive. This is ridiculous. What do these fees even go towards? 'Processing my ACT scores?' What does that even mean? If it means printing out my scores from a computer and using their paper and ink, I want my money back. When ACT sent us our scores last year, I kept my official score report. I wanted to photo-copy my report and send that to the schools instead of sending it electronically. However, that wasn't good enough for my choices. They needed the electronic and expensive version. How paranoid are the admission committees at these schools? Do they really think that I bribed my teachers, counselors, principal, and the ACT agency itself to lie for me and say that I got a higher score? Right...like I really have that much power. Since these fees must also be paid before you can be considered for admission, it is as if I'm paying for my rejection letter.

When counselors, teachers, and Lane's inspirational assemblies told us to apply to about

five schools, they never mentioned that I had to pay for being goal-oriented and ambitious. Nowadays, it is too expensive to want a future, and to some students, attending college is not worth the hefty price. That's why many students decide to not attend college and to start making money right after graduation.

I also got very angry when I heard that I had to send the CSS Financial Profile to many of my college choices. This profile costs about \$16.00 to send to each school and if you're applying to six schools, you already racked up \$96.00 right there. And this profile is supposed to show that I NEED money? I think that colleges and agencies like ACT have figured out every way to suck the money out of our pockets before we are even admitted to their schools.

College has become a giant business corporation whose product is a "respectable education." I think that the primary goal of a university should be to encourage and to nurture its students, not condemn them for wanting an education. If you want to make lots of money, it seems that you have to have lots of money in the first place. As a result of this trend, everybody on the poorer end of the social spectrum cannot utilize their full potential, and those with wealth are those who win.



by Carolina DeSouza

## Students shine at Playwright Festival



By Shanae Joseph

On Wednesday Jan. 13, 2010, I went on a field trip with my Creative Writing class to the Pegasus Players 24th annual Young Playwrights festival. It was one of the greatest academic experiences of my life.

What impressed me the most was to see that students my age had well written plays, performed by professional actors and actresses.

There were three plays performed, all of which were about 20 to 30 minutes long.

The first play was called The Nowhere People,

and was written by Whitney Young's Gabriella Bonamisci. The play is about a man named Ernie who is trying to cope with his wife's death. He moves into an apartment building by the sea which symbolizes his wife because she died by the sea.

The set used for this play was simple. The stage, which has two doors on either side, represents two apartments.

While living in the building, Ernie meets one of the most interesting characters out of all of the plays -a lady named Danny. She attempts to build a ghost machine so that she can communicate with her dead brother. Because of this, she is considered crazy. Her wild curly hair, German accent, and mismatched outfit add to her weird character.

On top of that, the play shows a friendship between Ernie and Danny, and has great dialogue. The only thing that puzzles me is the ending, because it shows Ernie looking into the ghost machine with a shocked face, which makes me wonder what he saw. Still, I give it four out of five stars.

The second play, Roller Coaster, written by Northside's Gixiang Lee, tells the story of two totally different teens getting stuck on a roller coaster together and accidentally falling in love. While on the roller coaster, they are having small talk and finding out different things about each other, such

as their favorite songs and things they do for fun. By the end of the play, the two share a really heated kiss that takes the audience by surprise.

This play is the funniest of the three, and has the coolest set: a portion of a roller coaster, with the two characters sitting in a cart. Therefore, I give it five out of five stars.

The last play, Deliver Me from Evil, was written by Lincoln Park's Kat Blackburn. The play is about a 17 year old girl named Magdelina who after being physically, emotionally, verbally, and sexually abused by her mother, finds herself in a psych ward.

The set is simple. It consisted of the stage, a table, and two chairs. The table is between the two chairs, and during the play, Magdelina sits in one chair and her doctor sits in the other.

One of the most interesting things about the play is the lighting that changes as the mood of the play does, as well as how other characters play as the voices in Magdelina's head.

In the beginning of the play, Magdelina is in her first stages of being treated for her condition, and is not willing to talk to her doctor about her problems. By the middle, however she starts to open up, and by the end she tells her doctor everything, which helps her to act like herself again.

I really liked this play because it shows how strong and open-minded a person has to be to overcome a bad situation. So out of five stars, I give it five.

As a result, all of the plays are great and I really enjoyed them. Unfortunately, Pegasus Players left Chicago January 31st, and will not return until January of 2011 with three new plays.

I strongly encourage everyone to go check it out. It is a great experience, and it is located in the O'Rourke center at Truman College on 1145 W. Wilson which is close to Lane. Tickets are only \$15.



## Not only couples have breakups



By Sadeta Causevic

One of my acquaintances from 8th grade gradually turned into my best friend in high school. It came to the point where we could finish each other's sentences and say what each other was thinking. We knew each other's families, and my dad called her his 2nd daughter, even though he could never say her name correctly.

We had such similar personalities and it scared me that someone could be so

much like me. We were always together around school, and other students would be confused when one was not with the other. We had a true friendship because we never lied to each other and we shared all of our secrets.

Senior year arrived and everything slowly but drastically changed. We went from texting everyday to texting once or twice every other week. We became so involved with our individual lives that we forgot about our friendship, which caused a lot of tension. I went from knowing everything about her, to becoming blind to who she truly was.

Our last words to each other were spoken in our 4th period class and it was a short argument over the question of the day, which is a random daily question my teacher assigns to us in the beginning of class. It was a "great" way to end a four year friendship.

