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"Delisia, you were truly an angel on earth"

By Daniel Castro

Delisia Brown, Div. 880, could have easily been anyone's best friend. Her welcoming smile and charismatic nature made her easily approachable.

However, on Apr. 25, just weeks prior to senior prom and graduation, her life was unexpectedly taken.

Delisia and her friend Nicole Latimore, Div. 874, were out that Friday shopping for prom when, without warning that afternoon, a semi-trailer crashed into the CTA's Red Line Cermak/Chinatown station killing two and hurting 21 others, including Nicole.

"We were shocked," said Jasmine Taylor, Div. 850, Co-Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. "[The Cheerleaders] were in complete denial."

"I heard about the accident and Delisia's name on the news, but I just couldn't believe it was her," said Mr. Elkins, Brown's Spanish teacher. "We had been talking about college plans earlier that week."

"She always sat in the front of the class," said Ms. Feuer, Brown's Women in Literature teacher. "Her absence was obvious to everyone."

Feuer added that many of her students had already dealt with "a lot of loss" recently because many of her students also knew Mr. Jones who passed away earlier this year.

Delisia was born on Feb. 6, 1990. She is described by family and friends as a promising young woman who was looking forward to going to college next fall. Having already been accepted at several

universities, she had chosen to attend North Carolina State University in Raleigh and planned to major in psychology.

"She was soft-spoken but really smart. Some people didn't even notice she was so smart," said Taylor.

Teachers also mentioned that Delisia took school seriously but still had a good sense of humor.

"In class, her sense of humor entertained us, and on a more mature level she was a role model for handling stress," said Elkins.

He also added that Delisia was "creative, funny, and kind to everyone."

"She wrote a short story recently in Spanish about trying to order clothes from Jewel-Osco; I told her it was okay to be goofy and she enjoyed that sort of freedom," said Elkins.

Feuer recalls an assignment given to her class in which students had to interview an important woman in their lives. Delisia, Feuer remembers with a smile, chose to interview her mom, Wanda Brown.

"She said that she had never had the courage to have such [an in-depth] conversation with her mother," said Feuer. "She liked it."

Feuer, as many others did, also pointed out Delisia's exceptional fashion sense.

"She would dress up [to look professional] because she worked after school at the Sears Tower," said Taylor.

Friends and members of the Cheerleading Squad would also poke fun at the fact that she was the tallest on the squad.

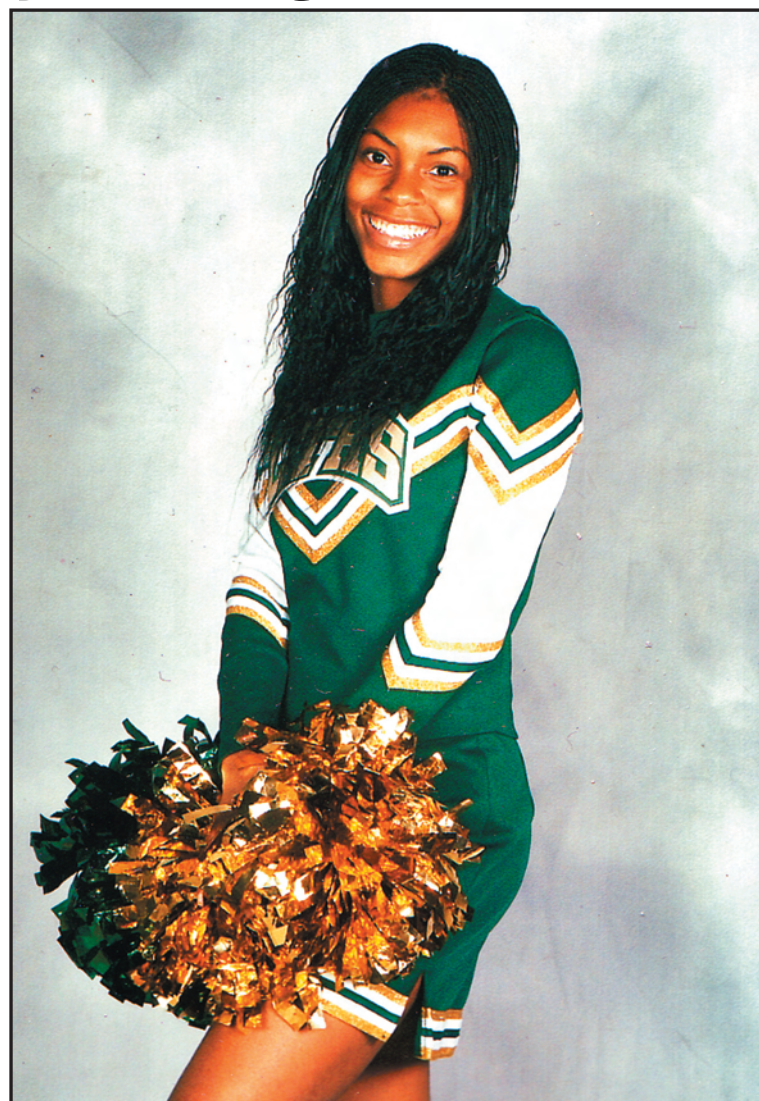
"She was so tall that she could never jump as high as [the rest of the cheerleaders]," said Taylor. "We would make fun of her."

Friends and fellow classmates have also come up with several ways to express their condolences.

"I'm sad you had to leave so soon," said one Facebook post. "I don't understand why but sometimes God takes his best to give others another chance. You were truly an angel."

At the Boys' and Girls' Champion-

ship Track meet Lane Track members also wore yellow wristbands bearing the initials "D.B." in remembrance of Delisia, a former runner, after getting them approved by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Others passed out yellow and green ribbons the Monday students returned to school to wear along with their senior shirts.



Delisia poses for her Cheerleading Team pictures

"Delisia taught us that we should be nice to each other," said Mr. Elkins. "She understood that there are just some things or people in life that we do not have control over; but we do have control over ourselves."

"[Delisia's passing] was a reality check," said Taylor. "We had just seen her the day before for the [senior] luncheon."

At Delisia's memorial service on May 16, Dr. LoBosco announced that Lane is starting a scholarship fund in memory of Delisia and the first recipient of the scholarship is going to be Nicole Latimore. LoBosco also presented Delisia's family with a check that was a result of the money raised by students and faculty.

Meanwhile, Nicole is gradually recuperating from her injuries. She admits that it has been tough but nonetheless she is looking forward to attending prom. With a

brace on one knee, she mentions that the "therapy is painful." She will not be able to walk for two months due to the extent of her injuries.

Delisia is survived by her two parents, Wanda and Jerry Brown, Jr.; her grandfathers Jerry Brown, Sr. and Johnny Ray; her three sisters, Latonya Washington, Na-Keisha Brown, and Ranisha Ray Miles; her niece Emiya Aytch; and her aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Though Delisia was never able to put on the lavender dress she looked forward to wearing to her senior prom, she was put to rest in it.

A memorial fund was established to help the parents of Delisia cover funeral expenses. Donations can be sent to: The Delisia Brown Memorial Expense Fund c/o Bank of America, 5501 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629 or any Bank of America branch.

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Students excited about centennial yearbook

By Anna Chlopecki

The 2007-2008 school year is just about over, and it's time for graduation, class rings, prom, and the distribution of the yearbook. Lane students are seeing certain changes in this year's edition because it is the 100 year celebration.

This year's centennial edition is significantly larger than previous editions with over 300 pages, completely in color, the historical background story of Lane through pictures, a centennial vintage theme that matches the new Lane website, and a textured cover that will match the centennial rustic feel of the yearbook as a whole.

"It is bigger than last year's because it features a lot of history," said Rebecca Young, Div. 916, a yearbook staff member.

"Everything is in color. The sports section will look really [good] because it's usually hard to see in black and white," said Joshua Paley, Div. 925.

"The whole theme is 'now-and-then,' a mix of current and past Lane events," said Lisa Smolinski, Div. 916, another yearbook staff member. "Students should be excited!"

"The yearbook stores your memories from high school and opening it for the first time is like going through a time warp of your whole year," said Katherine



A security guard keeps the yearbook pick-up line under control.

Gurbisz, Div. 928. "Except this year's yearbook is like a time warp throughout all of Lane's years, which is really interesting"

"It's always exciting to see everyone's picture and compare them to [their pictures in] the previous one," said Stephany Burnett, Div. 936.

Students are not the only ones

showing interest in the centennial yearbook because the yearbook features the past history of Lane.

"Principal LoBosco asked us to print more copies of the yearbook, for alumni," said Smolinski. "However, the more copies we print, the more expensive the yearbook is, especially when students do not order them."

During Quickstart, the yearbook

was priced at \$45. However, not all students purchased them and now this resulted in an abundance of yearbooks. In order to make up the loss, the yearbook committee charged \$65.

The yearbook was not sold on the days it was distributed to give the students that purchased the yearbook at Quickstart the advantage to get the yearbook first.

JROTC Honor Guard and Fancy Drill Competition

By Rachel Steibing

On Saturday, Apr. 26, 2008, JROTC's Honor Guard and Fancy Drill Teams competed in the Angel Drill Competition in North Chicago and won second place overall.

Honor Guard is an armed exhibition drill team which means they use rifles to create a sequence. Fancy Drill is a group of steppers but with military commands.

Colonel Kochheiser, JROTC instructor, received an invitation to the competition by e-mail. Although, the competition has been held for several years, this was the first year Lane has participated.

"I expected Lane to get nothing," said Kochheiser. "We hadn't gone to a drill meet in several years. It was strictly a learning experience."

However, many teams did not show up for the Honor Guard competition, making it much easier for Lane.

"[The other schools] were a lot less prepared than we were," said Christopher Powell, Div. 872, Honor Guard Commander. "It was obvious they walked on the drill floor and didn't have a complete sequence."

In the competition, Fancy Drill had more than ten other teams to compete against, while Honor Guard only two. Nevertheless, some JROTC members thought the competition was fierce.

"The schools were amazing," said Jeydi Ucles, Div. 038, Fancy Drill commander. "They were really creative and different than what I expected. In my opinion it was a tough competition."

Both Lane teams practiced hard for the competition.

"We practiced everyday before and after school for a month and a half," said Powell.



JROTC members hold up their awards.

In the end, practice proved almost perfect for Fancy Drill.

"We were prepared for competition," said Ucles. "But I think we could have done better. I don't blame them because one of my girls joined a little late but she was able to pull it off really well. Besides that, the team was outstanding."

Fancy Drill, the unarmed exhibition drill team, won second place in the mili-

tary division. Waukegan won first place.

Two Lane cadets also won individual trophies. Gaby Aguilar, a sophomore on Fancy Drill, won third place for individual without a rifle, and Isamar Velasquez, a freshman on Fancy Drill, won fourth place for individual without a rifle.

Honor Guard members were more disappointed in their competition and performance.

"I feel we could have finished stronger if we had a little more practice," said Powell. "We started out really strong but ended a little more shaky than I would have liked."

Because there were only two other schools in the Honor Guard category, scores were not given out.

"The judges said that since only three schools showed up, they had decided to not officially judge us," said Robert Hernandez, Div. 189, member of the Honor Guard team. "The judges also said they had almost unanimously said Lane Tech's armed drill team was the best armed drill team out there. But there simply weren't enough teams to be able to officially judge us."

Although both teams are proud of their accomplishments, there is always room for improvement.

"[My plans for next year are] to win first place!" said Ucles.

"[Next year] I want to be more organized," said Javier Martinez, Div. 923, next year's Honor Guard commander. "I already have things planned out. I want to start practices a lot earlier."

Seniors leave behind valuable advice

By Crystal Lee

After four years at Lane, seniors have learned valuable lessons from their experiences. If seniors knew then what they know now, they might have approached high school in a completely different way.

No matter what level of classes a student takes, there are habits that should be developed to be successful in high school.

Academics

"Do your homework. It counts big time, even if you're not a good test taker, like me," said Gigi Fiallos, Div. 857.

Getting one bad grade shouldn't discourage a student.

"Do not stress over the little stuff. The more you stress the worse you do," said Brittany Epps, Div. 870. "If you do happen to do badly on a quiz, don't take it hard, just try harder on the next one or do better on the tests."

When choosing classes for next year, there are a few things to keep in mind.

"Take as many AP classes and Honors classes as you can," said Anthony Sterlinski, Div. 858.

According to many students, some Regular classes are just as difficult as Honors and AP classes.

There are some classes, however, that some try to avoid because of the reputation

of the teacher. However, a student should decide for themselves whether or not they like a teacher.

"Things are not always set in stone. Give your teachers a chance before you start to label them," said Johnathan Ragsdale, Div. 854. "People don't change but circumstances do."

Even so, there are popular classes that students recommend trying to get into.

"The best electives would have to be Guitar with Mr. Sweet, Animation with Mr. Ara, and Film Study with Mr. Gagliano," said Joe Sayekh, Div. 881.

"The best electives would be Ceramics and Electronics," said Chris Llive, Div. 869.

College Preparations

Junior year is a critical time in a student's high school career, especially since it's the year to take the ACT, which is one of the determining factors in college admissions. The first ACT score is not final and students can take it again to improve their scores.

"Retake the ACT! Don't take it as a joke. Believe me it counts a lot," said Rocio Alvarez, Div. 855.

Senior year is just as important as junior year, because it's the time to start applying to colleges.

"Do early admissions, so you get decisions early and you can make decisions better," said Marcus Catibog, Div. 858.

Navigating the school

With about 4,500 students, navigating Lane's crowded hallways can be difficult. However, Lane seniors have found ways to avoid traffic.

"The best stairways to use to avoid traffic are B and C," said Crystal Montanez, Div. 880.

Getting to school and class on time is only half the battle. Students must also remember to bring their IDs. If they should happen to forget, there are still ways to get into the school.

"You can pass a library card as an ID through door A," said Michelle Rodriguez, Div. 877.

Owning a car can make high school more enjoyable. But, how do you find parking at a school as big as Lane?

"The best place to park as seniors is in the parking lot, if you get a permit," said Jenson Joseph, Div. 873. "Rockwell gets full if you don't get there around seven, but you can park at that curb between Jewel and Walgreens."

Extracurriculars

"Get involved! Definitely try out for a sport or a club," said Karolina Gicala, Div. 877. "It will make your high school experience a lot more interesting and fun."

If high school gets to be too much, it's advisable to stick it out.

"Remember that you are coming to the end of one part of your life and entering a new one, said Celia Shand, Div. 881.

JROTC Raiders raid competition

By Rachel Steibing

On May 10, 2008, JROTC hosted a citywide Raider competition in Marseilles, Illinois that an instructor from Carver said was "the most organized competition Lane has ever hosted."

Schools from all over the city competed in six different events: Search and Rescue, Obstacle Course, Three Mile March, One Mile Run, First Aid, and Land Navigation.

There were 217 people total and 43 Lane Tech Raiders attending the competition.

This was the third year that Lane Raiders have hosted this event. Some of their duties included deciding where each school would sleep, distributing meals, cleaning, and keeping everything under control.

Schools arrived at the military base in Marseilles on Friday evening, May 9, and were immediately directed into their barracks (rooms). Once they were settled, cadets went to the Mess Hall (cafeteria) to eat.

Lane Raiders were in charge of serving the food and getting the cadets in and out as quickly as possible.

Each school had a specific time assigned for showers. In true military fashion, there was a schedule that was followed precisely.

Lights out was at 2230 (10:30 PM) and Lane Raiders conducted the night watch. There was always someone "on duty" patrolling the halls and making sure there was no trouble.

Breakfast was served at 0630 (6:30 AM) Saturday and competition started at 0800 (8:00 AM).

Lane Raiders had to be up earlier than everyone to set up the events and make sure everything was ready.

Each event had about five judges who gave each school points based on how quickly they completed the task and how well they worked together.

At the end of the day, all scores were tallied and the winners were announced.

Taft won fourth place, Payton's first team won third place, Tilden won second place, and Payton's second team won first place.

The day ended around 1730 (5:30 PM) and schools returned back to Chicago on buses.

Lane Raiders were the last ones to leave because they had to make sure everything was in order. The rooms, bathrooms, and cafeteria had to be spotless.

After all the planning and preparations, Lane Raiders were happy with the success of the competition.

"It made me feel good that I could run something so organized," said Zach White, Div. 926, second in charge of Raiders.

Much of the credit goes to Rocio Gutierrez, Div. 882, who is the first female Raider team commander ever in Lane JROTC history.

"Raiders is the only team I've ever been on," said Gutierrez. "I saw them freshman year and I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Lane still very selective in enrollment

By Noemi Villanueva

A good score on the entrance exam is not a guarantee to get into Lane. Out of the thousands of applicants this year, several factors were considered in choosing the incoming freshman class.

Given its wide range of student interests and ethnicities, Lane's diversity plays an important role in the enrollment process.

In the fall of 2008, the incoming freshmen will total 1,131 students, making it the largest class in school. This group's demographics are similar to this year's freshmen. The incoming class is 40.6% Hispanic, 25.9% White, 15.2% African American, 13.2% Asian, .4% Native American, and 4.7% Multi-racial.

