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Memorial Garden rededicated to Lane veterans

By Diana Barragan

As a special tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in battle, Lane's Alumni Association and the Century Foundation hosted a rededication of the Memorial Garden on May 21.

When WWII broke out, Lane played an important role in the war effort. According to Dr. Barbara Cook, executive director of the Lane Alumni Association, approximately 10,000 boys collected things like string, cooking fat, and newspaper for the war.

Unfortunately, 287 Lane soldiers lost their lives in the war. These 287 soldiers are called Gold Star Heroes. This meant that when a soldier was killed in action, the family received a flag with a gold star and it was hung on their window. If the family had someone in the military still alive, then they received a blue star. The number of stars and the color of it depended on how many people within the family were fighting and whether they were still alive or not.

To honor these fallen soldiers, the "Shooting the Stars" statue in the garden was dedicated in October 1947. The classes of 1943-1947 gave money for the statue. After the dedication, a garden initially used for horticulture classes is now the Memorial Garden.

Since the dedication of the statue, it has

gradually deteriorated and a \$10,000 grant was received this year from the Terra Foundation for American Art to restore it. The restored statue was shown and rededicated on May 21. At first Dr. LoBosco had wanted the statue to be green, but after the restoration it turned out to be a dark bronze which she loved.

At the beginning of the assembly, Dr. LoBosco gave a speech on some of the current events of Lane. The ceremony included a skit, performed by Lane's drama students, to honor the WWII veterans. Some of the people portrayed in the skit were present at the ceremony and the drama students had the possibility of meeting them. The skit's setting was during a 1947 Lane Homecoming Dance. Letters sent from Lane alumni who served in WWII and research from the time period allowed the skit to include real events and statements from Lane students who were drafted or enlisted. During the assembly there was also a performance of 1940's music by the Lane band and choir. Towards the end of the assembly, there was a slideshow that contained the names of those students that lost their lives in the war. During this presentation, the former Lane alumni in the auditorium were seen wiping away their tears. A lunch and a tour of the school was also included after the assembly.

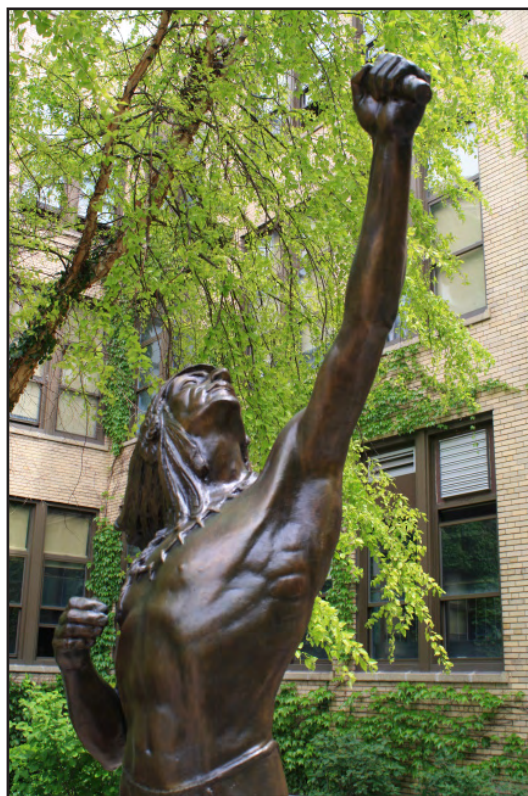
On rededication day, not only were the WWII soldiers honored, but also around 8,174 Laneites

who served in WWI, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, and Afghanistan were honored. Out of that number, around 309 students died in the wars. Outside in the garden were five wreaths. Each one of them either read Vietnam, WWI, WWII, Korea, or GWOT (Global War On Terrorism). The majority of the Lane alumni present were war veterans and several from the graduating class of 1941 had interesting stories.

Richard Hanson, a Lane alumni and cartoonist, used to draw cartoons for the Lane Tech Daily paper and after high school he continued drawing cartoons. Hanson also designed the logo for Lane Class of 1941. Although he didn't take an art class, he still became a cartoonist and was good enough to have a piece of his artwork in the Chicago History Museum.

David James, another Lane alumni from the class of 1941, was part of the Tuskegee Airmen in WWII. These men enlisted to become America's first black military men. They did this during a time when many people thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill and courage. After the war, James went to college and law school on the GI Bill of Rights. James said it [GI Bill of Rights] was one of the good things that was offered to war veterans. It provided college or vocational education for returning WWII veterans as well

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The newly restored Shooting the Stars statue shines bronze in time for the rededication.

Emanuel proposes longer school day for CPS

By Jocely Pacheco

At 5:30am Bridgette Gomez, Div. 257, awakens to the sound of her alarm going off, expecting today to be a long day. As she stumbles through her morning routine, she is conscious of her time: she has to be in the car by 6:20am to get to school on time at 8:00am. As the day comes to an end, Gomez dreads having to take both the train and bus home. She will not arrive home until 5:30pm. With Rahm Emanuel's bill passed giving him the right to extend the school day, students like Gomez will have to adjust to the changes.

On May 12, 2011 the Illinois House voted to pass the School Reform Bill consisting of three major ideas: extending the school day, taking away the teachers right to strike, and getting rid of teacher seniority. When Emanuel was asked by the Chicago Tribune how and why he supported the extension of the school day, he responded that it was a good investment in Chicago students to further their academic achievement.

"Today a student in Houston receives up to four more years of education than a student in Chicago. Increased learning time will include academic, arts, and athletics programs beyond the traditional school day- building on the success of the community school model in place of some Chicago Schools," said Emanuel.

According to the New York Times, Chicago students spend 270 hours less in the classroom every year than students in New York City schools -- about 41 fewer days. The plan is to add an extra hour or hour and a half to each day.

Emanuel's pledge is to push for a longer school day. In theory, adding time to the day might seem like a good idea, but there are a lot of things to take into account.

"I feel like Rahm Emanuel needed to research the Chicago school system more because he needs to take into account the weather. During winter once it hits 4:00pm it's dark outside. It will be hard for students to commute back and forth to school, especially with the cold winters," said Jessica Xoy, Div. 274.

The School Reform Bill was not the only bill that was passed. A budget bill was proposed in the Illinois House of Representatives to have a budget cut of \$200 million in the education field. If Emanuel wants to extend the school day, questions arise about where funding will be come from to pay teachers for additional hours woerked.

"There is barely enough money to pay teachers as it is. Every year there are budget cuts and what is the first thing to be cut ironically? Education," said Lane College and Career Center Clerk Donna Slowik.

Many teachers decided to remain anonymous because of the sensitivity of the issue. According to some Lane teachers, if their names were exposed they would risk consequences, potentially getting fired.

"My only comment on the issue is I think it is ironic that teachers are afraid to speak up about something as important as this," said AP Economics teacher Peter Vlahos.

Other teachers feel strongly about the issue. Emanuel's bill would not only give him the right to extend the school day, but also to cut back on teachers pen-

sions, and make it harder for the union to strike. Some find this power move by Emanuel typical of Chicago politics.

"The fact that Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor to begin with proves that if you have money and political connections you can get anywhere in this system. It's funny how the politicians in the state want to reduce the teachers' pay and cut their pensions because of bankruptcy, when in reality it wasn't the reason we got into bankruptcy in the first place," said an anonymous teacher. "As far as extending the day goes, what will keeping the students at school for an extra hour and a half do? Nothing."

Many Lane teachers feel attacked by this bill because not only does it cut their right to strike, but it gets rid of seniority and is trying to promote propaganda for an idea that is not as effective as it seems.

"It has always been the same. Students who want to learn will learn, and the ones that do not want to won't. Teachers are blamed for the reason why students do not do well, and it doesn't make sense. The professionals that go into this field do not do it for the money, so when the little advantages that we have like seniority and the right to strike are taken away, we are a little more than upset," said an anonymous teacher.

"We as teachers get paid [little] as it is. They are not going to pay us more, and even if they wanted to they do not have the money for it," said another anonymous teacher.

Geometry and pre calc Teacher Ms. Padilla is taking a stand on the issue. She is collecting signatures for a petition and will be sending it to Governor Quinn's office. The bill, if passed, would

require 75% of union members to vote for a strike before one may take place. Avoiding this is the focus of Padilla's petition.

"Giving students an extra hour and a half is not going to be productive because students are already tired at the end of the day. It is not the quantity of education but the quality. Getting students involved starts from home because if a student's has problems outside of the classroom, they will not be productive inside it," said Padilla.

Some Lane students are less than thrilled about the news.

"I do not think extending the school day will benefit students. What would happen to the extracurricular activities? Students will come home at 8:00 or 9:00pm, increasing the potential in danger and that's not worth giving students an extra hour and a half to sit in class," said Jullianah Dahm, Div. 274.

However, Emanuel has given three options as to how the extra time in school will be spent. Based on several interviews with the Chicago Tribune and Sun times, it seems as if these will be the three choices to choose from:

Option # 1: The school day will be extended by increasing each period by a few more minutes.

Option #2: The school day will end between 4pm and four-thirty, however there will be a breakfast program implemented the first hour of the day, so that the students will eat.

Option # 3: Students will get out at four-thirty, an extra hour and a half more than usual but from three to four-thirty students who are in sports go to their sports, students who are in extracurricu-

lar activities go there, and students who are in neither go to a mandatory study hall for the remaining time.

"Students dread having tutoring after school. Why have mandatory study halls for those students?" said Elizabeth Nguyen, Div. 284. "Some have obligations at home and jobs they need. With the extension students will not be able to keep up with everything."

"If we had a study hall after eighth period, it wouldn't be effective because we as students are already tired. If we had to get out of school at 4:30 and then go to our sports or activities, we [would get home later], and then we wouldn't want to do our homework because we're tired," said Tyler Eierre, Div. 360.

Some students joke about dropping out of school, saying they are not going to continue if the day is extended. However, some are taking this idea more seriously than others.

"If this bill goes through, and Rahm decides to extend the day, I will drop out. I have a job and I help support my family with that money," said an anonymous sophomore.

Other students are focusing on the positive effects of this bill.

"My friend goes to Evanston Township and she gets out later then we do. However, she has a study hall and a free period. If Lane were to do something like that, then I do not think it would be as bad as everyone is making it sound. Having a breakfast program would be kind of nice," said Alejandra Escobar, Div. 256.

Whatever happens with Emanuel's bill, there will have to be many accommodations, and much strategic planning to make his proposal effective.

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Lane sophomores, juniors anticipate trip to England

By Cherrell Anderson

Red, double-decker buses; men in red coats and black, tall, furry hats; ancient castles; red telephone booths; and Big Ben. All of these have one thing in common: they are all in England. England is also where Lane's study abroad program will take place.

Forty freshmen and sophomores along with eight Lane English teachers will travel to England in the last week of June 2012 for ten days. During their stay, students will experience a different country while studying British literature.

"[The students] are required to read a few texts that we will all discuss. They will see a Shakespeare play and visit Stratford, where he grew up," said Ms. Jennings, who will be one of the chaperones for the trip. "They will see where British actors and authors grew up and historical sites as well."

The students and teachers will begin their trip in Manchester and end it in London. During their stay, they will also visit the Lake District, a nature area where they will see the settings of some British literature and how the authors incorporated nature into their work.

"It's very cool when you can read something and see where it took place and where it was written," said Ms. Ulmer, another one of the chaperones.

The trip includes a tour day when they will visit famous sites in England, such as Windsor Castle, a royal residence and the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world, Big Ben, the largest bell of the clock at the Palace of Westminster, the London Eye, which is the tallest ferris wheel in Europe, and Buckingham Palace, the home of British royalty. The trip will also include a "free day" for the students to choose and figure out where they want to go and what they want to see.

There were certain requirements that were looked into in order to determine which students were accepted into the program.

"They had to fill out an application, get a teacher recommendation, parent consent, and attend an informational meeting about the trip," said Jennings.

"[The teachers] also looked at their GPA and we also asked them why they wanted to go on the trip. We wanted to know if they just wanted to travel or if they really wanted to learn something from this trip," said Ulmer.

Those who were accepted are very excited and looking forward to being a part of the trip.

"I've always wanted to go [to England] so it's going to be great to finally have the chance to go," said Clementine Frye, Div. 363. "I thought it was cool because you visit another country with people you know, not just your boring old parents."

"When I was accepted, I was jumping up and down," said Nena Grundhoefer, Div. 468. "I'm looking forward



to seeing the fashion trends."

Grundhoefer also wants to experience travel and to accustom herself to different cultural backgrounds, and even religion.

The fact that Lane was having a study abroad program caused a lot of excitement among the freshmen and sophomores, but the fact that it was only open to them caused a lot of bitter feelings and disappointment among the juniors and seniors.

"I'm kind of mad now," said Jasmine Hernandez, Div. 260, when she found out that the program would only be available to freshmen and sophomores. "It's really bogus that I can't go."

"[Students] look forward to studying abroad in college and now that there's an opportunity to do it sooner, [juniors and seniors] can't go. I just wish it happened sooner," said Mohammed Siddiqui, Div. 156.

The program will take place after the current juniors and seniors graduate and it is a part of regulations that if a student is no longer associated with CPS, they cannot attend any trips with a CPS school.

"[Planning an international trip] is one of the few areas that are dangerous for teachers. They can lose their jobs if they're not careful and follow the rules," said Dr. LoBosco.

Many juniors and seniors wondered why a study abroad program did not happen sooner.

"[The teachers] had been working on [the program] for

a long time. Sometimes things take a while to happen," said Jennings.

Three Lane English teachers planned the trip and they had to research tour companies that sponsor and run educational trips abroad. They looked at the credibility of the companies, their success rates, and popularity. Once the research was complete, they took the information to administration. The teachers settled on a company, Education First Tours, and it was approved by Dr. LoBosco.

"I think whenever you leave the United States, you get a better sense of the world," said LoBosco. "It's eye-opening and will be very beneficial."

For the trip's funding, the students are responsible for paying for half of the trip on their own, and fundraising for the other half.

"We are trying to get creative with the fundraising," said Jennings. "We're trying to fundraise with businesses in the neighborhood, as well as selling candy. We are also trying to apply for grants."

As for the future, it looks like Lane will continue to have study abroad programs.

"We have every intention to [have another study abroad program]," said Jennings. "We all realize what a great learning experience it is."

"[The trip] will always be in England. All three teachers who planned this trip teach British lit and a lot of literature we have today comes from Brit lit," said Ulmer. "I can see us expand to Ireland."



Students line up for the perfect attendance ice cream social. In previous years, Lane usually held milkshake parties, but this year they decided to change it to something different. Students were able to choose between chocolate or vanilla ice cream and had the option of adding toppings such as sprinkles, chocolate, and/or caramel syrup, and cherries.

"I like the ice cream better than the milkshakes because the toppings give you more options," said Janet Herrera, Div. 273. "I also liked that Dr. LoBosco gave a speech. I always appreciate when she takes time to give a speech because it shows that she cares."

--Nicole Jacobs

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CTA cards now for sale at Jewel



Jewel has finally acquired something many Lane students have long awaited: a CTA card vending machine. Since Dominick's closed in the fall, students have had to buy cards on buses or el stations. The machine should attract many Lane customers. --Katarzyna Barnak

Lane senior, Giani wins vegetarian scholarship

By Aleks Pavlovic

After relentlessly skimming through scholarships awarded to left-handed, six-foot tall seniors, Niki Gianni Div. 171, finally found one that related to her: The Vegetarian Scholarship.

The Vegetarian Resource Group awarded Gianni's dedication in supporting animal rights with a scholarship for \$5,000. Gianni volunteers at the Chicago Canine Rescue Center which aids vulnerable, disabled animals in the city. She also works for Mercy for Animals, a non-profit animal rights organization which promotes vegetarianism, and is the co-president of Lane's Vegetarian Club.

Gianni has been a vegetarian for five years and switched over to being vegan after watching "Meet Your Meat," on YouTube, a video concern-

ing the treatment of animals in factory farms.

"After watching that video, there is no way I'm ever eating meat again," said Gianni. "Even if factory farms somehow came up with a more humane way of going about their business, it's still not right."

Gianni works with Mercy to distribute vegan food, such as veggie burgers, for free at Wrigley Field, concerts, parades, etc., to "let people see how tasty 'fake meats' can be."

"I learned that as a vegetarian, it's believed that you can save 96 animals per year, just based on supply and demand for meat. I've always loved animals as a kid, so it sort of comes naturally for me."

They also 'leaflet' pass out flyers to help animals- at festivals. Gianni has organized around 50 protests, mainly against the Ringling Bros circus animal cruelty, and has helped get documentaries about animals, like "The Cove," screened in theaters. She also fosters animals for shelters until they can get permanent homes.

The scholarship winner plans on continuing her activism at Earlham College in Indiana where she will be studying pre-veterinary medicine and working toward saving lives, one animal at a time.



Giani hangs out with a pig at a SASHA farm, a sanctuary in Michigan for rescued farm animals.

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as one year of unemployment compensation. James said that Lane produced some of the finest people.

Henry Clemens, treasurer of the 70th reunion of the class of 1941, said, "I had a wonderful experience at Lane. I'm a part of its history." As for his experience in the war, he said, "I'm glad we won and got out of there."

Willard Jeffries, a POW, served in

combat infantry which meant he was one of the soldiers that were on the ground fighting against the Germans. Jeffries said the people on combat infantry were the ones that won the war. After Jeffries and his eight men hid in a cave from the Germans, they held out a flag made out of toilet paper and surrendered to them. This was as a last resort because they were short four men and could not fight anymore. Jeffries was still able to recall the conversation he had with the German officer. To the officer he said, "You and me aren't that

different, we're just two men devoted to our countries." Jeffries had a POW discharge in 1945 and he never went back into the military.

"The fact that Lane Tech is keeping alive the memory of our students who have died in battle is remarkable," said Dr. Cook. Whether it was the skit, the music, or the dedication of the statue, Lane veterans were well appreciated for everything they have done for this country. Those who lost their lives will never be forgotten and those alive will always remember.

Students, teachers react to capture of bin Laden

By Airis Cervantes

Time freezes and Americans stare in awe at their television screens. The first hijacked plane has crashed in to the World Trade Center in New York City. Airline traffic controllers panic, people are confused, and news anchors attempt to explain the situation.

Almost a decade after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Osama bin Laden, the leader of the terrorist group Al-Qaida was killed. On Sunday May 2, U.S Navy Seals who raided his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan shot Osama bin Laden.

As soon as America was alerted to the news, a surge of emotions exploded from U.S. Citizens who remembered the devastating events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"We got a sense of pride and empowerment back. It's a step in the right direction," said Ollie Rios, Div. 290.

As soon as people found out, news channels showed joyous Americans celebrating the death of bin Laden.

"It held a significant value to those people," said Mark Brand Div. 150.

As Americans paraded through the streets, not everyone believed it was the best action to take.

"I was kind of happy, but I didn't want to be," said Patricia Moody Div. 276.

According to Moody death is not something to be celebrated and she didn't think celebrating was the appropriate reaction to bin Laden's death.

"It's sad that people rejoice in the death of a person, it makes us look evil it shows that we're very vengeful," said Patricia Mota Div. 283.

Although Mr. Chochola understood people's relief and jubilation, he com-

pared the celebration to being at a World Series game!

Others also believe that showing Americans celebrating the death of bin Laden may have negative consequences.

"Now Osama's people have a reason to fight back, but the people [celebrating], you can't blame them. Celebrating death is horrible, but in this case it's justified," said Allison Cuyun, Div. 276.

In addition to the pride that Americans felt, students and teachers attempted to understand the motives behind the terrorist attacks performed by Al-Qaida.

"He stood against what we believe, freedom and independence and they caused a lot of pain to our country," said Marisa Velazquez, Div. 458.

"He wanted to make an environment of hate and a feeling of superiority to other countries," said Rios.

A teacher took a different viewpoint of the motives of Al-Qaida.

"I think bin Laden believes in a radical form of Islam and views the western world as evil and a threat," said history teacher Mr. Stepek.

According to Stepek, bin Laden was trying to carry out a Holy War and his goal was to "drive Westerners out of Muslim lands."

Moody thinks Al-Qaida's motives even more specifically.

"They were trying to ruin the American economy. We can't spend like we used to," she said.

Moody says that the 9/11 attacks were purposely planned to lead America into bankruptcy through the war that the U.S. declared on Afghanistan in 2001. According to Moody, bin Laden definitely accomplished his goal.

"His goal was to afflict terror upon people and make our lives as difficult as

he [could]," Brand agreed.

As opposed to Moody, Brand does not believe bin Laden was completely successful in his goals.

"Some plans were accomplished, but he was in the midst of planning something else," said Brand.

Brand's opinion is that the United States has been greatly affected by the terrorist attacks of Al-Qaida and has caused us to change our way of life.

"We are to a great extent, still living in fear," said Latin teacher Mr. Chochola.

Fear is seen through the tightening of airport security, and the interrogations that Arabs must go through to travel.

"We are living in a terrorist threat. Your generation should be very careful to pinpoint," said Dean of Students Mr. Jarka.

With the continued decade long war in Afghanistan and the recent news of bin Laden's death, will the United States continue to maintain a presence in Afghanistan?

According to Stepek, we are hesitant to leave because "Afghanistan will fall into chaos". In addition Pakistan is a nuclear power and the U.S is afraid to leave.

Agreeing with Mr. Stepek is Brand, who claims we are staying there to monitor Afghanistan and make sure that it stays under control. Following the death of bin Laden, Brand believed the situation in Afghanistan will be eased.

Following the death of Osama bin Laden, in Brand's opinion, people feel a "sense of accomplishment and fulfillment." In a way, his death begins to compensate for all the harm he caused to Americans and their loved ones.

"It closes a chapter in their lives," said Brand.



