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CTA plans Ashland Avenue bus route renovation

By Hector Montalvo

The Ashland BRT, Bus Rapid Transportation, project is a renovation plan aimed at increasing transportation and boarding speed along Ashland, traveling from 95th to Irving Park.

This will be done by using a wireless signal embedded in the buses that sends an alert to traffic lights. These lights are then switched to green, allowing the buses to pass without delay.

The project is expected to increase the average bus speed on Ashland and other routes by as much as twice of what it is now (15 mph versus 8 mph.) Not only will the speed be increased, but the buses will operate with little to no traffic in their lanes of the street.

On Dec. 10 & 11, public open house forums were held to discuss the implementation of the project. The project was given favorable support and its design stages have begun.

In June of 2012, Lane hosted a public CTA open house to discuss the Western and Ashland corridor of the BRT project. At this meeting, the results were shared from an Alternative Analysis, which examined the impact of the

Ashland/Western Corridor BRT on the community.

One of the stops along the Ashland BRT route closest to Lane is the Addison stop, just a mile from the Addison/Western intersection outside of Lane.

The BRT would allow many students traveling from the south side of the city to take the Ashland bus to Addison. There they could transfer to another bus for the short ride west to Western.

The Ashland route serves many Chicago students on their commute to school. Students from nearly 100 middle schools and high schools could take advantage of the BRT when it is finished.

Some Lane students say installing a BRT on Western would be even more helpful for their commute. A route along Western is a candidate for a BRT project, though future plans are still tentative.

“Western would be a good candidate if the BRT [project] proves to be effective,” said Miles Strong-Austin, Div. 454. “The buses on Western can be extremely packed. There will be times where you can barely move.”

Other routes that will have BRT service are located primarily downtown, in



This artist's sketch of the Ashland BRT was taken from a WBEZ story published on Apr. 13, 2013.

the central Loop.

The J14, or Jump 14, is one of the few bus routes that has lanes reserved for express buses. It runs through the downtown area, specifically by Ogilvie and Union Stations.

Amelia Mroczkowski, Div. 451, used to ride the #147 bus, a route that turns express along certain sections of its route.

“Part of the ride was like any other bus ride, except the buses were substantially

larger,” Mroczkowski said. “When it got onto Lakeshore Drive, it would run express until Michigan Avenue.”

It will take approximately three years to design and construct these new lanes.

Lane seniors accept full-ride scholarships

By Erica Rocha

This year the Posse Foundation had around 2,600 nominees and about 110 winners from Chicago. Seven of those Posse scholars are Lane students.

Justin Cancel, Div. 452, is one of the winners who was awarded full tuition for college through the Posse Foundation. Like most nominees, Cancel was not confident at the start of the competition. When he heard that there were hundreds of nominees, he did not believe he would even make it through the first round.

“Right there I was like ‘well I’m not getting [the scholarship]’ but here I am,” Cancel said.

To win full tuition through this program, Posse nominees go through the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP). This includes three phases that include group interviews, individual interviews, and other assessment tasks over a period of several months.

“Going through three rigorous interviews was very intimidating because you’re in this group sit-

ting with tons of other students across Chicago who want this scholarship as much as you do,” Cancel said. “I kept thinking that I had to be what they are looking for in order for me to win the scholarship, but then I was able to relax when I came to the conclusion that I have to be myself in order to get noticed.”

Mrs. Console, counselor at the College and Career Center (CCC), assisted all 60 initial nominees by preparing them for each phase and identifying their strengths.

“I prep them so they’ll be ready for anything in these interviews... the [interviews] are very intense and crazy,” Console said. “The thing is Posse never tells us what to expect because there’s really no format.”

After nine years of preparing students for the DAP, Console believes she knows what Posse is looking for.

“They want kids who can think on their feet,” Console said.

Although about 30 nominees qualified for the second phase, most of them were surprised they made the cut.

“[The nominees] have that sense of self doubt... but they’re very humble that they made it through each round,” Console said.

Like Cancel, Gabriele Bieliauskaite, Div. 462, won a Posse scholarship to Denison University in Ohio. She also prepared on her own before she went through each phase.

“I was nervous during [the interviews]... like everyone was,” Bieliauskaite said. “[In preparation] for the second round interview when it was one-on-one, I did fake interviews with my dad so I could talk through questions and how to answer them.”

Bieliauskaite also researched the

partnering colleges she chose to apply for before she was interviewed. During the first round she was surprised to see how well all the nominees were interacting.

“People were nice to each other, which was surprising because you would think they’d be competitive,” Bieliauskaite said. “But you could see it in some of them trying to act out. If you’re nervous it’s a huge minus for you so you just have to fit in I guess.”

While Bieliauskaite focused on calming her nerves by fitting in, Nushrat Jahan, Div. 465, tried to stand out through her application for the QuestBridge scholarship program.

“My mom was the one who told me if there’s anything different about me from other people, all I had to do was make that clear in the application because a lot of schools and scholarships look for different traits and qualities,” Jahan said.

Unlike the Posse Foundation, QuestBridge scholarships provide students with full rides to college. QuestBridge, however, does not conduct interviews. To qualify, students must be high-achieving and come from low-income households.

From approximately 15,000 applicants, 440 students were matched to a partnering college to which they were awarded full ride scholarships. Once accepted to one of QuestBridge’s partner colleges, applicants become part of the Quest Scholars Network.

Through this organization, Jahan was able to join the Network in which students were awarded full ride scholarships to the University of Chicago, where she will live on campus.

Posse scholars become part of a network during their senior year and remain a part of it through college. Posse places 10 diverse scholars, from different cities, together to create a “posse” that will remain together for all four years of college.

“It’s really priceless because they’re with the Posse network... The connections and all the job opportunities are there for [the students] after they graduate,” Console said.

Although Cancel and Bieliauskaite will miss their friends at Lane, they are excited to attend Denison.

“I’m excited for everything... to see how it is living somewhere else almost on your own,” Bieliauskaite said. “It’s going to be very different living there compared to Chicago.”

Bieliauskaite believes that even though students may not be interested in the partner schools the scholarship programs connect them with, they should still apply and see if they pass through the rounds. Cancel agrees.

“Just go for it. You might not think you have that special something they are looking for, but you never know,” Cancel said. “If you try and don’t make it then that just means you were meant for something greater... don’t get discouraged.”

Although the number of nominees is usually cut in half every round, Console believes Lane students have a strong chance of winning the scholarships. According to Console, this year Lane has had the most Posse winners since she began working as a counselor in the College and Career Center.

“I’m not surprised at the [students] that won the [scholarships]. They really are great candidates for it,” Console said. “They are Posse.”

“Just go for it. You might not think you have that special something they are looking for, but you never know.”
- Justin Cancel

Posse Scholarship Winners:			
Last Name	First Name	Division	Posse School
Bieliauskaite	Gabriele	462	Denison University
Cancel	Justin	452	Denison University
Pham	Jenny	467	Oberlin College
Pasev	Ivaylo	480	DePauw University
Wronkowski	Evelyn	480	Agnes Scott College
Goshu	Yordanos	463	Cornell University
Sukhu	Shania	477	Cornell University
Questbridge Scholarship Winners:			
Jahan	Nushrat	465	University of Chicago
Huerta	Jasmine	478	Amherst College
Gutierrez	Ivan	470	University of Chicago

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Demerits derail International Days dance plans

By Sandra Campos

Preparing for International Days is a highlight for many students. They spend time with friends, work hard, and exhibit ethnic pride by showcasing traditional dances performed in native costumes of different countries. However, this experience changes when clubs begin to lose members due to Lane's new demerit system.

Demerits are given to punish those who are tardy to school or in violation of the dress code. If students accumulate enough demerits, they lose certain school privileges like attending Turkey Bowl, school dances, and even participating in International Days.

Preparation is crucial for clubs preparing for International Days, which starts Mar. 6. Several clubs are now rushing to make changes to dance routines after losing members due to demerits.

According to Korean Club dancer Daniela Rozo, Div. 582, the demerit system has not only affected the choreography of Korean club's dance, but its budget as well.

"We are limited to 24 dancers, so each one is important to our choreography. The demerit system has just brought us a lot of stress because our president and two of our dancers have been kicked out," Rozo said. "Our budget got really tight and now, everyone else has to pay

extra for the dresses and costumes...we are scared, honestly."

"I believe [demerits] are really unfair, like [club members] are late for reasons that are inevitable...they try so hard," Paulina Rosales, Div. 578, another Korean Club dancer, said.

Some clubs, like Filipino Club, have already replaced dancers who cannot perform because of their high demerit totals, but several members are still stressed about losing additional members who are getting close to accumulating 15 demerits.

Hawaiian Club has also lost a key dancer, vice president Tommie Miller, Div. 481, due to demerits.

"It's been sort of chaotic," Miller said. "I knew the moves [to Hawaiian club's dances] very well and since I can't perform, the dance moves for Hawaiian Club might not be properly portrayed and I don't want people who are Hawaiian to possibly be offended."

Miller said that he tried participating in the breakfast program to reduce his number of demerits, but it hasn't reduced his demerits enough to allow him to perform.

"I don't think the demerit system is fair," Miller said. "This was my last year to be able to dance and now I can't anymore. I wish there were more opportunities to reduce the demerits, especially for seniors. It's not fair to take away fun their last year."

Opportunities for Demerit Reduction:

- Donate a pair of jeans in the main office to the Aeropostale Jeans Drive and have one demerit removed. A main office staff member must witness the donation and you must sign the sheet on the main office counter.
- The week of 3/17/14 is another breakfast challenge. Eat the free breakfast offered at Lane all 5 days and you will have two demerits removed (if you have 10 or more).
- Complete FAFSA by the 2/14/14 deadline and you will have one demerit removed regardless of how many demerits you have. (Applicable to only seniors).
- The week of 2/17/14, come to first period and advisory on time all week and you will get 2 demerits removed.



Political cartoon by Erica Rocha & Hector Montalvo

Corrections

In the December issue of the Warrior some stories reported inaccurate information we would like to correct here. All corrections have been made to these stories which appear online at our website, www.lanewarrior.com. We apologize for the mistakes.

• The page 1 story "Lane holds first annual NO HATE Campaign" Kailee Kuropas, Div. 657, was quoted as saying, "There is a lot of prejudice in the world with sexuality, religion, and race. We have to embrace it." The final sentence of this quote should have read, "We have to embrace [these differences]."

• The page 3 story "3D printing coming to Lane next year" reported, "Room 134, formerly the staff lunchroom, will be repurposed into a 3D printing lab. The room is already outfitted with Macs and air conditioning." The room has not yet been outfitted for Macs. That step will be part of the upcoming renovations of the room.

• The page 5 story "Library 'facelift' creates relaxing lounge atmosphere" incorrectly reported that the renovations to the library were "financed by school funds and the Century Foundation." Funds for the library renovations were actually contributed by the Lane Alumni Association.

Lane's Latino presence grows at International Salsa Congress

By Leah Wojtach

After months of practice and choreography, Jazzine Avecado, Div. 450, exhausted from Alliance of Boricuas' (A.B.C.)



Photo by Grisel Medina.

Elodie Castro, Div. 654, stretches before ABC's dance practice.

intense routine is ecstatic to hear from the Chicago International Salsa Congress Dance Festival. The club sent in an audition video to be considered to perform at the event. After weeks of nervous waiting, Avecado and A.B.C. were accepted to perform during this prestigious festival that takes place during the 14th to 17th of February.

