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‘Our Journey is not Complete’

LMSA students express hope, concern for the president’s second term

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The second inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States took place in a public ceremony on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 at the United States Capitol building. The inauguration marked the beginning of the second term of Barack Obama as president and Joe Biden as vice president. The inauguration was attended by approximately one million people, and was watched by millions more around the world.

President Obama began his second term with a hard-hitting speech that called for collective action on climate change, same sex marriage, voting rights, immigration reform, gun control, and equal pay for women.

He touched on healthcare issues warning that the nation faces “hard choices to reduce the cost of health care and reduce our deficit.” Obama said that today’s accomplishments will be partial, and it will be up to people four, 40 or even 400 years from now to advance them further. While setting his terms for loom-

ing budget fights, the president also worked on a call for immigration reform.

“Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity; until bright young students and engineers are enlisted in our workforce rather than expelled from our country,” he said. In the 20-minute address Obama also touched on foreign affairs, promising to work for democracy in Asia and Africa and pursue peace in the Mideast, and various domestic issues.

Many Lindblom students are excited about Obama’s second term. Sophomore Evelyn Estrada said, “I’m looking forward to Obama’s next four years as president. Hopefully, he can accomplish what he couldn’t accomplish his last term.”

Other students, like senior Jesus De Leon said, “I’m not looking forward to Obama as president again because he let down a lot of people his last term.”

There are mixed emotions about President Obama’s second term but who knows, he might surprise some



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PRESIDENT OBAMA THANKS THE CROWD CELEBRATING HIS RE-ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

of us. Senior Krystal Arnold said, “I like that Obama was re-elected because he has more time to improve the standing of the U.S, such as the

economy.” Senior Courtney Barnes said, “I think that Obama’s re-election will bring upon more change. He helped turn the economy around and he is

continuing to help immigrants and other issues such as gun violence. He wants to continue to create jobs for the citizens of the U.S. He has done a wonderful job and will continue.”

Lindblom students march for peace at King High

JOSHUA SHORT
Staff Reporter

Two Lindblom students lead a rally Monday, Feb 4. in front of King College Prep High School as part of a citywide plea for reduction of gun violence. This comes after a senseless shooting of 15-year old Hadiya Pendleton – who was a student at King College Prep – one of many victims gunned down in Chicago’s most violent Januarys in recent years.

One of the organizers of the march and Lindblom student – Senior Jordyn Willis – said that after the passing of Hadiya Pendleton, she and Senior Chelsea James (the second organizer of the event and Lindblom student) were “upset and instead of complaining we took action.” Both Jordyn and Chelsea acted immediately after hearing the disturbing news of Pendleton a little over a week ago.

The student-led march included about 35 protestors and multiple activists marching from King High School to Harsh Park (where Hadiya was killed) as they sought to draw attention toward the gun violence seen in one of the most

violent cities in America. With the help of community leaders and activists, organizing the march was done within a week.

This combined with their parents’ permission, the two leaders quickly turned to social media. Using the hash tag “assemblyforpeace”, both were able to quickly spread the word to students and their parents.

Along with the support of parents, leaders and students, television news outlets from around Chicago, including two newspapers, also took part in covering the march.

Despite police giving the warning to student leaders and their parents on being in school, they along with 30-odd students proceeded to the rally. The participants were excused from school as the march lasted until about 11 a.m. ending with a press conference in which Chelsea and Jordyn presented their solutions for all to hear, including Mayor Rahm Emmanuel.

Their solution included “extended hours at their schools with an emphasis on social and recreational programs and they want parental involvement to become a mandatory condition of certain school

programs,” the Chicago Tribune reports.

The principal from King High School told her students that the rally was “cancelled,” Willis said, reducing the numbers capable of showing up. LMSA Principal Alan Mather was notified of the march a few days prior as he was given misconstructed information.

The initial information presented to him is not yet confirmed by him; however Jordyn (and others) claims that he received false information regarding buses being sent from Lindblom to King in support of the student-rally. This was soon cleared up, however.

Jordyn said that there will be another rally planned for a later date at the Daley Center in downtown Chicago so “stay tuned.”

Chelsea said, “Our next steps are to form a unity within the teenage community. We are also conducting a youth ambassadors program in hopes of dismantling the code of silence in Chicago. We are always open to anyone wanting to become a youth Ambassador for this change to come.”

Senior wins Golden Apple scholarship

DEION OWENS
Staff Reporter

Who ever knew that students would want to be a teacher so soon? Well, two Lindblom seniors already know that this is the career path they would like to take early on. Seniors Niaira Marshall and Deion Owens both would like to go into the fields of education—Niaira into elementary and Deion into secondary English.

Niaira said, “I think that a teacher shapes more than just a child, that is, they shape the world. To be the one to sit there and say ‘I have done this to a child and he came out like this must be truly awarding.’”

Deion agreed. “I believe that teachers of the minority are needed in education to serve as a success in schools of need—that being academic or economic. A teacher can serve as something much more than an instructor within the classroom,” Deion said. Both seniors have applied for the prestigious Golden Apple Scholarship and have made it as finalists.

The Scholarship, whose goal is to “transform teaching through teach-

ers” is worthover \$20,000, and serves to help students who would like to teach by allowing them to take classes as soon as the summer of their freshman year in college. Students are also put into classes and are allowed to teach courses. Both students have made it to the second round of the application process:

The first round going from 900 applicants to 300 interviews. Now, they must both wait to see if they will actually receive the scholarship, which will only be awarded to 100 students.

Math teacher Mr.Cappetta, a Golden Apple Scholar, said, “I think it is good that both students have a strong passion to the teaching profession at a young age...these things will drive you to be successful. It’s always a pleasure to see students wanting to teach; it makes me [as a teacher] feel like I’ve done something good.”

The passion for teaching in both of these individuals is rich; they both love the thought of changing lives.

[Editor’s Note: Deion Owens was announced as a winner of this scholarship.]



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SWOOP SCOOP

AP Environmental Science on the Rise

Lindblom teacher Ms. Copper teaches AP Environmental Science and engages students to apply everything they have learned in high school science classes into one class. Ms. Copper has been teaching AP Environmental Science for two years, but she has over 20 years of CPS teaching experience under her belt. The AP exam covers ecology, earth space, geology, biology and other earth sciences. Ms. Copper talks to students about current issues like unhealthy drinking water and why it is still a problem in the world.

Ms. Copper said she enjoys teaching AP Environmental Science because it is applicable in the world. She said that the droughts occurring and the strange environmental climate changes can be analyzed by interpreting data. She said there are issues that can be analyzed, and modern technology can help figure them out while students achieve a better understanding of them through AP Environmental.

Senior Jesus De Leon said that he finds AP Environmental interesting because, "it makes me aware of issues around the world that affect our planet like pollution and dangerous drinking waters in third-world countries."

Later on in the year, Ms. Copper plans to start working more with rocks and volcanic studies rather than plants. In colloquium she plans to continue working with Chicago State's Aquaponics program to engage students in AP Environmental and give them insights on real world applications.

- Eduardo Correa

Service towards the community

Lindblom students volunteered at Living Room Café on 806 E. 64th St. with the non-profit organization BuildOn, Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Lindblom students helped cooking in the kitchen and serving drinks to people in the café.

"We cooked baked fish, salad, bread rolls, rice and brownies. I loved the brownies!" senior Pebbles Prince said. Other students (including me) served the guests coffee, hot cocoa and/or water. Students put themselves in groups and cut up vegetables for the salads.

BuildOn coordinator Amy Kryzek assigns this project once a month to volunteer cooking food for homeless people who could not provide food for themselves and their family. One of the students who volunteers every month said that the service project always "empowers me to

help more and more people" when she sees the smiles on people faces. She currently has worked more than 400 service projects to date. There are still Living Room Café project done every month including February. BuildOn has partnered with Lindblom to provide an opportunity for students to receive service learning hours from projects such as the Living Room Café.

