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Lane Stadium Condemned

By Karie Druker

Lane's nearly 70 year-old stadium is crumbling and as of May 22 is officially condemned, leaving the senior class no choice but to graduate at the UIC Pavillion.

The graduation ceremony will still take place June 1 at 7:00 p.m..

On May 23, Dr. LoBosco called an emergency senior meeting after school to inform the class of the change.

"We got the news that [the stadium] was condemned, and then we took a little field trip to UIC," she said. "It seemed like the only option."

A thorough inspection revealed that parts of the stadium are so weak that filling it with people may actually cause the stands to collapse. Initially the administration planned to simply block those areas off and proceed with the ceremony, but this is simply too hazardous to risk.

"The stadium is actually built on a landfill, so the foundation is very weak," said LoBosco. "They told me that we simply cannot fill the stadium with people in [its present] condition."

Those who are optimistic have looked at the positive aspects of holding graduation at UIC. Seniors can now bring six guests each instead of three. The parking facility at UIC is much larger than Lane's with a capacity of

2,500 vehicles, although parking will cost \$10 per car. The ceremony is also indoors, which will relieve concerns about the weather.

Seniors have mixed opinions on the last-minute change to graduation.

"I'm glad it's at UIC. It's inside, and my family can actually come now," said Anthony Woijsal, Div. 789.

"We are Lane Tech, we should graduate at Lane Tech. It's a tradition," said Jeremiah Hatcher, Div. 789.

Although some seniors are disappointed not to be able to graduate in their home stadium, most are understanding of the compromise.

"I understand the need for construction," said Hilda Moreno, Div. 776. "At least [at UIC] my family will be safe."

Construction of the stadium will soon be underway, and the mass renovation necessary to restore it to a safe, usable condition is now scheduled to begin the week after graduation.

It was originally scheduled to start the week of May 15, but the construction was rescheduled to accommodate the graduation ceremony. It was difficult to delay the construction due to the grants and funding involved, and



Lane's cracked stadium walls will soon be knocked down and replaced by a less traditional chain-link fence.

also because the stadium is under the control of the CPS Sports Administration, not Lane itself.

When she realized the seniors would have enough school hours to graduate early, Dr. LoBosco began negotiating with the Sports Administration and the Board of Education in order to reserve the stadium for graduation.

"I spent three weeks emailing them back and forth," she said. "I begged!"

The two eventually compromised, deciding to hold the graduation early and for the construction to begin the following week. At the time neither planned on the stadium being condemned the week before the ceremony.

But the efforts of LoBosco and the rest of the administration to preserve the stadium until graduation were not in vain.

The delay made two other activities possible. If construction had begun when it was originally scheduled the school would not have been able to host the jog-a-thon or the student-faculty softball game, each of which brings in about \$11,000 annually.

Also, because the construction is funded largely by time-restricted grants awarded to the school, it was important to start as soon as possible.

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New movie "The Express" filmed at Lane

By Shannia Sumugat

Lane is going to be in the movies – or at least parts of it will. Many students caught a glimpse of Hollywood when The Express was filmed in Lane's stadium in late April.

The Express, starring Dennis Quaid, Geoff Stults, and Rob Brown, is about the football career of Ernie Davis, the first African American to win the Heisman trophy. Set in the late 1950s and early 60s, most of the movie takes place at Syracuse University, where the young athlete began his career. According to the

production crew, Lane's stadium was an ideal location.

"We needed to find a location that we could easily adapt to," said David Fulton, publicist for The Express. "Lane was the right place for the movie."

Initially the movie production company approached Dr. LoBosco to ask permission to use the stadium and the gym for filming. After some consideration, LoBosco approved and the production crew began moving in their trucks and equipment.

The filming, which lasted several weeks, occupied the stadium and gym. The gym was used as a costume/ makeup area, while the

stadium was used for the actual filming. The crews masked the stadium with orange flags and fake bleachers on the north side. They added elements like simulated fog and massive stadium lights in order to produce the effect of a real football game, and since many of them were evening games the crews often shot at all hours of the night.

"The football stadium and the gym gave off that older feel," said Fulton. "We just had to arrange some things, but other than that, it was terrific."

Many students found it interesting to be so closely related to the production of a movie.

"I thought it was pretty cool because that was the first time I saw a movie studio. I've never been that close to a movie before," said R.J. Santiago, Div.910.

Some were slightly annoyed that occupation of the gym displaced athletic practices.

"We tried to adjust despite all the distractions. It's definitely a big adjustment, but we had no choice," said Boys' Volleyball player Donta Goodwin, Div.750.

Others were upset that the trucks and trailers took up so much space on Rockwell Street.

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Rivalry between Lane, DeVry leads to student fight

By Omar Aguilar

As of late March, Lane students are no longer allowed on DeVry's campus due to a fight that occurred between students from each school.

The fight occurred at the basketball court located by Rockwell Street on DeVry's campus.

According to witnesses, a student was stabbed by the sharp end of an umbrella and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. Now Lane is prohibiting its students from DeVry's campus.

"I was sitting in my boyfriend's car eating lunch and listening to music by the basketball court," said an anonymous senior DeVry

Advantage Academy student. "They were playing basketball and a group of kids came, followed by more. Then I heard girls screaming, some guys fighting, and then people running towards McDonald's."

The fight was a result of an ongoing feud between both groups of students.

"[It] started two weeks earlier at McDonalds. The guys were looking at each other and talking trash. It was male stubbornness," said an anonymous junior.

"[This new rule is in effect] indefinitely. We have no business on [DeVry's] campus, just like they don't have any business on our campus," said Ms. Rice, head of Lane security.

However, some students use DeVry's campus to hang out, or as a shortcut between Rockwell and Roscoe.

"Sometimes I play basketball on [DeVry's] basketball court or football on their parking lot," said Keyur Shah, Div 784.

There are times when students come from different schools on to Lane's campus to meet up with friends. Most students do not think this should be a problem.

"I have a friend who comes [to Lane's campus] from DeVry now and then and we hang out and chill during lunch," said Aldo Gutierrez, Div 763.

"One of my friends goes to Wright College. He comes here all the time," said Joshua Noble, Div

752. "It shouldn't be a threat. He's an alum."

If a student from another school is noticed on Lane's campus, it is considered to be trespassing and their school will be notified immediately.

"We'll take [the violator's] name and information and let their principal know. Sometimes students from Schurz [are] caught on our campus and I'll call their principal," said Ms. Rice.

Lane students who are found on DeVry's campus will also face disciplinary action.

"We have zero tolerance [for fighting]," said Ms. Rice. "This is Lane Tech. We're here to learn and our priority is to make this place safe."

Recent school shootings raise questions about security

By Daniel Castro

In a school with over 4,500 students, not everyone can be thoroughly checked upon entrance. Many students realize that even in the aftermath of recent school shootings nationwide, sneaking in with a weapon is quite easy.

"They can't check everyone," said Tom Hayes, Div. 875. "There's like a billion of us."

Students are quick to point out security loopholes, which might be of concern to some. The student cafeteria in the morning seems to be the school's most vulnerable entryway for anyone with malicious intent.

"The students aren't checked in the morning," said Hayes. "They just pass freely through the metal detectors, into the lunchroom. It's like security doesn't even care."

The cafeteria is filled with students before the school day even begins, with only two security guards present.

"Security should be heightened a little bit," said Arnold Gadia, Div. 766. "What's the point of the metal detectors?"

Others seem to ignore the fact that they are in a school, and brave the rules with the assumption that they will not be caught.

"My friend who graduated carried a small knife everyday but he didn't hurt anyone," said an anonymous junior.

In spite of this, some students said that they were not in harm's way at Lane.

"I feel safe [because] we are two blocks away from the police station," said Mike Bratko, Div. 874. "They should have a fast response time."

However, some students wondered whether or not the school was prepared should a critical emergency occur.

"The school's plan for such disasters should not be a reaction to other events, but instead a procedure that should have already been in place," said Przemek Gaczol, Div. 877.

The school does have a color coded system in place with specific procedures detailing what to do in case of an emergency; although, students acknowledge having never heard of it.

"No student would know what to do because the school has failed in preparing us," said Gaczol.

For safety reasons, only teachers know the specifics behind the crisis plans.

In a recent meeting, teachers were briefed on factors influencing student behavior and crisis

procedures. They were told not to profile students, but rather to stay cautious.

"Most of these kids who have done things don't have any other friends," said LoBosco. "They are not connected to their school, they are bullied. Let's talk to them."

In order to prevent a tragic incident, some students said that singling out people would be good, within reason.

"Profiling to a certain extent would be okay with probable cause," said Gadia.

Lane has also taken better steps towards preparation by keeping close communication with crisis first responders.

"We met with the Area 19 police department. We want to make sure that [they] know what our building looks like," said LoBosco.

Students said the chance of a violent event at Lane is low, and worrying that it could be a possibility should not interfere with their daily lives.

"I'm not going to live in fear just because one guy went crazy," said Piotr Bednarczyk, Div. 868.

Whether or not security procedures are a threat to student safety is still debatable.

Security personnel were reluc-

tant to speak on the record about the subject matter and Ms. Rice was unable to be contacted for comment.

"I've been asked 'can it happen at Lane?'" said LoBosco. "Most of these actions that have taken place happened spontaneously and someone knew about it. If we hear of something we are going to act immediately."

Just days after the Virginia Tech murders, schools nationwide were flooded with threats compromising security forcing some to close. Lane did encounter, nonetheless, some minor incidents.

"We wouldn't call them threats. They were more like troubled kids who were identified and in every single case there was another student [that reported the occurrence]," said LoBosco.

Trust is why most students still feel safe at Lane despite recent tragic events. Students said that they could rely on each other to create a safe environment.

Days after the Virginia Tech murders, the American flag on Lane's front lawn flew at half-staff as a reminder that anything can happen anywhere, at any time.

Letter to the Editor: student defends International Days outfits

To the Writers of The Warrior:

Today Lane Tech recieved *The Warrior* and as always, the stories were good, but one article has gotten many people upset. "Waiting on the World to Change" was offensive to all the dancers and club sponsors of International Nights.

The article focuses ONLY on the girls, flat out calling us hookers (degrading!!), but there was absolutly no mention of the boy performers. All the club members and dancers spent a lot of time selling candy and paying out of our own pockets for the costumes. If you bought the candy, you supported our "hooker" clothing. All

the costumes HAD to be approved by Mrs. Rice and faculty before hand, so watch where your fingers are pointing. If there were ANY doubts or questions, why wasn't it brought to our attention during rehearsal? For a lot of us, this was our final International Nights. We're EXTREMELY proud of what we accomplished and how

hard we worked. Lets focus on something more important, rather than the "hookers" of International Days. You should be ashamed.

-Anonymous Senior

And for the record, my grandma loved all the performances

Riot for Hiett! Controversial firing enrages students

By Dorothy Gicela

Numerous flyers and petitions have been distributed throughout Lane Tech by students as a response to the dismissal of music teacher Mr. Hiett.

Hiett announced to his Jazz Band students that he was not asked to return to teach at Lane next year.

"As soon as I was informed of the news of Mr. Hiett's status, blank dismay came across the faces of more than fifty people that make up the Jazz Band. Some students started to cry. I was too shocked to feel emotion," said Anthony Wojtal, Div. 789. "I did not want to believe what I had just heard. I immediately felt that every solitary stride that Mr. Hiett had made for the band program was made in vain."

Hiett was a probationary appointed teacher who was serving in a full time teaching position. Appointed teachers obtain tenure status after being employed for a certain amount of time while displaying satisfactory service.

"I was not given a reason [for my dismissal]," said Hiett. "Legally, they don't have to give me one."

"We did not need to give him a reason," said Dr. Lobosco, Principal. "It was my decision, and I believe it was right."

The day after Hiett announced the news of his dismissal to his students, flyers and petitions were circulating throughout the student body.

"Almost all of my accomplishments as a student of Lane were made through Benjamin Hiett," said Anthony Wojtal. "A teacher that has inspired so many students cannot go down without a fight."

A flyer prompted students to write polite letters to Dr. Lobosco asking her to reconsider Mr. Hiett's dismissal. Students also met with Dr. Lobosco to discuss the matter.

"Anytime I tried to make an argument, she kept saying she made the 'right decision'," said Kaylee Preston, Div. 872, who met with Lobosco. "She basically shot down everything I said."

"She really contradicted her-

self," said Wojtal, who also met with Lobosco. "She said the band's progress has increased over five years and is currently going well, but then she told me it's not going in the 'right direction,' and would like more focus on the marching band."

"I never realized how many peoples' lives I touched over the last five years," said Hiett. "No matter what happens, I will always cherish the time I spent as part of the Lane Tech family."

Hiett has been with the Lane band program for nearly five years. In the last four years the program has achieved numerous accomplishments, which includes performing for Mayor Daley, Senator Barack Obama, and Michelle Williams from Destiny's Child. The band also took part in numerous competitions, earning nine superior ratings, eleven excellent ratings, and nine outstanding soloist ratings. Due to the continuing efforts of Hiett and Fong-Bances, the Jazz Band reached out to over 1,000 elementary school students through the Elementary Band Invitational.

"We took a survey of the

faculty's opinion of the band," said Hiett. "They thought the band had improved, that it was important, and that it could raise test scores."

