As lunchtime hibernation at Dominick’s is no longer staying in the lunchroom,” said Kailie Stevens, “since the store offered indoor cafe seating near the produce section. But the grocery store/pizza parlor always seemed ‘No sales; no business,’ the employee said. Dominick’s employee can attest to.

Reasons behind the demise are clear, as one student’s list, is no more. Due to competition and Dominick’s, one of the lunch spots on most of the students’ lists, is no more. Due to competition and Jewel stores, however, all will be safe. All will be guaranteed a safer. All will be safe.

Mendosa, above, harbored a love of expression. Bottom left, his AP Photo project, “Medusa”

Although, Mendosa’s life was cut short, his contributions in life cannot be denied. He seemed to be destined for greatness.

“As long as it’s not a fast food joint. A fresh market would be nice,” said Kaitlyn Howell, Div. 375. “Chipotle! Pretty please,” said Marie Bedolla, Div. 154 who came there for lunch at least once a week.

The change will come with hard feelings for Bedolla. “It was a good place to come after school and hang around even though we would only buy a bag of chips and some pop. They would never kick us out,” he said.

Luckily, the employees’ jobs are safe. All will be relocated to other Dominick’s stores, and are guaranteed a spot. There are 2,000 residents, however, who will have to go to Jewel if they want to do their grocery shopping locally.

“This was the closest Dominick’s to my neighborhood,” said Jocelyn James, Div. 165. The future use of the building is yet to be determined, and students are hopeful that another lunch period hangout might be established – maybe even a healthy option.


It looks like Jewel will be getting more business for the time being. On the bright side, Dominick’s is in the process of opening two new Chicago locations to offer “ingredients to life,” as their slogan proclaims.
By Nicole Jacobs

On Sept.17th 2010, Dolores Santillan, Div. 179, amiously waited in her front row seat as Major General Anderson from the Air Force spoke at the podium. Although the room was crowded with JROTC instructors and proud parents from all over the city, it was completely silent. When the general announced Santillan’s name as this year’s Cadet Brigadier General for Chicago’s JROTC program, her parents proudly planted the medal on their daughter.

According to Colonel Kochheiser, it has been three years since the last Lane student was awarded top cadet in the city. This year’s competition included 4,500 schools and 12,000 students. In order to try out for the city core staff, students had to write a written test. Then they proceeded on to a panel interview in which the judges narrowed it down to two finalists. The other finalist was Jil Hilland of Whitney Young who was appointed executive officer.

“It was nerve-wracking to hear the position, but I didn’t do anything alone. The staff was behind me,” said Santillan. Santillan and three other Lane students were competing for city core jobs and attended a two week long summer camp in June at St. John’s Military Academy in Wisconsin. At the camp, students were tested to see how they handled themselves with their staff and other cadets throughout Chicago to see who would potentially make a good Cadet Brigadier General.

“Tolona’s public speaking and personality were what made the difference at the camp,” said Shanice Hilliards, Div. 358. “Club Day is necessary...it brings people together,” said Bannon. “...We had a little over 300 people sign up,” said Bannon. “The large number of students that showed up and attended clubs made the day a success.”

Santillan has two cousins in the military. The eldest is in the National Guard Reserve and the other joined the Navy to become an intelligence officer.

“His achievements and accomplishments influenced me to join the [military] program,” said Santillan. “However, it has been in my head since I was five.”

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Santillan demonstrates that hard work and dedication are two important factors in pursuing something that you enjoy.

Cadet Brigadier General title returns to Lane

By Katarya Barmak

Colorful display boards line the tables while eager students rush into the lunchroom. In the midst of the commotion, a smiling Jorge Franco sniffs up and down the aisles with a cardboard sign above his head. Scattered in permanent marker, his sign reads: JOIN ANIME CLUB 9 PER. IN 155 WED. Franco is one of the many club representatives who take special measures to allure students to sign up for their club.

“I got to hook them into it,” said Antonio President, Jennifer Abura, Div. 162. “We brought gummy bears and chips and spicy Mexican candy.”

These special measures seemed to work for the most part.

“At a certain point we were completely surrounded by people from all around the table,” said Abura.

“It was a lot of fun when people actually followed me and asked what Anime Club is and I showed them the big screen,” said Franco, Div. 360.

Some clubs had very authentic looking displays to attract students. Hawaii Club’s board looked like a Tikis last while the officers wore leis and the dancers wore skirts. They also offered fruity Studentas.

“We are not trying to bribe anyone with candy. It’s the interest that they didn’t have International Days last year,” said Sabrina Hufana, Div. 184.

Hawaii was not the only club who dressed up to attract students. German Club girls were wearing traditional German dresses, otherwise known as the “Gutenkumst.”

Other clubs felt it was unnecessary to draw attention for students to join.