- Brittni Pratt

Interested in Studying Science in Greenland this Summer?

Students will study the Arctic environment with researchers, work at the field station, and travel to a Greenlandic ice sheet. Anyone interested should see Ms. Dell in room 323. This is open to students in the 10th and 11th grades only.

Wrestler Deuce Rachal is heading to State

Deuce Rachal dominated the fourth and fifth ranked wrestlers in the state to win the East Rich Sectional Tournament. Now, Deuce will wrestle in Illinois High School State championship at the university of Illinois. Congratulations to Deuce!

Military Ball Info

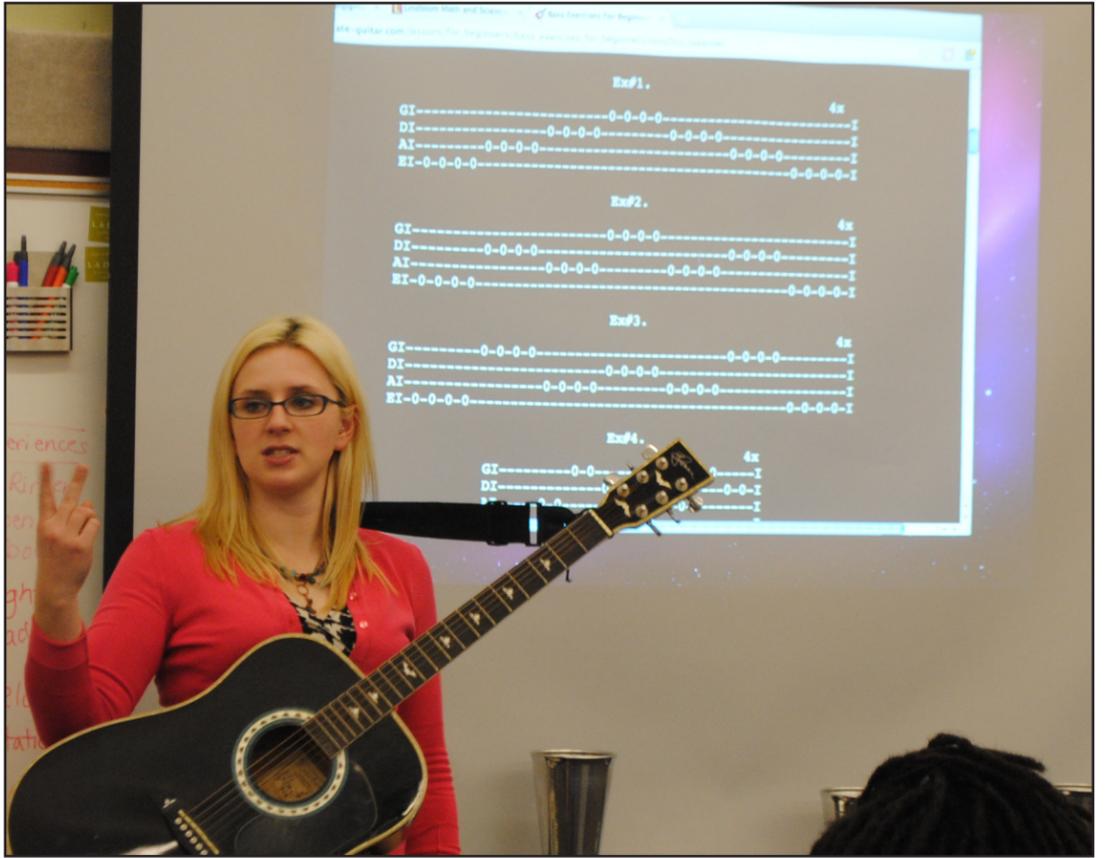
It's that time of year again. It's time for the Military Ball! The Military Ball is on March 9. It will be at Chateau Del Mar located at 8301 W. 95th St, Hickory Hills. The ticket price is \$40.

This event is an exciting moment for the freshmen but a bittersweet moment for the seniors. "I know celebrating my last military ball will be a very bittersweet moment," senior Randi Townsend said. "I will miss many of the memories created in the ROTC department with the people I've grown very close to in the past four years, but I'm also excited to see how I will begin a new chapter of my life. Overall, I know it will be a night to remember," Randi said. It is also a time where important cadets in JROTC are recognized and admired by the program.

Well it's time to put on the uniforms and bring out the dresses. "I'm excited about it cause this is where we recognize important people in the program", junior Sherme Randolph states. To buy tickets contact Sgt. Lawson.

- Mia Spight

Time to rock and roll...



MUSIC TEACHER MS. BOUDREAU GETTING READY TO SHOW HER CLASS HOW TO ROCK.

Sudoku

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NUMBER YOU SHOULD KNOW:

11

Number of months it has been since Derrick Rose tore his ACL in the playoffs.

QUOTES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

"America believes in education: the average professor earns more money in a year than a professional athlete earns in a whole week."
- Evan Esar

"A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man."
- Lana Turner

"Weather forecast for tonight: dark."
- George Carlin

"Every man has his follies - and often they are the most interesting thing he has got."
- Josh Billings

WORD YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Fugazi:

Fake, false
Ex: "That's a fugazi" (About a jewel, from "Donnie Brasco")
www.Urbandictionary.com

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FUNNY TEACHERS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Teachers have different methods of instructing their class. Not all methods work as well as others though. A very common approach in the classroom is humor. Unfortunately, not all teachers are successful in that field. So the question is what makes a teacher funny and who are the funny teachers of LMSA?

When asked what would make a teacher funny and what makes their jokes good, senior Jayla Morgan responded by saying, "It would have to relate to something we find funny." Indeed a good joke should be one that relates to that person or at least makes sense to the individual it is being told to, but there are also instances where students laugh just because of how far out in the ball park the jokes are. Senior Veronica Butts, said that her music teacher makes many allusions no one understands; they just "laugh because it's random."

Teachers who are called sarcastic were also deemed as amusing. Two teachers who most students named when thinking of a teacher both sarcastic and witty are Mr. Kang and Mr. Linderman. Many of their answers to questions and snippy comments are said to be hilarious to students.

Though not described as sarcastic, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dudek, and Mr. Anderson were names that came up often when students were asked about the funniest teachers they've had during their time in LMSA.

Junior Tyler Green, explained his enjoyment of Mr. Bradley's jokes. He says that even though his jokes are sometimes bizarre he is able to connect it back to the lesson.

Humor in the classroom seems to be a very positive contribution to the class for students. Freshman Cameri Singleton said, "I think it makes students more comfortable around them and more interested."

The laughter these teachers bring to the classroom helps capture students attention and create a good teacher student relationships, two components that help ease the learning process for students.

--Jafara Sweet

Students feel safe within Lindblom's walls

Security given credit for creating safe environment

MONICA DE PAZ
Staff Reporter

Coming in to Lindblom for your very first year can be very frightening, especially when you feel unsafe and at unease. It is already bad enough that you are at a new school. Lindblom may not seem like the safest school in the world but you have to give it a try to really know how great this school is. Lindblom is one of the top high schools in Chicago.

Sure, Englewood is nowhere near the safest neighborhood in Chicago (see story at bottom of page), but Lindblom is a completely different environment once you're inside.

Junior Cristina Herrera said, "I feel really safe in school but I'm not sure I can say the same when stepping outside of Lindblom."

Another junior Yzan Tawil, said, "The security at school makes me feel really secure and safe, but when I walk out these doors, it's like you don't know what to expect."

Lindblom in most cases is criticized based on its location on the map. However, more people should come to realize that Lindblom is actually a very safe place.

If given the opportunity, non-students and concerned parents should step inside of Lindblom because it is a completely different environment once you're inside.