When students form part of a music group, such as a school orchestra or a band, they must learn to work together. They also learn that if they do not do their part, the entire group suffers. Hence, there is pressure on instrumental students to be responsible and to work hard. The experience of working in an instrumental group instills a sense of personal responsibility which, in turn, leads to heightened academic responsibility and performance, according to scholar Ron Butzlaff in his *Journal of Aesthetic Education* on art and education.

The Lane band program grew considerably in the last four years in the presence of Hiett and Fong-Bances. There were formerly six students in jazz band, but the number increased to 50 students in two different classes. Intermediate band grew from 30 students to nearly 60, and the concert and marching band has a group of

almost 90 students.

"I've done a lot of work trying to get freshmen to join the group," said Hiett. "I hope none of the students give up their musical experiences because of all this chaos. Music is bigger and deeper than any of these problems adults can create."

Besides Hiett, six other teachers were also not invited to return to Lane. In the music department, Fong-Bances will be the only Jazz Band teacher next school year. This will reduce the Jazz Band in half, according to Hiett, and will not allow about 25 to 50 students to participate in the Jazz program, making it an option available only to those advanced in music. Mr. O'Brien will become the new Band teacher, leaving the Orchestra position open for new teachers.

"There is no sense of getting a new music teacher when you already have a great one," said Preston.

"I think I have to ask the students to trust me now," said Dr. Lobosco. "Mr. Hiett understood, and he will move on."

Lack of traffic control puts Lane students at risk

By Maggie Byrne

"After this red car...go!" The group of students runs from the yellow lines in the middle of the street, where they have been waiting, to the bus stop. The driver of a gray SUV blares his horn and swerves to avoid hitting the group.

Without any traffic signals at three intersections outside of Lane, this scene repeats itself over and over everyday to the great frustration of students and drivers.

Addison & Campbell, Western & Cornelia, and Addison & Artesian are all minor intersections next to Lane. Many students and faculty argue that, because these streets are major crossing points for students, the lack of traffic control creates a dangerous situation. Recent evidence supports this claim. Last year, two Lane students were hit and seriously injured while crossing Addison and they were certainly not an isolated case. Dr. LoBosco says documents she has seen show that these intersections were already a safety issue in the 1960s.

"As a driver, I hate Addison," said a parent who drives past the school everyday. "It is really dangerous because it is too hard to guess when a kid is going to go

running out."

Four years ago, student LSC representative Kim Murphy initiated a school-wide petition calling for traffic control on at least one of these intersections. The petition gained the support and signatures of students, teachers, administrators and parents before it was sent to the alderman's office.

The proposition is still being debated by the alderman and the department of transportation. They are currently studying the intersection to decide on the best, most efficient course of action.

"I think [the Department of Traffic Control] figures that because it's high school [instead of an elementary school], it is not so urgent," said LoBosco.

There is a significant safety risk at these intersections, not just to Lane students, but also to the motorists who drive by the school. The major problem is just how frequently these intersections are used. All three of these intersections lead almost directly to CTA bus stops. With the nearest traffic light a block away, on Addison

and Western, a huge number of students choose to cross at the minor intersections rather than waste time walking down the street to the light.

According to the Rules of the Road,



Cars wait as students cross Western to get to Lane.

chapter 3 on traffic laws, a "driver must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian when a pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk on the driver's side of the roadway and there are no traffic control signals." All of the minor intersections mentioned are marked with crosswalks but students say drivers simply do not yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Many students have reported having to wait more than a couple minutes at the crosswalks on Addison & Campbell. They also

complain that, even after somebody finally lets a student by, they only get to the middle of the street and have to wait again for some one else to let them through.

Part of the problem might be that drivers are not aware of the crosswalks at these intersections. A Lane coach, from outside the school, who drives down Addison on a daily basis was shocked to learn that there were designated crosswalks at the intersections. He explained that he had simply never seen the markings.

After learning this, the coach suggested a yellow "pedestrian/student crossing" sign be put up, reminding drivers that they must yield to students at these intersections. He said he recognized the problem, which is compounded by bad crossing habits and excessive speeding on Addison. A reminder that these intersections are in a school zone might caution drivers to slow down and be wary of students crossing, both in and out of the crosswalks.

Some other possible suggestions from students and staff include a stop sign or a traffic light that only changes during specified

rush periods.

Others argue that these means of control would only compound existing traffic problems on Addison & Western. If every car had to stop at Addison & Artesian, there would be huge back ups.

"I don't [think there should be a signal] because it would slow down traffic even more," said Matthew Arce, Div 768. "I am late to school because of heavy traffic on Addison as it is."

Many also say that Lane students would ignore the signals even if they were put up. These people point out just how big a problem there is with students crossing illegally on Western, even feet from the light.

Students do not always take traffic rules, like jaywalking, seriously. This is part of the reason LoBosco thinks the Department of Traffic Control is not willing to put up a signal - because they do not think there is a real solution.

LoBosco said her experience at these intersections is that students very often "do not look at all, not even a slight nod." She suggests that until something official is put up, Lane students should exercise good judgment and caution when crossing near school to ensure their safety. Traffic control and student safety will continue to be a concern of the Lane administration until a solution can be reached.

Jewel loses shine over drop-off policy

By Jose Rivera

The stolen chicken from Jewel is the least of Lane's worries now that Jewel has taken its friendship with the school to an even lower level. Jewel has decided not to permit Lane students to be picked up or dropped off in its parking lot.

In early May, Jewel put up two new signs in its parking lot, each hanging below a different stop sign that read: "PARCEL PICK-UP ONLY, NOT A PEDESTRIAN DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP AREA."

"Lane students who are dropped-off and picked-up in our parking lot cause conflict. Because of them, customers are complaining and many of them do not want to shop here anymore," said Jose Martinez, assistant store director. "[Lane students] put us in a spot that is not fair,"

Martinez related the prohibiting of student drop-offs and pick-ups in the Jewel parking lot to Lane's parking lot policy, which promises to suspend all students who are dropped-off or picked-up inside the parking lot.

Jewel's new policy has angered a few students, but has not bothered everyone. Many students are still being dropped-off and picked-up in Jewel's parking lot, while others have moved to being dropped-off and picked-up in other locations.

"Ever since Jewel put up those signs, I am now being dropped-off and picked-up in front of Walgreens. They never say anything," said Christopher Rivera, Div. 874.

Walgreens is located across the street from the Jewel pharmacy. This property has not put up any signs like Jewel has because the lot is not under Walgreen's full ownership.

"I'm bothered by Lane Tech students all the time. I just don't do anything because that's not my job. The landowner is in charge of ticketing Lane Tech students," said Mr. Waldrom, Walgreens' store manager.

The security guard of the lot is Jim Bren. His main concern is the safety of the customers who shop in the plaza. Although he never gives

tickets to cars that are parked illegally, he is responsible for calling the police and pointing the cars out to them.

"I'm not sure of what Jewel does to punish those that ignore their sign but I do know that whenever I see a car parking illegally on this lot, I just take out my cell phone, dial 911, and wait about 3 to 5 minutes for the police to come, and have them give that car a ticket," said Bren.

Others affected by Lane students being dropped-off and picked-up at Jewel are the customers. Many claim to be annoyed by the abundance of students that overcrowd the areas where they shop.

"I avoid [Jewel] at all costs when Lane students are on lunch break or just out of school because they swarm to Jewel and basically overtake the first half of it," said Mindy Walker, a regular Jewel shopper.

Since Jewel's new signs have gone up, students feel mistreated and are angered by the fact that Jewel has forgotten that they are customers too.

"I've noticed Jewel's security warn a few students about being dropped off in their parking lot but I don't think it's right for them to be so rude to us. After all, we are the ones that are always spending our money there," said Arielle Miranda, Div. 751.

Some students think Jewel is over exaggerating. They do not believe that Lane students who are being dropped-off and picked-up in their lot is scaring their customers away.

"I just think Jewel should just relax a little. Most of the people who get dropped off in Jewel's lot actually go in the store to buy stuff anyways, so it's no big deal," said Vanessa Bowe, Div. 751.

There are many students who are upset by the fact that Jewel has no respect for them.

"We are customers too. We don't deserve this kind of treatment," said Eduardo Macz, Div. 926.

"I think Lane should boycott Jewel because they are always kicking us out," said Pipat Tienchal, Div. 923.

Finally, there are those that under-

stand why Jewel is prohibiting Lane students from being dropped-off or picked-up in their parking lot. These students side with Jose Martinez, Jewel's assistant director. He thinks that too many students frighten his shoppers.

"They do not have to be nice to us at all. It is their parking lot, unless we are customers then we should not be permitted to use it at all. By customers, I mean actually shopping for a refrigerator's worth of food and taking it to the car, not just a 25 cent bag of chips," said Nicholas Nguyen, Div. 053.

Another student justifies Jewel's actions by comparing their parking lot to a private garage.

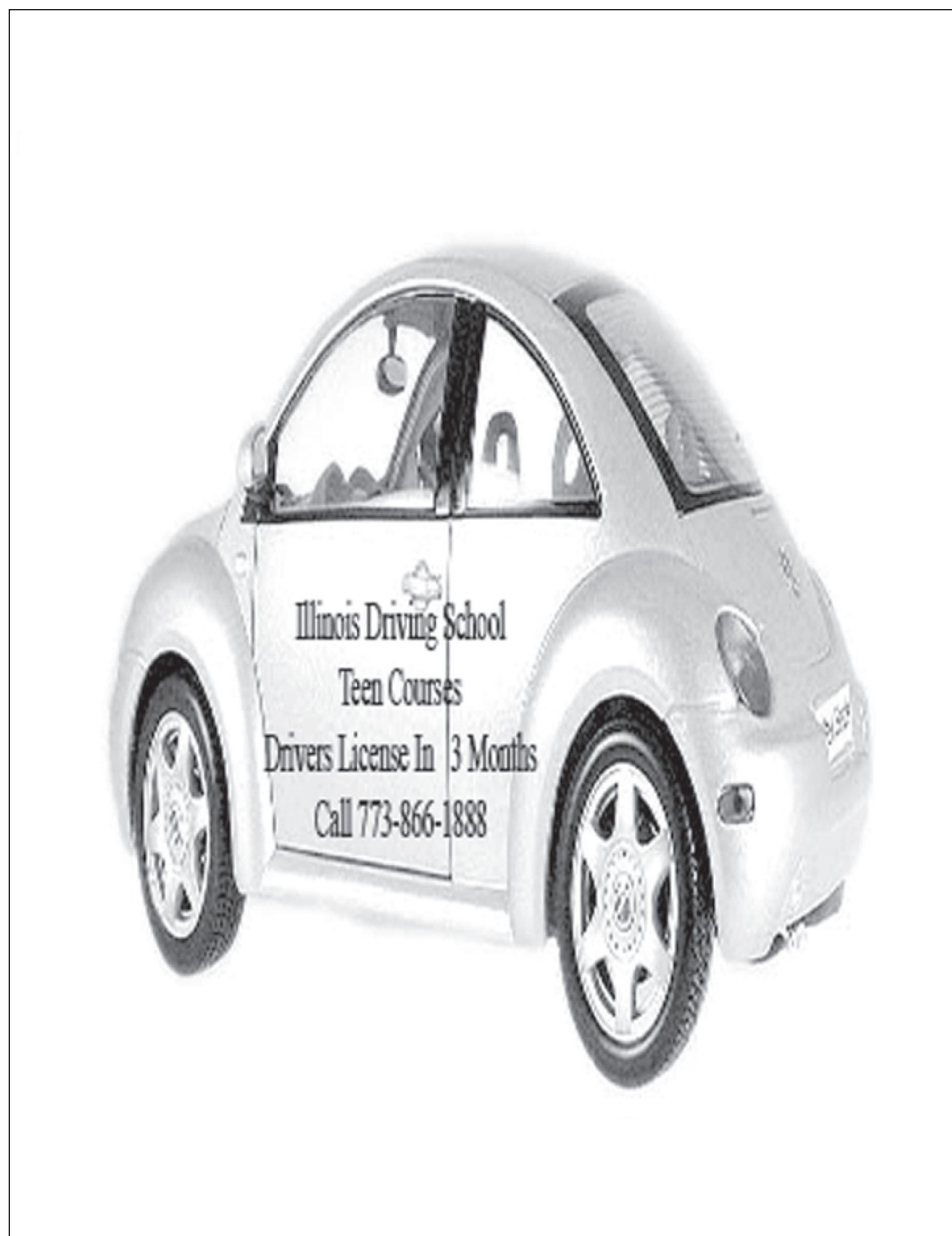
"If your neighbor parked his car in front of your garage, you wouldn't be able to get out. That's how the actual Jewel customers feel like when a car that isn't even shopping there is blocking their way just to pick someone up," said Rico Rodriguez,

Div. 765. "I think students shouldn't be lazy and should just walk to a side street and be picked-up or dropped off there."

The Jewel drop-off policy is comparable to Lane's. Many students understand why Lane prohibits those without passes from entering its parking lot. Dr. Lobosco thinks what Jewel is trying to do is not wrong, but upsetting.

"Once we enforced our parking lot ban, students began going to Jewel. Sometimes I remind them that we were here first when they get upset, but [Jewel] can make its own decisions," said Dr. Lobosco. "[Students] don't have to be dropped off right in front of the door. There are many streets around Lane. There is [just] not a lot of space."