Lane's Aspira, Organization of Latin Students (OLAS), and A.B.C. in Chicago will perform at the Chicago International Salsa Congress. This Latin Dance Festival celebrates the culture of Latin and Afro-Caribbean music and dance. It includes four nights and three days of workshops, dance productions and live entertainment.

A.B.C. was accepted to participate in the Emerging Artist Showcase on Feb. 15. This is the second year the club will perform at Congress.

The Chicago International Salsa Congress features seven dance productions. One of the dance showcases will include O.L.A.S. This will be the club's first year at Congress.

Anissa Vega, President of O.L.A.S., Div. 461 said, "Aspira and O.L.A.S. are both performing in the Emerging Artists. It's basically a small competition. Then two acts will make it to the night show."

O.L.A.S. does feel the pressure for performing for the first time at Congress.

"[Practice] has been very intense. Since its our first time, we have to leave a good impression for following years," said Eddy Aguilar, Div. 450.

Aspira was invited to perform again this year at Congress, marking their twelfth year performing.

Aspira won the competition the past two years. However, some club members do not feel the pressure to maintain this winning streak.

"We have a reputation for always performing well and we have to live up to that," said Damian Jordan, Div. 451. "Winning is great, but as long as we're having fun and upholding the Aspira name, that's all that matters."

Even though the Latin clubs will compete against each other in this dance festival, there is no rivalry between the three.

"The presidents of all the Latin clubs, we're all really good friends. We bring our clubs to hang out," said Nina Saenz, Div. 463, President of A.B.C. "We're not trying to having any rivalry. We're all really supportive of each other and we want to see everyone do well."



Rickey Sema, Div. 564, Melissa Rangel, Div. 567, and Jonathan Negron, Div. 457, practice for their OLAS performance.

Kiss Me, Kate cast bonds outside rehearsals

By Genesis Romo

During the week of Valentine's Day, the cast of *Kiss Me, Kate* will not only perform in the Winter Musical, but also give their heartfelt goodbyes to one another.

The cast spent three hours together, five days a week, every week since late November, rehearsing and getting to know one another.

Anna Gianni, Div. 456, who played the lead role as Katherine, is one of the seniors who will miss spending time with the fellow cast members. Gianni said she would bake cupcakes and cookies for the cast to eat at rehearsals. Working together for so long has brought them closer together as they form new memories.

"Every single moment is absolutely hilarious," Gianni said. "We have so many inside jokes it's actually ridiculous. There is a meme devoted to things that happened that relate to our everyday life at rehearsal."

Fernando Borges, Div. 584, who played one of the

Borges. "After the scene I ran off stage and a cast member just gave me a warm embrace and people just started to come in and it was this big group hug."

With that group hug Borges said he felt a powerful connection to everyone, increasing his love for his cast family.

Borges said some of goofy things cast members would do included singing other performers' songs backstage and taking countless snapchat photos.

Borges explained one of the inside jokes he had with his cast members.

"Kate sings a song 'I hate men,'" he said. "And one time we were going up stairs to do a music rehearsal and I started singing, 'I hate stairs! I can't abide them even now and then.' It's just little funny jokes [like this] and we just all start busting out laughing."

According to Thomas Russell, Div. 473, who played the character of Bill, at times there could be drama among the cast. Someone might say something sarcastic that gets blown out of proportion or offends other cast members. However, once it is time to get on stage, the drama is left behind and forgotten.

Despite the drama, the cast is usually very affectionate toward each other. New performers that just came into theater this year said the cast would embrace each other with hugs and kisses, which was a strange thing for them at first.

Ariana Sojos, Div. 556, sings as part of the chorus and initially had a difficult time socializing with people. As she rehearsed with the cast everyday, however, she began talking to more people.

On Jan. 31, Autumn Eggers, Div. 590, who played the character of Bianca, lost her cell phone walking out of Saturday rehearsal. She walked

into McDonald's and saw other cast members. She began to cry and was immediately embraced by Borges.

After Eggers explained that she had lost her phone and had to go straight home, the rest of the cast walked back toward the school in search of the phone.

The group spent about two hours kicking through the snow searching. Miriam Hyman, Div. 764, brought a shovel from home to aid in the search. Borges got down

Archive of the Issue

Sixty-one years ago on Feb. 19, 1953, the Lane Tech Daily published a story on a proposed plan by the CTA to raise the student fare for public transportation from 8 cents (if tickets were bought in groups of five) to 10 cents per ride (as a flat rate). The CTA's current student rate is 75 cents per ride.

"WHA HOPPEN"?

Several months ago there was a rather large commotion throughout the public high school system over a proposed plan by the C.T.A. to establish a permanent 10 cent student fare. This would mean that although students would no longer be able to buy the books of five student fares for 40 cents or 8 cents a ride, they would be able to ride for 10 cents at all times, day or night, throughout the week.

This proposal was voted on by every division room in the school and was passed with a practically unanimous vote, as was evidently the case in other schools as well.

Now the question is, where do we go from here? Is it possible that our own C.T.A. decided that a proposal that met with such vast approval must inevitably be bad for them and thus is best forgotten, or could it be that the 20 cents fares now being charged do not provide the Transit Authority with enough money to investigate and act on proposals such as these. Whatever the reason, it seems about time that something was done one way or the other and the students, who are the ones concerned, let in on it.



The *Kiss Me, Kate* cast searches for a missing phone in the snow.

lead roles, is sad to part with the senior performers. However, Borges is appreciative of all his cast members for all the time they have spent together. He found the cast to be like his close family who comforted him during hard days.

"It was my chance to do a scene [one] day ...and it was just a really bad day. I felt like I wasn't right for the role, like, I wasn't good enough for the role," said

on his knees and pushed through the snow with a binder he brought to rehearsal.

Eggers later found a way to contact her friends thank them for their help even though they did not find the missing phone.

Borges ended the search with a group huddle and speech, saying, "We are all family here, and if you ever need anything like this just come up to anyone of us and we'll do it because we love you and family sticks together."

Lane's slam team debuts new talent at competition

By Marissa Higgs

Before the competition began, the kids sit close together in Lane's auditorium brainstorming haikus. Constant laughter and semi-inappropriate jokes flow from them and it could appear strange that these people have only been working together this closely for a few months.

On Saturday Jan. 18, Lane's slam team hosted a friendly spoken word competition put on by Young Chicago Authors (YCA). Lane's almost completely new team has been preparing for it since the beginning of the school year.

Earlier this year several students waited in Ms. Meacham's classroom running over their prepared poems in their minds and nervously thinking about the outcome of their tryout.

One of these students was Bailey Boyle, Div. 652.

While she has been writing poems on and off again for as long as she can remember, this was going to be her first time on Lane's team.

"It was intimidating at first but then [I got] a sense of community," she said.

Not everyone at the auditions had been poets for as long as Boyle.

"I have hated poetry since birth until sophomore year and one night in sophomore year a friend of mine showed me three poems by Andrea Gibson," said Grace Barry, Div. 477. "I was crying like baby by the third one and then I spent the entire night looking at Andrea Gibson. Since then I've branched off."

Now Barry enjoys poems by several poets.

Barry wrote poems occasionally in her creative writing class and wanted to join the slam team last year but felt she was too much of a "wuss" to tryout. When it was time to tryout for the 2013-2014 team, she was ready. She performed a poem about teenage girls using the word "like."

"Ms. Meacham would give commentary and make us repeat things again so she knew we could change our performance coaching," she said. According to Barry, this was an important part of deciding who would make the team and fill its available spots.

Eight students total make up this year's slam team. Along with Boyle and Barry, Nia Robinson, Div. 584, Elise Rivkin, Div. 564, Gates Daniel, Div. 576, Kaina Castillo, Div. 475, Kamil Lungu, Div. 665, and Noah Barron, Div. 462, are all participating members.

Only three members from each team would have the opportunity to perform their individual poems at this competition. Collectively it was decided that Castillo, Barron, and Barry would perform. Three rounds later it was time to total each teams' overall scores.

"Listen to the poem!" the crowd in the auditorium shouted to the judges giving scores under an 8.6 because the observers felt the poet deserved more points. It was a competition unlike most others. The competitors were cheering each other on.

The judges play an important role, but what qualifies the judges is a question even the poets cannot seem to answer. Lungu insists that judges do not show any bias toward any particular schools.

"Basically, [they] pick people out of the crowd," Barry said. "They" meaning the people who work for YCA and put on these poetry slams every year.

One thing most of the members will agree on is that they enjoy discussing important topics in their poems. Often they will write about things going on in their lives or in society.

"I guess I like complaining... if it exists I'll complain about it [and] even if it doesn't exist I'll complain about it," Boyle said.

Several "touchy" topics were mentioned at the competition including racism, education, family life, relationships and many others were brought up in hopes of sparking debate or discussion.

During the Haiku Death Match, the final round of the competition in which four members or so from the top scoring four teams read different haikus to decide the winner overall, one girl said,

"slam poets, the worst thing to ever happen to abusive parents."

Lane's team was unable to make it to the final round. This did not discourage them or keep them from cheering on the other poets. It was an opportunity for the members to reflect and figure out where they had room for improvement as a team.

"I think we just need to write more material...you can't edit nothing," Barry said. "[Also] we need to stop being hard on ourselves."

Although the team did not win the competition, they are excited to be working together and are already writing poems for the next YCA competition in February called Louder Than a Bomb where these young slam poets will continue light-heartedly joking about what it is they truly do.

"I mean aren't we all just slow rapping?"



The slam team practices their poems for each other as they prepare for their upcoming competition.

Student-written play performed at Pegasus Theatre

By Marta Malinowski

Having the play she wrote brought to life by professional actors and directors was something Clare McKitterick, Div. 452, did not think she had a realistic chance of seeing.

McKitterick was one of the high school students who submitted plays into competition for the Chicago Young Playwrights Festival in the Pegasus Theatre.

McKitterick decided to enter into the Young Playwright's Festival just to see if anything could come of it. Not long after, she received an email and phone call with the news that her play had been chosen as a winner.

"It was pretty hard to believe at first. I honestly had no idea that I could ever have won, so it was a huge surprise when I did," McKitterick said.

She and two other winners were awarded \$500 and had their plays performed as professional productions in January.

McKitterick's play was about a support group for fairy tale characters, led by Glinda, the Good witch from *The Wizard of Oz*. Her "patients" are deeply disturbed by events from their pasts, each associated with something that happened in the fairy tale for which they are known. The characters include Pinocchio: an ex-puppet who wants to remain a boy by only telling the truth no matter how painful to others, Snow White: a girl whose terror of poisoned apples leads her to bad behavior, Captain Hook: a pirate with a strong hatred of children, and Big Bad Wolf: a beast with a surprising alibi.

McKitterick's inspiration for the idea behind her play came from her long love for fairy tales.

"I thought it was interesting to ex-



A scene from McKitterick's play is performed by professional actors at the Pegasus Theatre.

Photo pulled from suntimes.com

plore what happens after the fairy tale ending. It's something you don't get to see, so I decided to explore it," McKitterick said.

Her Creative Writing teacher, Ms. Meacham, said McKitterick's play truly deserved winning and being produced for the stage.

"It was a really creative and fun topic of taking fairy tales out of context and playing with what is seen as their stereotypes," Meacham said.

Meacham said McKitterick's play was a good comedy, but also had a great twist to it.