This marks the eleventh consecutive year that Hispanics have been the largest ethnic group at Lane. Currently, there are more females enrolled than males, which has also been a common trend in past years.

The entrance exam does, however, still carry a lot of weight in the admission process.

In order for students to take

the exam, they must receive a stanine of five for math and reading on their ISAT in public schools or Terra Nova in private schools. Last year, Lane's cut-off score was 810 but this year it was raised.

Other than a good score on the entrance exam, good grades and attendance are taken into consideration and are part of the overall score. Attendance is worth 100 points, and grades, ISAT scores, and the entrance exam are worth 300 points each. An applicant can get up to 1,000 points for their overall score.

Although the requirements for admission are high, it did not stop 9,000 students from applying to Lane this year. To get the right number of students for the incoming class, Lane chooses a cut-off score each year by guessing how many students it accepts will actually choose to attend. Whether students list Lane as their first, second, or even third choice on their application, it is never certain how many will choose Lane and how many will choose another school. Consequently, the number of students in the incoming class varies from

year to year.

Although the admissions process is long, Lane puts in a lot of effort to ensure the success of the incoming freshmen. Next year, Lane is starting the Green STARS Mentor Program, also known as Students Together Achieve Results Successfully. The program's purpose is to make the transition from grade school to high school easier for both students and parents.

Ms. Dulberg, a counselor and the head of the new program, believes that next year's freshmen will benefit greatly from it and will have a great start to their high school career.

"My hope is that the freshmen will feel connected quicker and that they're less fearful because they have a peer to talk to,"

said Dulberg. "They can get involved with activities and be successful."

Sarah Whitehouse, Div. 917, was chosen to be one of the 14 "Gold Stars" who will be the leaders of the program and will oversee the mentors. She also believes the program will make students at Lane more successful.

"[The program] can raise graduation rates, freshman won't be intimidated, and everyone will be more cooperative," said Whitehouse. "It can really promote a sense of well-being."

With the already rigorous enrollment process to pick the best students, the creation of this program will be a step further in keeping students on track throughout high school.

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Students artwork showcased in New York City

By Siobhan Lally

"If I can get just one person to look at the deeper concept behind my work, I have succeeded as an artist," said Jessica Limardo, Div. 875.

Limardo is one of Lane's five AP Art students whose work earned national recognition from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The



Litoff's award winning photo of two Japanese girls kneeling on the ground

students include Limardo for the category of Art Portfolio, Nina Litoff, Div. 852, for the category of Photography, and Jenna LennonDorn, Div. 852, Heather Skiba, Div. 855, and Lynette Zayas, Div. 869, for the category of Ceramics & Glass.

Each year, more than 77,000 students in grades seven through 12 participate in The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Approximately 30,000 of those artists and writers from across the U.S. are given recognition on the regional level and only around 1,000 are invited to travel to New York City for their work to be reviewed at the national level and to have their work displayed in Carnegie Hall.

The students and teacher are excited about the opportunity.

"I was really excited, it's a big honor to have my work at Carnegie Hall," said Jenna LennonDorn. "The end of the year is getting really busy but when I stop and think, 'New York' I really can't wait."

"I never usually win anything," said Litoff, "so I was so excited that I finally had received recognition. I was even more shocked when I made it to the National

competition. Even the Gold Key, [the highest award at the regional level,] would have been enough satisfaction for me. But getting to go to New York for the ceremony really tops it all off."

"I was just really happy to find out I placed so high," said Zayas. "I was confident in my pieces, but I knew there were others who also worked just as hard as I did, and it'd be a tough competition."

"I was very proud of myself," said Limardo. "I have never taken an art class, let alone a sculpture class."

"I'm just so excited for the students who have won national awards and will have a chance to go to New York City," said Ms. Moore, the AP ceramics teacher. "This year's group of art students [are] so talented and creative. But they are not just smart and artistic, [they are] incredibly hard working too."

Some of the students admit a great deal of time and work was put into their art.

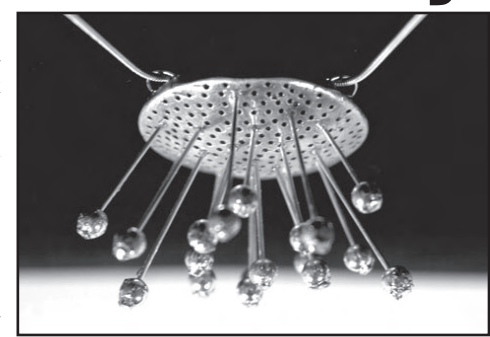
"[My] work looks like a whole bunch of bubbles stacked on top of one another," said LennonDorn. "It only took a little while to create, but the thing about clay artwork is that it reflects countless hours of practice."

"My piece is a large vessel about two feet tall with a bulbous base and a trumpet like top with large curvy handles on each side," said Skiba. "It took about three weeks to build and then another four days to glaze it, approximately."

"I actually submitted a portfolio, and it took about three months to complete all eight pieces," said Limardo.

However, not all art requires weeks or months.

"I won for photography, so I did not have to work very long on the piece," said Litoff. "My picture was taken last summer on my family's vacation to Japan. The picture is of two Japanese girls kneeling on the ground, but all you can see is their backs and feet. They were wearing these frilly Lolita costumes and fancy high heels, and I thought it was



An award winning piece by Limardo.

interesting."

Despite their hard work and unique opportunity, however, the New York trip did not initially seem completely possible for these five seniors. The dates lined up for the trip are June 4-6.

"We didn't think it would be possible to attend because of graduation and costs," said Litoff, "but Scholastic offered to sponsor half of the trip, and the school was able to provide some funds too."

Hayes wins at State Science Fair

By Siobhan Lally

For most students the weekend of May 2-3 was a normal one. However, for three Lane students it was a weekend of competition.

Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, the State Science Fair was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

Of the three competing in state, one student, Thomas Hayes, Div. 875 won an award for "best in category" in computer science. His project was entitled "Iteration vs. Recursion."

"I wrote a computer program that used two programming techniques, iteration and recursion, to implement algorithms that found terms in a mathematical sequence," said Hayes.

Most of his work was done researching algorithm efficiency and figuring out what his program actually does with the computer's memory. Hayes admits that he did have a little help along the way.

"My computer science teacher from last year, Mr. Law, was an enormous help," he said. "This project initially started out as trying to test the efficiency of iterative and recursive algorithms in solving sudoku puzzles, but over time that did not become feasible. Nevertheless,

Mr. Law helped me work through the algorithms, and over time the project's focus evolved to finding terms in a sequence, which was much more feasible."

However, Mr. Law said that he does not deserve much credit for helping Hayes.

"My only contributions to his project was as a sounding board," said Law. "He had a few difficult hurdles to get over and came to see me once in a while to talk about the project and the direction it was headed in. All I did was listen and point out things that might not have been apparent yet. In other words, I just nudged him in the right direction when he needed it. The research that was done and the project idea were all his own."

Hayes is not a stranger to the Science Fair. He competed freshman and sophomore years with a math project and a behavioral science project. But this year is the first year he qualified to move beyond the school level fair.

"It was raining heavily when we first got there, so the atmosphere was not initially encouraging, but I was just there to have fun, and once it got started it was not stressful at all," said Hayes. "The judges were nice and very encouraging. They told me stories of industry programmers

writing bad, inefficient code and companies losing money because of it, and they liked my project because it highlighted the importance of writing quality code."

The judges then awarded his project as "best in category" for computer science and he won a gold award certificate.

"I think gold means 'pretty good'," said Hayes. "I also won a \$200 savings bond from The Association of Old Crows, a non-profit military organization that specializes in electronic warfare."

"I think it's great!" said Mr. Law. "Tom definitely worked hard on this project and deserves any and all accolades."

Despite his awards, however, Hayes is done with the Science Fair.

"The State Science Fair is the end of the line. The competitors for the international competition, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, have already been selected at the city fair, at the same time as the competitors for the state fair were selected. I was not selected," said Hayes.

However, he refuses to give up his computer programming.

"I'm still trying to figure out how to make a computer program solve a sudoku puzzle, though," he said.

Thirteen years of perfection

By Siobhan Lally

For most students, missing one day of school is no big deal. However, for others one day of absence can ruin a record of perfect attendance.

For 13 years one Lane student, Angel Martinez, Div. 870, has never missed a day of school.

"I've had perfect attendance since I was in kindergarten," said Martinez. "I'm always in school 'cause after graduating eighth grade with nine years I was determined to continue the years."

According to CPS only six seniors across the city have had perfect attendance for 12 years. Martinez has that beat by one year.

"Thirteen years in a row is amazing if not unbelievable," said Anthony Menese, Div. 870.

Even after most other kids stayed home with chicken pox, the flu, or a little headache, Martinez never let illness interfere with his attendance.

"Getting ill really isn't that big of an issue for me," he said. "I've never really been sick really bad, maybe a runny nose and a headache, but I still force myself up and get ready to go to school."

Martinez does admit, however, that there was a couple times when he wanted to stay home, but he said he would have regretted it in the long run.

"I just come, since I come to school everyday I've gotten used to the routine of getting up and heading to school even if I'm the only one going in the house."

"I think Angel is the perfect ex-

ample of what we all should be doing everyday. Waking up and going to school everyday for 13 years," said Menese. "It takes a lot to go to school through sickness, cold weather, and any problems at home that might cause him missing."

Along with showing up to class everyday Angel has managed to be punctual as well. Over the last 13 years he claims he has never received a tardy.

Some student's think that Martinez's record is incredible.

"He does what needs to be [done] on a daily basis," said Menese, "He's the most committed individual I've ever got to know."

"I think that Angel's accomplishment is amazing," said Brittany Goodman, Div. 858. "I think it took a lot of dedication on his part and I am very proud of him."

His dedication has not gone unrewarded.

In addition to getting invited to the "Milkshake Party" Lane holds every year for students with perfect attendance, he recently was invited to a CPS held Banquet at the Hilton Hotel.

"[At the Banquet] they gave me a laptop, a proclamation from the CPS, and a plaque. It was really nice," said Martinez.

Aside from his perfect attendance, Angel Martinez lives a pretty busy life. He took mostly regular level classes, received all As and Bs, and is involved in the Aspira club. He also spends time at two other dance companies outside of school.

"They both keep me on my feet and busy for the most part," he said.

Lane's Centennial year full of history

By Samantha D'Anna

2007-2008, one for the books. Your scrapbooks. Highlights and low lights of this past school year. Who would have thought gas would be over \$4 a gallon, or a cougar would be seen wandering the streets near Lane? Sit back, relax, and take a stroll down memory lane (No pun intended).

"When I reflect on this past year at Lane, the word that sums it up is perseverance," said Mrs. O'Neil, Social Studies teacher. "We have endured several really sad events - the loss of a teacher and a student. In addition, we did not let the threats of violence scribbled on a bathroom wall beat us. If Lane students continue to demonstrate the resilience, compassion, and dedication that I have seen this year, we will have many successful Lane alumni in the upcoming years."

At Lane

Rachel Barton Pine, violinist. Pine took part in Lane's centennial concert on Apr. 19. The concert had

been planned for two years.

Walk to Wrigley. May 30, Lane students paraded down Roscoe to Wrigley Field, in celebration of 100 years of greatness.

Down Memory Lane. Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26), Lane hosted a carnival and music fest in the school parking lot. The event included "Battle of the Bands," local food vendors, and much more.

A new policy. The iPod policy was put into effect March 24. iPods were banned from classrooms and hallways in an attempt to create a new and improved learning environment. Any student caught listening to an iPod was warned that they would face disciplinary consequences.

The Lane family suffered major losses this school year.

Mr. Henry Flowers. On Sept. 4, just as the new school year was beginning, Flowers passed away due to a stroke. He was a dedicated security guard who was known throughout the school.

Mr. Byron Jones. On Oct. 21 Lane lost more than an English teacher, but a great friend and mentor. Jones

left behind impressions in many hearts and minds.

Delisia Brown, Div. 880. Brown passed away Apr. 25, when a semi truck struck CTA's Red Line, Cermak/Chinatown stop. Brown was looking forward to prom and graduation, and making the best of her remaining days at Lane.

The Graffiti threat. On Dec. 11 a threat was found written in a girls' bathroom stating an assault worse than the Virginia Tech Massacre would occur at Lane on Dec 14. The threat frightened many and forced the administration to declare Friday, Dec. 14, an "Excused Absence," after only half the student body attended school that day.

Local

NIU Tragedy. In the shooting at NIU six died, including the shooter.

Chicago Cubs. Cubs run their record of futility to 99 years without a world series title.

Student fatalities. So far this year there has been 17 CPS students killed and 27 students last year.

Lions, Tigers, and...cougars? On Apr. 14 a mountain lion was spotted

on Chicago's north side. The cougar was gunned down by Chicago police near the 3400 block of N. Hoyne, just over a half mile east of Lane.

City Curfew. A new curfew law went into effect March 22. The curfew hours for minors (under the age of 18) are 10 pm until 6 am on Sunday through Thursday, and 11 pm until 6 am on Fridays and Saturdays. Chicago police believe this will greatly reduce child fatalities and crimes committed by minors.

Earth Hour. On Mar. 29 at 8 pm Chicago took part in the world wide event, Earth Hour 2008. Over 300,000 participated. Earth Hour was the first step in Chicago's ongoing commitment to be the greenest city in the nation.

National

Presidential Election. This election marks first time in U.S. history that an African American man or a woman will win a major party's nomination as Obama and Clinton fight to become the democratic nominee in the general election.

Gas prices sky rocket. Oil prices have gone from \$65 a barrel, a

year ago, to over \$120 today. This has significantly affected the cost of travel.

Mortgage Crisis. The numbers of foreclosures are running high and it has become a buyer's market. Princeton economist Paul Krugman predicts a 25 percent drop in housing prices overall - and up to 50 percent in some places.

International

The war in Iraq continues. The war in Iraq continues into its sixth year with the outcome uncertain. It is sure to be a major voting issue in this fall's Presidential election.

Global warming? Global warming has become a major issue, as researchers say glaciers and the polar ice caps are melting at a record pace.

Castro resigns. Fidel Castro resigns after nearly 60 years as the Cuban president. His brother Raul Castro was chosen as his successor.

Although, in Lane's 100th year of existence, we have encountered sorrow, joy, and confusion in the world around us, we will continue building on our own legacy.

Senior ditch day "rite of passage" practiced by many

By Monika Janczuk

The halls of Lane appeared to be less crowded on Apr. 25; stairway Z was less of a hassle to access and hallways near doorway H on the third floor did not witness the usual pushing and shoving exhibited in between periods. It must have been Senior Ditch Day.

Through word of mouth, text messaging, and Facebook wall posts, seniors were informed of the scheduled Senior Ditch Day at Lane.

"[There] was a bigger response this year to [Senior Ditch Day]," said Ms. Lesiak, the Attendance Director. "It's their rite of passage...and people decided to take five day weekends."

Due to ACT testing Apr. 23-24, underclassman and seniors had those two days off. For many years, senior's have planned Senior Ditch Day that following Friday in order to give themselves a five day weekend.

Since funding that the school receives is linked to the daily average attendance, "the more students gone, the more money lost" over a school year said Lesiak. Lane cannot disclose the specific amount because the school itself does not know the number value. However, from 2005-2006, CPS collected over \$4 billion in local revenue according to an article published by the Daily Herald. The money comes from "local sources, including property taxes and fees; from the state; and from the federal government" according to the article.

On a typical day, Lane's attendance averages between 95% to 97.5%. According to

Lesiak, the attendance rate was around 88% for Apr. 25. The Daily Absence Report for that day shows that 327 students did not attend class - 289 seniors, 23 juniors, nine sophomores, and five freshmen.

"I think [seniors] thought they deserved [the day off]," said Ms. Maldonado, the substitute for Mrs. Langford while she is on maternity leave. "Most of my AP students are juniors... but close to AP [time seniors] tend to freak out a little more and stress out" and take extra days off.

However, there was a significant difference in the number of students absent in her Psychology classes that particular day. Only a combined seven students total were absent from two AP classes while 33 students from three Regular classes were gone. According to Maldonado, there are more seniors in the Regular classes compared to AP. Other teachers reported the same trends. In short, for the most part, the more academically serious students are less likely to take off Senior Ditch Day.

There was an increase in the number of juniors who did not come to school that day also.

"A lot of juniors assumed they needed a long rest after ACT testing," said Lesiak.

For some, taking the extra day off was not done without permission because their parents called into the Attendance Office informing the school their child would not be there that day.

"I've had parents call and say 'hey it's Senior Ditch Day, I'm allowing them to stay home'," said Lesiak.

Lane follows a strict five-day absence

policy that many teachers adhere to. With this in mind, numerous teachers were not happy when seniors stayed home.

"Seniors had Wednesday and Thursday off... to take Friday off as well was excessive," said Mrs. O'Neill, an Economics teacher.

