



Congrats Class of 2013!

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- Boy's and girl's tennis

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“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”



BATTER UP!

Charity Softball Tournament: Wednesday, May 1st 2013

Maddie Wright Staff Writer



Strikers



The Benchwarmers



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Here Come The Runs



En Fuego



The Missst



99 problems but a pitch ain't one



The Kranium Krusher



Mighty Ducks

The Fish



Team Clutch



On a cold and windy afternoon, 15 teams gathered at the Lincoln softball fields to compete in the Charity Softball Tournament. Each team had one goal and one goal only, to make it to the championship game and win! Only one team had what it took to go completely undefeated.

Runner-ups

CHAMPIONS

ROLE MODELS

TWEETERS 2.0

Look back at: *Banquet!*

Banquet was an amazing and elegant event that took place at the Science Center.



Kuc Gag, Kole Wilkinson, Boone Russo, and Anthony Russo

10 minute senior slide show featuring all the seniors in the school doing cool things.



Natalie Vasquez, Stephanie Kubik, Sydney Rodgers

Speeches delivered by Seniors Ruthie Dearth and Dan Schnathorst.



Stephanie Kubik and Brandon Decker.



By: Bradey Gift Staff Writer

Senior Board

Autum Song, Taylor Anderson, Roy Patterson, Patrick Schiltz, Chelsie Brown and Megan Mein



Blake McGraw

SENIOR POLLS WINNERS WERE ANNOUNCED AT BANQUET.



Boone Russo, Anthony Tregger, Tyler Tepley.

Senior song directed by Ben Sides and Josie Bowen, performed by Infinity show choir seniors.



Tori Dottz, Talor Harmon, Taylor Daugherty.



Brooklyn Bartlett, Ruthie Dearth and Mikayla Kephart

For the first time EVER, senior banquet was held at some place different then past years.



Megan Mein, Samantha Horton, Alex Summy, Jordyn Eid, Madison Miller



Kole Wilkinson, Anthony Russo, Jenna Warming, Kayla Kinzie, and Josh Roney.



Food Catered by Christiani's catering.

**Here are the details:
Friday May 24
8am to 11am
A free field day for
all seniors on the
Lincoln main cam-**

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*A free barbecue will follow on the front lawn. Don't miss out on the fun!



AMAZING SENIOR RACE!

GET YO PANCAKES
ON FOR **FREE!**

Activities will include: Potato-sack races, jump rope/hula hoop, water balloon toss, 3 legged race, dizzy bat race, human horseshoe, tug-a-war and much more!

Rules:

*You have to show up to breakfast between 8am and 9 am to be eligible to win an iPad.

*You have to stay the whole time to be eligible to win an iPad.



WIN!

Prizes like 4 iPads will be drawn for you to win! And many more!- But you must be present to win.

CLASS OF 2013!

Anthony Russo: Not having to come to school -- college is so free compared to high school.

Connor Quijano: Not having to come to school anymore.

Brandi Joannings: Leaving

Zara Teichrow: Summer! And starting my new life as a college student.

Garrett Damon: Not being in high school anymore.

Taylor Harmon: Not having to stress about school anymore.

Ashley Methfessel: Going to leave home and be on my own for the first time.

What are you most excited for about graduation?

Ashly Mitchell: "Starting new classes in college and being more independent."

Jordyn Eid: "Going away to college and meeting new people."

Mikayla Kephart: "All the grad parties."

Jake Longdon: "I'm excited to get my life started and ready to get out of this place."

Blake Acri: "Getting out of here."

Jessica Richter: "I'm excited for summer and then Drake so I can start working towards my career."

Matt Friend: "Getting to sleep in in the morning."

Autumn Song: "Preparing myself for college! Shopping for my bedspread, and all my dorm accessories."

Allison Richter: "I'm excited for no more early morning practices for school stuff!"

Daniele Ogren: "Graduation Parties, I love them and it's the only time everyone's always together."

Blake McGraw: "Finally being able to talk to Sayles."

Hailey Whitfeild: Being with my class one last time.

Hailey Usher: "I'm most ready to just be done with high school and to be able to start something new."

Alita Carpenter: "Not having to deal with ignorant public school kids and getting on with my life."

**By: Bradey Gift
Staff writer**

By ANTHONY CALIGIURI
"THE NEW KID"

Follow me on twitter: @Anthony_theCal



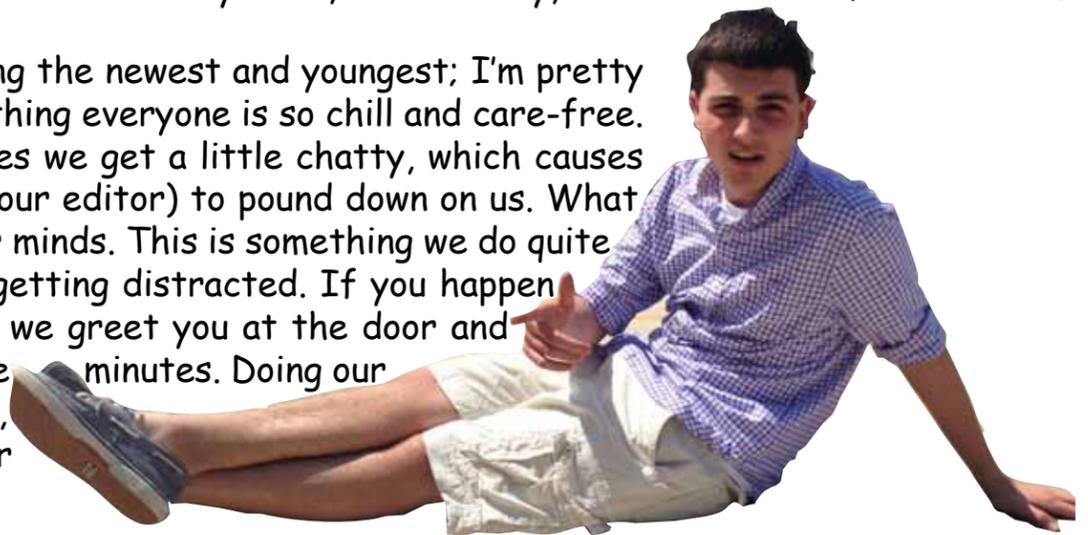
What's Up with That?