"The writing of it is more complex and deeper than it appears. You think it's going to be simple, but then it hits

you," Meacham said.

The production ran for a month but required a whole month of rehearsals and over a month of writing. This being her first time writing a play, McKitterick was not used to the lengthy process. One of the biggest struggles she had was getting her characters "flushed out." Meacham helped her add all the pieces together, advising her how to make the story flow better. McKitterick credits Meacham with helping her through every step of the play writing process.

"She gave me advice about what I was doing right or wrong and how to make it better," McKitterick said.

Meacham initially assigned her class to write a one act play during the sec-

ond quarter of last school year. McKitterick's play was first performed during Lane's Play Fest and later submitted for the Chicago Young Playwrights Festival. From the start Meacham saw that McKitterick was going to find success with the piece.

"It's hard to put into words," Meacham said. "She has such a great sense of space with clear character motivation and conflict. The play allows the audience to feel smart."

McKitterick was able to watch rehearsals of her play being directed by professional director Lavina Jadhvani. This experience helped her learn more about the relationship between actors and director.

McKitterick was not just an observer in this process. She was actively involved in talking with actors and director to ensure the play adhered to her vision of what it should be. She helped in choosing cast members after watching auditions, she coordinated scene direction, and voiced her opinion on several other important details of the production.

After all the hard work, she was able to share the results with her family who came to see her play.

"It was nerve-wracking to watch my family's and the other people in the theater's reaction, but it was also really exciting," McKitterick said.

McKitterick admits to being afraid that people would not find her play funny or would not understand the comedic effects she intended. When watching the play being performed for an audience in the Pegasus Theatre the first time, she was happily surprised with how many people were laughing and enjoying it.

Looking back on the play writing experience, McKitterick is proud of her accomplishment.

"I am really honored to have won, especially after having absolutely no experience in the field of play writing," McKitterick said.

To any writers thinking about submitting their plays next year, McKitterick believes success comes from writing what you know.

"Just write about something you love and care about and it will all feel more real. You need to make [the audience] feel what you're writing," McKitterick said.

McKitterick says this experience has worked to reinforce her goal of pursuing writing in her future.

"She is such a gifted writer. I have no doubt that she will be successful," Meacham said.

Uncle Fun store closes after 38 years of business

By Walker Post

As I walked into Uncle Fun knowing it would be the last time I would step foot into the store, I could not help but feel as if Chicago was losing a very important part of itself. The visit brought back memories of a third grade birthday party, where everyone got goodie bags from Uncle Fun after time spent at Laser Tag. These bags were full of surprises: stink bombs, fake blood and Pez dispensers.

Uncle Fun closed down on Jan. 26 after Ted Frankel, the owner, decided to move to Baltimore to open an art store, Sideshow, which sells toys and Frankel's original art. Uncle Fun has been around for 38 years and is widely known in Chicago for being the shop to visit for novelty items, gag gifts, and vintage toys.

Uncle Fun announced it would be closing in early January. Soon after, the store was flooded by customers looking to take advantage of the store's 50 percent off sale. On Jan. 11, over a thousand customers came for their last chance

to buy things like fake poop or pens that zap fingers. The checkout line stretched around the store.

"Not one person was angry or upset about waiting in a line," Frankel said. "Everybody was sharing stories about [their time] at Uncle Fun."

Jake Morris, Div. 463, went to the shop on Jan. 11, where he spent over an hour waiting in line. He browsed in the basement, which had never before been open to the public. He found a poster of icons from the 1960s including Jimi Hendrix and John F. Kennedy. While waiting in line, Morris chatted with other customers find-

ing most everyone had positive things to say about the store.

Morris first visited Uncle Fun when he was eight years old. His dad developed a friendly relationship with Frankel because of his admiration for the store.

"The first time I went in, I was overwhelmed," Morris said. "There's nothing else like it."

Uncle Fun is renowned for the nostalgic items customers stumble upon.

"I think that when people go to Uncle Fun, they get to be a kid again," Morris said.

The sense of community

was still apparent

when I went to Uncle Fun on Jan. 13.

It was more crowded than I had ever seen it, but most of the items I remembered buying there were gone.

I watched as a man happily bought the last whoopee cushion and Groucho

glasses. Frankel

had just finished

chatting with a customer, when I introduced myself.

We began discussing the

history of the store, and it was clear

Frankel was upset to be closing his "baby."

"I've always been an old-fashioned retailer,"

Frankel said. "I don't pay attention to the money. I pay attention to my customers."

Frankel remembers getting calls from principals who were not happy that he sold stink

bombs at his store. He would always tell them that maybe the parents needed to be more

vigilant and watch their kids.

Frankel has had his own problems with kids,

catching them trying to steal things from his store.

He tells these kids he would give them the items for

free if they had just asked. It is obvious Frankel has a soft spot for young people.

"I love students," Frankel said. "Everyone wants a fun uncle."

Logan Bailey, Div. 473, found a gas mask at his first encounter with Uncle Fun. He sees Uncle Fun as a thrift store for toys and other nostalgic items.

"It's sad that [Uncle Fun] is going away," Bailey said. "...future generations will never have the experience of going into the store."

Bailey recalls a dinner party his mom hosted where she and he scattered fake cockroaches and mice he had

purchased at Uncle Fun

around the food and

on the floor. They

watched in amusement as guests

screamed in shock.

During my interview with Frankel,

a man politely interrupted to thank him.

He warmly wished Frankel

good luck and told him that he remembered the Mr. T Tea

Bags, which they both

laughed about.

"My fondest memory is my customers of course," Frankel said. "Without them I wouldn't have been around for 38 years."

A few minutes later, a music teacher approached Frankel and asked about buying a whole stack of

books. Without hesitation, Frankel shot off the number \$5 to her, which was clearly a bargain.

The books were for her brother who was teaching an orchestra class.

Frankel recalls Pee-wee Herman coming into his store and the two of them sharing a laugh over

Frankel's collection of Pee-wee Herman miniature harmonicas, which is where Herman adopted

his name. Frankel excused himself from our conversation to go to the front of the store to retrieve

one of these two-inch harmonicas. This made me

realize that just about every toy in Uncle Fun

had a great story behind it.

"My philosophy is when you see something great, you buy them

all," Frankel said.

The wall nearest the entrance was covered with

signed photographs of athletes and newscasters who

had written personal messages to Frankel.

Other celebrities who had visited the

store included actor John Malkovich, singer Dolly Parton, and one especially

notable performer.

"Ever heard of Michael Jackson?" Frankel asked.

He went on to describe a photo of the two of them sitting in a photo booth with Jackson on his

lap. When I asked if I could see the picture he said it was buried away somewhere upstairs in his office.

When Frankel needed to get back to work, we shook hands and I thanked him for being so willing to talk.

As I continued wandering around the store, I found a few items that amused me. Over-exaggerated cartoon bookmarks of Prince Charles and

Ronald Reagan, classic fake blood, and a Red Dog pin. I walked up to the register and pulled out my

wallet, but the cashier had already bagged my items

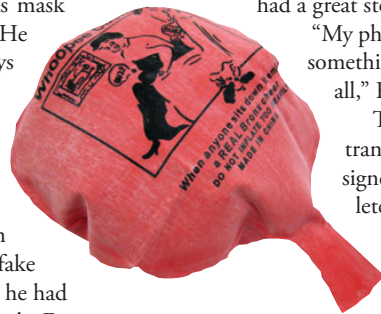
and told me I was all set. Confused, I started pulling out cash, but he assured me the stuff I was

buying was not even worth a dollar.

For me and others, Uncle Fun's legacy will

be remembered as the generous toy store where one could go to find

little reminders about the lighter side of life.



Cameron finds creative outlet in music



Nick Cameron (pictured right) and his band, The Fleeting Suns, pose for a photoshoot this past spring.



By Matthew Wettig

Walking into the Abbey Pub on a Friday night, Nick Cameron's age goes unnoticed. He is not there to sneak an illegal drink, he is just getting down to business.

Cameron, Div. 475, is there to drum for his band, the Fleeting Suns, a folk-rock quartet. Besides playing for the Fleeting Suns, he plays in the Lane Jazz band, the school's Jazz Combo, and writes his own music on the side.

In addition to the drums, which he has been playing since he was 11, Cameron also plays the piano, and has recently taken up the bass.

Cameron first started playing piano at age 7, which he did not enjoy.

"I kept up with the lessons, but never really practiced when I was supposed to," Cameron said. "It was pushed on me like a chore by my dad. I liked music and I liked playing but I only knew how to play what other people had taught me."

Despite this, Cameron's father has been in various bands throughout his career. His first band Big Twist and the Mellow Fellows received national acclaim for their 1983 blues rock album *Playing for Keeps*. In the 1990s he played for Sonia Dada, a band based in Chicago, that

for some reason had a large following in Australia. Their single "You Don't Treat Me No Good" even reached #1 on the Australian ARIA charts, the equivalent of the US Billboard charts.

"At home we have a poster of the top 100 singles. It shows Sonia Dada at the one, two, and four spots. Three was Guns n Roses and I think five was Nirvana," Cameron said.

He believes his father's past and his upbringing have greatly influenced where Cameron is today.

Cameron has been playing with the Fleeting Suns for a year. Before that he played with The Machines, which later became Miss Demeanor. The Fleeting Suns play one or two shows a month.

"Recently, a really weird band opened for us, Winnie Paige and the Dirt Band. Let me put it this way, only way they could corner the market more is if they doubled as male strippers at bachelorette parties. The first song they played was called 'sex party'," Cameron said laughing.

Cameron also plays an integral role in Lane's Jazz Combo, acting as the unofficial assistant director. He arranges songs if other members of the band do not like how it was originally written. Cameron also directs the band when the instructor, Mr. Hudson, is absent. They have played multiple shows, from playing downtown for the CPS Board of Education to the halls of Lane before first period.

Mr. Hudson teaches Cameron's Sound Engineering class and acts as the coordinator for the Jazz Combo. Hudson has dubbed Cameron "the arranger."

"There will be a song the group wants to play. From

there we start working on the song as a whole," Hudson said. "Nick's always there tweaking songs, making very creative little flourishes. He gives Jazz Combo our signature sound rather than being a generic version of an old jazz standard. Nick has a great way of making songs sound original."

Recently Lane's Sound Engineering class released a song of Cameron's titled "Good Vibes." The 2:02 minute synthesizer track took 5-6 class sessions to complete, and a lot of patience. Cameron recorded the track entirely using Pro Tools software, which he describes as easier than doing live recording. When recording music live, if one person is not completely happy with their part, the whole song must be rerecorded. Hudson believes that Cameron has musical "context to draw off of" that make him a valuable asset in sound engineering.

His passion for music took off in seventh of eighth grade when he quit taking lessons.

"I just started doing my own thing; playing what I wanted, listening to what I wanted to, and learning the music I was exposing myself to," Cameron said.

Music runs in the family for Cameron, since his father is a professional pianist. Cameron describes his dad as being more of a "freelance pianist," where people will come to him for his service.

When Cameron records his music at home, it is more stripped down. He has a home recording studio, but currently records his music on his phone's microphone.

Though Cameron would love to pursue a career in music, he does not see it as the wisest choice. He believes if he studied music theory in college he would end up as a music teacher, since "that's the only occupation remotely easy to get right out of college."

"I don't really think I'd be satisfied doing that, sacrificing a creative outlet out of necessity," he said. "But if I could snap my fingers and become a rock star, I'd do it in an instant."

