

LHS teachers and students don aprons for school paper

Annual fundraiser nets \$800

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Take 12 budding journalists and 18 teachers and administrators from Linganore High and put them to work at J&P Pizza for the evening and watch the business roll in.

It was even rumored teachers promised extra credit for students who ate there for the evening.

The students and teachers were hosting, waiting tables, tossing salads, slicing pizza and busing tables to raise money for the school paper, *The Lance*. The fundraiser ran from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 12.

It was the third year for the journalism fundraiser but the first year at J&P Pizza. The restaurant's president and CEO, Frank Illiano gave 20 percent of the proceeds for the evening to the students. They raised over \$800.

Physics teacher and waiter for the evening, Jim Devilbiss, has participated in the fundraiser every year. "It's a neat way of interacting with students who don't normally see you in an informal setting. I'm glad to help out with the journalism program."

With only three days of waiter experience under his belt, "Applebee's never saw such a bad waiter," math teacher Jeff McCabe said, "I thought it would be fun. The students do a great job, it's a great paper."

The teachers who had waited on tables were assisted by the "regular" waiters and waitresses. "Besides, Natalie made me do

it, I couldn't say no to one of my former teachers," he said. Natalie Evans is the advisor of the school paper.

Sophomore journalism students, Carolynne Fitzpatrick and Amanda Stephens, were excited with the turnout of the crowd. "I think it's really cool," said Carolynne. "It's great for the teachers to get involved in the community as well, not just the students," said Amanda.

The crowd was bustling until well after 8 p.m.

Madame Kremp, LHS French teacher, said it only took a little encouragement for her to volunteer. "I was editor-in-chief of my high school yearbook. Journalism was always one of my favorite subjects."

Kremp added, "The employees at J&P have bent over backwards to make this a positive experience for us."

Juniors Curtis Jewell and Mike West are writers in the sports department of *The Lance* and both were busing tables for the three-hour fundraiser. Jewell said he would "definitely consider" journalism for a career choice. Journalism class is "a good way to get experience in real life situations," he said.

Mike West looks forward to journalism class because "it keeps me well-informed of what goes on in my school."

J&P owner Illiano said, "It ran smoothly. The teachers and students did a pretty good job. I will definitely let them do it again next year."

"They were eager to work," said J&P employee, Andrea Pollatos. "It was kind of funny because all of the kids and teachers had formed an assembly line with all the jobs. Most of the employees here went to LHS so we were glad to help out," she

added.

"The teachers always seem to draw a crowd," said *Lance* editor-in-chief Tira Gordon. "It's something different besides selling pizzas or candy."

The Lance is published once a month and is usually between 12 and 16 pages, Evans said, adding, "Our circulation has increased from 2,000 to 6,000. We want to make it available to every household in the feeder district."

She said the paper is successful in "bonding" the New Market Middle and Linganore High schools together.

Increasing circulation is good news for the *Lance* advertisers also. "When you advertise in a school paper it is basically out of charity and their own generosity," said Evans.

Lance journalists not only need the money for printing more papers but for special projects during the year such as an issue devoted solely to the seniors and for printing the school's literary magazine, *Watermark*.

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