“Honestly, I haven’t done much to gain members. Mostly, I just told people about it,” said Jackie Ban.

“Club Day is necessary...it brings people together,” said Bannon. “We had a little over 300 people sign up, but it’s hard to manage all of those people and to find the space for them.”

Some clubs, however, did not worry about the space factor since they meet in places like the auditorium.

“In Key Club we’re always looking for more people to come out and volunteer at events so we’re not alone,” said Maria Santillan, Div. 172. “She was a very good leader at the camp and ran it well alongside her subordinates there.”

Santillan was under a lot of pressure, but Lane has more students on the city corps staff than any other school. Kochheiser attended the camp as well to support his students.

“I tell them that if they focus and apply themselves, they can take over the world,” said Kochheiser. “It feels good because I know we have a really good program here in Chicago.”

As a Cadet Brigadier General, Santillan represents all the cadets in the city at VIP events, serves as a judge at city-wide drill meets, and coordinates with the District Army instructor for gratitude. Santillan also has many responsibilities handling city-wide functions such as service learning projects like the military.

Along with Kochheiser, many of Santillan’s fellow JROTC classmates support her as the Cadet Brigadier General.

“Santillan knows what she’s doing,” said Ahmad Abushalbak, Div. 185. “I’ve always had a feeling that she had a good chunk of leadership in her. I’m glad to be here at Lane where the high-rank representing Cadet goes. It makes me even more proud of Lane and encourages me to work harder to achieve my goals.”

“I was at the camp with her,” said Mohammad Sanjian, Div. 253. “She was a very good leader and at the camp it ran well alongside her subordinates there.”

Santillan’s fellow JROTC student she is very commited and good at what she does,” said I mamre Velaquez, Div. 172. “She is also a hard-worker and she also gets good grades.”

Although Santillan did not receive any scholarship awards, she considers achieving top cadet in the city as one of her biggest accomplishments.

“The military has always been my dream even before I joined JROTC,” said Santillan. “I want to go to college first though and after that I would enter the Army as an officer.”

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“Being a JROTC student she is very commited and good at what she does,” said Isamar Velazquez, Div. 172. “She is a hard-worker and she also gets good grades.”

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A letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

The Lane Warrior staff would like to introduce its first issue! As a reminder, The Warrior is a student-produced publication, and therefore we value student opinion. We are always interested in hearing reactions to our publication: good or bad. This year, we would again like to encourage letters to the editor in response to our articles, and we welcome any feedback you may have. Email any such responses to feedback@lanewarrior.com. We look forward to representing the student voice and documenting this year at Lane. Go Indians!

Sincerely,

The Warrior Staff

Comic by Charlie Kim

Cadet Brigadier Dolores Santillan (third from right) and Colonel Kochheiser (center pose) for a picture with other cadets.
Mayor Daley announces he will not seek re-election

Students, teachers react as city prepares for change

By Kelly Sinemi

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, Mayor Daley announced he will not be running for a seventh term. He is the only mayor many Chicagoans have ever known seeing as he has spent six terms as mayor, until 2011. Now Chicago has to prepare for new changes in the city.

"Today I’m announcing that I will not seek a seventh term as mayor of the city of Chicago. Simply put, it’s time. It’s time for me, it’s time for Chicago to move on. Improving Chicago has been the ongoing work of my life. I love every minute of it," Daley said as his news conference.

Daley took office after a special election in 1989, and in Dec. will surpass his father as the longest serving mayor of Chicago. He has become a popular and respected mayor, as well as a big Chicago name.

"I think Daley has done a good job such as beautifying the city by remodelling the lakefront and building Millennium Park. He was concerned with Chicago's image," said AP Government and Politics teacher Mr. Wadlewski.

Although he has been praised in the past, he has also been highly criticized for privatizing many public city utilities and for the closure of Meigs Airport in 2003 when some people believed it was part of the runways at the airport without required notification.

"His worst moves were in privatizing public things such as the Skyway and parking meters. It’s not only that he sold it, but he got bad deals. Some people say he could have gotten a much higher bid," said Wadlewski.

"I don’t think he did a good job. He took a lot of short cuts and didn’t put money where it needed to be," said Adam Tomasic, Div. 190.

As Mayor Daley said, it is time for him, and time for Chicago. That also means it is time to consider who could replace him and if his move will be a good thing for the city.

"It’s good in some ways, but negative in others. He is experienced, and it [Daley’s experience] is something we could benefit from," said Rolanda Pinto, Div. 189.

"I think his job has been overrated at times, and as sad as it seems, I think time will move on and Chicago is a city that will move on," said James Wenzel, Div. 267.

"I have never really known any other mayor," said Kendria Helm, Div. 372. "I am skeptical as to who will be good or motivated enough to do the job, but I’m open to see what a new mayor can do as a city mayor.