A DAY IN NEWSPAPER

Let's just clear one thing up right now: we are not your average newspaper staff. If you think we are some prestigious, stuck up writing institute, think again. Creating what you see now is made from love, sweat and usually tears. Sit back, because you are about to get a peek inside the crazy world of Lincoln High's newspaper.

Now, every day is a new day. We are on a tight schedule, and we must meet deadlines. This almost always causes some stress in the room. Whether its writers block, technology issues, or some built-up tension with one another, we're all pretty stressed at times. Meltdowns are common. Whether they're low-key or almost loud enough the whole school can hear, they happen. I have to admit they're pretty funny too (when it's not directed at me). I consider myself a pretty calm and chill person. Others may beg to differ. Anyway, there's just a lot of drama in the class. I sometimes think we should be a reality show, because boy, we are a bunch of characters.

I just joined the staff last semester, so being the newest and youngest; I'm pretty much at the bottom of the food chain. Good thing everyone is so chill and care-free. But that comes with consequences. Sometimes we get a little chatty, which causes Ms. Sayles to say: "Holy Buckets!" and Amy (our editor) to pound down on us. What can I say; creative people need to speak their minds. This is something we do quite well. Another thing we as a staff do well is getting distracted. If you happen to walk in during class, don't be surprised if we greet you at the door and converse with you about life for a good five minutes. Doing our own epic rap battles, heating on each other, and flat out staring at the wall are some of our most famous distractions.



Don't get me wrong, I love newspaper, but it's no walk in the park. You're responsible for covering activities, getting pictures, editing, and building pages all in a few weeks' time. That may sound like a long time, but it goes a lot faster than you think. My biggest advice: don't forget what you learned in journalism. I'd rather sound like I'm smart and know how to write, than have an extravagant page with the writing quality of a jack wagon.

At the end of the day, we put together one heck of a paper, and we hope you enjoy reading it, because we go through a lot of trouble to make it happen.

Stuff you don't know about

ELEPHANTS!

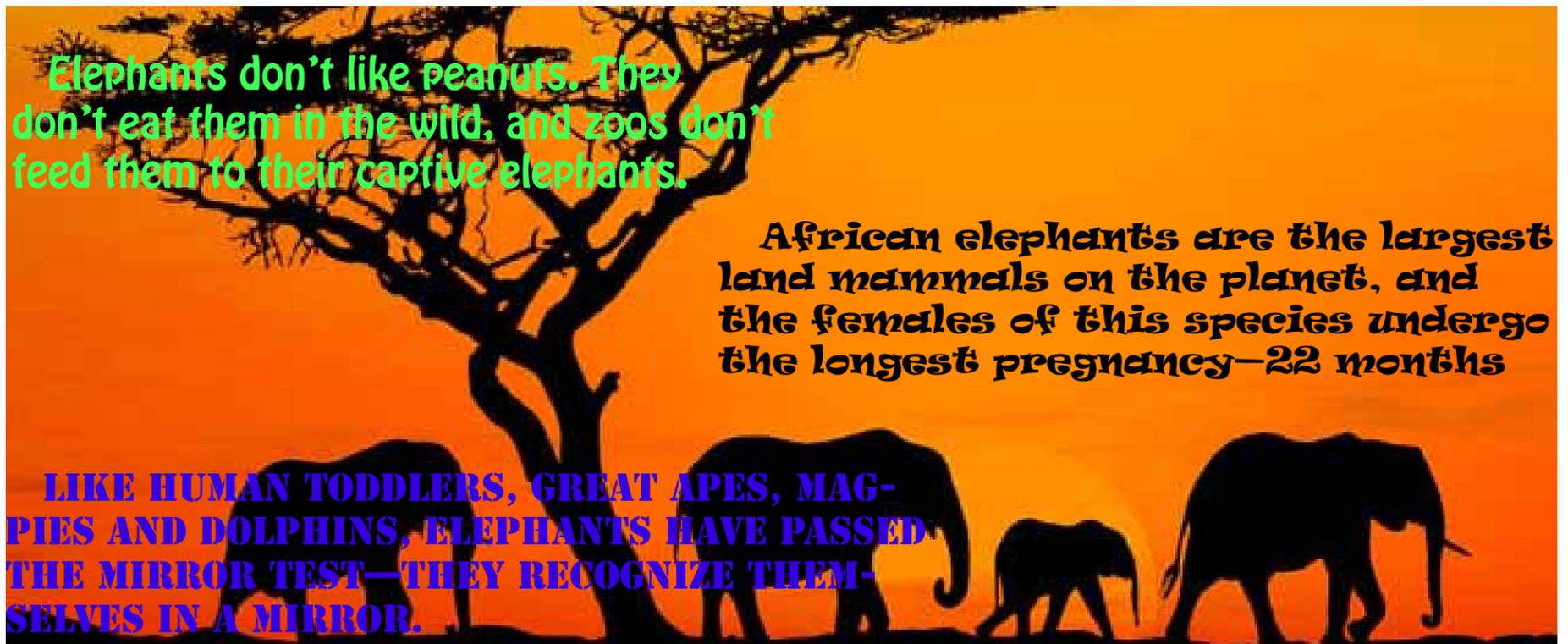


By Bradey Gift Staff writer

Elephants don't like peanuts. They don't eat them in the wild, and zoos don't feed them to their captive elephants.

African elephants are the largest land mammals on the planet, and the females of this species undergo the longest pregnancy—22 months

LIKE HUMAN TODDLERS, GREAT APES, MAGPIES AND DOLPHINS, ELEPHANTS HAVE PASSED THE MIRROR TEST—THEY RECOGNIZE THEMSELVES IN A MIRROR.



It's Lady Lincoln Time!

Why I hate Tuesdays with a passion...

By Amy Luong, Editor - in - chief

I hate that there are seven days in a week. You would think Mondays are the most horrific day in the whole week, but to me it's Tuesday. Why Tuesday Lady Lincoln?! I feel that Tuesdays are a waste of space, and you can always find me at my worst on Tuesdays. Steer clear of Amy Luong on Tuesdays, I repeat steer clear.

On top of everyone being overly annoying the whole week, the one day where I blow my top is Tuesday, it's all the buildup of the week before and it's the day before Wednesday. And it's always that specific day where I have all this anger built up. I just have all this anticipation that builds up for hump day. It should just go Monday, Tuesday off then Wednesday, which would be terrific! Once we're over the hump of the week I'll be perfectly fine. It feels as if everyone decides that Tuesday is the day they ask all their stupid questions and be overly annoying, or they feel the need to argue with someone about nothing. Like can I just have an open Tuesday? Or no school Tuesday pass before my head blows off from all the things that irk me.