It is very common for a friendship to end in the last year of high school. People change and drift apart. They may become completely different people over four years.

Some girls get boyfriends and consume all of their free time with him, resulting in no time for friends. It is hard to balance both, but how can a person forget about their friends? The answer is, of course, by falling in love, which is the most common reason I have seen. This is another problem that affected our friendship.

Another reason that friendships can break up is because some girls can be extremely dramatic and cause problems for themselves. A friend of mine received a text message from her best friend. Her best friend cursed her out and said most of her current friends found her completely annoying. The whole text turned out to be false because everything written in the text was untrue. It was just a thoughtless, quick remark from a probably bad day. They were also best friends for about four years, yet that caused the end of that friendship.

Some girls tend to get mad at every little thing and blurt out the first ridiculous thought that comes to their mind. "You're so stupid" can cause a girl to flip

out to the point of no return. That is the last thing my friend said to me when we ended our friendship. Thinking back, had I not have reacted with attitude and been more peaceful and calm then we might still be friends today.

Then there is also all the trash talking that goes on behind peoples' backs. I think everybody does it and that it is natural for everyone to talk about each other. A lot of girls tend to make a bigger deal out of it than guys. The trash

talking makes the situation worse and what is said always comes back to the person that is being talked about. From my experience, I hear what is being said about me and it makes me not want to be her friend even more.

People need to get over all of the petty drama, before it becomes too late to save their friendships. No one wants to lose someone they care about.

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# Scribblenauts creates endless possibilities

By Grace McQueeney

A shining gold star lies above you in a tree. How can you reach it? Could you summon a ladder, or ride on the back of an elephant? Imagine yourself in a world where you could summon anything you can think of and watch it come to life.

Published by Warner Bros. and created by 5th Cell, the newly developed Nintendo DS game, "Scribblenauts," challenges players with over 200 levels in which they must use their reasoning skills to grab the strategically placed "starite" by summoning any thing that they can imagine.

As the character Maxwell, the player must use the keyboard on the touch screen to type in any noun that they think will help them solve the puzzle. Although only 10 items can be summoned in each level, they appear and function on the screen as a kid-like sketch version of the object. For example, if the player brings God onto the screen and decides to give him a skateboard, He will ride around on

it. Whether or not the item helps the player to obtain the starite, any thing can be conjured as long as it is not vulgar, copyrighted, or a specific name ("Ur Mom" being an exception).

Another genius aspect of this game is that all things function as they do in nature. For example, fire will burn any flammable material, and water will put the fire out. If the player summons a carnivore such as a lion, it will attack and eat the player's character and/or any smaller animal a lion could consume. The player may also summon vehicles such as helicopters, fire trucks, and airplanes- the possibilities are endless!

The more creative the player is in summoning objects in each level, the more points the player receives. After finishing a level by obtaining the starite, the player may go back and win it again using different things to earn more points. There are special awards - no weapons, botanist, gold digger, and marine biologist - achieved based on the types of objects the player brings to the level. I found myself motivated to replay levels I had already won, which is a unique quality of this particular game that I have not found in most others I have played.

My only criticisms of the game include



the few restrictions on the nouns the player can summon. I think it would be neat to bring Elvis or Britney Spears into the game, but this is unfortunately not an option. Additionally, the player controls Maxwell using the stylus on the touch screen, and the controls are sometimes a little off. This is rare, however, and is usually only a problem if the player has given Maxwell wings to fly around, as he does not stay airborne for long.

Scribblenauts will keep the player entertained for hours and is surprisingly challenging. Despite the fact that almost anything can be used to win the starite in each level, 5th Cell has done an excellent job placing very difficult obstacles in its way. I can promise that this game is intriguing, magical, and simply fantastic. If players somehow find a level boring (which is nearly impossible), they can simply type "time machine" onto the screen and travel to the middle ages.

## FUN THINGS TO TRY IN SCRIBBLENAUTS:

WARNING: Mythical creatures tend to be aggressive.

- "Black Hole" (swallows any enemy or object, then disappears)
- "Chi" (flying Chinese dragon you can ride)
- "Freeze Ray" (temporarily freeze enemies in an ice cube)
- "Invincibility Cloak" (become immune to damage)
- "Invisibility Cloak" (cannot be seen by enemy creatures)
- "Lunar Rover" or "Lunar Lander" (cancels gravity)
- "Saint Nick" (spawn a man with a monkey face)
- "Shrink Ray" (shrinks enemy creatures)
- "Zombie Repellent" (repels zombies)

- Centaur
- Cupid
- Elf
- Faun
- Vampire
- Werewolf
- Medusa
- BigFoot
- Chupacabra
- Sea Monster
- Ceiling Cat
- Ur Mom
- Rick Roll
- Om Nom Nom Nom
- Manbearpig



## Gamers answer Call of Duty

By Ricardo Guzman

The most anticipated video game of 2009 had gamers flooding into any and every game store in the country back in November.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2, rated M, is a direct sequel to Call of Duty 4 and was developed by Infinity Ward, published by Activision. It is available on Xbox 360, Play Station 3, and Microsoft Windows.

Modern Warfare 2 is a first-person war shooter played in either single player or multiplayer modes. Single player campaign mode can be played in different difficulties depending on the player's skill and confidence.