"Many of you will search to find what’s behind my decision. It’s simple. I’ve always believed that everyone, especially public officials, must understand when it’s time to move on. For me that time is now," said Daley.

Although he says it’s just time, some say his wife’s health may have played a role in this decision. She has been fighting breast cancer since 2002, and it has recently spread to her bones, liver, and lungs.

"Twenty years could do some damage to a person, but his wife is definitely a factor," said Pinto.

Others believe he may just finally be burned out on politics.

"I thought maybe he just wanted to retire and live his life," said Kendria Helm, Div. 372. "If I was mayor and spent as many years as he has spent in office, I would retire too," said Ashley Whitehead, Div. 373.

There are already many big names in the political world who are considering running for Chicago’s mayoral office, including Rahm Emanuel (President Obama’s Chief of Staff for two years who formerly held the 5th US House District seat), Jesse Jackson Jr. (holds US House seat in the 4th district), Sheriff Tom Dart, as well as countless other house reps, aldermen, and other Cook County officials.

"I don't think it is going to be one of the popular names out there like Jesse Jackson Jr, Luis Gutierrez, or Rahm Emanuel. It will probably be someone who doesn’t have too many opinions surrounding them," said Wadlewski.

The primary election will be held on Feb. 22, 2011.

Lane alumni visit on Professional Day

By Vivian Tosche & Nicole Jacobs

A Government Intelligence agent, a Vice President of Bank of America, and a Chicago Tribune reporter were visiting the halls of Lane on Thursday, Sept. 25. No, they were not filming an episode of CSI; it was Professional Day hosted by the Lane Tech Alumni Association and over 30 Lane alumni came and talked to students about their jobs and experiences.

“This was my eighth year participating. I also brought one of my younger daughters to participate with me and hand out gifts such as pens and tote bags from Bank of America,” said Glenn Hamilton, Class of 1976. 

Teachers received a list of speakers to interview and had to submit a form with which one they wanted.

"I try to pick speakers who had a hard time and had to overcome adversity to get where they are today. They all had very interesting stories on how they failed and had to overcome it," said Mrs. Serantoni.

Students listened to the speakers and asked questions about their experiences, where they went to college, what they majored in, and more. They heard from people who were once in the same seats that they sit in now. "I learned a lot from the speakers and it changed my decision on what I wanted to do after college because I realized that I would need to take a lot of math and science classes, which isn't my strong point," said Angelica Figueroa, Div. 159.

If students study hard, in twenty years they may be able to return to Lane and talk about what an interesting job they have.

STARS Mentor Freshmen Tailgate Party kicks off school year

By Brianna Tosney & Nicole Jacobs

The Green and Gold STARS mentors waited for the freshmen as they made their way towards the lunchroom.

The freshmen were served pizza and soda as they walked around and talked to their fellow classmates. Face painting and henna tattoo tables were some of the new stations available this year at the STARS Mentor Freshman Tailgate Party.

This year's tailgate party was held for the freshmen before Lane's football game against Curie High School on Sept. 17. It was a way for the freshmen to interact with each other and get to know each other. This year, however, there was a smaller student turnout compared to the tailgate held last year.

"I think we had more students attend the tailgate last year. I think it was because the football game was earlier in the day," said Mr. Dubberg, as he stood looking around school to attend the tailgate and then attend the football game at 7pm, especially if they do not live close to the school.

Despite the smaller turnout, there were more activities held at this year's tailgate that the attendees were able to enjoy. There were henna tattoos, face painting, and performances by the cheerleading team, dance team, and the band. All of these activities and performances were new this year, according to Mr. Dubberg.

"The performances were cool," said Green STARS mentor Gabriella Quinones, Div. 156. "Everyone was gathered throughout the lunchroom dancing and talking. It was great."

Many students claimed they enjoyed the social atmosphere provided by this year's tailgate.

"I am expecting good, free pizza and a good time hanging with my friends," said Ronan King, Div. 462.

Most of the students that attended enjoyed the music, art, and spent time with friends. There were even students that were not in the STARS mentor program (not were freshmen) that went to the event and had a good time.

"We didn’t have this our freshman year," said Wendy Valladares, Div. 156. "We [the freshmen] don’t know how lucky they are that they have this [the stars mentor program]," said Wendy Valladares, Div. 156.

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By Bill Felton

“This homework is so easy,” a student in the front of the room happily announces.

“Easy. Easy. breezy. Beautiful. Cover Girl,” Ms. Nam responds to her class with a broad smile. The class laughs at her reference to a beauty product commercial. Ms. Nam remembers this slogan from the many times she heard it while learning English.