It's like Monday "Aw the weekend's over and I really don't care for today." Wednesday "thank you DMPS for early outs!" Thursday "tomorrow is Friday! Friday "I don't have to see any of these people this weekend, thank you weekend." But Tuesdays make me absolutely livid. To me it's people cramming in all their stupidity in one day and it makes me tense and easily aggravated. I understand that I easily get mad but if people weren't so idiotic then maybe I won't. What can I expect on Tuesday? Stupidity.

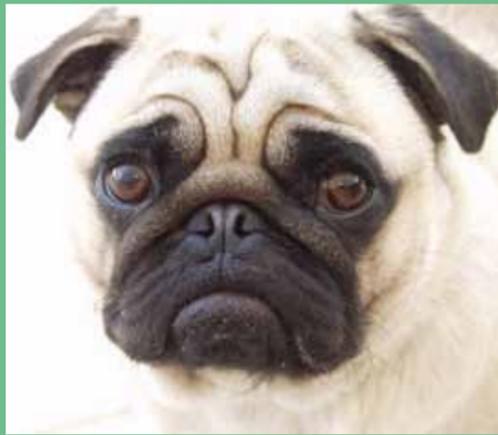
But the biggest reason I hate Tuesday, it's just there. It seems like a waste of space. How can I hate a day so much? Nothing good ever happens on Tuesday to be honest. Maybe it's not you Tuesday, it's me...but people have caused me to have these feelings. Let's just say I have an annoyance with Tuesday and I would do anything to ignore it. But really what should be ignored is all the ignorance we have at this school and all the immaturity and a majority of it happens on Tuesday. Vanish. Go. Please and thank you. I will see you next time...hopefully not on a Tuesday.

I hate Tuesdays



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Look at your life, look at your choices

By Brendan Magee, staff writer

Can it be summer break yet? I mean c'mon these past few weeks could not be going any slower. All I want and need is for summer vacation to be here, and right now it's nowhere in sight. I'm so sick of having to wake up at six o'clock every single morning. I'm sick of having to drive here. I'm sick of having to walk into this school, and no offense I'm

sick of having to see all of you. And I'm sure most of you feel the same way. Am I right or am I right?

For me, the closer it is to summer, the higher my apathy for the student body becomes. I don't have time to deal with your shenanigans. But I mean seriously, why it is taking so long for summer to get here? I don't care about anything school related, especially my homework. Why are teachers still assigning homework? Do they think this is a game?

tion; let me assign a huge project!" Let's not, and say we did. You probably don't want to be here and we DEFINITELY don't want to be here. So how about we stop with all of these nonsense assignments and just not. Just EHRMAGHERD. This weather is just too nice to be stuck inside a stuffy classroom for seven hours, and people wonder why teen obesity is so high! Maybe if we didn't have to sit in a desk for hours at a time people

would actually lose weight. See, having class outside is beneficial to a student's well-being. I just don't want to be here whatsoever. I mean QT drinks are 79 cents again! That should mean something! It should be in the constitution that when QT drinks are 79 cents that school should not be in session! Thanks Obama!

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"Oh it's almost summer vaca-



EHRMAGHERD!



SPORTS SPOTLIGHTS



HERE'S A LOOK AT YOUR SPRING SPORTS

By Jordan Bryson and Connor Quijano Sports Editors

BOY'S SOCCER

Seniors Dakota Sanchez, Mogahid Fadl, and Austin Little are hoping to lead the Rails to a state tournament appearance.

Senior Alex Ji-



The Rails are off to a decent start midway through the season, accumulating a record of 6-6. Led by Senior captains Sanchez, Fadl, and Little, the Rails hope to put the pieces together and earn a birth for the state tournament.

"I think we can make it," said Sanchez. "We're getting better every day and I think by the time the playoffs get here we'll be playing our best soccer of the season."

This is Sanchez's fourth year in the soccer program. He, along with the other seniors, has had to step into a vital leadership role for this experienced team. The varsity squad has 13 total Juniors and Seniors, so there is a solid amount of experience on the team.

Austin Little is the goalie for the Railsplitters. This is also his fourth year in the Rails program and his role as a leader is nothing new to him. He has started at goalie ever since he was a sophomore.

Little will be continuing his career next year at Central college. He hopes to end his high school stint on a strong senior season.

"I'm hoping we can go out with a bang and make it to state," said Little.

The Rails next match will be away against Des Moines East, and tough opponent and heated rival of the Railsplitters.

"It is a big game but I think we'll be focused and ready to pull out a big win," said Fadl.



Boy's Tennis

The Boys tennis team ended on a rough note, losing their last meet to East 5-6. It was tough ending to an interesting season.

This 2013 Tennis season was Senior Matt Porter's first year on the team.



Senior Matt Porter

"It was a pretty cool experience," said Porter. "It was fun to meet to new people and play a new sport. I've always enjoyed playing tennis, so I just decided to go out for the team this year."

Porter played both singles and doubles for the Rails this year, and will be playing as a doubles partner in the upcoming Districts meet.

"I'm kind of nervous about it. It will be the biggest meet of the year," said Porter.

The Rails are hoping this meet doesn't get cancelled due to weather. This has been a rough Spring so far and the team had to reschedule a lot of meets earlier in the year due to the unfortunate weather.

Porter finished the season with a singles record of 3-4, an impressive stat for his first year on varsity.

The Boys tennis team finished with a combined record of 2-6, and hopes to finish strong with a win at Districts.

Girl's Soccer

The Girls soccer team hasn't started the season the way they wanted to.

The girls have one tally in the win column this season so far at the mid-point of their season. The girls know if they want to turn their season around it will take a lot of hardwork and motivation.

"It's obviously not how we wanted to start the season," said Junior Kendall Sinclair. "We still have high hopes to be able to turn it around and finish strong."

Sinclair has been playing for the Rails for two years now, and is contributing an important role to the Rails. Sinclair is a starting forward for the Rails.

"I've played soccer since I was a little kid. I've played against tough competition my whole life so the challenges of varsity are nothing new," said Sinclair.

The Rails are entering an easier portion of their season, with their next four games against East, Norwalk, Perry, and Newton.