Senior Aniyah Orr said, "Inside of Lindblom I feel secure because of the relationships that the security guards have built with me, but outside of Lindblom, it is dangerous and I don't feel very secure."

The security at Lindblom is one

of the best. They are always there when you need them. The security here offers to escort you to and from school as well as the bus stop. This is something every student at Lindblom who stays after school should take advantage of, instead of coming out of school late, alone.

Yes, Lindblom is very safe. But just because Lindblom is safe does not mean anyone should ignore the fact that we are still in Englewood. Most students at Lindblom would agree: Lindblom is a safe environment, but the neighborhood seems to be totally different. Therefore, just make sure to take extra precautions.



PHOTO BY TALON STAFF

THANKS TO OUR SECURITY TEAM AND EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY BUILDING STAFF, STUDENTS CAN FEEL SAFE WITH THE WALL OF LINDBLOM.

Scholarship season arrives

MYLAUN GRIFFITH
Staff Reporter

The seniors are very busy with school and college. While application season is winding down, scholarship season is rolling in. Many scholarships are being offered and the seniors are pushed to go for.

The counselors at Lindblom, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Weathers, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Andrews, are hunting seniors down and blowing up their emails just to make sure they are doing scholarships and finishing them. The counselors want us to have an equal opportunity for money toward college.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said, "Many scholarships are coming out and I'm pushing you all to do them because every year students come to my office saying they need money, but didn't apply for scholarships. Here's the chance."

This motivation has been very beneficial to students. Senior Posse scholarship winner, Eduardo

Alejandro, survived three rounds of competition and will receive a full tuition scholarship to Middlebury College in Vermont for four years. This opportunity wouldn't be possible if he didn't apply for the scholarship. There have also been many other scholarships awarded to Lindblom seniors.

Lindblom seniors are working hard in and out school to make it easier to pay for college. Yet, on top of that and school work things can get a little stressful. All of this is very time consuming. Some of the students argue it's just too much do.

Senior Randi Townsend said, "this school year is moving along, but it is very stressful and hard to manage with projects and homework."

The scholarships keep piling up with due dates closer and closer to each other. Although scholarship season is here, it is difficult to manage with sports and school work. Determination will help make things easier. Lindblom seniors continue to do the scholarships and pull through all obstacles.

Model UN tackles world issues every Wednesday

DEVONYA SHELLEY
Staff Reporter

If you enjoy solving problems and learning about other countries,

Model UN (f United Nations) is the class for you.

Ms. Pedziwaitr teaches this class and all grades are allowed to participate. "Everyone is assigned a country, and Mrs. Pedziwaitr and the

students have a meeting about how they can fix the issue going on in the country assigned," Niah Hart, a junior who is in the Model UN class, said. Niah also states the fact that countries can bribe other countries.

This is a colloquium class and takes place on Wednesdays. Last colloquium, the Model UN class talked about the meeting they had and the Israel and Palestine war. "Palestinians were kicked out by Israelites and the Israelites took over. They are both fighting over who should have the land," Niah said.

Niah describes this class as a good class to take to work on problem solving. "This class teaches students how to discuss and come up with solutions to issues," Niah said.



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THE MODEL UN DOES NOT, UNFORTUNATELY, HOLD MEETINGS AT THE UN BUILDING IN NEW YORK (PICTURED HERE.) INSTEAD YOU CAN FIND THEM EVERY WEDNESDAY IN ROOM 325.

Violence in Englewood has students on edge

MYKHAIL ALEXANDER
Staff Reporter

"The violence is ridiculous. Parents should not have to wonder if their children are safe going to and from school. As a student that catches the bus daily, I fear that one day something might happen to me. I'm just happy it hasn't happened yet, and I feel bad for the people that have been victims of stupidity," junior Nameshia Tetteh says.

Nameshia, has been at Lindblom for the last five years (Academic Center Student). She's one of the "lucky ones" who has never been directly affected by the violence in Englewood.

Unfortunately, there are others who weren't as lucky. In January we had two acts of violence against one of our fellow eagles. According to one teacher, one of his students (who is unknown),

was robbed at gunpoint walking to the bus stop from afterschool practice around 5:30 pm.

Another incident occurred on Wednesday morning, in broad daylight. A student was apparently walking to school from the bus stop and was approached by a armed man in a mask. According to several students, the girl was forced into an alley at gunpoint, sexually assaulted, and then robbed. This has yet to be confirmed by official police sources.

Lindblom students aren't the only ones who are concerned about the violence.

History teacher Mr. Van gave his opinion on the increasing violence: "I think it's worrisome. I feel that we are starting to take for granted our safety. It's very disturbing how the violence is increasing,

not only around Englewood, but schools like King and Kenwood.

"The best we can do is watch our surroundings, and be mindful.

Can we end the violence? If not end it, can we at least bring it down? What can we do as a

school and community to feel and be safer? What are you going to do to make sure you're safe?"

"I fear that one day something might happen to me."

Nameshia Tetteh
Junior

Senior attends Inauguration

DARVELL JONES
Staff Reporter

On the days preceding the inauguration, I was filled with an overwhelming sense of urgency and excitement, knowing that on Thursday night I would be headed to Washington, D.C. for the 57th Presidential Inauguration. As a member of the Soul Children of Chicago, I was given a special invitation by First Lady Michelle Obama to come attend the inauguration and perform at the Kid's Inaugural Concert Saturday evening at the Washington Convention Center. Aside from us, the other artists in that program were Usher, Katy Perry, Mindless Behavior, the *Glee* cast, and many more.

The mind-blowing stage and celebrity filled backstage was a memory of a lifetime, and really shows just how connected people from all scopes of life are when it comes to the election of a new president. The rich, the poor, the strong and the weak, all get

to influence our future with the constitutional amendment to vote.

After our performance Saturday evening, we prepared ourselves to go attend the Inaugural parade Monday morning from 9 to 5. During the parade we got to see the procession of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Once he completed his inaugural address, we got to see the huge swarms of people from all walks of life supporting our wonderful democracy.

During President Obama's inaugural address he stated, "We recall that what binds this nation together is not the colors of our skin or the tenants of our faiths or the origins of our names. What makes us exceptional—What makes us American—is our allegiance to an idea, articulated in a declaration made more than two centuries ago." This nation is our home and my trip to the inauguration proved America is still a democracy for all people.

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EDITORIALS

What we expect from Obama's second term

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President Barack Obama was sworn in for a second term on January 22. Having had his fair share of criticism for what was (or was not) accomplished (or lack of) during his first term, he looks to lead this country for another four years. This brings us to the question, what should we realistically expect from Obama during his second term?

One major point Obama should focus on is following through with his claim for bipartisanship. In his bestseller *The Audacity of Hope*, Obama said, "Genuine bipartisanship, though, assumes an honest process of give-and-take, and that the quality of the compromise is measured by how well it serves some agreed-upon goal, whether better schools or lower deficit." With the Democrats having majority control in the Senate and the Republicans still holding on to the majority of

the House of Representatives, there is an obvious conflict when it comes to passing any bills that both parties will agree on. The only way anything can get done is by having both parties put away differences and work together to pass bills that will better our nation.

Job creation is one of the staples of the Obama administration. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate was at 10.1 percent in October of 2010. Today it stands 7.9 percent. While change is occurring, it is doing so at a very slow rate. By the end of the second term, the unemployment rate will hopefully return to normal in the 4-5% range.

The re-election of Obama brings new hope and unrealistic expectations. The best we can hope for is damage control across the board. The Obama administration will be considered very successful if they can reduce the national debt and create more jobs.

Senioritis kicks in

JORDYNE JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Lindblom students can all agree that the workload is tremendously heavy and each assignment is worth doing here. "Managing your time is just something that you have to learn how to do," junior Lee Smith said.

Well if you ask the seniors, Lindblom is a piece of cake until your last year.