Ms. Nam, who is a native English speaking English teacher but is also well versed in American culture, has noticed that many students in South Korea are much different from the students that she taught in Chicago. Ms. Nam is a math teacher in South Korea and is teaching Algebra II this year at Lane. She is experiencing firsthand the American schooling and its students, as well as noticing many differences between South Korean and American education. Students at Lane are much different from the students that Ms. Nam taught in South Korea. American students exercise more independence and freedom in their daily lives. This freedom is shown in the amount of free time students get after school to spend with their friends and enjoy the day, whereas South Korean students do not have it. “I feel sorry for the Korean students. They don’t have time to enjoy their lives,” Ms. Nam said.

Students in South Korea are in school much longer than American students. A routine school day along with time spent on homework will last well into the night, with students eating not only lunch, but also a dinner at school. “I feel sorry for Korean students. They don’t have time to enjoy their lives,” Ms. Nam said. “Students usually stay until nine or ten at night.”

Nam is also glad to see that American students are open and honest in something different. Her style has not been considered weird or crazy. Moncarey’s hair is a mix of reddish-orange and black. A typical outfit for her might include dark skinny jeans, converse shoes, and a printed tee. “Sometimes people look at me with big eyes, like OMG, what a weird style!” Moncarey said. “I don’t care. I don’t want to be like them. I want to be myself. That’s why I dress differently.”

At Lane, Moncarey has realized that everyone’s fashion sense is not the same. She has witnessed the school’s diversity, and not just because of its various races and cultures.

“Some Belgians think that all Americans follow one style, a fancy style, and that’s what’s normal. But it’s actually different,” Moncarey said. “There are more people here with their own style. People have on pajama pants when I get here. I’m like ‘okay… that’s normal!’”

She has also noticed that most people at Lane like to dress comfortably. “I’ve seen so many people here with sweatpants on. It’s normal. But when I’m from, if you have on sweatpants, they ask you why you have them on, and they look at you strange. They assume something’s wrong,” Moncarey said.

Due to the fact that everyone has their own style and dress freely, Moncarey feels that her sense of style has been welcomed by Lane students.

“Here [at Lane], so many people tell me they like my hair and my style. Back home, I was sometimes looked at as an outsider by people who weren’t my friends,” she said. “I would get strange looks like ‘Oh my God, what does she have on?’”

Fashion is not the only thing she has noticed that is different from life in Belgium. “In Chicago [at Lane] seems like milk is the center of the world. Everyone always wears milk,” Moncarey said. “In Belgium, you are looked at like you’re crazy if you ask for milk.”

Within Moncarey’s first hours here, she realized how unusual things are. She experienced being at very noisy restaurants and how different the sizes of things are in Belgium when compared to America. Ms. Nam’s hair is a mix of reddish-orange and black. A typical outfit for her might include dark skinny jeans, converse shoes, and a printed tee.

Ms. Nam visits her desk in her classroom. By Briania Toney

Hollywood. That is what all the girls in Belgian dream about. At least that is what Anaelle Moncarey, Div. 158, believes.

Moncarey, a Belgian exchange student at Lane, is enjoying American fashion like a tourist. By Briamina Toney

Belgian exchange student shows off unique style at Lane

By Sohyi Kergian & Aleka Parkvich

Snooki: This Halloween, hit up GRL (Fem, Tan, Laundery) and channel your inner Snooki, ladie’s. Once you are bronzed to the point of no return, slap on some MAC cosmetics. Don’t be shy about it. Sauté in some forming clubwear of the Leopold persuasion. Next, good your pearl headband with all your might. Complete the ensemble with sideties and a pouty expression. And don’t forget your jar of pickles, either.

Lady Gaga: Vegetables: here we come! A statement as controversal pop star. Lady Gaga, take a trip to your neighborhood butcher and inquire about a discount when buying in bulk. Purchase several cuts of steak. Better yet, buy the whole cow. Get grossly with your purchase and fashion yourself a mini dress. It might be a little slinky. Don’t forget your confidence. You’ll need it when the raw meat starts to niff: Put on your poker face and play a love game, girl.

Blagojevic: Grab your royal blue track suit and prepare for a quick jog around Riverwood Manor. Quickly transform into one of Illinois’ most beloved governors, Rod Blagojevic. Then, go hang out around City Hall and do whatever it takes to get reelected. Attract paparazzi with your feathered hair, and while making an important phone call, remember to ask questions about unclear lessons.

Ke$ha: Take the night owl in your unisex Ke$ha costume. Become a hot mess: borrow a tutu and play a love game, girl. Then, go hang out around City Hall and do whatever it takes to get reelected.