"I think these are all games we are capable of winning, it just depends on if we show up to play or not" said Sinclair.



Right: The Girls Soccer team staying warm

Yearbooks are distributed the second week of August.

An announcement of their arrival will be tweeted out on the LHS twitter.



SPORTS SPOTLIGHTS

SPRING SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING!



By Jordan Bryson and Connor Quijano Sports Editors

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Boy's Track

Sophomore Nick Motsinger and Senior Sayjen Vogel



The boy's track team is at the mid-point of their season with a lot of momentum going into the back half of their schedule.

Five meets have gone by and the track team has 4-5 events qualified for the Drake Relays. The shuttle hurdle team of Elijah Young, Nick Motsinger, Roy Patterson, and Sajen Vogel clocked in the 8th fastest time in state and the top 16 gets into the Drake Relays.

"I'm happy that we qualified for drake but I know we can drop 2-3 seconds off our time before the Drake Relays start" said Motsinger.

The shuttle hurdle relay team ran a 1:00.31 and the top relay team in state runs a 59.23. The boys are very confident that they will drop a few seconds before Drake and hoping to be in the top 5 by the time Drake rolls around. Elijah also qualified for the 110 hurdles he is currently 4th in state. He qualified in his first meet back after his ankle injury. Elijah for the 400 High hurdles is standing in 9th place and the top 8 people go to Drake.

"I pretty satisfied where I sit right now because I'm battling a high ankle sprain" said Young.

The boys 4x100 and 4x200 are currently placed first in state right now. The relay team of the 4x100 clocked in a time of 42.75. Vybert Greene, Andrew Caulker, Jordan Bryson and Jordan Cheatem are the 4x100 runners. The 4x200 is pretty much the same but instead of Jordan Bryson being the third leg Sophomore Mason Downing is in that position, they clocked in a time of 1:29.23.

"We're very happy about the results this track season so far but we still have a lot of room for improvement," said Caulker.

The 4x200 team finished 5th in state last year but their 4x100 team unfortunately didn't make it to state. The guys said they use that as motivation before every race this year with a vision of winning state. Jordan Cheatem the anchor for the 4x100 team and the starter for the 4x200 team also clocked in very fast open 100 and open 200 times. His best 100 this year is a 10.87, he currently sits in 4th right now. The fastest 200 time he has clocked in this year is a 22.44. He ranks tied for 4th with that time.



GIRL'S TRACK

Monaija Jones last year as a freshman was the best sprinter on the Lincoln girl's track and field team. She was able to qualify for state which is pretty hard to do and as a freshman that's extremely hard.

"I've been running track since I was 8 and that was always my goal in high school to make it to state. I didn't think I could do it my freshman year," said Jones.

Jones is having a pretty good sophomore season she is currently sitting 27th in the state for the 100 meter dash, she clocked in a time of 12.76.

"I'm not really satisfied with my time because I know I can do a lot better," said Jones.

Jones was able to qualify for Drake Relays for the first time in her high school career in the 100 meter dash. Jones is confidence in her track career for the remainder of the season and her high school career. Her goal is to win state for the 100 meter dash.

GIRL'S TENNIS

Lincoln High's girl's tennis team is hoping for a state tournament birth.

The Girls tennis team is in full swing for the 2013 season. A lot of the meets were cancelled early in the year do to unfavorable weather which has forced the team to play in two or three meets every week from now until the end of the season.

"Our most successful meet so far would have to be the tournament in Atlantic. It was fun and we did really good," said Senior Diana Yang. This is Diana's third year on the tennis team, and she has stepped into a position of leadership for the underclassmen.

The Rails practice every day to improve, and they are hopeful and confident their hardwork will pay off. Senior Emily Cox is the Rails captain and leader.

"I think we're improving," said Cox. "If we continue to practice and put full effort into getting better, I think we'll have a great shot at making it to State."

The Rails season wrapped up on Saturday, May 4th, with a tournament against Dowling, Valley, Ames, and a collection of smaller schools.

"It was a fun way to end my last season," said Yang.



Senior Diana Yang



GO
LHS!

There will be a mass distribution the first full week of school if you don't pick your yearbook up in August. Hopefully, you ordered one.

By Amy Luong Editor-in-chief

#FASHIONGEEK2013

LINCOLN HIGH STUDENTS' PREPARATIONS FOR FASHION SHOW.

Playing the most recent trendy songs as LHS students model the trends made by other students. Stars are bright for some LHS students. May 3rd students that signed up to be a part of the fashion show strutted, danced, or were escorted down the runway in some outfits designed and put together by Mrs. Wilson's fashion runway and sewing classes in this year's "Fashion Geek."

What's the story behind the theme? "A meaning of "fashion geek" is a person who is an enthusiast about fashion," said Mrs. Tia Wilson, fashion runway and sewing teacher.

Top left: Glasses worn by students involved in fashion show.

Bottom left: Mrs. Wilson and students involved in show run through a rehearsal.

Bottom middle: Diana Perez, junior, modeling her quinceanera dress.

Who is mainly in charge of the show besides the students. They also design outfits for categories of color, prints, texture, denim, vintage, kids, trending, silhouette and formal avant garde while using items such as shopping bags, foil, tissue paper and things out of their own closet. Also models accessorized with "nerd" glasses.

"One of the coolest outfits I saw was the tin pop tab dress," said Alex Louw, sophomore.

This year students made a variety of dresses from sheet music, balloons, and coffee filters.

Students had rehearsal on Tuesday and Thursday after school April 30th and May 3rd after school running through the show and fixing all their kinks.

Also students got a hand in directing and running their show by finding music, working on the back drop for the show, set up the stage, and running things behind the curtain.



Top Right: Backdrop for 2013 fashion show, "Fashion Geek."

Bottom Right: LHS student Rubija Dupanovic modeling an outfit put together by students



RAILMEN STEPPIN' IN...

Railmen roll in to the Roundhouse.

By Brandon Searcy, Director of photography

The Railmen have had a very successful season. With the help of first year coaches Adrian Wangkham, Caleb Ceretti, and Ulysses Rincon and longtime coach Yvonne Ceretti. After going all over the community and performing for elementary and middle schools, now it's the Railmen's turn to stay in the Roundhouse and perform for their fans.

"We had a really good season with winning first place at state and all so I was excited to relax and have a good time performing for our fans," said Junior Justin Walton.