Disney's *Frozen* warms hearts

By Marta Malinowski

Elsa is one icy queen. Literally. Everything she touches turns to ice. Even the thought of her frozen powers strikes ice around her.

Her whole childhood, Elsa has to conceal her growing powers as much as she can, but when it comes to stepping up as a Queen, she can no longer hide her secret. Her younger sister, Anna, tries to keep her Elsa from running away from the kingdom, Arendelle, after Elsa accidentally created an eternal winter. Along the way to getting her sister back, Anna meets Kristoff with his reindeer, Sven, and Olaf, the snowman Elsa brought to life. This animated film not only has a love story but, more importantly, shows the strong bonds of sisterhood.

Given the extreme winter cold we have been having in Chicago, *Frozen* will definitely be relatable to people of all ages.

It's an excellent modern Disney movie with a different plot from some of the classics. *Frozen* is not some great tragedy that revolves around finding that prince charming. Rather, it fo-

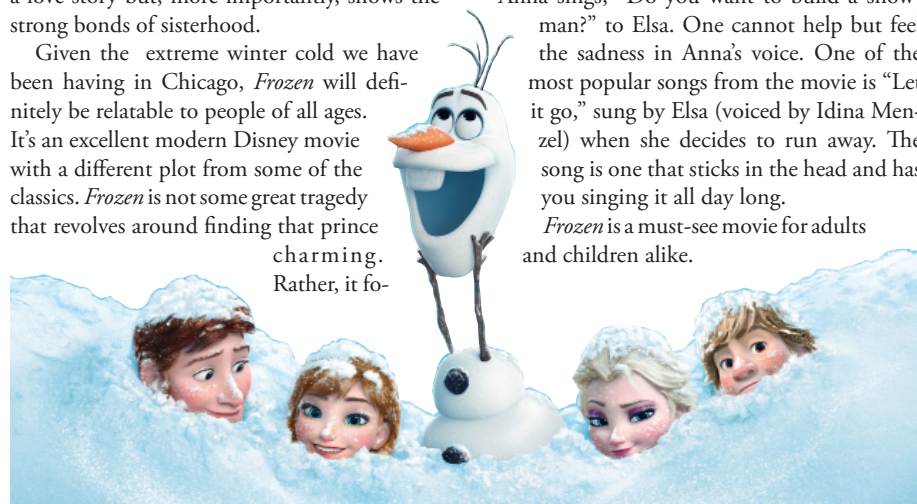
cuses on the value of strong sibling relationships.

In spite of all the cold weather and snow in the movie, I felt warmed by the lessons that we should try to accept and help people who are different from us, even if those differences can be a little scary. *Frozen* also examines the importance of finding a right balance for emotions. While keeping emotions bottled up is a recipe for disaster, letting emotions get the best of us can also be dangerous. One final lesson *Frozen* teaches is that it is probably a good idea to be suspicious at love-at-first-sight.

One of the best parts of this movie is the beautiful songs sung by the animated characters. The first one that truly hits right in the heart is when Anna sings, "Do you want to build a snow-

man?" to Elsa. One cannot help but feel the sadness in Anna's voice. One of the most popular songs from the movie is "Let it go," sung by Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel) when she decides to run away. The song is one that sticks in the head and has you singing it all day long.

Frozen is a must-see movie for adults and children alike.



Artist of the Issue

Amelia Mroczkowski, Div. 451

Being able to play numerous instruments and taking part in several different theater programs, Amelia Mroczkowski, Div. 451, has proven her love for the arts.

When she was younger, Mroczkowski would hear her dad play the piano and started trying to play too.

"I would try and copy what he would do," she said. "But I found more fun in making up my own stuff."

Mroczkowski began playing the piano at eight years old, focusing mostly on classical music. As for acting, she said it just comes to her naturally, even though she does not know how.

She takes multiple music classes at Lane, including Advanced Mixed Choir and Sound Engineering. Outside of school, she takes theory and performance tests at Roosevelt University through a program called Achievement in Music. She is also a part of an ensemble at American Theater Company that puts on musicals.

"I work with some really cool people like PJ Paparelli," she said. "He wrote *Columbinus*, which is a documentary play about the Columbine shooting."

One event that confirmed her desire to pursue theater was when her ensemble put on a play called *People's Town*, based on the Jonestown Massacre of 1978. Before beginning rehearsal for the play, the ensemble spent a week in San Francisco researching and interviewing survivors of the massacre.

An artist who Mroczkowski especially admires is Kathleen Hanna, a signer and feminist activist.

"I know I can rant about feminism a lot," she said. "But Kathleen Hanna is a musician from 'the riot-grrl era' of the 1990s. She is just [an all-around] cool



Headshot of Mroczkowski taken for her acting portfolio.

person."

Mroczkowski plans to go to school for acting. She has finished her final auditions for schools and has already been accepted to her second choice, UIC. She still is hoping to be accepted to Sarah Lawrence College, her first choice. Regardless of where she ends up studying, Mroczkowski's love for music and theater will not change.

LANE'S GOT VALENTINES

By Danah Bialoruski

"You have really nice eyebrows," said Raluca Dima, Div. 452.

It was the first thing Dima said to Destinee Cambium, Div. 464, when they first met at swim camp. From that point on, they were close friends.

Though friendships can sometimes blossom right away, there are times when those relationships face hardships. The way friendships reconcile after that hardship, though, can allow the friendship to grow stronger.

"We've changed a lot since freshman year," Cambium said. "We spend so much time with each other that we get really irritated with one another and just get mad."

Since Dima and Cambium were on the Swim Team together, they would see each other for six or more hours a day. At practices, they would sometimes swim in the same lane, which could lead to them getting on each other's nerves.

"Sometimes I would lead the lane and she would be behind me and then she would touch my toes, meaning that she wanted to pass me," Dima said. "But that would get so annoying because I'm the one leading the lane, not her."

As Cambium would aggravate Dima, Dima would aggravate Cambium right back.

"Well some days I would just be having an off day and go really slow and she would yell at me for not making my times," Cambium said. "So I would yell at her and say 'Don't tell me what to do! If you want to make the times then you make the times!'"

Due to the tension caused from the yelling, the other girls on the team would get quiet and uncomfortable.

The two have found ways to ease the tension when things like this happen. They have developed a habit of giving each other a look. Once they make eye contact, one will make a funny face and the anger they felt before melts away.

Another way to make sure they maintain their friendship, according to Dima is to simply apologize. Dima says she will sometimes apologize to Cambium first, regardless of who started the fight.

"She's so stubborn," Dima said. "I know she won't apologize at all and I can't give her space because then it just makes her drift even farther. She is so prideful."

Nevertheless, the girls have managed to maintain a strong friendship which is good since they see each other more than ever this year. The two have five classes with each other.

Friends Bibiana Delgado, Div. 482, and Ives Ortezt, Div. 452, have experienced a long term falling out while in high school.

The summer after sophomore year, Ortezt started dating a new boyfriend, which meant spending less time with Delgado.

"We stopped hanging out the summer after sophomore year because she was always with her boyfriend," Delgado said. "It's not like she wasn't hanging out with just me, though. She wasn't hanging out with any of our other friends."

Ortezt says not hanging out with Delgado was unintentional and that she had not realized how much she had drifted from her friends.


When Ortezt broke up with her boyfriend, she texted Delgado and asked if she wanted to get ice cream with her.

"I invited [Delgado] and our two other friends because I didn't want to feel awkward or uncomfortable with [Delgado]," Ortezt said. "We hadn't really talked that much and I thought it would be weird."

Since the ice cream date, they have returned to being close friends. And though they feel like they have both changed during high school, they believe they have changed together in a positive way.

Friendship can face many obstacles during the drama-filled years of high school. Those who find ways to maintain friendships or reconcile those that have fallen off find their relationships can grow to be stronger than ever.

Why can't we be friends?



By Bianca I. Mena

Rebecca Kwasinski, Div. 460, arrives home from school around 4:30 each afternoon. She walks to her room, turns on her Google TV and logs into Netflix. Kwasinski will stay in front of her TV, watching *Vampire Diaries*, until after her clock turns one and it is time for her to go to sleep for school the next day.

Netflix has become one of the newest trends in the American entertainment culture. Several students are devoting much of their time to watching TV series on Netflix.

Among those students, Kwasinski says she may have taken her passion for Netflix to the next level.

"It's kind of becoming a problem for me," Kwasinski said. "I used to want to sleep so bad and now I don't even care."

Before Kwasinski had Netflix, she would not stay up past nine most nights.

"I don't go out during school nights because no one can hang out, so I watch [Netflix] all night."

Kwasinski currently takes several demanding courses like AP Microeconomics, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Government and Politics, and AP Calculus, but she still manages to stay caught up with both her television shows and her homework.

"My grades have gotten worse, but I don't know if it's because of Netflix or not," Kwasinski said. "My homework gets done. I will do it in the mornings during the car rides."

Some of the many shows Kwasinski has binge watched on Netflix include *Grey's Anatomy*, *Teen Wolf*, *Melissa and Joey*, *Vampire Diaries* and *The Originals*.

Kwasinski is not the only student in the school that binge watches shows on Netflix. Marcin Salamon, Div. 466, claims that he has a hard time finding something he has not already seen.

"I've seen everything that has been on Netflix," Salamon said. "I've seen so much, I can't even remember all of [the TV series]."

Salamon was first introduced to Netflix in the beginning of September and estimates he has watched nearly 25 shows including, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Dr. Who*, *Supernatural*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and *How I Met Your Mother*.

According to Salamon, the characters must portray emotions in order for him to be interested in a TV show.

"Acting is the most important part," Salamon said. "If the characters are not believable, then [the show] gets boring."

Like Kwasinski, Salamon stays up during nights to watch Netflix.

"I sit there until midnight or one [in the morning], just watching Netflix," Salamon said. "Everyone, [like my family and friends], assumes I go to sleep at 10. Nope. I'm just watching TV shows."

Salamon admits that he finds Netflix addicting but says he knows his limits.

"I think I have my priorities straight," Salamon said. "School first and Netflix second, most days."

Salamon has even set up a sort of schedule or routine in order to keep up with his constant binging on Netflix.

"I have this rule to stop doing homework at 10. At 10 I take out my iPod and binge watch [Netflix]," Salamon said. "No matter how much homework I have, I start right after I get home. And it's either I end before 10 or finish it before 10 and then do it in the morning."

Senior, Madeleine Murrow, Div. 455, has also found the thrill in watching TV series for hours on end.

"I had heard that [the show] *4400* was going to be taken out of Netflix by January first," Murrow said. "I still had a whole season left so I watched a whole season in a day."

4400 is a science fiction TV series about 4,400 people who reappear after being abducted. Not one person has aged a day and some return with mysterious abilities, both good and bad. As this occurs, federal agents investigate what happened to them and why.

Murrow knows she must set limits to her indulgence in Netflix.

"I don't start an episode if it is past 11 at night," Murrow said.

During winter break Salamon said he overindulged in his TV shows.

"It usually takes me like two or three weeks to get through a TV series," Salamon said. "With winter break, it took me less than a week to watch over four or five seasons."

Before adjusting back to school, Murrow was also sure to be caught up on her TV series.

"Right now I'm watching *Bones* and there are eight seasons on Netflix. I started around the beginning of December and I'm already in the eighth [season]."