For now, students will have to abide by Jewel's policy if they wish to avoid conflict between the store and the school.



Prospective students rejected by Lane's highly selective admission standards

By Adrianna Gniot

"We are sorry to inform you that you have not been selected to attend Lane Tech High School."

These are the heartbreaking words read by thousands of prospective students every year. This year only about 1,160 out of nearly 10,000 applicants will be accepted as students to Lane. However, the rejection letter has often not proven enough to stop some strong-willed students from finding a way in.

Phone calls to the admissions office, conversations with the principal, and personal letters of recommendation are a few of the tactics prospective students resort to even after they have been

rejected.

One junior, who was initially rejected, said that she did not give up and, after talking to principal Foley, Lane accepted her.

Some students claim that a poor performance on the entrance exam was the biggest factor in their rejection.

"My attendance was great. So were my Iowa [test] scores and my 7th grade grades," said Shakira Bates, Div. 862. "I guess my entrance exam was the one that ruined my overall score."

Bates was initially rejected by Lane. However, she received a second letter notifying her that she was accepted because slots opened up when several accepted students chose to attend other high schools.

Because Lane is part of the selective enrollment program, it is harder for prospective student to get into than most other CPS high schools.

"After sending applications to [several] different CPS high schools, I got letters back that I got accepted," said Ana Hernandez, Div. 856. "However I knew that getting accepted to Lane would not be as easy as getting accepted to another high school."

Many students know it is important that they do well in 7th and 8th grade to get accepted to Lane. However, for many, scoring well on the entrance exam proves to be the biggest challenge. Rumors have circulated that a few students have found a way around this.

"I know a person who got

accepted to Lane, and did not take the entrance exam, because somebody else took it for him," said an anonymous junior, Div. 881.

Dr. LoBosco doubts how easily this could be accomplished, citing the fact that students' signatures on the test must match several other documents they must fill out in the application process. If one seemed different, and someone in the administration noticed, that student would be dismissed.

Another way students can get into Lane is by transferring from another high school. Stefanie Rodriguez, Div. 865, transferred into Lane from Steinmentz High School after her freshman year and, consequently, did not have to take the entrance exam.

"I think it was because of my

grades," said Rodriguez. "I had a 4.5 GPA. I had honors classes, and I got nothing lower than Bs in those classes."

When students are not accepted into Lane, parents will often fight to get them in anyway.

"Parents will say anything to get their child into Lane," said Mrs. Hart of the Admissions Office. "They will even make up stories."

The Admissions Office said it is also common to receive letters and phone calls well after the deadline has expired on behalf of prospective students trying to get into Lane.

"I know for some kids it is heart breaking not to get in," acknowledges LoBosco.

But for many of those students, persistence has paid off.

Alumni association offers scholarships to Lane's elite

By Gabi Levine

Out of 1121 seniors at Lane, 1037 missed out on opportunity to receive free money for college. The Alumni Association offered nine scholarships in three categories. The three categories were: the Lane Tech Alumni Association Scholarship (four recipients), the Shires Scholarship (four recipients), and the Badal Scholarship (one recipient).

This year only 84 students applied for the scholarships. While this number seems small in comparison to the class size, there were actually more applicants this year than last. The main reason so few students applied is because many of them never knew about them.

However, Dr. Cook of the Alumni Office said they spread the word about the scholarships through the daily bulletin, division announcements, and signs that were posted around Lane.

"I would have liked to apply, but I never saw any signs. I try to listen to the

announcements but my division is really loud," said Hugo Ramirez, Div. 783. "Maybe they should have mentioned them in the senior newsletter. I know a lot of seniors read those papers," he suggested.

"I'm kind of upset that I didn't hear about the scholarships," said Jay Alamo, Div. 769. "It's a good opportunity since it's through the school, and something I would have been really interested in."

Students also said that there was not enough emphasis put on the scholarships.

"I recall hearing something about [the scholarships], but not how to apply or where to go. I think the school could have made it more imperative to apply for scholarships. When they make them just something the division teacher reads off of a piece of paper, it doesn't make it seem like it's a big deal," said Dominick Aluisse, Div. 768.

"We try hard to let students know about the scholarships. It's a lot of work to get them organized. We would like more students to apply," said Dr. Cook.

Other students, however, took it upon themselves to find out about scholarships.

"I checked the school bulletin in division for scholarships like everyday since I knew no teachers really tell us," said Stephanie Fugiel, Div. 761. "I read about [the Alumni Scholarships] probably in February and the deadline was in April," she added.

Some students who heard about the scholarships even passed on the information to their friends.

"I heard it from the Lane Tech Daily Bulletin and from a best friend who was also applying for the scholarships, so I went to get the applications. I think my friend probably heard from his counselor," said Le'Dia Smith, Div. 752. "I applied for the Betty Shires and The Alumni Association Scholarship," she said.

The Lane Tech Alumni Association Scholarships total \$10,000. \$2,500 is awarded to each winner. The money comes from donations and fundraisers held by the Association; Shires Scholarship totals \$4,000; \$1,000 for each winner. The money for this

award was donated by friends of the Alumni Association. Badal Scholarship is worth \$4,000, awarded to one student. The money is donated by a Lane alumnus from 1988.

The process of applying and choosing the winners was the same for each scholarship. Students were able to apply for any of them, all three if they wanted. The only requirement for the Badal Scholarship was that the applicants be in the top 10 percent of the graduating class. The application process was simple. Students only needed to provide their name, address, telephone number, G.P.A. and extracurricular activities. They were also required to write an essay about a given topic, such as a community service project they worked on. After the deadline passed on April 17 the names were blacked out on the application, and a committee reviewed them and ranked the applicants to select the winners.

The scholarship recipients will be announced on May 31, at the Senior Awards Assembly.

"Stadium Condemned"

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The renovation will begin with the installation of a brand new \$600,000 running track, paid for by DePaul University, and the replacement of the existing field grass NED with turf, paid for by a \$200,000 NFL grant given to the school. This work is expected to last about eight weeks and be completed around Aug. 15, before the start of the 07-08 school year.

Further construction will be put on hold for the fall football season and will commence in the spring of 2008. Eventually the stadium walls and seating will be demolished completely, at which time new aluminum bleachers will be installed and surrounded by a chain-link fence instead of cement walls. They plan to preserve

the front of the stadium in order to maintain its traditional look. The new stadium will partially expand into the vacant lot that is currently west of it and may even extend slightly into the existing baseball diamond, but the diamond itself will not be renovated. The new fence and bleachers will be built around the new track and turf so that they are not damaged.

There are many things that the administration must take into consideration before the construction begins. Next year, gym teachers will have to find a different place to hold many of their outdoor activities, and the ROTC classes that meet under the stadium will have to be moved as well. They will also have to find an alternative location to hold next year's graduation ceremony, because by this time next year the stadium may be

little more than a pile of rubble.

When asked if the seniors next year would graduate in the stadium, LoBosco replied "probably not," adding that right now the school only has a tentative plan that is subject to change. Some may have heard that next year's graduation will be held in Hanson stadium or Wrigley field, but at this time those are only suggestions.

A lot of effort went into rearranging schedules to accommodate both the school's needs and the construction. There are few members of the senior class who are not extremely grateful for Dr. LoBosco's efforts.

"It's nice to know that she cares so much that she would go through all that trouble for us," said an anonymous senior. "But I'm just glad we get to graduate a week early!"

"The Express Movie"

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"I had to park on the other side of the street, and it was farther from school, all because of those trucks," said Agatha Obrecki, Div. 865.

Despite some minor complaints, most of the students and staff were satisfied with the way the crew handled the filming at Lane. LoBosco mentioned that she "didn't even notice that they were here."

"[The movie crew] was really generous and cooperative. They did everything we asked them to do," she said. "They also gave a nice donation to the school [and] the volleyball teams, and fixed some of the things that needed to be replaced. Everything worked out well."

The production crew donated \$40,000 to the school, in addition to some of the repairs they made in order to film.

The movie also held a casting call in the auditorium, and about 300 people from all over Chicago auditioned. There were even a few Lane students who worked as extras.

"I thought it was going to be cool, but after awhile it got tedious and boring, especially because [Quaid] kept doing the same scene so many times," said Arman Abtahi, Div. 750, who worked as an extra.

Overall, the production crew felt welcomed by both students and faculty at Lane.

"They were exceptionally nice to us, especially when we had to make some adjustments because of the weather. We couldn't ask for more," said Fulton.

The production crew is currently filming at Northwestern University. The movie is expected to premiere in early 2009.

Lane sees new wave of fashion trends

Ear gauging stretches across Lane's student body

By Melissa Foley

Many trends pass through Lane each year, but the most recent one is more permanent. Ear stretching, or gauging, is becoming increasingly popular, but not everyone knows what it is or what its permanent effects really are.

Stretching is when one gradually enlarges a piercing. This is done by slightly stretching the tissue, which causes tiny tears to form. Large earrings maintain a hole until the tears heal. This process can be repeated an unlimited number of times, as long as it is done correctly.

"A lot of people think they can gauge their ears quickly and there won't be consequences," said Cristina Hernandez, Div. 770. "If you go too fast you'll rip your ear. If you really want nice looking ears, take the time to stretch and don't just do it for the trend."

There are two main stretching methods: tapering and tape wrap. Tapering is the most effective and is generally used in the beginning stages of stretching. A typical gauge, which is a metal or acrylic device that extends from your ending size to your beginning size, is usually used for tapering. The tape wrap method is for larger gauges when the jewelry becomes increas-

ingly expensive. This is done by wrapping Teflon tape once around the jewelry to increase the size of the gauge. The process is repeated every few days, which gradually results in stretching the piercing to the next size.

Many people wonder if these holes will ever be able to return to their normal size. There is no sure answer, but it is generally believed that a 2 gauge (or 6 mm) is considered to be "the point of no return." Although people think stretching is just a fun thing to do when you are younger, it should be taken more seriously. After gauging, there is no guarantee that the hole will shrink back to normal size, so being comfortable with that decision is key.

"I've been stretching my ears for awhile now," said Genesis Garcia, Div. 027. "I just thought it was something new that I hadn't come across before and I liked the way it looked. Gauging has become a huge trend and a lot of my friends have them too. I have three gauges and the whole stretching process doesn't hurt too much, but once you go past a [size] zero (8 mm), it hurts more and the hole becomes a lot harder to close."

Gauging is considered a form of body art that people choose as a way to express individuality.

"Personally I gauge my ears

because it is different and it is very rare. Not a lot of kids have it and I think the earrings look cool how you can actually see through them," said Nicolette Di Buduo,

the practice.

"Gauging is definitely gaining popularity around the 'counter culture'," said Chris Dzikowski, Div. 779. "I think it looks pretty hot on



Christina Hernandez, Div. 770, has stretched her ear for 10 months to reach the gauge size of double zero.

Div. 026.

While those who have gauges have their own reasons for deciding to stretch their ears, many people have mixed opinions about

punk girls, but only to a certain gauge. There is nothing attractive about being able to put my finger through my girlfriend's ear lobe. When we grow old though, it is

going to be nice to laugh at all the people that stretched their ears out."

One thing about stretching that most people do not seem to know is that there is a history behind this unique style.

Plugs, the thick earrings used for gauges, that are often seen today are strikingly similar to the ones worn by the people of ancient Mexico. Examples of stretched earlobes were also found in Asia. Stretching was mainly found in most tribal cultures in Northern India, Burma, ancient Egyptian culture and African tribes. These piercing were worn to enhance their features, to show tribal identity, and to protect them from evil spirits. In India, this practice was popularly used to indicate if a woman was single or married.

To some, however, stretching is a form of self-mutilation. Physical changes of the body, such as tattooing and piercing, are deliberate and have a desired effect, which can be classified as self-injury or culturally-sanctioned.

For the most part, however, adolescents are on a path to discovery and separation from their parents, and tattoos and piercing are another way of establishing their own identity.

Indoor tanning: Popular craze but some could get burned

By Monica Neris

Tanning has gained extreme popularity in recent years among teens and has become an addicting trend for many students at Lane. Although tanning has many horrible side effects, including the risk of melanoma, a form of skin cancer closely related with tanning, it has now become a standard of beauty among many young teenage girls.

Members of the student body, however, have mixed opinions about the touchy subject.

"I think [tanning] is kinda lame," said Vincent Millwood, Div. 757. "I think girls are less hot if they go."

"People are more appealing if they are tan, not orange," said Sonia Avendano, Div. 783. "Tanning in the summer from the sun is fine, but if you do it in the winter it's stupid."

Other students defend tanning by describing it as a personal choice.

"Do what makes you feel better, but don't over do it," said Sofiya Zelena, Div. 785.

Some see benefits of tanning other than a golden brown exterior.

"I tan because it clears up my skin," said an anonymous senior. "My dermatologist recommends me to tan once every couple of weeks to clear up my chest and back [acne]."

Indoor tanning is one of the most dangerous forms of tanning, which requires a person to lay or stand surrounded by UV lamps that penetrate the skin the same way sun rays would, but with more intensity. Even though indoor tanning increases a person's chance of getting skin cancer, the industry is booming. An article published in 2006 by the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration reported that the indoor tanning industry has generated about \$2 million per year in the United States alone. About 28 million Americans have contributed to this by tanning in the 25,000 different tanning salons throughout the U.S. The majority of tanners are young adolescent girls spending from \$7-\$20 per tanning session.