Numerous students said they had at least one quiz or test on that day but still did not come to school.

"All my teachers were cool about it," said Gemise Jackson, Div. 860. "None of my teachers gave us a quiz except for one."

Others, however, did not want to miss an exam. Bianca Cirilo, Div. 936, came to school because she had a quiz in Economics. She did notice, however, that many seniors in her Economics, Dance, French II, and Trigonometry classes were not there, including kids who usually came to school daily.

"I didn't ditch because I had two tests that day and my friends were in school also," said Philby Phillip, Div. 870.

"I went to school that day because I didn't see why not to," said Leslie O'Connor, Div. 908. "Most of my classes had everyone there except for Econ class which had a lot of seniors and most of them were gone."

Some teachers who have classes composed of mainly seniors said they knew many of their classrooms would be empty and planned tests and quizzes before ACT testing or the following week.

"My teacher gave us an opportunity to take the test on Monday after school if we knew we weren't gonna come Friday," said an anonymous senior. "A lot of my friends and I went because we were plannin' on ditching [that day]."

"Every year a lot of kids are out on that day," said an anonymous History teacher. "I had to move the test I had planned on giving that day because I would rather re-schedule it than have over half my students take make-ups."

However, other teachers do not find this ethical.

"Every teacher has a responsibility to have students come to school," said O'Neill.

What many students do not consider when ditching school is what their parents think when they get a call from the school saying their child was not in attendance.

"My only concern is if parents find out a student was not here when they should have [been]," said Lesiak. "Parents may fear something happened to the student...it becomes a sticky situation student do not think about."

Nevertheless, as seniors feel burnt out, many take advantage of any opportunity to skip school.

"I'm sick of school," said an anonymous senior. "With two days off, I felt like [seniors] deserved the days off because we have been here for four years and there is no point of coming by the end [of the school year]."

Other students went to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, IL, shopping, skateboarding, walked around the Downtown area, or hung out with friends.

While the Senior Ditch Day at Lane typically follows the two days after the juniors take their ACTs, other high schools have a different tradition.

Other high schools, including Von Steuben, have their Senior Ditch Day planned towards the end of the school year in late May.

Murders of CPS students shake up Chicago

By Jessica Smith

This school year alone, already 25 CPS students – the youngest being 10 – have been victims of the fatal violence that has shocked Chicago.

Though the number of deaths has not yet surpassed last school year, (total of 32 student deaths, 24 being gun-related) the number of gun-related deaths this year (22) is getting very close.

Many are still unsure what the cause of the escalation in violence might be.

“There are many reasons why violence can occur,” said Daniel Murray, Div. 880, “whether it is from family problems, poverty, insecurity [or] past issues. When the wrong people are pushed, things can happen.”

Due to the gun scare earlier in the year, as well as the shootings at NIU, many students have felt uneasy with the increasing violence.

“I think when there is violence in another school, the fear spreads throughout all others,” said Murray. “It’s like a domino effect; if there was a shooting at a school, then it could happen at any other school.”

“It’s shaken us up,” said

Maya Sharma, Div. 871. “We take things more seriously; we watch situations more carefully.”

However, some students feel it has had the opposite effect.

“I really don’t think that the increased violence has driven students to fear anymore,” said Gerardo Galan, Div. 875. “We are just more desensitized. We’ve come to expect these kinds of things.”

In response to all of the shootings, Mayor Richard Daley even introduced an ordinance that would guarantee jail time for anyone convicted of carrying an unregistered weapon within 1,000 feet of a school, park, courthouse, or public housing development.

In July 2007 CPS received a \$4.8 million federal grant to target issues correlated to crimes, which was followed by a \$14.2 million initiative launched by Mayor Daley in Sept. 2007 to create more after-school programs.

However, state funding for CeaseFire, an initiative of the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, was lost in Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s fiscal 2008 budget cuts in the month of Aug. This reduced the number of sites of

the project in Chicago from 25 to only four.

But, according to an interview by The Windy Citizen with Andres



Family of a victim mourn at a memorial set up where their son was struck and killed by a baseball bat.

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Durbak, Director of School Safety and Security for CPS, he argues that many of the violence prevention efforts by communities are not effective because they are often isolated and lack uniformity, so it will not have a big impact on violence within the city.

This argument is also reflected in the statistics of CPS student murders. Though the CeaseFire program has been in effect since the 2000-01 school year, CPS student gun-related deaths have increased drasti-

cally from the 2004-05 school year to present.

Because the State Council has recently failed to pass a bill that would limit the sale of guns to one per month, many communities have grown angry.

The unnerving number of student deaths this year has drawn the attention of many local communities and even the entire nation.

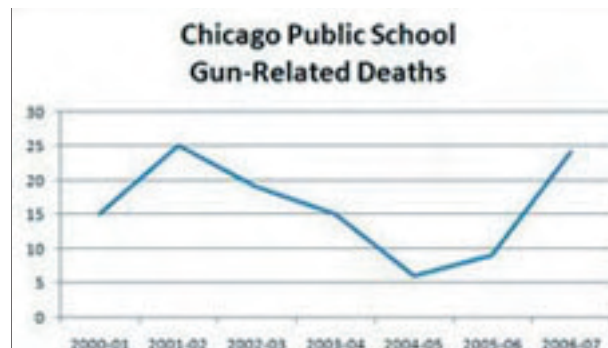
Recently, artist KRS One came to Chicago on a “Stop the Violence” tour and visited many local schools promoting the message of non-

violence and peace among teens.

Many students have started support groups and cease-fire groups across the city to discuss ways to prevent violence, not only in their communities but also in their schools.

CEO Arne Duncan has also called for a stop to the violence.

“We have to take back our streets, we have to take back our communities,” he said at a news conference on Apr. 7 at Englewood High School. “We cannot give in to the gangs.”



F.R.E.E. shows film produced by club members

By Nathalie Henaine

On Apr. 30, F.R.E.E. club members gave advice to Lane students and teachers regarding abuse in romantic relationships.

Also known as Fighting for Relationship Equality through Education, F.R.E.E held an informational meeting after school in Room 113. Fliers were posted around the building inviting students and teachers to come to the meeting and discuss the importance of equal partnership in relationships. Additionally, a film made by several F.R.E.E. members and three former Lane graduates was shown.

“I thought it was informative and insightful because there are people who are being abused physically and mentally,” said Brian Chansy, Div. 932.

“[The video] made the presentation more enjoyable and easier to understand,” said Jaasiel Texcahua, Div. 914.

“[The goal of the meeting] was to get

people to start talking about [relationship abuse] and recognizing it as an issue,” said Ms. Baumgarten, a Lane counselor and co-sponsor of F.R.E.E. “Anyone can do something [to help someone in an abusive relationship], even if it’s just listening.”

“I think the presentation went very well. The [students] were into it; they asked questions and said what they thought,” said Ana Barrientos, Div. 909 a F.R.E.E. member.

The F.R.E.E.’s project began in the spring of 2006 when Ms. Feuer, English teacher and co-sponsor of F.R.E.E., mentioned to Helen Gebregiorgis, a 2006 Lane graduate, the idea of creating the film. The educational film would help spread the word about relationship abuse and the ways of avoiding it.

“Some think [abuse] is love; that’s not love,” said Helen Gebregiorgis.

“I was majoring in Film Studies when Feuer contacted me again in the fall of 2007 and asked if I was still interested [in creating the film],” said Gebregiorgis. “I wanted to voice [this issue] because a lot of people

choose to stay quiet so I said I’d love to help you!” Gebregiorgis began meeting with F.R.E.E. to discuss, film, and edit the video.

“[Gebregiorgis] came back with a concept to present,” said Feuer. “She showed the draft and [then] we did some tweaking.”

The video featured many of the F.R.E.E. members discussing abuse and what entitles abuse. The film was the highlight of the presentation.

“[The video presentation] was a better way to get the message [of abuse] across other than just talking to them,” said Barrientos.

“I was thrilled with the video and [the turn out],” said Feuer.

“I heard about [relationship abuse] before, but it didn’t hit me seriously until... a friend, a very sweet person, got her first boyfriend. She stayed with him even though he hurt her,” Gebregiorgis said, “It broke my heart.”

“I joined F.R.E.E. because I thought it would be a great way to educate myself on abusive relationships so that I won’t find myself in that situation,” said Barrientos. “If through this presentation we gave someone the knowledge or courage to get out of an abusive relationship or help someone get out [of one], I think we were successful.”

“Some think [abuse] is love; that’s not love,” said Gebregiorgis.

F.R.E.E.’s meetings this year were held on Wednesdays during ninth period. Meetings for next year have yet to be established. Students interested in joining can see Feuer in Room 340 or Baumgarten in Room 212.

Silence louder than words for some

By Dulce Arroyo

Students of every sexual orientation, belief, and background joined together nationwide on Apr. 25 to bring attention to the bullying and harassment that homosexual teens face in school.

The National Day of Silence (D.O.S.) was created in 1996 by students at the University of Virginia as a class assignment on non-violent protests against homosexuality. A year later, the members grew and almost 100 colleges and universities participated.

In 2001, The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) became the official sponsor for the Day of Silence. GLSEN, established in 1995, is the leading educational organization focused on making schools safe for all students, regardless of sexual orientation.

Students from more than 7,500 middle and high schools participated in the Day of Silence in efforts to raise awareness of the violence teens are subjected to. At Lane, a small group of students took a vow of daylong silence, handing out cards to explain why they were not speaking.

Nicolette Nazarowski, Div. 906, remained silent during school in hopes of helping the people closest to her.

"I did it to support my friends and my brother [who is gay]," said Nazarowski. "It's actually fun; I did it last year but the turnout [of participants] wasn't as big as this year."

Nazarowski believes that the goal of the D.O.S. would be better understood if more people participated.

"It's supportive. Everyone is standing up for something they believe in," she said. "If more people do it each year, their [cause] will actually be heard."

Other students participated to commemorate the recent death of Lawrence King, a Californian eighth grader who was shot and killed because of his sexual orientation and gender expression.

King was shot during class on Feb. 12, 2008. The shooter was King's classmate, Brian McInerney, who shot him because of his sexual orientation and gender expression.

McInerney was charged with premeditated murder along with an allegation of a hate crime, and will be tried as an adult.

"I feel the [Day of Silence] message shows that discrimination is wrong," said Pablo Ayala, Div. 029. "Someone's life shouldn't be taken away because of their lifestyle. No one has the right to take away a life."

Ena Ibrakovic, Div. 906, is a member of the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Allies) Theatre Group and participated for reasons similar to Ayala's.

"[Joining the Day of Silence] is a cause that I stand up for and support wholeheartedly," she said.

According to Ibrakovic, the D.O.S. was not something many Lane students had heard about.

"I acquired about 40 people at Lane who never heard of the Day of Silence before, [and when I asked them to participate], they gladly did it."

"Nobody really knew about it," said

Nathalie Zuazo, Div. 911. "Some people didn't even know we had a [Gay/Straight Alliance]."

Although numerous students joined the day's cause, protesters rallied against the D.O.S. outside of Lane, including the school parking lot and street intersections.

"There were three people on Western and Addison holding signs that said, 'Sodomy is a sin'," said Paola Lopez, Div. 021. "One of them looked like a reverend and there were two girls our age. I don't know if they go to Lane."

The protesters were also quoting passages from the Bible and handing out flyers to people

passing by.

"I [saw] those little 'Jesus will save you' papers; one of them was condemning [gay activity]," said Dina Ahmetpahic, Div. 924. "It sure did fail [in its] logic."

Some students were angered at what the protesters were preaching.

"I honestly thought it was bull because homosexuality is not listed as a sin," said Ibrakovic.

A local organization called H.O.M.E. (Heterosexuals Organized for a Moral Environment) also believes that homosexuality is an unhealthy and

dangerous lifestyle. On H.O.M.E.'s website, home60515.com, reasons are given why homosexuality is morally wrong. The group claims its purpose is to "expose all the flaws in the arguments homosexuals (and bisexuals) use to justify homosexual activity."

Students have recently created a group on Facebook protesting H.O.M.E. and its agenda.

A festival called the Night of Noise took place at the Thompson Center from 5-8pm celebrating the Day of Silence. It included live music, dancing, and guest speakers talking about the issues of discrimination against homosexuality.

Students left after school to enjoy the celebration downtown.

"[The Night of Noise] was pretty cool," said Ayala. "It rained a little but it didn't stop people from dancing."

However, at a festival promoting a controversial issue, protesters did show up.

"There was a lady saying 'I'm praying for you all so you won't go to hell'," said Nazarowski. "Then she got down on her knees and did an ethnic dance. It was really weird."

Lane's upcoming play, "The Laramie Project," tells a true story about a gay college student who was murdered in Laramie, Wyoming. Ayala is casted and encourages students and teachers to see it.

"The Laramie Project" preaches a [positive] message," he said. "It shows that the world isn't full of rainbows and happiness like we want it to have; it's cold, cruel, and discriminating."

The discrimination against gays, however, is what motivates students like Ibrakovic.

"It just gives me another reason to be an activist and protest any oppression," she said.

Fall play to draw attention to sensitive subject

By Ana Barrientos

On October 12, 1998, University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard was pronounced dead at the Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado. Shepard was a gay student who five days earlier had been severely beaten by two men near Laramie, Wyoming. Shepard was tied to a fence and left for dead. Shepard's murder, classified as a hate crime, is the event that the play *The Laramie Project* is based on, and the play will be showing at Lane in the last week of October, next school year.

The Laramie Project showcases how the community of Laramie reacts to the crime and Shepard's subsequent death. The play consists of many characters performing monologues about their reaction to the crime.

"The town [of Laramie] tells the story of Shapard through interviews," said the director and English teacher, Ms. Meacham.

The informational meetings and the auditions for *The Laramie Project* were held during the first two weeks of May. Each student chosen will have to play four or five different characters. The auditions were held so early because the actors will need to memorize many lines, which they will do over the summer before returning for rehearsals in the fall.

"During the audition we had to choose between two monologues and read it as different characters. At first, we interpreted it as we believed it should be read and then we performed it as if we were a priest or another person," said Sara Mitchell, Div. 933.

"I was looking for actors being able to capture more than one character and variety of voice," said Ms. Meacham.

"It's hard to get into one character, but for four to six it's a challenge," said Isidro Sosa, Div. 930.

"It's a challenge, but I think it's one we are ready for," said Ashleigh Lewandowski, Div. 930.

According to Ms. Meacham, the play's message is to sow seeds of hope not violence.

Gay Straight Alliance club member, Benny Llamas, Div.938, said the play would show that there is still a gay struggle in modern America. He said that at Lane people are

tolerant, but there are always some people who disapprove.

"The best thing we can hope for at Lane is [that] at least one person walks away knowing this is real life, a real struggle," said Llamas.

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Facebook used to confirm relationship statuses

By Anna Treesara

Students have always been able to get the inside scoop on others by emailing, calling, or text messaging. Now they can also look to Facebook to tell them what's going on with other students' personal lives.

Those who have a Facebook account know that when they first log in to the home page, they see a News Feed. This News Feed consists of upcoming events, updates on new profile pictures or notes, and interactions between friends. These interactions include group admissions, wall comments, picture comments, and even relationship statuses.

"The notifications tell you everything," said Sabina Barnak, Div. 931. "Facebook is worse than MySpace. You can't even get out of a relationship without people finding out. [When I broke up with my boyfriend] I deleted the notification because I didn't want anyone to know my business."

Problems can result if couples aren't listed as 'In a Relationship' with each other.

"My boyfriend got mad at me because I was 'Married' to my best friend instead of 'In a Relationship' with him," said an anonymous junior.

"My girlfriend was engaged to her best friend because she had a Facebook a little bit before me," said an anonymous student. "About a year later, she finally requested to be in a relationship with me on Facebook and I rejected because it was like, 'Oh, NOW you want to be in a relationship with me?'"

Tension also results when pictures or wall posts are seen.

"There was a picture of me and one of my female friends on Facebook," said an anonymous junior. "My girlfriend went crazy when she saw it."

"My girlfriend's ex-boyfriend talks a lot of s*** about me on Facebook," said an anonymous student.

"Facebook is like a gateway for people that don't have enough courage to say things to someone's face."

Although the relationship statuses cause problems for students, they also give a sense of security to other students.

"I like the fact that it says, 'In a Relationship' [on my girlfriend's profile]," said an anonymous junior. "I don't have to worry about

random guys hitting on her or coming up to her."

Besides 'Single,' 'In a Relationship,' 'In an Open Relationship,' 'Engaged,' and 'Married,' there is also a status that says, 'It's Complicated.' This status isn't so popular among students.

"It can always be complicated in a relationship," said an anonymous student. "But you don't have to actually put it up on Facebook."

"I think the 'It's Complicated' status is for single people who don't want to put that they're single," said an anonymous junior.

Some students decide to not deal with the statuses at all.

"I don't put myself as 'In a Relationship,'" said an anonymous junior. "I don't want to have to deal with changing it because me and my boyfriend argue and break up a lot."