Although their tastes in television shows differ, Salamon, Murrow and Kwasinski agree that Netflix is much more convenient than watching TV shows in weekly installments.

"With [weekly installments] there is more excitement to find 'What is going to happen next?' but with watching back to back episodes, there is continuity," Salamon said.

One of the benefits of binge watching is not having to wait.

"Usually, at the end of the season, [the series] will have a cliffhanger and it sucks because you have to wait weeks or months. With Netflix, you can just watch it like a second later," Murrow said.

Salamon claims he has benefitted from watching Netflix most of his nights.

"I'm definitely less stressed. And I can have conversations with my friends about what movies and TV shows we have seen and give each other recommendations," Salamon said. "I have something to do whenever I get bored. I believe Netflix has made my life a bit better."

Me, Myself, and Netflix



By Bianca I. Mena & Gabrielle Onyema

Beautiful eyes. Gorgeous smile. Soft hair. She's beautiful.

He leans in, interested. She is attractive, until she says, "I don't read much." Levi Todd, Div. 450, sits back, his interest in the girl draining. It was the dealbreaker for him.

"I don't like dating girls that don't read. Right there I was thinking, 'well okay this is over,'" Todd said.

Todd isn't the only one that watches out for dealbreakers in relationships. Many other Lane students have their own lines that can not be crossed in relationships.

Senior, Avelys Roman, Div. 452, is not a fan of guys that check up on her.

"I hate clingy guys," Roman said. "He is always attached to me. He is always trying to hang out. I can't hang out with anybody else. He has to know where I'm at."

Despite Roman's aversion to clinginess, she believes she can put up with it if the situation is right.

"If a guy really likes you, he is going to be clingy, but I guess it comes down to will I like him enough to be okay with him being clingy," Roman said. "I think that kind of is realistic. I'm not saying he has to be a superhero."

Patti Sporschill, Div. 471, agrees that clinginess is a dealbreaker.

"I feel like it's suffocating (when guys want to constantly see you)," said Sporschill. "We are young and we need a little free time from each other."

Though Andre Fredricks, Div. 471, steers away from high school dating, he has his own dealbreakers.

"Girls that don't understand you have friendships. If the girl is overly smothering, to the point you have to abandon your friends, it's useless," Fredricks said.

Two friends of Fredricks recently began dating each other, and it has put a strain on his friendship with both.

"I know that he's in love, but they are always together. I hardly see either of them anymore," Fredricks said.

Another of Roman's dealbreakers is guys with big egos.

"Cocky guys," Roman said, "guys that think they can get any girl that they want. You can be cute, but if you are going to act like that to me then you aren't even worth my time."

Jessica Lin, Div. 465, has also discovered that she dislikes guys who underestimate girls.

"Guys think that girls cannot play sports.

I'm not athletic, but I know a lot of girls are," Lin said. "When we are playing football or practicing for Rice Bowl, the guys won't let the girls practice with them."

Lin also finds it a dealbreaker if a guy does not stay in shape. She believes appearance is indicative of someone's health and hygiene habits.

"He cannot be overweight," Lin said. "I think that if a guy works out, he takes care of himself. If he doesn't care about himself, if he is fat or something, then he obviously doesn't care about [himself], so why should other people care for him?"

"I'm just really picky about guys," Lin said. "He needs to be intelligent so that we can have intelligent conversations."

Thomas Russell, Div. 743, believes that having no common interests is the ultimate dealbreaker. After dating a girl last year, Thomas soon realized the chemistry just was not there. The relationship soon broke off.

"Things were going great at first, but later I realized we had nothing in common, and if you can't talk to them, what else is there?" Russell said.

Roses are red, Violets are blue, That was a dealbreaker, So now we are through.



TO: FROM:



FRESHMEN



Priscilla, Honey dew mist cascades down your hair, the doily patterned clothing reflect your complexity. Fast as a rabbit, cold as a penguin. You are a person of different personalities.
P.S. You hog up the shower in the mornings.

Your hair smells fantastic. I watch you in the halls. I also watch you during lunch. We practically sit at the same table. Happy Valentine’s Day.
-Your Secret Admirer

To Clyde, Maria, and Yasmine, best friends since 7th grade. <3 And Jennie for being fabulous.

Bri-bri, This is my second message to you. We still haven’t talked, but that will probably change in the next couple years. I will see you, and follow you most days of the week. Sweet Dreams. Your Secret Admirer!

Hai Zach. You da bomb. I love you.

To Chris A.
Hey Cutie

To: EMA, Based Jorge, The Squad, Tia, Ife, Amari
It gives me strength to have somebody to fight for; I can never fight for myself, but for others I can kill.

Two months back we actually started talking. What would have known that it would get so far. You’ve not only become my friend but my best friend. “So you nervous? lol” That was the first out of many messages to come. So today, February 14, I’m writing this to say thank you! Thank you for all your help and support. I don’t know where I will be a year from now. But right now, I know it’s by you.

We love Amanfa
- lunch bunch

Rilla,
super smart &
a wonderful
person

Happy Valentine’s Day Vivi! I love you so much. You have truly been a wonderful addition to my life and I am so grateful. asdfghjkl <3<3<3 Mahal Kita! ; Te Quiero!

Xochi, Here is your Valentine’s day gift since I can’t be with you today. You’re a cutie and never forget it. You are the Beyonce to my Jay Z.. Quit Stalin and be my Valentine. #ily -Chelsea (your wife and Obama)

To the best twin anyone can ask for. My soulmate, my partner in crime
Almina



SOPHOMORES



Alle mie classi di
Italiano II: Puc-
ciaenza! Felice
giorno di San
Valentino
-VVB Prof

Hey Alyssa, you’re the bees knees you shurty. You’re the coolest, funniest, and prettiest girl I know. Happy Valentine’s Day

This is Sparta!
Be my Valentine? -Anon

Alina,
I hope you get a good grade <3 Love you -Elizabeth

Alina honey,
Here’s a joke just for you, from Pardo and I. What do they do to chemists when they die? They barium. Ba dum ts.

Philly boo bear! You’re the best cave-
man around. Love you Bro! <3

Mikey, Let’s get this straight. The only reason I am clumsy and trip a lot is because everyday, I fall for you all over again. This is really cheesy so don’t laugh. Love Kassie

Hiiii Eva...
Love you
<3

Michael, it’s only been one month, but after the one, I know that I wish for more months to come. Allons-y! pour ceux, Bananas are good. -Nick

Gooby, will you marry
me?

So it’s been about two years we’ve been together. I’m the luckiest girl ever. You’re the best boyfriend a girl could have ever asked for. I hope we get to spend many more years together. I love you to death. -Eva

Tatiana is super lame <3
love you babe. -Danesia

To my lunch buddies. I love you
crazy people.
-Anon

to Chris A.
Hey Cutie

TO ALL THE LONELY GIRLS OUT
THERE ;) -The Chairmen

I should be over all the butterfli-i-i-ies but I’m into you (I’m into you). And baby even on our worst ni-i-i-ights, I’m into you (I’m into you). Let them wonder how we got this far ‘cause I don’t really need to wonder at all. After all this time, I’m still into you <3

... and the pants go too <>
Happy V-Day to all mein babu’s,
friends, and my matesprit OuO

Ashley, You look REAL cute everyday,
don’t change a thing :) XOXO hmu
-Anonymous

Selena, Excuse me but I think I just
dropped something... MY JAW :) xoxo
hmu boo thang -Anonymous

Danesia, If I had a masterball I would
choose you.
From- Your English Partner, Izzy

Omar, I just wanted to say I am really
glad I met you, because now you are
mine. Te quiero <3

Sickly is the bestest
ever. Uh this is from
Danesia <3 10.20.10
<3

Never have I ever been so blind, to let go of the perfection that I find. Despite the flaws you may pick off me, I think you’re warmer than my morning coffee. But this isn’t about me, this is all about you. Let’s make this Valentine come true, my beautiful Yi Lun Liu.

Racia, Cinthia, Esme, you guys are lame but I love you guys and I hope you guys give me heart candies! (; #happyvalentinesday <3 -Jennifer Santana

Yessenia Rivera, I love you almost as
much as I love Star Wars!
From your secret admirer!

Kathy-
You are not as bad as I
make you out to be
<3 evie

Squirtle buns,
For you I’d catch all the pokemans. Nothing is cooler than bow ties, except maybe your eyes.

To Erika, Do you have eleven
protons? ‘cause you’re sodium fine.
-Ashcorn

You are so beautiful, I admire you from afar. I’m too shy to come up to you... but I really like you. And whoever is dating you must be very lucky.

You smell like potatoes. I like potatoes.
From your ugly asian boy. You’re way cuter than me <3 -Steven Le

Dear Eura <3 “What would you do if I told you that I lalalaloved you. Do if I said it tonight.” Happy Valentine’s Day girly ! - your boo (Mykaela) :p

I’ve known you since freshman year, and ever since I began to have feelings for you. Just like most other people, I’m afraid to admit my love for you with the fear of rejection. All there’s left to say is I LOVE YOU BELINDA -Anonymous

To my sunshine, you’re that one special person that makes me look forward to another day, who gives more value to my life. It’s the simplicity in this relationship that makes it all that more breathtakingly beautiful. You’ve become my closest friend and entitled me with all your love and trust. With us, there’s no giving up. Here’s to that one message that changed us for the better. Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy Birthday!
-your best friend, Vivi

Dear Corn, Roses are red, violets are
blue, I like One Direction, you like
Doctor Who. Be my Valentine? -Erika

To: Maria
Hi Chica!!! I know you’re not expecting this lol Happy Valentine’s Day! You’re such an amazing friend and I’m sooooo lucky to know you :) -Melissa

Dear Kevin,
Did you know that the original
name for Pac-Man was Puck-
Man? Not because he looked
like a puck, but because paku-
paku means to flap one’s mouth
open and closed.
Love, C.U.

Evren Arica,
You are one fine piece of man (;
-Evren Arica

I like your face Katie





Happy vday Kar, Gab, Col Shan, Jay Mers, Vero, Mar-ilyn, Kris, Mr. Louis, S. Jennings, and Mr. Preciado From Secret Admirer

I just want to say we have been through a lot and we still aren't on the smoothest road but thats not going to stop us from being together. No matter what I will always be here for you
- Imani Flexas

Farua Hira,
You are my strawberry SHORTcake. <3
- Your Secret Admirer.

Dear Neil Mansalad, you are so Kawaii. I love how you go ignite on jungle vi and miss Q all day. You're so crazy, like you're Neil Crazy.

Sean,
you're THE bae.

Andjela Bursac is my
main <3

Hey, Jude - I learned to play that song for you last valentine's day, and I would learn 500 more. Thank you for this amazing year together. I love you so much. You've got the shiniest meat bicycle.
- Elise

S/O to the boy Tim Stebbins. Be mine this Valentine's Day because you're the love of my life each and every day. Love, DaMizz

To my Kochanki Aleks & poopsie:
Love chu! Shoutout to Kimberly! <3
-Prizzy

Love you Natalie B! <3 XOXO
You are the love of my life. Please be my valentine! <3
You are perfect!
-?

Special shoutout to my best friend Ianina Christophell for being the most amazing person ever. I love you like a sister; you're the best!

Dear Gerard,
You're cool and sweet and funny and stuff and like I hope you have like an awesome VDAY. LOL
- Samantha G.