One argument the tanning industry uses to defend its practice is that cancer can only result from sunburn. According to James M. Spencer, MD, this statement is completely false.

"Tanning not only increases the risk for melanoma, but accelerates it," says Dr. Spencer. "You can't protect skin by damaging it."

Another argument used by indoor tanning salons is that UV rays are beneficial to the skin by providing a sufficient amount of vitamin D. The U.S. Food and

Drug Administration claims that a small amount of natural sunlight is all that's needed in order for the body to produce enough vitamin D.

Even after teenagers become fully aware of the health risks involved with tanning, they still go because being tan is perceived by many as an appealing feature. Many companies have developed alternatives to tanning, including lotions, bronzers, and spray tans. Many of the major tanning salon companies have included a "spray tan" or a "mystic tan" in their facilities, in which a customer stands in a booth while a machine sprays on a tinted mist that darkens the skin. Although these alternatives have been proven safer than tanning itself, many young teens have found flaws in the system, complaining that their skin is likely to turn orange rather than a shade of brown.

"The spray tan is much better for your skin but doesn't last as

long," says an employee at Glow, a Chicago tanning salon.

Another alternative that is not as well known or popular as spray tanning are supplements in the form of a pill. Canthaxanthin, the main ingredient in these pills, is a color additive that can alter skin color if used in large amounts. However this practice has been linked to some negative side effects including nausea, cramping, diarrhea, severe itching, and welts; and the pills usually stop working a short time after they are first used.

Although the only proven method of protection from UV rays is to avoid intense sunlight and indoor tanning, the younger generation has become accepting of tanning and many therefore fear it could become a widespread problem. However, alternatives for darkening skin that will pose less of a health risk are already being developed.

Janitors forced to deal with dirty world of toilets, trash, privatization

By Frank Weinert

Lane Tech's janitors work hard to manage the upkeep of a huge school, but how much recognition or respect are they shown by the Lane community or by CPS? Unable to engage in conversation while on the clock, the kind, warm-hearted, and generous man whom I approached invited me into his home to eat dinner with his family (best rice I've ever eaten!). From this visit, I learned a lot about a job where hardworking people get very low wages and who are members of a union that is not as aggressive as it needs to be.

This man (we'll call him "Victor") had many jobs before he became a janitor. Victor worked in construction, electricity, plumbing, and carpentry to name a few. He sees his current job as a janitor to be like any other job; just another way to maintain a decent living and support a family. He is totally content with his occupation and thinks of Lane as a place of great duty and opportunity.

"Sometimes we need to obtain a stable job such as a janitor which will provide an 8-hour work day, vacation days, medical insurance, etc.," said Victor in his basement home, choosing his words carefully but confidently.

When Victor was first sent by his private janitorial company to our enormous public school, he had an overpowering realization of Lane's size and the amount of work he'd have to do. The position of janitor is a job requiring physical strength, but this is an understatement in a school as big and as old as Lane. Under supervision of the chief engineer, janitors fulfill various duties, which are distributed by seniority (the newer workers begin at more difficult stations). During the school year most janitors work night shifts sweeping and mopping the floors, cleaning the bathrooms, emptying the trash, and performing a number of other tasks. When school lets out for the summer, however, the janitor's job becomes much more difficult.

"During the summer . . . one must use certain machines to clean the floors and apply wax. We also move furniture, wash carpets, clean windows, etc.," said Victor.

Victor did not speak in a complaining tone. Rather, he

spoke softly and humbly, though he seemed a bit overwhelmed by his circumstances. Although he did say what bothers him about the job, he was not eager to express his dissatisfaction:

"What I dislike is that there are many dirty students that urinate on the floors [in the bathrooms], paint on the walls (graffiti), break sinks, urinate on toilet paper, throw gum on the floor and stick it onto tables, chairs, etc."

Basically, Victor was saying that the job of a janitor is hard enough as it is; lazy, careless, and ignorant students just add more work to an already busy schedule. Think about what more could be done to improve the overall sanitary quality of our school if janitors didn't have to clean up after these kids all the time.

In a school of over 4,500, even if a small percentage of students litter, it can add up to several large piles of trash. While many students will admit to littering, few would give their names.

"I litter," said an anonymous Lane student. "I feel guilty, but I try not to think about it."

"I personally don't care about throwing trash wherever I please," said another anonymous student. "It's the janitors' job [to keep things clean]."

Some students were indifferent to campus littering.

"We need to clean up ourselves before we worry about a Sprite can on the ground," said Krystina Miko, Div. 857.

Other students denounced their peers' behavior.

"It represents laziness," said Devin Goddard, Div. 785. "A lot of the trash you see is within a few feet of a trash can."

"I don't like littering," said Liz Miller, Div. 902. "I don't throw things on the ground unless they're biodegradable."

"Usually when I see trash on the ground, I pick it up and throw it in the garbage," said Wesley Daniel, Div. 782.

Despite the amount of garbage he encounters on a daily basis, Victor doesn't have to worry about working more than 40 hours a week. His wage, on the other hand, is quite worrisome. According to the latest survey done by the U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics, building and cleaning workers for elementary

and secondary schools make an annual average wage of \$21,170. This figure seems pathetic when compared to the average \$60,310 that secondary school teachers in the Chicago area make annually, or the \$94,420 average annual salary made by education administrators for elementary and secondary schools in the Chicago area. Principals and vice-principals must be doing something to earn such a generous wage, but they're probably not scrubbing toilets and collecting trash like the men and women of the janitorial staff.

"As we all know, the salary is always too low for all our necessities in this capitalist society," said Victor with a hopeless certainty in his eyes and in his words. "And with the privatization [of janitors], many rights of CPS employees were lost; in shorter words, less benefits."

What Victor is referring to is what happened in 1995 when the School Board began outsourcing janitorial services. Janitors had been CPS employees with all the benefits of working for the city, but by June 1995, sweeping amendments to the Chicago School Reform Act became law. Included was a clause allowing CPS to contract for services with any party, including services performed by union members; this clause was instantly used to privatize janitorial services. Janitors went from being independent CPS employees to being employees of private companies.

"They are better now," said Dr. LoBosco about the school's cleanliness after privatization, explaining that with janitors working for private companies a lot more work can get done since they can be scheduled for night shifts.

But while things may be better for the schools, things are actually worse for the janitors. Private companies cut the wages of janitors and reduced the benefits that janitors received as CPS employees. As unjust as it seems, janitors are now worked more but paid less.

With these conditions in mind, one begins to wonder if there is a union and just how effective that union is. Here is the mission statement of the SEIU:

"We are the Service Employees International Union, an

organization of more than 1.8 million members united by the belief in the dignity and worth of workers and the services they provide and dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families and creating a more just and humane society."

"We do have a union that has fought for a salary raise," said Victor about the SEIU, "but we really never see the raise."

The SEIU has a hard time convincing private companies to provide a decent wage for their workers. In the battle of Labor vs. Management, Management always seems to win at the expense of many janitors and their families.

However, the union is responsible

for a lot of progress that has been made with janitors in America. Justice for Janitors, a program of the SEIU, is a movement of janitors uniting for dignity, respect, and fair working conditions. 200,000+ SEIU janitors in over 29 cities throughout the country have united and won family health insurance, livable wages, full-time work, and better working conditions. There is still a lot to be done, but if all janitors would organize and work together with the union, great things could be done to give janitors a better life. Unions are not as militant as they were in the 1980s, but all that can change. The future is in the hands of the laborers.

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 Reinieri Rodriguez- Undecided
 Howard Ruan- Vandercook
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Division 759

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Alexander Ghanayem- Undecided
Perfeto Hernandez- Universal Technical Institute
Christine Horst- Northwestern University
Matthew Karpenking- Undecided
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Natalie Lopez- DePaul University
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Jessica Pan- University of Wisconsin at Madison
Florence Pereda- DePaul University
Stacey Perez- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Peter Tsurkis- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Division 760

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Travis Dobynes- Harold Washington
Nely Escobar- Wright College
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Leslie Guzman- Undecided
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Tanya Lagunas- Wright College
Bartosz Lenkowski- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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Jessica Moore- Kentucky State University
Norma Narsa- Undecided
Katelyn Ohara- Undecided
Jarvis Padilla- Undecided

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Samantha Prodromos- Northeastern Illinois University
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Erick Reyes- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
Alicia Rill- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Division 761

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Lillian Defilippo- Chicago State University
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Elizabeth Garcia- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
Dariusz Gilarski- Wright College
Gloria Gomez- Undecided
Cindy Guzman- Undecided
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Tony Haro- University of Alaska
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Julieth Pineros- Oakton College
Marshae Price- Undecided
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Miguel Rivera- DePaul University
Martha Romano- Wright College
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Edwin Rubio- Undecided
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Division 762

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Wioletta Koch- Roosevelt University
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Emmayoli Silva- Wright College
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Lisa Tang- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Division 763

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Stephanie Deluna- Undecided
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Brittney Hughes- Lincoln University
Stephanie Hughes- DePaul University
Emmanuel Jacobo- Undecided
Yuri Juarez- Westwood College
Yasmine Marrero- Oakton Community College
Chelsea McCreedy- Undecided
Monica Morad- Columbia College
Olumide Onatoye- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Lydian Ortiz- Undecided
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Sana Rehman- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Wilma Zepeda- SOMA Institute

Division 764

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Shemka Lumani- DePaul University
Johnathan Mejjas- Robert Morris College
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Eve Nguyen- Indiana University
Olivia Odisho- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Jorge Rodriguez- Wright College
Joseph Romo- Wright College
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Division 765

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Sarwat Hashmi- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Joeybriel Iglesias- Undecided
Ememobong Ikafia- Undecided
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Christopher Joyce- St. Home University
Casimir Kostrzewski- Undecided
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Chris Mendez- University of Chicago
Jose Molina- Undecided
Stanley Mui- Undecided
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Kathy Molek- Northeastern Illinois University
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Division 767

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Jessica Hernandez- Undecided
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Kimberly Juarez- DePaul University
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Sarah McNulty- Northeastern Illinois University
Scott Minneci- University of Iowa
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Denisse Ortezt- University of Illinois at Chicago
Justeen Pelt- Northern Illinois University
Bryan Rodas- Northeastern Illinois University
Kinga Rog- DePaul University
Teresa Romero- Truman College
Griselda Sosa- Culinary and Hospitality Institute
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Ricky Williams- Truman College
Vasiliki Zagle- Northeastern Illinois University
Eric Zhao- University of Illinois at Chicago

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty in their dreams” - Eleanor Roosevelt

Division 768

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Steven Christenson- Oakton Community College
Carolina Czabala- Antioch College
Maria Figueroa- Undecided
Anna Grzybowski- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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Stephanie Iza- Undecided
Diana Karouzos- St. Cloud University
Jonathan Lam- DePaul University
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Anahy Lazaro- Northeastern Illinois University
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Elda Martinez- Undecided
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Ebony Rhodes- Michigan State University
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Jacqueline Tolentino- DePaul University
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Division 769

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Daniel Claudio- Syracuse University
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Carolyn Garduno- Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago
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Jennifer Guiang- University of Illinois at Chicago
William Hartman- Undecided
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Michael Jucaban- College of DuPage
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Agnieszka Kusiak- Truman College
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James Ravara- University of Illinois at Chicago
Nicole Rodriguez- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Division 770

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Iilir Hormova- DePaul University
Maciej Krolicki- Jagelonia at Poland
Ashley Laye- Tuskegee University
Emma Matias- Robert Morris College
Sylvester Miller- Lewis University
Kirsia Molina- Columbia College
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Richard Pecoraro- Wright College
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Alysa Rodriguez- Northeastern Illinois University
Lakesha Silmon- Jackson State University
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Amanda Vanderkelen- Northeastern Illinois University
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Jennifer Perez- Depaul University
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Division 772

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Shawn Davis- Northern Illinois University
Andriy Gabur- University of Illinois at Chicago
Nadia Gomez- Loyola University
Rachel Hagfors- DePaul University
Luis Hurtado- Not Attending
Athena Jimenezmanalo- Northeastern Illinois University
Jessica Johnson- Kendall College
Zhen Li- University of Illinois at Chicago
Steven Luevano- Wright College
Darryl Martin- Undecided
Carlos Martinez- Not Attending
Anthony McDaniel- University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
Kelly McNamara- Alabama
Griselda Perez- Dominican University
Tomy Philip- Oakton Community College
Ilya Potapenko- University of Illinois at Chicago
Joseph Quinones- Triton College
Deseray Santiago- Westwood College
Elliot Schwarz- Philadelphia University
Jeanluc Stoufflet- Algoma
Zachary Stout- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Daniel Anthony- University of Wisconsin
Christopher Ballinger- Florida Gulf Coast University
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Edison Castaneda- Lewis University
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David Dizon- University of Illinois at Chicago
Jose Gonzalez- Undecided
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Ines Kekic- Not Attending
Ivan Maffa- Wright College
Andrew Miranda- DePaul University

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Lorraine Pangilinan- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Janely Quito- Wright College
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Division 774

Juan Bautista- Triton College
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Laura Garcia- Northeastern Illinois University
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Jerry Joseph- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
Roberto Leventopoulos- Undecided
Ronnett Lockett- Spelman College
Francis Long- Undecided
Vania Lopez- Dominican University
Salvador Medina- Wright College
Michael Mosley- Undecided
Adam Nelson- Harper College
Neill O'Brien- Humboldt State University
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Alexis Thornton- DePaul University
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Division 775

