

OPINIONS

Students' perspectives on problems affecting Lawrence Central's halls and the world beyond 56th Street.

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L.U.S.T. unifies LC



Xavier "X" Tribble records the winners of the L.U.S.T. ping pong tournament in the LC Commons. *Cub photo/Chloe Feyock*

Let Us Stand Together (L.U.S.T.), a new club available this year, was founded by one student, junior Xavier "X" Tribble. His goal: to strengthen the community and bring teens together. Through group mentoring and team building activities, the club seeks to reduce conflict within LC.

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- While it's great that the district's Biology ECA scores improved, we still have a long way to go. Although our pass rate for the Biology ECA exceeds the state average, the school district needs to keep in mind that nearly half of the test takers failed. There was a time when parents moved to Lawrence Township for the schools. We should not strive for average; we should strive for excellence.
- Volunteering during the holidays is a great way to give back to the community. It's great that so many students and teachers in the LC community are providing meals for the needy close to Thanksgiving, and it's even better that these people continue this philanthropy throughout the year.
- Black Friday is a day that people tend to get over-

zealous about. Yes, the prices are low, but if you know how to shop right, you can get the same things for the same prices

online. Not to mention avoiding the violence.

• No Shave November is an entertaining way to raise awareness of men's health issues. Seeing men grow out their facial hair spreads the word about cancer prevention for men.

• The Secondary Redesign Committee is making large strides in overall improvement to Lawrence Township schools. Although many of the suggested ideas seem somewhat intangible at this point, it is clear that the township is working to make these goals realistic and more concrete.

With fights and disrespect clearly present in our halls, Tribble's club is a welcome example of how we can all be kinder to our peers. It will take a group effort to eliminate such insensitive behavior in our school, and L.U.S.T. provides the perfect outlet for students to learn and grow.

Tribble also wants to reach out to teens battling depression. While attending a school as large as LC, it is easy for one to feel lost in the crowd. Joining clubs, sports, performing arts or any other extracurricular activity is one way to make our school seem a little smaller. L.U.S.T. is a unique club that offers such an experience to a large group of students, while also being uniquely individualized.

We, as students, spend hours of each day at school. Whether students leave directly when the bell rings or stick around for after-school activities, they spend a majority of their day at school. With such great amounts of time put in, LC becomes a second home to many. Yet many students do not feel at home entering these halls. It is time to restore this feeling in our school. Students should enjoy coming to school. It should be an anticipated and celebrated experience for all.

We applaud L.U.S.T. for getting the ball rolling, but creating a more friendly school environment falls upon all of us. We must all work together, as a unified body of 2,300 students, to be accepting of all students.

If one person can create such a group, we can all take the measures to rally around one another.

It takes only one person to make a difference. It takes only one person to make a change. Be that person.

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