"I think I've been here before..." is the first line of Miguel Venegas', Div. 150, original poem written in red sharpie at Grockapalooza. Held Apr. 29, the event showcased achievement in student painting, sculpture, photography, literature, and spoken-word poetry. With many interactive activities, visitors at Grockapalooza were encouraged to express themselves with words, as Venegas did here. --by Sofi Kerpan



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The members who make up Chicago-bred band **Kids These Days** hail from every corner of the music spectrum and varying neighborhoods of Chicago, but their collective sound creates a hybrid genre influenced by equal parts jazz, funk, blues, soul and hip-hop. With three horns, a rapper, a blues rock trio, and a female singer packing a voice with gusto way beyond her years, the Kids simultaneously represent a golden era in music and an exciting prospect of the future. Their EP, "Hard Times," has reigned in fans from as far as Europe, but their most undeniable strength lies in the contagious energy at their live shows. The band will even be hitting the stage at Chicago's own Lollapalooza this summer of 2011.

Kids These Days includes Vic Mensa on rap vocals, Macie Stewart on lead and background vocals, Liam Cunningham on guitar and lead vocals, Lane alum Lane Beckstrom on bass, Greg Landfair on drums, Nico Segal on trumpet, J.P. Floyd on trombone, and Rajiv Halim on saxophone. Subtracting even a single member of the group would detract from the overall sound, which seamlessly fuses together to be at once smooth, elevating

and refreshingly modern.

The group poured their creative and musical juices into the same Kool-Aid pitcher at the ripe young age of 15, when they met through a magnet school in their hometown. Even videos of their earliest work, which consists mostly of covers is anything but talent show-like quality, and instead offers a glimpse of the monstrous talent contained within this 8-member band. In its first two years, the band played remixed but personalized covers such as a rewind-worthy eight-minute rendition of Common's "Be" mixed with Dizzy Gillespie's "A Night in Tunisia," and James Brown's "Man's World" mixed with the sultry Billie Holiday classic "Summertime." After beating out 150 other Chicago bands of all-ages to win first place in the Congress Theater's Next Big Thing battle of the bands in November of 2009, Kids These Days had officially begun their journey.

Performing to packed houses at Chicago-area clubs like Reggie's, Hideout and Subterranean since then, Chicago quickly took notice of the barely-legal teens with a dangerously potent mixture of raw talent and genuine pas-

sion for music. They have shared the stage with noted hip-hop artists Rhymefest, the Cool Kids, Mic Terror, and Dom Kennedy, and proved they knew how to bring a mainstream, relatable appeal to every kind of audience.

After gaining almost instant local acclaim, the Kids began to compose their own music, spawned from the mistakes made during rehearsals and late night freestyle riffs. Since then, word of their music has gone global. With close to 9,000 fans on Facebook and a smashing debut at SXSW, Kids These Days have the industry talking and the internet buzzing, with new fans and seasoned fans alike frequently requesting digital releases, more music videos and hometown concerts.

Authenticity builds on itself, and Kids These Days can claim a degree of it that has become a rarity in today's over-produced musical atmosphere. Their youth supplies them with an unabashed, raw attitude towards performing and creating that is fueled by an appreciation of music in its truest form. They crowd surf. They freestyle. They dance. They're Kids. But their sound will blow you away.

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Some students excel in chalking up service learning hours

By Emina Cirkic

Service hours have a reputation for being a tedious task for many Lane students. For a select few, however, it is a chance to build character, help the community, and dedicate their time to an honorable cause.

It is a requirement for all students to complete 40 service hours. This is not the case for many students who go above and beyond, completing well over 100 service hours during their four years in high school. Richard Tran, Div. 280, has just under 200 hours on record, which he completed the summer before Freshman year. He still has hundreds of hours yet to turn in.

"I've been a little lazy turning the rest in, but in total, I should have well over a thousand by now. By graduation, I should have no less than fifteen hundred [service hours]," Tran said.

The majority of his hours are earned at the Chinese Mutual Aid Association (CMAA). It is a non-profit organization in which children among the community spend their summers learning and getting ready for school. CMAA is in a community filled with a majority of immigrant families, primarily from Vietnam. This organization inspires Tran because he was born in Vietnam and attended school at CMAA.

He also volunteers at the Multi-Cultural Youth Project, a youth leadership program that promotes social justice and welfare, along with providing youth an outlet to express themselves via music, writing, and many other forms of art. In addition, he has volunteered at the Swedish Covenant Hospital in the nursing department. There, he helped nurses with their paperwork and at times kept some patients company in their times of need.

"At MCYP, (Multi-Cultural Youth Project) I learn about racism, ageism, feminism and that has put life into perspective. Mainly because without MCYP, I would be another teenager who did not care

about these issues, but because of MCYP, I care and that has changed my entire view of life in every aspect," Tran said.

"Through the course of my work with MCYP, a major activist that will forever be imprinted in my mind is the meeting of Grace Lee Boggs. She is an Asian-American activist and has worked alongside Malcolm X," Tran said.

Lily Gentner, Div. 257 hopes to complete 200 service hours by graduation. She has volunteered at the library, the Chicago marathon, various Chicago triathlons, a homeless women's shelter, at luncheons for the Kiwanis Club, at the March of Dimes, and various other Key Club functions.

"The more volunteer projects I have done throughout my time at Lane, the more I have really begun to appreciate and enjoy the opportunity to help people, even if it is just in a small way, like helping out at a race in the park," Gentner said.

Unlike Tran, some students do not have as glamorous of an experience volunteering.

Crisfer Fernandez, Div. 251, has 306 service hours. He has volunteered at the YMCA and the High Jump program at the Latin School of Chicago. At the YMCA, he earned all forty of his service hours volunteering as a custodian.

"I was cleaning the showers one day and put up a sign so no one comes in. Next thing I knew, this naked dude walks in and starts showering. It was so disgusting!" Fernandez said.

Lane students who go above and beyond when completing service hours do not do it because they have to or because it looks good on their college applications.

"I love to volunteer. It's a fun learning experience. Plus volunteering has its perks. Like for me, since I ref little kids soccer games and I have been a referee for so long, I get offers to ref for other soccer clubs," said Mehvish Maghibi, Div. 253.

"I actually do not volunteer for college purposes because then it would not seem morally right. I volunteer because I have been

through the programs and saw the impact it had on the youth," Tran said.

As easy as it may sound to get hundreds of service hours completed, many students struggle to reach the bare minimum.

"I haven't completed the required amount of hours because I always forget that I still have to finish them and don't see the point in them besides needing them to graduate. A student who has completed 100+ hours in my opinion needs to find something better to do with their life or get a job and actually get paid for their hours," said Deni Hadziabdic, Div. 258.

"The excuses I get from most of these people (for not completing service hours) are: 'There is not enough time in a year' or 'I have no clue where to volunteer.' In the back of their heads, though, it is more or less that they do not care. And in no disrespect in any regards, but these are the same people who are on Facebook 10 hours out of the day," Tran said.

Students who complete more than the expected amount of service hours do it because it is a rewarding experience.

Gentner was called to volunteer at a triathlon last summer, however it turned out her help was not needed, so she turned her situation around.

"We didn't know [the runners' names] so we would just yell stuff like 'Go Blue shirt' or 'Keep running, guy in the yellow shorts.' It was so much fun and a lot of the runners smiled or laughed at us, a few even saw us after the race and said that they enjoyed our cheering," Gentner said.

Mateusz Kosciuk, Div. 253, spent a lot of time volunteering at the Chicago Park District with children ages 6-12 years old.

"One day all the counselors and recreation leaders got water balloons and a giant slingshot. Then we fired over 50 balloons at around 300 kids that were just running around. Some of the kids were trying to get hit, while the others were just trying to get away," said Kosciuk.

Volunteering is not a drag. It can turn out to be something quite worthwhile.

"By graduation, I should have no less than fifteen hundred [service hours." Richard Tran, Div. 280.

Senior class officers elected; Phan new president

By Madeline Savoie

"I want President," said Bill Phan, Div. 258. He wanted it, he worked for it, and he got it. Bill Phan won Senior Class President for the Class of 2012, but his motivation to become president did not develop overnight.

Phan has dreamt of being Senior Class President since he was a freshman. He campaigned more than any other candidate this year, promoting his name whenever he could. Like most candidates, he hung posters, filmed a short commercial for LTLbTV, and asked every junior he could to vote for him. But, his efforts went above and beyond those of the norm.

Phan sold t-shirts for \$3 with his slogan, B-ILL (as in Be Ill; Ill as a slang word for cool or awesome) on the front. He asked everyone who bought a shirt to wear it the Monday before elections, in order to support him in his campaign. With his name proudly on their chests, Phan supporters dominated Lane's hallways. Phan even went so far as to get the owners of Big Boys, the burger joint across from Lane, to hang up one of his shirts on

the wall in support.

As the election continued it was clear that Phan had a good chance of making it to the top, but still, he had his doubts.

"If I don't win [president], I still want to help but I'd be very upset," said Phan, "I might tear up if they announce I don't win."

Though Phan was concerned over the election, he did not let the competition get the best of him, keeping friendly relations with the other candidates.

"I knew he was running his own race," Agnieszka Chrzanowska, Div. 280 said, "I was thinking, 'alright, who's next in line, who's going to win Vice [President], who's going to win Secretary...'"

Chrzanowska, who won Secretary, is looking forward to working next to her fellow officers, and Phan next year.

"I know Bill is going to be the glue that holds the committee together as a family," Chrzanowska said.

Chairperson, Vanessa Pena, Div. 267, knew Phan was a shoe-in for President, but was thankful and relieved for her own win. She says she was busy with other extra curricular activities around the

time the candidates were campaigning, and did not have time to campaign much herself.

"I didn't have to throw flowers and candy at people to get them to vote for me," she said, "I feel proud of myself for that."

Though Pena is excited to start working with all the committee members, she is especially happy that Guadalupe Delgado, Div. 270, won Vice President. Pena says Delgado is a hard worker and her win was well deserved. Pena is excited to work with Phan as President as well, but is upset to see a trend in the pattern of Senior Class Presidents.

"I'm sick of all these boys ruling the school," she said, "We need a girl higher in power. So good for her [Delgado]!"

Delgado is happy to have the support, and is also appreciative of her win as Vice President.

"I'm really happy I won such a high seat," she said, "I really want to be a part of making senior year the most amazing year for everyone."

Delgado is most excited to start planning pep rally and organizing the dances with the committee. She believes Phan's enthusiasm as president will really help to make senior events as memorable as possible. Delgado was not surprised by Phan's win

but she did think the other positions on the Committee would be filled differently. Hannah Viti, Div. 252, who won Treasurer, had the same thoughts.

"I think the election results were slightly surprising, but it works," Viti said. "I'm excited to meet the other officers I don't already know, and get to work."

Fellow officer, Aimee Ali, Div. 257, shares Viti's enthusiasm about next year and is ecstatic about her win of Sergeant at Arms.

Ali originally wanted to win Historian, but is content with her position of Sergeant at Arms as it is a higher position than her original goal. She cannot wait to start plans for next year and believes Phan is the perfect person to lead the way.

"I'm not surprised Bill won. I feel like those t-shirts got everybody's attention," said Ali. "I believe that he will be an amazing president and I'm incredibly happy for his win!"

Not all students were as enthused with the results. Diana Chavira, Div. 259, (who won Historian) was not shy to say that she does not know who Bill Phan is.

"I feel dumb for not knowing who he is but I know he put in the most effort out of everybody," she said.

Chavira says Phan friend requested her on Facebook soon after the winners were announced, then congratulated her on the win with a wall post; expressing his excitement for the year to come. The other committee members say Phan left similar messages for them as well. It is this little extra mile Phan goes that truly shows his appreciation for winning president.

Outside of the committee members, the overall response from the junior class to Phan's win was a positive one.

"I think that Bill is the best man for representing our class and will always make decisions that push for our common interests to make it the best senior year possible," said Faris Zahrah, Div. 254.

Phan thinks he will do just that, and plans to hold on to the enthusiasm he had in the campaign, the whole year. He is excited to get to know the committee better and start cranking out new ideas on how to improve senior year for the Class of 2012.

"[The other candidates] were good competitors," said Phan. "They're going to help a lot and I look forward to working with them."

With Senior Class Officers elected, the excitement of senior year is just beginning for the Class of 2012 and Phan is ready to get every junior pumped to "Go big, or go home!"



Lane students enjoy the spring weather by playing a game of Ninja. In the game, students play fight, trying to strike opponents while defending themselves. The game starts with players bowing to each other in a circle. All movements are in slow motion until a player makes an actual strike, which occurs in one swift move.

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Students choosing more environment-friendly options

By Alexandria Martinez

Eco friendly water bottles, TOMS, and recycled canvas bags. Lane is becoming more eco friendly by the day, as students keep finding new ways to go green.

Walking around the hallways at Lane, it is not uncommon to see people wearing t-shirts that read 'Go Green' or carrying around bags that are made of recycled paper. People are also carrying eco friendly water bottles, made of metal as opposed to plastic, so they can re-use them time and time again. TOMS Shoes donates one pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair bought. The company even has a collection of vegan shoes, containing no animal by-products, for those who prefer not to eat animals or wear them.

Sophia Dominguez, Div. 275, frequently sports a tote bag made of recycled canvas and paper.

"I love that it's really cute and environmentally friendly at the same time. People turned materials that could have easily been in some waste dump into fashion. I love it," Dominguez said.

Dominguez makes a difference in the environment by doing small things every day.

"My family and I are huge recyclers; we have bins to separate the things we are recycling from the trash. I also always turn off the lights before I leave my house to conserve energy," she said.

Sophie Nibbio, Div. 456, recycles and has helped clean up trash in parks in her spare time.

"If everyone were to do a little something, we would live in a much better environment," Nibbio said.

Giovanni Abad Urquiza, Div. 157, has found some interesting ways to stay green.

"I work at a restaurant, so I'm always getting food there. I re-use the to-go trays instead of throwing them away," he said.

Angelica Soto, Div. 468, has a few ideas of her own to help Lane go greener.

"If we had a massive recycling day, I think it would make a

major impact on our students. I had no idea Lane even had an Environmental Club until recently. A recycling day would bring more awareness and really make a difference," Soto said.

Although Soto was unaware of Lane's Environmental Club, the club has been around for a while and is slowly, but surely making Lane a little more environmentally friendly. The club meets on Wednesdays and Fridays to pick up and recycle trash.

"We only have one Earth so why should we mess it up?" said Vice President Brian Kolasa, Div. 284.

The club invents new ways to recycle everyday objects.

"We made bracelets out of bottle cap openers not too long ago, and we are always coming up with projects to re-use some of the stuff we find," said Juan Martinez, Div. 261.

The Environmental Club works hard to make sure Lane is eco-friendly.

"We put in so much effort because no one else does. We are pulling their weight too," said Kolasa.

Environmental Club members often find some random things in the recycling bins around school and must separate what is really considered recyclable from what is not.

"We once found broccoli and orange chicken from Tasty House in one of the bins. It ruins the good recyclable materials, like paper, and we end up having to throw it all away. People should really be more careful," said Diana Trujillo, Div. 262.

"It's really time people start caring more about our environment. We cannot keep

ruining it. There is always the occasional person that cares, but it's rare," Kolasa said.

Kolasa thanks the media for that "occasional person that cares."

"The media blasts people like every ten minutes to go green. Celebrities and pop culture are huge endorsers of the movement. Sometimes people recycle just because they think it's cool and that's fine by me as long as they are doing something," Kolasa said.

Whether environmental awareness is cool or just something students feel is the right thing to do, Lane students are joining in on the movement. The hopes of students like those in the Environmental Club is that this particular movement is here to stay.



Dodgeball Club established at Lane

By Aleksandra Bursac

In eighth grade during gym class Joey Peculis, Div. 274, and Chris Karczewski, Div. 285, the two biggest kids in class, used to square off in epic battles of dodgeball.

"We were always playing against each other and our teacher would keep score of our wins," Karczewski said.

Now the two best friends, far from being rivals, want to bring the feeling of old school dodgeball to Lane in the form of a club which they hope to start next year.

Peculis is looking to start Lane's first ever dodgeball club along with three of his good friends he calls "The Brain Trust:" Karczewski, Alan Gunderson Div. 253, and Elliot Schwartz Div. 254.

"I'm pretty sure we came up with the idea for the club back during freshman baseball when [Joey and I] were still playing. We just thought it would be cool to have a club centered around the best sport to play on a court," Gunderson said.

The process is slow, but The Brain Trust is not worried

"We need a sponsor, then a mission statement, and then it needs to be approved by the school," Peculis said.

The Brain Trust plans to play at least once or twice a week in one of Lane's gymnasiums.

"We're thinking of having about 20 people a week come in and play," Karczewski said.

They will have a few permanent members and then other students can come in and play whenever they wish.

Peculis also plans to make the club very competitive.

"We would have teams and club shirts and at the end of the year we

would have in-house tournaments. Maybe even prizes, I don't know, we'll see," Peculis said.

The classic game of dodgeball also has many variations so that the club does not get boring.

There is Doctor Dodgeball. In this game, if you are hit by the ball you sit down on the spot. The game's most important player is a "doctor" who runs around and taps people's shoulders to bring them back into the game.

"This game is great but if the doctor is hit, everyone is in big trouble because he can't heal himself," Peculis said.

Then there is Jail Break Dodgeball. At any point in the game a referee can call "jail break," allowing all the players who have been knocked out to rush back in. Jail break dodgeball can potentially never end.

"I'm sure there are other variations, but we can also make some up," Peculis said.

The idea of playing dodgeball for fun at Lane is not a new one.

Last year Lane had an in-house dodgeball tournament which attracted many interesting teams. People came to play in costumes and every team had a unique name. Lane awarded the winning team of the tournament with a cash prize and the entire event drew a huge crowd.

"Not joining the tournament is one of our biggest regrets," Peculis said.

"I did not play in the dodgeball tournament, but I should have. I had football though," said Gunderson.

But their passion for dodgeball goes beyond money and screaming crowds.

"We want to get to the real roots of the game, back to the basics. This club isn't about playing for money. It's about the love of the game," Karczewski said.

Cycling Club pedals its way through Chicago

By Julia Kulon

The idea was simple. Liam Hoy, Div. 261, really enjoyed biking and was looking for some people to bike with.

And just like that, Lane's Cycling Club was conceived with a little help from Lane's AP Human Geography teacher, Mr. Lewis, and Hoy's long time friend, Sean Mythen, Div. 263.

Back in October during Club Day, the club had a tremendous turn-out, around 200 people signed up. From that 200, around 60 people showed up to the first meeting. The club tries to meet monthly although it has been difficult lately because of AP Testing and ACT exams.

The club's main purpose is to have fun riding together. Members can leave their bikes in Mr. Lewis's room, or outside by Lane's bicycle rack. Since there are a variety of members - some being competitive racers, some being recreational bikers and others simply starting out - Hoy tries his best to create routes that will accommodate everyone's level and coordinating a day that will work for everyone.

"Everyone's at a different level," said Hoy. "Riding along the the lakeshore front, for example, is much easier than biking from Sheridan to Glencoe."

"We're open to anyone and everyone," said Mythen. "Anyone can bike."

During the prolonged winter, the club experienced a hiatus because the severe turns that the weather took allowed the club to ride only twice together. The first ride, a 12-miler, the group met by the Lake Front path on Roscoe, and geared south to the planetarium, eventually looping back to its starting point.

The second ride, a 20-miler, occurred on a half day, beginning and ending at Lane with an adventure through Horner Park to Ravenswood Manor, then north to River Park, and eventually up to

Green Bay Road.

Not everyone completes the entire route, and all are welcomed to break away from the group when they feel like it. But most members find satisfaction in beating their own records.

"The first time I biked seven miles, and the second, eight," said Rachel Burstein, Div. 251. "The club has motivated me to bike on my own and build up my endurance."

"I biked around 10 miles the first time," said Gena Wojtal, Div. 282. "I had to leave earlier because after four o'clock [to six o'clock] you're not allowed to have bikes on the train because of rush hour."

"You motivate each other," said Stephen Yoshida, Div. 250. "It's great to have someone to talk to on longer rides. You can learn new short cuts and routes that makes riding a lot more interesting."

Mr. Stringer, featured in the last issue of the Warrior, is a current student teacher who participated in several Ironman Triathlons in 2009, and is the world record holder for most Ironmans completed in a single year, having completed 20 races, came to talk to the Club one meeting.

"He [Mr. Stringer] was really awesome," said Max Albekier, Div. 252. "He gave me some really good tips about how to ride more efficiently."

"It sounds pretty intense although I don't think I'll ever do it," said Burstein.

Albekier, the club's Treasurer, has done a few triathlons and thought about doing the Ironman some

day. For now, however, he is a part time messenger and partakes in alley cat races.

An alley cat race, essentially, is centered on the rule of checkpoints. The first checkpoint is usually given at the start of the race and the second checkpoint is revealed at the arrival of the first, and so on. These races are meant to mimic a messenger's potential schedule and assignments while showcasing the person's knowledge of the given area.

"It happens really fast," said Albekier, "But that's part of it."

While club member Yoshida considers himself to be mostly a recreational biker, he takes pride in completing distances. He also uses his bike as a mode of transporation to commute to places.

"It's a combination of feeling a sense of accomplishment of riding 10 miles or 20 or 40 miles and exploring," Yoshida said. "Knowing that an hour ago you were home and you moved yourself out into a new place like Winnetka, or even Madison or Seattle."

A few members of the club have decided to participate in another biking spectacle this year: Bike the Drive.

Bike the Drive is one of Chicago's biggest biking extravaganzas in which Lake Shore Drive is closed off to vehicle traffic and opened to bicyclists during Memorial Day weekend. The complete route is 30 miles. Youth participants can register for \$15. A group of 10 people can register for \$37. During and after Bike the Drive, a festival takes place in Grant Park with food and music. All funds from Bike the



Drive go to the Active Transportation Alliance to help expand and improve Chicago's walking, biking and transit.

"It's just a mob of people just biking against the skyline," Mythen said. "It's amazing."

"I do Bike the Drive every year and I always have a blast," Yoshida said. "Waking up at dawn and going for a good ride is awesome."

Bike the Drive took place Saturday, May 28 this year.

Chicago is also one of 300 cities in the world that holds a critical mass: a free biking event where a group of riders come together and ride. Chicago's Critical Mass bike rides start from Daley Plaza, Dearborn and Washington at 5:30 PM on the last Friday of each month, regardless of season or weather.