"While trying to balance good grades and a social life, I also have to worry about applying and getting accepted into the college(s) of my choice, applying for hundreds of scholarships and figuring out how my family is going to be able to afford college," senior Cameron Hill said.

The seniors have a lot going on; almost too much. "We have entirely too much on our plate, I end every day exhausted and drained and have to wake up the next day and do it all again," Cameron said.

"I just wish some teachers would acknowledge the fact that this is college season and we need to get this stuff done, we need a break from work," McKenzie

Cooper said. So is this really senioritis? Or just exhaustion? I'm sure the senior class is anxious for spring break



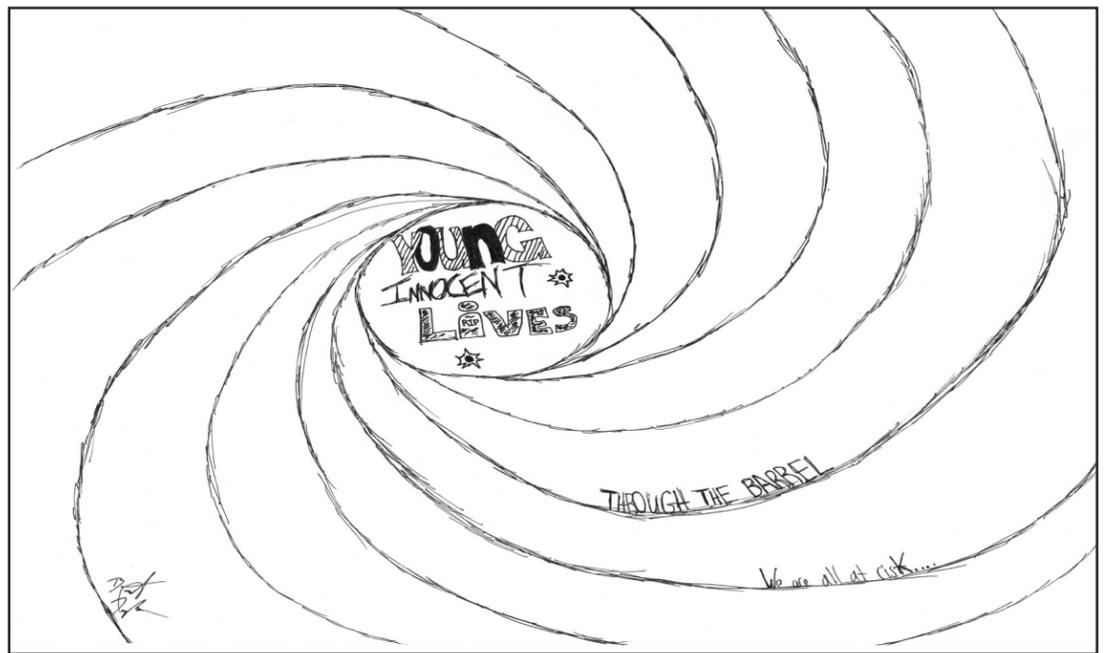
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SENIOR CLASS BOARD POSES FOR A GROUP PHOTO

Between the long school day, homework, and extracurricular activities there is little to no time left for leisure.

THE WAY IT IS

BY BRENT TAYLOR



Students react to Finals Week

ANNA MYSYK
Staff Reporter

Final exams are often challenging and scary for students who test at the end of every semester in high school. Last month all LMSA students faced this "event." Opinions and results differ, but in general everything passed well.

First of all, there were a lot of arguments whether teachers should give a review sheet before the exam. Some teachers claim this to be just a waste of time and paper because students don't use them. They are right not all students use these review sheets, but I feel they should be given. One sophomore student says, "All students need them, because even if

students don't use them, it's better to have it in case of emergency." I agree with her, I think students who responsibly study for final exams use those review packets.

Opinions, expectations, results were also different. I know that a lot of students were afraid of finals because it was really important for them. Actually, in reality final exams do not really influence our grade in a good way. It is only 10 percent of a grade but the trick is that it can reduce your grade a lot if you do not pass the exam or it is really hard to raise your grade up even when you do really well.

That is why some students had the same opinion as junior Cristina Herrera.

She said, "I won't stress because

of our final exams. I think that's not worth stressing about."

Teachers had some expectations from students and different reaction on results. For example, Ms. Mueller said that she was really glad how seventh graders complete finals, but was a little bit disappointed with juniors and their vocabulary part of the test. Other teachers did not comment much on the results and say that we all did well; they were able to see who studied for exams and who did not.

All in all, everybody can sigh with a relief because finals passed. Now full of energy, new effort and enthusiasm students are looking forward to a new semester, hoping that it will be better than the first.

Lindblom helps make a change to stop violence in Chicago

JULIAN SHORT
Staff Reporter

Two Lindblom students, Jordyn Willis and Chelsea James lead a march at 9 a.m. on Feb. 4 voicing their concerns about gun violence. This march was held in front of King High School to serve memory of Hadiya Pendleton who was shot and killed on January 29th.

Leaders of the march discussed with the news media some solutions to this problem such as more summer jobs and activities with the

news media. Was this really the right action to take? With all due respect, the thought of even going out to do something like the actions they took, is a brave move. These are teenagers going out of their way to try and start to make a difference.

But personally I think another route could have been taken. I feel this "assemble for peace" process was rushed and not well put together. From my perspective the leaders should have informed more CEOs, more leaders, more activist, and more government officials instead of "pointing the finger" acknowledging

the lack of actions taken by officials.

Senior Aliyah Lee said "They sent out a great message to CPS students but I feel the rally could have been better organized and on a day where more people could have attended." This statement is very amenable to me I feel that if more children could have attended the event, the message who have been stronger.

Senior Dominique Easley stated, "I think the assembly for peace was a great idea. I think Chelsea and Jordyn did a good thing for the community by stepping up and voicing their opinions."

CTA passes not worth the price

JESSIKA KINDSEY
Staff Reporter

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) surprised all of its riders at the beginning of the new year, with drastic increases in prices on the CTA bus passes.

CTA had proposed reducing the discount prices for 1-day, 3-day, 7-day and 30-day bus passes. As of Jan. 14, a one-day increased from \$5.75 to \$10, a three-day increased from \$14 to \$20, a seven-day increased from \$23 to \$28 and a 30-day increased from \$86 to \$100. This had been the first price increase on fare cards in four years.

According to the CTA official website (transitchicago.com), the changes with the pass prices will provide CTA with more money. An estimated \$56 million is expected to be produced as a result of the pass price increase; this money will be used to make improvements on

bus and rail services in the next few years. CTA also hopes that these changes will enable them to achieve financial stability for future years and avoid horrible budgets of previous years.

CTA officials predicted that the new pass prices would be good value for customers who use the transit system. Riders who use the system multiple times a day will receive deep discounts over full fares.

"I think that [the increases in pass prices] were pointless," senior Deion Owens said. "People, though they buy bus passes, rarely use them as much as

they are able to be used. With bus passes going up and gas going down, it would probably be better to have a car; especially with all of the safety hazards that come with riding the CTA," Deion said.

It is not surprising that those who heavily rely on CTA for transportation would be unhappy about the pass fare hike.

When asked her opinion on the price increase, senior Ashanta Brown said that she thinks the new prices are ridiculous. "No one is going to use those passes enough to get their money's worth. I would rather pay the \$2.25 single-ride fare," she said.

CTA believes that the increase in pass prices will be better for the agency and the customers; those who have to buy the passes at the higher prices do not agree.



OPINION

Is 10 minutes necessary?

Students weigh in on new passing period length

DEVON WHITE
Staff Reporter

As the second semester begins at Lindblom, the students are still recovering from the aftermath of the Teacher Strike of 2012. After the strike many things have changed including the class schedule which affects the lives of both the students as well as the faculty.

Before the schedule changed, students received nine minutes to make it from one class to the other but now, after the changes, the students receive ten minutes to get from class to class.