Choose trendy Halloween costume ideas for this October to stand out in crowd

by Lili Grace

Stylish Halloween costumes that will make you the talk of the town...
It's Saturday night and senior Michael Obrecki, Div. 150, is sitting at the microphone in a small studio. He has run a radio show for Lane, made the way you want! Complete with all lettering and emblems Made the way you want! The Acne Kids, Farwell, and Smoking Popes. However, he does play some mainstream music as well such as Eminem, Good Charlotte, and Sum 41. Mike Sabbath, Obrecki has been able to get into shows for free. These have included Anti Flag, Motion City Soundtrack, and many more. Lollapalooza 2010 had a line up that few people wanted to miss, regardless of whether or not they had a ticket. Lollapalooza is an eight-stage music festival that covers almost the entire Chicago Loop Lakefront. Not only does that mean thousands of people, tons of music, and one of the biggest music venues in the country, but it also means less experienced security, hundreds of yards of six and a half foot fences, and swarms of teenagers waiting to rush them. The majority of teenagers like music, but not all teenagers have $215 to spend on a three-day pass. Instead of the more ethical approach of saving up to buy a ticket, many teens are listening from outside, several jumped on port-a-potties, scaled fences, and ran from police. Getting over the fence was only the first part of this journey who asked not to be named. The people who did sneak in successfully. Getting over the fence but I turned around to look on. As soon as I saw the word ‘Sabbath,’ it just clicked in my head. Mike Sabbath. It was just one thought and hard work into the show. Instead of piec recorded shows, he broadcast live.

Lollapalooza gets “loco”

By Johny Szwaczkiewicz

Lady Gaga, MGMT, Green Day, The strokes, Cypress Hill, The New Pornographers, and many more. Lollapalooza 2010 had a line up that few people wanted to miss, regardless of whether or not they had a ticket. Lollapalooza is an eight-stage music festival that covers almost the entire Chicago Loop Lakefront. Not only does that mean thousands of people, tons of music, and one of the biggest music venues in the country, but it also means less experienced security, hundreds of yards of six and a half foot fences, and swarms of teenagers waiting to rush them. The majority of teenagers like music, but not all teenagers have $215 to spend on a three-day pass. Instead of the more ethical approach of saving up to buy a ticket, many teens are listening from outside, several jumped on port-a-potties, scaled fences, and ran from police. Getting over the fence was only the first part of this journey who asked not to be named. The people who did sneak in successfully. Getting over the fence but I turned around to look on. As soon as I saw the word ‘Sabbath,’ it just clicked in my head. Mike Sabbath. It was just one thought and hard work into the show. Instead of piec recorded shows, he broadcast live.

Standout of the issue: On air with “Mike Sabbath” live from WPNA radio

By Kelly Sineni

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Dragonsflies invade Lane

By Katarzyna Barnusk

Lane students were not the only ones zipping through the campus this summer. The school grounds were also zipping with hundreds of dragonsflies. Many students who had to practice outside for the Pep Rally or for sports gatherings were bothered by the colorful insects. "One just came by my face and I started screaming and waving at it while it was trying to fly into my mouth," said Dance Team member, Sierra Reed, Div. 155. "Eventually, I ran away from it instead of just standing there." They totally bothered me because we ran through like a herd of dragonsflies and had to dodge them," said cross country member, Marsha Gladis, Div. 159. Although harmless to humans, dragonsflies of ten give the impression that they are dangerous. "I mean they are pretty and all, but they move so quickly and they are so big. Compared to humble bees, I think they are scarier," said Diana Marszczek, Div. 176. A few band members who practiced on campus during the summer did not want to stay outside because of the swarms. "I didn’t have kids who asked if we can have extra breaks or move to a different place to prac- tice, but I didn’t let them," said band director Mr. O’Brien. "They’re gonna fend for themselves." Other students were so focused on playing that they did not really notice the dragonsflies.

Obrecki will be graduating this June and plans to go away for school, which brings up the question of the future of Mike Sabbath. "I’m still going to do the show in college. I will have the equipment and I can just e-mail it to the station. Mike Sabbath will live on through college."

For all the updated music news, go to the Mike Sabbath facebook page and be sure to tune in to November 6 for his next show on WPNA 1400!

"If you see a dragonsfly hanging about, it’s only because it’s waiting for a female so he can love her," according to Prairie State Outdoors. "Birds and spiders are its natural enemies, but dragonsflies can zip by so fast, it’s hard for either to catch them."

Since Lane is a park-like area, it was a perfect place for the dragonsflies to reproduce. There was also a lot of rainfall in the summer so it was very humid. This allowed the dragonsflies to flourish. "I couldn’t help but think that they loved being busy," said Piekos. "There were so many." "One girl was holding her purse so straight that the dragonsfly just sat on her purse. It was nothing," said Amy Palikara, Div. 183. "It was pretty funny." According to the Prairie State Outdoors website, dragonsflies are actually beneficial to the environment. They basically eat everything that people hate: mosquitoes, ants, mayfly, gnats, bees, and other small, pesky insects. "As long as they eat the bugs I hate, dragonsflies are fine with me," said Marzuc. Dragonsflies can travel up to 38 mph due to their long body and set of four wide wings. According to the Prairie State Outdoors website: "Birds and spiders are its natural enemies, but dragonsflies can zip by so fast, it’s hard for either to catch them."