"I've been doing Critical Mass for the past year," Albekier said. "I try to do [Mass] every month if I can."

"When I ride my bike, I like to go, and not have to stop at lights, or for cars," said Hoy, "Critical Mass starts in Daley Plaza and is very crowded. I know it's fun, but it's not for me."

New Major elect Rahm Emanuel has taken notice of Chicago's popular cycling culture. One of Emanuel's 55 initiatives for the city regard street safety. He has promised to embrace pedestrian and bicycle use by introducing protected bike lanes and new safety measures in the most problematic areas to significantly reduce street fatalities and injuries.

Many members have expressed an eagerness to continue riding into the summer.

"Biking [is] fantastic, a good way to stay fit and enjoy good weather," Mythen said.

"The weather is so nice in the summer," Wojtal said. "It's like, 'Why Not?'"

A Chicago summer is a cruel summer, but the breeze from the Lake can be ever so sweet. Now just imagine that breeze being doubled when you're biking by - yes, just like heaven.

Sharing lockers brings convenience, frustration

By Jasmine Mayberry

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but what happens when you're always with someone? Sharing a locker with a friend or a boyfriend in high school is a test that some students fail.

For some, sharing a locker with a friend stinks... literally.

"I shared a locker with my friend Manny," said Marilyn Cao, Div 259. "I always found stinky P.E. clothes and shoes. I always had perfume in the locker to freshen it up."

Cao, though best friends with her locker buddy since freshman year, often wanted him out of her locker.

"He had too much stuff and so did I. I always found myself complaining about his stuff being on my side," said Cao. "I wanted to kick him out, but one day he just moved out on his own. Now, he's next door."

Some locker buddies cross the line of buddy to boyfriend, and it does not always turn out the way they expected.

"I shared a locker with a boy and began to like him," said Tenzin Moenkyi, Div 466. "We ended up going out for like three months, but then we broke up, so the rest of the time we shared lockers was really awkward."

It is one thing to share a locker, but something different to share with a messy person.

"In the beginning of the year, our things were separated," said Arizbeth Mendoza, Div 275. "But as the year has progressed, we've just started throwing stuff everywhere."

Mendoza does not blame her locker buddy completely, though. She took some of the fault when it came to their messy locker.

"We find old food all the time. Most of it is on her part, but some of it is on me," Mendoza said. "We find umbrellas on sunny days, books everywhere, juices, and water. Once, she even left some rice in the locker and we found it three weeks later."

Having a messy locker partner is common among a lot of students.

"I'm neater than my locker buddy, but I have OCD about everything," said one student from Div. 263. "But I'm careful not to be too picky when my partner is mad because I don't want to say anything to make her even more mad. After a while I just decided to start moving some of my stuff out."

For some, convenience is not always enough to keep a locker buddy.

"I also had one [locker partner] last year. Our locker was always too full. I just could not take it anymore, so I moved out fast," said a student from Div. 263.

Many locker buddies are often close before they even start sharing a locker.

"We are best friends and have been sharing a locker for two years," said Julian

Vasquez, Div. 263. "It's much more of an experience in high school when you share a locker, instead of being alone and only having yours."

Vasquez admitted to being the messy buddy in the "relationship."

"We found some of my sweaty shirts and old sandwiches," said Vasquez. "We have dumb arguments because I always have my clothes in there and we can never find anything. Also, keys are a huge problem because one of us is always losing them."

Some seniors also spend their last year in high school sharing a locker to be closer to friends.

"I share one with one of my best friends. We already spend majority of our time together, so this was an easy move," said Magdalena Jajte, Div. 163.

Going through their locker during their weekly clean-up brought back a sweet memory for Jajte.

"We try to always keep the locker clean. So during one of the clean-ups, we found an old notebook where we used to always write each other notes. We hadn't seen it for like two months, so it made us happy to read again," Jajte said.

Some students' real relationships are not affected by "moving in".

"I'm not sharing with my girlfriend but she has a key to

my locker. I asked her if I could share lockers with her because her locker was so close to the gym and mine was up in the fourth floor," said Edwin Mijares, Div. 259.

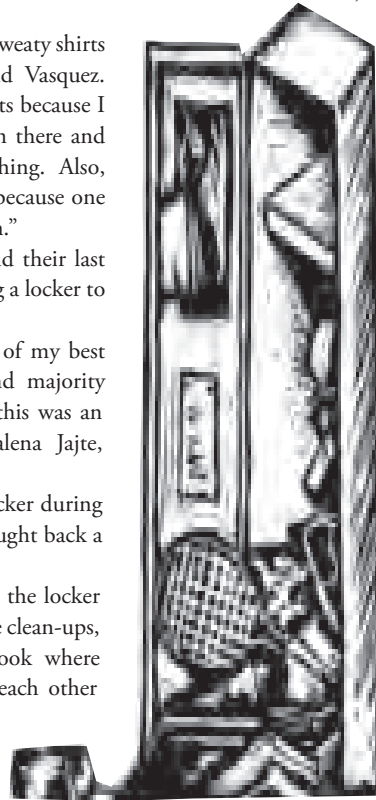
If both the partners are messy or neat, like Khristina Jouk, Div. 250, and her boyfriend, there is no worry of conflict every time they open their locker.

"We are both very, very messy," said Jouk. "We never have a fight over the locker, because there's nothing to fight over."

Jouk and her boyfriend have an understanding about their locker, but it was not always like that.

"When I first told him I was moving in to his locker, he jokingly said, 'whoa whoa, I think we might be moving too fast'," Jouk said. "But we spend most of our time together, so we don't worry about the locker."

Being locker partners could be the beginning of a relationship, or the ending of a friendship. Messy or not, most students agree that the pros outweigh the cons when it comes to sharing the deed on a locker.



Mwah! Mwah! Cheek kissing grows in popularity

By Amber Meeks

After having a conversation about the current happenings in their lives during the passing periods, Lane students find a faster way to say goodbye to their friends: they are kissing on the cheek.

The gesture of kissing someone on the cheek has become a way of showing respect and a connection to friends at Lane. According to Glossary.com, this gesture is very common in Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Latin America. It is not as common in the North America, with the exceptions of Quebec, Louisiana, and Miami because the cities have very ethnic populations.

This type of kissing is acceptable when done between man and woman, parent and child, woman to woman, and occasionally man to man. Cheek kissing sometimes varies between three ways: lips to cheek, cheek to cheek, and a kiss

in the air.

For some Lane students the gesture is a tradition in their family that they have brought with them to school, even before reaching high school.

"I started at around 7th grade. It's a thing a lot of hispanic adults do to greet each other, male to female," said Edgar Diaz, Div 271. "So as I got older I would greet friends and girls my age with kisses on the cheek. It was just a polite way to say Hi."

Kissing on the cheek may not always be a part of someone's culture, but maybe just a part of what their family does and what they have learned.

"I was raised that way [to kiss people on the cheek]," said Francis Baca, Div 269. "My parents would always do it. Since I can remember I've been doing it."

Although some students have picked

up the gesture from their family, others

have picked it up from their friends and people at school.

"I started kissing people on the cheek freshmen year, then everyone just started doing it," said Marilyn Cao, Div 259.

Kissing on the cheek has become a way for Lane students to say many things in just one gesture. Not only does it show a sign of affection, as many people associate it with, but other things, as opposed to hugs or using words.

"It's just the way I greet people. A handshake is too cold and a hug is just too personal," said Baca.

And even though giving someone a kiss on the cheek is faster a lot of people still use the usual way of conveying something.

"I kiss people on the cheek as a meaning of saying hi or bye. I hug and kiss them too, but kissing on the cheek is faster than hugging if I'm in a hurry," said Cao.

Kissing on the cheek is one of the most everyday gestures for some Lane

students that it has become a habit.

"I just do it without thinking. It's become sort of a natural habit when I see a girl I know," said Diaz.

Even though kissing on the cheek is natural for some people, it doesn't mean they kiss everyone. And sometimes doing it can have different results.

"I mostly just kiss people I'm close to and when I kiss people that aren't use to it, it's really awkward," said Elexis Ruiz, Div 163.

Though some students at Lane have picked up this greeting form friends, others just simply do it because of what they have known for awhile.

Years ago, in Eastern Europe, political leaders often used cheek kissing as a greeting in public and state occasions, but now cheek kissing is very common between friends. In Latin America kissing on the cheek is a universal form of greeting. It is also normal to kiss someone when being introduced to them, but not a complete stranger. Cheek kissing is dependent on the region in the Mediterranean. In some parts it is considered offensive, but in others it is

formal. In the Arab world, the gesture is common among men, but among men and women it is considered inappropriate, unless between family. In Eastern Asia, cheek kissing is only done cheek to cheek. Overall, Lane students kiss each other on the cheek for one main reason: to say hi or bye in a rush, especially when you may only have a couple minutes in the hallway.

"It is a tradition to me because in the Hispanic culture it is a way that adult guys and women would greet each other and say farewell in a respectful way. And as teenagers get older they to begin to greet each other like this," said Diaz. "We learn from our elders and we might see it as a way that adults say 'Hi' so when we get older and want to grow up and behave more like adults we develop this as a way to say Hi."

If students are pressed for time in the hallways after talking to friends and do not have time to give a hug or handshake, there is an alternative. They can kiss the person on the cheek and hope they make it to class on time.

Age difference makes no difference for friends

By Kelly Mrofcza

High school for every teen is spent sharing hallways with kids ranging from ages 14 to 18. This can cause teasing and taunting but can also promote positive things such as lifelong friendships.

Peyton Jovanovic, Div. 450, has a very good friendship with seniors Priscilla Rodriguez and Francesca Burns.

"You could say I hang out with them a lot because we're all on dance team and we all dance together at a studio," said Jovanovic.

Their friendship goes beyond Lane Tech Dance Team, though. Jovanovic does not see the three year age difference as a big deal.

"I don't even feel like they're that much

older than me because I'm really mature for my age. I fit right in with them. If I was a lame freshman, we probably wouldn't have been so close," she said, jokingly.

As the end of the year is coming fast, Jovanovic does not know how things will be in her sophomore year. She said that Francesca is leaving the city while Priscilla, who promised to visit her all the time, is staying here.

"It's going to be hard. They really are like my best friends and it sucks that they're older. But things happen. Friendship comes in so many forms," said Jovanovic.

Fifteen year old Desiree Velazquez, Div. 455, has a similar friendship. Her best friend is seventeen year old Kristian Sanchez, Div. 381. Both girls agree, that

besides their two year difference in age, they are both each other's "best friend."

"Nobody can tell the differences with our ages. She acts really mature for her age and I think that's why we click so well. Sometimes I forget myself that she's a freshman," said Sanchez.

Velazquez does not feel the difference in age is a big deal either. She takes advantage of having an older friend because she gets help with making decisions that Sanchez has already experienced. However, she admits that there are some disadvantages as well.

"There are times where I feel awkward because sometimes I can't do things she can. Like go see a rated R movie or 17 and older parties," said Velazquez. Artur Glowinski, Div. 356, found a very good friendship with Alex Prazuch, Div.

153. They have become such close buddies that they tend to trick people and say that they are cousins.

"A lot of people believe us when we say we are related. I mean, we do sort of look alike. But I'd say I'm the better looking one," joked Glowinski.

Prazuch disagrees, of course.

The two have known each other since elementary school, but did not start getting close until Glowinski came to Lane. Now, they hang out a lot and are seen together a lot. The fact that Prazuch is graduating this year still does not mess up their "bromance".

"Artur still has to go through two more years of high school before experiencing college but I will still stay good friends with him and help him get a taste of what college life is like a few weekends

out of the year," said Prazuch.

Jenn Garrison, Div. 357, remembers most of her freshman year being spent with the class of 2010. Now that she is a sophomore, she realized she does not have many friends her age.

"It was definitely a bit of a struggle. I used to walk the halls with many of my close, older friends and never really cared to socialize with people my age. Of course now I have learned to make friends with other students, but the first couple weeks this sophomore year was a big change," said Garrison.

Whether age is a component or race and gender are factors, true friends will stay friends no matter what. Friendship can be found between any two people who click.

STANDOUT OF THE ISSUE: Faith Koh

Lane sophomore works as activist for LiNK, helping North Koreans escape to safety

By Ben Palmer

Moon Su was four years old when his mother died, ten years old when he was placed into an orphanage, and eleven years old when he escaped the prison-like nation of North Korea and fled to China for a life of begging. The efforts of Faith Koh, Div. 365, helped to save this young refugee's life once free of his oppressive government.

Moon Su is one of 35 North Koreans rescued by the organization LiNK (Liberty in North Korea). Koh is media-consultant for the Chicago chapter of the organization and became involved due to her Korean heritage and her sister's involvement in the cause.

The primary purpose of the organization is to raise awareness about the North Korean crisis, something that Koh says is vastly underestimated by the public.

"No one knows, but there's this whole other world with starvation and cruelty," said Koh.

The cruelty that Koh speaks of is the result of North Korea's dictator, Kim Jong-il. His father, Kim Il-sung, established communism in the nation and led it through the Korean War when the peninsula was split. North Korea's official title is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

One of the most heart-breaking examples of the government-enforced cruelty Koh has heard was the story of a school in Pyongyang, the nation's capital city.

"There was a whole school not as big as this room," Koh said, gesturing around the classroom, "and for lunch, [the students] had to go outside and cut the grass and boil it with salt."

Another story that struck Koh was the story of an escaped young man who had been brought up with no knowledge of anything but his need to work, and the punishment for not working.

"He did not know he had a purpose in life. He was confused. All he had ever done is work," Koh said. "They don't get breaks. It is their life."

While Koh admits there are many problems in the country, she cannot think of any that are particularly worse than any others.

"There's nothing in the country that's 'bad' and then 'really bad.' It's all just horrible," said Koh.

Both of Koh's parents were born in Korea during the Korean War in the early '50s. Her father is currently a doctor, and he visits the closed-off nation once a year, every year to administer medicine, perform surgeries, and provide basic medical attention that the nation lacks.

"When my dad was in Korea, he couldn't call us at all," said Koh. "He has to stop in China, and there he can call us for maybe two minutes to let us know he is fine. But after that, he isn't allowed to communicate with anyone outside North Korea."

As a part of LiNK, Koh helps to spread the word about these travesties and arranges events to raise money. LiNK puts on benefit concerts among

other fundraisers.

"It costs \$2,500 to save a person from North Korea" said Koh.

With that money, LiNK pays to house, feed, and hide those lucky enough to escape. However, it is not so easy to reach the safety of a bordering nation.

"There was a whole school not as big as this room, and for lunch, [the students] had to go outside and cut the grass and boil it with salt."

-- Faith Koh, Div. 365

Koh admitted with a guilty laugh that "we make them fake IDs" so as to re-situate them safely.

Koh said that the greatest way to fight this oppression is to talk about it.

"Just read about it. Be aware. And share what you learn," said Koh, who went on to describe how many of her friends know little to nothing

about what is happening in the Nation of over 20,000,000 nearly-enslaved people.

The daily life of a North Korean "lucky" enough to live in the "prosperous" capital of Pyongyang will involve constant surveillance, little food, and a walk home through mostly empty streets. Chances are, if this citizen has ever uttered a word against the government, they will return home to a smaller or entirely missing family.

"[When I tell friends] they're just speechless 'cause they've never heard about it," said Koh. "Most people know a little about the nuclear weapons and the Communism. Not many know about the death camps."

These death camps hold hundreds of thousands (maybe millions) of political prisoners. In a History Channel documentary, an escaped prison guard described "Prison 22" in which the families of those who fight against the government are worked to death.

North Korea denies the existence of these camps. Their alibi: the nation is too small to easily hide death camps. Additionally, satellite images of the camps are actually images of construction sites. Koh laughs this off.

"Who do they think they're kidding" she notes. Koh encourages anybody interested in the North Korean crisis to read the news about it and visit LiNK's website.

"There are over 100,000 refugees hiding underground," said Koh. "We're trying to save 100."

With 35 saved, Faith Koh has something to be proud of. With 65 more waiting for freedom, Faith has to rely on the enlightenment and goodness of others: something few high school students worry about on a daily basis.

Bogarts monopolize attention in class

By Cody Lee

Everyone knows one of them: the kid who sits in the front of the class, raises his/her hand for every little thing, and answers every little question. The Bogart of the class.

Chris Reinke, Div. 265, is easily the bogart for all of his classes.

"I just do the work and listen in class, it's not hard, the answers are all there," Reinke said.

It always has its perks to answer all of the questions. Grades improve, student/teacher relationships develop, and they simply get it easier.

"I have mostly A's in all of my classes," said Reinke. "I could probably not do anything for the rest of the year and still do good...but I can't do that."

And a bogart is not a bogart unless he/she NEEDS to know the answer to everything.

"If I don't know the answer to anything I get really annoyed, it's my thing," said Reinke.

Some do it because school is just their "thing" but some do it for completely different reasons.

"I don't really care, I just answer questions to move things on," said Terron Washington, Div. 271.

Although seemingly different, some

bogarts are just like every other kid in class.

"I've got better things to do, like not pay attention," Washington said.

But being the bogart of the class always has its downside. When the class bogart faces the class clown, it is nothing but trouble.

"I hate those kids, all I do in class is mock them and throw stuff at them," said Dan Godsel, Div. 276. "They think they know everything, and it's so annoying."

Teachers are on the fence when it comes to their know-it-all students.

"It's always nice to have someone who will give an answer, but all of the other kids rely on them and think there's no need to participate," said Ms. Laroche. "I have even told certain students not to talk, to finally give others a chance."

With answering every problem, comes great responsibility. He (or she) has to come to the rescue of the rest of the class, and when in doubt, just ask the class bogart.

Some people might make jokes every now and again, but bogarts are great to have in class; they answer all of the questions, and if you don't feel like talking you could rely on them. But it is the worst when you know finally the answer and the bogart beats ya' to it.

Rivals finally finish fight for first

By Bill Felton & Harina Dzebic

Four years of straight A's, twelve AP classes, multiple honors classes, five hours of sleep a night, a 5.24 GPA. That's what it took Suad Causevic, Div. 151, to maintain his spot as valedictorian.

Zacharias Bouras, Div. 167, was tied for the valedictorian spot up until this year, when he got a B for the first time. This solidified his spot as the salutatorian, ending a long standing struggle with Causevic.

Bouras and Causevic both held the valedictorian spot with straight A's up until this year during first semester, when Bouras got his first B in AP Biology.

As grades were being updated during the last days of first semester, Bouras checked online to find his grade had dropped a letter.

"I had a 97 percent then it dropped to an 87 percent," Bouras said.

Bouras, despite his work at Lane to maintain his spot claims that he is not upset that he lost the valedictorian position.

"I thought it'd be worse. It's not that bad," he said.

Bouras, like Causevic, has taken 12 advanced placement classes and so far has passed all of them with a four or five. He will be graduating with a 5.22, a small fraction away from Causevic.

Along with schoolwork, Causevic balances three hours of martial arts practice nightly. He usually starts homework at midnight and if lucky, gets to sleep at one in the morning.

Causevic's parents also play a part to encourage good grades and to motivate.

"If I were to get a B my parents would smash my Playstation... If I get an A minus they are angry. They encourage me," Causevic said.

It's this motivation, dedication and work ethic that Bouras credits as the reason Causevic remained in the valedictorian position.

"What makes me smart is my memory. He has a great work ethic," Bouras said. "For natural intelligence, I think I'm smarter," he continued.

Causevic disagrees.

"I think [Bouras] thinks that I study way more than I do or try harder than I actually do. I'm not going to say that [he's] smarter but we're both smart in our own way," Causevic said.



Salutatorian Zacharias Bouras, Div. 167 (left), and Valedictorian Suad Causevic, Div. 151 (right), pose together at the entrance to the Memorial Garden.

Bouras and Causevic have known each other since freshman year and have since had the same class rank. Although they both strive to achieve good grades and take AP classes, they feel their relationship is far from a direct competition.

"It's not like we're enemies but we're not great friends," Bouras said. "We're competitive in nature," he continued.

Causevic agrees that there was no direct competition. "I've basically been [valedictorian] since freshman year. I never had real competition," Causevic said.

Bouras feels that despite losing his rank, he ultimately is the winner.

"I score higher on my AP tests. For example, I got a five on my calculus test," he said. "[Also] I have a higher ACT score than he does."

Both have taken almost exclusively honors and advanced placement classes during their years at Lane, giving them credit for college classes. The college credit can save each thousands of dollars and potentially allow an early graduation.

Bouras after graduating is going to the University of Chicago. He will be pursuing a major in economics or political science. Causevic is also going to the University of Chicago, but is still undecided on a major.