Dear Emma,
I'm cheating on you with Amanda.
Love, Grace

Dear Amanda,
I'm cheating on you with Emma.
Love, Grace

Happy Valentine's day babe! I love you with all my heart. You may be far away but I've never felt so close.

Amy Szkorla is the bees
knees <3

Help! I've fallen and I
can't turn-up!

Hella Cutie ;) that face doe!
Happy Valentine's Day Sofia Slim Shady Princess. <3

Shoutout to Luis Concepcion, AKA: Homie G', The Wind, Batman, and Luigi.

Shout out to my friends Arturo, Ana, Karen, Dennis, Maria, Jessica, Aylissa, Alex Byard, Elise, and Guadalupe <3 - From Me

Happy Valentine's Day to the
baes all the way from Florida.

Let my lovely Lois shine through Bi-
anca tonight and there'll be a new star
in the heavens.

Happy Valentine's Day to my
amazing juniors. You know who are.
(:)

BEAN SQUAD

To Lawfawnduh,
your friendship is "the" best thing to ever happen to me. You're an amazing friend with great skills :) I hope all of your wildest dreams come true.
Always and forever,
Kip

Kaylaaa!
Girl, I don't know what I'd do without you.
Seriously. You're the best evaaa. Love you! - Diana

Heres to 12 months of crazy dates careles laughs and perfect memories. Theres no one I'd rather have by my side through it all - Love you babe AKA S.Nugget <3

Rialin José, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you so very much! I hope your day was as beautiful as you are. /mwah!

Dear Coleman Connely,
Take me to prom?
Love,
Your favorite girl

Dear Anna,
You're the Jalen to my Rachel.
Love,
me

I told you I bought you one! HAHAAHA Who's the better best friend now!? Be my valentine tho? (:
-Lupita
You will always have a special place in my heart <3

To the guy that in my eyes is P E R F E C T, to the one person that always puts up with me and never fails to make me smile
Happy Valentine's Day, Marvin!
I LOVE YOU.
- Your crazy girlfriend. <3

Hey Bryan :)
Just want to let you know that you're the best boyfriend in the world! I love you so much<3 Happy Valentine's Day my love!
Amanda

For your electro, trap, & twerk music
needs for this Valentine's Day & beyond,
visit www.soundcloud.com/dj-cpc-1

I loved you from the moment you said "see you at school!" The day I met you... on the last day of school. You're still even cuter today than back then. Love you, ugly butt. (Bebe too!)

FAM 4 EVR
Annabel, Zöe, Eva, Leo, Morgan, Des
easy, easy

Jesly, Cassidy, Alex, Leslie, and Vanesaa, happy Valentine's Day Babes! You are all my valentines and all my bestfriends. I love you ladies to death and am so happy to know you all. Love Ellen <3

Go Tag Team!

Started from a banana now we are
here. Happy Valentine's day Melisa! I
Love You! -Mitchell

You're the peanut
butter to my jelly

Shoutout to all the single people who
didn't get chocolate!
You will be loved one day.

Hi baby! Happy Valentine's Day. It's our first one and I'm so excited to be spending it with you. I'm the luckiest girl in the world to have you, and to be yours. I love you, Rickey.

Paulina Rosales you are the most beautiful girl in the world, you are so perfect and caring and amazing. I am so lucky to have you in my life, I would be so lost without you. Never leave me.
- secret admirer

Hey baby I've been thinking about you lately and I don't know what I'm saying so Happy Valentine's baby!
-Dani
oxox

Dear Daniel Clifton,
You are very odd.
You look like a shoe.
You are the stain god
and I love you <3

Dear Zaira,
About a year ago, we had chemistry class together. And just a year ago, OUR chemistry started. My life has been amazing ever since I fell for you. Happy Valentine's Day, babe! I love you.
From, DiAngelo

ALL HAIL
MEGATRON <3

I hate you Stef <3
-Elí

Inna,
I love you sooo much!
... sometimes :)
I can't be in a "healthy" relationship with anyone except you. We are perfect! I am ready for another highlighted page and a post-it in my yearbook! Anti-Valentine's Day Party afterschool! Whoo!
-Olivia

I belong with
you and you be-
long with me,
you're my sweet-
heart. So Sofie
be my sweet
valentine.
- Charlie

Laura, since freshman year I have known that I want you to be my valentine every year for as long as you can put up with me. Seriously though, you are the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I love you!

I saw a girl, sitting in front of me in my physics class, the first week of school, and I knew she was the one. Thank you Melissa for making me have the one. Thanks for everything bae.

Gerard,
You came into my life the end of freshmen year and I'm so glad that you did. You are the funniest, cutest, sweetest person I know. We've grown together as a couple, and you've made me a better person. I can't wait for many more years and adventures with you.
- Samantha G

Even though I tell you this everyday, I truly do think you are the most beautiful girl I have met. And you truly are the one I care for the most. You always manage to cheer me up at all the time regardless of how I feel, and you truly have the most beautiful smile that always melts me. But there's only one way two say those words three words for you. I love you Jenny

Sammie, will you be my valentine? You are the best friend I could ever ask for! You have no idea how much I love you! I'm so glad we became friends and I hope we stay friends forever. I love you wifey! - Your Goalie

Happy Valentine's Day
to Kim and Danyl! You
guys are my best friends
and I can always count
on you two for anything.
Have a great day.

Happy Valentine's Day
Kim, even though I
was forced to buy this.

Ara and Zul looking for
a mate 4 life
Call: (312) 401-####

Dearest Samantha,
I would like to wish you a happy valentines day, and you are the best girlfriend that I could ask for, thank you for being the bestest.

I LOVE YOU
JANELL

Sam Grackzi,
The days go by and I keep falling in love with you more. Ever since I laid eyes on you freshman year I couldn't stop thinking about you. You looked gorgeous at Studniowka!
- From your Valentine

To my honeybunny, who knew half a year could go so fast, and yet we're still here. We've both grown so much over the past few months, and my love for you has still not waned. Love you forever -Nemo

Happy
Valentine's day
to the J1 staff!
-Anonymous

I love
Isabel
Trumbull!

Dear Maeve McMahon,
I remember when we met. I was wearing a Harry Potter cape and carrying a wand. We met on the bus ride to camp and as soon as I saw you I knew you were special. I will cherish you and your beautiful blue eyes for the rest of time! Love, Alana Moore

Shutonese is a butt head
Lenny your one too
Aysia's the buff!
but my wife Jocelyn is the boo!
Tierra's not cute, AaliyahO is a fool
Charles plays too much and Dominic is basic!
Dazayah cute but Natasha's not! Cheyenne you not funny honey but besides all, no love for any of you
I only love my money!
Robyrne NO! Adna go!
Janell, Keisha!
I love yall!

Love me some Meisha!
- Sabrina Matias

Danielaaaa! Make me your Aphrodite, Make me your one and only! I love you Gorgeous! Happy Valentine's Day!!
TURN UP!
- Baabeee

Dear Rosryn
Rodriguez

for BamBamBoy, next time improve your map awareness and don't get caught.
WELCOME TO BRONZE V
GG WP NORE TOO 3Z

Don't you worry child, heaven
has a plan for you. Everything
will work out in the end... for
everyone. Be happy, it's a new
day everyday!

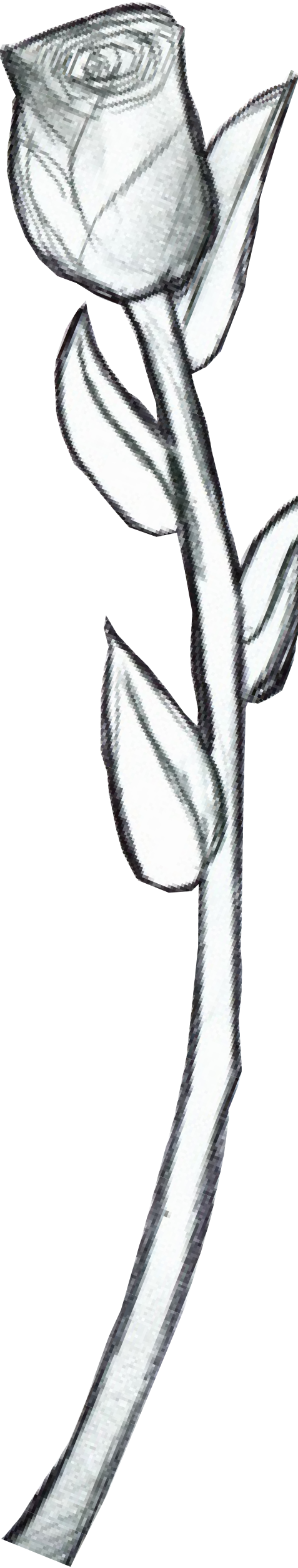
Nick, you are my rock and I love you so much.
You are the best and all I could wish for.
-Angelica

Dear Cassins,
You are the love of my life. I hope that I can spend the rest of my life with you. You are my love...my life...my wife. The first day I saw you on the playground is a memory I'll keep with me forever. You're bootyful & don't forget it. Meet me 8th period on Valentine's Day. I'll have a present for you (it's 4 bagels).

I love you Mira & Susie
love Jakeena

Anthony Soto, you DaBest potato ever! Even though you live a seahorse life. Where's my sammich? JK. You're amazing and made of copper and tellurium. You're also kind of fun but I luvvs you my Friend4Eva Buddy.

Harold Blyer Callahan! You are absolutely the most amazing person ever. You never fail to brighten up someone's day. Thank you for making my experience at Lane the best it could be. I'll never forget the times we spent together. You deserve the very best in life.



The Warrior

Dear Sofie,
I love the way you dance at Native American Club. I think you have really stunning features. You have fabulous sweaters and you have Rapunzel hair. Be mine forever? Love,
#Anon #Swaggy

Ms. J's Physics classes: Remember it's ok to make mistakes and the Answer is NOT the Answer. I <3 all of you.

Sinead Leahy, I have had a crush on you since freshman year. Your brown curly locks highlight your beautiful face. Your face that is almost as beautiful as your soul. I wish you would notice me but I'm too shy to reveal my identity. Forever yours <3
- Anonymous

I love you so much Love bug!! Happy Valentine's Day!
-Jen

Pardge Tittle,
DM me some-time, I think we can be really #PALS.
-@Swagnowski

Edson,
Your hair looks great down :)
-Selena

Happy Valentine's Day, Deanna.
love you always

Happy Valentines Day to my Ninja Turtle Brothers
Love Tia

I LOVE YOU, JEN-
NY LOBELLO
6-24-11
#WhiteGirls4Life

Patrick Norman,
Reynolds,
Happy Valentines Day, you fungus.
-da bae

JUNIORS

Luke, Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for making me so happy. I love you more than anything.
<3
-Lauren :)

I love you
Morgan
M.

Dear Caitlin Mary Hamilton, I wanted to let you know that even though you do not know me, you are the reason I smile, the reason I laugh, and the reason I change my route in the hallway during passing periods just to see you. You are a beautiful queen. I am truly blessed to say I went to the same school and walked the same halls as such a beautiful legend. My mornings are overloaded with joy knowing I might see you by your locker and maybe one day you will see me too.
Love your secret lover
XOXO

Dear Alana Toria Moore, I know we're not in Professor Flitwick's class, but you are still charming.