Students don't make such a big deal if they see that two of their friends have gotten together, but once they see that a relationship has ended, they have a different reaction. If two people break up,

the notification is accompanied by a little broken heart symbol.

"If it was a long term relationship or I know they were really close, I do tend to freak out," said Grace McQueeny, Div. 032.

Those who were involved in relationships explain how irritating these reactions can be.

"Yeah, it does get pretty annoying," said Jesse Correa, Div. 904. "People would keep messaging me and calling/texting me all because it [Facebook] said that 'Jesse is no longer listed as In a Relationship'."

"People would come up to me and say, 'Hey! I saw on Facebook that you guys broke up!' or 'Who are you in a relationship with NOW?'" said Danielle Wilberschied, Div. 913. "People will find out and ask questions, but there's a point where people should just stop asking questions."

"All you want to do is have some time to think to yourself," said Erik Bartell, Div. 904. "But everyone keeps asking what's going on, and you don't want to be rude to your friends."

Some, however, like the fact that such information is displayed to

others.

"I didn't think it was irritating, because I got comfort and sympathy without having to ask," said McQueeny. "It was just easier because I didn't have to tell everyone; they saw it on Facebook."

Some students see Facebook statuses as dating opportunities.

"It's like a free-dating service," said an anonymous junior.

"If you're interested in someone, you don't have to ask if they're single," said McQueeny. "Just check their Facebook!"

"I met two of my exes and my current girlfriend through MySpace and Facebook," said an anonymous student.

Although some matters are serious, several students use this feature to joke around by listing themselves as 'Engaged' or 'Married' to friends.

"I think it's fun and gives you a little extra boost of self confidence," said McQueeny.

"I don't care because we are all teens," said an anonymous female student from Div. 868. "We joke around like that. We call each other honey, babe, lover, husband, wife, etc."

"You can't even get out of a relationship without people finding out," said Sabina Barnak, Div. 931.

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“Magic Pill” helps some; ineffective for others

By Yasmine Ramirez

As teenagers people experience rapid changes in their bodies. For women one of these changes - the beginning of the menstrual cycle - becomes a monthly inconvenience that leads to various physical symptoms, some more severe than others. Though this is a natural part of life that cannot be stopped, it can at least be regulated. Years ago scientists created “the pill” to help the cycle run smoothly.

Created in the 1950s, this “magic pill” was released to the general public on a trial basis. It was then reported that the first birth control pill, Enovid, caused several side effects, but was still safe for use. Still today, many girls do not know what the pros and cons may be of taking these pills.

There are multiple reasons for taking the pill and different side effects it can have on users. Some have used it to regulate periods or to prevent pregnancy.

While taking the pill, girls at Lane say they have experienced some physical changes.

“My breasts got bigger, I got fatter, I had weird cravings, and it kept my skin clear,” said Melissa Gonzalez, Div. 881, who said she used the pill to control her period

because it was irregular.

Statistics show that the pill is 99 percent effective against getting pregnant if taken correctly and accurately. For those who sometimes forget to take the pill, it is 92% effective against pregnancy. For some, the pill is less effective because of their body types. Different physical characteristics come into play when measuring the effectiveness of the pill.

According to Obstetrics and Gynecology women with a body mass of 27.3 are at a 60 percent higher risk of getting pregnant while on the pill. It also says that women with a body mass of 32.2 run a 70 percent higher risk of getting pregnant while on the pill. Having a larger body makes it difficult for the hormones in the pill to flow through the bloodstream, making the pill less effective.

Some students were unaware of these risks this portion of women run.

“If that’s the case they need to come up with a better solution,” said Daniela Valdez, Div. 875.

Lately, doctors have put overweight and obese women on a higher dosage to block ovulation.

Still, there are other side effects that women may experience while taking the pill. One possible, serious side effect from taking the pill



is blood clots. People who smoke are more likely to get blood clots because the pill contains estrogen which can develop blood clots that could travel to the lungs.

Another side effect which isn’t as severe are migraine headaches.

“Migraines run in my family,” said an anonymous senior source. “I didn’t get them too often but when I started taking the pill I got them more and more. I got a migraine at least twice a week after taking the pill so I had to stop taking it.”

This same source also shared that while trying to ask her doctor about

the pill, she was denied a prescription because the doctor’s office was part of a Catholic hospital.

“My doctor told me to go to Planned Parenthood, but I didn’t have a way to pay for it so my friend told me to go to Erie Teen Health Center,” she said.

According to the Health Center’s website, they provide services to people “regardless of their ability to pay.”

Although some use the pill to regulate their period, some also use it because they’re sexually active. While it helps prevent preg-

nancy, the pill does not protect from STDs or HIV/AIDS.

“Why put yourself in a situation you’ll regret for a few minutes of satisfaction,” said Nathalie Zuazo, Div. 911. “I understand girls might have to use it, but some take advantage of it,” said Zuazo.

The pill may not be for everybody. There are alternatives that can also reduce the risk of getting pregnant as well as regulate a menstrual cycle, but each person should consult a physician for the plan that is best for her.

“Promzillas” obsess over perfect night

By Delaney Savoie



Lots of students, but girls in particular, stress about prom. Many find it necessary to have the hottest date, best dress, fanciest limo, or the most perfect hair. For these girls, digging deep in their pockets to have the best of the best is not a problem.

“I spent approximately \$500 on my dress, including tax and alterations,” said Nicole Campbell, Div. 861. “It’s a lot of money, but it’s worth it.”

Several other girls admitted to purchasing their dresses from places such as Peaches, Anabella’s, or other prom boutiques and spending \$400 to \$500 for a dress they only plan on wearing once.

“My dress, after alterations, was about \$400. I got it from Jackie’s Bridal on Harlem,” said Elizabeth Kmet, Div. 862. “And after prom I’m just going to keep it in the back of my closet.”

Even though some girls think that it’s worth spending that much

on a dress, others think it’s unnecessary.

“None of my friends I’m going with spent more than \$500 on their dress,” said Melanie Francia, Div. 874. “I spent \$300 on my dress at Prive Fashion and I thought that was a little ridiculous for just one night.”

Other than the dress, prom expenses can include shoes, tuxes, flowers, hair, makeup, and nails.

“My shoes were \$100, my earrings were \$50, and my purse was on sale for \$10 so I was excited about that,” said Kmet.

Several girls make hair and make-up appointments at places such as Mario Tricocci, Alta, and MAC. Mario Tricocci charges approximately \$75 just for curls and MAC will provide a free make-over after \$50 worth of make-up has been purchased.

Probably one of the biggest prom splurges is the transportation. Students often roll up with extravagant rides such as Lincoln Navigators, Ford Expeditions, Hummers, or party buses, which can total up

to \$1,500.

“I’m going to have to say that my prom group is going to have the most decked out limo out of all the seniors, or actually any senior in the U.S. The limo that we rented out for prom is a 2008 three-axle Hummer stretch limo. There are only two in the world. One is right here in Chicago and the other is in France,” said Agatha Obrecki, Div. 865. “Of course, our group is super excited about it! The limo has a clear floor that lights up multicolor and has two fireplaces inside along with TVs. The inside is amazing and the outside is pearl white. We got a deal on it because the man that owns the company seemed to like us a lot, but I know that our limo probably costs a lot more than everyone else’s.”

“My group got the 18-person Lincoln Navigator for five hours and it cost \$1500 in total,” said Kmet. “We are having food and they are probably bringing us to where ever we stay, which is either a cabin or a hotel,” said Kmet.

In addition to transportation, after prom plans can also be pricey.

“I have heard about people going

to cabins after prom that are five hours away and cost \$200 a person and they are staying up there for about three days,” said Kmet.

“We’re crashing at a friend’s house after we go to the after parties, then we rented a condo in the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin that we’re staying in for three days and two nights,” said Francia. “There are around nine of us going so it’s going to cost about \$80 per person.”

Other than having the most decked out ride or best after-prom plans, another concern of many senior girls is how they’re going to look in their dresses. Some girls choose dieting while others achieve their desired look by beginning a rigorous workout plan.

“My sister is a personal trainer and she said that she could train my friends and me in a Prom Boot Camp for the last few weeks before prom,” said Danika Marcano, Div. 879.

“No way am I going to put myself through a three week program,” said Kmet. “That’s why I started eating healthy three months before prom.”

Although there is a lot of hype about prom preparations, many seniors feel that it’s not as big of a deal as many make it out to be and would rather spend their cash on something else.

“I’d rather save my money for something I can wear more than one day,” said Michelle Guy, Div. 862, “unless you’re the type of person who frequently attends balls.”

Since it is Senior Prom, there is a lot of pressure from other students to attend and spend money on items that they can’t necessarily afford. The expenses may become even pricier when students plan on attending more than one prom.

“My friend got two dresses for different proms but they are both the same color,” said Kmet. “I believe both of them were around \$350 each.”

“I don’t see the point in spending such large amounts of money on prom,” said Cali Gannon, Div. 861, “especially since most students are going to have to deal with college expenses really soon.”



The winners of the Battle of the Bands competition, Sable Beldam, are a metal band who borrow their musical style from Iron Maiden and Dream Theater. Drummer/lyricist Jon Martinez, Div.055, bassist Lane Beckstrom, Div.022, lead guitarists Anthony Pacheco, Div.047 and Ted Sofios, Div.030, and Ruben Garcia form the current line-up. The band has been around since 2005.

"[With] the addition of Ted on second lead guitar and Lane to accompany [me] on rhythm section, nothing is going to hold us back," said Martinez.

The first song, Nosferatu, "started off when Anthony made up the main riff and I made up the drum beat, which is the beat that starts off the song," said Martinez. "Anthony and I made the arrangements and I wrote the lyrics. Once we got our new members, Beckstrom and Sofios, it allowed us to extend the solo part and add a funky

drum/bass interlude."

The band has professionally recorded at Uptown Recordings and have a four-song demo that they plan on redoing with updated versions of old and new songs. The song they get to professionally record for winning the battle of the bands has not been chosen, nor does the band know any details about when they will be. In addition, they received a \$100 that they split five ways.

The backdrop that was put up behind the drummer was made by Pacheco and was based on their song Devastator.

While the battle of the bands was not their first show, according to Martinez, it was special nonetheless.

"This show was special for us because it was the first show of our new lineup and style. There will be many more shows to come."

Check them out at www.myspace.com/sablebeldam

Lane's Centennial Battle of the Bands

By Monika Janczuk

As Lane's Centennial celebration comes to a close, the "Down Memory Lane" carnival, held throughout the Memorial Day weekend, seemed to be a suitable event to end the year. However, at this year's carnival, Lane presented its' first ever Battle of the Bands competition as part of the music festival. The stage was set up on the east side of Lane's parking lot near the building while the carnival rides and food vendors were stationed on the rest.

Out of 10 bands who tried out in April, six made the cut and played on Friday, May 23. The winning band gets to professionally record a song of their choice.

Andrew Hobaugh, was asked by Ms. Thompson, English

teacher, to be emcee for the night.

"I'm the complete opposite of someone in a band and I'm gonna go off that...and make fun of myself," said Hobaugh. "I'm not someone who would be in a band...I play sax!"

The judges, Matt Thompson, Dan Steinmen, Paul Bolger, Andy Burd, and Scott Kochheiser, evaluated each band on musicianship (execution, musical talent), creativity of performance, professionalism, and overall performance.

Each band performed for about 20 minutes and played roughly between four to six songs. Overall, the audience gave positive feedback to each band that played.

"I really liked Harlquin and Three Cent Cinema," said Antonio Martinez, who came out to see the bands with some

friends from Lane. "I usually really like pop-punk music, and for high schoolers they were actually good."

"The concert was amazing; I knew Lane kids were talented and musically inclined, but I didn't know that they were THAT good," said Erin Wright, Div. 859. Her favorite band was Undoing Lament.

"Leilani (lead singer) is so soft-spoken, she really hit me when she unleashed that growl!," said Wright. "The best part was when they covered Trivium's 'Pull Harder on The Strings of Your Martyr'. That song is an essential for any metal head, and they did an amazing cover of it."

Each band had at least one member who went to Lane.

Many students came out Friday in order to support a friend in one of the bands.

"I know some bands and they were excited to come" said Janice 853, "[I'm] glad

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"I was happy I really got anything said Pyra.

What caught off guard, however the crowd started Undoing Lament Sable Beldam.

"Some kids were when they started though (some of but hey, you've said Wright. "If band and metal f are going to start either join or get the way."



Electronica guru Marsden Giolas, aka Mars, Div. 055, is the front-runner of Button along with his Mac. According to Button's Myspace page, the music consists of basically stuff made using software such as garageband and a combination of software instruments such as guitars and keyboards with different samples from other songs. Some of Giolas' influences include Craftwork, DJ Shadow, Daft Punk and Ratatat.

"I wanna play around and have fun," said Giolas. "What made me start playing this type of music was my interest in electronica music overall. I began in 8th grade when I got my Macbook laptop. I started fooling around a lot with Apple's music software program, garageband."

After playing around with he bought professional DJ software Ableton Live 6 LE, which cost \$200 and a MIDI keyboard, between \$50-100.

He has played four shows including Old Town School of Music at the Teen Open Mic. At the bands, a lot of people gave him feedback.

"When the crowd starts getting when I play, I feel very good, feel the crowd is just as much the show as I am. When they involved, it helps the show work."

Check out his songs at www.myspace.com/button2500.

The runner-up, Undoing Lament, consists of five Lane students: vocalist and songwriter Lei (senior), guitarists Andrew (senior) and Mariano (junior), bassist Rod (junior) and drummer Troy (senior). The bands talented guitarists unleashed thrilling guitar duos that were accompanied by melodic breaks and vicious screams of Lei. This metal bands biggest influences include Opeth, Dream Theater, Protest the Hero, Trivium, All That Remains and Black Dahlia Murder. The opening song, Tolerance shadows the bands anti-war concentration.

"Lei wanted to go for a little bit of a political thing and how the country has learned to tolerate too much of the government crap," said Andrew. "I ran with the idea by making the riffs have different feels and have contradictory melodies."

While Andrew and Troy have been in other bands, the

battle of the bands was the first show for Undoing Lament because they have only been playing together for about a month and a half. The band was formed to play for the battle of the band so that Lei, Troy and Andrew could have one last show before they go off to college. However, they created good friendships with Mariano and Rod and hope to play with them again someday.

"We were all extremely excited to go up and after our set, we were really pumped," said Andrew. "The audience's response to us really motivated us to start looking for new shows asap."

Like many of the other bands, they are currently recording. Check them out at www.myspace.com/undoinglament or footage of the band's performances on MySpace TV Videos.



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Altruistic, a "Radioheadesque" hard rock band, consists of vocalist/guitarist Joshua Rivera, drummer Danny Jalandoon, pianist Laura Krumwiede, and bassist Brandon Scales. All are freshman at Lane. They formed about a month ago to play in the Battle of the Bands. The band covered a song by Radiohead, one of their biggest influences.

"At the show we played the song Creep by Radiohead as an inside joke and to thank all our friends who came out to support us," said Rivera. "The first song we played as a full band was an original titled Sleep which dealt with how some problems could be solved if people just took a break and dealt with matters in a more calm fashion."

For now, they plan on practicing, playing gigs, and having fun.

"As a full band BOTB was our first show and it felt really good being able to have fun and do what you love," said Rivera. "When you're able to bring smiles on the faces of a bunch of people doing what you love the feeling is indescribable."

Check them out at www.myspace.com/altruisticmusic, where the band features recorded demos of Rivera and Scales when Altruistic was a solo act.