It would usually be a safe assumption to say that an extra two minutes between periods would be a simple thing to accept or adjust to but it has received mixed reviews.

It seems as though no one response to the change in passing period length was shared evenly by everyone. "The passing periods allow students to be lazy but at the same time allows them to get to class on time," senior James White said.

As a senior it seems to be important to have that extra time to socialize according to the statements made by James. He welcomes the additional two minutes with no complaints in sight.

Although some believe the passing period time increase is great others believe it to be unnecessary. "The passing periods are too long, who needs ten minutes to get to class," sophomore Christopher Edomwande said. Christopher does not see the point in the additional two minutes and feels as though it is a waste of time.

"I think it is really extreme; I really don't think students need ten minutes," library assistant Martha Urbina said. There are obviously mixed feelings concerning the new passing period length.

There are those who are on both sides of the spectrum, some in favor of a longer passing period and those against longer passing periods. There were even students who could care less about the topic. "The change in passing period has no effect on my day," junior Terrance Glover said.



THANKS TO THE NEW LONGER PASSING PERIODS, LOGAN LAWSON-PARKS AND ISAAC WATSON CAN NOW WAIT UNTIL THE 10TH MINUTE BEFORE THEY HEAD TO CLASS.

There are some students who feel as though they will get to class on time regardless. The passing period

discussions could go on forever, well, only ten minutes if it's between classes.

Seniors begin to prepare for the future

MALIKA JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

With graduation approaching in a little over a 100 days, seniors are now faced with the decisions of finalizing college plans, picking prom dates, and starting life on their own.

This year's Lindblom seniors were faced with drastic changes to the schedule and curriculum. The first semester came with an extension of the school day until 3:44 p.m. with new seminar classes added into the daily schedule. When asked how he was managing work and school was senior Christopher Canady said, "It was pretty difficult to manage my job

at W.I.C while trying to finish college applications and scholarships. I found myself calling off a lot of work days."

Second semester unveils a new schedule where seminars are eliminated and the school day ends at 3:15 in the afternoon. This day leaves more time to participate in extracurricular activities, complete scholarship applications, and maybe even do homework.

Senior Barry Ford said, "I feel that the counselors have done a decent job for preparing us with the college application process. They gave us a timeline to tell us what to do month by month. They also provide daily

scholarship updates which are very useful. I am very excited to graduate and move on to the next chapter of my life and Lindblom has done a great job with the transition."

Senior Cameron Hill also finds the college application process to be time consuming.

"Senior year was hectic as far as college applications were concerned," he said. "Getting the right documents, and filling out the tedious essays was very bothersome. But I do enjoy the fact that we get less homework because of the college process," Cameron said.

Even though senior year has proved to be one of the most stressful times

ever to some students, the end of this school year will culminate on a good note with numerous senior activities. A date has officially been set for Lindblom's senior class prom which will take place, Saturday May 11, 2013. Dates for senior class sing and picnic have not been established due to scheduling conflicts with finals. Rests assured, dates will soon be selected due to the approaching deadlines for the final deposits for these activities.

Overall, the senior experience will prove to be worthwhile come graduation day, June 15.

Students argue for off-campus lunch

JORDYN WILLIS
Staff Reporter

As a student who has been witness to many changes throughout Lindblom, I am a firm believer that Lindblom seniors should be allowed to have off-campus lunch. The seniors at Lindblom have had to go through three to four years of bad school food and long lines at the microwaves. There should be more to being a senior besides, the title.

We have a 50-minute lunch period, and with the new schedule change

we have a five to ten minute passing period. That is more than enough time to go out, get food, come back, and eat. There are schools that have shorter periods for lunch and their students are permitted to go off campus for lunch. As seniors, we understand the liability that comes along with off-campus lunch, and the risks we take by even attending school in Englewood.

Lunch periods at LMSA are sometimes crowded. They serve us food that looks like it is supposed to be served to criminals at the county, and when we choose to bring food from

home, we often have to wait in a line of 10-15 kids to heat our meals on the weak microwaves.

"It takes 11 minutes to cook some noodles, which are only supposed to take three," annoyed junior Alexis Anderson said. Seniors should have an upper hand with their daily lunch process. We are 17 and 18 years old, filling out college applications, driving, and registering to vote! We are making adult decisions. I am positive that we can handle going off campus for lunch.

Junior Naida Langdon said, "I think it is not safe and very risky."

Senior Jerrien Howard thinks a compromise could be reached, "I think if they don't allow us to go off campus, as a senior, they should allow delivery or something!" Jerrien said.

I agree with both opinions, but we should at least have the option to make our own decisions for lunch. As a senior myself, I believe there are many restrictions placed upon us while we attend LMSA, and as seniors, we are old enough to make some choices for ourselves—like where we have lunch.

Freshmen discover HS first-hand

KAYLA CLANCY
Staff Reporter

Is high school what television actually portrayed it as in the eyes of freshmen? Sometimes television portrays high school as being full of fun and games, little homework every night, and projects given every once in a while. Freshmen had to open their eyes and realize high school is not what it seems like on TV, especially not at LMSA.

Unfortunately, they are given tons

of homework every night and this includes tons of studying for big tests every week. High school on television and reality are definitely the opposite of each other.

The first semester of high school for the Academic Center kids felt like a breeze. They already had a feel of what Lindblom expects from students as a rigorous school.

Freshman Kaylen Herring said, "The transition was easy and I felt more prepared because I went to the Academic Center."

The Academic Center freshmen seem to have an advantage over the newly incoming freshmen who are not as comfortable with Lindblom.

The incoming freshmen are ecstatic about being at the school but as far as the curriculum goes, they wish they were at different schools. The first semester of high school was a pretty rocky road for the newly incoming freshmen class.

"I felt like everything was cool, I prefer Catholic schools, but Lindblom's work is overwhelming," freshman

Darias Oliver said. Just like many others, Lindblom is a challenging and overwhelming school because the curriculum requires so much attention.

There are mixed emotions going around the freshmen class after the first semester. Some are praising the fact that the school year is almost over while some are dreading the fact that they will have a test the next day. Well freshmen class, half of the year is just about over, it's time to knock out the rest of the year as a LMSA soldier.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Dresses and eating and demands, OH MY!

NAIRA MARSHALL

Editor in Chief

General Announcements from Your Editor:

Prom Dresses and Prom Suits—Ladies, it's about that time for.. PROM DRESS SHOPPING! As a senior for our own prom it is our duty that we look the best. Some great stores to take into consideration are the boutiques scattered throughout Chicago. One of the best known ones is Peaches Boutique. Peaches is located on the far west side of Chicago, and it holds thousands of different styles, colors and designers! For my gentlemen, one of the big stores that you all can shop at is Men's Warehouse. Your choice of a store may vary depending on if you wanted a suit or a tux. There is a difference!

Healthy Living

It has been mentioned by everyone from our mothers to Michelle Obama: We have got to start eating healthier! There are many apps to keep track of what we are eating and how many calories we are consuming after eating it. (See App Review on page 6). Not to mention, this is the perfect time to start shedding off some pounds with prom around the corner and the summer slowly approaching. Some of our favorite restaurants have some of the most calories in their food and although it tastes good, at the end of the day our health is more important than what our taste buds feel.

Things we NEED MORE of at LMSA part 2:

STILL MORE AIR FRESHNERS—WHY? Because places like the girls bathroom are not pleasant-smelling places. ANYTHING can help at this point. Whether it's an air freshener or a scented candle, it can help. WE NEED IT!

STILL Parking spots for LMSA students—Parking around the school is NO JOKE. Most of the teachers park on streets with us students. ALL teachers should have a spot in the teachers' parking lot. That could enable most of us students to park on the street, OR if that doesn't work out, just give us our OWN parking lot. Construction is going on and it is causing traffic congestion for students, parents and staff.