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 Gison, Audrea - Undecided
 Gordon, Marion - Navy
 Green, Richard - Dominican University
 Jacobs, Nicole - UIC
 Kosiek, Mateusz - UIC
 Lopez, David - N/A
 Mateo, Megan - Mizzou
 Munoz, Andrew - Northeastern University
 Obrecki, Michael - Wright
 Occhipinti, Anthony - Monmouth College
 O'Donovan, Olivia - Wright
 Odrobina, Paul - Columbia College Chicago
 Pham, Hai - UIC
 Rialmo, Joseph - ISU
 Rincy, Benjamin - University of Chicago
 Sanchez, Ruben - UIC
 Shchurevich, Lou - Loyola University
 Tan, Nhu - Lewis University
 Williams, Cordarryl - Undecided
 Zhao, Benjamin - Roosevelt University

DIV 151

Avina, Alejandra- TBA
 Barnak, Agnieszka- Columbia College-Chicago
 Bellwald, Sandra- TBA
 Bole, Benjamin- Harold Washington College
 Causevic, Suad- University of Chicago
 Cejvanovic, Fatima- DePaul
 Despenic, Darijan- Northeastern
 Dunson, Kiara- DePaul
 Gillen, Tara- Wright College
 Hearn, Denise- University of Illinois- Champaign Urbana
 Le, Ymi- UIC
 Magiera, Kinga- Denison University
 Marcano, Amanda- UIC

Marsoobian, Mary- Triton College
 McHenry, Cory- TBA
 Ng, Cherilyn- Wright College
 Nova, Elizabeth- Moody
 Perry, Hillary- Paul Mitchell
 Rent, Annette- University of Illinois- Champaign Urbana
 Richardson, Dedric- TBA
 Rodriguez, Armando- TBA
 Smith, Kaitlyn- Northeastern
 Thomas Charletta- Undecided
 Tianis, Eleni- Harold Washington College
 Toro, Fernando- University of Illinois- Champaign Urbana
 Williams, Kellye- Eastern Illinois University
 Wu, Michael- TBA

DIV 152

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 Hector Ayala- Wright College
 Annetta Bukowska- University of Wisconsin-Madison
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 Jennifer Choi- UIC
 Agata Chojan- DePaul University
 Brittany Coffee-Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
 Jonathon Delgado- Purdue University
 Ngan Hoang- DePaul University
 Alexia Johnson- Harold Washington College
 Deema Karaman- Wright College
 John Kozeritz- Undecided
 Elia Martinez- UIC
 Raul Negron- Chicago Master's Commission
 Sylvia Nunez- University of Illinois- Champaign Urbana
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 Michael Rzadkosz- DePaul University
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 Alan Tam- UIC
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 Umer Zakaria- Northwestern University

DIV 153

Ahmed, Omair - n/a
 Bekiaris, Angelike - Columbia College Chicago
 Bennett Brendan - NYU
 Besser -Gilbert, Olivia - Harold Washington Community College
 Borja, Leonor - U of I
 Cardenas, Martin - N/A
 Chavez, Veronica - University of Southern California
 Cleveland, Reid - U of I
 Correa, Luisito - Undecided
 Dunbar, Molly - Tulane University
 Espinoza, Jimmy - Military
 Gang, Allen - U of I
 Glass, Calvin - NIU
 Liwanag, Nicole - U of I
 Lopez, Yamilleth - Undecided
 Maloney, Mary - Western Illinois
 Medina, Mario - Bradley University
 Moore, Bianca - SIUC
 Nibbio, Sarah - Pivot Point Academy
 Prazuch, Alexander - ISU
 Rodriguez, Emelia - Wright
 Santacruz, Juleny - Loyola University
 Stites, Keenan - Undecided
 Villalobos, Christian - SIUC
 Wasserman, Jenna - University of Colorado Boulder

DIV 154

Arroyo, Melissa R - University Of Wisconsin (Madison)
 Barney, Jamaal - Northern Illinois University
 Barrios Salvador - Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes Mexico City
 Bedolla, Alejandro - Marine Corp (San Diego)
 Bialek, Ellen - University Of Illinois (Urbana)
 Bowyer, Brian - Northwestern
 Brandon, Cortez T - Undecided
 Dam, Julie - Marshall (West Virginia)
 Deleon, Julio - Washington St. University
 Desouza, Carolina D - N/A
 Duarte, Rodolfo - N/A
 Dworak, Dominick - Northeastern
 Fernandez, Miguel - Northeastern
 Fong, Brennan - Northern Illinois University
 Garcia, Gimenna - Purdue
 George, Javier Jr - Dominican
 Kapka, Autumn - Depaul
 Krumqiede, Laura A - Mazatlan, Mexico
 Li, Bodi - University of Chicago
 Maglonzo, Lemuel B - Harper
 Otgonbayar, Ariuntungalag - Sandoval, Franky - Northeastern
 Scott, Anthony W - Northern Illinois University
 Toczek, Daniel - Northeastern
 Urdiales, Edward - Undecided
 Wlodarczyk, Katrina N - Northeastern
 Wudarczyk, Barbara - IUPUI *Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis)

DIV 155

Ramilia, Prosper - Illinois Institute of Technology
 Betancourt, Elena - Kendall College
 Jankowski, Grey - University of Illinois at Chicago



Reed, Sierra - Clark Atlanta University
 Jenkins, Richard - Illinois State University
 Muneeruddin, Arsalan - U of I Urbana
 Capalac, Raymar - UIC
 Reynolds, Guy - UWP
 Enriquez, Ana - Dominican
 Silverio, Maritza - UIC
 Bureno, Yaritza - UIC
 Dautovic, Adnan - Loyola University at Chicago
 Feeley, Tim - Benedictine University
 DeSalvo, Dan - Oakton Community College
 Javinillo, Christine- Loyola University at Chicago
 Gallegos, Christian - Harold Washington Community College
 Serrano, Nathalie - UIC
 Delgado, Guadalupe - Wright Community College
 Espino, Marianna - UIC
 Chacon, Madellin - Manmouth
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Albright, Peter - DePaul University
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 Loeza, Stefany - University of Illinois
 Maldonado, Angela - Harold Washington
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 Mora, Flavio - Wright College
 Muriel, Alyssa - DePaul University
 Offord, Tenise - Southern Illinois - Carbondale
 Pezan, Kyle - North Park University
 Posada, Javier - N/A
 Prince, Stephen - N/A
 Prokopczak, Dariusz - University of Illinois
 Quinones, Gabriella - University of Illinois
 Rodriguez, Vanessa - Northeastern Illinois University
 Roman, Jordony - Northeastern University
 Ruan, Michelle - University of Illinois
 Sanchez, Raymond - N/A

Shah, Kalpit - UIC
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 Sinkovich, Bogdan - UIC
 Skendo, Hedi - UIC
 Sutaite, Kamile - UIC
 Tull, Christopher - N/A
 Valladares, Wendy - N/A

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Abad, Giovanni - N/A
 Abdullah, Nemeh - Northeastern University
 Adkins, Anton - Aurora University
 Aguilar, Giselle - Elmhurst College
 Aranda, Vanessa - Purdue University
 Castellanos, Andrea - Lake Forest College - Lake Forest
 Chan, Kevin - UIC
 Evans, Sierra - N/A
 Fitz, Darwin - Universidad Autonoma de Quintana Roo at Cancun, Mexico
 Guerrero, Jesus - Northeastern University
 Gutierrez, Michael - N/A
 Kisler Michael - University Of Illinois
 Kung, Michael - N/A
 Lares, Leslie - UIC
 Lennondorn, Tess - University of Illinois
 Moreno, Joseph - Purdue University - West Lafayette
 Orellana Yaritza - UIC
 Poellnitz, Jashawnte - Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
 Ramirez, Sandra - Undecided
 Reeves, Jesiah - Harold Washington
 Rivera, Nohemi - N/A
 Salami, Teslim - Truman College
 Sandberg, William - Southern Illinois University
 Serviss, Brittany - Northeastern University
 Siscar, Mylan - N/A
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 Westmoreland, Jessica - University of Houston
 White, Lilah - N/A
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Ayens, Emily - Wright College
Barnak, Katarzyna - Umich at Ann Arbor
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Chu, Ellen - UIC
Delgado, Vicky - Illinois State University
Grimsley, Kyle - undecided
Hardwick, Jalessa - SIUC (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale)
Hernandez, Cesar - undecided
Ho, Yvonne - DePaul
Kramarz, Dominik - U of I
McLaughlin, Keely - Western Kentucky University
Mendoza, Giovanni - U of I
Montiel, Karla - University of Iowa
Naese, Michelle - U of I
Naumowicz, Kamil - UIC
Perez, Nancy - undecided
Pozos, Kevin - undecided
Robinson, Chartia - Grand Valley State University
Salazar, Alexandra - University of Iowa
Solozano, Vanessa - UIC
Torres, Anthony - U of I
Jackson, Bryanna - TBA

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Baig, Sualah - UIC
Barth, Brittany - UIC
Cambron, Yaritza - Lake Forrest College
Chyc-Magdzin, Katarzyna - Loyola
Dorjpurev, Enkhtuushin - UIC
Figueroa, Angelica - UIC
Glodz, Martha - Yale
Guan, Joseph - UMich at Ann Arbor
Hutchinson, Kenneth - US Marines Crops.
Irizarry, Jestelle - Northeastern
Jackson, Shardai - Loyola
Kuklinski, Nicole - Benedictine University
Lartie, Jonas - UIC
McGhee, Ashley - Carthage College
Medina, Christine - DePaul
Nazeer, Rumana - UIC
Ng, Teresa - U of I
Urbana
Nieto, Benjamin - Illinois Institute of Technology
Perez, Rafael - TBA
Rincon, Daniel - UIC
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Tatro, Stefani - TBA
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Goite, Vanessa- Undecided
Kupiec, Dawid- DePaul University
Melendez, David- DePaul University
Moran, Jasmine- University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
Nino, Octavio- Wright College
Nguyen, Steven- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Alvarez, Jennifer- University of Illinois Chicago
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Coa, Harlan- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
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Gustafson, Karl- University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
Lee, Hannah- University of Illinois Chicago
Montesdeoca, Daniel- Northeastern Illinois University
Moran, Battle- Northeastern Illinois University
Morataya, Ivette- Dominican University
Nunez, Cintia- Not attending
Peatry, Dominique- University of Southern Illinois Carbondale
Randall, Halle- Colombia College
Sanchez, Janet- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Serrano, Gianni- DePaul University
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Causing, Yolorna - N/A
Cho, Edwin - U of I
Corpus, Estefania - N/A
Curtis, Matthew C. - Roosevelt
Fox, Matthew N/A
Gonzalez, Jelaila - Columbia
Haak, Christopher - N/A
Jaimes, Jocelyn - Loyola
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Aranda, Chris- DePaul University
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Sandy Cervantes - Dominican University
Emmanuel Dominguez - UIC
Bethany Fischer - UIC
Brittany Frenzel - Moody Bible Institute (Chicago)
Edith Garcia - Undecided
Jimmy Grelking - UIC
Justin Hadden- Western Kentucky University
Jaime Jaros - Northeastern Illinois University
Henry Liang - UIC
Caren Mangulabnan - Triton Community College
Imelda O'Connor - UIC
Jonathan Perez - University of Chicago
Daniel Quintero - Illinois-Wesleyan University
Janathan Ramirez Smith - Oakton Community College
Max Roque - American Academy of Art
Exequiel Tee - Wright
Ivelina Valle - DePaul University
Rebecca Weiss - University of Illinois (Urbana)
Alexandra Whigham - Western Illinois University
Natalia Wilga - North Park University

DIV 168

Adams, Lauren - Loyola University-Chicago
Donaly, April - Eastern Illinois University
Lizak, Samantha - Knox College
Guild, Celine - Harold Washington College
Sharma, Sanjay C. - University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
Szot, Isabelle - Northeastern
Wieczorek, Amy Marie - Columbia
Yalda, Paul Daniel - Northeastern
Hadley, Cortez - Eastern Illinois

Robles, Michael- Dominican University
Rodriguez, Gilany- Northeastern University
Routhier, Tyler- University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Sopena, Madeline- Southern Illinois as Carbondale
Torres, Nikole- Northeastern
Venegas, Yesenia- North Park University

DIV 171

Alma, Jazmin - Le Cordon Bleu
Baran, Patryk - Oakton College
Barclay, Emma - Carthage College
Buksa, Joanna - DePaul University
Claudio, Javier - Undecided
Davis, Frederick - Navy
Galicia, Tania - Harold Washington College
Gianni, Nicole - Earlham College
Hamilton, Antonio - Michigan State University
Horst, Harrison - Northeastern University
Iman, Joselyn - Indiana State University
Loper, Michael - Triton College
Luszczek, Mariola - UIC
Martinez, Mayra - Oakton College
Muhammad, Kamaria - Alcorn State University
Nguyen, Mary - University of Illinois
Ontiveros, Veronica - Richard J. Daley College
Phan, Christine - Kendal College
Ridriguez, Ricardo - Northwestern University
Rojas, Michael - Lawrence Tech University
Santisteven, Tiana - Northeastern Illinois University
Toledo, Giovani - Roosevelt University
Wilberschied, Daniel - Wright College
Wolski, Kevin - DePaul University
Zomayah, Joseph - Oakton College

DIV 169

Bannon, Jacqueline - DePaul
Brizuela, Gabriela - DePaul
Cumbe-Marquez, Jonathan - Dominican
Greenwood, Darien - Oakton
Fronczyk, Patryck - DePaul
Hawkins, Alonge - NIU
Lizama, Ana - Undecided
Martin-Cook, Jonathan - Lake Forest
Martinez, Johanna - Columbia
Omogregie, Eominique - SIU
Ortiz, Samantha - not attending
Petschenko, David - ISU
Real, Raquel - SIU
Ralon, Magaly - North Park
Sobczak, Michelle - U of Northeastern Illinois

DIV 170

Allingham, Dylan - Hendrix College
Anemone, Emily- University of Illinois at Chicago
Barajas, Jessica- University of Illinois at Chicago
Bobanda, Fernanda- Undecided
Brownlow, Cassandra- Undecided
Butler, Eric- Northern Illinois University
Caliso, Jonathan- University of Illinois at Chicago
Finnegan, Matt- Illinois State
Fuentes, Olivia- Northwestern University
Galan, Sofia - Loyola University
Gunter, Kasefera - Xavier University of Louisiana
Iniguez, Antonio - Loyola University
Lyles, Shannon - Northern Illinois University
Gannon, Meghan- Northern Illinois University
Garcia, Carmen- Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago
Gutierrez, Mayra- Southern Illinois at Carbondale
Jaghi, Mariam- Loyola
Jeracki, Ashley- Wright College
Jimenez, Krizza- Depauw University
Koltas, Agnes- Oakton College
Lombardo, Chelsea- Arizona State University
Lopez, Kevin- Southern Illinois University
Loza, Yaxizza- Undecided
Macedo, Javier- Undecided
McGinniss, Dennis- Wright College
Morici, Anthony- Western Illinois
Olivo, Miguel- Harold Washington
Ortiz, Christian- Indiana State University

DIV 172

Adams, Kristen - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Ahmed, Farha - Loyola University
Alvarado, Iliana - Roosevelt University
Bulat, Samantha - UIC
Clay, Dan - UIC
Delatorre, Michael - Northeastern University
Galan, Sofia - Loyola University
Gunter, Kasefera - Xavier University of Louisiana
Iniguez, Antonio - Loyola University
Lyles, Shannon - Northern Illinois University
Gannon, Meghan- Northern Illinois University
Garcia, Carmen- Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago
Gutierrez, Mayra- Southern Illinois at Carbondale
Jaghi, Mariam- Loyola
Jeracki, Ashley- Wright College
Jimenez, Krizza- Depauw University
Koltas, Agnes- Oakton College
Lombardo, Chelsea- Arizona State University
Lopez, Kevin- Southern Illinois University
Loza, Yaxizza- Undecided
Macedo, Javier- Undecided
McGinniss, Dennis- Wright College
Morici, Anthony- Western Illinois
Olivo, Miguel- Harold Washington
Ortiz, Christian- Indiana State University

DIV 173

Bellido, Whitney - Illinois State University

Benson, Jessica - Northeastern University
Brownlow, Cassandra - Northeastern University/Mizzou
Burns, Remy - Alfred University
Desai, Purvi - UIC
Finnegan, Matthew - Illinois State University
Galindo, Samantha - San Francisco State University
Gannon, Meghan - Northern Illinois University
Gutierrez, Mayra - Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Jaghi, Mariam - Loyola University
Johnson, Benjamin - Wright College
Lopez, Kevin - Undecided
Macedo, Javier - Undecided
Mirza, Abdulsalam - Undecided
Nusko, Sandra - Undecided
Ortiz, Christian - Indiana State University
Rodriguez, Gilany - Northeastern University
Routhier, Tyler - University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Saucedo, Osiel - Iowa State University
Sopena, Madeline - Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Tomes, Nikole - Northeastern University

DIV 174

Anaya, Yonic - N/A
Beltran, Lauren - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Benavides, William-University of Illinois - Chicago
Daly, Rebecca - College of Charleston
Decoudres, Evan - Depaul
Garcia, Brenda - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Gomez, Ciamarah - N/A
Guzman, Karina - N/A
Hal, Kristen-University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Harb, Anthony - N/A
Janczur, Izabella-University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Johnson, Jermeka-Eastern Illinois
Lang, Heather - N/A
Li, Weimin - DeVey
Lopez, Rodrigo - Columbia
Madero, Priscilla - Dominican University
Mei, Cindy - University of Wisconsin Wisconsin-Madison
Nwankwo, Madeline - Florida International University Miami,Florida
Omogiate, Nike - N/A
Ortiz, Laura - N/A
Pincsak, Allison -Belmont University in Nashville
Rahman, Faeza -DePaul
Rodriguez, Daiana - N/A
Sorby, Kaitlyn - N/A
Torres, Omar Northeastern
Vargas, Alexah -Northeastern
Villatoro, Diana - N/A
Zak, Joanna - University of Missouri

DIV 175

Adams, Kristen - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Ahmed, Farha - Loyola University
Alvarado, Iliana - Roosevelt University
Bulat, Samantha - UIC
Clay, Dan - UIC
Delatorre, Michael - Northeastern University
Galan, Sofia - Loyola University
Gunter, Kasefera - Xavier University of Louisiana
Iniguez, Antonio - Loyola University
Lyles, Shannon - Northern Illinois University
Gannon, Meghan- Northern Illinois University
Garcia, Carmen- Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago
Gutierrez, Mayra- Southern Illinois at Carbondale
Jaghi, Mariam- Loyola
Jeracki, Ashley- Wright College
Jimenez, Krizza- Depauw University
Koltas, Agnes- Oakton College
Lombardo, Chelsea- Arizona State University
Lopez, Kevin- Southern Illinois University
Loza, Yaxizza- Undecided
Macedo, Javier- Undecided
McGinniss, Dennis- Wright College
Morici, Anthony- Western Illinois
Olivo, Miguel- Harold Washington
Ortiz, Christian- Indiana State University

DIV 176

Anetsberger, Jessica - ISU
Belsan, Michael - Triton
Berryhill, Stephanie - DePaul
Delgado, Gustavo - DePaul
Garcia, Edgar - Barry University
Garcia, Elena - Columbia College
Jacome, Freddy - SIU
Jenkins, Dynishia - U of Hawaii
Le, Linh - DePaul
Majerczyk, Karolina - DePaul
Marczuk, Diana - U of I
Melchor, Jasmine - Undecided
Muralles, Jorge - UIC

Ocampo, Gabriella - Columbia College
Park, Shiela - U of I
Pineda, Eric - Northeastern
Robles, Liceth - St. Francis
Sanchez, Mayra - Truman College
Sotogutierrez, Michael - U of I
Thomas, Darnell - UW Plattville
Tran, Simon - University of Iowa
Watts, Tyler - DePaul
Wells, Tatiana - Army

DIV 178

Wu, Kenneth- Triton College
Miller, Taylor- Undecided
Rivera, Marianna- University of Wisconsin- Madison
Varela, Maria- DePaul University
Jaffri, Heena- Lawrence University
Shaughnessy, Jordan- University of Iowa
Pavlovic, Aleks- Beloit College
Stacewitz, Johnny- University of Iowa
Lazzara, Carina- Triton College
Cusentino, Sydney- University of Kansas
Wojtuen, Justyna- DePaul University
DiSanti, Danielle- University of Wisconsin-Madison
Jose, Angela- University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana
Hernandez, Alexandra- Harold Washington College
Martinez, Jeanette- Southern Illinois-Carbondale
Casales, Carmin- Wright College
Garcia, Nayaly- UIC
Bokus, Bojan- UIC
Arias, Carlos- UIC
Gaya, Joanishka- American Academy of Art
Carson, Cameron- Western Michigan University
Oshita, preston- UIC
Simmons, Jemita- N/A

DIV 180

Arzuaga, Lisette - U of I
Capilla, Iliana - Herald Washington University
Cisneros, Eduardo - U of C
Daquiaoag, Troy - UIC
Do, Daniel - U of I
Garcia, Veronica - UIC
Gonzalez, Gina - N/A
Gonzalez, Roberto - N/A
Herrera, Stephanie - Northeastern
Juarez, Rosio - DePaul
Latic, Haris - undecided
Lopez, Ricardo - DePaul
Martinez, Arturo - UIC
Mui, Mindy - U of I
Ortiz, Joshua - N/A
Pabich, Veronica - Valparaiso University
Perez, Teresa - N/A
Rodriguez, Bianca - UIC
Roman, Erika - UIC
Sandoval, Belen - N/A
Scales, Brandon - UIC
Smith, Justin - Northeastern
Stelmach, Trevor - Illinois State University
Velasco, Gabriela - Wright College
Wasik, Heather - Wright College

DIV 181

Asad, Safa - UIC
Brown, Jakalah - Eastern Illinois University
Dardagan, Saida - Northeastern
Duca, Philip - UIC
Gardea, Ariel - Oakton Community College
Gomez, Maira - Marquette

Hernandez, Julissa - UIC
Hill, Royel - TBA
Hobaugh, Allison - TBA
Keenan, Kyle - SIU
Kosteki, Rafael - University of St. Francis
Lee, Randy - UIC
McFarland, Michael - DeVry
Murdock, Larry - TBA
Nguyen, Dalena - University of Missouri
Ortiz, Liliana - TBA
Palacios, Candace - DePaul
Person, Taylor - U of I
Requiron, Christina - UIC
Rusznica, Dominik - DePaul
Sandoval, Nina- TBA
Scott, Samantha - U of Tennessee
Stevens, Kailie - University of Iowa
Stevenson, Marina - TBA

DIV 182

Duchon, Brandon - Roosevelt University
Gen, Ayaz - Loyola University
Guzman, Manny - UIC
Herrera, Edgar - Wright College
Ho, Willie - Loyola University
Kern, Michael - Wright College
Malone, Christine - Undecided
Melendez, Cristal - Lacrosse University
Nava, Diego - Harold Washington
Nava, Brenda - University of Dubuque-Iowa
O'Connell, Patrick - Undecided
Olellana, Omar - Dominican
Pop, Peter - Universal Technical Institute
Stevens, Walter - University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Susa, Ryan - Columbia College
Venegas, Miguel - Undecided

DIV 183

Alvarez, Gloria - Loyola University
Augustine, Amelia - DePaul University
Bunyi, Joan - University Wisconsin-Madison
Catanò, Jairo - Kendall
Dejesus, Elizabeth - Roosevelt University
Diaz, Alexis - NIU
Duprey, Silken - UIC
Francois, Jean C. - SIUC
Gerena, David - N/A
Gonzalez, Laura - Marine Corps
Hong, Chloe H. - U of I
Kaczmarek, Victoria - Loyola University

Kedzierzawski, Wiktor - N/A
Kim, Veasna - DePaul University
Mak, Harlan - Columbia Chicago
Mathes, Kimberly - Lewis University
Melesio, Eric - Wright
Miranda, Consuelo - Northeastern
Navarro, Alma - Dominican University
Osafo, Kwesi - Bradley University
Pardo, Cristian - Vandercook
Plekosz, Amy - St. Mary's College - Notre Dame
Rashid, Alnoor - U of I
Recillas, Andres - DePaul University
Silva, Marco - Illinois Institute of Art
Strama, Martin - UIC
Vicencio, Ricardo - Northeastern
Vong, Socheata - Depaul
Zamudio, Irving - Malcom X

DIV 185

Albert, Jessica - U of I
Avila, Geovanny - Northeastern
Bustamante, Eduardo - University of Michigan
Chaplin, Thomas - DePaul
Diaz, Samuel - UIC
Gonzalez, Ray - undecided
Kern, Michael - Boston University
Korczakowski, Aleks - IIT
Martinez, Nolberto - Northeastern
Mendez, Michelle - U of I
Osorio, Analaura - University of Iowa
Perri, Jackson - University of St. Mary's
Pinto, Rolando - UIC
Ramirez, David - U of Missouri
Skrobo, Kerry - Undecided
Sugrue, Wyatt - Eckerd College
Szczapa, Marcin - DePaul
Toney, Brianna - Howard University
Velez, Alex - UIC

DIV 190

Kapustka, Adam N - Undecided
Li, Andrew J - Triton

DIV 193

Flores, Juan A - Undecided
Hardy, Brianna - Undecided
Johnson, Ashley - Alabama A&M
Knopf, Pawal - No College
Kostyuk, Oleh - N/A
Martinez, Alejandro - Undecided
Olivares, Oscar - No College
Platz, Hayley T - No College
Pope, Ariel L - ITT Tech
Zuniga, Fredi - Morton College

Athletes compete in Fitness Challenge

By Nicole Jacobs

On May 1st, 2011, six students were chosen to represent Lane at the first annual 1World Sports High School Fitness Challenge. Founded by Executive Chairman, Ted Devine, 1World Sports' focus is to inspire young athletes to embrace life and to stress the importance of nutrition and education.