Coach Adrian Wankgham also went on to say,

"It went great, we worked hard and stayed focused on what we needed to do and we got that "W" at State."

Fans packed the Round House bleachers Thursday night (May 2nd) to see the 3rd annual Railmen Rampage, excited to see what the Railmen had it store for them. Plenty of Railmen alumni were also in attendance and also former Railmen Coach Pat Smith was there.

The Railmen also had clinics for kids from community elementary and middle schools. They learned a quick 30 second routine and a stepping routine. Some of the kids from the cl

The Railmen also invited studios from around the south side. They invited the boys' team from DMI Dance Force and the boys' team from Express Yourself Performing Edge. They each performed a routine for the crowd.

ALL OF THE RAILMEN WOULD LIKE TO THANK ADRIAN, ULYSSES, CALEB, AND YVONNE FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE THIS YEAR.

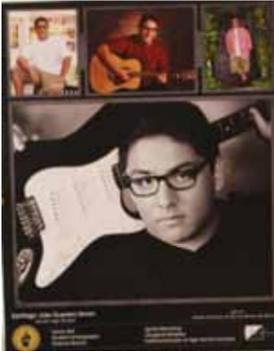


Top photo (Left to Right): Railmen start their dance.



National Council on Youth Leadership

by Brendan MaGee Staff writer



SANTIAGO BROWN



AMBER FREDREGILL



CHRISTOPHER FUNARO



MILENA TORRES



TAYLOR ANDERSON



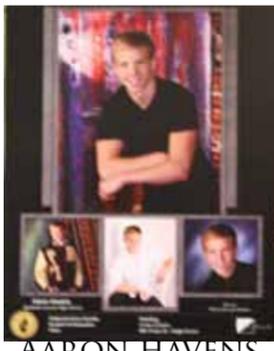
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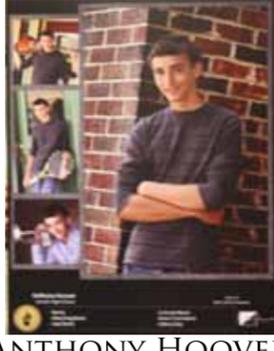
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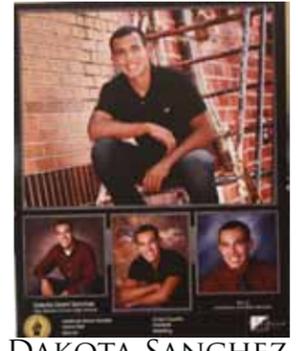
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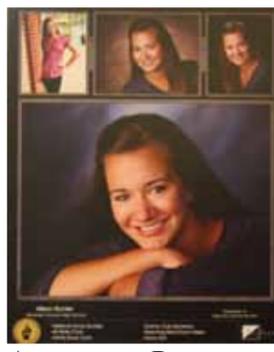
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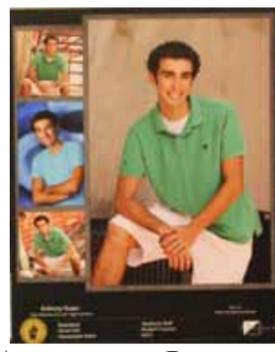
DAKOTA SANCHEZ



SOUTHANARY MACVILAY



ALLISON RICHTER



ANTHONY RUSSO



JESSICA MURPHY



BEN SIDES

There is a two day conference, where we talk about team work, and character. It was a lot of fun. - Allison Richter

There are basically a bunch of teens who are recognized for their academics and come together and talk about leadership! - Jessica Richter

PURPOSE:

To recognize and foster high ideals of leadership and integrity among the youth of America.

FAREWELL SENIORS

Amy Luong Editor-in-Chief

As the year is coming to an end there will be the day when we say good bye to those we will definitely miss and have made their mark at Lincoln High School, the class of 2013.

This issue marks the last issue for newspaper seniors, Austin Gaston, Carlos Mendoza, Bradey Gift, Connor Qujiano, and Blake McGraw, all staff writers.

They will continue on with their lives as adults doing extraordinary things in college, the military, or just in the community. It's been a privilege working with these creative minds and it's sad to see them go, they'll truly be missed. So before they leave let's talk about the memories, things they'll miss, where they'll be next fall and what they plan to do this summer.

Austin- My favorite memories will be having fun and enjoying my time with the people in the class. I'm going to miss Amy and Anthony. Next fall I'll be working and go to DMACC, majoring in possibly psychology or social work. This summer I'll be working full time, and train people.

Bradey- My favorite memory Carlos always doing strange things. I'll miss Sayles the most. Next fall I'll be at DMACC, and I'm undecided. This summer I'll work and travel to California.

Blake- My favorite memories were junior year, watching the Clan mess around with Sayles. It made me the man I am today. I'll miss the chill moments and the interesting yelling matches like Amy vs. the class. I'll be attending DMACC then ISU majoring

in business. This summer I'll be working at the Good Ole Vee.

Carlos- My favorite memory will be my Beantown express page, it made me think of being sports writer. I'll miss Sayles, and the freedom. I will be going to DMACC, possibly in writing and business.

This summer I'm getting a job, and chill with my friends.

Connor- My favorite memories are Carlos and his lemon drop powder, interviewing and brownies. I am going to Iowa declaring undecided. I'll be werkin and twerkin this summer.

Tune in for next year as the Class of 2014 steps up to plate!

**Below: Conor Qujiano, Carlos Mendoza, Austin Gaston
Top: Bradey Gift
Middle: Blake McGraw**



Half Way Through The Race...

Let's see who will be leading your class to success next year...



THE CLASS OF 2014 IS GOING TO HAVE AN EXCITING YEAR. MANY ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE WORKS FOR THE SENIORS. BUT THOSE ACTIVITIES LIKE PROM AND BANQUET DON'T JUST HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. THEY ARE PUT TOGETHER BY THE SENIOR BOARD. RECENTLY, THE SENIOR BOARD ELECTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR WERE HELD, AND HERE IS A LOOK AS TO WHO WILL BE RUNNING THE CLASS OF 2014 AND SOME OF THEIR REACTIONS AND THOUGHTS.

By Anthony Caligiuri, Staff writer

Rubija Dupanovic- 1. I was really happy! Because I like to be a leader and I really wanted to be on senior board so I could be a part of the choice for our senior year! 2. I'll bring important ideas to make our senior year great! I would like to maybe bring up some activities that have not been available for seniors, just ideas that'll make our year special and memorable.