STILL Faster Internet—This is an issue that affects us students and teachers. We need faster internet and MORE working computers in each class.

Diversity in the staff—Some students propose that they would like to see more diversity in the Lindblom teaching staff.

Better vending machines—Many students have complained about the vending machines not working and taking our hard earned dollars!

More Assemblies—The Black History assembly turned out to be a success. We need more assemblies on Wednesdays so that it would not interfere with our instructional time. THAT IS ALL!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Anime Club ventures to its first major convention

DIANE BLUE
Staff Reporter

Members of the Lindblom Anime Club and a couple of Lindblom students outside of the club visited UChi-Con on Jan. 26. The group consisted of five Lindblom juniors, two seniors and four freshmen. UChi-Con is a local anime convention held by the University of Chicago in two of its buildings. For most of the students that went, it was their first time at an anime convention.

The free convention started at ten in the morning and ended at six that evening. A majority of Lindblom's students arrived at the beginning, only to be met with a packed hall of Pokémon, Vocaloids, and anime characters. Those that had never participated in a convention before were thrilled to have gotten this opportunity.

"I'm glad that I got to go," freshman Cameri Singleton said. "I had a lot of fun and got to see a lot of amazing cos-players," she said.

She expressed glee over getting a chance to attend her first convention with her friends and seeing the cosplayers of her favorite characters. Even the students that were new to conventions had a good time whether taking pictures with and of cosplayers, singing karaoke, or watching



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEAH JAROMAHUM

WITH A COSPLAYER AND BUNNY AS COMPANIONS, FRESHMAN LEAH JAROMAHUM EXPLORES THE UCHI-CON ANIME CONVENTION.

screenings. Some even held conversations with the college students running the convention about the changes in anime quality over the years.

The convention was divided up between two buildings, one consisting of the cafeteria, a screening room, karaoke, and a gallery of souvenirs to buy and the other holding

the majority of the screening rooms, the game room, the raffle room, and a sweets café. Many people ate in the cafeteria, which served authentic Japanese food.

"This was a new experience that I'm glad I got to have. I can't wait until next year's convention." Cameri said.

55th Annual Grammy Awards full of great performances

MIRANDA SALDAÑA
Talon Arts Editor

The 55th annual Grammy Award Celebration was held Feb. 10 in Los Angeles, Calif. The Grammys are the music industry's biggest event and was watched by millions of viewers this year.

Taylor Swift opened up the Grammys with her performance of "We Are Never Getting Back Together." Throughout the night, the camera seemed to be focused on Swift dancing and singing along to every song – sending the internet into GIF heaven!

Aside from Swift, the Grammys was a night full of surprises. This

year's Best Album went to Mumford and Sons and Best New Artist was awarded to FUN. Many argue that Frank Ocean should have received the Best New Artist Award; however Kanye did not famously interrupt anyone this time like he did at the VMAs a few years ago; possibly because Ocean received the award for Best Urban Contemporary Album. Best Vocal Pop Album went to Kelly Clarkson with her song "Stronger". Other awards such as best "Americana Album" were also awarded.

The night was full of great performances. Alicia Keys and Adam Levine both brought musical talent and beauty to the stage while performing "Girl on Fire." Justin Timberlake also put on a stunning performance of

"Suit and Tie." Overall, the Grammy's was a night music lovers will not forget.

The music and awards itself sparked controversy, however much of the apparel and fashion choices made the audience go wild on twitter and other social networking sites.

Throughout the night, there was constant talk of Katy Perry's revealing dress. Katy Perry's bosom was on display for millions of viewers and Ellen Degeneres. Beyonce's outfit also showcased her long legs which caused a mouth dropping reaction amongst viewers. Whether it be the performances, attire or awards, The 55th Annual Grammy Award Celebration was a night millions of viewers won't forget.

Calorie Counter App helps create healthy lifestyle

COURTNEY BARNES
Staff Reporter

Do you wonder why you're gaining weight or cannot lose weight? Every day, we consume fast foods from restaurants such as McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Portillo's, Subway, and many more, but we don't know how many calories or fat grams we are consuming nor how these foods can harm our body. There are people who tell us all the time that these foods are not good for us, and we know they are not good for us, but we still choose to eat them because they taste good!

The app called Calorie Counter is available on Android and iPhone and helps people manage what they

are eating and their weight by giving an accurate measure of calories, fats grams, sugars, carbs, sodium, and other ingredients in foods that we eat, organized by brand or restaurant. The app also gives the serving size that you should consume when eating a certain food.

For example, did you know a regular size fry with a cup of cheese from Portillo's is 1000 calories and an Italian beef is 451 calories? Together that would consume about half the daily calories in a male and three-fourths the daily calories for a female. Is this scary or what? We never really pay attention because it doesn't seem like a big deal. Just imagine how many calories you consume in one day by continuing to stop at the corner store before school and buy your

favorite snacks.

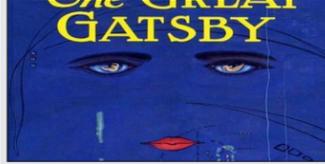
The app also helps track daily exercise and factors it in with the amount of calories you can consume in a day.

Instead of continuing to eat unhealthy and perform little to no exercise, why not cut back on fast food? exercise more, and eat healthier. It's not that hard to eat smaller portions and start substituting your snacks for healthier snacks such as fruits, veggies, pretzels, rice cakes, and peanuts. If you want to fit into your prom dress or wear that nice swim suit or trunks without wearing a shirt, it's time to start now!

REVIEWS

BOOK ★★★★★

THE GREAT GATSBY



Looking for a new novel with interesting characters and a mystery plot? Well you are reading the right article. I recommend that you take a look at *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, if you haven't already. *The Great Gatsby* is a great choice if you are looking for a short novel to read during your downtime. In my opinion, Fitzgerald creates a wonderfully detailed novel through the use of the contrasting ideals associated with passion and actuality.

The novel is set in New York in the 1920s, and the main character is the suave and mysterious Jay Gatsby, who has gained the interest of New York's rich socialites. However, Gatsby has an unfulfilled goal that he is determined to reach and will do almost anything to achieve that goal. Gatsby reaches a certain point in his life, because he discovers that his lost love, Daisy Buchanan, is within his vicinity. Essentially, Fitzgerald has cleverly developed a character who is known for his playboy charm, and wealth. Leading him to become a somewhat paranoid, daydreaming boy, through his love for a woman.

Daisy Buchanan is essentially Gatsby's dream girl, and he has devoted his entire life to obtaining her. For a short novel, I would have to say it is quite compelling, due to its strong character development, vivid imagery, and controversial undertones.

Overall, the plot is dramatic and enthralling, Fitzgerald's main success was his exposure of the real life issues that consumed the lives of New York's wealthy socialites in the 1920s. *The Great Gatsby* has received multiple outstanding reviews, and if you haven't read it, give it a chance, it may become your favorite.

I was introduced to it here at Lindblom in a class setting, but I find it more enjoyable to read novels on my own time. The original cover art isn't too bad either.

— Teresa Nicholson

TV ★★★★★

SCANDAL (ABC)



People love a good scandal. If you are one of those people, you need to hear the scoop about "The Scandal," an ABC 7 television show which airs every Thursday at 9 p.m. The show is now in its second season, and the scandals are growing vastly each episode.

If you haven't seen the show here is an update of what has been going on this season. The White House faces many problems when their leader, President Fitzgerald Grant is shot. Olivia Pope swoops in and saves the day by finding out who the killer is. In the meantime, the vice president is trying to take the president's position. The audience also learns that during the campaign the election was rigged and the only ones who know are the people involved with the campaign. However, the president does not know about the fixed election and believes the people elected him because he ran a good race.

