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Dear **pilot**,

It's the first day of school, and it is probably natural to complain about some school policies that have changed during the summer, but I am amazed at how much worse the lunch has become. After waiting in line behind people still left over from first lunch, I was amazed to see the \$1.60 that I had paid for an entire meal last year, including a slice of pizza, a milk, and a choice of two sides, wouldn't even get me a slice of pizza this year. I wound up paying \$2.60 this year for the same food as last year, even though I didn't get a milk. I don't understand what happened

to the condiments in small packets instead of jars, which wastes a whole lot more time to open each individual packet and put that very small amount of whatever it is on our food. The policy is an inconvenience to teachers, because when I came back to my classroom, after split lunch, some of the students did not return because they were still standing in line to GET their food. A policy that is inconvenient for everybody is useless, thus we should get rid of this new lunch process. I believe anything would be more efficient.

**Matt Lewis (12),  
submitted Aug. 28, 2001**

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# Editorials

## The New "Free" Lunch



**-virginia mcdaniel-  
(12) guest columnist**

On the first day of school, the bell rings for everyone to go to lunch. My friends and I blend into the herds of

people standing in the cafeteria lines. While I'm waiting about 15-20 minutes in line, I notice that the cafeteria looks better. I also notice there's a broader choice of food. Okay, being on the free lunch program, I did not worry about prices; I'm just happy that the food looks edible. So, I hook up my tray with a sandwich, fries, and a milk and head toward the check out line. To my dismay, the cafeteria worker looks at my tray and tells me that free lunch doesn't cover a sandwich, fries,

and a milk! Nor does the program cover tacos. Everything has a higher price. The only thing I could get was a hamburger, slice of pizza, or pasta with a pretzel. Not only do I think the free lunch program is out of wack, but people who pay for lunch are upset as well. \$1.25 for a Frutopia? Is it really that good? The changes as far as the cafeteria itself are great, but the prices and coverage of the free lunch program are unsatisfactory. (column filed Sept. 4, 2001)

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# Hot spot: Disney World

## Wrestlers earn National Honors in Florida

**-casey bruce-**

Over the summer, the Wrestling Academy duelled on the mat in the AAU Junior National Tournament in Orlando, Florida. They trained vigorously in the month of June.

"We practiced for two hours every day for three weeks after school let out. It was really tough at first, but in the end we were ready for anything Florida could throw at us," said AJ Peters (10).

Ready to wrestle, 15 flyers ranging from incoming freshmen to seniors were accompanied by Head Coach Tom Gose and Asst. Head Coach Josh Hansel to the Wide World

of Sports, on the Walt Disney World complex. They participated in a four day, dual meet style tournament. Holding a 2-7



Wrestlers pose in front of the Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida where the competition was held.

record, they did not finish with a trophy, however strong performances were shown by seniors Nick Wischmeyer (9-0), Jon Stotler (7-2), and Ralph Harr (6-

4). Youth was also represented by Freshmen Greg Feilner and Jeff Streibeig.

"It was good to get to know everyone on the team and to see what high school competition is all about," said Streibeig.

Although wrestling was the bulk of the trip, they did more than wrestle.

"The competition aside, we all had fun every second of the trip," said Joe Catalano (10).

After the last matches were wrapped up, they drove to Clearwater for two days of fun at the beach and Busch Gardens.

"We had a lot of fun. The beaches were the best part, especially Hogan's sandwoman," said Ricky Fauth (12).

This gave the team a reward and a chance to bond.

"This upcoming season should be a good one. This could possibly be the best team we've had in years, and we've got seniors who bring experience and determination. It's their last shot, but we have a lot of young guys now who have this experience to add to our line up," said Varsity Head Coach Tom Gose.

## Strolling along, playin' a song

**-breeanna menendez-**

Among the many trips LHS clubs and sports took over the summer, at least one was very successful.

Strolling Strings went to Orlando, Florida and were guests at Disney World. They performed concerts for Disney World guests. During the concerts, they received several encores and compliments.

They also took some leisure time touring the five parts of Disney World to enjoy each one over five days. They also visited Sea World. The hotel accommodations even had a music theme.