Jackie Urbina- 1. I was really surprised (I didn't know my class liked me so much), 2. I will bring a lot of creative ideas

Allison Rodish- 1. I wasn't expecting the results, but I was happy. 2. I'll bring my leadership skills plus I'm organized and creative.

Dilan Mendoza- 1. I was pretty surprised. 2. I want to do something that my class as well as the underclass will remember.

Dallas Downey- 1. I was pretty happy. 2. I am going to bring a strong sense of leadership.

Jared Herzog- 1. Yeah I was surprised. 2. I'll bring a fun time for the year.

Alessandra Leo- 1. I was shocked I wasn't sure I'd get enough votes because I put up posters late, but I'm super thrilled I made it, it'll be worth it. 2 Creativity! They need an outside of the box thinker and I got that.

Seniors show off their skills in the 2013 senior art show

Maddie Wright Staff writer

The seniors got the chance to express their creativity and show off their art projects to the staff and students here at Lincoln on Wednesday, May 15th. Each person who went to the art show voted for their favorite piece. The winner got their project displayed as an art legend for years to come.



Senior Art Show

ARABIC SUMMER PROGRAM

How do we understand other cultures?

By Austin Gaston Staff writer

Rather than reading out of a textbook or hearing stories, the Summer Arabic program at Lincoln High School is a perfect way to completely assimilate yourself in a culture that is different, and yet the same as our own, for five hours a day, during a three week time frame in learning the Arabic language. By being thrown into the environment of the language, learning quickly is highly promoted. The idea definitely challenges your brain, and even your perspectives on Education as well as Arabic culture.

"I would want to take the program because I love studying other cultures – and in the past, I have taken Spanish and Italian, and, if I had another year of high school, I would take French as well," said Senior



Kenny Snook.

The program has been offered at Lincoln High School for its' third year in a row, but now accepts students from other high schools across the district, which opens the opportunity to many other students.

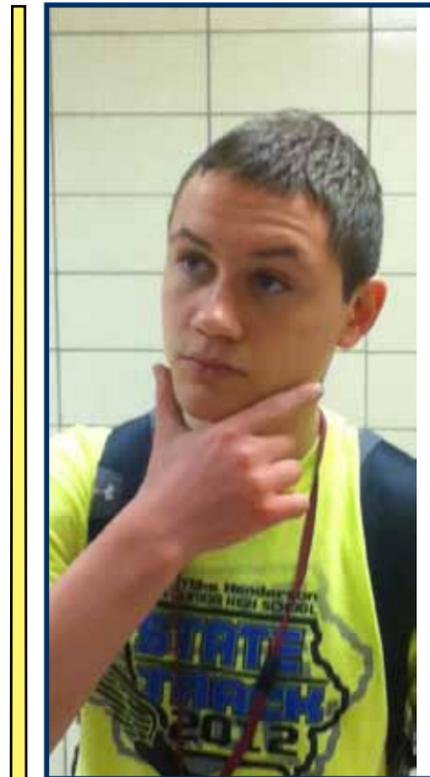
"I'm not certain as to whether or not my boarding school that I'm going to next year offers Arabic, so I'm taking Arabic where I know I can in order to earn 2 credits before college," said Freshman Micah Mudlaff.

The program has three levels: Novice, Intermediate, and Native.

The Novice level of Arabic consists of beginners in the language, and focuses on learning the Arabic script, or alphabet, as well as learning how to speak. The theme is "A Student in Cairo," where the student learns the basic vocabulary needed as a foreign student in Egypt.

The Intermediate level of Arabic focuses on the party scene, where the students study what may happen, what to take, and what to wear, as well as handling money in regard to weddings and birthdays.

The Native speaker level is for people who already speak the language, but do not know how to read or write. Their focus is on international markets. They will learn



business vocabulary, and planning for buying from other countries in different continents. They will also Skype teachers from different states.

The teachers of this program are Christian as well as Muslim. They consist of the lead teacher, Mr. Hicham Jennane (The French and Arabic teacher at Lincoln). The students will be assigned to a group, and will rotate to learn from all of the teachers, in order to move around and learn different things.

The program feeds every student



at lunch time, every day, with food companies such as Pizza Hut, Subway, Fizzoli's, and more, with plenty leftover.

The program will start on the Monday following the end of the school year -- Three weeks, Monday through Thursday (as Friday is an optional field trip day) and will take place at 9 am to 2 pm. At the end of the three weeks, students will earn .5 high school credit, and a certificate for completing the course.

"It's a great experience. I've been doing it since my freshman year," said Kenia Zuniga, junior.

Post-high school

Release the Hounds: The Seniors are running loose

By Carlos Mendoza Staff Writer

The time is soon approaching, seniors are less than a month away from graduating. For some this is a moment they have been waiting for. For others, this is a time of sadness, as they realize that they will never be back to experience the endeavor that is high school. Nevertheless it is time to look back on the journey that was and forward to the journey that waits.

To look into what the thought process is, for the seniors, I decided to interview a few seniors who are graduating on the 25th.

Senior Chuong Nguyen, a willing participant, had this to say about the things he'll miss from high school.

"I'm going to miss some of the friends I might not see afterwards, I'm going to miss the teachers who really supported me, and believe it or not, I'm going to miss waking up at 5:30 in the morning."

This stood in contrast to what fellow senior, Mark Thounskane, had to say.

"I'm going to miss school, but I'm not going to miss the people."

The contrast in opinion continues when the subject turns to prom.

"Yeah, I went to prom, it was barely okay, but after-prom was much more fun," said Nguyen

Not including Nguyen, but the mood around the school for some is that prom wasn't what they expected. Which isn't bad, but it isn't good.

Mark Thounskane, the rebel he is, took a different course from Nguyen's.

"I didn't go to prom, my girlfriend wanted me to, but it's not my cup of tea."

Which begs the question, is Prom worth all the costs? But that question is for a different time and a different article, back to work!

When asked about



their post-high school ambitions/plans, the "duo", for this article at least, had more similar remarks than when asked about other things school related.

"I'm thinking about going to DMACC, part time, for 1 year and then transferring to either Iowa State University, or an art institution," Nguyen said.

"I'm going to most likely go to DMACC, and if not DMACC, then ITT Tech, I'm very into things that deal with technology, like computers" said Thounskane. He later went on to say why those schools.