Campaign mode restarts where Call of Duty 4 ended. You are an Army Ranger put to the task of protecting the country from a Russian invasion and their "ultranationalists." Adventures include racing down a mountain on a snowmobile, various man hunts, and a controversial mission where you are forced to go under cover and work for the enemy. I recommend the campaign mode to be played with an HDTV and a surround sound system.

The graphics are well-thought out, especially if you notice the minute details, such as a dirt spot on a soldier's face or the occasional graffiti art seen throughout the game. The camera angles that are used in each scene made me feel as I was the actual soldier in the game.

The only downside to the mode is that it can easily be completed in 7 total hours, which is relatively short compared to other first person shooters. Because campaign is relatively short, when they conquer it gamers can play online multiplayer mode. This is where Infinity Ward really worked to improve and expand and is what

caught my eye. With over 10 different games to be played during online multiplayer, which also has the largest online community, there is something for everybody.

Being a sequel there are bound to be comparisons with the original Modern Warfare. To avoid this Infinity Ward has added many new weapons and features. Some of the main additions are the new kill streaks, titles, and emblems.

The titles and emblems are unlocked by completing certain tasks and challenges that can be displayed to other players to show what each player has done, such as sprinting for a certain amount of miles or reaching a certain level. This combined with the deep ranking system keeps players interested in playing and makes online multiplayer virtually never ending.

Of course with any video game there will be players that are frowned upon due to their choice of playing style. 'Campers' and 'boosters' are the root of all evil in the Call of Duty world. Camping is when a player stays hidden in one spot and waits for an enemy to run by. This gives them an automatic advantage. Boosting is when two players from opposing teams help each other achieve challenges, which moves players up to higher ranks faster. Although there was an update to remove some of the glitches, there is no way to get rid of these styles of play.

Overall, Modern Warfare 2 has different ways to enjoy the game. Its campaign mode is short, but is made up for in its audio and visual quality. The online multiplayer's new features and deep ranking system bring a better replayability factor. Beware of campers and boosters. All in all, I'd have to give this game an A-

## Will you be Left 4 Dead 2?

By Maria Murczek

A horrible infection has spread across the area. Everyone except you and three others have turned into zombies. The apocalypse has begun. Armed with the best of the best, can you survive?

Left 4 Dead 2 (L4D2), the sequel videogame to the original Left 4 Dead (L4D), is the ultimate zombie game. Instead of releasing a massive online update to the original, Valve (the makers of L4D) released the second game. Many were skeptical of the quick release (practically a year after the first one came out), but it is definitely not a disappointment.

Four new survivors are introduced in the new location of the Deep South: Coach, Rochelle, Ellis and Nick. These four characters have to go through five new, awesomely dreadful environments in the campaign mode until finally rescued. From fighting zombies on rollercoaster tracks in 'Dead Carnival', to treading water and getting mud slapped in their face in 'Swamp Fever', the survivors face intense and chaotic combat in all environments. For some extra spice, weather conditions include torrential rains and strong winds, which negatively alter visibility.

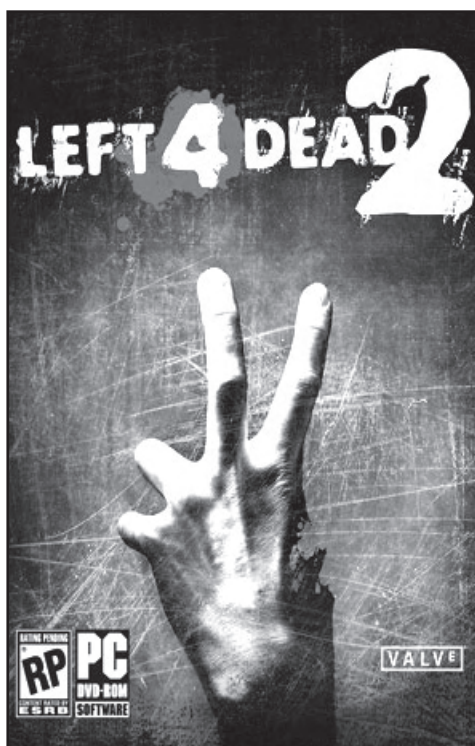
Brand-new weapons can be picked up in all these settings. The guns have gone through major upgrades, along with a brand-new grenade launcher. But what I find more appealing are the melee weapons: no ammo, just man power.

It is pretty satisfying to hear the loud iron clang of a frying pan and seeing zombies fall to their death. What's even more satisfying, though, is spinning in a circle with a chainsaw. If you're into being a rock star, the electric guitar will help you gleefully shred through hordes of zombies. Other melees, such as a machete or katana, help you

bloodily behead and amputate Common Infected (regular zombies).

Besides the original health packs, defibrillators and adrenaline shots have been included for the survivors' benefit. Use the defibrillator to pump a friend back to life, or take an adrenaline shot for life-saving speed. However, like the original pain pills, adrenaline shots only give temporary health.

Sure, all of that is great, but that doesn't make the 'warfare' any easier.



Notoriously known for causing major panic and perspiration, the Witch is a specific kind of zombie who curls up in dark areas and weeps. She is best left alone. If startled, the Witch will come after you with a shrieking, painful attack, leaving you incapacitated (incapped) or dead. Not only do several of them congregate in the dense sugar fields in L4D2, they now wander in broad daylight. I have mistaken them for Common Infected a few too many times, causing me to freak out about my survivor's health (and life!).