Hey Draganaaa! Love you Bae! Oh and Gaby you're decent too
-Nathan

Edmond-
I guess you're kind of cute. You know, just a little bit <3
XOXO, Maddie

Dear Maeve, You are my Valentine. I Love you so dearly, ever since I first saw you in Division. Your long luscious blonde hair flows in the wind & your blue eyes sparkle like the ocean.
Be Mine, Love Ben

TO 570 THE GREAT-
EST DIVISION EVER!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! -MS. M

Dear Isabelle Cadrot,
Your eyes are beautiful and you make me smile. I just wanted you to know that you're a babe. P.S. (I'm in your Physics class)

Lily Heller:
You have inspired me to the point where if my memories were to be erased, even then with everything smudged, torn, and blown away, you would remain as crisp and clear as the first line on a blank page.
-"From a stranger to someone I can't stop thinking about."

"We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love."
-Dr. Seuss

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Shoutout to da baes and da bitties! Happy Valentines day N-Robz, Zeejeth, & Frodes! I Love you guys!
<3 Angel

O Rosi, Rosi! Wherefore art thou Rosi? Deny thy obduracy and refuse thy way; or if thou wilt not, but be sworn my love and I'll no longer fight your altercations. 'Tis but thy height that is my enemy. Thou art thyself, though never showing it. What art thou like? Thou art childish and inappropriate, sarcastic yet trustful, shy and thoughtful, imaginative and surpriseful.
-Even though you aggravate me sometimes, you always know how to cheer me up and make my day which is why I love you so much, though there's so much else.
-J.Z.

Hi Bretzel,
You're my favorite and I love you always (as long as you keep me fed and happy) JK I'll always love you poopie head. Love you always, Bubbie. P.S. You make me so happy I want to poop forever blissfully.

Ellen! You are one of the most kind and caring people I know and you're one of my best friends. I can't imagine life without you because you're one of the most special people in my life. Thanks for being the best. Love you!
-Cassidy

There's no one that can take your place. The way you smile, the way you look, the way you always knew what I'm thinking about, the way you listen and love me. I don't know what I would do without you. I love you Veronica.

Shoutout to mah main girls! Love you Liz, Miah, Lena, Nibbz, Neive, Shanice & Circe. You guys make my life <3
****SQUADDDD
Love, Grace

A mountainn of dew
Seaped Usher's key to "My Boo"
and Joakim's jersey
-plum princess

Basia,
I guess youre cute. I win :)
-stróz

Your favorite ewok wanted to say "May the force be with you" on this wonderful day! Oh and Izzy, check mate!
-Lauren Gonzalez

To Alejandra "Foglie" Lemus: Bleuh bleuh, bleuh bleuh bleuh <3
-Your Anonymous Lover

Missing 1/4 of the brown fam
Love + Miss you Drew!

DIV 461, You will ALWAYS be my children!
Happy Valentines DAY!
Ms. Paganelli

Tudor,
You are the best boy in the whole wide world. Be my Valentine. NOW!
P.S. your french is flawless

Dear Jordan Pasternak, I think you're so hot; go out with me sometime. P.S. I sit near you in Pre-Calc, and I hear you speak great Chinese. Those muscles... <3

Lesley I'm sorry,
I love you

We love Desiree & Jess! You guys are the best at softball. You guys are number one on the field and in our hearts.
-Connor Mcdermott aand Anthony Spingola

Tomasz.
I don't know how to speak Polish.
I don't eat Polish food.
I am a straight up Mexican, with a few exceptions, but you still love me.
And I love you.
-Blanca

Dear Nelson,
Your muscular body, your lovely glasses drives me wild. Everyday I watch you from a far. You are my man of my dreams. The best part about you is your long flowing Cuban hair. No hetero
XOXO Tomasz :)

To the ABC Family, you guys are the most wonderful group I've had the pleasure to dance with. Although our dance is 3 minutes, our love will last forever.
Love, Will AKA Beyonce

DRUNK IN LOVE

To Jordan Ginsburg, Emily Porter, Danah Bialoruski, Mia Hrescah, Anna Botsford, Jacquelyn Guillen, Alexis Demario, Liz Masterson, Grisel Medina, Laura Harris, Julra Lesniakowski and Adrianna Mikolajczyk, Happy Valentines Day and check your CPS email for a personal message from me - :)

SENIORS

Happy V-Day M cubed!
-M.S.

Dear Bianca,
Wow, we've gotten far haven't we? Every moment with you is the best time of my life. You think I'm joking? Well, I'm not. I have never felt so amazing with anyone with like I do with you. I love spending time with you. I feel at place with you. I feel perfect with you. I have never loved anyone as much as you. I wanna only hold your hand. Happy Valentines Day honey.
-Your Dork, Tomasz.

JENNNAY! <3 U. URZQ4 ME! CHINKSTER :)

THE
BOYS!!!

Lunch would be so boring without Alejandra, Odalys, and Cecilia, love you guys.

To Lilli, the only woman I've ever loved, the only artist I've ever worshipped.

You guys are all beautiful! <3

LOVE YA HARPPS!

J2 (and J3),
Keep up the great work!!!
--Mr.J

Ten months and ten days ago I asked you to be my girlfriend. It is still the most important question I have ever asked. If I hadn't asked, these past ten months would have been dull, but with you, everyday is an adventure that I cherish. Happy Valentine's Day!
<3 Jesse

Hey Liz, they convinced me again.
-Mateo

Happy Valentine's Day, babe <3
Love, Tia

Jordan Ginsburg
Will you marry me?
- Your Love

Gaby, do you want to build a snowman...or NAH?

Happy 4 months
Claire!
Love, Nancy

Dear Tomasz Wegryzn,
Hey Scooby :D
-That girl you accidentally looked at while trying to stare at the wall
P.S. Play more league

For my sort of little itty bitty crush: Al-right, I lied, maybe I'm kind of crushing on you a lottle. Listen, I've kinda been stalking you for a while now and I know, I know, it sounds bad. It's not. I've only been reading all the texts you send your boyfriend and I follow you home every now and then. Nothing too drastic. I've pretty much known everything about you for over three years and you still give me butterflies. Or maybe it's because of the love potion. It's okay, ain't even mad. I'm glad the most beautiful person I know slipped me some crazy juice. You've permanently left a smile on my face mi amor. Its too bad my life still sucks. Don't feel bad mi fea. Only a miracle would make my life perfect. If only my crush would be my Valentine.

Hello, Cutie Pie Taco Rio Grande. I never thought that the bestest of friends would become the bestest of boyfriends. Happy Valentine's Day. Love's such an old fashioned word, but let's give it that one more chance.
Your partner, Kat <3

Happy Valentine's day to all of my close friends. Love you all so much and thank you for always being there for me.

To my symphonic flutes:
Thank you all for making my senior year the best of my high-school career! I am so proud of all we've accomplished and how much you've all grown! Love you guys!
-Grirel

Alla classe di AP Italiano siete delle bestie! (nel senso positivo...) "5" x tutti!
VVB Prof

Grrrrrrllllllllll...
U kno how ah do!!!



SENIORS



Terence
Browne, I
love you.

I
LOVE
YOU
SITO!!

Evie, you're great. Let's get married and ride
some horses into the sunset. <3 (Joel you stink.)
- Nushrat

Dear Ugo Okere,
I wanted to prove a point and let everyone (and you
especially) know how much you really do mean to me. I
love you! (01.25.14)

“Eres, lo que más quiero en este
mundo eso eres.” Te amo foglie.
-Tu monita (ale)

Baby, you light
up my world
like nobody
else!! One
Direction,
(Stay away
Autziri)

Dear Jessica Marlene Lopez Garcia,
Roses are red
Violets are violet
I think you're real fly
And I wanna be the pilot
Love, Zoe

Dear Jacquelyn Guillen I still remem-
ber our first date and McDonalds and
I wanted to tell you I miss you.

To Naida + Anna
Roses are red, Violets are blue
Straight boys are gross.
But I love you. #TWNCGCBC

Single and Bitter
-Love Marcus Yee

To Matthew Li,
I have always liked you since Junior year but I
never had the courage to tell you until now. I
really enjoyed eating lunch with you and going
to Chinese class together. You are sweet, funny
and so handsome and I love everything about
you.

Love, Andrea

You guys are all
beautiful! <3

Shoutout to my side girls
- M.S.

My heart goes out to the best journal-
ist out there, Marissa! Love you.

Rene,
You can have my
heart or we can
share it like the last
slice. I look up to
you...literally
-Itzel <3

Dear Melanie, Tony, Jessica, and Caroline...I'm gonna miss you
guys a lot! Thanks for everything you guys have done for me and
the club these past years! Love you guys!
-Yeanah :)

Chris you're orange
Violets are Blue
Nothing rhymes with orange
But I love you! :)

-Bdub

I LOVE
YOU
HECTOR
-Love,
Hector

To my babies,
I love you all so much, cannot wait to preform
at congress and Idays with yall! This year we
have fulfilled our endeavors as a club, and most
importantly a family!
Love you all to infinity and beyond
your president Anissa
“OLAS DO IT AY!”

Angelica Czarnecki, you are the best best friend
in the whole wide world. I love you.
-Amber Phillips

To Marissa, Noemi, Glarien,
Paola, Spero che oggi ti porta
tutta la felicità del mondo.
Buon giorno di San
Valentino

Hey yearbook editors, Gus Gus says
THANKS for all the tasty treats!

Hi everyone, I'm Olaf,
and I like warm hugs!

Happy Valentine's Day Chinese
Club! I love you guys (:
Love Jessica

Zoe Schmid Jenner, from the moment I laid eyes on
you, I knew. From your hair flowing down your back
like a river of toxic waste to your dirt brown eyes gleam-
ing in the sun light. Love me <3

Shoutout to my freshman
sweetheart!
-Raúl

If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cutecumber
To: Taylor
From: Belinda

Jesse,
Are you a song from the
80s?
Cuz I want to be your girl
-Valerie



OTHERS



Congrats to the cast of “Kiss me Kate”! I love
you guys so much. You're my second family
and I can't WAIT for Playfest! Much love,
Becky <3

Roses are red, violets are blue. Walka little
faster, or down the stairs, I'll push you.
-Melissa S. and Mary L.

Dear, Emily Valle,
Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet,
and so is my love for you. -Your Secret
Admirer

2 beds, 1.5 baths for rent/ roommate
needed
Call Anita Manda Hugandkiss

Ladies, I'm available
-Nick Udell

To my Lane Tech Basketball Family. I could not
be prouder of you! Thank you for your commit-
ment to our program- seniors, you will be missed.
I take great pride in being your coach. Coach
Logalbo

ALL OF MY
STUDENTS
ROCK! 586!

To my Mary Hatch and our beautiful family! We
are living "AWonderful Life". I count my blessings
everyday. Thank you for being the most amazing
woman, friend, and wife a man could ask for.

To my Concert Band,
you guys are “wicked”..
get it? “Wicked”? Happy
Valentine's Day To All!
-Mr. O

Ai miei studenti Vi Voglio Bene! Buon
San Valentino a tutti! Baci e abbracci per
tutti! <3 Prof. ssa Tacke <3

To: DIVISION 762
Happy Valentine's Day!
From: Ms. Tacke <3

To my German Club,
Thank you for being such a wonderful bunch! What
would I do without my energetic “zoers,” my honorary
asians,” my fluffy haired boys, my blondes, my jew, my
oreo, my wife, my brother, or my SENIORS! Michael's
eyes may be small, but I'm sure even he can see our
family level. Is this cheesy enough for you all? Maybe if
I write it in the paper, JEREMY will know that we have
practice Monday :) -Your President

Yall some fudgin biscuits. Shout out to
Omar, mr card, my flappy bird score, 6th
period lunch, Mr. Hayes, and Valentine's
Day.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my Hate-Free Zoners!
Thank you for shining so brightly every single day. You
have changed my life for the better, and I will always be
grateful for you. Much love, Mr. Fine.