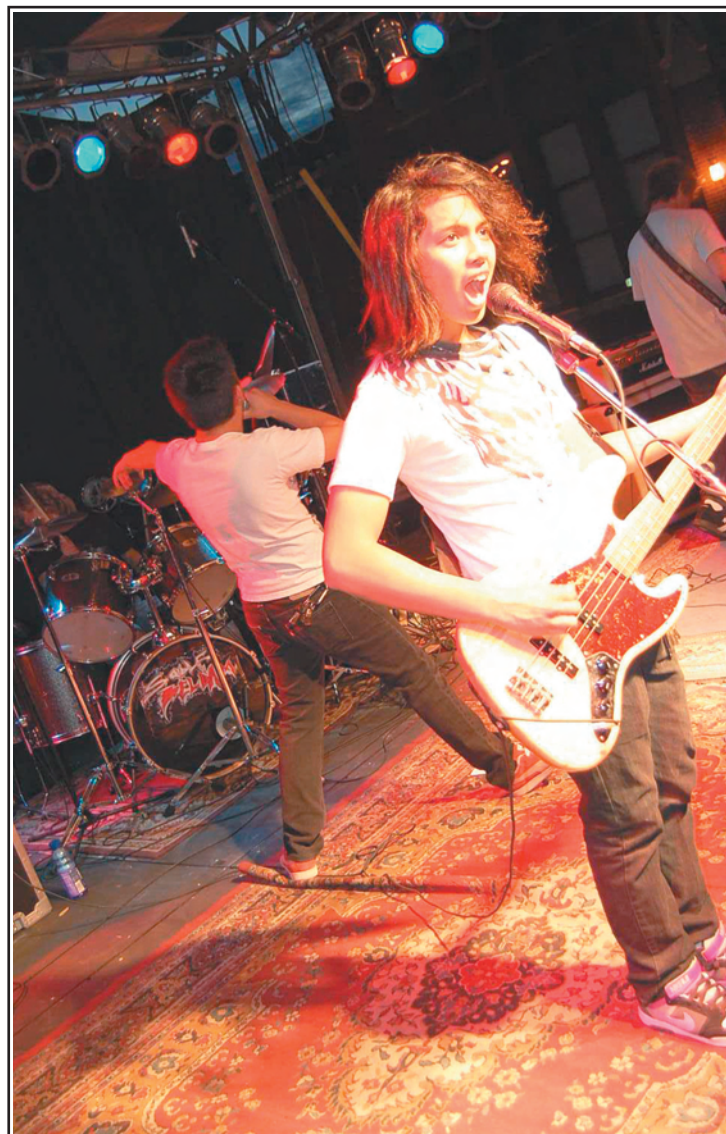
Harlquin, composed of drummer Daniel Budzioch, Div. 876, bassist/vocalist Sam Paladino, and guitarists/vocalists Peter and Robert Rzepka, kicked off the show around six o'clock. By fusing sounds from influences such as Green Day, Blink-182, Sum 41 and the Offspring, this pop punk band created a catchy pop sensibility at the battle of the bands, their first show. The first song they played, Noise, voices their angst for music played on the radio and that sounds similar.

"We wanted a song that really sort of catches you by surprise when it starts, and almost makes you want to start a riot as the song progresses," said Budzioch. "We tell the crowd to raise their voices and be heard, to make a difference and change how things are."

They are currently recording songs in Budzioch's basement and hoping to finish recording a demo they can give out at upcoming shows. While they formed the band to pass time since they hang out often, they want to experience touring and selling out crowds in the future.

"It's a lot of work and might take a while, but we're willing to put the effort in to make it all happen."

Check them out at www.myspace.com/harlquin.



Lane students Sonny Buzdugan on vocals, Tom Casey on guitar, Derrick Carino on bass and Troy Hoff on drums, the members of Three Cent Cinema closed the night with their pop-punk sound influenced by Blink-182, New Found Glory and the Bouncing Souls. Formed about three months ago, this "comic book pop-punk band" writes songs with double meanings. For instance, their opening song, Away is a "half/half story of getting away from life with someone you like and the other half about comic heroes and comic book-like motifs."

"Were a real high-energy, off the wall band that is really out to show people a good ime when they come to see us," said Buzdugan. "We plan to keep this band up and hopefully with best of luck keep it running long. Being the comic book band we are, were out to save the world, one show at a time."

One of the last songs they played was a cover of Blink-182's Dammit off of Dude Ranch.

"We all, like many others, grew up listening to Blink, and it being a classic, of course, by them, we decided on doing it. Its catchy, its fast, kids know it..." said Budzagan.

They are also currently recording at Buzdugan's home, who has a home studio where he records other bands as well. They hope to professionally record eventually. Meanwhile, check them out at www.myspace.com/threecentcinema.



The Lane parking lot the afternoon before the carnival began.



Twins have Lane seeing double

By Lucia Ramirez

When the doctor told their mother she was going to have twins, she was not bothered by the news. Two toddlers are manageable, but when she thought about having two teenagers she began to worry.

Some parents, however, do not know they are having twins until the birth day.

"My mom didn't know we were twins. I was a surprise," said music teacher, Mark Carrera.

After some time, parents adjust to raising twins and prepare accordingly. Many parents decide to shop for matching outfits and often pick similar names for the twins.

Surprises continue for those who try to tell twins apart, especially when they have similar names and dress alike.

For Pedro Hurtado, Div. 928, and Pablo Hurtado, Div. 920, this was the case.

"I think my parents did the name thing on purpose when they found out it was twins," said Pablo.

"They made us wear the same clothes until about 13," said Pedro. "Now we still do it because we're used to it."

Many people want to know how true it is that one twin can feel what the other is experiencing. Elena Gonzalez, Div. 930, has been asked this question many times about her and her twin Adriana Gonzalez.

"That's not true," said Elena. "We know when something is wrong with each other emotionally, but if she gets hit, I don't feel it."

Twins Galo Arias, Div. 179, and Carlos Arias, Div. 178, agree.

"We're not really linked emotionally, but many times we say the exact same thing at the exact same time," said Carlos. "It's kind of weird."

For most of these twins, the emotional bond between them is strong.

"If she cries, I cry. You just have that chemistry, that emotional bond," said Malani Garcia, Div. 882.

Twins usually attend the same school but when they are in the same class together, the experience can

become challenging for teachers.

"In sixth grade we were in the same class," said Gonzalez. "We sat next to each other and at one point we had to wear name tags because our teacher could not tell us apart. That's how bad it was."

"This year we have two classes together," said Pedro Hurtado. "My trig teacher gave up on us the first week of school; she was very surprised to see how identical we were."

According to the book *Parenting School-Age Twins and Multiples*, a teenager would never attend a popular party alone. They would call every friend they had to see if one would go with them. With twins, however,

new and unfamiliar social situations are not threatening because they are often in it together. The power and comfort of two - whether it is hanging out at the movies or watching a school soccer game - sounds better than that of a single teenager encountering these social situations alone.

"We share the same group of friends," said Malani Garcia. "We're always together. Wherever one goes the other one goes."

"People always tell us that we don't act like sisters, that we act more like best friends," said Melissa Garcia.

For Elena Gonzalez, the relationship between her and her sister is similar.

"We go out together everywhere. She's the only one that understands me," said Gonzalez. "We're perfect for each other."

According to *Parenting School-Age Twins and Multiples*, research has shown that teenage twins remain closer to their parents than a single child, and that they often have a greater difficulty rejecting their parents' values. In other words, going against what Mom and Dad say means going against each other and most twins choose not to. In fact, two large studies done in Finland found that twins used alcohol and smoked less than non-twin children. The researchers tracked 284 twins from

pregnancy through adolescence and concluded that a twin bond offers support that these teens need to say "no thanks" to dangerous behavior.

Thinking about their experiences throughout the years, the Carrera brothers agreed that twins get half of everything as they grow up.

"Twins only get half the love, half the presents, and half the love," said Mark.

"And half the money," added Paul.

"I remember one time when my dad gave us \$20 to split at Great America, while our big brother got \$20 all for himself," said Mark.

For many twins people start seeing them as "the twins" rather than individual people. This generalization does not bother most of them.

"People know us as twins, not as Malani and Melissa," said Malani. "It doesn't bother me, but I don't like it when they don't make the effort to learn which is which."

For identical twins, or even fraternal twins that look alike, intentionally confusing people on who is who is a way of having fun.

"When I was taking my driving test, the teacher thought I was my brother," said Pedro Hurtado. "I didn't want to be bogus so I let her believe I was him."

Elena Gonzalez had a similar experience with her twin when someone confused them.

"When I was dating this guy, he went up to my sister one day and was about to hug her," said Gonzalez. "My sister was like 'Woah! You got the wrong one!'"

Many twins find that switching places is a very amusing joke to play on others. According to Carlos Arias, "It's fun to confuse people."

"We switched this year. Adriana went to my ceramics class and I went to her music appreciation class," said Gonzalez. "It's fun because people around you think you're someone else."

"We've switched once. It was drafting



Lane music teachers and twins Paul and Mark Carrera are often seen together.

class in freshman year," said Malani. "It was just that one time. My sister still wants to switch, but I say no because we might get into trouble."

Twins often get compared to each other. People want to know who is the friendliest or more intelligent.

"Usually people ask a lot of questions when they first meet us because they're curious," said Melissa. "I just don't like when they start asking crazy questions. One time a guy asked us: 'Do you guys ever wake up, look in the mirror and ask yourselves, am I Melissa or Malani?' I was like are you serious!?"

When it comes to personal identities, twins usually do not have trouble finding their individuality. Many are interested in very different activities.

"My sister is more into book clubs and I'm more into dancing clubs," said Elena Gonzalez.

Although Malani and Melissa Garcia like similar things, they chose to be in different ethnic clubs.

"We do stuff as individual people," said Malani. "I'm in Hawaiian club. She didn't want to do Hawaiian so she did Colombian club."

"Malani did track for a while, but I was like heck-no, I'm not running," said Melissa. "So she did that by herself."

The Carrera twins also had differences growing up. When they

were in high school, Paul played the cello while Mark played the violin. However, there are more similarities between them than differences.

"We both like to drive the junkiest cars because we don't want to spend money," said Mark.

Coincidentally, the Carrera twins went on their first date with their wives the same day, got engaged the same month, and married the same year. They have spent most of their lives involved in the same activities, and attended the same schools.

"We went to grammar school together, high school and college together, and now we work together," said Mark. "Working together is pretty neat," said Paul.

"We like it when the freshmen figure out there's two Carreras," said Mark. "They freak out."

While it is true that twins experience additional obstacles throughout their adolescence, there are also many important advantages to being a twin.

Although it might be hard for the twins to go their own separate ways after high school, some plan on doing so. This can be particularly difficult after having spent so much time together.

"It's going to be a toughie. I'm not going to have her," said Melissa. "It's going to be a 'Melissa growing up year'."

For Pedro and Pablo, however, their future plans are to stay together for college.

"We both want to major in graphic design," said Pedro. "We're going to stay together probably until it's time to get married; although later on we might even work together."



Virtual reality becoming reality for many

By Stephen Liang

A student arrives home from school, drops his bookbag, and sits down to play World of Warcraft (WoW) for the next several hours. His whole social life is lived online as he engages in the massive multiplayer online role playing game (MMORPG).

Extreme cases like this are not rare. In fact, according to the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery, 5-10% of all gamers are addicted to video games.

Websites such as wowdetox.com have been created to help addicts of World of Warcraft anonymously post tips or share their experience of how they quit the game.

"I bought [World of Warcraft] last year, and I've been playing nonstop since then," said one post on the website. "The once fit popular guy [I was] turned into a 290 pound lummo; I've lost all my friends and the sad part is, I can't stop, and I wish I could."

When a player begins playing the game more than spending time with friends, he or she may isolate themselves completely from outside friendships.

"You get more of a virtual social life than a real one," said Kyle Lin, Div. 915, who stays up late at nights to play WoW. "For example, you're on [Ventrilo] (an online voice service used by gamers to communicate) instead of the Phone."

"I played Warcraft online a lot," read another post on wowdetox.com. "I only kept in contact with one [real life] friend, and [Guildmates] were the only friends I had."

A big problem with game addiction is related to how the games are designed. In a MMORPG, there is no end to the game and will continue on indefinitely. When someone spends too much time and attention on the game, the reclusive behavior can snowball as the player may take extreme measures to stay in the game.

"I know people that use beer

bottles to pee in while playing the game so when they're in the middle of something they don't have to go to the bathroom," said Lin.

In one extreme example of this, in 2005 a 28 year old South Korean man died after playing 50 straight hours of Starcraft, a game also developed by the creators of WoW. The man did not sleep, ate little, and took only a few breaks, which lead to heart failure stemming from exhaustion.

Some cultures are more accepting of the obsessive behaviors associated with online gaming. Some countries like South Korea treat their "cyber athletes" as heroes, just as if they were

professional athletes. The country has over 15 million registered online gamers and they hold tournaments with prizes reaching up to several thousand dollars.

Despite a strong support for gaming in places like South Korea, sad cases continue to surface of people taking a game too seriously.

In December 2004, a 13-year-old boy from China attempted to reenact a sky flying pose he knew from an online game and

committed suicide.

According to his suicide note, he wanted to join the heroes that he worshipped.

In June 2005, a child died from suffocation due to neglect from parents who were playing World of Warcraft at a nearby café.

Due to the problems related to MMORPGs, China imposed a time limit on World of Warcraft, limiting playtime to only three hours before kicking the person out of the game.

At Lane, some students agree that too much playing is bad.

"There are so many other things that you can do, constructive stuff," said Hiram Abraham, Div. 933. "You could be working out or being out with friends, something constructive."

However, others believe that gamers should be able to do as they please.

"[Gamers] should be able to do whatever they want. It's their life," said Pawel Scizlack.

Even though heavy gaming has produced some negative effects, there are also some positive effects.

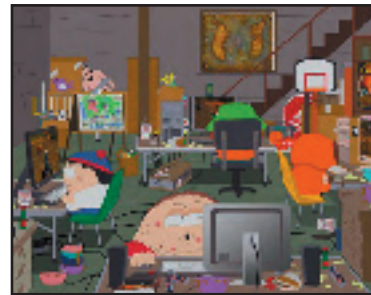
A three-year study conducted at Brunel University in England concluded that playing MMORPGs can teach real life skills needed in the labor market including working hard to achieve goals.

Friends who are now too far to meet up can also use MMORPGs to stay connected.

"I have a group of friends that I play with. It's fun to hang out with them, even if it's online," said Mr. Law, Lane Computer Science teacher. "My friends are scattered across the country so that's one way to get in touch."

The media has not left this growing trend unnoticed. In the South Park episode "Make love, not Warcraft," the characters train their WoW characters to defeat a villain. To do this, they must play hours and hours of the game, resulting in weight gain and anti-social behaviors.

Despite the negative effects of heavy gaming, the popularity of online games continues to grow as young people become more skilled at mastering computers and their related technologies.



An episode of the animated television show South Park parodied the addictive nature of online gaming and its consequent, potentially ill effects on health.

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 Wade, Demetrius- Howard University

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Auyeuns, Raymond- Illinois State University
 Cleveland, Elizabeth- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Cruz, Meagan- Triton College
 Dillan, Alexis- University of Memphis
 Desarden, Mercedes- Depaul University
 Hernandez, Roxanna- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Janczuk, Monika- University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
 Koscik, Terian- Knox College
 Mazariegos, Maria- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Mecher, Christy- Northern Illinois University
 Micula, Jacqueline- Wright College
 Monreal, Tony- Undecided
 Nguyen, HuuPhuc- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Norton, Megan- Northeastern Illinois University
 Orozco, Rasiv- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Parrales, Ivan- Depaul University
 Pfeil, Lauren- Undecided
 Pyra, Jamie- Kansas State University
 Sanchez, Caesar- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Salgado, Lucia- Southern Illinois University
 Rice, De'vonne- University of Wisconsin Stevenspoint
 Siedlecka, Izabela- Wright College
 Siek, Matthew- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Simmons, Melissa- Northeastern Illinois University
 Sotelo, Gilbert- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Vargas, Eduardo- Lincoln Tech
 Velasco, Charlie- Marquette University
 Villalbos, Franciso- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Zienteck, Monika- Wright College

Div. 854

Adams, Tenisia- Western Illinois University
 Arshad, Amarah- Northeastern Illinois University
 Barrett, Steven- Northeastern Illinois University
 Camargo, Edgar- Lincoln Tech
 Cerkan, Ashley- Illinois State University
 Chao, Marvin- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Chitrapongse, Vanaporn- Northeastern Illinois University
 Cruz, Megan- Wright College
 Felicialn, Nina- Undecided

Gamaj, Katarzyna- Benedictine College
 Ganbold, Tsogt- Harper College
 Hufana, Michael- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Lee, Crystal- Depauw University
 Locke, Nicholas- Carthage University
 Loscuito, Joseph- Depaul University
 Melendez, Michelle- Purdue University
 Mucino, Mario- Undecided
 Noinaj, Fredrick- Northeastern Illinois University
 Piatek, Kirby- Indiana University
 Ragsdale, Jonathan- Ferris State University
 Ramirez, Crystal- Columbia College
 Robles, Wilson- Dominican University
 Rodriquez, Rosemarie- Truman College
 Rokita, Barbara- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Rollins, Meaghan- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Rosa, Melissa- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Sotomayor, Ana- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Topalova, Antoaneta- Depaul University

Div. 855

Adegbenro, Ademola- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Alvarez, Rocio- Northeastern Illinois University
 Ahmed, Tanvir- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Baci, Flamor- Oakton Community College
 Betancourt, Raquel- Columbia College
 Brumfield, Crystal- Northern Illinois University
 Carrera, Nancy- Worsham College of Mortuary Science
 Chavez, Laurel- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Clarke, Eric- Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Corral, Oscar- Wright College
 Cwlc, Michael- Wright College
 Fransual, Rodolfo- Morton College
 Herrera, Alejandra- Undecided
 Hugnh, Diana- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Mateo, Erick- Columbia College
 Nichol, Athena- Undecided
 Perez, Manuel- Universal Technical Institute
 Rodriguez, Rafael- University of Tampa
 Santis, Catherine- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Scott, Adrienne- Northern Illinois University
 Scott, Keila- Columbia College
 Sivas, Dzenana- Robert Morris College
 Skiba, Heather- Miami University (Ohio)
 Supergan, Agnes- Undecided