There are new, 'uncommon Common Infected': mud men, clowns, flame-retardant HazMat suit zombies and heavily armored SWAT team zombies.

The Special Infected (zombies that have been mutated into stronger beasts) have three new additions to their original team of four. The Charger runs toward survivors and pummels them to death. The Jockey lunges onto the heads of unsuspecting survivors and steers them away from their team. The Spitter's Spit is highly toxic and causes major damage to survivors.

All of the Special Infected are playable in Versus, an online game mode from the original game, which allows a group of four to play as infected and four as survivors. Whoever racks up the most points at the end of a campaign wins.

Yet another sweet addition is Scavenge, a new game mode. With the fun of Versus, this time-based challenge has the Survivor team searching for fuel to fill a generator as the Infected do everything to try and stop them. It's fast-paced, suspenseful, and an emotion inducer (usually anger).

The sequel delivers the best zombie-slaughtering experience possible. The graphics are state-of-the-art (if realistically bloody is an art form). The sounds include freaky zombie groans, screams, maniacal laughs and cries. There are also some humorous comments from the survivors, over eerie southern music (out-of-tune banjos, fiddles and accordions). With all this new stuff, L4D2 is constantly entertaining.

I have yet to leave this game without my palms feeling sweaty and my heart racing, raving to my friends and fellow players. Screaming into my microphone for help (or just for the hell of it) is a regular part of the game for me. Left 4 Dead 2 is one of the best multiplayer games out there right now, so grab some friends and enjoy the extreme co-op experience.



# Turquoise Cafe gives tasty Mediterranean experience

By Julie Dimas

The Turquoise Cafe is located on Roscoe and Leavitt, which is around a 10-15 minute walk from Lane. This is a well suited name for this restaurant, since the color turquoise reminds me of the ocean, which fits well for the restaurant since it offers a variety of very appetizing Mediterranean food. I heard about this restaurant when I first ate there on a field trip for my French class. They served us a community style lunch and everything was delicious. I had never heard of or tried most of the food on the menu because I usually do not eat outside of Hispanic food. This was one of the reasons why I was very hesitant about trying these new foods. However, my friends convinced me to get out of my comfort zone and try new things, so I did. It is definitely a choice that I do not regret.

When I revisited Turquoise Cafe with a friend it was six o' clock, so we had to order from the dinner menus, which at first glance can be pretty intimidating. Since we were on a tight budget, my friend and I decided to share a plate. We ordered "Adana Kabob" and an order of fries. While we waited for our dinner we were served a homemade triangular bread that was embedded with seeds. Although the bread had a hard exterior, it was really soft and chewy on the inside.

We were also served a plate of yellowish/orange spread that was a substance composed of carrot, yogurt, olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper. We used this as a spread over our bread, which gave it a sour but



The Turquoise Cafe is located on Roscoe and Leavitt.

creamy flavor. The fries that we ordered were very appetizing. They are probably some of the best fries that I have ever tasted -yes, even better than McDonald's fries. They did not overwhelm my mouth with salt -instead, they were thin and seasoned, which gave the fries a very unique, satisfying taste that was centered around the seasoning in the potato.

The Adana Kabob we ordered consists of chopped seasoned lamb shoulder with red peppers, crushed pepper, and grilled vegetables. I had never tried lamb before, and when I did it tasted very gratifying. The meat was well done and not over cooked. I liked that the lamb was dry instead of covered with grease, like most meats are. This allowed me to taste the spices that were stuffed into the meat, which added to its enticing flavor. This was all served on top of rice pilaf and served with yogurt sauce. The rice was plain and moist, but the white yogurt sauce added a sour yet sweet taste.

The desserts that we ordered were Kazandibi and Almond Parfait. The Almond Parfait was a sweet vanilla ice cream, infused with almonds and covered with a chocolate Bacardi sauce. The sauce added a bitter taste to the dessert that was a little strong at first, but was balanced with the sweetness of the ice cream. The Kazandibi was a custard filled with caramelized butter and sugar and topped with vanilla ice cream.

This dessert was soft, creamy, and sugary.

Besides the food, I also really enjoyed the restaurant's atmosphere. It was very peaceful, serene, and very family like. When I called to make a reservation, I was greeted on the phone by a very friendly person. When my friend and I got to the restaurant, we were greeted by a friendly hostess who brought us to a table that was covered with a white lined cloth and a white candle in the center. The lighting in the restaurant was dim, and the music that played was very tranquil, quiet, and soothing because of the various soft repeating melodies.

Unfortunately, I had an allergic reaction at the restaurant. I am allergic to eggs and when I ordered dessert, I forgot to ask whether or not the desserts contained eggs. I learned my lesson; when you try new food and you have an allergy, make sure to ask for the ingredients in the food before you order.

Overall, our experience at Turquoise Cafe was a good one. We enjoyed our dinner, the music was nice, the waiters were friendly, and there were no rude people shouting across tables as opposed to my usual restaurant options. Our grand total for the dinner and desserts was \$38.17 (tip included). However, since this is more of upscale restaurant, I would recommend it for special occasions like Valentine's Day. All in all, I give this restaurant four out of five stars because although the food and the service were great, it was a little on the expensive side.



Kazandibi Custard with ice-cream topping.



Chocolate sauce with Bacardi Flame.