"I want to major in Robotics or some kind of computer engineering, I like fixing computers and working with computers in general, I feel like the future holds many things for me in that field."

Since both were looking for a post-high

school education, I figured it's appropriate to ask if they feel prepared for it, if they feel Lincoln prepared them to succeed for now and thereafter.

"Yeah, definitely, it taught me very good habits, like timeliness, which is crucial in the "real world," It also taught me organization and, yeah I feel like I'm more than ready," said Nguyen

This is the nature of high school, when you have many people; you're bound to have many different opinions. This is what makes it great. This is what makes America great. Let's take America back! Yes we can!



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NE Patriots Continue To Improve

The Pats' have addressed all glaring weaknesses on defense.

By Carlos Mendoza Staff writer

With most Off-Season acquisitions already in the books, the Patriots are moving onto the grittier side of things, mini-camp. That doesn't mean we can't reflect on a few of the moves the Pats made this Off-Season.

For the past few years the Patriots defense has been a shadow of its former dominant self, relying on turnovers, which has caused problems when they don't have any takeaways. The main culprit people have pointed to is the secondary, but a much less discussed suspect has been the pass rush, or lack thereof. Although the Pats amassed 37 sacks, which is average, the Pats could not create consistent pressure to QBs. This inefficiency constantly led to the secondary having to keep with the receivers and QB's being able to pick apart the defense like a surgeon.

This offseason, the Patriots have attempted to address this problem by doing a few things. The first two things were signing CFL defensive standouts Armond Armstead and Jason Vega. The first of the pair, Armstead, figures to play a larger role as he will be asked to play alongside dominant nose tackle Vince Wilfork, at Defensive tackle, a position which has lacked a lot of pop during the past few years, with Kyle Love (previously) leading the underwhelming group. The second player, Vega, although not seen to be as much of an impact player, plans to be in contention to be a valuable role player. Another off-season signee, Tommy Kelly, now figures to play a more prominent role as the Pats have released Kyle Love and Brandon Deadrick, both whom have started many games.

With the Pats' possibly solving their Pass Rush deficiencies, the Pats' needed to do something to enhance the secondary. They did not make much moves in this regard, but the move they did make made a loud noise.

The move I speak of was the acquisition of Adrian Wilson, who is a five-time Pro Bowler and a four-time All-Pro. Not only does Wilson come with more game-time readiness than most can handle, but he comes with elite height and size for a Strong Safety. Standing at 6'3 and 230 Lbs, Wilson packs a punch that Pats' fans have not seen since Rodney Harrison retired. Wilson is also part of the 25 interception and 25 sack club, which Harrison was in as well, so he can not only shore up the secondary, but he can also assist in the run game and pass rush.

Patriots Undrafted Free Agent Pickups

If a player doesn't get drafted, that doesn't mean he won't compete in the NFL. In fact, there are many who have gone on to make a hefty impact (see: Arian Foster). With that said, here are a few Patriot UDFA who I think will make a sizeable impact.

WR TJ Moe, Missouri: 5'11, 205 lbs.

If Patriot Nation is still grieving over the "loss" of Wes Welker, Moe could help subside their sorrows. Although not the most outstanding athlete (4.74 40 yd dash), what Moe lacks in size and speed, he makes up in all around receiver saviness. A strong measureable of Moe's ability to play the slot (a position he primarily played at MU) is his outstanding combine performance (minus 40 yard dash), where he led all receivers in the bench press (26), 3-cone drill (6.53 sec), 20 yard shuttle (3.96 sec), and 60 yard shuttle (10.87 sec), which are all necessary slot receiver. For being a UDFA, Moe had good college production, albeit declining production. That decline in production though could be said to be a result of MU being a primarily running team in Moe's last 2 seasons after J'vill Jaguar Blaine Gabbert left for the draft. In that season that Moe started alongside Gabbert, he caught an outstanding 92 catches for 1,045 yards. With that said it's not hard for me to envision Moe replicating some of that success with a quarterback much better than any he's played with before (T. Brady). I give this UDFA pickup a A.

Zach Sudfeld: 6'7, 253 lbs.

With the Patriots fielding a Smorgasborg of TE's on their roster, Sudfeld comes onto the scene as a long shot by realistic measures. With a crowded position Sudfeld needs to bring something that is valuable, which he does. Sudfeld brings to the table his gargantuan size and his physics defying speed (for his size at least), running a high of 4.70. With that said, Sudfeld will need to beat out at least one of the 3 TE's (Michael H., Jake Ballard, Daniel Fells) trying to attain that #3 slot behind Gronkowski and Hernandez. I give this pickup a B

Elvis Fisher: 6'5, 295 lbs.

As a Former Freshman All-American and a 2 time All-Big 12 honorable mention, Fisher has many good things going for him. He does come with a big asterisk though, as he ruptured his Patellar Tendon in 2011 and was set back tremendously. With the help of Offensive line guru Dante Scarnecchia, Fisher could become a good role player for a few years and possibly move to guard, as both tackle positions are solidified (Nate Solder and Sebastian Vollmer currently occupy those positions). I give this UDFA pickup a B

Ryan Allen: 6'2, 215 lbs.

Although the Patriots are set at Punter with Zoltan Mesko, who's elite attribute is punting inside the 20 yd. line, competition can't hurt, and competition is what Allen brings. Allen, a back to back Ray Guy award winner (A award given to the best punter in country) looks to use his massive leg (48 YPP) to earn a roster spot. Given that it's very unlikely that the Pats' hold onto 2 punters, when roster spots are so valuable, Allen will need to show that he possesses more game-time value than Mesko. I give this UDFA pick up a A.

All in all these were very good pickups and I expect at least 2 or 3 of these players to stick around and make some sort of contribution in the 2013-14 season.