Torres, Xavier- Undecided
 Tuel, Kylie- Texas A & M University
 Vega, George- Northeastern Illinois University
 Wiener, Patrick- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Div. 856

Andrews, Michelle- Wright College
 Arriaga, Maricela- Wright College
 Concuz, David- Undecided
 Correa, David- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Cuevas, Mara- Universidad Autonoma de Guerrero
 Diaz, Jazmine- Columbia College
 Figueroa, Maricruz- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Gruenewald, Elizabeth- Wright College
 Handy, Patrick- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
 Herman, Nina- Wright College
 Hernandez, Ana- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Jasinski, Jessica- Arizona State University
 Jez, Damian- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Lally, Siobhan- Columbia College
 Lee, Neesha- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Martinez, Rick- Undecided
 Mavridis, George- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Munoz, Damaso- Undecided
 Rodriguez, Joseph- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Rogers, Christopher- Southern Illinois University
 Sotomayor, Erica- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Thomas, Kierra- Central State University
 Thomas, Nikko- Jackson State University
 Wheeler, Ashley- University of Illinois at Chicago

Div. 857

Almazan, Alicia- University of Chicago
 Arellano, Lissette- Undecided
 Bahriy, Marta- Northwestern University
 Barraza, Miswel- Undecided
 Borja, Rodney- Northeastern Illinois University
 Cabonaro, Hayley- Northern Michigan University
 Castro, Daniela- Northwestern Business College
 Cline, Kristen- University of Oklahoma
 Conejos, Pierre- Southern Illinois University
 Contreras, Daisy- Truman Community

College
 Cotto, Mayra- Columbia College
 Fiallos, Gigi- Loyola University
 Frayn, Kent- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Guzman, Yamizaret- Richard J. Daley College
 Houston, Catherine- Northeastern Illinois University
 Lopez, Gabriela- Dominican University
 Macanas, Melanie- Northeastern Illinois University
 Martinez, Jessica- Northwestern Business College
 Mikolowski, Krystina- Not Attending
 Romo, Naboy- Undecided
 Ruiz, Jonathon- Not Attending
 Sarti, Kelly- Northeastern Illinois University
 Trajkovska, Kristina- Depaul University
 Velazquez, Kevin- Triton Community College
 Wegner, Sean- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Zuniga, Jessica- Loyola University

Div. 858

Albarran, Irving- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Bober, Katarynza- Depaul University
 Catibog, Marcus- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Goodman, Brittany- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Hoffman, Madeline- Triton Community College
 Laxner, Chase- Undecided
 Liszewska, Krystyna- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Medina, Nathaniel- Undecided
 Nordstrom, Alex- Northeastern Illinois University
 Perez, Marlen- Miami University (Ohio)
 Peterson, LaTasha- Aurora College
 Podrazka, Melissa- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Sterlinski, Anthony- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Thornton, Cyntavia- Hampton College
 Tzoumas, Ariel- Triton Community College
 Villasenor, Daniel- Northwestern Business College
 Virella, Marcos- Depaul University

Div. 859

Adler Taylor, Graces- Columbia Chicago Art School
 Batres, Stephanie- Depaul University
 Bellinger, Alexis- Depaul University
 Cheung, Kelly- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Gamez, Oswaldo- Columbia College
 Garcia, John- Undecided
 Garcia, Stacy- Wright College
 Gerardo, Veronica- Loyola University
 Geschery, Russell- University of Wisconsin at Madison
 Gibson, Shalisa- Xavier University of Clark, Atlanta
 Hernandez, Marlene- Benedictine University
 Jani, Shiram- Loyola University
 Khamis, Mark- Oakton Community College
 Lopez, Catherine- Undecided
 Lowrance, Chanda- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana
 Mamucod, Dexter- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Massel, Michael- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Meeks, Kiara- Cornell College (Iowa)
 Montes de Oca, Jessie- Loyola University
 Montoya, Juan- Not Attending
 Mujtaba, Seemaab- Northeastern Illinois University
 Novak, Tim- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Oanta, Sam- Depaul University
 Patino, Servando- Undecided
 Vellanueva, Arabelly- Undecided
 Warren, Justin- Undecided
 Wright, Erin- Undecided
 Zajler, Theodore- Undecided
 Zayas, Alfredo- UTI/College for Creative Studies

Div. 860

Abreu, Roberto-Northern Arizona University
 Aleksic, Michelle- Northern Illinois University
 Antunz, Edder- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Bahena, Carlos- Northeastern Illinois University
 Becerra, Carolina- Northeastern Illinois University
 Chernin, Anna- Illinois State University
 Conditt, Debra- St. Xavier University
 DuBose-Stewart, Lyahna- Columbia College
 Duncan, Dominique- Central State University
 Guzman, Nestor- Northwestern University
 Hurd, Henton- Wright College
 Hushcha, Alexandra- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Jackson, Gemise-

Robert Morris
 Karaman, Halla- Benedictine University
 Liunao, Rex- North Park University
 Martinez, Rocio- Northeastern University
 Morales, Eric- Robert Morris
 O'Brien, Casey- Carthage University
 Rodriguez, Diana- Harold Washington
 Rodriguez, Jazmine- University of Tampa
 Skrupskyy, Yuriy- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Valez, Adriana- Wright College
 Woleosha, Adeleka- Southern Illinois University
 Yacobucci, Michael- Columbia College
 Yrazoque, Waldo- Daley University

Div. 861

Abrego, Joana- Undecided
 Anami, Stephan- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Askar, Reema- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Bougher, Frank- Northeastern Illinois University
 Campbell, Diana- Illinois State University
 Chavez, Francisco- Triton Community College
 Chavina, Nadia- Wright College
 Criollo, Veronica- DePaul University
 Day, Philip- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Gannon, Cali- Northern Illinois University
 Hartjes, Amanda- Undecided
 Kwan, Alexis- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Lazzara, Angela- Depaul University
 Lugo, Diana- Northeastern Illinois University
 Mallard, Janelle- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Miranda, Ainsley- University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
 Muneeruddin, Najamusahar- Undecided
 Munoz, Carina- Depaul University
 Niemiec, Monika- Southern Illinois University
 Reinhart, Mary- Northern Illinois University
 Reyes, Mitzy- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Roman, Eduardo- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Savoie, Delaney- Depaul University
 Tetlak, Erik- Northeastern Illinois University
 Worthy, Taylor- University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point

Div. 862

Abu-Hashish, Seif- Undecided
 Bates, Shakira- Virginia State

University
 Becirovic, Hanifa- Wright College
 Brinkley, Kentrell- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Brito, Fernando- Undecided
 Capangpangan, Lara- University of Wisconsin Madison
 Celino, Anne Marie- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Daly, Sarah- Brandeis University
 Garay, Raymond F.- Undecided
 Guy, Michelle- Northern Illinois University
 Huang, Nora- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Jones, Tequilla- Ohio State University
 Kmet, Elizabeth- Northeastern Illinois University
 Laska, David- Northeastern Illinois University
 Lopez, Ana- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Martinez Jr., Justino- Not Attending
 Mayol, Ray- Western Illinois University
 McGrath, Eleni- Northeastern Illinois University
 Medina, Theresa- Depaul University
 Monty, Patrick- Wright College
 Moore, Michelle- Military: Navy
 Munoz, Walter- Undecided
 Naro, Timothy- Northeastern Illinois University
 Ortiz, Victor- Undecided
 Pearson, Gary- Pepperdine University
 Smith, Kelly- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Suavez, Lazaro- Columbia College
 Szewczyk, Tom- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Szymczak, Teresa- University of Illinois at Chicago

Div. 863

Calderone, Jeffrey- North Park University
 Villa, Noe- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
 Prado, Jesse- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Avals, Yesenia- Dominican University
 Johnson, Brien- RMC
 Ho, Josephine- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Castaneda, Estela- Pepperdine University
 Green, Patricia- Northern Illinois University
 Novicki, Gaberille- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Del Rosario, Angela- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Botello, David- College of DuPage
 Galvan, Rudy- Columbia College
 Bowns, Ta'Tianna- Clark Atlanta University
 McAllister, LaCrisha- Jackson State University
 Tremble, Crystin- Triton Community College

De Jesus, Dee- Columbia College
 Gonzales, Cesar- Depaul University
 Hernandez, Jarrellyss- Northeastern Illinois University
 Molina, Nora- Northeastern Illinois University
 Whitney, Chad- University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
 Clark, Grace- Michigan State University
 Gracanin, Steven- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Goldbatt, Geoff- University of Alabama

Div. 865

Birle, Ioanna- Loyola University Chicago
 Borja, Daryl- Northeastern Illinois University
 Dwyer, Patrick- Indiana University
 Ng, Jacqueline- Purdue University
 Herreera, Jasmine- Northeastern Illinois University
 Hamilton, Amanda- Indiana University
 Gomez, Veronica- Northeastern Illinois University
 Ginez, Luis- Wright College
 Fernandez, Louis- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
 Morrow, Grace- American University
 Noga, Jean-Marc- Northern Illinois University
 Obrecki, Agatha- Purdue University
 O'Connor-Maleney, Mairead- Undecided
 Rojas, Jennifer- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Rodriguez, Stefanie- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Gniot, Adrianna- Wright College
 Ramos, Jewell- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Pongan, Krystle- Wright College
 Shafi, Nabeel- Depaul University
 Skuenas, Kaspar- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Talbot, Samantha- Depaul University
 Tran, Kim- Northeastern Illinois University
 Valladres, Mariana- Northwestern Business College
 Velez, Melanie- Air Force
 Carrasquill, Chandra- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Pappageorge, Micaela- Undecided
 Huynh, Alex- University of Illinois at Urbanan Champaign

Div. 866

Adams, Mitchell- Undecided
 Diaz, David- Northwestern Business College
 Esther, Jeremy- Northeastern University
 Evans, Erica- Southern Il-

linois
 University Carbondale
 Gibson, Alexandra- Iowa State University
 Gicela, Dorothy- Undecided
 Grotkowski, Karol- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Hendeicks, Kimya- Jackson State University
 Kaczmarek, Lorri- Northern Illinois University
 Khan, Afroz- Undecided
 Kudo, Michael- Illinois Institute of Technology
 Minugue, Michael- Chicago State University
 Stamus, James- Harvard Community College
 Nunez, Othon- South Hermon Institute of Technology
 Nguyen, Truc Linh- Oberlin University
 Ocampo, Alexandra - Depaul
 Podraza, Jenna- Cottey College
 Poe, Jacob- Undecided
 Rothstein, Zachary- Wright College
 Ruetsche, Haley- Northern Illinois University
 Ruiz, Marisol- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Simmons, Nicole- Western Illinois University
 Virafuentes, Izzamar- Milwaukee Insitute of Art and Design
 Weidner, Alex- Northen Illinois University

Div. 868

Bednarczyk, Piotr- Temple University Philadelphia
 Block, Lauren- Northeastern Illinois University
 Contreras, Guillermo- Wright College
 Czuhajewski, Leah- Northeastern University
 Ellis, Ashley- Lewis University
 Garcia, Isabel- New Mexico State University
 Garza, Natalia- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Gassmann, Mayumi- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Gonzalez, Karen- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Hernandez, Felipe Angel- Columbia College
 Holley, Tommie- Chicago



State University
 Huber, Stephanie- University of Michigan
 Lai, Jenny- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Lopez, Luz- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Maida Rosalia- Dominican University
 Marty, Saul- Undecided
 Mihaila, David- Oxford
 Morales, Christian - Northeastern Illinois University
 Navarro, Carmen- Northern Illinois University
 Ochgl, Lukasz- University of Wisconsin Madison
 Orozco, Lucia- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Polk, Sharonda- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Regalado, Jose- Northeastern Illinois University
 Reyes, Joaquin- Northeastern University
 Rosa, Eddie- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Ryan, Kasey- Lewis University
 Shah, Reema- Northeastern University
 Trier, Amanda- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Vuong, Jeffrey- Depaul University

Div. 869

De Castro, Alyssa- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
 Cordero, Bianca- Columbia College
 Espino, George- Northern Illinois University
 Flatley, Michael- Columbia College
 Garner, Katie- Dominican University
 Nash, Sarah- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 Joze, Anet- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Kolanko, Paulina- Loyola University
 Zayas, Lynette- Southern Illinois University
 Omar, Emily- Northeastern Illinois University
 Pacheco, Valeria- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Llive, Christopher- Wright College
 Garcia, Serafin- Knox College
 Paveat, Junior- Undecided
 Pulu, Samantha- Undecided
 Resnik, Miranda- University of Hawaii-Manoa
 Shumyla, Marta- Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
 Quintana, David- Wright College
 Ruvalcuba, David- Wright College
 Raddolz, Lucia- Undecided
 Gonzalez, Adam- Northeastern Illinois University
 Espino, Daniela- Undecided
 Oteng, Derek- Undecided

Div. 870

Abubaker, Fadi- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Aguilar, Linda- Wright College
 Artim, Gregory- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Bonds, Reginald- Undecided
 Butzen, Kristina- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Carberry, Brittany- Northern Illinois University
 Darrow, Sharon- Undecided
 DelaFlor, Candy- Depaul University
 Diaz, Christopher- University of Wisconsin Madison
 Dunn, Shane- Undecided
 Epps, Brittany- Oklahoma State University
 Gasulia, Bruno- Seton Hall University
 Gayton, Jose- Undecided
 Hobaugh, Andrew- Northwestern Illinois University
 Krautz, Nancy- Wright College
 Lacour, Meagan- Undecided
 Lopez, Maralynn- Columbia College
 Maldonado, Stephanie- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Martin, Lloyd- Undecided
 Martinez, Angel- Depaul University
 Martinez, Yomari- Undecided
 Maxfield, Malcolm- Undecided
 Meneses, Anthony- Undecided
 Onofrei, Reuben- Undecided
 Philip, Philby- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Saucedo, Aaron- Undecided
 Serrano, Frank- Undecided
 Symon, Stephanie- Roosevelt University
 Traub, Emily- Northeastern Illinois University
 Villagomez, Daniela- Undecided

Div. 871

Blackman, Christopher- University of Colorado Boulder
 Boyel, Morgan- Harold Washington
 Cordero, Olivia- Northeastern Illinois University
 Czech, Stefanie- Northeastern Illinois University
 Davis, Marcus- Florida A&M
 Doyle, Bridgette- Triton Community College
 Gonzalez, Gerardo- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Gueringer, Maria- Northern Illinois
 Gully, Jerry- Boston University
 Itom, Amy- Depaul University
 McCracken, Tommy- Truman Community College
 Molina, Nicole- Loyola University
 Odeyemi, Samuel- University of Iowa
 Patel, Mayur- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Perez, Gabriela- Depaul University
 Perez, Lese- Wright College

Piedlow, Shaun- IBEW
 Pineda, Teresita- Miami University
 Price, Janelle- University of Missouri Columbia
 Ramirez, Carlos- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Ramirez, Paulo- Northeastern Illinois University
 Schroeder, Alaina- Northeastern Illinois University
 Sharma, Maya- Knox College
 Szczur, Christian- Northern Illinois University
 Timlin, Moses- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Zaganjir, Ibrahim- University of California Los Angeles

Div. 872

Anaya, Sandra- Loras College
 Aranda, Adrian- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Cliff, Blake- Undecided
 Camacho, Juan- Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
 Cancino, Amber- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Ciganovic, Goran- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Colon, Albert- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Durakovic, Samira- Depaul University
 Gonzalez, Anali- Truman Community College
 Gonzalez, Mario- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Gutwirth, Nicholas- Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Jones, Juannakee- Central State Univeristy
 La Porte, Christina Marie- Northern Illinois Univeristy
 Lazara, Mylene- Truman Community College
 Koverko, Yuriy- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Kuentler, Maureen- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Martin, Shamus- Kendall College
 Panoutsos, Zoe- Northeastern Illinois University
 Pioscos, Francis- Wright Community College
 Powell, Chris- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Ramos, Sarah- Loyola University
 Reyna, Estefania- Dominican University
 Rodriguez, Marlene- Southern Illinois University
 Saifi, Fatima- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Tar, Bridgette- Depaul University
 Williams, Emma- Southern Illinois University Carlsndale

Div. 873

Alcozer, Samantha- Hawaii Pacific University
 Armfield, Niquita- Undecided
 Blachut, Jack- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Carter, Chyrees- Undecided
 Diaz, Felicia- University of

Michigan
 Diaz, Miguel- Undecided
 Flores, Mary- Undecided
 Flores, Michelle- Undecided
 Gallardo, Chris- Depaul University
 Grabinski, Paige- Wright College
 Hamilton, Chakira- Northeastern Illinois University
 Joseph, Jensen- University of Sciences in Philadelphia
 Martinez, George-University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Niemek, David- Undecided
 Nguyen, Trung- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Orozco, Ricardo- Wright Community College
 Quinones, Samantha- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Ramos, Debora- Truman Community College
 Rosas, Ernesto- Depaul University
 Roman, Yesenia- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Ruiz, Maritza- Harold Washington College
 Serrano, Mauricio- Northern Illinois University
 Smith, Gwendolynn- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Thomson, Lashondra- Northern Illinois University
 Vargas, Vanessa- Not Attending
 Weaver, Tariq- Benedictine University