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By Ben Palmer

It is Sept. 8, 3:30pm and the silence is deafening at the corner of Western and Addison. Among dozens of signs reading, “GOD HATES FAGS” and “GOD HATES AMERICA,” the leader of the Westboro Baptist Church, Shirley Phelps, clings to a young member of the flock, no older than 8-years-old. Lane students nervously watch from a security-enforced distance, often muttering unmentionables as they are urged off campus by Lane security.

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They tell you that a dog is a man’s best friend. What they do not tell you is that teachers maintain steady lives outside of school. They need friends too, and when they cannot find comfort in fellow humans or chocolate cake, they look for love that crawls toward them on all fours. It is the kind of unconditional love that cannot even be found in the sappiest of John Hughes movies—the kind of love that can only be delivered by a pet.

Unofficial cat man of Lane Tech, AP Human Geography teacher Mr. Lewis, is proud to be the caretaker of multiple stray cats from the Chicago-land area. He once found one lingering in front of his house and decided to take it to the vet. This friendly feline turned out to be pregnant, and his house and decided to take it to the vet. His house and housemates of five kittens. Most of them ended up in the company of Ms. Garcia and former Lane teachers. Lewis has also found homes for his friends’ cats, as well as for a cat that once wandered into Lane. He finds them easy to tend to, claiming, “No walk, no worries.” Those who have Mrs. Langford as a psychology teacher cannot possibly go throughout the year without hearing about one of her top five blood-sucking television shows, Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Langford loves the show so much that she decided to name her Boston Terrier after the main character, Buffy. Her dog does not exactly enjoy sucking blood like her vampire slayer counterpart, but she does thoroughly enjoy licking toes.

“Lane Tech teachers think she has a major licking problem,” said Langford.

Mr. M. Reedy is one of the teachers who has seen Buffy in action. “She won’t just lick you once or twice, but will start licking and lick consistently for five, ten minutes easy,” said Reedy. “She does seem to prefer feet, but I have seen her lick blankets with just as much enthusiasm. I think it is really gross, but others find it charming about her.”

Recently, Langford submitted pictures of Buffy to see if she qualifies for the Midwest Boston Terrier rescue calendar. Is Buffy the next Ms. November?

English teacher Mr. Poirier deals with stressful days by curling up with literary classics and his beloved Chihuahua, Huckleberry. “Due to his age, he is missing several teeth, but his severe Napoleon complex keeps him going after any dog larger than 10 pounds that has the misfortune of crossing his path,” said Poirier. He also has a wiener dog named Henry, two sophisticated dachshunds, and a pug named Lucy who “is fat, but comfortable in her own skin and embraces her status as plus sized. She loves treats and long walks to the park. Last Halloween, Lucy was a pig.”

AP Statistics teacher Mr. Holland is in love with Oops, a little white dog that came to live with her last spring. Oops lost his vision to cataracts latey goods, they look for love that crawls toward them on all fours. It is the kind of unconditional love that cannot even be found in the sappiest of John Hughes movies—the kind of love that can only be delivered by a pet.

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Oops is about 12 years old and has adapted remarkably well to his blindness. When he plays fetch with a tennis ball, he waits and listens carefully to the ball bounce. When it stops, he dashes over to where the last sound came from and does a ‘grid search’ of the area until he can find the ball.

Keeping certain exotic animals as pets is considered by many as taboo, but counselor Ms. Console goes bananas for the idea. George, her pet monkey, was a baby when she attended high school. He was named after Curious George, fed from a bottle, and soiled his diapers just like any other baby would. Holes had to be cut in his diapers for his tail, and he even owned a pair of jeans. George spent time with Console’s friends and made sure to be there for moral support at her soccer games. Today, George lives with Console’s parents and has quadrupled in size.

“I was joking around with my dad about pets and just mentioned that he should get a monkey,” said Console. “The next day, he brought home a monkey. Be careful what you wish for!”

After assigning exams and dealing with perplexed adolescents, many teachers are happy to go home and enjoy the company of furry creatures that love them unconditionally.

Teachers’ pets not just found in classrooms

Seniors celebrate Oktoberfest with pie-eating, apple-bobbing, dancing in Memorial Garden

Mrs. Langford’s Boston Terrier, Buffy, in a daze.

Mr. Lewis’ cats, Ben and Jen, pose for the camera.

Buffy in action.