The challenge took place at the University of Chicago and included 36 athletes from six different schools. In order to compete the athletes had to complete a participation form which included information about their grades, service hours, etc. They also had to submit a short essay which was required in order to compete.

Three guys and three girls from Lane competed separately in each challenge, but in the end the team points were tallied and Lane received 3rd place overall. They came behind 1st place Latin and were five points away from 2nd place Luther North. Despite the outcome, the participants agree that the challenge was a positive experience and something that was not only about competition, but about having fun.

"What I liked most was the sportsmanship everyone showed towards each other,"

said Moses Alonso, Div. 160. "Everyone was cheering on each other despite being on different teams which was cool."

"The competition was fun while maintaining competitiveness," said Xavier Rios, Div. 283. "Everything was set up well and the competition flowed smoothly."

Some of the challenges the athletes took part in included planks, push ups, pull ups, wall sits, a one mile endurance run, and more activities that tested their strength.

Out of all the females in the competition, Alexandria Melton, Div. 163, was crowned the 1World Sports Female Athlete of the year. Out of all the females who competed, Melton was the winner of the shuttle one mile run.

"When my teammates cheered me on, they encouraged me and helped me to push harder at the challenges," said Melton.

The challenge incorporated several different fitness activities that tested the students' ability to execute each task. Since all of Lane's participants are athletes, some of the tests were like second nature for them.

"The easiest for me was the cone agility shuttle because it's something I do a lot for football practice," said Dan Murray, Div. 267.

Murray came in second place out of all the guys in the cone agility shuttle. He was

only .1 seconds behind the first place winner and 1World Sports Male Athlete of the year, Kente Mixon from Luther North.

Out of all the male competitors, Alonso won 1st place in the wall sit challenge.

"The easiest [for me] was the wall-sits," said Alonso. "I lasted five minutes; that was probably my most successful event."

Some of the challenges were easy for the competitors, but a few of them were a bit harder than the others.

"I think the hardest was the push-ups and even though I could only do one pull-up, I wasn't the only one," Jocelyn Moreno, Div. 283, said.

"The push-ups were difficult for me because of my shoulder injury and also the crunches because it was hard to keep perfect form," said Melton.

The toughest event for Liz Schmidt, Div. 360, was the wall sit challenge, but she was able to overcome the pain and was crowned the champion in that specific event.

"I was the only girl who was able to hold the wall sit for more than five minutes and it was a killer," Schmidt said.

The entire competition was about teamwork and cheering each other on to help one another become successful. In the human knot challenge, all six Lane participants were able to come together and work



Lane's 1World Sports Fitness Challenge participants show their muscles.

as one. The objective of this activity was to see which team can undo the tangle of their hands and arms to be one complete circle. Lane won this event and completed it in .5 seconds.

"I think 1World was trying to promote unity between athletes and support athletics in succeeding academically and athletically," Rios said.

"The message was pretty clear that they were teaching us the responsibilities of an athlete so that we may influence others to live a healthier life and become more active," said Alonso.

"I really enjoyed the adrenaline rush from competing. I also enjoyed being able to

participate in these activities knowing that at the same time I was fundraising and benefiting kids sports that aren't given the opportunities as I am," Schmidt said.

Overall, the 1World Sports fitness challenge was a positive experience for Lane. The competitors won \$500 for Lane's athletic department and gained new friendships along the way.

"If given the chance next year, I would definitely do this again. It was a lot of fun competing against all the other schools and showing schools like Loyola and New Trier how we do it at Lane Tech," said Murray.

Students bitten by eating disorders

By Isamar Garcia

"My eating disorder to me is like a horrible drug addiction," said Sonya Mendoza, Div. 270.

Anorexia is a disorder where a distorted sense of body image leads to self-starvation to the point of death in some cases. It is a very common eating disorder among teenagers like for some students from Lane such as Mendoza.

As a child, Mendoza would be teased for being shy, quiet and overweight. At age 13, Mendoza had a desire to lose weight because she weighed 180 pounds measuring only five feet one inch.

The pressure around her led her to exercise constantly adding more than two hours on the treadmill and weights. Mendoza restricted her food to only 500 calories a day (a normal teenager needs at least 2200 calories).

"My meals consisted of an apple in the morning, lunch was practically a slice of bread with one slice of very thin turkey, and dinner was chicken the size of my thumb and only a handful of veggies, and that was it," said Mendoza.

"I felt absolutely horrible! I cannot even remember half of the time what I even felt because I was completely out of my own mind when I woke up light headed and starving," said Mendoza.

This went too far so Mendoza went to a rehabilitation center for two months because she suffered from anorexia nervosa because she had dropped to 100 pounds all within the last two months in eighth grade. Soon she began her freshman year at Lane.

"The pressures of being a meek little freshman got to my head. I suffered low self-esteem and I had once again begun to not eat, and for this time it was worse. I dropped to 89 pounds, which is probably what a fifth grader should weigh," said Mendoza.

Her eating disorder did not go so well. In her condition, Mendoza had a 95 percent chance of a cardiovascular close-down. This meant her heart would give out and lead to death.

"The worst part was just hurting my friends and family who didn't know what to do to try to help me," said Mendoza.

Mendoza went to an extensive care hospital at Rush Hospital and she is currently seeing a therapist.

"I've been asked countless times on why I did it, since it was so horrible; my response is that the idea of having self control over my weight made me happy," said Mendoza.

To this day, Mendoza has not eaten junk food in almost six years but she is still struggling with constant paranoia on gaining weight which depresses her to a certain extent and will continue to recover from this eating disorder.

"I have had my ups and downs. I still struggle, but this was indeed a big life change," said Mendoza.

An anonymous sophomore also struggled with anorexia like many other girls. She did not have a problem with her body image but she did have a sensitive stomach. Her solution to her stomach problems was to eat less but things got a little further than what she expected.

"For three months straight I would just drink water," said the sophomore.

Over this period of time she lost 15 pounds and she did not really think her parents suspected she had anorexia, although her mom would at times go to her room to bring her food and make her eat it.

"I would feel upset at myself. I know it's not a healthy thing but it became a regular thing," said the sophomore.

The turning point was when the sophomore fainted at a church when she was with her friend.

"That kinda scared me a little because [that] has never happened to me before," said the sophomore.

The sophomore decided to start eating little portions of food and she is still struggling with not going back to her old habits. She is also not getting any therapies for her eating disorder.

Some symptoms for anorexia are fatigue, a bluish discoloration of nails, dry skin, and loss of hair, feeling fat despite being underweight, obsession with calories, fats grams, nutrition, and many more. An anonymous junior experienced some of these symptoms when going through this eating disorder.

"My family was going through a really tough situation with personal problems and economic ones and I started getting somewhat depressed. It just got to the point where I didn't really wanted to eat. That was the only thing I actually had control over," said the anonymous junior.

The junior started eating little portions of food but in a month she stopped eating completely and lost interest in food and would get comments for her weight loss.

"People started to tell me things like 'oh, you lost weight.' I sort of, in a way, felt good about myself so I kept like dieting in order to keep that good shape I used to think was important," a junior girl said.

At times she would lie to her parents saying she ate with her friends when really she would just drink water and chew a five calorie stick of gum. She lost 30 to 35 pounds, dropping to a weight of only 76 pounds.

Some of her hardest moments were watching her mom cry, trying to not pay attention to the criticisms of others telling her, "You're so thin! You gotta eat something!" Keeping herself from eating was difficult because she still had to fight the instinctive temptation to eat.

Eventually, the junior started to feel terrible.

"I started to lose my hair, I wouldn't sleep at all, my nails were all brittle, and I had stomach problems. There were even times when I felt I couldn't breathe. It was just horrible! I felt that I wasn't going to last any longer but thank god I opened my eyes on time before things got any worse," said the junior who claimed she did not receive help from a psychologist or a specialist for her eating disorders.

"I didn't think I needed one because I knew that the only person that could really help me was me, and so I challenged myself to do it," she said.

With the support of her parents and brothers she was able to overcome her eating disorder although she does admit she has thought of going back to it.

"There are times when I think about it and feel like doing it again but then I think about the people I made suffer, and try to focus on my good grades and keep myself [busy] on things that really matter rather than my weight," said the junior.

As of now the junior values many things that her family does for her. It helped her realize who are the people that care for her. She even got interested in a career as a psychologist and wants to pursue it.

Anorexia is a serious eating disorder. It can damage your health and even threaten your life, but you are not alone. There is help available when you are ready to make a change.

Gang violence hits home

By Mary Presley

During the daylight hours, police sirens blared and lights flared in the distance as a senior student, who would like to be called Betty Howard, came to the aid of her best friend, who lay on the ground after being beaten by members of a gang. Howard's 15th birthday, a day that was supposed to be full of happiness and glee, turned into a day full of fear and regrets. On their way back from a friend's house, Howard and her friends were frightened by a glass bottle shattering in front of them.

"I guess my friend was wearing his hat the wrong way, because gang members thought he was a part of a gang," said Howard.

Running to random houses to get help, Howard and her friends were turned away without support from neighbors and bystanders in the area. When the police showed up 20 minutes later, they were also not helpful.

Not a stranger to gang violence, Howard has a cousin who is a gang member. Howard believes the gang that jumped her friend is the same gang her cousin belongs to.

"I was mad at my cousin because he does not realize how his own gang can affect his family," Howard said.

Similar to Betty, Brittany Frenzel, Div. 167, is affected by gangs because she lives in the neighborhood of Pilsen on Chicago's south side.

"You can hear gun shots all the time," Frenzel said.

"Once you are in a gang, it is a cycle. Once you are in, it is hard to get out, and you go [into] the gang naïve," said Frenzel.

Frenzel herself has not been directly confronted by gang members, but her sister's boyfriend is harassed by them every time he goes somewhere.

"My sister's boyfriend gets harassed by gang members because they assume he is in a gang because of the neighborhood he lives in. They stop my sister and her boyfriend and get all up in [his] face, and they always ask him what gang he is a part of," Frenzel said.

"There have been numerous times when we had to call the police, and the police always take forever to come," she continued.

When her sister's boyfriend comes over to their house, he always has to leave at a certain time or their mom will worry about him.

Frenzel sister's boyfriend is not the only person her family has had to worry about. Two years ago in Pilsen, Frenzel's father was mugged by gang members.

"They pulled a knife out on my dad, but my dad fought back. They cut him up a little, but they did not take anything," she said.

It hurts Frenzel to see her family dealing with violence, and having to fear for them when she should not have to.

In comparison to most, a freshman student who would like to be called Doug Lewis, grew up in a really rough neighborhood.

One time Lewis's uncle was shot when he worked as a mechanic because he refused to fix a gang

member's car.

"The guy knew my uncle and wanted him to fix his car, but my uncle refused to do it because he had a lot of customers in front of the guy. Then, at night when my uncle was closing up the shop, the guy shot him as payback," Lewis said.

Even though Lewis has been through a lot, he claims to understand gang members.

"I know a lot of gang members and not all of them are about violence. Most kill each other for territory, which is not a good enough reason," Lewis said.

Walking home from school seems like an easy task, but not for Jasmine Lenoir, Div. 266, who was grazed by a bullet when she was eight years old.

Lenoir's mom called her older sister to tell them to hurry to the house because gang members were shooting on the block. To get to their house, they had to cut through a gangway where bullets were flying through the air.

"When we got in the house, my mom asked me what happened, because there was blood running down my arm. I told her I did not know," Lenoir said.

"Every day in the summertime, we had to run in the house and get under the table because they were always shooting. We always had to be on the edge, aware, and cautious," Lenoir said.

Even though Lenoir moved out of that neighborhood, she is still in fear that she or one of her family members is going to get shot.

Lenoir is not the only student who has had to deal with gang members in her neighborhood. A junior who would like to be called Greta Smith, faced this problem when gang members moved into the same condo complex as she and her family.

According to Smith, it was a nice neighborhood until about three years ago. Smith's downstairs neighbor died, and her condo went to her sons. That is when everything went downhill.

"They started selling drugs through the condo and at the park, and wrote graffiti everywhere. The side of the building and the doors had various gang symbols, all from them," Smith said.

"They started messing with my family. They even threatened my sister with a gun because my dog was barking. One day we were cleaning our condo. I guess they were sleeping and got mad, so they threw a plate at our door and got up in our faces calling us different degrading slurs," Smith said.

Smith's family and her neighbors had to call the police on the young men countless times. They were eventually they were kicked out due to foreclosure.

Smith's family still has a restraining order against them.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think something is going to happen to me when I walk home through the park. I'm living in fear. I will constantly be afraid until I move away," Smith said.

Unfortunately, the threat of gangs still hangs over the heads of many students when they leave the school's safe hallways and head home to tough neighborhoods.

Odd Future's graphic lyrics, visuals spark students attention

By Bria Perry

"GOBLIN", spelled out in fluffy, white letters and outlined in pink was the opening scene to the now notorious "Yonkers" video. As the beat finally drops, the world is introduced to an off-centered Tyler the CREATOR, who donned a collared, short-sleeved button up, and an ironically titled hat that read "SUPREME" across the top. It does not take long before the leader of Odd Future gets truly odd as he nurses a roach across his hands, eats the roach and quickly vomits it, before staring at his audience with piercing blackened eyes; nearly distracting his audience from his unusually deep voice and even more "unusual" lyrics. But does the CREATOR and his crew take it too far?

O.F.W.G.K.T.A., or better known just as Odd Future, is an alternative hip hop group spearheaded by Tyler "The Creator" Okonma. The group features a number of similar acts, including the popular Earl Sweatshirt. With intentions to "forget school" and "scare white America," the group has thrived on its shock value played out in its explicit and vivid lyrics and visuals.

Eduardo Mora, Div. 274, has grown to appreciate this shock value and is a certified fan.

Mora has not found it difficult to listen to the group despite their controversy and it has now become a part of his daily routine.

"I listen to OF every morning. It's like my own 5 hour energy drink," Mora said.

He believes this energy is not necessarily for everyone, but that it is for those willing to understand the changes in hip hop.

"Myself, being a true hip-hop fan, can appreciate great lyrics and beats," Mora said. "I also give respect where respect is due. Other people just don't understand that this is a new generation of hip-hop, that's all."

While he enjoys the music, Mora warns that it must be interpreted correctly.

"It's effective mentally," said Mora. "If you take Odd Future too seriously that's a big problem."

Mora stresses that the group does not really have any particular message to send to their fans, good or bad.

"That's the thing with Odd Future, they're not trying to reach out to anybody."

Natalie Frazier, Div. 281, found out about the group through its heavy internet buzz, and believes that along with that, popular artists that like the group have helped to get their name out.

"Kanye West re-tweeted about Tyler the Creator's [Yonkers video]. I think that's the reason they are where they are," Frazier said.

Still, Frazier does not feel that this is the only reason why the group has found success. She is drawn to their raw sound and believes that too much of the group's attention is surrounded around controversy.

"On the surface, the music seems to be kind of demonic and terrible,



Odd Future has partnered with RED and formed their own label Odd Future Records

but there are a lot of stand-out songs of theirs that refute that," said Frazier.

As far as the group being labeled "horror-core," Frazier does not think that this is anything new for the world of music.

"Honestly, I think that they're saying things that other rappers are saying, but it seems worse because they're doing it in a different fashion," said Frazier. "They're definitely more blunt with it."

While she admits that the group's lyrics are dark and can send the wrong message, she emphasizes that they would never actually do some of the things they talk about and that Odd future's blunt behavior is something that she can identify with. She believes that their darker sound is just pre-judged art, something that she has personally experienced.

"I think about stuff that I can't do, but I let it out in art form like poetry," Frazier said.

According to an interview done by nochorus.wordpress.com, Tyler and his team draws inspiration from explicit videos and horror films. He also was quoted saying that he is 'just making [stuff] that parents would not want their kids looking at.'

It is not only parents who might disapprove of Odd Future's controversial work.

Mercedes Matz, Div. 264, remembers when her friend showed her the Yonkers video for the first time.

"I don't even have words for it," Matz said. "That is not normal and his lyrics are whack to me."

Although she was shocked by the video's "shock and awe" elements, Matz can see right through what she believes to be a stunt.

"I think that [Odd Future] is just trying to entertain people and make

money," Matz said. "I'm pretty sure he's not mentally messed-up. He knows what he's doing."

They truly must know what they are doing, especially Tyler. The group has already had critically acclaimed works and Tyler's *Goblin* album reached number three on iTunes top album charts.

Despite the success, Matz completely understands the negativity surrounding the crew, but does not agree that they can be accused of any wrongdoing besides expressing themselves.

"Some people are easily influenced, but Odd Future cannot be blamed for other people's actions," said Matz.

Although OF has gained a lot of attention from their music, they are not the first group to be considered "horror-core." Other notable rap groups with the same title include the following: Geto Boys, D12, and Tech N9ne.

One artist that can definitely relate to the controversial groups is Eminem. The Detroit rapper has been slammed by many organizations, including Gays and Lesbians Alliance Against Defamation (G.L.A.A.D.), for his hateful and homophobic lyrics.

Initially, he continued with those lyrics in spite of heavy protestation, but has since then apologized for much of it and has become a respected rapper, actor, and person.

Edward Duckworth, Div. 280, can respect an artist changing, but does not agree that the extreme negativity should be presented in their music in the first place.

"You have to own what you put out. You can't put a song out there and say 'oh, but I don't believe in it,'" said Duckworth.

Although he is not a huge Odd Future fan, Duckworth is familiar with their content and while he does not agree that artistic expression should be limited, he realizes that it can have negative effects.

"Basically my take on music, I kind of agree there should be no boundaries in art, but I feel that people should take responsibility because people might take it literally," said Duckworth.

Some experts agree with his observation and even state that music that promotes negativity can cause mental change. According to brain-healthandpuzzles.com, aggressive music such as rock and rap can lead feelings of anger and hostility and can even cause the brain to lose symmetry.

Duckworth can recall times when music has directly affected him and caused him to begin to think differently. He also has claimed to see negative changes in the behavior of children that listen to explicit music like Tyler's and his group.

"Something needs to change. Society needs a drastic change in the way they view their morals," said Duckworth. "There needs to be some sort of line that we draw between entertainment and reality."

It is said that he who controls the present controls the past, and he who controls the past controls the future, and whether you enjoy the new direction that music is going in or whether you hate it, one thing is certain..... the future is definitely ODD.

Give Back hits big screen

By Jasmine Grullon

Actor? Check. Actress? Check. Give Back? All here.... Annnnnnnnd ACTION!

For the band Give Back, being asked to be part of an independent film was exciting news.

"We were all just a little dumb-founded," said drummer, Owen Jones, Div. 277. "It was at one of our shows, and we had just finished playing. We got approached by two people and they let all the news rip at once, and we we're just kind of like '...sure..us? yeah...we'd love to'"

Those two people were the project leaders who represented the DePaul film department.

The untitled film is set to be about a poor girl, Emma, who lives in a trailer park with her single mother and a guy named Jack, who dreams to make it big with his band.

Not only is Give Back's music going to be in the movie, but the whole band is going to be in it as themselves.

Give Back was formed back in 2007 when lead singer/guitarist Ryan Walsh, from Whitney Young, and pianist, JP Walsh, Div. 456, first

asked Gavin Crowell, from Walter Payton, to play bass for them. Then, Crowell thought of adding a drummer and that's when Jones came in.

Once the whole band was created, they started to create a new sound for themselves.

"There's loads of influences, it varies by band member really. We've been told that we sound like The Strokes colliding with U2," said Jones.

Their alternative sound has gotten them gigs at the Beat Kitchen, Broken Mirror Bash, Bobbapalooza, and music fundraisers like Parkapalooza, just to name a few.

"Most recently we have been invited [to] places, but in the earlier stages, we had to get ourselves out there however we could," said Jones.