## Absolutely True Diary tells story of part-time Indian

By Karen Baena

With witty and quick writing, a strong message, and explicit language that references sexuality and violence, Sherman Alexie author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (True Diary) captivates her reader from the start and does not disappoint.

True Diary is the story of a 14 year-old Native American/Indian boy called Junior who, when he enrolls in an all white school outside his reservation, struggles to rise above the stereotypes society associates with his people.

While True Diary attempts to break down society's stereotypes of Indians, it also explores the trials of growing up.

Junior, the main character, is born with "water on the brain" meaning he had too much cerebral spinal fluid in the brain. It leads to his having various body deformities: 42 teeth (check your mouth you probably only have thirty-two unless you're deformed as well), nearsighted in one eye, farsighted in the other, skinny, and huge feet and hands (in third grade, Junior's feet were a size 11).

Because of his differences, Junior is bullied by other Indians. (In chapter four, three 30 year-old Indian men beat him up). But Junior is not only different physically but also academically. He is too smart, and has a strong desire to learn. When he realizes that the reservation school has been using the same books for over 30 years, he throws the book at the teacher.

It is that same teacher who urges Junior to leave the reservation. He explains to Junior that he has a light that everyone else on the reservation has lost and that in order for that light to remain, he must leave.

Following the teachers' advice, Junior goes to Rearden, a school with an Indian mascot, (just like Lane). Rearden is a predominantly White school and there Junior has to learn new rules about the way people treat each other and the way they will treat him.

Facing the troubles of life outside the reservation and troubles at home, Junior turns to art to express

his thoughts, fears, and frustrations. It is through his comics that he shows the world that that he sees, adding a smile to the reader.

Junior struggles throughout the book. While learning to adapt to a different culture and chasing a different life, he loses his best friend. He suffers additional torment when within a span of a few months several people he is close to die. All this

Indian in town?"

Though Lane's mascot is an Indian, I realized I'd never stopped and thought too much about Indians. If I had, I doubt that the image that would have popped into my head would have been anything like Junior.

My image would have been of a big, strong, and muscular warrior. In my mental picture he would be holding a spear. He would be in a defensive position, ready to attack the enemy. This is my idea of a Lane Indian. But it is not a real picture of what American Indians are anymore.

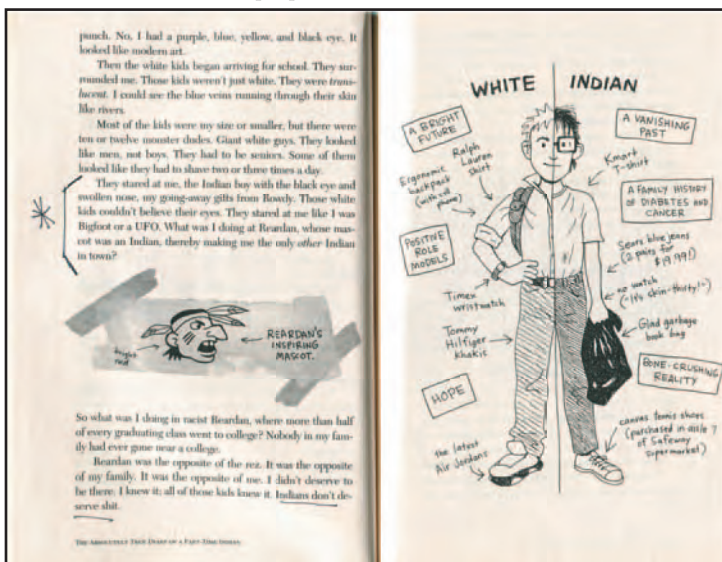
I refuse to think that whoever chose our mascot intended to ridicule Indians. It makes sense that we would want to model our sports and academic teams on the toughness and a dedication of Indian warriors. Our intentions are not in question. What is in question is our social sensitivity.

By declaring the Indian our mascot we open up a door to all sorts of arguments. For example, are we equalizing the Indian culture to the characteristics of Dolphins (Whitney Young), Wildcats (Lakeview), or Bulldogs (Shurz)?

Perhaps this isn't a fair comparison. After all, there is nothing wrong with wanting to be a strong, muscular, and intimidating school? But is it ok to generalize an entire culture as a mascot? No.

Obviously, Junior did not fit the "Indian" stereotype. In fact, neither his family, his friends, nor his neighbors fit the stereotype. So what makes it right to pick Indians as our mascot when we know we are only referring to the warriors?

The Japanese had warriors too. They were called Samurai. Mexicans, Africans, Europeans, and every other culture has had warriors. So why are we not the



Example pages from the book *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

leads him to conclude that he is living in a world where he doesn't belong.

"Nobody in my family had ever gone near a college," he says. "Rearden was the opposite of the rez. It was the opposite of my family. It was the opposite of me. I didn't deserve to be there. I knew it; all of those kids knew it. Indian don't deserve s\*\*\*."