Dear Avan- Happy Valentine's Day Babe! You're so
perfectly amazing in every way. I'm so glad to call you
mine. :) <3 Thanks for being that one guy who is my
everything now and forever. <3

Alexis, Bernice, Malaika, Sanja, Stephanie, Yanelli, and
Mr. Silverstein. Happy Valentine's Day! We are going
to have so much fun in France! -Olivia

Dear KMK Cast, Here's wishing you a magnificent
opening and the success your brilliant talents deserve!
Break a leg and shake a tailfeather!
-Cardamon the Great

Happy Valentine's Day to my Steppers, Majorettes,
Gospel Choir and BSA. I love y'all so much! And I'm
proud of how far we've come! Keep up all the good
work! P.S. Shout out to Emonie and Erica. Love you all.

To Mrs. Milsap,
Love you more and
more everyday
-Mr. Milsap

Jesus
Loves
YOU!!

Andeeew you're a nerd but a cool nerd.
Happy Valentine's Day, have fun with
your Star Trek and Videogames -Joanna

J2 staff, Mama Chief loves
you...most of the time

Happy Valentine's Day, Ms. Giannelli! To the best sup-
portive division teacher in the whole world! Thanks for
making my life in LT a breeze.
Your Fave student, Sam T.

Fluorine Uranium Carbon Potassium Bismuth Tech-
netium Helium Sulfur Germanium Thulium Oxygen
Neon Yttrium. I love you elements! <3
I have your pen still.

Mr. Spedale is smart, kind, athletic and attractive. If
he isn't your dream man, you probably haven't met
him. Everyone has a teacher crush and he's mine!
Anonymous

To the World language Department, Thanks for mak-
ing my home away from home so cozy and for welcom-
ing me to the family! Love, Ms. Preciado

3rd Period Beginning Band,
Before I had all of you, I
had hair! But I still love you!
Happy Valentine's Day.
-Mr. O

Dear Switzerland and Eastern and Western
Poland, Even though we wage war
once in a while I just wanna say thanks
for always being there for me. My life is a
lot more interesting because of you guys.
Happy Valentine's Day! Much Love,
-Germany <3

Gerardo, Gerardo, Gerardo! Here's my birthday prezzie
to YOU! In return I request a good picture of you (or a
video of you moving your eyebrows!) So Happy Valentine's
Day, you eyebrow- wiggling weirdo! mercy and your
blueraspberry hat.

I
LOVE
ME!

Erin McDermott is a
level 94 mage in
Runescape, owns a
Neopet, and is an active
member of Club
Penguin.
I love her anyways :)
-Gabrielle

Happy Valentine's Day To My Symphon-
ic Band! You make me look like I know
what I am doing! -Mr. O

Ara! Giggity, Giggity, Giggity Goo.

Congratulations
Cast, Band and
crew of Kiss me,
Kate!
-Your Valentine,
Mrs. Hanson

Happy Valentine's Day! I just wanted to say
that I love all of my friends and that they are
always there for me no matter what happens.
Thanks Tyler, Noemi, Jada, Jayla, Ava, Kaland,
Emily, Natalia, Julisa, Lara, Clara, and Anais, I
love you guys.Love,
Erin King

happy heART day to the
best looking depARTment!

LTAC 8th graders,
Thanks for being such an
amazing group of kids. You
make me smile everyday.
-Mrs. Nemshick

S.mile You're B.eautiful! <3 :)
Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! Each
and everyone of you are beautiful, unique
and loved!

Dear white friends,
You all know I love my Hispanic friends
more. -- Marissa

To my 4th period Guitar Class, You are
the best guitarists in the world! Rock
ON! OYE COMAVA -Mr. O

Mr. Payano is a great teacher.
I love him <3
Also, GRANT and JOSH in
DIV 953 are the best LTAC
kids ever!

Happy Valentine's
Day, Christian Club!
Have a fantastic day!

Dear my Environmental Science Class,
You mean more to me than a brain
hemmorage... so that's something. -Mr.
Davey

Dear my APES class, Some of you will advance to
become the leaders and innovators of this nation.
On a completely related note, I will be moving to
Nova Scotia, this summer. - Mr. Davey

God bless you! Yes, you. You are wonderful and
beautiful. Remember that you are LOVED! God
loves you, and so does the world.
Happy Valentine's Day!

To the smartest class at LANE
TECH, AP MUSIC THEORY!
Happy Valentine's Day -Mr. O

Love is about taking chances, it does not happen
instantly, it takes time. Don't be afraid to jump not
knowing where you feel may land, and if you get
hurt, it's okay, because you'll be better at it next time.

Dear Ben Jammin, I've spent my entire life waiting for
you. Little did I know that i would be profess my loe
to you by an ad in the paper. My love for you is like
diarrhea. I can't hold it in/

All my love to the cast of Kiss me,
Kate! You all are so talented.
xoxo - Jessica M.

Boys' Baseball seeks success with new coach

By Desiree Velazquez

It is the end of the day, and the baseball team forms a huddle after their fourth two-hour practice of the week. Hermen Davalos, Div. 478, is leading the chant "1,2,3 Lane!!! 1-2-3 together!!!"

Lane's Varsity Boys' Baseball team has taken a new approach to their season this year. Along with a new coach and a fresh look, they have new goals.

David Rivera, former coach at Northside College Prep, took over the head coaching job at Lane this school year and plans on using hard work to return Lane baseball back to the top. With practices four times a week there is no time for rest.

"This is my dream coaching job, and all my experience and sacrifice the past 19 years I feel has prepared me for this opportunity," Rivera said.

Being a new coach has new responsibilities and means earning the respect of the players and parents. Rivera's path to winning this respect is eased by the fact that he himself is a Lane Alum. Rivera played both football and baseball, and was an All-City catcher his senior year.

"I knew being a former Lane player would buy me some credibility with the players and parents," Rivera said.

According to Rivera, Lane's baseball program dates all the way back to 1914. Over the past 100 years, the team has won 22 City titles and two State championships. The last City title Lane baseball won was back in 2005.



"I love the challenge of getting LT baseball back to an elite level," Rivera said.

One way Rivera hopes to do this is to condition not only the players' bodies but also their minds. Three times a week the team meets for mental training where players discuss different tactics and approaches to the game. The coaches sometimes give PowerPoint presentations that highlight keys to success in baseball. This might include things like regrouping after making a fielding error or missing a coach's sign. The coaches hope these lessons will help players to learn not only about baseball but also life in general.

"The bigger picture is to teach life skills through baseball that our seniors can take with them into manhood," Rivera said.

Lane's team will be led by seven seniors this season, including Sean Birt, Div. 451, who has high expectations for the team. He has kept an open mind about the new coach and his different approach to the game.

"I was disappointed to see our old coaches go," Birt said, "but as soon as I met Coach Rivera and listened to his passion and intensity for the game, I

knew he was a perfect fit for the program."

The new coach is not the only new look for the team this year. The team will be wearing new uniforms. Players received new Nike sweaters, cleats, sweatpants, and shirts.

"I believe we can win no matter what we look like or what we are wearing, but it is a confidence boost for us," Birt said.

Davalos believes that players will become more focused this year because of some new rules Coach Rivera has instituted. For example, players face consequences for every practice they miss. The first strike: a player is not allowed to attend the next practice. The second strike: the player will have a personal meeting with the coaches to discuss the next step for the player. The final strike: a possible suspension.

"I think these changes will be good for the team and motivate us even more to achieve glory," Davalos said.

Davalos says it is important that seniors on the team lead by example, showing those who are new to the team what is expected of them.

"Being one of the few seniors on the team, the

younger guys look at us to guide them and the team."

Team unity is heavily stressed by Coach Rivera who preaches the value playing for each other and taking care of each other.

"Program unity and togetherness is at the heart of everything we do," Rivera said.

The team's first game is scheduled for March 17.



Athlete of the Issue

Erik Lundgren, Div. 550



Favorites

Color: Blue
Food: Pasta
Movie: Miracle
Artist: Yeezus
Sports team: Chicago Blackhawks
Moment: "Saucing a breakway pass to my line mate to win the NIHL Pee Wee AA Championship in OT."

Q&A

Warrior: When did you start playing hockey and really love it?
Lundgren: I started ice skating at the age of one and living the game at age three.

Warrior: What obstacles have you had to overcome in hockey?
Lundgren: I broke my collarbone in the first game of the season my freshman year. I was out for the regular season but came back in the playoffs.

Warrior: What do you do to prepare for games?
Lundgren: I eat pasta or a chicken caesar salad, listen to my hockey playlist, and warm up before we start.

Warrior: Who is your favorite hockey player?
Lundgren: Alexander Ovechkin

Girls Softball adds strength training to workout regimen

By Jack Harvey

Very few teams have to adjust to new coaches after a long run of sustained success. However, after winning seven straight city championships, the Lane Girls' Softball team has had to adjust to their new coaches and stricter rules than before. Former coach George Stavarakas was let go following last season, and has been replaced by new head coach Devin Miller.

"I know most of the girls are very excited to get to know the new coaches better," Hailey Pieruccini, Div. 470, said.

This is the first high school coaching job for Coach Miller, who played softball at UIC before becoming a coach.

"I was really excited to hear I got the job at Lane Tech," Miller said. "It is great to be able to come in to a program that has had this success in the past and I am really looking forward to see what the whole program has to offer."

The coaches acknowledge the team's past success as a reason not to ask players to completely change. However, the coaches this year are stricter than in years before, and do not allow as much fooling around in the weight room and at practices.

"There's always going to be a period where everyone is a bit uneasy with a new coach," Miller said. "I feel as though it's our job as coaches to show the players, especially the returners, that we have their back and that they can trust what we are trying to teach them and trust the process."

The team has morning lifting at 6am two days a week and the players have to stay motivated to go.

"Sometimes it's hard to wake up or go to practice, but I want to get better," Pierucini said. "A team is only as strong as its weakest link, so if seniors are missing practice then that sets a bad example for everyone else."

The team only has 40 minutes to complete their whole lift, so they have to work fast to get their work done. Practice is critical to the goals the team has for the season.

"I hope, and I know that putting in the extra workouts will definitely translate not only on the field, but within their team goals and work ethic," Miller said. "I want to make sure our players are getting stronger the right way to win many games, and to make sure we have the stamina to go deep in the playoffs."



Girls softball players celebrate after winning the city title last season.

The coaches and players have had to adjust to one another.

"The rules are stricter, and it's definitely a different coaching environment," Pieruccini said.

The players have done a good job staying focused on their offseason conditioning.

"So far the girls have done a great job of being open to everything we have asked of them, and have not had many difficulties adjusting," Miller said.

One of the new things introduced by the new coaching staff has been individual workout plans for each player. On the first day of lifting, the coaches gave each player a workout sheet that varied depending on their size and strength.

"It is definitely more helpful than the general workout plan we have done the past few years," Pieruccini said.

While there has been a lot of change in the program, the continued success of the team still hinges on the team's performance on the field.

"Regardless of all the change, it still comes down to whether or not we want it enough and if we perform well when it counts on the field," Pieruccini said.