"I think they're a good band," said Jasmine Le, Div. 268. "Their sound is very neutral, everyone can listen to it."

Ryan writes most of the songs that Give Back performs.

As for the movie, Give Back plans on traveling down to Lake Carol, Illinois the week after school ends to spend a month preparing and filming for their next big opportunity.

Students predict relationship break-ups

By Ivelisse Negron

For some it is that horrible feeling, their heart dropping to the floor, the pain in their chest. For others it is the little things they see their boyfriend or girlfriend do that becomes the deal breaker. But prepared for it or not, many Lane teens have experienced the "I knew it was over when" feeling.

While reminiscing about their previous breakups some can laugh it off, but for others it is not that easy.

Like many others, Mountaga Tall, Div. 272, trusted his girlfriend while she attended an over night field trip. After a friend of his informed him the he had caught her fondling with another guy on the coach bus, Tall did not know how to feel.

"I didn't want to believe it. I tried my best to mask my feelings but deep down I knew it was over," said Tall.

Tall was not the only one that felt betrayed by their significant other.

"I knew it was over when he started talking to a girl that was in sixth grade and he was a freshman. He tried hiding it from me, but I found out," said Alexis Sartin, Div. 376.

Many believe that it is one thing to hear about your boyfriend or girlfriend with someone else, but its even worse to experience the situation with your own eyes.

"I was dating this guy for two years on and

off. I started noticing he would ignore my calls. I went to his house and knocked on his door and his mom answered and said he wasn't home, but I heard him so I went inside and found him with another girl in his bedroom," said Lilibeth Urgante, Div. 376.

However Urgante is not the only one who has caught their special someone in a bit of a situation. Lane senior Mike Loper, Div. 171, shares a similar story.

"I knew it was over when I walked in on her with my friend," said Loper.

When couples break up some say it is over and done with for sure. They do whatever they can to upset the person that has let them down. Others find it hard to let go and hold on to it for as long as they can.

Carnesha Smith, Div. 275, started falling hard for her boyfriend but one day things just did not feel right. He did not act the same anymore. He was always busy and never had enough time for her. His conversations became shorter and he would constantly start petty arguments. Smith was not willing to let these issues slide.

"Two can play that game. When he started acting that way I hacked into his facebook and email and changed his password to 'I love Carnesha' just to get him mad," said Smith.

Like Smith, Urgante also thought that a little payback would even things out.

"I went to his house a couple days later, I got mad and started throwing stuff at him,"

said Urgante.

For some students it is not a big dramatic scene, it is the little things that they notice or come across in their relationships that confirms to them that their time with the person should come to an end.

One day Dan Murray, Div. 267, was walking with his girlfriend at the time. Down the hallway they saw his best friend. They went up to him to say 'hi' but it did not play out like he expected.

"I knew it was over when she poured out my best friend's bag of chips. We saw my best friend and she went up to him, grabbed his chips, and threw them on the floor. Later on that day he brought it up to me like 'man you gotta git rid of her.' I mean come on, you need to at least put effort into becoming friends with your boyfriends best friend," said Murray.

Murray was shocked and did not understand why she chose to do that.

"I guess she just didn't like him," said Murray.

It is not always something that has to happen. Other Lane students like Derrick Wood, Div. 172, just become less interested after a while.

"I know its over when I'm getting tired of being around her," said Wood.

Whether it be a difference of personality or a sudden change of heart, everyone knows the moment when their heart decides it's over.


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Summer vacations anything but relaxing

By Sophia Swenson

The sweaty thighs of Jennifer Schultz, Div. 365, stuck to the van's hot seat, as she was sandwiched between her two brothers and two sisters. Three days worth of food wrappers and empty bottles littered the car floor. The sun shone through the window, filling the jam-packed car with more waves of heat. For three days there had been no stops at hotels, exceptions only being made for the switching of drivers, gas, food, and restroom breaks. For the entire trip, Schultz's family took turns having her little brother sit on their lap since there was no extra room for him in the car.

"Everyone was tired, hot and my little brother was crying," Schultz said.

Two days into their road trip to Oklahoma for a family reunion, Schultz's family got a call, saying that they would be driving to a funeral instead. Her aunt had just died.

Every teenager has experienced the typical "vacation from hell," whether it was a sketchy hotel, a couple days working on an Amish farm, or the classic unbearable road trip. But for some Lane students it took that one extra minute in the sun, or an abnormally large bug for their vacations to become ultimately unbearable.

Like Schultz, Victor Flores, Div. 451, had transportation problems between home and his vacation destination. Flores had been in Puerto Rico for his spring

break and missed his plane back home after his aunt had misread the flight time on the tickets. Flores spent the next day and a half sitting in an airport waiting for the next flight to Chicago with nine other people who had missed the same flight. Although he spent some time in the airports hotel, playing cards was what kept Flores occupied for those thirty- six hours.

"And believe me, that is not fun," Flores said.

Often times, unfortunate vacations begin with an assertive parent and a "great idea". Usually, this brings a reluctant vacationer to a place they wished they had never seen.

Daniel Allen, Div. 258, whose mother introduced the idea of visiting an Amish farm for a couple days, did not realize before-hand that he would be experiencing the Amish lifestyle so up-close and personal.

"Basically we ended up doing farm work," said Allen, who spent his vacation cleaning out horse's stables and dragging around food. "Basically we were their slaves."

At six in the morning, Allen and his brother and sister, who all shared a room "about the size of [my] closet," woke up to collect eggs for breakfast. They then did chores, and returned at night to eat their supper by the light of gas lanterns. The only upside of the vacation, according to Allen, was that the food was spectacular.

Although she was not stuck inside an Amish village, Anudari Bayaraa, Div. 281, spent a few days with her family in China where she encountered similar troubles Allen had with cultural differences.

But the thing that made her vacation truly awful, apart from the extreme heat, the language barrier, and the bad food was the surprise Bayaraa had waiting for her under the sheets at her hotel.

"I opened my covers and it was like 'BAM!,'" said Bayaraa, who found a bug the size of a half dollar in her hotel's bed. After Bayaraa made the discovery the following nights in Beijing were sleepless ones.

Maritza Pineda, Div. 251, also had a vacation mishap when she went out of the country to visit her grandparents in Mexico. On a particularly hot afternoon, Pine-

da's sister thought it would be a good idea to tan on the roof of their grandparents house, although it was a vacation activity Pineda did not normally participate in.

"I was really bored and had nothing to do," said Pineda, who lay out for one hour when the sun was highest in the sky. "Later that night, I was in the living room watching T.V., and realized I couldn't touch my back to the couch."

By the next morning, Pineda acquired a sun burn that left her immobile for two days, as well as a lesson learned:

"Wear sun block and don't tan at twelve o'clock in the afternoon on a rooftop."

Christine Malone, Div. 182, has had her full share of horrible vacations. From tents being swept away by tornadoes, to trucks being struck by lightning, Malone has experienced the definition of a vacation from hell.

On a camping trip in Wisconsin, Malone and her family had to leave their tent after a tornado touched down in the campground they were staying in.

"I was so scared. I was freaking out," said Malone, whose sister had to be woken up and carried out of the tent so that the family could find shelter in a hotel.

The next morning, when they returned to the campground, the tent they planned to sleep in had fallen over from the wind and was full of water.

On a separate camping trip, Malone had another encounter with Mother Nature. As she and her family were on a country road in Michigan, they drove through a lightning storm. As the storm persisted, lightning struck the ground around them multiple times, when suddenly a flash of purple hit the car.

"My dad was driving when the lightning hit [the car]," said Malone, "but he was okay about it, we were all okay."

Although not many Lane students can say they have outlived being nearly struck by lightning and being hit by crushing winds, it is not only the big disasters but the little ones that make vacations from hell memorable. Who Knows? An exciting moment, the eventual road trip, a monster bug, or even an Amish family might serve as a good story in the end.

Field trip to Chinatown!



Over 100 Lane students filed into three school buses Monday morning, May 23, on their way to visit Chicago's Chinatown. Troy Daquioag, Div. 180, Anthony Bransford, Div. 360, Eesle Koh, Div. 355, Nicholas Covarrubias, Div. 371, Jason Ha, Div. 379, (Pictured left to right) along with their Chinese teacher Mrs. Cheng (Pictured center) spent the day with peers from Mrs. Cheng's Chinese classes and Mrs. Spence's freshman World Studies classes. The purpose of the trip, according to both Cheng and Spence, was to observe Chinese culture and history, both of which were available in Chinatown.

Throughout their visit, the students

visited such Chinatown landmarks as the Nine Dragon Wall, the Chinatown Mural, Chinatown Zodiac Square, as well as a Buddhist temple. There, students had the chance to learn about the history of Chinese immigrants who came to America, and were given the opportunity to learn and experience Chinese culture not only at the landmarks, but also while eating Chinese dishes. As they filled up on tradition Chinese food, students learned how to make Chinese dumplings and eat with chopsticks. After the busy day, the students returned to Lane with full stomachs, and a fuller appreciation of Chinese culture.

-- Sophia Swenson



Summer lifeguarding duty brings stress, responsibility, tan lines

By Vanessa Pena

Some teens hang around the pool all day running in and out of the water seeking that golden tan. However, this is not the case for certain Lane swimmers who spend their summer days life guarding.

Many Lane students lifeguard over the summer at different Chicago locations at indoor and outdoor pools.

Samantha Geschrey, Div.150, works at the Chicago Park District at Hamlin Park. After spending 40 hours of training, she finally became Red Cross certified and passed all physical tests.

Geschrey makes \$12.25 an hour working 40 hours a week on eight hour shifts.

At Hamlin, Geschrey has made many long lasting friendships with not only co-workers, but the patrons as well.

"I worked at a pool with an awesome cultural experience. I learned a lot about people in the community because of the two spectrums I was surrounded with. One side was a nice neighborhood and the other was a rougher one. It was great to see these two spectrums get along," said Geschrey.

Working as a lifeguard, Geschrey's hard work was tested after dealing with a few non-threatening experiences.

"I had this little girl who was scared of passing the deep test whom I had to help, and I also had to run up to help a teenage boy who had been in a fight. He got punched in the face so I had to race to help clean off the blood," said Geschrey.

Being a lifeguard requires a lot of responsibility and a lot of patience. One incident left Geschrey crying when she was really challenged at the job.

"I had a bad experience with a boy named Kendal. I was off duty and Kendal was doing inappropriate things that got him kicked out. I couldn't push him off me because we're not allowed to touch the patrons so I had to file a police report and have a

meeting with the supervisor. I cried for a very long time because if he treated me like this at an early age, imagine what he'll do when he gets older! It's going to be harder to push him off when he's stronger," said Geschrey.

Another Lane student who spends his time in the sun looking over swimmers is Bobby Linse, Div. 266.

Linse works at Leone beach located on Touhy and Sheridan Ave. getting paid \$12.75 an hour.

Linse has not yet experienced any life threatening experiences.

"By watching and protecting the patrons, our job is to prevent ever having to take action," said Linse.

Sammuel Gonzalez, Div. 250, started working at the indoor pool in Eckhart Park last summer and will be returning again this summer in June.

Gonzalez had to take a swimming test that required swimming laps non-stop underwater without a breath, getting a brick from deep water, save someone and become red cross certified. Since he was a rookie, he had to go to school for it. In the end, all this training paid off because now Gonzalez receives a salary of \$12.60 an hour working five days a week.

Gonzalez recalls feeling like a life saver after helping two little girls while on the job.

"Well this one little girl started freaking out cause her friend was struggling breathing. I ended up helping them both out since one of the little girls was having trouble breathing, and the other was freaking out," said Gonzalez.

But the experiences do not end there. Gonzalez remembers the most stressful day at work.

"It was really rainy out and this lady was walking into the park (not even by the pool) and she slipped and busted her head open. The other lifeguards and I had to help her until the paramedics got there," said Gonzalez.

Hannah Viti Div. 252 started working as a life guard since the age of 15 at the country club Saddle & Cycle Club located by the lakefront right by Foster beach. Viti has been working at the club for three summers now earning \$10.50 an hour with two free meals and free drinks all day included.

Viti has not had to encounter any life threatening incidents while life guarding, but she has dealt with a lot of first aid but never anything serious.

Another worker for the Saddle & Cycle Club is Liam Hoy, Div. 261, who started working last summer.

Liam also agrees with Viti that there is not much life threatening incidents at the club. A majority of the kids at the club already know how to swim because their parents usually pay for their lessons before swimming at Saddle.

Hoy went through a very long process in order to get the job. He had to become certified, be interviewed, learn CPR, and had to take life guarding classes at Northwestern University.

A candidate who will soon be certified to life-

"I worked at a pool with an awesome cultural experience. I learned a lot about people in the community..."

- Samantha Geschrey, Div. 150

Unusual hairstyles turn heads in halls of Lane

By Nathalia Mercado

In today's fashion world, hair is seen as a way for people to express themselves. Celebrities are seen sporting all types of new "crazy" cuts and colors, and many teenagers are following in their footsteps.

As a natural brunette, Autumn Kapka, Div. 154, has been dying her hair all sorts of colors for the past four years. It is currently bright fuchsia red with yellow-blond bangs, inspired by Haley Williams and Gwen Stefani.

"Personally, I think it's normal," said Kapka. "Everyone else is abnormal to me."

Her family, friends, and colleagues seem to have adjusted to her bright hair and do not question it at all. In fact, seeing her with a natural hair color is more odd to them.

"A lot of people say my hair is pretty, but that they would never do it to their own hair," said Kapka.

Jorge Manriquez, Div. 252, sports a "William Levy" do. His mother suggested the new cut because William Levy is her favorite Mexican soap opera star.

"It's a pretty cool cut. Google him," said Manriquez.

He wears a messy, but tame faux hawk look.

Demi Richardson, Div. 383, has a Cassie inspired hairstyle. Although some joke that she looks like a man from one side, Richardson believes that this half shaven look defines her and makes her unique.

"I was tired of looking like other people and wanted to stand out," said Richardson.

Kapka also believes that her hair defines her personality perfectly, as bright and unique.

Steven Truong, Div. 261, was getting tired of his fine, pin straight hair, and decided to add layers and make it a praline color.

"I had no volume, which made my head look flat and gross," said Truong.

He added layers for volume and uses wax and hairspray to add texture and shape.

"The top of my head is spiked, and it's more relaxed towards the front," said Truong. "The look I go for is effortless, a little disheveled, but definitely put together."

He got his inspiration from Junsu Kim, Se7en, and Chace Crawford.

Although many do not seem to have a problem with all the arising hair trends, many others feel the need to make it known that they find it odd.

"People look, look away, double take, then stare," said Richardson.

The majority of people that do not know her will do this. She stays cool by putting on her sunglasses and pretending not to notice.

"They don't have to wear it, so oh well," said Richardson.

Samantha Winiarski, Div. 479, has two pink strands in her naturally blonde hair. Although most of the comments she gets are positive, she knows that many others judge her for her hair.

"A lot of people don't understand why I, or any other person, would want to dye their hair like this," said Winiarski. "I actually think it's fun and it's my way to look different."

Nicole Kerrigan, Div. 259, used to dye her hair a different color every month and is currently a "rock n' roll red" head. Last summer, while on vacation, a little girl pointed at her and said "look at that girls hair mommy!"

"Her mom took her hand and told her not to point at crazy people," said Kerrigan. "It was pretty funny. Reactions like that are my favorite."

The harshest comment Kapka received was "it looks trashy and ugly". She responded by smiling, saying "thank you," and walking away.



Autumn Kapka, Div.154, a natural brunette, has opted for a fiery red.

"My dad always taught me to be myself and not to care what others think," said Kapka.

Whether they get their inspiration from celebrities or are just trying to set themselves apart, people who embrace all of these "crazy" styles realize that it is just a fun, fresh way of showing others a little bit of who they are.

Sporting beards a look Lane men still growing into

By Max Albekier

Meet Guy Reynolds, Div. 155. He gets up, takes a shower, brushes his teeth, and shaves his beard daily.

This strapping young lad has got the personality, the strength, and the ability to make a thousand peach fuzzed boys jealous.

The beard has long been known as a sign of male dominance. As teenage boys hit puberty they often will shave more frequently in hopes of making their facial hair grow faster. That does not prove to be a problem for Reynolds.

"I have to shave on a daily basis or else I get the five o'clock shadow at three thirty," Reynolds said. "It really depends on my mood. Some days I love the beard, other days I want to tear it off

my face."

Reynolds is not the only teen who has a serious case of manliness.

"Thanks to my ability to grow facial hair I can style it to whatever look I am going for," said Tarenpreet Sikh, Div. 266. "I can leave just a moustache, or have a goatee or even sport the full face beard if I choose to."

Not everyone finds facial hair as enjoyable as the males who sport them.

"Personally I hate them. They look scummy, unprofessional, and they are itchy when you kiss your boyfriend," said junior, Hope Basil, Div. 354. "I prefer a guy who is clean shaven and does not look like a lumberjack."

"I love guys with beards," said Autumn Kapka, Div. 153. "Men who sport them look older, tougher and have that 'true man not afraid to get

dirty' look about them. I just find a scruffy man much more attractive."

Beards have their perks, but they also come with some setbacks.

"It is easier to get into shows and clubs," Reynolds said. "But (the beard) gets extremely sweaty. I get food crumbs stuck in it all the time and I even have to shampoo and condition the beard when it is longer just to keep it soft and from scratching me too much."

Then there are the kids who just have not quite made it yet.

"Do I wish I could grow a beard? Hell yeah!" said sophomore Jimmy Angsten. "It would be sweet and I would look like such a champ. All the girls would love it too."

Unfortunately for Angsten he is a late bloomer. Standing only five foot two inches, and 100

pounds, it is a future that feels distant.

"I can't grow one right now," Angsten said. "But when I can, I'm going to make sure it's the coolest beard anyone has seen. I have always wanted one, but right now it's just not happening for me."

"I used to always want a beard," Reynolds said. "I would shave everyday hoping that it would grow back faster. I tried everything and it did not work. Then one day at the beginning of freshman year it took off. I hit puberty and I was a peach fuzzed freshman no more."

"I could sneak out to lunch without a worry. I even looked older than most juniors and seniors," Reynolds said. "The one time I did get caught by the security guards I was able to weasel my way out of it because the beard made me look older. The beard saved my life."

Lollapalooza sparks musical buzz for summer break

By Agnes Chrzanowska

Summer in Chicago is defined in various ways. Some would argue it is the endless beach days out by Lake Michigan where playing in the sand and showing off summer beach bodies is perfectly acceptable. Others would say it is the continuous movement in the heart of Downtown, day and night.

Although most people might boast about what Chicago naturally offers, Sara Spalding, Div. 271, thinks Lollapalooza is what sums up Chicago summers.

"You feel so proud to be a Chicagoan when you're leaving Lollapalooza," she said. "The streets are flooded with people and the cars can't drive and it makes you remember how amazing your city is."

Every summer Chicago hosts a music festival called Lollapalooza. There are over 100 bands that perform over the span of three days ranging from heavy metal to dance music. The definition of the word 'lollapalooza' is an extraordinary or unusual thing, person, or event.

According to Kevin Pozos, Div. 158, the actual definition of the word stays true even for the festival. When asked about Lollapalooza all he could say was, "Amazing." He thought the entire concert was much different than anything else.

In 2010 he went mainly to see Lady Gaga, who was one of the headlining artists that year. Pozos said the fans at Lollapalooza were very dedicated to their favorite artists.

"All these people were in costumes, all Gaga inspired. We were the first ones in line since five in the morning," Pozos said. "When [the gates] finally opened everybody ran to the Gaga stage. There were people in full-out leather costumes or just in their underwear, some ran in heels."

Despite the uncomfortable heels and clothing under the summer sun, people did not show their potential frustration.

"The people were extremely friendly. [They] were sharing everything like water and we all just talked. We were all complete strangers," Pozos said. "They kept dancing throughout the whole day. The music just over-fills you. It's insane."

Spalding could easily disagree with Pozos. She thought the fans had an obvious downside.

"The majority of people at Lolla were [rude]," she said.

Spalding gave some advice to avoid these people.

"Go to [Katy] Perry's stage if you don't want to be snapped at for touching someone. I mean, isn't that what happens at concerts?"

she said.

Spalding managed to look past the inconsiderate fans and enjoy the festival.

"I was front row for Slightly Stoopid which was amazing. I also saw Gaga, MGMT, Matt and Kim, Cypress Hill, Flossy... et cetera."

Spalding went to all three days of Lollapalooza and was able to experience the festival to the fullest. Though, she did not have to pay for the pricey tickets.

"My friend's dad bought them for me. I didn't have a job at the time but I have some cash flow now so I'll probably buy a three day this year," she said.

According to Spalding, getting into Lollapalooza has a loophole.

"It's beyond easy to sneak in," she said.

Lollapalooza is known to have a great population of fans that sneak in by hopping the fences that surround the event grounds. Groups of people crowd together and hop the fences together and then run for it. Some people take one for the team and get caught by security while the rest go enjoy the day and the money they just saved. Though, Spalding knows of an easier and less frightening way.

"Just ask one of your friends to borrow you their wristband," she said. "You can just slip it off if [security] puts it on loose enough or you can cut and tape it [back together]. I know a lot of people who did it last year."

Spalding is not the only person to be aware of this method of sneaking in. In fact, Dylan Woelfle, Div.170, has had some hands-on experiences.

"Since I had a bracelet, I would just fold it up and put it in the battery slot of my phone and give it to security and say, 'Yo, can you give this to my friend, I don't want to lose [my phone] in the crowd,' and then [my friend] would get the phone, tape the bracelet on, and just walk in," Woelfle said.

Sneaking people into Lollapalooza might sound simple, but there are flaws that many people might not know about.

"If the bracelet gets scanned more than once they know something sketchy is going on and they probably won't let you in," he said. "We had to walk around the whole Lolla vicinity to a new door which was a pain. It took too long."

He ended up missing quite a few performances because he was trying to help his friends out. Though he was still able to savor the



Lollapalooza crowds are huge and boisterous. Crowd-surfing is a common sight at the summer music festival.

rest of his time there.

