

Limewire... Students Wired For Sound

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In the basement of his own home, sophomore Tyler Lawrence was just surfing the web, minding his own business. He wanted to know where he could find a website where he could download music for free.

"The first website to pop up was LimeWire.com," said Lawrence.

This was two years ago. Since then, he has accumulated over 500 songs between his old mp3 player and his new video iPod; all thanks to LimeWire.

Recently, an all too familiar trend is developing: students are downloading music for free. Most students use a popular website called LimeWire.com to get it. This site enables the user to download a LimeWire homepage onto your computer. This homepage allows the user to download music and video for free.

Other sites that allow free music downloading are Urge.com; a LimeWire knock-off made by MTV and I Mesh, the only free downloading service that has agreements with most major U.S. record labels.

According to LimeWire.com, they describe it to be a file sharing program that allows the user to display any audio and visual. Videos, sound bites, and music can be displayed onto users' personal LimeWire homepages. Students at Huntley High School have taken notice.

"I use LimeWire maybe, two to three times a week," said junior Lindsey Spatafora. "It's so easy."

"I use my LimeWire a ton. Heck, I was on LimeWire last night downloading new music," said sophomore Lawrence.

Most students are using LimeWire instead of iTunes, an iPod based system where users have to pay for their music and videos. This is considered to be the "legal" form of downloading because on iTunes, it's \$.99 a song, and \$1.99 a video. Other sites, Rhapsody.com and KazaaGold.com offers a lower price \$.89 and \$.94 a song respectfully, but aren't as widely used.

"Some people use iTunes because now with the new video iPods, you can download games, TV shows, and podcasts," said Lawrence.

However, some people think that it is piracy and should be put to a stop. In August, the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) sued LimeWire in federal court, accusing them of facilitating the illegal trade of illegal sound files between its users. LimeWire followed that up with a countersuit, stating that the RIAA is trying to gain complete control over digital music distribution online.

Students at Huntley have yet to take notice. Another incident involved Napster, the original file sharing system that pro-



Jet - *Shine On*

Our favorite wily Aussies have returned with their rockin' second album, filled with rough guitar riffs, introspective lyrics, and of course, amazing Jet-style lyrics. A killer album.

Under the Influence of Giants - *Heaven Is Full - EP*

The sheer catchiness of the disco/pop song "Mama's Room" makes Under the Influence of Giant's debut effort both a fun and psychedelic one. But you might not be able to handle the eccentricities of this band; their simple bizarreness might just kill you . . .

The Pink Spiders - *Teenage Graffiti*

After painting Van's Warped Tour pink, this terribly fashionable glam-rock trio modeled a fabulous debut album, displaying their catchy pop/rock sound and, of course, their matching pink outfits.

vided free music to users until 1999, when the RIAA sued them. They accused Napster of being a part of the black market by violating copyright laws. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court upheld the district ruling and shut Napster down. Napster later reopened, but instead of it being free, Napster adopted iTunes's philosophy in charging \$.99 a song.

Some people are choosing an alternative product made by LimeWire called LimeWire Pro. The users of this system pay \$20-25 a month for an unlimited amount of songs. It's still considered illegal, but with a fee.

"I have LimeWire so I don't think LimeWire Pro is ripping anyone off as much," said Lawrence.

"I don't think most kids care if the artist and the music provider are making money. I also think most kids don't care that it is considered illegal," said Amanda Estey. "They just want free music and that's what LimeWire gives them."

Whats on your I-Pod?

- Smack That - Akon.....Joey Brock 10
- Right Here - Hawk Nelson.....Tanner Stearns 9
- Over and Under- Egypt Central.....Natalie Kawell 11
- Don't Wanna Miss a Thing - Aerosmith...Stephanie Jennett 11
- These Colors Don't Run - Iron Maiden.....Tim Heatley 11
- Attention - The Academy Is.....Cleo Vasquez 11
- Seed - Sublime.....Sanchesca Rodriguez 11
- Sexy Back - Justin Timberlake.....Anthony Alfano 11
- Breathe You In - Thousand Foot Krutch...Brittany Kennedy 12
- Looks That Kill - Motley Crue.....Kyle Luebke 11
- How To Save a Life - The Fray.....Cristina Munoz 10



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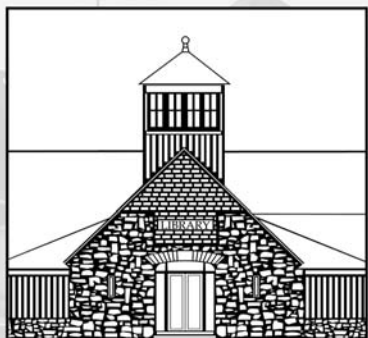
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