"(The rooms) had huge violins and giant boots," said Vanda Wilder (11).

Each member took something back from the trip, at least emotionally. They had time to bond together and grow closer.

"It was a very fun trip for everyone. It really showed how good we are, and not only to normal people, but to people all over the world," said Ryan Ball (11).

"It was a great trip and it allowed us to get to know each other better. I was really glad to go," expressed Mandy Megal (12).

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# A NATION IN STANDSTILL

**-casey bruce-  
-lindsey j. mastis-  
-nick wischmeyer-**

Students came to school Tuesday, Sept. 11, unaware that an attack on U.S. soil would remain in their memory for a long time.

"I think this will go down in American history, and for the rest of our lives we will remember where we were [when the attacks occurred]," said History Teacher Jamie Jordan.

U.S. President George W. Bush, along with concerned Americans, has vowed to "hunt down" and "punish" the groups and people involved in the attacks. The U.S. has been subject to terrorist attacks in the past. One such attack that sparked a major U.S. reaction was the Oklahoma City bombing (involving an American terrorist).

Numerous hi-jackings of commercial airliners, car bombs and an unknown number of suicide bombers walking around with their own bombs destroyed numerous institutions including the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon in Washington D.C..

What the public may not know is that Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden threatened the U.S. three weeks ago by stating that he and his followers were planning an attack.

"It is most likely the work of Islamic fundamentalists. Osama bin Laden warned three weeks ago that he would attack American interests in an unprecedented attack, a very big one," said Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the London-based al-Quds al-Arabi (Arabic newsmagazine).

Shortly after the attack on the World Trade Center, some Palestinians celebrated by waving their flags and parading down the streets.

The repetitive question that most everyone asks over and over again is "who did this?" and "why?"

"It was a horrific situation, we're definitely not going to stand for this. This is the worst incident since Pearl Harbor on American soil. Things like this makes you wonder if it was money, or politics or power" said Teacher Kathy Lorenz.

Most Americans are so upset about

the attacks that they believe the U.S. should immediately fight back, whomever may have caused the devastation.

"I turn 18 tomorrow (Sept. 12) and I'm more than willing to repay those responsible," said Chris Rossi (12).

Students were updated every hour. Ongoing attacks in various locations and the constant moving of government officials to secured locations prevented students from keeping up with all the devastation.

St. Louis malls, baseball games, plays, Arch grounds and airports are among the events and places that closed due to the attacks. LHS cancelled all after-school activities and requested students to return to their homes.

"I am deeply shocked by the events occurring in the United States and I feel threatened and uneasy about sleeping tonight," said Andy Hainz (9).

All day Americans were updated on the situation. Increased security in government institutions such as the Federal Reserve building in St. Louis City were protected against potential attacks.

"There is heightened security... there is a bomb-sniffing dog walking around St. Louis government buildings. We are working close with the FBI and there are no threats to the St. Louis area," said St. Louis County police Officer Richard Eckhard, who was monitoring the World Trade Center in Clayton, Missouri.

Although the government has yet to take action against those suspected, particularly Osama bin Laden, American citizens are ready for action and retaliation.

This is the first time in history that all aircraft was ordered to land at a near-by airport and cease all flights. All flights from Europe had been re-directed to Canada. Absolutely no aircraft was to be in the air because of the hi-jackings. Tunnels and bridges entering New York were closed.

The death toll is estimated in the ten thousands but most people are concerned about those living and trapped amongst debris.

-First hijacked aircraft crashed into North Tower of the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

-About 15 minutes later, a second hijacked plane crashed into WTC's South Tower.

-Half an hour after the attacks on WTC, the U.S. Pentagon was crashed into by a third hijacked plane.

-Both WTC towers collapsed within 10 minutes of one another.

-Less than an hour later, a fourth and final hijacked plane crashed near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, apparently intended for Camp David.

-All government buildings in Washington are evacuated.

-President George W. Bush addresses nation from Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Florida, calling the crashes "a national tragedy." Later, he issues a second statement from Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, Louisiana, vowing to "hunt down those responsible."

-All flights nationwide are stopped at their departure airports.

-International flights diverted to Canada.

-Evacuation of Manhattan begins.