"It's common for you to find cool people that you can hang out with," Woelfle said. "The further back you go [in the crowd] the more relaxed the vibe is. It will be packed like a normal show, up until a certain point. Then there will be picnics and people setting up camp where there is more space."

For some, the big crowds are a pleasure. Faris Zahrah, Div. 254, is one of the people who enjoys it. He has not yet been to Lollapalooza but has big plans to attend this year.

"[The crowds] are a part of what makes it 'Lollapalooza'," he said. "It's never as fun as a concert that is packed with everyone having a good time."

A good time is exactly what it will be, as Zahrah referred to the concert as a three day party.

"I don't plan on sleeping much that weekend. It's going to be one of the highlights this summer," he said.

With bands ranging from Eminem to Flogging Molly to Deadmau5, everyone is bound to find something that will make their bodies move in the summer sun.

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Fashion trends embraced by students

By Luis Rios

Lane might not have a fashion class, but that is no reason why students cannot make the hallways their very own catwalk. Through various clothing items such as the enchanting cardigan and captivating patterns, students modeled this past school year's trends.

Although the cardigan, a sweater typically buttoned on the front, emerged in France in the 17th century, its popularity reached all the corners of the world. In the most recent seasons, we have seen the revival of the cardigan as a must have in everyone's closet. Cecilia Solis, Div. 377, profoundly fell in love with the cardigan trend.

"I just adore the cardigan because you can wear it in many different ways," Solis said. "My favorite way to wear the cardigan is to top it over a cute blouse and leave it unbuttoned."

Solis also claims that the cardigan is not only a piece to compliment a outfit, but also very convenient.

"Cardigans are cute, comfortable, and warm," said Solis.

Jocelyn Rivas, Div. 361, believes that the cardigan is a sweater trend that will stay with us for a long time.

"Cardigans are an essential to one's closet. Not only are they comfortable, but they are so versatile when deciding what to wear it with," said Rivas.

The cardigan has proved to be not just the perfect sweater of the season for the ladies, but for men as well. Francisco Padron, Div. 466, claims that the cardigan has had a great impact on men's fashion this last couple of seasons.

"The cardigan is the perfect sweater for a guy because it can effortlessly transform your outfit from casual to classy. I usually throw a cardigan over a plaid shirt for the ultimate casual look," Padron said.

While the cardigan proved to be the perfect sweater, boots persisted as the dominant type of shoe this past school year. Last winter season, high-heeled ankle boots or "booties" as some may call them, dominated as the favorite shoe

for ladies. Jeanette Martinez, Div. 178, rocked her "booties" all winter long.

"My black booties were short-heeled, but they had some adorable black pom-poms on the sides. Booties allowed me to be conscious of the cold weather while being fashionable," said Martinez.

While booties caused great sensation, they could not have gone alone. Sunkeum Lee, Div. 265, carefully picked what she wore with her booties.

"To compliment my booties, I wore a pair of dark wash jeans to make me look slimmer," said Lee.

As the bootie frenzy continued, military inspired clothing also made its own unique debut. Padron eagerly followed the military trend.

"[Clothes] inspired by military boots and shirts were really in, especially in men's fashion these past seasons. Military inspired clothing offered formal cuts and designs that were just sexy," said Padron.

Although the military trend was big in men's fashion these past seasons, it was inevitable for military clothing to be done with a more chic look for the ladies.

"I wore my dark-brown military boots along with a pair of skinny jeans," Rivas said. "For the finish, I added a heavy dark-shaded scarf to complete a more feminine rebel look."

Another type of shoe that became popular this past school year are canvas shoes such as Vans.

"Canvas shoes are so simple yet so stylish and they are so easy to put on," said

Padron.

With so many trends that emerged these last few seasons, vintage clothing kept its influence over some student's outfits. Some students would go all out to find the perfect vintage item.

"I sometimes shop at second-hand stores for vintage clothing," Padron said. "It's not always easy shuffling through the many racks and piles of clothing, but it is all worth it when you find that special garment that cannot be found anywhere else."

Other students do not have to look much further for vintage clothing than their relative's closets.

"I get my vintage clothing from my mom and aunts," Rivas said. "Last time, I got a dark green dress made out of yarn that was a one of a kind."

As some Lane students look back at the trends in this past school year, they also look forward to what new trends are

about to emerge in the upcoming seasons. Rivas has already begun to organize her wardrobe with the latest trends for this spring and summer season, but she does so by using trends from the previous seasons.

"To find your own individual look, you must play around with your clothing. It might be an ugly piece of clothing, but if you flaunt it perfectly, you can come up with a garment that is unique," said Rivas.



SECOND-HAND STORES: A SLICK WAY TO SAVE MONEY, BE STYLISH

By Sofi Kerpan

A feeling of accomplishment consumes Kailie Stevens, Div. 181, as she exits a store on Monday, May 16, having just purchased a polka dot dress, a Caribbean-themed shirt with postcards of tropical getaways all over it, a Calvin Klein belt, a gold synthetic knit top, and a profanity-adorned t-shirt...all for only \$8. Make that \$8.76 with tax. That's because Stevens was at Unique Thrift Store (Sheridan and Montrose), one of the biggest thrift shopping chains in Chicago.

Unique, having nine Chicago locations, is a popular spot for Lane students based on its good deals and proximity (there is one on Elston and Kedzie). Every Monday is half-off day: everything in the store is 50% off, a good deal considering the prices are already deflated. Other popular locations for Lane students include the Village Discount on Roscoe, Crossroads Trading Co. (1519 N. Milwaukee Ave.), and Buffalo Exchange (1478 N. Milwaukee), in addition to multiple Salvation Army locations citywide.

"Embrace thrifting. It's not cool to spend tons of money on overpriced clothes, especially during an economic recession," said Cruz.

In addition to cost, thrifting provides a certain indulgence: know-

ing that no one (or almost no one) has the same thing as you. Thrifting is like purchasing originality. At a very reduced price.

The key to walking away with the cheapest, greatest finds is clear: patience, stamina, and solitude.

Weeding through racks and racks of clothes in order to come across those rare winners involves lots of footwork and bicep-burning hanger sliding. And solitude is just a solution for greediness when thrifting.

"I prefer to go thrifting alone so that my friends can't take what I might want. We have similar taste," said Preston Oshita, Div. 178.

With the prices as they are, it is hard to argue with Oshita's possessiveness. On separate occasions, he has thrifted \$400 Bruno Magli shoes for \$2 and brand new Clark's brand shoes for little to nothing.

Shana Lombardo, Div. 461, once thrifted Mui Mui pumps at a regular retail price of

\$565 for \$80, and Josh Gomez, Div. 260, has "copped" a \$300 Tommy Hilfinger blazer for \$0.70 that is "a perfect fit." A pair of vintage Ralph Lauren heels rang up for \$12 for Gena Wojtal, Div. 283, on one thrifting excursion. And a black, Patagonia windbreaker that originally cost \$125, cost Cruz about as much as bus fare.

The designer steals are probably due to ignorance. Often, the stores are not aware of how much they could really charge for the designer labels they hold. In fact, some students, like Jeremy Carr, Div. 374, have taken to flipping the clothes they thrift: they buy them from the thrift stores and then re-sell them to their peers and friends for a more "accurate"



Jenny Schultz, Div. 365, shows off an outfit she scored at her local thrift store.

price. Carr uses Facebook as his own personal bazaar. On the evening of May 16th, he advertised a stitched Denver Nuggets throwback jersey in a webcam photo of himself holding the jersey. His asking price was \$50, although he paid only \$15 for it originally.

Despite personal profit and designer steals, there are still many reservations about thrifting one's clothing. Many students are concerned about the fit of thrifted clothes. Often times, the thrift stores lack dressing rooms. Guys cannot usually find pants or jeans at thrift stores based on an outdated style of fit. But they can stick to a promising criteria defined by Luis Cruz, Div. 167.

"Dress shirts, button-up shirts, sweatshirts, crewnecks, hoodies, and cool-looking tees that aren't too bogus and don't have holes."

For girls, there are more options, as long as it fits. Even if it doesn't, some girls alter the clothing when they get home with scissors, a needle, and thread. They'll cut

skirts shorter, or cut the sleeves off a t-shirt.

But first and foremost is the questionable whereabouts of the clothing before it landed in a thrift store. Who owned it? Hygiene.?

"My mom is a germophobe. She says all the clothes are dead kids' clothes," said Maryam Muhammad, Div. 351, explaining why she hasn't thrifted as of yet.

But the aesthetic and financial payoff seems far too much for most, and often a wash or two in a hot cycle with extra doses of Tide detergent will do.



Unique Thrift Store on Elston & Kedzie is known for its 50% off Mondays.

Recession fuels creativity with DIY fashion

By Vivian Troche

The DIY (do it yourself) craze is alive and well thanks to the recession. From news segments, to magazine/newspaper how-tos, to DIY blogs and youtube channels - there is a project out there for everyone. The digital era has made it easy to connect with people around to world, and millions of people are taking advantage. All you have to do is Google "DIY fashion blogs" and around 125,000,000 results pop up.

My favorite DIY projects are fashion ones, from neon faceless watches to insanely easy wrap dresses. Whenever I read a new DIY fashion post I want to run to Joann's and go on a craft shopping spree. Granted, I barely start (let alone complete) any of these projects, but some ideas are so compelling I put them on a list of projects to try when I get a chance. These are a few projects that are topping my list right now:

1.Neon No-time Watches: I first saw this on the "A Pair And A Spare" fashion blog. It seems simple enough. You start off with thrifted watches and spray paint them neon colors. I actually like the look (even though you can no longer tell what time it is).

2. DIY Wrapped Jersey Skirt: This project was also from the "A Pair And A Spare" fashion blog. She has a lot of different wrap style projects on her blog that you should check out, but I think this looks easiest. She has a video on how to wrap the fabric properly, and Voila, you have a new skirt. I have a feeling that this would take a few times to master, but it looks worth it.

3. DIY Boho Bejeweled Headband: This one is from meganhearts-makeup's Youtube channel. I love the way this headband looks, and you would have to spend a pretty penny to buy it already made. This is a simple first project if you have never completed one before. It won't take longer than an hour at most, and everyone will ask where you got it.

4.DIY Ruffle Necklace: This project is from Creature Comforts and I love it. It is so versatile because you can pick the fabric, pendants, etc. You make the necklace your own, and absolutely no one will have the same exact necklace as you.

As the school year comes to an end and the homework dies down, this is the perfect time to create some unique and affordable pieces for summer.



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Above: Jersey fabric becomes a chic wrap skirt. Right: a DIY ruffle necklace.



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NEW PIRATES MOVIE LEAVES FANS THRILLED BUT HOPING FOR NO MORE

By Katarzyna Barnak

Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me... as I joined Jack Sparrow on his new adventure in the fourth installment of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* saga. Although the film was quite decent, I hope *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* will be the last sequel to the hit franchise. This does not necessarily mean that *On Stranger Tides* was a bad film, but it seemed a little forced.

This movie is different from its three predecessors, which gave it some sense of originality. However, there are limits as to how many times Jack Sparrow can escape and to how many islands he can scavenge. The second and third movie were filmed back to back and shared the same plot, whereas the fourth has a fresh, new plot. This time the storyline is that the irresistible Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) is in search of Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth. He escapes prison only to find out that someone is impersonating him and recruiting crew members. He is later imprisoned again by Blackbeard (Ian McShane), the notorious pirate of the seven seas. Angelica (Penelope Cruz), Blackbeard's daughter, who was recently reunited with her father, wants Jack to help them find the Fountain of Youth so that she can have more time to spend with her old father. Angelica secretly promises Jack to give him back The Black Pearl (the ship he was Captain of) in exchange for his assistance. The side plot here, is that Angelica and Jack have a romantic past. But before Jack finds the fountain he has to hunt down Ponce de Leon's goblets and a mermaid's tear. Sound easy enough? Think again. The mermaids in this film are nothing remotely



close to Ariel from *The Little Mermaid*. They lure sailors with their beautiful voices and pull them in to the depths of the ocean. On top of this, Jack has to beat Captain Barbossa (now a privateer of the British navy) and the Spanish fleet, to the eternal waters.

This film has had its share of criticism, mainly due to the fact that Orlando Bloom and Kiera Knightly did not return for the roles of Will Turner and Elizabeth Swan (which was the love story of the first three movies). However, their plot has been replaced by Jack's spicy relationship with Angelica. The two have a history together and it appears that they might have even been engaged. Now they must work out their true feelings. Also, new characters include, Phillip (Sam Claflin), the young clergyman who is the only morally correct person in the movie. This is the biggest problem I have with this flick, all the characters are egoists, liars, cheats, and scoundrels. It's hard to root for any of them, even Jack, if they backstab each other. Considering this is a Disney film, I don't think it is sending out the right message. For example, when Jack is imprisoned by Blackbeard, he tells him that

Angelica is not really his daughter only is faking it. With lies he hopes to gain authority's favor. Jack also keeps switching sides, so he cannot be labelled as a completely good character.

Overall, the film is exhilarating with exceptional special effects. I somewhat regret not seeing it in 3D because there are cannon balls flying and palm tree sling shots that are shooting at the audience which would have added to the special effect experience if seen in 3D. Jack Sparrow makes a phenomenal escape from the King's palace by jumping out windows, climbing ropes, balancing on two burning carriages etc. The most impressive part about this is that Johnny Depp executed the stunts himself and not a stunt double. I admire Depp's enthusiasm and devotion to his role. According to Yahoo, Depp has said he would be glad to reprise the rple as long as the movies are still being made.

Another fun fact is that all the costumes were authentic, meaning if they were laced, they were laced. If they didn't have any buttons they didn't have any buttons. Sometimes, in these sort of timely films, the costumes designers want to make it easier on themselves and the actors and add velcro to garments to make putting them on easier. However, *On Stranger Tides* as well as all the previous films had their actors wear actual pirate gear. Penny Rose, the costume designer also made some tweaks to Sparrow's ensemble of clothes. Jack has an extra string of beads hanging from his head scarf which did not appear in the earlier films. This, as well as the tiny "X" scar under his right eye is not explained in the movie, which adds a little mystery. I just hope it does not mean that the producers are planning to reveal this mystery with another sequel. Too much of pirates can never be good for you.



Born This Way tops charts as Gaga opens up to her fans

By Kevin Pozos

One of our generation's most anticipated albums, *Born This Way*, exceeds all hype. It broke countless records, becoming the #1 album worldwide in over 23 countries in less than six hours. Entrancing listeners with Euro dance beats, stocked with powerful pop ballads, slaying with its enormous bass, and charging forward with a strong battle cry, it is surprising, but Gaga has finally outdone herself.

Lady Gaga's third album sets itself apart from others by being everything that pop isn't, or shouldn't: dance beats with a message.

Born This Way begins with an ode to the love of Gaga's life: New York City. The intro to this introductory song sounds like a morbid version of

Here Comes the Bride as Gaga gets her Whitney Houston on, and by the time she chants that she'll "marry the night" for the third time, the party really starts, and doesn't take a break. The song follows Gaga not wanting to assimilate into the Hollywood scene and wanting to stay a New York City gal, but it reflects deeper as it goes on, moving you to seize your time and never let your moment go.

Her simple lyrics are deeper than one would assume. Masked by the shallowness of pop, they drive deep. I like to call her Shakespeare with a glitter pen. Quote me. Her heavy biblical references are often misconstrued on tracks like *Judas*, *Bloody Mary* and *Black Jesus † Amen Fashion*. On *Judas*, (her second single from *Born This Way* and her most controversial) she belts out a story of how she has fallen for a man who constantly wrongs her, but she cannot help but love him. *Bloody*

Mary, a slow, yet head bobbing, biblical track, is one of the harder tracks to seep into. *Black Jesus † Amen Fashion* is about how being spiritual and accepting is as easy as putting on clothes.

She even pushes the political envelope with the track *Americano*, one of Gaga's best songs to date. Based on California's Prop 8 and Arizona's anti-immigration laws, this techno-mariachi-pop hit is outstanding.

Every song is written and produced by Gaga with the help of Fernando Garibay and Chicago's own DJ WhiteShadow. Any song on *Born This Way* could be a personal anthem since the album was written entirely for her die-hard fans, her "Little Monsters." The album has a confidence that takes away any insecurities you possess. It reminds you to be you and that you are loved for who you truly are.... because you were born that way.



Yindee serves good food at great prices

By Nicole Jacobs

If you are a huge fan of Asian cuisine and basically love trying different styles of food, stop by Yindee to grab a bite to eat. Yindee is a Thai/Japanese cuisine restaurant located in Roscoe Village at 1824 W. Addison (right next to the Brown Line stop). It is a short walk from Lane and is a cute, little restaurant with delicious food.

I have constantly run by Yindee several times in the past without noticing it until one day I glanced at the restaurant and saw the menu posted on the window. As soon as I saw what types of food they cook, I immediately decided to visit. After Italian cuisine, Thai food is my favorite type of food to eat.

From the outside looking in, I noticed that Yindee was completely empty, except for the workers. My friend and I were a bit hesitant to enter because of this, but we decided to give it a shot.

As soon as we stepped inside, I immediately noticed the small, but well-decorated restaurant. I love the decor of Yindee. It incorporates an Asian inspired style with a modern twist. The overall design of the restaurant is sleek, with a touch of sophistication. It has a calm, Zen feeling due to the trickling sounds of tiny, electric stone waterfalls and fountains. Many bamboo plants, white orchids, and other flowers help to create the beautiful arrangement of the restaurant. The lighting is dim, the music is peaceful, and the tables and seats are comfy due to cushioned benches and chairs. The restaurant is not crowded or loud, it is definitely my type of place to eat.

I figured if Yindee is that inviting, their food would probably be delicious to go along with the restaurant as a whole. My friend and I did not splurge and order everything on the menu (even though we wanted to).



However, the dishes we did order were tasteful.

I did not try any of the Japanese dishes, but the Thai dishes were yummy. The first dish we tried was an appetizer called crab rangoon. I have had crab rangoon before from different restaurants and the one at Yindee was just as appetizing. I love how the crab meat and cream cheese is perfectly wrapped in a moist, warm wonton wrapper.

The next dish I tried is by far my favorite Thai dish. Pad Siew are wide noodles with egg and broccoli. The dish was perfectly seasoned and the broccoli and noodles were cooked to perfection. However, Yindee did not beat out my favorite place to eat Pad Siew which is at Jess Cafe located on the Northwest side. Yindee's take on Pad Siew was still delicious nonetheless.

Pad Thai, the last dish I tried, was prepared the same way my family's restaurant cooks Pad Thai. It had a similar taste and sweetness to its structure. Pad Thai is a thin noodle dish cooked with tofu, egg, peanut, and beansprout. The flavor from the lime adds the perfect citrus taste to complete the dish.

Something that I like about Yindee is that their portions are just right. They do not put too little food on the plate, but at the same time they do not overload it. Another thing I love about Yindee is their sushi bar. I am a huge fan of sushi and the sushi bar in their restaurant has a quartz tile with pretty lighting effects. Their entire restaurant is inviting and their food is delicious.

The owners are super friendly and helpful. They are probably some of the sweetest waiters I have met. I can see myself visiting Yindee again in the future. The service is great and the food was prepared quickly with almost no wait. The dishes I tasted were sweet, savory, and inexpensive. Overall, I recommend Yindee for anyone who enjoys good food. It is a great place to spark one's taste buds.

Ipsento takes the cup for best coffee

By Harina Dzebic

In a world of Starbucks and Seattle's Best, it is refreshing to go to an actual coffee shop - one where the coffee is served in a mug with a complementary leaf or heart shaped foam. For someone who does not like coffee at all, I keep going back to Ipsento for more Nutella Mocha.

Prices for coffee range from \$3 to \$5. Other than the Nutella Mocha, Ipsento has the traditional Mocha, Drip Coffee, the Macchiato, the Cortado, the Cappuccino, the Traditional Cappuccino, the Americano, the Latte, the au Lait, the Clever Brew, and tea along with eight varieties of smoothies including the Forbidden Fruit.

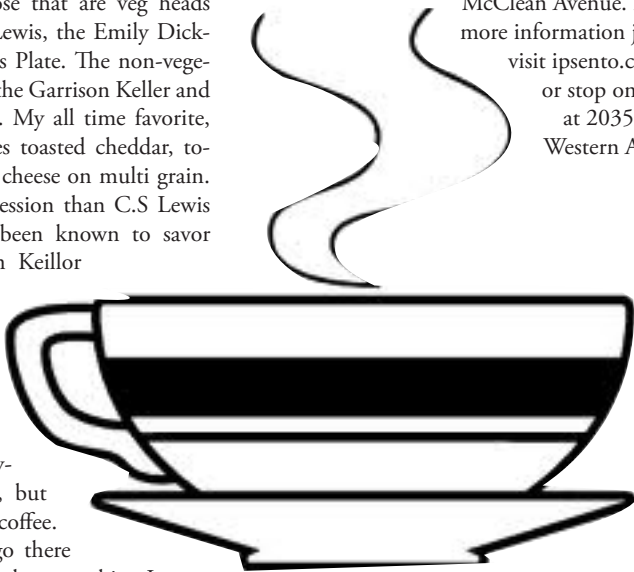
The sandwiches and lunch specials can be a bit over-priced but are still worth it. For a very common food, their sandwiches are definitely unlike any other. Those that are veg heads might enjoy the C.S Lewis, the Emily Dickinson, or the Hummus Plate. The non-vegetarians might also like the Garrison Keller and the F. Scott Fitzgerald. My all time favorite, the C.S Lewis, features toasted cheddar, tomato, basil and cream cheese on multi grain. It leaves a better impression than C.S Lewis himself. People have been known to savor the decadent Garrison Keillor with turkey, cheddar, apple, avocado, and greens with honey mustard on multi-grain.

The price is fairly reasonable and everything is worth trying, but Ipsento excels in its coffee. I probably wouldn't go there just for the food or for the smoothies. It is the coffee that really makes me want to sit down and relax. No other place makes coffee

like Ipsento and the taste is definitely different from Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks. If you are ever in the mood for a truly original hole-in-the-wall, Ipsento is the best place to go. It is unlikely that you will forget the great coffee or super friendly staff.