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Joshua Colon- Hartland Community College
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Edwin Rodriguez- Dominican University
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Olga Serhijchuk- John Cabot University
Daniel Serrano- Not Attending
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Awais Tariq- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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Division 776

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Stephanie Feldbein- Bradley University
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Jaqueline Flores- Northeastern Illinois University
Natalie Fugate- Western Illinois University
Alberto Gonzalez- Acoustic Edge-Texas
Joshua Harti- University of Illinois at Chicago
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Durrel Jamison- Jackson State University
Eugene Jeun- Depaul University
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Sandra Miranda- Undecided
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Division 777

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Leonel Chavez- Undecided
Matthew Cid- Undecided
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Victor Diaz- University of Illinois at Chicago

Caitlin Ditchfield- Seton Hall
 Julissa Duarte- Wright College
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 Melissa Foley- Harold Washington
 Deonte Ford- Triton College
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 Elizabeth Henehan- Northeastern Illinois University
 Nicole Johnson- Northern Illinois University
 Vesna Jovanovic- DePaul University
 Thomas Kozlowski- DePaul University
 Maurice Lofton- Southern Illinois University
 Javier Olivares- US Air Force
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 Susan Rafalko- Illinois Institute of Technology
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 Delancey Finney- Kennedy King
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 Steven Greer- Howard University
 Anthony Johnson- Devry Institute of Technology
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 Virginia Pedroza- Loyola University
 Lauren Simpson- Northern Illinois University
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 Panvard Tetiwat- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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Division 781

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 Lumi Diaz- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Eric Fahlstrom- DePaul University
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 Linda Garcia- Undecided
 Laura Gonzalez- DePaul University
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 Christopher Krebiehl- Wright College
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 Ishaq Lachin- Loyola University
 Alfredo Lopez- Undecided
 Armando Lopez- Southern Illinois University
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 Roxana Ng- University of Chicago
 Timothy Noe- US Marine Corp
 Antonio Oliveros- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Emma Paley- Illinois State University
 Cassondra Pena- Harper College
 Patryk Purta- Iowa
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Division 782

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 Quetzalli Castro- University of Illinois at Chicago
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 Elzbieta Denowska- DePaul University
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 Brittany Dortch- Eastern Michigan University
 Jakub Ignasik- United States Military
 Shareese Justice- Undecided
 Daniel Lukin- DeVry University
 Olivia Makowski- DePaul University
 Yaritza Malave- Wright College
 Christian Marin- Northeastern Illinois University
 Kevin Mcghee- Southern Illinois University
 David Miranda- North Park University
 Carmen Rivera- DePaul University
 Marisol Rodriguez- Dominican University
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 Natalie Schuldes- Triton College
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 Joesph Sweda- Northern Illinois University
 Angelica Wakulski- North Park University

Division 783

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 Albert Flores- DePaul University
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 Xochitl Maldonado- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Sheila Marshall- Undecided
 Steven Maxwell- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
 Kiara Nix- University of Illinois at Chicago
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 Delana Oats- Virginia State University
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 Edgard Ramirez- Undecided
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 Ted Shaeffer- Northeastern Illinois University
 Maura Urquiza- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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Division 784

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 Gricelda Mendoza- Loyola University
 Richard Miller- Florida A&M University
 Carolina Ortiz- Marion Military Institution
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 Priank Patel- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Mario Perez- Northeastern Illinois University
 Stephanie Pozdol- Robert Morris College
 Marcin Pytel- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Anibal Rivera- Coyne
 Keyur Shah- Northeastern Illinois University
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 Gabriela Villatoro- Wright College
 Melissa Yu- Wright College
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Division 785

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 Karen Cordova- DePaul University
 Kevin Crowley- Undecided
 Krzysztof Czarny- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Adrian Diaz- Undecided
 Jesus Escobar- Wright College
 Devin Goddard- Undecided
 Nadine Gonzalaez- DePaul University
 Christopher Harris- Northern Illinois University
 Van Huynh- Undecided
 Jessica Pinto- Undecided
 Nelson Rosario- Western Illinois University
 Agustin Salgado- ITT Technical Institute
 Veronica Sanchez- Indiana State University
 Hasban Shaikh- Northeastern Illinois University
 Oksana Siryj- Undecided
 Chantell Strong- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
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 Nichole Vidale- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Sofiya Zelena- Loyola University

Division 787

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 Matthew Campise- Wright College
 Carlos Colon- Westwood College
 Maricela Cortez- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Miriam Cowen- Undecided
 Francisco Figueroa- Not Attending
 D Georgescu- Wright College
 Tavis Grant- Trinity International University
 Alexander Hernandez- Columbia College
 Tiffany Jackson- Mississippi Valley State University
 Sofia Miranda- Wright College
 Christopher Nichol- Not Attending
 Janet Perez- Dominican University
 Santyna Pineiros- Loyola University
 Lucia Sadtler Taylor- DePaul University
 Linda Saliba- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Nicholas Smith- Bradley University
 Camerin Staffel- Adrian College
 Danielle Tetrault- University of Iowa
 Stephanie Thompson- Wright College
 Gerald Turner- Virginia State University
 Monica Widmann- Loyola University
 Xavier Williams- Chicago State University
 Cynthia Zoeller- Drake University

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 Ana Cardenas- University of Illinois Chicago
 Clinton Chiou- University of Illinois- Chicago
 Chaquille Crawford- Chicago State University
 Sean Everskemper- DePaul University
 Ruben Garcia- Undecided
 Dina Jarvis- Undecided
 Jamie Kezios- DePaul University
 Carolyn Kriesemint- Undecided
 Jonan Lara- US Marine Corps
 Jade Mandin- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
 Urszula Michalowska- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign

Ruben Munoz- Undecided
 Krishna Patel- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Jessica Polkowski- University of Illinois- Chicago
 Stephanie Puma- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
 Jonathan Quiles- Undecided
 Yaquita Raines- Chicago State University
 Glendalys Ramirez- Puerto Rico
 Cortisia Reed- Howard
 Laurina Robinson- Chicago State University
 Julian Roman- Undecided
 Kenneth Roman- Undecided
 Fuad Salami- Illinois State University
 Katie Santella- Undecided
 Natalia Santillan- University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
 Michael Soto- Malcolm X

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 Yousef Arman- DePaul University
 Geraldine Arruela- DePaul University
 Evelyn Artaega- Columbia College
 Karie Drucker- University of Missouri
 Kathryn Filippini- Northern Illinois University
 Jeremiah Hatcher- Columbia College
 Isidro Hernandez- Undecided
 Jay Jordan- University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point
 Agnieszka Kalat- DePaul University
 Katharine Karczewski- Northeastern Illinois University
 Krzysztof Komperda- Cornell College
 Christian Martinez- Northeastern Illinois University
 Jelissa Morales- Olivet Nazarene University
 Anna Moryl- DePaul University
 Jackie Padilla- Dominican University
 Joe Ramirez- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Devin Rosa- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Ted Schroeder- Parkland Community College
 Bianca Sostre- Northwestern Business College
 Eufemia Tobar- University of Illinois at Chicago
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 Litrina Valera- Undecided
 Oksana Voityna- DePaul University
 Joseph Vu- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Brian Wasilk- North Park University
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 Efrain Ortiz- University of Illinois at Chicago
 Kevin Piwowarczyk- Universal Technical Institute
 Patrycja Rzeznik- Loyola University
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 Tomasz Siemion- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
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 Jena Tagliola- University of Illinois at Chicago
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 Christopher Williams- Universal Technical Institute

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Senioritis epidemic ravages Lane

By Veronica Lozano

The clock ticks. The sun beats through the window and the sticky weather fills the room. Summer is approaching, and seniors are finding it increasingly difficult to stay focused on school.

It is known as senioritis. This term is used to define students who are in their last year of high school and lack the motivation they once displayed in their classes. This “disease” has taken effect in seniors throughout the school. Senioritis kicks in at different times for different students. For some,

it was the end of the semester or spring break, but for many senioritis set in at the beginning of the school year.

“I’ve had it since sophomore year,” joked Joseph Sweda, Div. 782.

Seniors are now ready to finish this chapter of their lives, and start fresh in whatever they have chosen to do after high school. The fact that many seniors received their college admissions in early spring, has caused them to stop worrying about high school.

“I have completely stopped doing everything in Spanish,” said Rico Rodriguez, Div. 765. “My grade is falling and I can’t get back on track.”

“I had solid grades,” said Deidre

Scott, Div. 781. “[But] when senioritis hit me at the end of first semester, I dropped about five [class] grades to Ds. Even my best class went down from a 104% to a 74%.”

“As far as I’m concerned, I’m done after my five AP tests,” said Samantha Gajewski, Div. 755.

“Rest of the year is over with,” said Sweda, Div.

To some seniors, senioritis is not an academic problem; it is the physical toll which leads them to procrastinate or be lazy.

“It’s only been a problem for me physically. I’m just tired all the time now,” said Howard Ruan, Div. 758. “My grades are dropping just a bit, but not too much. It isn’t hitting me hard, but it’s really making everything drag now.”

“I’ll arrive late to school, [not] do homework, and sleep during some classes,” said Zulma Terrones, Div. 770.

Consequently, seniors must put in a greater effort if they want to finish strong.

“I stay on top of my work,” said Gabriela Delgado, Div. 756. “And even though senioritis sometimes hits me I make a big effort to complete [my work].”

“I’m going to work as hard as I need to,” said Rosario Lopez, Div. 751. “There are some classes where I can relax, but there’s always that one class that everyone is going to have to work even harder for. I didn’t spend the last four years in high school to blow it all on one class and not graduate.”

According to the Records Office, at the end of the first semester there were about 30 seniors who were not eligible to graduate. Ten of them lacked their service hours, and the others were short on credits. These students had the option of attending night school to make up the credits or adding a ninth period to their curriculum. However, if a student fails during the second semester, their name could still be included on the August graduation list if they agree to attend summer school.

In serious cases, some universities

can withdraw an offer of admission or scholarship money due to final grades. Admissions letters often warn that “your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance.”

So what can the future seniors do to prevent senioritis hitting them? Ironically, most experts recommend that students should give themselves *more* work to do. According to Collegeboard.com, seniors should take initiative by taking AP, International Baccalaureate, and/or dual-enrollment courses at a local college. Also, students should try to keep themselves challenged by taking an additional science, math, or language class, even if they have met all of their graduation requirements. Lastly, seniors should visit colleges that offer programs that interest them, and should participate in an overnight camp or program these schools offer.

Staying focused on goals can ease senioritis.

“[Senioritis] is natural and normal,” said Dr. Lobosco. “[But] you want to finish strong.”

Research paper requirement not just for seniors starting next year

By Lorri Kaczmariski

With senioritis setting in and the weather getting warmer, seniors cannot wait for graduation. But the school work is not done. They still have to write the biggest paper of their high school careers: the senior research paper.

“What’s the point?” asked an anonymous senior, Div. 763.

Its purpose is to help the seniors with the research papers they will face in college. Next year, however, the seniors will not be alone in their suffering. The English Department is implementing research papers for the freshman, sophomores, and juniors as well.

“Why wait until senior year?” said LoBosco. “You do need to have those research skills for college.”

The papers will get harder, longer, and more specific, to help prepare for senior year.

The senior research paper is a requirement to graduate at Lane and has been for several years. It is an opportunity to learn about different things going on in the world.

Senior English teacher, Mr. Jones, has his students write on the topic What does it mean to be human?

“I would like to look inside the student’s heart and soul,” said Jones. “I would like to see a personal response and learn more about the student.”

He requires the students to have at least six sources and the paper has to be six to eight pages in length. But Jones does not make students do this to drive them crazy. He says it will help them with future college papers.

Mrs. Thompson, who also teaches senior English, has her students

research a topic on the environment. Their papers must be around ten pages in length and have at least ten sources. Her class starts working in February, which allows students to pick a time slot for when they want their papers to be due.

“There were a lot of restrictions so it made it really hard and stressful, but it did help my researching skills,” said an anonymous senior.

Mrs. Starr, senior English teacher, allows her students to pick any topic for their research paper, as long as she approves it. She requires five sources on the topic, five to seven pages in length, a title page, and a bibliography -- all to be done in one month.

“You get really stressed because it’s worth so much of your grade,” said Lauren Block, Div. 868.

Mrs. Chappell, senior English teacher, does not allow her students to choose topics related to sex, drugs, or anything in the news. She requires at least five sources, none of which can be taken from the internet unless they are from a database.

Most students find the paper stressful since it is so heavily weighted.

“The paper is basically worth your whole grade!” said an anonymous senior.

While some students complain about the paper, others actually like certain things about it.

“It’s really stressful, but you could actually learn a lot from it, and get practice for college,” said an anonymous senior from Div. 756.

Despite complaints, the senior research paper will continue to be assigned as a graduation requirement, and will soon be required school-wide.

Senior Memories 2007

Dear Roxy, Caroline, Oksana, Miguel & Danny. I have had a great year because of you! I can't wait until prom! Love you guys ~ Nadia.