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You Again!...not again

By Karatanya Burnak

In the movie You Again! Hollywood reached inside its magic hat and gave us something a bit more original, produced another generic white bunny about overcoming a high school bully. The movie starts off with Marni Olivia Olsen (played by Kristen Bell), tormented by the head cheerleader, Joanna (Odette Yustman). After graduation, Marni becomes a heartbroken woman who finally leaves her room to dance to the music of his people. But through the comedy there must be romance, and Craig slows falls for a fellow teen patient. Nia finally takes her leave. This makes room for Nia to enter the romantic fray. The one thing the movie deserves a shout out section at Jewel.

The Social Network

By Ben Palmer

Not such a funny story afterall

By Kelly Sieni

Would you believe that an angry blog about a girl is what started that little billion dollar company we call Facebook? Let's be honest here, at least half of us have been on Facebook at least once a day since freshman year (maybe even before then). The movie dealt with betrayal, greed, and mushy heartbreak. It was chock full of life lessons and less-funny themes that may confuse audiences expecting an escape from work-related stress. The largest of these, and probably the funniest, is that you can't make yourself a character in a Lifetime Original Movie.

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You might have heard him on B.O.B’s single, “Till We Die,” and heard him in a duet with Ross on “3’s a Crowd.” The artist who has taken a break from writing, producing, and performing, Mars is a multi-talented artist who does it all. Mars (born Peter Gene Hernandez, 25) is of Puerto Rican and Filipino descent came from a musical family. From singing at an early age, to writing, to producing, and performing, Mars is a true artist who does it all. Mars is a true artist who does it all. Mars has a total of four albums released, including 10 tracks infused with everything from soul, to reggae, to rock. Mars soft, beautiful voice leaves listeners addicted to his old school charm.

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Finding a college not so different from finding love

Standardized Test Sample Question 2: Which of the following sounds like the best fate for me?

1.) spend 4 years of high school taking classes 1 have, joining clubs I despise, and working toward the standard of entry at whatever school I want. Then I get in, and pay a quarter of a million dollars for 4 years of an education I only want because it's fiscally reasonable, then get a job and inevitably take up a career that I'll enjoy and value, and move on to a career and life that I can love and be passionate about.
2.) make myself into whatever my dream person wants me to be, and spend my entire 4 years being someone I am not, just to move into something more serious and eventually marry. From here, not only am I not myself, but I am beginning to resent those people that are.
3.) find someone who appreciates me for who I am. We will take our time and love each other for exactly who we are, until we marry and live happily ever after.
4.) both a) and b)

Now, which would you pick? Don't worry, points won't be deducted for wrong answers. And remember, this is a timed test.

Court order finally bans Don't Ask Don't Tell for now

By Kelly Sineni

Recently Congress introduced a bill that would repeal Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (DADT), which was signed into law on Monday, Sept. 21 by the Senate after being passed by the House on May 10. But on Oct. 12, a federal judge Virginia Philipps from California issued an injunction (court order) banning the U.S. Military from enlisting DADT, meaning homosexuals can openly serve in the military for the time being.

Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (DADT) is a bill signed by President Clinton in the 90’s, that enabled gays to enlist in the military. Previous to that, gay men and women weren’t allowed to serve, due to the sexual orientation question when they enlisted. Basically, after DADT, the soldiers no longer allowed to inquire about the sexuality of their enlists, and enlists were not supposed to be open about their sexual preferences. Hence the name Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.

At the time it was a step in the gay community's direction to live the life we want to serve in the military. Now it is considered by many to be an outdated, discriminatory policy, and I have to wonder, times change, and over the past 17 years since DADT was passed, America is much different from when the Clinton administration was in power.

I think that anyone who wants to serve in the armed forces should be allowed to do so without having to hide who they are. Kudos to Judge Philipps for making that ruling. It takes a lot of guts for someone to make a call like that after a bill repealing DADT was just shut down. Philipps’s ruling may be repealed by a case in the Circuit Court of Appeals, or by the Obama Administration by Dec. 1. While his administration has been an advocate of gay rights, it is not standing up as strongly as one might expect in this case. (This is, after all, an election year. Politics as usual)

America was built on the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Americans have the right to live the life we want, within legal reason. And I personally think that nobody should be punished for something they did not choose to do, or anything that really has no negative effect on society.

The world is full of gay people... so what? Homosexuals are Americans too, and deserve the same rights as straight Americans. They contrib-
ute as much to society as anyone else. They vote, and they pay taxes. Should they decide to serve our country, what reason does the government have to stop them from being open about their sexuality? In the midst of war, when soldiers are being shot at and bombs are going off all around them, I’m pretty sure they won't be worried about whether or not the gay next to them is gay.

John McCain, who played a ringleader roll in stopping DADT from being repealed, used the excuse that we have to account for what the troops want. We should respect and honor them, but he’s been here. They are probably already dealing with more gays than they know.