Ipsento continues its literary obsession with various books adorning its walls and Scrabble games on the tables. The family time games like Monopoly really make it feel like home. Various photographs from local artists decorate the walls alongside broken doors and windows that have been repainted. Stepping into Ipsento's upstairs lounge is sort of like stepping into your crazy aunt's house. It's quirky and eclectic, yet surprisingly comfy.

It is the perfect place to work or just relax without interruptions like people talking on their phones, and best of all it is only a few blocks from Lane since it is conveniently located by the Western Brown line at McClean Avenue. For more information just visit ipsento.com or stop on by at 2035 N. Western Ave.



Boys' Varsity Track take City title by a landslide for sixth year in a row

By Aleks Pavlovic

Lane's Boy's Varsity Track team won the city title for the sixth straight time on May 6th, 2011, with 91 points. Calumet placed a distant second with 53 points.

David Timlin, Div. 275, was one of the juniors who helped carry Lane to the top. Timlin placed first in the open 800 meter run, second in both the mile and the two mile, and his team placed first in the 4X800.

"Almost all of the guys who scored are coming back to compete next year, so it's almost guaranteed that we're winning next year too," said Timlin. "There were only three seniors who ran in city.

We got this."

Eduardo Bustamonte won first with Timlin in the 4X800 and wishes that more people give running the respect it deserves.

"Many people think that running isn't a sport," said Bustamonte. "It is, and it's hard. It feels good knowing that I contributed to our team's success, especially because there weren't many seniors qualifying."

Bustamonte appreciates the time he spent running with his teammates and thinks that track allowed him to create strong friendships.

"When you run you share a common experience and you talk. Even though a lot of people don't like running, we like it because we have our buddies next to us."

Kevin Eichie, Div. 185, has been on the track team since his freshman year and competed in the 4X100 relay as well as the 4X200. Eichie placed fourth in the 4X100 and third in the 4X200, and believes that Lane will do well in the upcoming State Championships.

"I love our team," said Eichie. "Some of my closest friends run track, and being together from January to May gets us really tight. I think we have the chance to do great at State."

At sectionals, the 4X400 team, which includes Matt Bougher, Tony Abreu, Kevin Perez, and David Timlin, qualified for State. The 4X800 team also qualified, as well as David Timlin for the 800.

Coach Roof is proud of his winning team and

the growth that they continue to achieve each year.

"We like beating all the teams, but CPS schools always root for each other. Each year the kids get more dedicated. Each year track becomes more popular and more contagious, and it's a positive culture in this school. You don't have to chase kids around to be on time."

With more underclassmen joining track, the team's performance continues to improve and impress competitors each year. The team plans on working hard to maintain their winning streak by doing well at State and taking home future city titles.

70s Hacky Sack fad makes comeback at Lane

By Sofi Kerpan

The 70s were home to many inventions such as roller blades, post-it notes, and liposuction. But few require as little reaction time, as much endurance and as many tiny plastic beads as Hacky Sack. In 1972 Oregon, John Stalberger's creative method of regaining flexibility after knee surgery (kicking around a handmade bean bag) was the brainchild of the invention of this modern sport formally known as "footbag."

So what is the difference between Hacky Sack and footbag? Fundamentally, nothing. Stalberger sold the rights for the Hacky Sack footbag to Wham-O, Inc. (they also manufacture the Frisbee flying disk) (in the 80s). Footbag refers to the sport itself, while Hacky Sack can sometimes refer to a casual game of kicking the footbag in a circle. But according to footbag.org, this is a misnomer. The most advanced footbag players call casual circles either "kicking" or "shredding". And ironically, Wham-O has been called the worst manufacturer of quality footbags.

The Lane Hacky Sack hearth is by M after school.

Members of Mr. Sweet's division (Div. 185) play on a near-daily basis after announcements are made. Though admittedly amateurs, Eduardo Bustamonte, Div. 185, supplies the Hacky Sack,

and five or six regular players form the circle almost every day as a way of passing time until first period. Sweet played hacky sack in high school himself. He often joins in and plays during division when he isn't busy.

"Sweet doesn't teach us anything. He's just a show off," said Rolando Pinto, Div. 185.

"He taught us the Scorpion, where you kick behind you," said Eduardo Bustamonte, Div. 185.

The Boys Water Polo team finds time to play the game sometimes, too.

"We play for fun, usually like before or after a game when were sitting around doing nothing, and Coach Reid will occasionally jump in and play with us," said team member, Matt Gullickson, Div. 365. "Our best time is probably around 3:10-3:15ish."

Coach Reid Strellner has somewhat of an advantage. He is a nationally ranked footbag player.

Strellner began playing in high school as a social hobby, but soon mastered the basic kicks and delays that can be seen in any Hacky Sack circle.

"I assumed that was as good as it gets. That was a very wrong assumption on my part," said Strellner.

He heard about a local footbag competition, thinking he was going to blow people's minds. It turned out to be the opposite.

"The players that were there were

doing tricks I had never thought possible and I was in awe," said Strellner. "I played with them the rest of the competition, learning as much as I could. We exchanged contact information to meet up for later practice sessions, and they told me about footbag.org, the official website for the sport."

Since then, the water polo coach has competed at both the national and international level. His "claim to fame" was in 2009, when he was ranked fourth in the nation after competing in the U.S. National Championships.

"I also competed at the World Championships last year, but unfortunately I didn't impress enough to make it out of the first round," he said. "I'm trying to plan my trip to the World Championships this summer in Helsinki Finland, and I'm really hoping I will be able to clear my schedule to be able to go."

Today, the official World Footbag Association record is 1,415 kicks within 10 minutes (10-Minute Timed Double Pass), 132,011 kicks within 20 hours and 34 minutes (Open Doubles Footbag Consecutive), and the largest footbag circle consisted of 946 people in 2001.

So, according to Strellner, what is the key to the game?

"Not letting the footbag drop is always a good thing."

Lane junior only Chicago player to makes Team Illinois football

By Kelly Sineni

Rosario "Ro" Bonner, Div. 257, was announced in March as a wide receiver for the Team Illinois football squad. He heard about the tryouts from his trainer in Lake Barrington.

"Since I was working with him, he

brought me to the try outs.

After two try-outs I made the team. Forty-five

guys showed up to tryouts. 21

quarterbacks and 24 position

players. The try-outs were a lot

of footwork and running routes."

Not only did

Bonner make the team, he is the only

player from CPS on the team.

"No Chicago guys. They're from Wil-

mette, Geneva, Lakes, Waconda. The

suburbs," Bonner said.

Bonner has been playing football

since he was seven, and got his start

at Highridge Park. Being a part of the

team gives Bonner the chance to play

with kids who are at his same skill level

in an arena that also gives him expo-

sure for a hopeful collegiate career.



"I'm going to Eastern Michigan for an eight team tournament. When we play, there are college recruiters there. So I draw a lot of attention to myself. You get a lot of exposure," Bonner said.

Bonner also went to a camp called Elite 11 at Ohio State University, which was sponsored by Nike, and covered by ESPN.

The first tournament for Team Illinois was in Eastern Michigan and Team Illinois won all eight games of the tournament. Although they did well there, at the Chicago invitational tournament was a different story.

"Chicago invitational is two Pennsylvania teams, two Michigan teams, and a team from Iowa. We didn't have any starters. We lost to both Pennsylvania teams. But now it's back to Michigan. It's always easier to compete away."

The guys are able to play without the pressure of family and friends watching. They feel more confident, and even get a little cocky.

"Bring that swag. Team Illinois makes noise when we're away!" Bonner said.

Lane LAX Bros prove stereotype made popular by Youtube video

By Ben Palmer

If one travels the crowded halls of the High School habitat, one is bound to notice great variety in the students that inhabit the facility. One creature in specific stands out to the trained eye: The Lax Bro.

A member of the Jock family, the Lax Bro is most unique in that it is able to have a standard sense of fashion, despite geographic difference. That is to say, the east-coast Lax Bro is quite similar to the mid-western Lax Bro.

The Lax Bro, while similar to other members of the Jock family, can be easily discerned due to its typical physical appearance. A "lax pinny," a type of basic athletic tank top for men, and some "stellar shades" often make up the primary indicators of a Lax Bro.

It should be noted that Lax Bros are indeed a unique genus within the Jock family. Not acknowledging this openly could result in conflict. Do not mix up a Lax Bro for a football player or another genus within the Jock family. Further indications of a Lax Bro include mid-

calf socks, a backwards hat, and "flow." The term "flow" refers to the long hair that Lax Bros let grow free on their heads.

Similar to other members of the Jock family, there are many activities that remain hidden from the primary predator of the Lax Bro, the High School Administrator.

It has been reported on several occasions that Lax Bros "party hawrd." The spelling of "hawrd" has been confirmed by Lax Bro Patrick O'Connell, Div. 182. It could be said then that the party is the secondary habitat to the Lax Bro, outside the field. This is a trait shared with many members of the Jock family with few exceptions (See: Tennis).

While in their secondary habitat, the Lax Bro has been known to eat anything available, including copious amounts of junk food. Lax Bros are, however, "conditioned like track runners," despite their party diet.

Should the Lax Bro require music during down time, Mac Miller or Kings of Leon are reportedly good picks. Additionally "whatever's in style, just so we can keep with the times," is sufficient according to O'Connell, captain of Lane's Varsity Lacrosse Team. Lax Bros have also been known to enjoy That '70s Show, and movies that are "funny and chill," but not "sappy," according to Sagadin.

Sagadin also says that unlike other Jocks, the Lax Bro is more laid back and "chill."

Julian Cooper, a Lincoln Park Lax Bro, noted that the Lax Bro is often likely to engage in a "bromance" or a non-sexual romantic bonding with another male. The field of Bromantic Studies has yet to receive much attention.

A great deal of academia has focused instead on the uncanny ability of the Lax Bro to maintain a national identity that has little discontinuity despite geographic distribution. Simply put: All Lax Bros seem quite similar, everywhere!

Some have attributed this to the popularity of a video on the website Youtube, in which the natural habits of the Lax Bro are carefully documented.

This all-encompassing piece of research is known as



"The Ultimate Lax Bro" and is acknowledged by many Lax Bros to be their "personal biography."

The sub-species of Lax Bro depicted within the video is from the East Cost, a hotbed of Lax Bros. Abundance of goods (especially expensive goods) can often be directly related to the number of Lax Bros within any given region.

A popular pastime among all bros is "bro-ing out" or "laxing" with fellow bros or maybe even some "lax chicks" or "laxaphinas."

The Lax Chick can be stereotypically aggressive, but there is a great variety within the species. Interactions between the Bro and Chick usually resemble those between two Bros, and therefore this relationship requires little academic attention.

The Lax Bro is, indeed, a unique creature. While this study focused on defining a Lax Bro, one must remember that the High School habitat holds hundreds of species of students which cross-breed. A prime example is Cooper, of the Lincoln Park Lax Bros. Cooper is a Bro, but also a Theater Geek, of the Culture Snob family.

Despite these cross-breeds, it is easy to identify a Lax Bro in nature. On the field, just look for a Lax stick. Among their peers, just look for the guy who "pulls the most chicks." Scientifically speaking, that chick magnet is likely a Lax Bro.

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Athlete of the Issue:

Kaleigh Ambrose

Div. 264

Kaleigh Ambrose, a pitcher and shortstop on the Varsity Softball Team, played a crucial role in her team's Regional Championship season. Ambrose, a dual sport athlete, may be the next Lane Softball player to play at the Division I level in college.



Favorites

Movie: Monster in Law

Food: Steak

Store: Victoria's Secret

Musician: Katy Perry

Color: Pink

Class: Architecture

Teacher: Norm Milsap

Sport other than

Softball: Basketball

Warrior: Was it difficult being one of the younger members on Varsity?

Kaleigh Ambrose: Yes, it was tough in the beginning, but I worked very hard to prove that I could play and become a starter.

W: How has this season turned out?

KA: This season has been the best ever. The girls on the team are awesome and we all get along. There are many freshman on this team and they have helped this season turn out better than expected. Our goal now is to win a regional championship. Next year we plan to go down state.

W: What aspects of your other sport (basketball) carry over into softball?

KA: I play basketball because it gets me in shape for softball. It helps me improve my speed, agility, and endurance.

W: Do you plan on continuing playing in college?

KA: Yes, I plan on playing in college. Right now I have an open mind. My goal is to play at a Division I school but I am open for all possibilities. My top choices are Loyola, DePaul, UIC, Parkside Wisconsin, and Eastern Illinois.

W: How long have you been playing and who or what do you credit most of your success?

KA: I have played softball since I was 7 years old. My mom and dad were influential in my development and continue to be a big part of my softball career. I attended pitching lessons for 3 years, which helped me learn pitching mechanics. When I am not playing with Lane, I play over the summer with a travel team called the Oak Park Windmills. I am always practicing no matter what season it is. I have a lot of natural ability that was apparent since I was young. I have always been very strong.

Girls' Soccer wins City again

By Alexandra Alexandru

It is the second half of the 2011 Girls Soccer City Championship and there are 14 seconds left on the clock when Jasmine Carrera scores a second goal for Lane's Varsity Girls' Team, beating Whitney Young 2-0 and taking home the gold. The Girls Soccer City Championship this year gives Lane its first back-to-back winner in 10 years.

After winning City, Girls Varsity went on to play Taft in the State Playoffs and won 8-0. They played Evanston for the Regional Final and lost 0-1, holding a final record of 18-4-1 games this season. However, the team believes they had a great season and winning City was a huge victory.

"We broke records not just in school, but in the city. We were the first team to win a back to back City Championship and Conference Championship in ten years and the only Chicago Public School to beat St. Ignatius," said Ana Hernandez, Div. 275.

"Winning City with my team is such a great accomplishment for me and the team. Being a freshman, I know that I will always look back on that win and say, 'wow that's pretty amazing'," said Harper Albo, Div. 463.

Albo believes that City Finals was the team's most memorable game because it "showed our ability to fight and come out really strong against a strong team."

Albo is the only freshman on the Girls' Soccer Varsity Team and had to work extra hard to make it on varsity.

"It was very hard at first coming into the varsity team as a freshman. I felt like I had to do everything right or else I would get yelled at, but in the end I learned that the team is just trying to help you get better and improve your skills," said Albo.

Varsity coaches Wasielewski and Vale-Suarez believe commitment made all the difference and helped the Girls' Soccer Team win City this year.

"They take soccer very seriously and take pride in their abilities. This is a really committed group of kids," said Wasielewski.

There are also other things that helped the varsity team to win City this year, such as communication between players and raw talent.

"What makes our team successful is the communication we have on and off the field. We get along and all work together for the same goal: to win," said Priscilla Madero, Div. 174, who has been on varsity since her freshman year.

"What helped us succeed is our team chemistry and our goals. At the beginning of each year, our seniors got together and discussed our goals for the year, among which

"They take soccer very seriously and take pride in their abilities. This is a really committed group of kids," said Wasielewski.

was to win City. At practices we worked on our flaws and we always supported one another," said Hernandez.

Hernandez believes that good team chemistry and bonding are big reasons the team got so far this year. According to her, the Girls' Varsity team spends most of their time together, both during practices and out of school. "Everyone gets along with everyone-seniors with our freshman, juniors with sophomores, etc. We are just one big happy family plus coaches," she said.

Albo believes the team's enthusiasm and talent helped them win City this year.

"The team is so enthusiastic and always has a lot of energy to play well all the time. We are always pushing ourselves and getting excited to play. Our coaches are very supportive and make us work hard all the time and I think that's why we've gone so far," said Albo.

Vianey Hernandez, Div. 277, believes that the extra practice the team put in during off-season helped them be successful. According to Wasielewski, the varsity team only had one day of practice especially for City. However, Wasielewski and Vale-Suarez tried to get the players to practice their soccer year-round, not just during soccer season. Most of the players played on club teams and went to soccer camps, conditioning, and an indoor league held at Lane during off-season.

Most of the varsity players have been playing soccer their whole lives, which adds to the team's talent.

"I started playing in AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) when I was four. My dad put me on a team and from there it was just something I really loved to do," said Albo.

"My parents first introduced me to soccer and I would be around it all the time whether it was my cousins or my brother playing," said Hernandez.

For many players, winning City for the second year in a row is just another one of the benefits of being on the team.

"The best part of being on the Varsity Team is knowing that you're part of something special. It's a great feeling to know that you can make new friends, learn from them and their experiences, have fun, and do what you love," said Albo.

"Being on the team this year is special to me because I have been on varsity since my freshman year and I know the coaches and the team well. The first time I won city was my junior year and I'm happy to win the City Championship my senior year as well," said Madero.

Wasielewski believes that the best strategy for success is to "play our absolute best and see how far we can go." According to Wasielewski, it is not only about winning, but about commitment to the team and love for the game.

Lane alum inducted into Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame

By Johnny Stacewicz

In 1942, when he was in 7th grade, Emil Schaefer went to a Lane baseball game to watch star catcher Rocky Boyd play, and then and there he discovered exactly where he wanted to go to high school.

"I actually planned on playing baseball at Lane. Playing basketball was not my plan," said Schaefer.

Nearly 69 years later, on April 30, 2011, Schaefer was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Schaefer was a four-year member of Lane's Varsity Basketball team between 1943-47. Playing both the guard and forward positions Schaefer established himself as one of the top players in the city.

Emil was the oldest of four Schaefer children (2 brothers 1 sister) raised just off of Addison and Western. He attended St. Alphonsus grammar school where he flourished on the diamond rather than the hardwood.

"Originally I played baseball, basketball wasn't too huge," said Schaefer "I didn't get into basketball until I was in eighth grade."

Even after arriving at Lane, Schaefer did not plan on playing basketball. Back in the days when only those with a

Y chromosome roamed the halls, Lane sponsored intramural sports, with each homeroom making a team.

"My homeroom had an intramural basketball team that I joined," said Schaefer "My coach on the intramural team told the basketball coach about me. He came and asked me to play."

He played at the guard position for his first three years before making the switch to forward his senior year, the same year he captained the team. His junior year, Lane won the city championship but his senior year was the one in which he truly shined as a player. In his final season, Schaefer lead his team back to the city final, did not miss a free

throw all season (yeah, not a single one), and proved himself as one of the most clutch players in the city with an array of buzzer beating baskets. Like all the great players, he wanted the ball in his hands when the game was on the line.

"I wanted the ball under pressure," said Schaefer.

His senior season heroics earned him scholarship offers from Loyola, UW Madison, and Depaul. He chose to attend the basketball powerhouse Loyola. As hard as it is to imagine today in the '50s the Ramblers were among the top teams in the country.

"Freshman were not allowed to play on the varsity team [at Loyola], so I played

on the freshman team and we went undefeated my first season," said Schaefer.

Schaefer never got the opportunity to play on the varsity team that won the National Championship the same year he and the freshman team went undefeated. Later that year, Schaefer was drafted into the military.

After spending eight months in Korea, months in which he lost many of those with whom he shared a platoon, he was shipped off to Japan. He spent the next nine months doing his best to avoid the homesickness that was sneaking up on him.

"I coached the basketball team that we had on the base. But I couldn't wait to get home," said Schaefer.

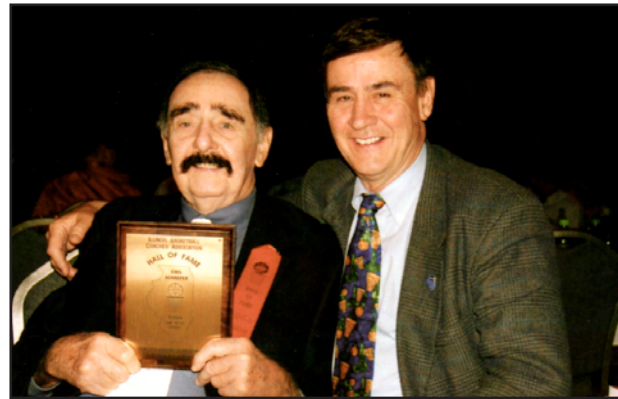
Schaefer got out of the military at the age of 23 and knew the dream of playing professionally was diminishing.

"I would have loved to play [pro basketball] but I was 23 and married when I got out of the military," said Schaefer.

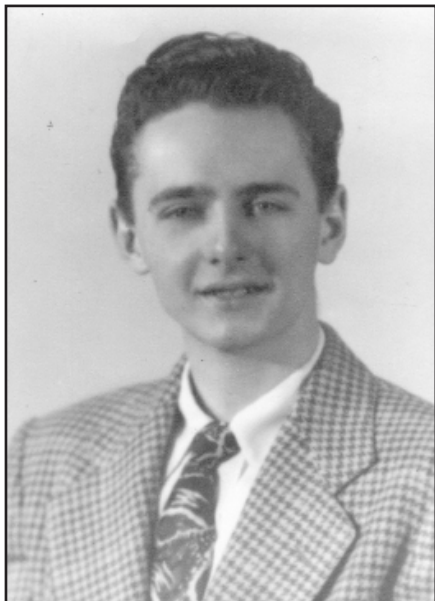
Upon returning from overseas Schaefer began his life with his wife Phyllis, to whom he is still married. He took a job making circuit board prototypes for Motorola. He still managed to keep basketball in his life, playing both recreationally and coaching.

"I formed the AAU team Racin Sports and for about ten years we were the best AAU team in Chicago," said Schaefer.

Ultimately, coaching and refereeing would be what finally got him off the court.



Schaefer (left) with his brother Bill at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony



Emil Schaefer as a senior at Lane

"I decided to become a referee, which I did for 30 years and finally gave it up when I blew my knee out showing an eighth grader how to pivot," Schaefer said. "The pivot ended my basketball career at age 55."

Today he lives in Arkansas with his wife. He still watches basketball and is pulling for his hometown Bulls in the playoffs. He was honored for his basketball skills but will be remembered for the kind of human being he was. Aside from being an incredibly clutch basketball player, he served his country, his community and his family. He and Phyllis have raised six children together all of whom were outstanding athletes.

"We had 4 boys and 2 girls and they all played sports, but none of them played basketball," chuckled Schaefer.

He never pushed the sport on them, but basketball would always be his sport, his stage, his love.