Even though Mr. Jun left us and seperated us, DIV. 778 WAS/IS THE BEST. Shout out to everyone from div. 778!!! [The best DIV at Lane ^^] We'll miss you guys... Mary Ha & Edwin Rodriquez

CLASS OF 2007 ROCKS! DIV. 754 IS THE BEST. Have an awesome time after graduation. It's almost over! I'll miss each of you lots. We've had so many great memories. Take care and good luck. Love always, Trini.

To YeYoung & Ann: You guys are gay! xP just kidding! I can't believe i've known you guys for so long! You guys were awesome to hang with this year. Have an awesome college experience! School wouldn't be the same w/o you guys! *tear* lol. Love always, Trini

GABI, I'M GANNA MISS YOU!! I HOPE YOU DO WELL IN MICHIGAN. ARMAN.

Danielle (Tubbs), I hope you succeed in college and stay strong. I believe that you will prove them wrong. I miss you!! I'll be here for you always. Love, your sister, Renee.

Hey Arman! Thanks for all the help this year. I'm gonna miss you so much. Even though I totally made you pass chem...because I'm way better than you at it. LOL! =]

Mahal, its been a rough year, but I love you regardless. I still and will always have hope for us. Mahal na Mahal kita.

I love Iliana, Clari, Ruby, Nicole, Bassma, and the rest of my lokas! Love, Arielle

To my girls Chase, Tae, Jasmine Pope, and Sharon, I will miss all yall. We been through a lot together. Don't let these no good boys get yall down. Love you 2 Dare Jones Love Always Joneka

To the bestest bear in the world! I just want you to know you're the Best thing I got out of highschool! (JMID) Love Always& Forever-Button

I want to wish the best of luck to all everyone in the c/o "07". Thanks to all my friends and I love you all. Don't forget to PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR! From Justeen Pelt <3

To my crizo Journalism II students: I love all ya'll. Come back to visit. --Jiggedy J

Hey Arm! I'm gonna miss you so much! We've gotten so close this year its ridiculous. Im gonna miss all the times we'd chill and just play videogames! Haha. *Collecting all those orbs!" LOL. I love ya buddy! Love Lauren Salas Div 917.

Track Seniors, I'm going to miss you all so much next year! I wish you the best of luck in everything you guys do! You are all so special and have taught me so much!! All the memories we have are unforgettable. Don't forget to come back and visit us punks! MUAHZ! -Little Foot.

To Barbara, Lauren, and Nat (the best lab group ever), have a great summer and don't forget the good and the bad times =]

To all my guys & girls in Division 775, Claudia, Alysha, Caroline, Natalie, David, and Tak: I EFFIN LOVE YOU! Workds can't express how much you mean to me. There are so many memories that make me love you guys everyday more. Your the loves of my life. KISSES, LOVE CINDY

To all my girls Jazmine, Ana, Jessica, Maura, Doris, Sorsha, Bebe, & Norma... This year has been the best senior year ever! You guys are the best. Prom-Party: Graduation-College: Summer-Beach. We are gonna have fun this summer together and head off to college. I'm not gonna say I'm gonna miss you guys cause we will all still be best friends. I LOVE GUYS!" "Nice Girls"...lol! Love ya lots, Angela

Thanx for the memories to all that i'm friends with or have been in the past. To You: BOOM, WOOF, Danny (from Sandy), Sofyka, gentle giant, my Christian, MARY!, roommate, Cindy, Jakub, lil one, pal, Laknsha, bunny, cruz, Sheshe, Claudia, ptters, the book club (LoL), cousin, kel-n-lumi, Krazy, Russian, Leo, Yas, Krey, steph, the Seaweeds, O'Donnovan's loser, GINA, Gabur, Bartok, i <3 you guys. And all I have left to say is: "i'm so glad im getting away from vinos haha." "You make me nauseous." "Number Five with a bullet," and "to the left; to the left "

Love ya'll -Natalie Fugate 776! p.s. Shakalakalaka

To my baby Hector Reyes, Thank you for making the last few months of my senior year memorable. You're my inspiration and my motivation. You're always there for me and you care about me. You make me feel special-no ones has made me feel this way! You make me so happy! Thank you baby and remember that I'll always be here for you to support you and be the one who will always make you happy the way you make me happy. Thanks for making me smile. I love you amor! Love always, Mary Marcos And to my friends...thanks for always being there for me. I love you guys and I'll never forget the memories I'll miss every single one of you!

MIRIAM!!! I LOVE YOU!!! Have fun in college, but not too much fun. Keep in touch, C-ya.

VINCE, HURRY UP AND GO ONLNE. I WANNA PLAY COC3. ARMAN.

Hey Kubes, "Oophs!" Man that muths thSuck having a liSTHP.

THE BEST EXPERIENCE IVE HAD HERE AT LANE IS MEETING YOU! I LOVE YOU JULIAN ROMAN! YOUR GIRL ALWAYS, HILDA MORENO

MIRIAM, SORRY FOR THE JOKES IN 7TH LOL, GOOD TIMES. ARMAN.

Katie Grace & Nathan Vann, You lazy bums made it! Congrats. Thanks 4 always being there and making life so much better 4 me. I love "you guys" & I am blessed to have you both in my life. -Jenny O.

I wont forget every-one I met here! <3! Tak

To my budz, all my males and females, fun club sponsors, and to my little mexican: Thank you for being the bestest friends and coolest people that made me have so many great memories. Thanks for making me part of "Las Lortras" and especially for being trustworthy and for always being therefor me. To my little mexican with the sexy mustache... thank you for being the sweetest and most adorable gentalmen. I love you Carlos Bencini Love, Alma MacitA

DIV 764, I will miss you. Be Happy. Love, Ms. Feuer

Teenage house party activities exposed

By Jonathan Sosa

Pay the cover charge - ladies are half off until 10 pm - and enter. A quick look around reveals an open, specially lit dance floor and a DJ spinning. To the side of the dance floor is a full bar where bartenders serve specialty drinks. Though it may seem like it at first glance, this not a night club. It is a house party.

The classic house party scene is changing as organizations known as entertainment companies begin to grow in popularity; and this new type of party is becoming popular among Lane students.

"I love how these houses are set up and look so clubby," said Stephanie Valentin, Div. 039.

Entertainment companies like Lights Out Entertainment, West Wing Entertainment, and Houze Partiez organize parties and bring in their own DJs and bartenders to run them. The companies are generally owned and managed by young people just out of high school, and promoted by local high schoolers. The companies often have students promote their parties at school through word of mouth and sometimes by flyers. In exchange for putting the word out at school, promoters are admitted free into

these parties.

"I like being a Lights Out promoter for Lane," said a Lane student who wished to remain anonymous. "It comes with a lot of perks. I get to meet a lot of people, while, at the same time, being able to get my friends and myself into the parties for free."

Although these entertainment companies are becoming very popular, the old school house party, has by no means become obsolete. The classic bare living room with furniture pushed against the floor, naked knick knack shelves, and random alcohol scattered about the room is still a common scene on Friday nights.

"What goes on at these house parties isn't all PG either. There is a lot of sex, alcohol, and drugs going around," said Valentin Videlov, Div. 878.

In general, students say there tends to be more illicit activity at regular house parties than at those thrown by entertainment companies.

"Most of the parties I go to everyone is drinking everywhere and there is always that back room where everyone in there is smoking weed," said Ray McGillis, Div. 857.

Sexual activity seems to be at an all time high at these house parties, both with "dry sex" on the dance floor and "real sex" in the



Open bars featuring various types of alcohol are common at house parties.

bedrooms.

"Once I walked into the coat room to grab my coat to find a couple having sex on all the coats," said Antonio Calderone, Div. 869.

Many students are unperturbed by this, as is clearly shown by the popularity of these parties.

"I like house parties; they're fun. Yeah, I guess there's bad stuff around, but it's up

to each individual what the do or what they don't do at parties," said Jessalynn Ramirez, Div. 852.

For many students, house parties, both organized and informal, are the place to be on the weekends. By the look of things, this popularity will only increase as summer approaches, and entertainment companies gain a stronger foothold in the teenage party scene.

Students complain of fashion discrimination

By Sam Taylor

From clothing styles like "hip-hop," "punk," and "preppy," to having visible piercings, a peek of a tattoo or colored hair, teenagers showcase it all. Lane's hallways are filled with students of almost every style imaginable. While some teachers are hesitant about accepting certain fashions, students seem to be pursuing their personal style with little fear of discrimination.

"Teachers notice when I dress up for an occasion like a band concert or senior pictures. I usually get compliments," said Alexandra Vega, Div. 878.

High school is a time when students like to experiment and go through phases to try and figure out who they are. Many students change styles throughout the years while others do not vary.

"My style has pretty much stayed the same since I was a freshman. I haven't had a lot of problems," said Jose Gonzalez, Div. 773.

In high school, some students feel awkward or they try to make a statement through their style of clothing. Students as well as some teachers can have negative responses by discriminating against others.

"During my freshman year I definitely had some teachers show some discrimination," said Vega. "I had my ears gauged,

wore studded belts, died my hair black, and colored on my converse. I used to get some interesting looks and I even received some rude comments from teachers. I felt uncomfortable when they'd ask me harsh questions about my earrings. Since then my style has become more preppy."

Many students and teachers find this "experimenting" with style entertaining.

"When I first got my tongue pierced my teachers noticed," said Gonzalez. "It was something we all used to laugh about because for awhile I talked funny. Some teachers called on me more in class just to get a little laugh, while some were surprised because I dress so preppy, but I had no problems at all."

While most students and teachers have no problems with different fashion choices there are a few students who witness more acts of discrimination.

"I have a tattoo that is visible at times and I've had teachers make a rude remark or respond negatively since I'm younger, yet they don't say a word about my nose ring," said an anonymous senior.

"My freshman year I experimented with different hair colors," said an anonymous student. "I had a few problems. I dressed like a punk. I received weird looks from some teachers and they asked questions. I've toned it down though as I've gotten older. I think it's ridiculous to discriminate by looks. People are who they are, plain and simple."

"I draw on my hands and arms. Usually it's random stuff that I just draw," said Maggie Zagorska, Div. 878. "Teachers have asked me questions and I've gotten weird looks. It makes me uncomfortable. I mean its just some marker on my skin. I really don't understand the weird looks or questions I get. It doesn't mean that I'm going to change, but it's sad to see."

It's hard for students that have been victims of discrimination to forget about the incidents. Many teachers and students consider this and are careful to be respectful about style choices.

"I used to make fun of some people for what they wore; I didn't understand their sense of style," said an anonymous sophomore. "That changed when it happened to me. Someone said something rude to me and I realized that it wasn't cool. I'm a pretty average teenager and I felt that the comment was so out of line; it's something I won't forget."

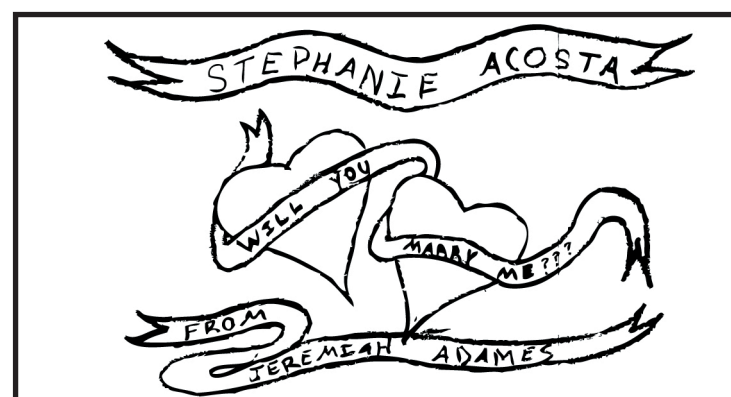
"Having it happen to me my first year here was unfair," said Vega. "School is supposed to be diverse. I felt that aspect later on in high school, and teach-

ers that are discriminant are a little old school, but they should find a new outlook."

"Personally, I've never had a real discrimination problem but I've known people that have. I think that some students showcase their different styles as an artistic view. Those people are brave enough to look different. Maybe some teachers should approach it like that," said Gonzalez.

Most teachers have no problems as long as the dress code is followed. Students continue to transform their looks whether they receive negative feedback or not.

"My style is always changing," said Stephanie Deese, Div. 879. "It could change day by day. It depends on how I feel. I like all kinds of styles, everyone is unique I am just lucky that people or teachers really don't discriminate against my choices, my styles are a part of who I am."



Chivalry in today's culture: dead or alive?

By Jessica Hall

Chivalry (n): The qualities expected by a medieval knight, especially courage, honor, loyalty, and consideration for women.

Chivalry(n): Considerate and courteous behavior, especially shown by a man toward women.

In this modern age of women's independence, has the medieval principle of chivalry become extinct, or has it simply evolved? Both students and staff have noticed a significant change in the traditional act of chivalry.

"Romanticism and chivalry have changed. A lot of guys don't feel that need to do things for females. Females are expected to do things themselves," said Deonte Ford, Div. 777.

"I do believe it has changed a lot. It doesn't happen. I don't see it anymore!" said Ronnett Lockett, Div. 774.

"The biggest change is that females kind of take the lead," said Ms. McNicholas, Sociology teacher.

Chivalry is primarily associated with the gender roles, or the model behavioral patterns of the sexes. For

example, women are traditionally expected to be sweet, well spoken, and polite, while men are expected to be strong, charming, and aggressive. Gender roles have played a significant part in chivalry.