New England Patriots Draft Pick Grades:

Rd 2(52) LB Jamie Collins
A surprise pick for some (as are most Belichick picks), Collins brings athleticism that causes salivation and most importantly causes defenses to hold the pass rush in a higher respect than in recent seasons. The LB led MSU defense with 10 sacks as a senior, with numbers that improved every season, which I see as vital in prospects. I give this pick a B+

Rd 2(59) WR Aaron Dobson

For Pats' fans, this move is a very intriguing one for 2 reasons, the first being his surehandedness (0 drops on 92 targets last year), with the second being his alma matter, which is Marshall, (i.e. Troy Brown and Randy Moss, the most productive WRs in NE history, besides Wes Welker of course). This will inevitably mean the expectations for Dobson are even greater than most prospects. Nevertheless the MU product comes with many aspects to love, whether it's his superior size (6'3) his blitzing speed (4.37-4.42) or his insane hands I mentioned before. Dobson had his stock drop due to a decrease in production, which was attributable to his reduced role due to incoming younger players, but don't be confused, this guy is the real deal and Tom Brady will finally have a true deep threat. I give this pick a A-

Rd 3(83) CB Logan Ryan

The first of the three Rutgers players chosen by the Patriots in the draft, with CB Brandon Jones being picked up as a UDFA, Ryan comes with the versatility that Belichick is infatuated with. Ryan comes as a sure tackler with 94 tackles in his Junior season. Ryan also has good break up ability as he recorded 17 passes defended last season. The attribute Ryan does lack though is speed, as he ran a 4.56 at the Combine. Ryan's speed will hinder him in his ability to cover the speedsters of the NFL. His lack of speed will likely have him challenge Slot corner, Kyle Arrington. I do not see him contributing as a starter this year outside of the slot due to his inability to play press coverage adequately. I give this pick a B-

Rd 3(91) S Duron Harmon

This pick, for me, was a very odd experience as a Pats' fan. I, for the most part, try to see the good in the draftees that the Patriots pick up, but this one struck a nerve for 2 reasons. The first was the fact that I thought this was a reach, I have done more research and now think somewhat otherwise. The 2nd though was the fact that the player I saw as the most underrated in the entire draft was taken with the 92nd pick. I was completely infatuated with WR Stedman Bailey, who was the 92nd pick, and as a Pats fan, it made me want to bust my t.v., but I didn't and we all move on, so that's what I did. Now, back to the pick. Harmon has good size for a safety at 6'1 200 lbs and it does not hurt that he made Big East First Team twice. This leadership quality cannot be understated. Though I will move on from Bailey, I cannot help but to give this pick a low grade due to this fact alone. I give this pick a C.

Rd 4(102) WR Josh Boyce

If it wasn't for this pick, I might still be sulking in bed, but the Patriots managed to make my life fulfilled once more. Josh Boyce doesn't come with elite height, but he does have a large body frame for "only" being 5'11. This pick is something to salivate for as Boyce comes packed with the legs of a cheetah, running a 4.38 40 yd dash. That number becomes numerous times more impressive when you add to it the fact that Boyce was running with a broken foot, which he had surgically repaired and is still recovering from. When Boyce becomes healthy, he has a chance to be the fastest Patriot in their history, not named Moss. Boyce comes with heavy production at TCU, totalling 161 catches, 2535 yards, and 22 touchdowns. Consistency is a quality Belichick looks for and he has it with Boyce. I give this pick a B+.

Boston Celtics Off-season

After failing to knock off the New York Knicks, the Celtics might be bound for a tumultuous off-season. Two of the best Celtics players are more closer to retirement than not, KG and Paul "The Truth" Pierce, with Pierce on an option year, 15 million. I predict that the Celtics will cut a deal with Pierce for 2 years and 17 million that will allow them flexibility in Free Agency.

Boston Red Sox: From rebuilding, to division contenders

In a year where they were "supposed to be rebuilding," the Red Sox have been one of the biggest surprises of the year, as they have been division leaders for most of the year so far. The Sox have been heavily aided by phenomenal play by franchise cornerstones, DH David Ortiz and 2B player Dustin Pedroia, who are both hitting well over .300. It remains to be seen if the Sox can carry on through the year, they have lost more than won, in the month of May.



SCHOOL RULE CONTROVERSY

Are you bothered by the school rules!?! by Austin Gaston Staff writer

I'm not one to be full blown anti-authority, but some rules in life, I find irritating -- and some, even counter-productive.

Rules are put into place to promote order, whether it's inside or outside of school, so that things run smoothly and chaos is less likely to become a factor. The opposite of order, however, is freedom! And everyone likes freedom, I'm assuming.

One of the school rules that bothers me is the idea that in order to go into our public library at Lincoln, we must have a pass throughout the day, even during lunch! I find it irritating because I feel as though others have slightly restricted my rights to use the library, even though I didn't do anything to deserve that right to be taken away in the first place.

As teenagers, we don't need any more reasons not to pay a visit to the library -- I mean, it's the library. Don't hinder our public education any more than it already is. Instead, I feel as though we should be seen as individuals, and those individuals who violate rules should be dealt with as it happens. It's not as if having a pass to go to the library is a life-threatening situation, as comparing how TSA may search individual's luggage on a plane, or searching someone leaving Massachusetts after a bombing during the race.

On the other hand, Lincoln has also made some positive rules in regard to order -- though some may distaste the rules, they do make sense, though I doubt anyone else my age will agree, in that it holds

them down or requires hard work. A few new changes to our school consist of tardy sweeps, extended lunch, and student identification cards.

The tardy sweeps, in my opinion, are a good idea, because it allows administrators to be able to look at an individual's short-term record in regards to being late to class, in order to figure out why it is a problem, in the effort of fixing it. This policy would not be put into place just to get back at students, because, believe me, the administrators could spend their time doing something that is more entertaining to them. They do it in the attempt to weed out the individuals who are late frequently, to get them back in class. Everyone needs a boot in the behind, every once in a while, so that they

keep their eyes set on what is important.

The new idea of extended lunch for students who have all of their grades at A's, B's and C's is a fantastic way to treat students for their hard work, all throughout the school year. If a grade slips to a D, it may restrict someone from an extra 20 minutes of lunch, but it will also promote working toward a higher grade as a goal.

The school I.Ds are an ugly factor of our daily routine, and are an extra thing that we have to remember everyday as students, but are there for a reason. As teenagers, many of us look beyond our years, and it is important that we know who is in our building for our own safety. Yes, our own safety. If someone were to walk into our school with a bomb, or even a gun

-- I don't care how tough you are, it does not make a difference. Again, this is a matter of order for our protection -- and the only thing we have to give up, is, well, adding daily wear and another thing to remember. Also, another way of looking at it -- is that it is preparing us for the 'real world,' in that there are dress codes for many jobs out there. Some jobs will require us to wear certain shoes, specific clothing, or even wear name tags. It's important to remember the necessary things needed for your job, whether it's in the name of physical decency, student safety, or simply allowing others to know who you are.

Did you order a yearbook?

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