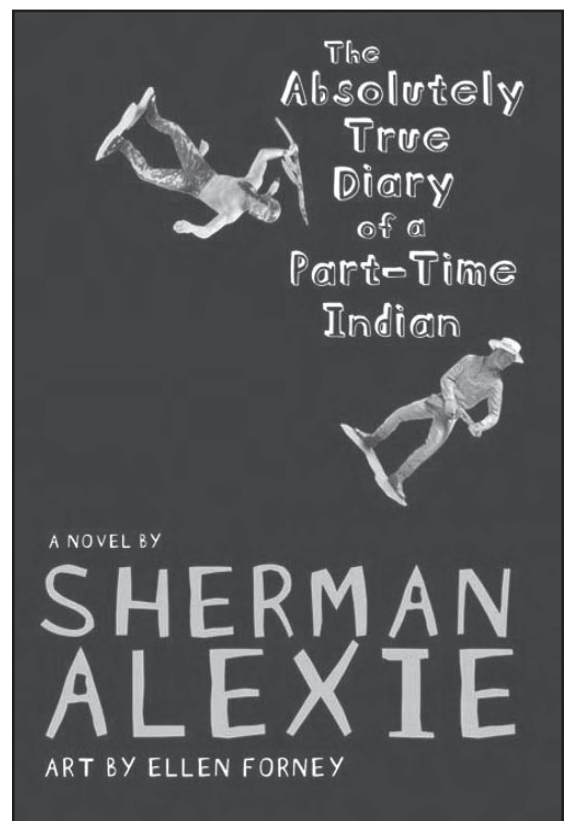
Junior stands as a representation that goes beyond his heritage. He embodies hope to every person that is trying to rise above, and who faces hardships along the way. However, True Diary also has a social message that should speak closely to Lane students.

"They stared at me like I was Bigfoot or a UFO," thought Junior on his first day at his new school. "What was I doing at Rearden, whose mascot was an Indian, thereby making me the only other

Lane Japanese, or the Lane Mexicans, or the Lane Africans? Because that would be considered by most to be insensitive, if not blatantly racist. Yet, we have no problem calling ourselves Indians. We seem to have forgotten that the same sensitivity we should show toward different ethnicities should apply to all cultures equally.

We have ignored social duty in regards to Indians. We have forgotten that their minority is also sensitive.

Alexie's True Diary is heart breaking. It exposes the reader to life outside "the rez." It makes the reader face truths of life, whether they are about being a teen in a new school or admitting that as a society - or even a school - we have forgotten our manners.





# Avatar's visual effects make it top grossing movie of all time

By Erik Prado

If you have not heard by now, Avatar has become the highest grossing movie of all time, making roughly \$1.9 billion. Directed by James Cameron, it tells the story of a corporation mining a valuable resource on the planet Pandora. Taking place in the future, the inhabitants of this planet, the Na'vi, are ten foot tall humanoid creatures who will protect their land at any costs. They are a tightly knit group who believe in animal gods and value nature. The corporation is intent on killing everything and anything in their way to mine this valuable resource because natural resources are scarce on Earth.

See where this is going?  
It should remind you of many instances where imperialist nations expanded. Avatar, however, has been likened most to the United States' campaign to rid the Native

Americans of their land in the 1800s. A strong connection to the U.S. is also made because of the mercenaries, who are ex-Marines. These mercenaries provide protection for the corporation's assets.

The movie has also been called racist and left-winged because of its perceived pro-environmentalism and anti-militarism. It has been called racist because the Na'vi are not the brightest compared to their human, white counterparts. The actors who portrayed the Na'vi also happened to be minorities.

Yes, I noticed the similarities while watching the movie. But I was too awestruck by the beauty of the movie to actually think about this supposed racism. One fault that I noticed was the story was too cliché. In fact, reviewers have said the plot is the weakest area of the movie. The main attraction for viewers has been the groundbreaking visual technology. I did not believe 99% of what I was watching

was CGI. James Cameron waited over 10 years to make this movie because he wanted the best technology available. The CGI, combined with the most realistic 3-D I have ever seen, left my friends and I speechless while walking out of the theater. I knew why we had to line up thirty minutes before the movie started so we could get seats.

I also scoff at the notion that James Cameron purposely made Avatar with a left-winged agenda. Cynics will be quick to point out that any movie that shows nature being protected is left-winged. In Avatar, Cameron used the plot device so the audience has something, or someone, to connect too. Audiences will not connect to a corporation killing natives just for a resource. They will connect to the Na'vi because of their will to fight back and protect their families.

Those who claim the movie is racist need to sit back and relax. Movies are enter-

tainment. Not all non-human characters can act, think, and talk like humans. How convincing would the performances in Avatar be by the Na'vi if the actors had American accents? Would audiences feel sympathy for the Na'vi if they had the same technology as humans? No.

James Cameron was aiming for realism.

Yes, I heard about all the controversy before I saw the movie. But I forgot it all because I go to the movies to enjoy myself. I do not judge a movie until the credits roll. Movies are meant as a way for us to escape our own lives for two hours and go to places we may never see. We get to experience other people's pain, without actually feeling it ourselves.

If you still cry foul after the movie, think



for a moment. Some of the best movies made are those that rile audiences and are talked about weeks after the release.

Will Avatar be one of those movies? It already is. And James Cameron has now directed the two highest grossing movies of all time (Titanic) and garnered Academy Award nominations for Best Picture and Best Director.

## Ask Ash: Am I wasting my time on him?

Dear Ash,

About two months ago, me and my boyfriend broke up. He told me he needed time alone but we'd get back together, so I guess in a way we took a break. But lately, I've been so confused with



him. He never calls me. I always have to call first and sometimes he won't even answer and he'll just text me saying "Can't talk. Busy." I just don't understand. I feel like if it wasn't for me, we wouldn't talk at all. I'm always trying so much but he doesn't do anything. Then everytime we attempt to talk about "us" he keeps saying, "well, I still need time." It's already been two months. How much time does he need, or am I just wasting my time on nothing?