"[Chivalry] has that negative connotation to it

by seeming primarily male," said Ms. Feuer, English teacher. "If it's a 'men are stronger, women are weaker thing,' then I don't like it."

First introduced during the medieval times, chivalry was associated with knighthood. It outlined the behavioral pattern for a knight, which included being respectful figures of society and

protecting women.

"I still think of chivalry in its historical context, where you have the knight in shining armor who comes and saves the female," said McNicholas.

As women have become more independent and equal, chivalry has changed also.

"I can open my own door. I'm capable of doing it myself," said Mrs. Hanly, head of the English department.

Today, chivalry has shifted from being primarily male and has become increasingly universal to both sexes. Chivalry is not limited to pulling out chairs, opening doors, and offering to pay on dates.

"Chivalry is going both ways. It's about having respect for each other and being polite," said Hanly.

Whether chivalry is dead or not is a matter of opinion, but the traditional view of the concept is undergoing a change in today's society. Students and teachers alike are unsure whether the chivalrous knight is simply removing his armor or lying down for a permanent night's sleep.

"Chivalry is going both ways. It's about having respect for each other and being polite," said Hanly.



Infidelity increasing among teenagers

By Bianca Chassagne

Heads turned as the argument grew louder, escalating until the two girls had to be pulled apart by security. It all began after one girl confronted the other about dating her boyfriend.

Infidelity in high school relationships is not uncommon. In fact, a number of students admitted to cheating on a significant other at least once in one of their past relationships. Often, their main reason for cheating was that they wanted to pursue other relationships without hurting their partner.

"I cheated because I still had feelings for an ex and moved on too quickly," said Mayana Alindogan, Div. 040.

"The other girl was sexy," said an anonymous freshman. "I didn't want to break up with my girlfriend because

I didn't want to hurt her."

One of the techniques used for cheating is to date people from other schools, even outside of the city, so the odds of getting caught are dramatically decreased.

"I talk to girls from other schools so that she doesn't catch me," said Antonio Smith, Div. 040. "[Guys] cheat because the girl he is with is not pleasing him. He doesn't want to hurt the girl so she's not supposed to find out [he's cheating]."

"I was upset when I found out my boyfriend was dating my friend the same time he was dating me," said Stancuta Ivan, Div. 052. "He would spend the weekday with me and date her on the weekends [she lived in Gurney]."

Another strategy in cheating is limiting the amount of physical interaction with their significant other to

only communicating via internet and phones calls.

"I would say I had plans and behind his back I would go and see my ex boyfriend," said Alindogan. "We [spoke] online and used the phone for contact."

Most people said if they were given the opportunity to cheat and could get away with it, they would not.

"I don't cheat because it's not right," said Ladell Thompson, Div. 756. "I've been cheated on numerous of times and it made me feel horrible and betrayed. I hated the world."

Others also agreed one of the main reasons why they did not believe in cheating was because they had been cheated on.

"Cheating is 100% about maturity level," said an anonymous senior female. "I was with my boyfriend for two and a half years when I

found out he cheated twice. I was more pissed off than sad. [Eventually] I was able to forgive him, and now we're really good friends."

"I have been cheated on," said Gerald Turner, Div. 787. "I think people cheat because they want more. It's greed, like you just can't have one person you want more."

Others are against cheating for rather different reasons.

"You can't cheat on you're girlfriend unless she's ugly," said an anonymous senior male. "But then why would you be with an ugly girl in the first place? If she's cool why would you cheat?"

According to infidelity expert Ruth Houston, there are different reasons behind men cheating and women cheating. Sex is usually the primary reason behind men cheating while women cheat as a last resort

in a relationship where they feel unfulfilled emotionally.

Cheating has become so common in the American society that there is even a show, *Cheaters*, dedicated to exposing those who cheat on their significant other. Kiss FM radio announced a survey where 45 percent of Americans admitted if they could get away with cheating, they would. Many feel the media is to blame for the increasing instances of infidelity.

"I do feel the media is to blame because they promote the 'do who you want when you want' lifestyle," said Autumn Sample, Div. 882. "Where love is for suckers and people should live life fast."

Cheating is prevalent in some relationships at Lane, but other students are adamantly against cheating of any kind.

America blinded by its insignificant problems



By Dorothy Gicela

When people think about recent cases of genocide, most recall the mass murder of Jews during World War II, or the killing of Muslims in Bosnia.

Genocide, by definition, is the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political, or cultural group, according to Dictionary.com. Today, all the warfare anyone seems to pay any attention to takes place in the Middle East: suicide bombings, murders of both innocent and terrorist Iraqi civilians, and all those American lives unnecessarily lost. All the while, a lesser known tragedy lurks in a continent not much further away. However, instead of oil, the natural resource fought over is diamonds. And death finds its way to people through diseases and social conditions that are not a factor in safer societies

like the United States.

That continent is Africa. Currently plagued by war, famine, and rampant diseases such as malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and meningitis, the entire continent is so ravaged that it isn't able to provide basic health care for those in need. Africa buys only one percent of the world's drug supply, despite its being overwhelmed by people who are in desperate need of help. Here in America, the pharmaceutical field is a mega billion dollar industry. And it is completely pathetic to see that the most advertised treatments are for hair loss, impotence, high cholesterol, depression, and arthritis. It seems that here in America we can turn to a therapist for everything that goes wrong in our lives, like a painful divorce or a mid-life crisis, or any collection of minor inconveniences that people over-dramatize into personal tragedies. Meanwhile, in Africa, countless individuals witness the terrible acts of violent regimes and the loss of loved ones, and have no help in dealing with their trauma.

Looking into the lives of the youth in Africa and America (more specifically the general population of students at our high school) and the problems they both encounter reveals a com-

pletely different set of priorities. Here at Lane there are widespread complaints about too much work, unfair teachers, drama in the social life, and the massive outbreak of "senioritis." I must admit I am guilty of at least a few. But in certain parts of Africa regimes are still recruiting people our age and training them to kill. And by recruiting I mean actually stealing them from their parents, giving them mind altering drugs (heroin), putting a gun in their hands and pointing to a group of people and telling them those people deserve to die.

Such brainwashing is depicted in the movie Blood Diamonds, where it shows the son of the main character being trained as a child soldier. To teach the children how to kill mercilessly, they blindfold them, put a gun in their hands, and tell them to shoot. After it is done, the child uncovers the blindfold to discover the horrifying reality that they've shot and killed people who had been lined up in front of them. This is still happening in countries like Uganda, where more than 25,000 children have been kidnapped and forced to serve as soldiers in a civil war. These soldiers are innocent children who are brutalized and mutilated, forced to commit atrocities,

and given as sex slaves to military commanders.

When I first started learning about the conditions of Africa and their needs for financial help, I wondered: Why should America help? We're already spending money on various other foreign crises. Unlike the war in Iraq, there are no financial gains to providing aid to Africa; only the knowledge that we would be doing something to help make the lives of millions of people a little bit better. This year the United States plans to donate only about 21 million dollars to Rwanda to care for child victims of HIV/AIDS. It's pathetic to see America devoting billions of dollars to a war that most Americans disapprove of, has no direct purpose, and no end in sight.

I don't want to leave people wondering why, if I'm so concerned with Africa, I don't do something about it. I do not know how to start a fundraising effort, nor am I old enough to join most organizations. But I can applaud and join the efforts of high school students that are also aware of this cause and striving to make a difference. "Dollars for Darfur," a fundraising event started by high school students Nick Anderson and Ana Slavin, has promoted awareness

and called for financial help through pages on Myspace and Facebook. (Two websites I deemed evil are actually doing some good).

"There are 27,000 high schools in the U.S., and if each school raised just \$10,000 we could easily have over \$200,000," says Anderson. But if every student in every high school could just donate the spare change in their pockets, who knows how many children in Africa could eat a nice meal or drink clean water or get treatment for a deadly disease.

It shouldn't take the likes of American celebrities or clothing companies to raise awareness of the atrocities taking place in Africa. As a plea to the administrators that run our school: please, focus less on the condition of our building, and more on educating students about the horrible crimes in Africa and what can be done to prevent them. Perhaps with a little help from everyone, we can work to make the world a better place for those who are suffering.

FOOTNOTE:

I'd like to thank my wonderful teacher Ms. Flanagan, who took the initiative to raise awareness of this struggling continent to her classes.

Music teacher, Mr. Hielt, fired for no good reason



By Frank Weinert

As my time at Lane Tech nears its end, I reflect upon the last four years. I've learned a lot since I first came to this school, not only from teachers, but from students as well. The advantage of going to such a big school is that I've met so many great people. I only have so

much ink in my pen, so I can't write about all of them in full detail; this is just scratching the surface.

I don't remember much about freshman year; just that drafting sucked and 9th period Math Communications dragged. But I don't regret having to take eight classes because that meant my introduction to the Band Department, Mr. Hielt, and Mr. Bances. Mr. Hielt was quite unconventional in his teaching. Somehow, he was able to create a comfortable environment in which students were eager to learn new things. Never before had any of my music teachers been so successful as Mr. Hielt, and his effective approach of being conservative in teaching the material but remaining liberal in

his teaching methods. As a drummer, I learned so much from this smart, talented, and humble man.

Mr. Hielt was someone students looked up to. Last year, instead of spending his lunch period to relax and be free for 46 minutes, he took the time to set up a second Jazz Band due to the high student demand. In the year since then, I have watched those students progress tremendously in their playing and in their character.

On May Day, 2007, Mr. Benjamin Hielt was dismissed for reasons unknown. The irony of his being laid off on International Workers' Day is disgusting. It would make you laugh if it didn't make you cry. As principal of Lane Tech, Dr. LoBosco made the choice to dismiss

Mr. Hielt, effectively firing him and other teachers this year by choosing one of six reasons from a drop-down menu - including the vague category of "other." But when I asked her why she fired him, she would not give me an answer, citing his right to privacy. Mr. Hielt was not even given a sufficient reason why he was dismissed (LoBosco explained that she wouldn't give the reason in order to help Hielt attain future employment).

Personally, I believe that the firing of Mr. Hielt and other teachers this year was a budget cut. The proof for this theory can be seen in recent historical evidence. In 2005, CPS actively recruited teachers from around the world to "maintain a competitive workforce" (maintain-

ing a competitive workforce - hiring people from around the world who are willing to work for less money than your current employees). That same year, there were massive teacher layoffs, totaling approximately 1,116 CPS teachers fired between March and April 2005. The Chicago Department of Housing was even offering mortgage assistance to newly hired teachers just so they'd agree to work for a lower wage than the laid-off teachers received.

Mr. Hielt is just one case of injustice in CPS schools. His story symbolizes many. The angry student response, called Riot for Hielt is in no way the beginning, and it is in no way the end. It is merely another chapter.

Century-old Chicago rivalry lives on at Lane

By Jonathan Quiles

It's finally here, and fans from far and wide have been waiting for it. The boys of summer are back and everyone is full of anticipation. It's time for Cubs and White Sox baseball.

In the city of Chicago, however, not everyone is anticipating the same outcome. When it comes to Windy City baseball there are only two choices, and people are divided as Cubs fans and Sox fans. This is definitely true at Lane.

Lane is diverse in more ways than one. While there are several different races, ethnicities, and nationalities represented in the school body, there is one category of diversity that causes adversity at Lane all spring. Lanites can't agree on what team to root, root, root for. All of the faculty, staff, and students are divided over the "Cross Town Classic." Twice each summer the Cubs and Sox match up against one another to determine who reigns supreme in the Windy City.

"I think it's great," said Samantha Montes, Div. 904. "It brings people together, even if it is competitively. It gives them a reason to talk baseball."

The rivalry is not made by the players of each team, but by the fans and the media. For instance, McDonald's recently ran commercials where Cubs pitcher Carlos

Zambrano and Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski are playing practical jokes on each other.

Technically the Chicago White Stockings, later renamed the Cubs, became a team in 1870 and the Sioux City Cornhuskers, renamed the White Sox, became a team in 1893. The rivalry itself, however, became active in 1904 when teams were officially renamed and Chicagoans chose sides.

At Lane, when the series are under way, it is a festival of non-stop trash talking and hatred for the opposing team. Cubs and Sox fans hate each other. It rarely becomes a hostile environment, but it's always nice to be known as a winner.

"It's all about bragging rights," said Josh Colon, Div. 775.

Not all the bragging is done by students at Lane though. Assistant Principal Mrs. Dean has been known to bring up her team, the Sox, from time to time at the monthly faculty meetings. She is not alone.

"We all tease each other," said Mr.

Kimmons, History teacher. "Sometimes it gets a little ridiculous and people start taking it too seriously."

During the football season, Chicagoans all love the Bears. When the Bulls swept the Heat everyone was rooting for them. But for some reason, they can't be a big happy city during the baseball season.

"Some Cubs fans only come to the games to drink, talk on their cell phones, and check out the ladies," said Sox fan Mr. Milsap, of the Discipline Office.

"Sox fans are haters," retorted Mr. Telles, English teacher and baseball coach.

"Sox fans tend to unnecessarily trash talk," said Julian Palazon, Div. 774. "People need to give Cubs fans more credit. There is an illusion of Cubs fans being baseball idiots, but that's just because there are so many. I know tons [of Cubs fans] that know the game like the back of their hand."