Div. 874

Abreu, Nicole- University of Iowa
 Aguayo, Amanda- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Blasik, Katarzyna- Columbia College
 Bratko, Michael- Undecided
 Cervantes, Rafael- Undecided
 Cintron, Melissa- Robert Morris College
 Czekaj, Chris- Arizona State University
 Fair, Quentesa- Kentucky State University
 Francia, Melanie- Northern Illinois University
 Gomez, Francisco- Coyee Institute
 Hoyos, Joao- Undecided
 Latimore, Nicole- University of Pittsburgh
 Macej, Wally- Universal Technical Institute
 Madison, Jackie- IADT
 Matthews, Michelle- Jackson State University
 Morales, Sandy- Univer-sity of Illinois at Urbana-Cham-paign
 Purnell, Blaine- Illinois In-stitute of Technology
 Rivera, Christopher- Uni-versity of Illinois at Urbana-Cham-paign
 Santiago, Amanda- Depaul University
 Seals, Joshua- IADT

Spahic, Zerina- Miami University
 Stewart, Kristina- Northern Illinois University
 Uргуiza, Sursha- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Div. 875

Castillo, Karen- John Cabot University
 Castrejon, Ruben - University of Illinois at Chicago
 Centeno, Fabiola- Truman Community College
 Cuevas, Eduardo- Northern Illinois University
 Galan, Gerardo- Undecided
 Gomez, Fernando- Wright College
 Gozy, Eric- Undecided
 Grisi, Vincenzo- Wright College
 Hayes, Thomas- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Jahjah, Omar- Northeastern Illinois University
 Jimenez, Paola- Oakton
 Lauletta, James- Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago
 Limbardo, Jessica- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Martin, Tracy- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Medina, Daniel- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Montesdeoca, Susana- Depaul University
 Nickels, Thomas- Westwood
 Ortiz, Octavio- UTI
 Valdez, Daniela- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Weingartner, Clayton- Lynn University

Div. 876

Antunez, Geossimar- Dominican
 Bethel, Mary- Simpson
 Budioch, Daniel- Wright College
 Camacho, Juan- Wright College
 Crespo, Cecilia- University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
 Crider, Christina- Calvin College
 Cruz, Enoch- Undecided
 Cruz, Lizbeth- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Flores, Sandy- Bradley University
 Garcia, Rosendo- University of Illinois at

Chicago
Gill, Sheaira- Arogosy University
Gorski, Amanda- Northern Arizona
Hawkins, Tia- Western Illinois
Hernandez, Hector- Westwood
Jiang, Ken- Undecided
Lim, Kimberly- University of Iowa
Malone, Kiara- Southern Illinois University
Mamaat, Patrick- Southern Illinois University
Pangilinan, Lorie- University of Illinois at Chicago
Quach, Wallace- University of Illinois at Chicago
Ramirez, Eduardo- Undecided
Rodriquez, Alberto- Depaul University
Rodriguez, Atilano- Bowdoin College
Sebaseva, Aleksandra- Wright College
Segovia, Gloria- Depaul University
Shepherd, Joanay- University of Wisconsin Parkside
Smith, Ryne- Not Attending
Valenzuela, Sergio- Undecided
Wardlow, Ashley- Undecided
Williams, Ashley- Undecided

Div. 877

Amante, Nathaniel- Flashpoint Academy
Boock, Aaron- North Park
Canares Emily- Northeastern Illinois University
Coleman, Reginice- Southern Illinois University
Dana, Noor- University of Illinois at Chicago
Gaczol, Przemyslaw- Loyola University
Galindo, Monika- Northeastern Illinois University
Gicala, Karolina- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Glaesser, James- Undecided
Guevara, Steven- Northern Arizona
Jimenez, Jesus- Depaul University
Maness, Joshua- Indiana University
McCabe, Jessica- Columbia College
Mulvaney, Kelly- Longwood University
Najera, Jamie- Universidad Juarez en Durango
Nguyen, Jennifer- Pace University
Patel, Dipesh- Depaul University
Quijada, Jennifer- University of Illinois at Chicago
Ramirez, Anthony- Harold Washington
Reid, Tony- Wright College
Rodriguez, Nieko- Not Attending
Rodriguez, Michelle- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sacha, Michael- University of Illinois at Chicago
Sanchez Cristina- Northeastern Illinois University
Takuska, Iwona- Southern Illinois University

Div. 878

Banks, Brandon- Lewis University
Baranda, Raymond- Depaul University
Berrios, Lidia- Northeastern Illinois University
Crespo, Michael- University of Illinois at Chicago
Daley, Chris- Undecided
Durnan-Kerns, Kyle- University of Glasgow
Ecctes, Grainne- Undecided
Elliot, Jackson- University of Illinois at Chicago
España, Alex- Oakton Community College
Fischer, Tom- Illinois State University
Flores, Madeline- Northeastern Illinois University
Kane, Amanda- Northern Michigan University
Kreho, Armin- Depaul University
Macias, Roger- University of Illinois at Chicago
Malool, Anthony- University of Illinois at Chicago
Manon, Luis- University of Illinois at Chicago
Martinez, Jenny- University of Illinois at Chicago
Matus, Elyssa- Undecided
McAlister, Tory- Howard University
Mei, Stacey- Depaul University
Michalski, Neil- Undecided
Mui, Alan- Iowa State University
Nieves, Holly- Undecided
Oleksy, Marta- Undecided
Perez, Yuribeth- Harold Washington
Polk, Shanita- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sanchez, Stephanie- Loyola University
Vega, Alexandra- North Park University
Videlov, Valentin- University of Illinois at Chicago
Zagorska, Magdalena- Undecided

Div. 879

Abreu, Joclyn- Wright
Andino, Nancy- University of Illinois at Chicago
Arichavala, Belfor- University of Chicago
Bross, Mary- Elmhurst College
Cavanaugh, Rebecca- Western Illinois University
Chaquinga, Christopher- University of Wisconsin Madison
Chin, Annie- Illinois Institute of Technology
Deese, Stephanie- Depaul University
Degante, Hugo- Truman Community College
Dominguez, Jessica- Northeastern Illinois University
Edwards, Shikita- Western Illinois University
Ellis, Quasheena- Illinois State
Gomez, Marcela- Marquette

Hoff, Troy- Northern Illinois University
Marcano, Danika- Northwestern University
Mcguire, Molly- Southern Illinois University
Perez, Alejandro- University of Arizona
Raisanen, Carol- Depaul University
Rathan, Amanda- University of Illinois at Chicago
Razzak, Aisha- Depaul University
Rivera, Greysha- University of Illinois at Chicago
Sanchez, Eduardo- Indiana University
Santiago, Ashley- University of Illinois at Chicago
Santizo, Edgar- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Thompson, Jake- Northern Illinois University
Torres, Joshua- Undecided
Guo, Kent- University of Illinois at Chicago
Miller, Elizabeth- Wright College

Div. 880

Ceja, Cassandra - University of Illinois at Chicago
Escorpizo, Mark- Northeastern Illinois University
Fair, Quentin- Undecided
Fang, Xiaojie- Undecided
Fisher, Shannon- Virginia State
Hassan, Ahmad- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Ignjatovic, Tamara- Depaul University
Jiang, Haixia- University of Illinois at Chicago
Jacob, Emmanuel- Not Attending
Lee, Allen- Depaul University
Ligutam, Eisenhower- Devry
Monroe, Morgan- Undecided
Montanez, Crystal- University of Wisconsin Madison
Murray, Daniel- Undecided
Ong, Carl- University of Illinois at Chicago
Orozco, Leticia- Northeastern Illinois
Pham, Mykieu- University of Illinois at Chicago
Rios, Erica- Robert Morris
Rivera, Jose- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Roman, Adrian- Undecided
Santucci, Brianne- University of Illinois at Springfield
Seegert, Amanda- Northeastern Illinois University
Smith, Jessica- Beijing Language and Culture University
Sonsyadek, Marian- Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Torres, Nancy- University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Wielgus, Marcin- Northeastern Illinois University

Div. 881

Agtarap, Michelle- Northern

Arizona
Desai, Khushbu- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Gaddy, Cherokee- Southern Illinois University
Gonzalez, Melissa- Benedictine University
Lenar, Daniel- University of Illinois at Chicago
Lenar, Diana- University of Illinois at Chicago
Lewars, Byron- Truman Community College
Liang, Stephen- University of Illinois at Chicago
Mankins, Joshua- Columbia College
Merino, Freddy- Undecided
Morales, Omar- Northeastern Illinois University
Mustafic, Salko- Undecided
Niedziela, Tomasz- Undecided
Padilla, Dalila - University of Illinois at Chicago
Ramirez, Yasmine- Northeastern Illinois University
Rios, Chris- Northern Illinois University

Rodriguez, Yuliana- Undecided
Santos, Leslie- University of Illinois at Chicago
Sayekh, Joe- University of Illinois at Chicago
Scehura, Aneta- Columbia College
Shand, Celicia- Northern Illinois University
Smith, Chris- Undecided
Storc, Matt- Columbia College
Tan, Anthu- University of Illinois at Chicago
Torres, Daniela- Miami University (Ohio)
Wells, Frank- Undecided
Wenzel, David- Undecided

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Flores, Raquel- Northern Illinois
Garcia Malani- Chicago Master's Commission
Garcia, Melissa- Northeastern
Guerrero, Kevin- University of Alaska
Gutierrez, Rocio- University of Illinois at Chicago
Hester, Jacquilla- University of Memphis
Holmes, Latrice- Chicago State University
Leon, Benjamin- University of San Francisco
Liu Jiang, Winnie- University of Illinois at Chicago
Lopez, Brian- University of Illinois at Chicago
Marin, Estreberto- Western Michigan University
Marrero, Jessie- University of Illinois at Chicago
Mendoza, Isamar- University of Illinois at Chicago
Muhammad, A'keem- University

of Illinois at Chicago
Perez, Alejandra- Robert Morris College
Potts, Cachetta- Lincoln University
Reynolds, Michael- Illinois State University
Ruiz, Johnathan- Northeastern Illinois University
Saez, Josue- Western Illinois University
Sample, Autumn- University of Memphis
Schmucker, Jill- Northern Illinois University
Soto, Jeamelee- Wright College
Szeliski, Pawel- University of Illinois at Chicago
Utrera, Jose- Dominican University
Veizi, Elvis- Loyola
Wright, Antonio- Wright College
Wynn, Kari- University of Toledo
Yulda, Gorguis - Northeastern Illinois University

Div 890

Drewniak, Roman- Depaul
Ihnat, Sean- Northeastern Illinois University
Kremer, Jessica- Wright College
Stala, Tyler- Northeastern Illinois University
Thai, Amanda- Loyola
Wdowiak, Marzena- University of Illinois at Chicago

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H.S. newspapers: MTV's The Paper vs. The Warrior

By Shannia Sumugat

Welcome to Cypress Bay High School, the setting for MTV's new reality show, *The Paper*. The show follows the lives of seven high school journalists as they balance their academics and social lives, while working for *The Circuit*. However, does the show really mirror high school journalism? The *Warrior* staff gave an inside scoop on what it is like to be a high school journalist at Lane.

The first episode, *The Race for Editor-in-Chief*, shows how cutthroat the level of competition is at *The Circuit*, as the students fight for the top position of editor-in-chief. The kids work hard to impress their advisor, Mrs. Weiss, to prove that they are best for the job. In the end, Amanda, the perfectionist, gets the job, and the rest of the staff starts talking behind her back.

"Last year, the competition on who's getting editor-in-chief was not that big of a deal as it is on the show," said Crystal Lee, Columnist for *The Warrior*, Div. 854. "Everybody accepted the positions they got, and there was no drama."

The second episode, *The New School Year Begins*, follows the students as they go through the first week of school. As the different personalities of the characters are revealed, so are their eccentricities.

"Amanda is crazy. I mean she spent her last night of the summer at home, while everybody else was partying," said Lee. "She even picked out her whole outfit for the whole week."

Other characters on *The Paper* help keep

the drama high.

Alex, the managing Editor of *The Circuit*, has a knack for writing sports stories.

His popularity among his peers was not enough to help him secure the top spot of Editor-in-Chief that he so badly wanted. Then, there is Adam, the advertising manager who is determined to break his record of ad sales each issue. Giana, the News Editor, wants to be the next Barbara Walters but gets distracted by her boyfriend, Trevor. *The Circuit's* Layout Editor. The staff's clown, Dan, usually comes up with creative humor column ideas and headlines.

The atmosphere in the newsroom of *The Warrior* has both similarities and differences to that of *The Circuit*.

"It's really laid back and fun," said Delaney Savoie, Copy Editor, Div. 861. "But everyone knows what their job is and what they have to do so we always get our work done."

"We're a big laid back, dysfunctional family," said Lauren Corso, Sports Editor, Div. 921. "At times we work together and

get everything done. Then, sometimes we fight so much, but in the end we all come together."

"I like how we're not just a bunch of white kids like it is on the show," said Siobhan Lally, Managing Editor, Div. 856. "We come from different backgrounds and that's why some of our ideas are different. But we always manage to compromise with each other."

However, according to one of the Editors-in-Chief, Daniel Castro, Div. 850, it's hard to ignore the similarities.

"I thought the show was too dramatic but as I kept watching, I noticed how much our staff had in c o m m o n with them," said Castro.

"We have similar issues when trying to get our publication out, like beating deadlines, re-laying out pages over and over again, and choosing stories to publish."

It is not easy to be on *The Warrior* staff not only because of the constant pressure that surrounds the staff but drama sometimes crops up.



The cast of MTV's television show "The Paper."

NHS point system unfair to some

By Crystal Lee

As I reflect back on my four years spent at Lane, I think about all the activities that I have been involved in. Some of my favorite activities have been Chorus, Chess Team, Black Student Association, Black Student Scholars, and of course writing for *The Warrior*. One activity I regret not being able to participate in is National Honor Society and there is a good reason why I am not a part of it.

In order to be a part of NHS there are several requirements one must meet. A student must have a 3.5 GPA, at least 50 service learning hours, no Ds or Fs on their report card, and 75 service learning points. The fact that service learning points are involved in the application process is unfair. Service learning points should be eliminated in the NHS application process.

To start off, I have yet to hear of any other schools that include service learning points as a requirement to join NHS. Also, most students have no idea what service learning points are until it is too late for them to get credit for their involvement.

Around mid to late April, students are supposed to get a sheet that they must get signed by the sponsors of the clubs or activities they were involved in. The sheet must be turned in by a specific date or credit won't be given for the points earned. The problem is that most division teachers don't tell their students about the service learning sheet because they themselves don't know what to do with it. Information about NHS is often put into the Daily Bulletin and announced over the intercom during division. However, it is nearly impossible to hear any announcements and

students don't get their own copies of the Daily Bulletin. This is the biggest reason why I, and other students like me who have exceptional grades, have not been able to participate in NHS.

In addition to the fact that there is so much confusion with service learning points, NHS doesn't fairly distribute those points. For example, the staff members of *The Warrior* are unable to get service learning points because, according to those in charge of NHS, we don't work on the paper after school. If anyone thinks that *The Warrior* gets put together over the course of just one week, they're wrong. There have been countless times when staff members have come after school, on Saturdays, and on days of non-attendance for students to make sure that the paper gets published.

For being a general club member, one can earn 10 Service Learning points. However, if you're an officer in a club you can earn more. Being a member of Advanced Chorus earns you 50 Service Learning points.

If you've ever taken the time to look at the members of NHS, most of them are athletes, singers, or members of band or orchestra. This is because these students are awarded the most service learning points. Any other student who wants to be a part of NHS has to join clubs left and right in order to have any chance of joining.

Including Service Learning points as a requirement to join NHS is unfair to those students who aren't athletes, or good at playing instruments. NHS should be open to all students who have excelled at Lane. If this requirement remains NHS will continue to be short of deserving students, just as it is now.

KanYe Glows in the United Center

By Yasmine Ramirez

The concert I've waited for since February finally arrived with the homecoming of Chicago natives KanYe West and Lupe Fiasco on May 23 and 24. The fairly priced tickets ranged from \$39 to \$77.50. Finding them was the challenge. Rumor is concert tickets sold out in approximately 15 minutes when they became available to non-KanYe West Fan Club members.

Why was this concert "expected to be one of the most memorable outings of this year's tour season," according to XXL-mag.com. Well here's the line-up: KanYe West, Lupe Fiasco, N.E.R.D., and Rihanna. Three out of four of them won Grammys this year.

At Saturday's performance, the show opened up with Chicago's own Lupe Fiasco. I, along with other fans, was disappointed that the show started with him. His overall performance was good, but was only half an hour. He brought the crowd to life with his big single *Superstar*. Lupe ended his performance with hit single *Daydreamin*.