Did you know that the president is having an affair? Yea, that is happening, too. The president is having an affair with Pope and has been since the start of his campaign. That's the same Pope that prevented his murder. The two fall deeply in love, but know that they can't be together. Although things have changed between the president and First Lady Mellie Grant, the president wants a divorce so he can pursue his relationship with Pope.

Overall this is a very scandalous television series that keeps me interested for weeks. If you've had an interest in "Grey's Anatomy," then you might find this show to be interesting as well, because both are written by Shaonda Rhimes. Reports say that this show is based upon real events. But which events? And by whom?

We are living a scandal in our everyday lives; though everything that has occurred in this television show is not real it makes you wonder about how true things are in life.

— Ebony Gaines

ALBUM ★★★★★

DREAM AND NIGHTMARES

Artist: Meek Mill



"Ain't this what they've been waiting for?" — Meek Mill.

Perfect introduction to Meek Mill's rookie album, *Dreams and Nightmares*. Many of Meek Mill followers have heard his music for a long time, but an official album was not released until Oct. 30, 2012. Many of the tracks on the album focus on Meek's journey through his hometown of Philadelphia, with a track titled "Polo and Shell Tops" where Meek explains how, growing up, he had to partake in adult-like activities to obtain the things he saw value in (the nightmare side of the album). It also features tracks representing his life after he signed with MMG (Maybach Music Group), focusing on life as a "Young King." This phenomenal album certifies Meek Mill's presence in the Hip-Hop/Rap industry and how he is just beginning. I love and recommend this album to anyone who likes Hip-Hop/Rap and to those that enjoy listening to a story.

— Ollis Lones

MOVIE ★★★★★

DJANGO UNCHAINED (R)



Django Unchained is set in the Old West days of America in which plantations were still everywhere in the South. Django is a slave who is freed by a white bounty hunter to help him find some criminals for a bounty. The bounty hunter then feels compelled to help him get his wife from a plantation owner. Django and the bounty hunter make money by killing criminals in order to pay for Django's wife's freedom.

The movie has bloody scenes where people get shot and blood splatters everywhere in a way that makes it seem comical yet still serious. It is an exciting, action based movie that will keep people entertained throughout the movie. There are a few twists in the plot but they allow for the movie to become more suspenseful and thrilling. Apart from being one of the year's best action movies; it was nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. I recommend people view this movie because they will not be disappointed.

— Francisco Flores

SPORTS

Girls' basketball struggles in Red Division

BRIANNA TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

Lindblom Girls' Basketball team has had a long season filled with obstacles but they had a good season.

They played in the Windy City Red Division. The red division teams are teams who play very well and dominate in CPS girls' basketball. Lindblom played four other teams that were in the Red Division and played each of them twice. The ladies ended their season

with three wins and five losses.

Junior Toya Cole said, "Though we lost a lot of games we've played! We've lived to fight another day." Toya has been a member of the basketball team for three years and has improved her skills and her attitude. Toya has a lot of faith in her teammates and regardless of what happens at a game they continue to support one another. "We played hard but had fun also," Toya said. They put forth their best effort every game but they had fun at the same time.

The team manager agrees.

"I'm a senior, I have been the manager for three years and I've seen the growth of the players over these three years," said Damisha Stevenson, senior and manager of the girls' basketball team. She has witnessed all the players change for the better throughout their years of playing basketball.

The girls' regular basketball season has now come to an end and they are preparing for playoffs. This will be the last year of high school basketball for Class of 2013 graduates Effina Jackson, Porcha Magic, Janna Jones, Cre' Williams and Jerrien Howard.



PHOTO BY ALDRIN DAVIS

SENIOR GUARD EFFINA JACKSON CALLS OUT A PLAY BEFORE MAKING A MOVE.

Eagles compete at MLK tournament

DARRELL HARRIS
Staff Reporter

On the weekend of Jan. 19-21, the Lindblom girls' basketball team competed in an annual MLK Shootout at Whitney Young. This event is held to highlight and "feature the upcoming talent of high school basketball athletic superstars."

Players who have competed in this event have often been selected to some of the top athletic schools in the country. In recent years, such basketball players (including WNBA All-Stars Cappie Pondexter and Tamika Catchings) have competed in the three day event and have gained exposure to Division I Colleges.

Most teams enjoy their experience playing at the MLK shootout; not to brag about beating other teams, but getting the overall experience.

"It was a great experience being that it was our 2nd year playing in

the MLK shootout," senior Cre' Williams, Senior.

In this shootout, teams from Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Texas were invited to compete.

"We have played against strong teams, but it does not hurt to play even stronger teams because it makes us better," the senior forward said.

This experience couldn't have been a bad one for any of the teams to compete because they earned an opportunity to prove themselves as a school, and get noticed by not only scouts but other teams letting them know what your team is capable of doing.

"Overall, the experience of playing in a tournament as this was not a bad thing at all considering there were scout recruits; however, the exposure to college recruits and getting our school noticed is the best feeling towards the overall experience," Cre' said.

Boys' Swim Team says a bittersweet goodbye

Were the expectations for the swimming team too high?

MCKENZIE COOPER
Staff Reporter

The boys swim finished this season with a 7-4 record. They competed against high schools such as Curie High School, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Solorio High School, and Kenwood Academy.

Captains senior Marco Perez and sophomore Joseph Zeigler led them in a great season.

Marco took his last few dives off the block at state championships. Marco says his four years on the swim team at Lindblom have been the best parts of his high school career and making captain

this year made it even better. He is sad to be leaving the team, but he knows they will be even better next year because everyone has the potential to be. He says he will always remember "messing with the underclassmen, getting our coach mad, the bus rides, city championships, and 'our practices.'"

With old members getting ready to say their goodbyes, new members were welcomed to the team at the beginning of the season. Malik Patrick, a freshman, joined the team in hopes of being useful for the team this season. He said, "At first I was nervous, but I was glad we came fourth at city." The boys also gained a new coach this year.

Ms. Namo joined on as a new coach and taught them new techniques to make them faster. Lastly, the boys swim team is asking any boys who are interested in playing water polo to feel free to stop by the pool and join the team.



PHOTO BY TALON STAFF

LINDBLOM BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM GETS READY TO START A MEET.

Cheerleaders excited to 'build a new team'

LOGAN LAWSON-PARKS
Staff Reporter

There was a search going on where freshman girls were looking for someone to coach cheerleading team. They asked around to teachers and they were given the advice to ask Ms. Monks, our assistant principal intern.

Coach Monks is a former high school and junior college cheerleader, and for the last five years she coached at Austin High School. The assistant coach is Ms. Plecki, who teaches Academic Center and high school students at Lindblom.

Ms. Monks says there is a lot of optimism about the team, and that

"people are excited about possibilities that lay ahead."

Even though the fall and winter sports have come to an end, that won't stop our cheerful Eagles! They plan to cheer for spring sports such as girls' soccer and boys' volleyball. The team wants to accomplish performing stunts, building pyramids, and learning the basics of tumbling.

They are expected to compete in their first cheerleading competition this year. Also, the team is excited to, "form a new square, start fresh, and build a new team," said Assistant Coach Plecki.

The girls are filled with lots of enthusiasm for their new team. They have many goals for the team and are focused on accomplishing them. "We

are united already and our cheerleading season has just started," cheerleader Kamari McElroy said. This team's priority is spirit and sportsmanship. Many of the members say that they are "role models for the school".

The rest of the school is waiting to see what our Lady Eagles have waiting for us. Not only is this second semester a fresh start for grades, but it's a fresh start for a new activity that these girls love.

On your mark, get set, run!

New girls' track season; new goals

AMA SEFA-DAPAAH
Staff Reporter

As the season begins for girls track, they plan on exceeding last year's success.

There will also be changes for this season. Instead of a full season, there will only be a half outdoor season. The main goal for girls track is to get more athletes.