Cubs catcher Michael Barrett punches White Sox player A.J. Pierzynski after a collision at home plate in one of last year's games.

On the other hand, there are plenty of fans who not only feel hatred towards the other team's fans, but also feel it toward their own team's fans.

"For the most part, Cubs fans aren't all into the game sometimes," said Sam Graebe, Div. 752, who is a Cubs fan.

"I like the [Cubs fans] who don't go to the games more than the ones who do," said Adam Kubes, Div. 784.

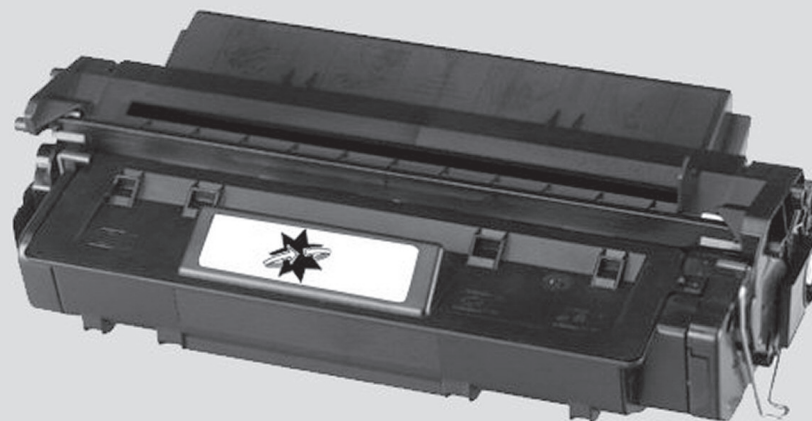
"Ever since [the Sox] won the World Series there has been a lot of bandwagon riders," said Adam Nieves, Div. 770. "Oh, and I don't like these 'Chicago Fans.' Choose a side already."

Either way, whatever team people are rooting for, it should be a fun summer as both teams are expected to compete in their respective divisions. And once again, Dr. LoBosco always knows how to compromise.

"Every Chicago team is a great team. But I am a Northsider at heart!" said LoBosco, who is a Cubs fan.

Early in the season, both the Cubs and White Sox are close to the lead in their divisions, with records right around the .500 mark. But Cubs fans have bragging rights early after the Cubs took two out of three games from the Sox at Wrigley Field on May 18-20. The series rematch at "the Cell" is scheduled for June 22-24.

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GIRLS CITY

The Girls' Track and Field Team went into the June 5 City Championships hoping to cement their standing as defending champions and prove they deserved their recent titles.

More than a few speculators doubted the team's ability to hold onto their title for the fourth consecutive year. Many believed that with Whitney Young's team improving and taking points from Lane's distance squad, Morgan Park would be able to edge out Lane to reclaim the championship they had held for ten years prior to Lane's victory.

Proving their critics wrong, Lane won the meet with score of 170.5 points – a whopping 52 point lead over second place team Morgan Park. This solid victory proved that Lane's girls are a formidable power in the public league.

Along with the team title, the girls also secured six individual city championships. Shanita Polk, Div 878, holds the title in both Shot Put and Discus. Stephanie Hughes, Div. 763, won her fourth consecutive 3200 meter championship. Nia Muhammad, Div.758, finished first in the 100 meter hurdles. Morgan Monroe, Div. 880, secured titles in the 800 meter run and the 300 meter hurdles. She also set a new meet record in the 300 meter hurdles, with a time of 45.17 seconds.

GIRLS STATE

Victory for the Lane girls did not end at City. Five girls qualified to run at state. Monroe and Margie Zimoch, Div 761., both earned All-State honors at the State Meet.

After competing, Zimoch, a long jumper, was told she had missed All-State by one position (top nine are all-state.) Happy with her presumed tenth place finish, Zimoch changed out of uniform and prepared to watch the rest

of the events. To her surprise, she soon heard her name announced to receive her medal. One of her coaches had miscounted the scores and Zimoch's jump of 17' 9-1/4" was actually the ninth farthest jump.

Zimoch said competing at the State Finals meet was unlike anything she had done before.

"You know thousands of people are watching, so it's a completely different atmosphere," she said. "And it's just so amazing."

At the qualifying day of the two-day state meet, Monroe was a long shot to make finals. With the slowest qualifying time in her heat, she surprised everyone, except perhaps her teammates who knew just what she was capable of, by qualifying for finals out of the eighth lane. She did not disappoint her spectators in the second day. With a time of 43.43 seconds, Monroe ran her personal best time, and set a new school record, in addition to finishing fourth in the State.

"I was very happy [with my finish] because not a lot of people get to do to do that," said Monroe. "Especially not kids from the city who don't even have a track, and practice on these crappy hurdles."

Monroe and Zimoch were not the only girls who qualified for State. Polk qualified in Discus and Shot Put. Muhammad and Monroe also qualified to run the 100 meter hurdles. They competed in these events in the June 17 qualifiers, but did not advance to finals.

The 4 X400 team, of Idia Omogiate, Div. 933, Zimoch, Muhammad and Monroe, came within seconds of making the finals. A dropped baton on the second lap cost the relay about four seconds. The girls made up for the lost time, running remarkably fast times. Monroe and Muhammad ran 55 and 57 second laps respectively (times very close the ones run in some boys meets). Together, the girls nearly made up the 120 meters they lost, and according the coaches, with another meter would have



Lane long jumper Margie Zimoch launches skyward at the State Meet. Over 17 and a half feet later, she landed a spot as one of the top ten high school long jumpers in the state of Illinois this year.

won the heat and qualified. It was a fast, exciting race with a very close finish.

Although they would have liked to qualify for finals, the girls were not too upset about the race.

"Whatever happens, you can't be too disappointed," said Zimoch, "because you have already achieved so much just making it that far."

Unsanitary weight room conditions cause cases of ringworm

By Anna Treesara

An itchy, circular patch has formed on the skin. The edges are raised, red, and are peeling or scaly.

If this sounds disturbing, think what it must be like for the Lane students who discover these ringworm symptoms after using unsanitary equipment.

Cases of ringworm, a fungal infection of the skin, have been contracted in Lane's weight room. It is a common infection among wrestlers and other athletes in contact sports because it is spread through skin contact.

Even if a person shows no symp-

toms, they can transmit the infection to others. If they are unaware of the condition or are not careful about hygiene, it is very easy to spread. When an infected student uses and sweats on weight room machines and mats, the infection can then be transmitted to the next student using that equipment.

"You could put a towel around your neck," said an anonymous junior. "But there's still a chance of catching ringworm because of all the sweat."

Because the wrestling team often uses the equipment and mats in the weight room, which are rarely cleaned, ringworm is easily spread. At least two wrestlers have developed ringworm this year.

"I got [ringworm] the first week of May," said an anonymous junior on the wrestling team. "It's disgusting and I have to clean my arms every certain hour in order to keep it from spreading. If I don't do this, the ringworms have a chance of only getting bigger."

Another anonymous junior wrestler developed a less severe, but more obvious case in April. The ringworm infections were visible on his face and neck.

Treatment for ringworm is fairly simple and usually involves an over the counter anti-fungal cream. Infections generally take a week or two to heal, though they might last longer.

Despite this, reported ringworm

cases have taken a mental toll on PE classes using the weight room.

"I don't really feel as safe as I would in an ordinary gym such as Bally's," said PE student, David Caburnay, Div. 907. "But I still work out there because if I don't, I don't get a grade for that day."

"It's gross enough thinking about all the sweat that exists in there," said Megha Shah, Div. 921. "But then to top it all off, people have gotten infections due to so much bacteria."

Students and teachers have suggested that overall cleanliness in the weight room needs to be improved.

"There are a good number of Lane students using the weight room," said Mr. Lewis, who was

in charge of locking the weight room last year. "But from what I can tell, those students don't seem to take very good care of it."

"I've never seen anyone clean the weight room," said Giovanni Diaz, Div. 912.

Some students like David Kucher, Div 903, say they prefer not to work out at Lane so as to avoid catching something like ringworm.

Although there are several coaches that are in the weight room after school, they do not encourage the students to clean after themselves. Their main responsibility, according to the students who work out in the weight room, is to ensure safety.

Boys' Lacrosse top contender for State

By Sophia Lugo

Lacrosse is generally a sport dominated by East Coast and suburban schools. This year, however, some things have changed. This year, Lane is a top contender for a state championship.

The Boys' Lacrosse team is having their most successful season in the program's history.

"This year is unbelievable," said Pat Dwyer, Div. 865. "No Lane team has ever won more than six games and we have won 12 so far."

The team's success is credited mainly to a high number of returning seniors and their dedication to improving their abilities on the field.

"This team is more experienced than any I have coached due to their off-season commitment," said eight year Head Coach Drew Bogan.

Along with experience, the team also has a larger roster and more team chemistry. This year there are almost 40 players on the team, which makes practice easier and more effective. Also, since many of the players have been working together for more than one year they make a better team.

"We have gone from being a group of talented individuals to becoming a talented team, and that is not easy," said captain Mike Boshardy, Div. 751.

Their chemistry is an important part of the team's success, and most of the players said they feel a strong connection with their teammates.

"It is a lot easier to play well with a group of guys you get along with and you see as more of a family than just a team," said Taaha Rana, Div. 913.

"I have been on this team for four years and I have seen the team get better as the years pass," said cap-

tain Farzad Alam, Div. 777. "I am just happy that I am experiencing such an amazing season my last year here."

The ultimate payoff for these athletes would be to play in the state championship game on June 2. They have been using this as their motivation.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to win state," said Alex Calderon, Div. 777, "And that is our mission: and it's our mission every single day, whether it be practice or a game."

The fact that Lane is a top contender for the state title this year is a big deal because of how rare it is for a city school to be considered serious competition. Schools in the suburbs have more advanced teams because their students have been playing the sport longer. This is not usually the case for city students.

Almost every player at Lane picks up a stick for the first time when they are here. For some, the first time they see a game, is when they play in their first one. This puts the team at a disadvantage from the beginning.

The sport has become much more popular in Illinois in recent years, and there are more schools with teams than ever before. As a result, starting with the 2006 season, there are now two divisions of competition. These divisions are based on school size and experience.

This division system is similar to the 1A through 8A system in football. Since Lane is a CPS school it is in Division 2. Lane competes with other schools that are close to their level of competition.

Lane is seeded fourth for the state championship brackets. This high seed shows that they have earned their spot as a top contender and also keeps their hopes of winning a state title alive.



Baseball Team loses City Championship to Whitney Young

By Jonathan Quiles

Pictured above, David Botello, Div. 863, singles to left field for one of Lane's five hits. On May 21 the Indians were defeated by Whitney Young 1-0 in the City Championship game.

Whitney Young pitcher Max Friedman pitched a complete game four hit shutout, while Lane pitcher Julian Palazon, Div. 774, pitched nearly as impressive a game, giving

up only one run.

The game was a showcase of pitching and defense. In the bottom of the fifth inning Lane threatened to score with men on first and second. Rafael Rodriguez, Div. 855, was thrown out at home on a very close play.

Young scored their first and only run in the top of the sixth inning when T.J. White doubled in Julian Keanner. This is the first time that Lane has lost the City Championship in the past three years.

Track takes Championship; sends runners downstate

By Maggie Byrne

BOYS CITY

With a 24 point lead Lane's Boy's Track and Field Team won their second consecutive City Championship. It was their third championship in the past four years.

The boys took home first place medals in seven events. The 4x800, 4x100, and 4x200 meter relay teams all finished first in the city. Gerald Turner, Div. 787, holds the title in the 110 meter hurdles. Tory McAlister, Div. 878, won the 300meter hurdles. And Fuad Salami, Div. 788, finished first in both the 100 and 200 meter runs.

A number of other high finishes earned the team 142 point and a victory over rival Mather High. Overall, the boys believed the race was very successful and look forward to making, what they hope will be another strong bid for the title next year.

BOYS STATE SECTIONALS & FINALS

While the city meet victory was great for the team, their first-place team finish at the May 18 State Sectional race was even more satisfying.

The team has not won the sectional meet in at least five years. Coach Roof says this is quite an accomplishment and stands as a testament to how well the boys compete as individuals and as a team.

"From a team perspective, I think Friday's [sectional] meet set a good tone going into state," said state quailfier Kevin Beltan, Div. 783.

Beltran qualified as an individual to run the 800 at state. Two hurdlers, McAlister, 300 meter hurdles, and Turner, 110 meter hurdles, also qualified. Sam Pellegrino, Div. 766, will throw discuss down state and Devon Rosa, Div. 789, will run the open 400. In addition, Lane's 4x200 relay, with the help of Rashe-e Allen, Div. 878, qualified, as did the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays team.

The state meet, held at Eastern Illinois University, is a two day event. Friday was the qualifying round and Saturday was the Final. With so many qualifiers, Lane had an exciting

chance. For the first time in 12 years, the boys had a plausible chance of qualifying for finals. The last Lane track athlete to make it to finals was a jumper, in 1995. It had been even longer since a runner made it out of qualifiers.

McAlister and Turner were 10th and 11th, respectively, in their respective races. And to fulfill Lane's big dreams, the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays, lead by seniors Jerrel Thornton, Div. 768, and Kenny Blanks, Div. 766, earned All-State honors. The 4x100 finished 7th, while the 4x200 took home 6th place medals.

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