The second act was the alternative rock band N*E*R*D. The crowd didn't react the same way toward the group but it definitely reacted. Since the group isn't as mainstream as the other three, it seemed like there were only a few songs the audience recognized. The group jumped up and down pumping up the audience creating a different type of energy.

Along with N*E*R*D on stage were two people not expected to be there. The audience went nuts when they noticed the man in the middle of the stage "krumping" was Chris Brown. Off to Brown's right was Chicago's own Common. We can only assume CB was there because of his beau Rihanna. As for Common, he couldn't miss Ye's show at home.

Aside from having two guests on stage, N*E*R*D took this opportunity to an-

"Honestly, I kind of lost my motivation," said Yasmine Ramirez, Critic for *The Warrior*, Div. 881. "I know I whine sometimes, but most of the time I feel like my ideas are ignored. A lot of people get ignored in the class who I know have awesome ideas."

"Of course, there's random drama here and there, but that can be expected from any group of teenagers," said Savoie.

When asked whether *The Warrior* could be turned into a reality show, some say *The Warrior* staff would be interesting to watch.

"I think it would be a good reality show," said Lee. "I mean, there was one editor-in-chief who rarely came to school. We have people flirting in class. One day Mr. Johnson is the happiest person. Then, the next day he's just mad about everything. There is definitely a story there."

However, according to Castro, it might not be a good idea.

"Having that show would have been too distracting considering all the issues we encountered at the beginning of the year," said Castro. "Though we have some interesting and funny people on our staff, we aren't anywhere as vicious for a job or stubborn as some of the people on the show are."

Dealing with the stress of beating deadlines, raising revenues, finding quotes, and laying out pages doesn't seem to discourage the journalists of *The Warrior*.

"I like how the staff has become like an extended family," said Castro. "Journalism is the class you actually want to go."

nounce their new album *Seeing Sounds*, on shelves June 10.

Next up was the hottest girl in the game, Rihanna. Her set consisted of colorful lights and laser beams. She came out in a big black corset dress with a detachable skirt which changed her appearance. She sang songs like *S.O.S.*, *Pon De Replay*, *Unfaithful*, and her latest hit *Take a Bow*. Before she began singing last year's hit *Umbrella*, she thanked the Chicago audience for helping her make it number one on the charts. She also showed her soulful side by singing a small part of Lauryn Hill's *Doo Wop (That thing)*. Though her performance was short, Rihanna managed to make minor changes to her costume as well as keep the audience entertained.

Finally, the stage was set for the main attraction. The set had a big screen in the middle as well as a platform and what seemed to look like hills. There on the platform lay KanYe West in what looked like a space suit. The voice of a female, Jane, repeated "Wake up Mr. West" until West finally stood up. We later find out Jane is West's spaceship, which crashed on an unknown planet.

The sequence of songs goes along with the story of him being lost and trying to "come home again." He kicks off the show with *Good Morning*. As he was talking to the man above, he made sure to mention that he won't "spazz out at award shows" any more (during *Jesus Walks*). At one point he paid a tribute to his mother, Donda West, who passed away November 2007, with *Hey Mama*.

Though this was a one-man show plus Jane, KanYe was joined by Lupe Fiasco later during the performance for his part of *Touch the Sky*.

Though I didn't like the order of the line up, the show was amazing. It left many students raving about how great it was. If the show comes around again, I'd definitely recommend going. It was a concert people will talk about all year.

New sports add to Lane's athletic tradition

Ultimate Frisbee Team looks to have serious fun

By Alexander Conner

Frisbee, a past time enjoyed by many Lane students, is often played in front of the school. However, very few students know that this is actually practice for the Ultimate Frisbee Team here at Lane, and they mean serious business.

"Of course we're a serious team," said David Follick, Div. 920. "We practice as much as any sports team, we better be recognized as one."

"The Frisbee Team is a lot of fun," said Ashley Wagner, Div. 026. "Everybody is nice and it's overall just a good experience."

"Yeah, the team is a serious one," said Eric Horn, Div. 932, and a member of the Lane Frisbee team. "But we're also pretty friendly, and have a lot of fun throwing the Frisbee. We usually play suburban schools most kids at Lane wouldn't know about like Ida Crown, but we're supposed to play the other inner city schools like Lincoln Park and Whitney Young and Payton later on."

The Frisbee Team consists of a group of diverse members ranging from Freshman to Seniors, boys to girls, and even athletes from other Lane teams. However, members of

the Frisbee Team are confident this only makes them stronger.

"People are surprised to see a girl on the Frisbee Team," Wagner said, "and usually disregard me, but that's only an incentive to play harder and prove them wrong."

"I'm also on the football team," Follick said. "I have weight training every day after school, so a lot of times I'm either late or absent at the daily practices, but I always make up for it by practicing as hard as I can when I do show up, and I'm always ready to practice during my lunch period."

Even though the Frisbee Team isn't that well known they seem to be more or less respected among the other Lane athletes.

"We don't catch a lot of flak really; most guys on the other sports teams are cool with us. There was this one time we caught some flak from this one guy on the football team, but we're friends with him so it was mostly a joke." Horn said. "I guess you could say the Frisbee Team is generally accepted among the students who know about it, and the ones who don't, don't matter, so it doesn't matter."

"Nah most other athletes are friendly or don't care about Frisbee," Follick said. "But every once in awhile you get the one guy



Members of the Ultimate Frisbee Team pose before an after school practice on the front lawn.

that says Frisbee is not a sport."

There is a huge trust factor amongst team members and even towards opposing teams. In Ultimate Frisbee there are no referees, so players have to go by the judgment calls of their fellow players. There are no boundaries other than the goal, and a player can only hold onto the Frisbee for ten seconds before having to throw it again. If indeed there is a foul out on the field, then the play is usually reset unless it is a

critical one.

"You just have to trust everyone," Follick said. "The game is built around trust. If you can't trust your teammates or the other team then there is no game, so you just have to relax and trust in the spirit of the sport."

The Ultimate Frisbee Team may not be the most popular or well known team at Lane, but that does not discourage them in the least. The team is still growing, and

maybe, in the future the Ultimate Frisbee Team may in the future become an official Lane athletic teams like Football, Basketball, Soccer, or Baseball. Until then, they will continue to play and practice as an independent and unofficial Lane team.

However, in spite of the obstacles the team faces, members say they will play hard and continue working toward their goal of winning a city championship.

Pole vaulting new to Lane Track this year

Sport was previously deemed too dangerous to be allowed at CPS schools.

By Samantha Ramos

Despite Lane Tech's dominance in the world of Track and Field, the Indians expanded the sport with the addition of pole vaulting this spring. The event is still not allowed at CPS meets due to the lack of proper safety equipment and Lane is one of only three CPS schools to offer pole vaulting.

Although the adversity facing the new team is high, just competing is an accomplishment in itself.

"When I cleared [the bar] I just started screaming," said Natalie Reyes, Div. 914. "People were looking at me like I was crazy, but they didn't understand the meaning of my scream. [It was] a feeling of accomplishment."

Reyes became the first female in Lane's history to successfully clear the bar when she cleared a 5'6" bar on her first attempt.

There are seven pole vaulters on this year's team and they are coached by Ed Schaleck, who has coached pole vaulting in the past and works with the Chicago Park District.

With his experience coach Schaleck knows that learning the pole vault is a huge challenge.

"It takes a lot of patience. It doesn't happen over night. It takes time before they can go in the air," said Schaleck.

That time includes practices that usually last about three hours.

"We are usually the last to leave [Lane]," said Bryan Wright, Div. 046. (Wright recently placed 5th at state sectionals, clearing the bar at a height of 8'6").

"The hardest part was getting into shape and gaining upper body strength," said Reyes.

"The training is the hardest thing. You have to lift your body in the air [holding] a thin pole that can break if you do it wrong," said Anjelica Roman, Div. 914.

With the evident danger of the sport and the demanding work outs, one of the main concerns is injury.

Roman recalls when she was climbing the rope upside down, she slipped and the skin on her pinky ripped off.

Reyes was left with a bump on her head after performing a drill incorrectly.

"We were in the adventure gym doing plant drills," she said. "I planted the pole in the box while holding it wrong and the pole whacked me in the head."

The possibility of injury is one of the reasons track coach Kris Roof believes CPS discourages school from offering pole vaulting because they do not want to be held liable if anyone gets hurt.

To avoid any serious injury, Schaleck takes extra precaution and does not allow any athletes to use the pole without his supervision.

Wright believes part of the challenge is mental toughness.

"You have to stay calm," said Wright. "The bar and the plant box can be very intimidating."

"Once you mess up in the air it's just you and the pole," said Vivek Karot, Div. 037. "There's nothing stopping you from getting hurt."

Along with the physical battle these athletes face, the expense of the sport can also be taxing.

"Pole vaulting mats can cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000," said Roof.

Although at times the odds may seem to be against them, the team members still love the sport and agree on the sense of accomplishment they feel when competing.

"The feeling in the air is amazing. It's an adrenaline rush," said Karot.

"It's kind of cool because we're making history," said Wright. "[We're] starting something that's going to be around for a long time."

Girls' soccer succeeds in comeback season

By Lauren Corso

Lane Tech Girls' Soccer went from being dropped down a division last year to making school history this year, winning in the Regional Championship this season for the first time ever. Lane beat Lincoln Park 5-0 to secure the title, and had hopes of continuing in state play in the Sectional Semifinals, but eventually lost to St. Ignatius.

"I was not surprised. I knew we were a better team and I knew we could [win]," said head coach Wasielewski about the victory over Lincoln Park.

Under a new head coach the Indians are taking big strides in improving their team and rising back up to the top level of competition.

"We just wanted to improve on last year," said Wasielewski. "Last year we got relegated to the second tier and we wanted to get back up to the top tier, and also we just wanted to improve as a team and

improve our skills."

In order to improve their play the team is making efforts to play all year long. This is something that Wasielewski finds invaluable and he plans on having his girls continuously play before and after the season in a winter league, club teams, and a summer league. These adjustments are being made in the hopes of bringing Lane back to a high division and competing against top level teams.

"Ignatius was just on a completely different level than us. They beat us pretty badly," said Wasielewski. "I think that's partially because they were more skilled, but I just think it's because those girls play year round."

Lane also had its eyes set on a city championship this year; however they lost in the semifinals 1-3 to Northside Prep. The Indians faced an early two goal deficit and coach Wasielewski felt it was a bit of shock at Northside's play that affected the girls' play.

"That was a tough loss because we beat Northside in the regu-

lar season," said Wasielewski. "I don't want to say we weren't playing hard; maybe we just expected it wouldn't be as difficult a game."

With only four seniors on the team, this year's squad had to face a lot of inexperience.

"I think the weakness of our team is that we were pretty young this year," said Wasielewski. "And we didn't have a lot of confidence because the previous season hadn't gone very well."

The teams' plan to go farther in city and state play-offs fell short, but the coach and players believe that their team has greatly improved from the years past.

"Our strength is definitely the



Lane's Varsity soccer players celebrate after winning the Regional Championship.

level of unity that our girls had. It was a really close team, and second I think everyone really bought in to being committed, which I don't think was the case last year," said Wasielewski.

The team hopes they can carry that unity into next season, and continue to improve with a stronger, smarter, and more experienced team to bring Lane back into the picture of girls' soccer.

Student athletes work over-time

By Natalie Reyes

Wake up at 6am, school from 8-3pm, practice from 3-6pm, get home around 7pm, shower and eat dinner by 8pm, add a few more hours for homework, fall asleep... all to wake up and start all over again.

Playing one sport and keeping up with academics is hard enough, but being a student and a full-time athlete can be even harder. It's rare to find a student who plays sports year round because of the stress and commitment it requires, but here at Lane there are a few.

Being a full-time student athlete is something not many students can handle because of how demanding and time consuming it can be. Not knowing if they will get even four hours of sleep, what time they will be home, or how long they'll be doing homework can take a toll on students.

Jordan Holod, Div. 924, plays three varsity sports: volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse.

"Sometime it's stressful knowing some days you have more homework than other days and it's going to be a late night," said Holod. "But you just get used to it and plan to use any spare time you have on homework."

Erik Bose, Div 903, runs cross country and plays basketball and water-polo. He sees being a full-time student athlete as a way to relieve stress.

"I'm always stressed out, but sports do not make it worse. If anything, I channel my stress into my sports and it motivates me more," said Bose.

Rodolfo Fransual, Div 855, plays four sports: basketball, soccer, football, and volleyball.

"Playing sports is what takes

me away from being stressed," said Fransual. "It calms me down; it keeps me away from all the drama of the high school life."

Sports also teach students skills in time management, discipline, and responsibility.

"Being a full-time student athlete has helped me because it has taught me to balance between school, friends and sports," said Fransual. "It taught me to be more disciplined because I can't slack off at any time because my grades will lower; playing sports for me was kind of a motivation to study harder to stay on the teams."

Although being a full-time student-athlete can be fun at times, it can also be very difficult. Not only can it hurt students academically but also hurt their bodies, social lives, and their relationships with family.

"On Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Breaks it's hard to go out of town because I always have tournaments over breaks," said Bose.

It also takes time away from sleep and homework.

"I spend about 2-3 hours on homework a night and get about 6-7 hours of sleep a night," said Bose. "Sometimes I wish I had more free time to do other things than school work and sports, but that's why we have weekends."

"I spend about 1-2 hours on homework a night and get about 4-6 hours of sleep," said Fransual.

One of the advantages of being so involved in sports is that it leaves little time to waste on laziness.

"If I had nothing to do after school I would lay around, maybe play some video games and eventually never study. I feel that the time I didn't use at sports would be used for something else like watching TV or skateboarding," said Bose.

Some students do, however, see it as taking time away from their school work.

"[Sports] did affect my grades a little, but I was always able to balance both pretty [well]," said Fransual. "It does take time away from your studies, but it is how much work you put in and how much you care about your grades."

Sports also give students time to stay in shape for other sports or just to keep busy.

"It keeps me doing something and keeps me from getting into trouble," said Holod.

Most sports require a 2.0 GPA to stay on the team.

"My coaches always say its academics first," said Fransual.

"Grades come first in our coach's eyes," said Holod. "That's why it is not easy practicing everyday while maintaining a solid GPA, but in the end it's worth it."

Bose has a 4.1 GPA with two AP classes, four honors, and one regular. Fransual has a 3.0 GPA with one AP, one honors, and five regular classes. Both maintain GPAs well above what they need to stay on their teams.

"I keep good grades because of the coaches' expectations and because if I don't keep certain grades then my parents will take me off sports teams that I enjoy being on," said Bose.

It's the love for sports in general that make all the long practices, games on weekends and staying up late worth the stressful nights. High school is just the beginning of it for Fransual. He plans on playing basketball and soccer at the collegiate level next year. Bose plans to continue all his sports next year and Holod wants to play for either a division three (D3) basketball team or a club team in college.

Track & Field dominates Both Boys' and Girls' Teams win city; two athletes place at State.

By Lauren Corso

This year was the year for Lane Tech Track and Field. Not only did both the Boys' and Girls' teams win City Championships, the Indians also made their presence known at State coming home with a third place medal for senior Morgan Monroe, Div. 880 and a fifth place title for junior Christopher Kyles.

The Girls' team won their fifth straight City title this year when they beat Whitney Young(111) with a total score of 159.5. It was a neck and neck battle from the start with Young leading in 4x800 m relay, 3200 m run, 800 m run, 400 m dash, and 1600 m run. However, Lane finished a close second in two of those events and placed first in the 100 m high hurdles, 100 m dash, and 300 m hurdles with their talented athletes Morgan Monroe and Idia Omiagate.

The Boys lived up to expectations as well winning the City Championship for the third year in a row finishing ahead of Mather (109) with 124 total points. They stepped up in key events winning the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x800 relays as well as the 1600 m run.

Although Lane has become a power house in Track and Field, the win was not completely expected.

"We wanted to defend our title but we have a pretty

young team. Mather is a senior heavy team with a lot of talent, and Morgan Park as well," said head coach Kris Roof. "We were hoping to win but we knew it would be close, and it was close."

While winning another City Championship in both Boys' and Girls' Track was a great accomplishment, the Indians went one step further this year, placing two athletes in the top five at State.

On the Boys' side Christopher Kyles placed fifth in the 100 m dash with a time of 10.96. His placing at State marks him as the first individual from Lane to score state points since 1995.

The Girls' Team would not be shown up, also making a run at State and bringing home a third place title. Morgan Monroe finished third in the 300 m hurdles with a time of 43.68 seconds.

Monroe has become one of the more decorated athletes at Lane, capping off her career by becoming the third female ever at Lane to individually place at State.

"It feel wonderful," said Monroe. "I've worked so hard since my freshman year to just make it to finals. Even though it isn't first, it still feels amazing."

As it stands now Lane looks stronger than ever in the sport of Track and Field, and the Indians show no signs of slowing down.