As conditioning begins, there has been a high turn out of new athletes. Last year started with seven girls, but ended with only three girls: Shamier

Little, Eboney Goines, and Valincia Jackson, head coach Tasha McCray said.

Shamier Little placed third in the State Championship; also, she broke records for the 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, and 300 meter hurdles. Little has also committed to Texas A&M to run track, Ms. Davis said.

"Don't give up, might be hard the first week but don't give up," Shamier Little said as her advice to the new athletes.

Their first meet is scheduled for late March.

A playoff win for boys' basketball

DIANA GOMEZ
Staff Reporter

The boys' varsity basketball team won their first city playoff game against Hubbard High School last month at Lindblom.

After an intense game against Hubbard where the game was practically tied up until the middle of the third quarter, Lindblom managed to take the lead and win 76-64. Freshman Paris Edwards shined on the court with 19 points and following right behind him was sophomore Chris Edomwand with 16 points.

Seniors Sebastian Despiau, Kevin Bufkin, and Julian Short were determined to get that win since this will be their last year playing for the team.

Sebastian said, "I think we played well as a team. I felt like it was a game that we entered knowing that we were able to win and we did. Hopefully we

can continue winning for the rest of the season."

Senior Daushay Campbell, the manager of the team, said, "I thought they played their hearts out and from the looks of the block Julian had in the last quarter they are planning to go out with a bang. I also thought Kevin and Sebastian played a lot of minutes and contributed a lot to our win. I'm really proud to be their manager win or lose this season."

The team was well supported by their Lindblom peers, as well as many of their parents. The team made their fans and Coach Lindermen very proud last night. The next playoff game will be against Morgan Park. Come out and Support!

Update: The boys' team lost its next game against Perspectives, eliminating them from the state playoffs.

BACK PAGE

Childhood Flashbacks

A look back at the things that defined our childhood...



Childhood TV

by Nikeya Brown

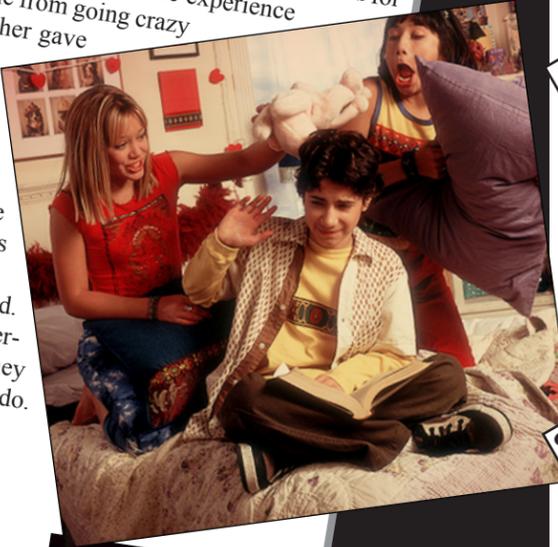
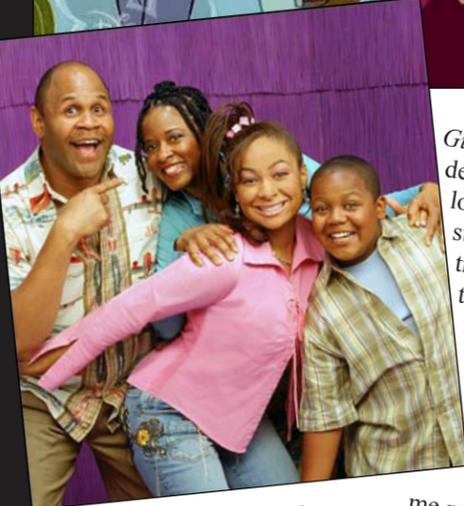
Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and PBS Kids were all popular TV networks during my childhood in the late 1990s and early 2000s. TV shows like *That's So Raven*, *The Proud Family*, *Hey Arnold*, *Scooby Doo*, *The Lizzie McGuire Show*, *Arthur*, *Ant Farm*, *Even Stevens*, *All That*, *Rugrats*, *Cat Dog*, *Lilo and Stitch*, *Bugs On*

tron and *Zoom* were a must watch. These shows were both entertaining and educational.

Most of the shows had life lessons. *That's So Raven* and *Lizzie McGuire* really taught me things such as the value of friendship and responsible decision making. *The Proud Family* was my favorite show; it taught me a lot. I can remember one episode that really saved me from doing something stupid, Penny Proud received a credit card from her parents and she was extremely irresponsible. She maxed her card out "Penny you're grounded for three weeks" Mrs. Proud said, Penny's mother. The experience with the credit card that my mother gave me on my fourteenth birthday.

Just by watching someone that I really looked up to as a child go through something helped me realize that if I did it, I would have the chance of getting the same punishment as she did. These shows were not only entertainers they were teachers as well.

TV shows today are totally different from shows I watched as a child. Today's TV shows are sexual, violent, and seem to be made only for entertainment. During my childhood TV shows not only entertained children they also taught them and gave them something to do when there was nothing to do. I appreciate the TV Shows that we're airing during my childhood.



Childhood Movies

by Dominique Easley

Children's perspectives on movies have changed a lot over the past ten years. Kids today don't know anything about *Power Rangers*, *Lion King*, *Toy Story*, and *Space Jam*. These were great movies when I was growing up; I was always watching one of them.

Space Jam was my all time favorite movie growing up. It incorporated everything up; it was funny, but at the same time it had a good conflict that made needed to have a good movie. It was funny, but at the same time it had a good conflict that made it serious. There was never a boring part of that movie, and I remember every part of it. "Polar Express was my favorite movie," senior Maliaka Johnson said. "It looked so real: the train, the snow, the people. It brought something I never seen in a movie." According to Maliaka, *Polar Express* was an excellent movie that she will never forget.

Most children's movies that came out when my generation was growing up taught a life lesson that we wouldn't get until we got older. Like *Toy Story* taught us about the importance of friendship; *Lion King* taught us that we had to grow up and get over our fears so we can become responsible adults.

These movies had a big impact on most our lives. "[Antz] showed the importance of friendship and staying together," senior Brent Taylor said. It taught him that sometimes rebellion is a good thing if it has a good reason.

Movies today have lost their touch. They aren't bad or anything, but they do not compare to movies that we were accustomed to watching when growing up. If movies start to get back to the way they were, children everywhere would grow up and be much happier. They would also adapt some life values from the movie just as we did.



More Blasts from our Past...

GAME

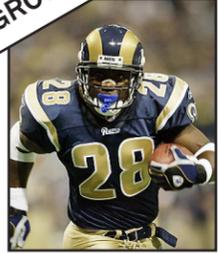


Crash Bandicoot

"I remember playing Crash Bandicoot on the original PlayStation when I was five years old. I hated passing the controller to a family member when I died."

– Ollis Lones Senior

GROW UP



Football Player

"Growing up, I wanted to be a football player. I was fascinated by the amazing players like Marshall Faulk, Eddie George ... I even had it all planned out for the NFL 2017 Draft."

– Savon Clark Senior

MOVIE



The Lion King

"My favorite movie to watch was *The Lion King*. I made my mom play it so much that I broke the VHS."

– Aliyah Lee Senior

SPORTS



Mark Buerhle

"My favorite sports memory was watching [Chicago White Sox pitcher] Mark Buerhle pitch his perfect game."

– Daniel Johnson Sophomore

GAME



Not It

"We played ... with all the kids from the neighborhood. Because I was the smallest, they would say that I was playing 'for fun' which was never fun because I never got the chance to be it."

– Alexssa Moore Senior

GAME



Pitfall

"I would wait until my parents went to bed, then sneak into the living room to play the Atari 2600. More than once, I didn't stop playing until the morning sun started to peek through the blinds."

– Mr. Dudek Teacher

SONG



I Love You

"The I Love You song by Barney was one of my favorite songs as a child."

– Averie Allen Sophomore