Maybe in the end nothing will physically change if DADT is repealed. No more or less gay might serve, but I think it would be a smart direction for the country to move. The rights and respect of our citizens (ALL of our citizens) should always be a priority of the government, election year or not.

By Bianca Rodriguez

The lights were slowly dimmed as music played softly. Fans quickly scurried to their seats while others jumped to their feet to welcome the rap artist who took the stage sporting a red letterman's jacket displaying a white "D" for Drake. The doors to Northern Illinois University's convocation center opened Sunday night at 7:30 for fans attending Drake's concert "Thank Me Later."

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Max Schneider had a grand total of three weeks to enjoy his state champi-
onship before he had to turn his focus to the 2010 youth Olympics in Singa-
apore. As a sophomore, Schneider fin-
ished last year's wrestling season with a state championship and an undefeated season in the 145-lb. weight class.

Three weeks after winning, on Apr. 12, Schneider went in for shoulder recon-
struction to repair a torn rotator cuff. Schneider recovered in four months, just in time for the youth Olympics in mid-Aug. The shoulder injury did not seem to slow Schneider down in the least as he defeated Song-Chol Hyon (PRK) for the gold medal.

Like all athletes, in order to succeed and compete at a high level, Schneider has had to make sacrifices. He has either broken or dislocated more than half of his fingers and he also has back prob-
lems. “My success has come at a toll. His body bends in ways that it is not sup-
posed to, he has to constantly eat high protein meals, and he has a personal workout routine in order to maintain his weight. He has to know how to con-
trol himself, which is not always easy for teenagers.”

“When I am with my friends I know my limits, there are times I can have fun and times when I know I need to stop,” said Schneider.

But with these responsibilities come a few perks. Schneider has traveled all
over the world to compete with some of the top athletes. The U.S Olympic team pays for all of Schneider's training and his personal trainer gives him free training.

"Most of the people who work with me have been there from the beginning. They know who we are eating lunch with, because we knew where we were going," said Schneider.

The Olympics is definitely a goal for Schneider, but right now, he is going
to take some time to enjoy his gold medal.

"Knowing you're the best in the world, there is no feeling like it," Sch-
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It's a hard-knock life for athletes

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"I know the heartbeat. It is hard to live with, but the sooner you get over it the better. Whether they made a mistake in a game or got injured on the field, ath-
letes need to have a selective memory. Forget the bad and move on."

What happens to the greatest athletes when they lose? "They get back up and work harder. That is exactly what we need to do; pick ourselves up, clean our-
selves off, and work because that is what we are best at."

There is a certain strength that cannot be lifted or squatted. It is the strength of athletes who have been fighting with injuries for months, and at the top of their game.

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"Most suburban schools do have fresh-
men on their debate teams, meaning that one student reaches their senior year in debate, they have four years of experience and can be better prepared
though that experience. This potential-
ly puts our senior debate students at a disadvantage, simply because they have not had the same amount of learning opportunities," said Mrs. House.

Having freshmen on teams is not just good for teams. It also benefits the students. It helps them adjust to high school, meet new friends, and make
upperclassmen who can advise them on problems.

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Freshmen star in varsity sports

By Vivian Troche

As Maddie Lord, Div. 471, entered Lane for her first day of high school she was completely prepared. She has spent most of her summer practicing inside and outside the school building and knew her way around.

Lord is one of the six freshmen who made the Lane Varsity cheerleading squad. Freshman athletes have an ad-

vant age because during practices and games over the summer; they learn the layout of the building.

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because we knew where we were going," said Lord.

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Regardless of sport, athletes must take nutritious meals. When you see tempting food you must resist. "Our coaches do not support illegal measures to remain committed, disciplined, and in shape. Even if a coach does not set a strict diet for the members of his team, many dedicated athletes take the time to set their own. Youth Olympic gold judo champion Max Schneider, Div. 281, stays away from complex carbohydrates and simple sugars to stay on top of his game.

JF: I am way fatter than he is. And my shot is better, for sure.

Warrior: What is the biggest difference in your style of play?

SF: It's a really good feeling being on varsity as a freshman. I know it is not an easy thing to do. I am really proud of my brother and myself. We are in the top five in the county.

JF: My mom is the one person who has really helped me. She is always at our games and practices. I know I would not be able to do this without her.

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"The laid back attitude of the players is what really drew me to softball. I have never had a more talented group. "This year's team is the most talented group we have had in the last seven years. [However], that does not guarantee us anything," Stravakis said.

One of the biggest differences of this year's team is that for the first time in recent years some of the more talented players on the Varsity Baseball Team tried out. Jackson Perri, Div. 185, who is being scouted by some Division III schools for baseball, decided to play softball his senior year. Previously, he had refused to play softball because he thought it would negatively affect him in baseball.

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