-Hopeless and Confused.

Dear Hopeless and Confused,

From the way I see it you have two different options here. You could either hold on and keep waiting and waiting for him to be ready, or you can let go and be stress free and just do your own thing. Honestly, holding on to him might just waste all of your time. From the way you put it, I truly don't see you guys getting together anytime soon. Just because he needs all this time doesn't necessarily mean you should sit around waiting. It's not fair to you and things shouldn't only be his way. Try to move on and find someone who puts as much into your relationship as you do. You don't need to be with someone who's basically pulling

you along on a string. I honestly think that since he knows you're always there and still keep trying, he's going to use that against you. He's doing his own thing yet still dragging you along because of the simple fact that you let him know you're still trying. Stop putting yourself out there if he's only going to shut you down. It is obvious you care, but maybe more than you should. It takes two to be in a relationship. Remember that. Be independent and show this boy that you don't need him in order to be happy.

-Ash.

Dear Ash,

So there's this really cute boy in my World Literature class. Recently, we just started talking and I think we're really starting to like each other. The only problem is that he's sort of known to have been around a lot, if you know what I mean. So my biggest concern is I'm still a virgin and I'm scared to tell him because what if he'll change his mind or think I'm not ready or experienced enough for him?

-Non-experienced Girl.

Dear Non-experienced Girl,

Take a step back and realize what you wrote to me. I think it's great that you guys are talking and starting to like each other a lot, as long as you're happy. But stop thinking that you won't be ready or good enough for him. Your virginity is something special that no one can take from you unless you let them. Girls who are virgins should be proud to say it. Being a virgin doesn't make you look little or stupid or not ready, it makes you look like such a great person. Guys will respect you more and look at you better if you are a virgin. And honestly, if this guy doesn't want you because you choose to keep your virginity then you don't need him anyways. A guy like that is no where near worth your time or any part of you. Keep your virginity as long as you can, because it is the one thing that is truly yours. Don't be ashamed and always remember it's a good thing.

-Ash.

If you have questions or just want someone to talk to, feel free to email me at [angrant21@yahoo.com](mailto:angrant21@yahoo.com).

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Chips & Salsa

Chicken Taco

Spanish Rice

Beef Taco

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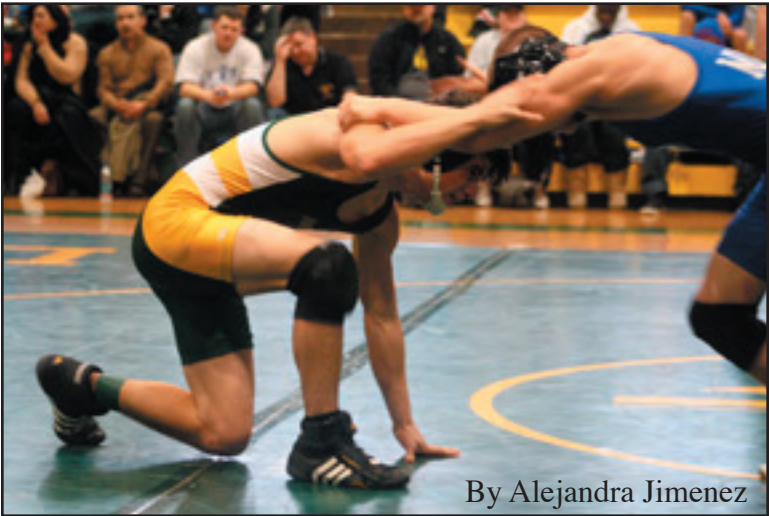
# Player of the Issue

## John McCarthy, Div. 356

The smallest member of Lane's Varsity Wrestling Team, McCarthy has made one of the biggest impacts for the Indians this season. He has helped Lane seal victories over Evanston and Downers South. He has also placed in three tournaments: fifth at Glenbrook South, third at the Lincoln Invite, and secondnd at Chicago Public League Tournament. He holds a 24-14 record as of Feb. 5.



By Alejandra Jimenez



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### FAVORITES

Music: Rock  
Artist/Band: Blink 182  
Color: Green  
Class: P.E.  
Food: Turkey sandwich  
Movie: The Dark Knight  
Store: Dick's Sporting Goods  
Wrestling Team: Iowa  
Wrestler: Brett Matcalf  
Pregame Ritual: Imagine every move I'm going to make.  
Quote: "Success is 1/10 inspiration and 9/10 perspiration."

### FUTURE

College: "I want to go to University of Illinois."  
Major: "I want to major in Law/Criminal."

### BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

"Coming back and winning in OT in semis at the Lincoln invite."

### FAVORITE MOMENT

"Going to Buffalo Wild Wings after winning City."

On Jan. 22-23, Lane regained its dominance by winning the Chicago Public League Tournament by 67.5 points with the help of five city champions: Maxamillian Schneider, Matthew Finnegan, Nicholas Jankowski, Chase Wilson, and Pawel Piotrowiz; and two second place winners: Hiathem Hamdan and John McCarthy.

On Feb. 6 at Regionals, Lane advanced 10 people to Sectionals on Feb. 12-13. Jankowski, Schneider, Finnegan, and Wilson placed first. Hamdan, Michael Murray, and Piotrowiz placed second. McCarthy, Mitch Wilson, and Victor Rivera placed third.