-Israel evacuates all of its missions

-Center of Disease Control prepares bioterrorism teams

-Sears Tower in Chicago is evacuated; UN in New York in also evacuated.

-Ships align along the East coast along with four aircraft carriers.

-All bridges and tunnels into New York are closed.

-Stock Market shuts down.

-NATO sends non-essential personnel home from its Brussels, Belgium headquarters.

-Disney theme parks are shut down.

-Three major Palestinian groups deny allegations of responsibility, yet blame U.S. policies in Middle East.

-Israeli Prime Minister makes statement that Israel will spend Wednesday, September 12, mourning for the U.S.

-Trade Center number 7, a WTC affiliate, collapses as the third building.

# Operation: Friendly

*-kate klarsch-*

Everyone knows that the majority of people aren't always as nice or friendly as possible. This means that some people get picked on, left out, and/or rejected from the "in crowd" - especially in high school.

However, there is something that everyone can do to make school a friendlier place. How? Take on Dave Baker's challenge. Put Operation Friendly into effect.

"It will help...people get more friends," said Adam Bathon (9).

There may always be a group of people who are going

to feel the need to pick on others to make themselves feel better. People who are "different" tend to be the targets of this type of verbal and sometimes physical abuse. These differences can be anything from taking different classes in school, to not hanging out at the "cool" places or parties outside of school. The list goes on and on.

"In general, people by nature are ignorant and they don't consider others' feelings," said JR Spears (11).

These people need to realize that picking on people seems like harmless fun, but if a person has to put up with it throughout the day it can become very hurtful. Even a little bit of 'messaging with people' can make the victim and others, around the bully, feel uncomfortable, thus making the atmosphere UNfriendly.

Here's how Operation

Friendly works. As some students know, in August, Baker sent out about 150 to 200 letters to students nominated by one or more of their teachers, inviting them to attend an informational meeting to start Operation Friendly. Baker will correspond with these students throughout the year. Everyone else can be involved, too. These 150 to 200 students are only the beginning of where this simple idea can take LHS.

"I think that people who are going to be friendly are going to be, without being told, and others aren't going to want to change their ways," said Patrick Dell (12).

Even so, anyone can make LHS a friendlier place by...well, being friendly. Whether it's being friendly to the new kid in English class or the shy person that has been around forever but has never really been involved, just

try to be friendly.

"It's really just a challenge for everyone - teachers and students, to make a conscious effort to engage in an act of kindness everyday," explained Baker.

For example, these acts of kindness can be as easy as saying "excuse me" when bumping into someone in the hall or, to go all out, next time someone is sitting alone at lunch offer to sit with him/her. Another suggestion would be to stand up for someone who is being picked upon.

Sometimes, something as simple as saying "hi" to people in the halls is enough to make their day just a little brighter.

The bottom line is this: if every student took part in just one act of kindness everyday, that would add up to about 1800 ways that LHS is a friendlier, more welcoming place to attend school.

# Changes include new principal

## Dr. Helms is first new leader in decade

*-alex adams-  
-amanda mertens-*

Students are used to new faces when they come back to school, but this year is a little different. In addition to new teachers and staff, LHS has a new head principal for the first time in ten years. Dr. Ronald C. Helms began work over the summer and is the seventh principal to lead LHS, since its founding in 1950.

Helms decided on LHS because, as he simply puts, "Lindbergh is the best school and school district, and it has the best students."

Helms said he doesn't plan to make drastic changes as a newcomer, but does hope to improve an already great school. He added that he hopes to improve communication and provide open forum for discussion. He also says he plans to spend much time listening to students, staff, parents, and the rest of the community.

He adds, "We are all part of the Lindbergh family, that's what really matters,

and so we need to work together to make Lindbergh the very best place it can be...we can't do it as separate entities."

A Roosevelt High School graduate, Helms received a bachelor's and master's degree in physical education from Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO). He then earned a master's in administration at Washington and a doctorate at SLU. Helms also spent a year at SEMO as a graduate assistant.

In addition to his schooling, Helms has almost 30 years experience in the educational field. He comes to LHS from the Rockwood School District. He began his career in education at Normandy High School. He left after seven years and continued on to St. Louis County Day School for 17 years. He later worked in the Fort Zumwalt School District for 4 years.