# Who rivals Lane?



By Erik Prado

Which CPS high school would be considered the biggest rival of Lane?

Depends on who you ask. Athletes from different sports list various schools as their rivals.

Yet, one school currently stands out as a rival to the cheerleading, swimming, and debate teams: Whitney Young.

Recently, Young won city championships in girls cross country, and girls track. Their boys basketball team won the IHSA state tournament last year, led by Marcus Jordan, son of Michael Jordan.

Lane's girls track team finished second to Whitney, while the boys track team won city for the fourth year in a row. Lane's basketball team has not won city in years.

"[Whitney] is the most balanced, talent wise in all events, other than ourselves," said team captain of the Boys' Swim Team, Frank Konrath, Div. 050.

"For a long time it used to be Lane 1st, Young 2nd," said varsity swimmer, Aaron Ruiz, Div 029.

In 2007, Young won the city title in swimming. Since then however, Lane is two-time defending city swimming champions.

Varsity cheerleader, Danielle Rangel, Div. 055, also identified Whitney Young as a rival. She said Young has been their rival for the longest time.

Whitney Young is not only a rival to the athletic teams.

Chimene Okere, Div. 025, said Lane's Debate Team historically has frequently beaten Whitney Young.

"But now the tides have turned and their debaters are getting really good," said Okere.

Not all sports teams' rivals are Whitney Young. Recently, Kelly High School has emerged as the biggest opponent to the Varsity Wrestling Team.

Two years ago, Lane won city for wrestling. Last year, Kelly won the city title by a slim margin of 20 points.

Lane came back with a vengeance during this season's city championships. They won city by 67.5 points. Kelly finished second.

"There is definitely a different attitude when we go up to wrestle them. None of us like Kelly at all," said varsity wrestler, Jacob Putnam, Div. 032.

When facing rivals, the atmosphere is described as different than when facing another school. Many times, athletes notice a better performance when going up against a rival. Trash talk has been heard and cocky attitude has been exhibited.

"The play tempo is a lot higher. We play with an edge, a desire, a hunger that isn't visible when we play teams like Roosevelt or Mather," said varsity Boy's Soccer player, Aldo Basha, Div. 042.

Basha said Taft and Shurz are the soccer team's biggest rivals.

"With Taft and Shurz, we play to win, and win big," said Basha.

Konrath had a different explanation. He described the rivalry with Whitney as one familiar to many Chicagoans: Cubs vs. Sox.

"You want to win for bragging rights," Konrath said.

"There is definitely trash talk after meets. Young was really cocky after they won City Relays," Ruiz said.

Alexis Morin, Div. 030, named Morgan Park as the Dance Teams rival. She said the rivalry would be classified as hatred, mainly due to a summer camp Lane held over the summer that Morgan Park attended. Morin desried the dancers from Morgan Park as exhibiting a 'we already know that' attitude when Lane dancers complimented them.

"Every competition we go to and [Morgan Park] is there, you can just feel the tension," said Morin. "They think they are so much better than us."

During debate tournaments, participants make remarks, but not in the most common way.

"Debaters don't need to trash talk. They mostly make cynical comments behind your back," said Okere.

However, not all teams resort to derogative comments.

"No trash talk between teams. Yes, we all have our opinions about each other, but it does not leave the team," said Varsity cheerleader Ashley Homa, Div. 037.

"We don't really need to talk trash. We show it through our wrestling. We know we're the best wrestling team in the city," said Putnam.

Some coaches know and embrace these rivalries.

"With Shurz, it's as Coach Waz calls it. The Battle of Addison Street," said Basha.

Ruiz said Coach Rummelhoff acknowledges the rivalry with Whitney Young.

"But he usually leaves it to the guys to handle," said Ruiz.

Ruiz said Coach Rummelhoff do not need to publicly acknowledge the rivalry because he knows his swimmers will always strive to beat Young.

Rivalries can be beneficial, and at the same time harmful. They bring out the best in student athletes, but there are times when games or matches get too heated.

"[Rivalries] make for intense games, heated discussion, and immense speculation...In games you are motivated to play and more motivated to win, not only for your team but also your school," said Basha.

"Rivalries are good especially in cheerleading because it's a sport where everything has to be in sync. Rivals keep the squad focused on one goal, and it's to beat [the] rival," said Homa.

Putnam said that he enjoys rivalries, and without them that competition would be bland and not have a meaning.

"I would still compete, but not with as much fierceness," said Putnam. "You always need a rival in competition, no doubt."



<b>Boys Basketball</b> Jan 30: Lane 45-Niles North 70 Feb 3: Lane 36-Robeson 56 Upcoming: Feb 26: Senior Night vs Jones College Prep	<b>Girls Basketball</b> Jan 25: Lane 36- Northside 25 Jan 27: Lane 25- Marshall 55 Upcoming: Feb 16: State Playoffs vs Evanston	
<b>Boys Bowling</b> Took 2nd place @ City Took 3rd place @ State Sectionals	<b>Boys Swimming</b> Feb 10: City Prelims @ Whitney Feb 11: City Championships @ UIC	
<b>Girls Bowling</b> Took 1st place @ City Sectionals	<b>Wrestling</b> Upcoming: Feb 13-14 Sectionals @ De La Salle	