Married with two children, education invades Helms' family life as well. His son recently graduated from SEMO and is going

into the educational field, while his daughter is currently a junior there. His wife is a consultant for the Hazelwood School District.

"She is also the boss of the house," jokes Helms.

When not working or spending time with his family, Helms enjoys keeping fit. He enjoys running, judo, racquetball, and a variety of other sports. He also takes pleasure in reading and listening to classical music.

On the rumor that he rode a motorcycle, Helms admits, "Had. Actually, I had a whole bunch. I had (motorcycles) and I had dirt bikes. (I) even raced dirt bikes for awhile, but that was before I became brittle."

Helms is one of 20 new faculty members, replacing Principal David Skillman, who took the vacant head principal position at Clayton High School. Skillman had been at LHS since 1991, when current freshmen weren't yet in kindergarten. This will be Helms' freshmen year as LHS principal.

# Revenge of the '80's!

*Rainbow Bright, Care Bears, Power Wheels, Smurfs return*

*-linzie hunt-*

From safety pins to combat boots, torn panty hose to mohawks, and spray paint to anarchy symbols, the '80's punk life-style seems like just a memory. But, some of the trends and styles are coming back? It's true. Nowadays more and more teenagers are wearing punk clothes and jewelry popular in the '80's

Kids are putting safety pins on everything, wearing thick, black framed, fake, Buddy Holly glasses, and even the mullet (a hairstyle, once sported by current teacher Colby Schmid alumni '91) is said to be coming back.

Making your own clothes in the '80's didn't mean working with patterns and sewing machines; it meant ripping, tearing, shredding and then safety pinning them back together.

Panty hose and fish nets were purposely ripped and then paired with Scottish kilts, torn disco skirts, or even garbage bags. Jeans joined rubber and leather fetish wear, and were spray painted or scribbled on with markers, forming slogans and anarchy symbols.

Safety pins took the place of buttons, razor blades became jewelry, and combat boots were the shoe of choice. Black leather jackets painted with punk slogans and studded with spikes and safety pins were a necessary part of the uniform for some boys and girls, as was a scowl and bad attitude. Many items are being worn by kids today with the

exception of garbage bags and razor blades as earrings.

The Punk style and trends, to me, are a way of being comfortable. A way of being yourself and not looking like a



*Sarabeth Bruemmer, a freshman from Northwest High School, shows her style.*

clone of everyone else. If everyone looked the same, then no one would be normal," explains Sarabeth Bruemmer, a freshman at Northwest High School.

Cartoons and toys from the '80's have taken their place in the millennium punks clothing. Strawberry Shortcake, Smurfs, Scooby Doo, Rainbow Bright and even Power Wheels pictures are printed on T-shirts and other articles of clothing. Slap bracelets were a big trend in the late '80's and

a nuisance to teachers and adults. They soon faded out in the early '90's, but made a big come back in 2000. Those along with rubber bracelets, now called Jelly Bracelets, were a major trend. Kids would sometimes wear two rubber bracelets intertwined so they formed a double half circle around the wrist. More adventurous girls and boys

stacked the bracelets up their arms as far as they would fit, nearly to the elbow. Neon colored bracelets, worn like a slinky-style rainbow, weighed down the arms, but made a bold fashion statement.

"I remember the '80's just like it was yesterday. I'm glad that it's coming back, it brings back a lot of memories," said Megan Moser (10).

So, next time you think that punk style is dead, think twice and beware.... The '70's just might return as well.



*Josh Kondrach (12), sits at the computer with braids in his hair.*

- 80's Style List*
- Ankle socks
  - Army surplus
  - Bonne Bell Lip Smackers
  - Candies wear
  - Cat eye glasses
  - Combat boots
  - Manic panic - the first punk hair dye (late 70's, Early 80's)
  - Mullet
  - Preppy
  - Do it yourself (DIY), the anarchy way
  - Skater look
  - Care bears
  - Denver the last dinosaur
  - Fraggle rock
  - Rainbow Bright
  - Strawberry Shortcake
  - Power Wheels
  - Pound Puppies
  - Popples
  - Scooby Doo
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