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LC "Current"

Surviving a routine walk to my next class via the familiar hallways of Lawrence Central has recently become an impressive feat. While fighting my way out of the commons and venturing into either math hallway, I've found myself creating a human chain with my friends to avoid getting lost within the current, driving the enormous sea of students down these chaotic hallways. As I make my daily trip through this obstacle course from the cafeteria to the student life center, the phrase "too close for comfort" certainly comes to mind.

Though the LC administration has resorted to previously unthinkable options such as allowing students to roam around outside the building during school hours (GASP!), nothing has seemed to reduce congestion through these central hallways. Walking through these hallways is not only sucking up the majority of my sacred seven minutes before I'm forced to sit through my third viewing of channel one, it is extremely uncomfortable. These narrow hallways heat up quickly, especially when hundreds of students are attempting to hurry on to their classes. And let's face it—some of my peers may need a lesson on personal hygiene because those hallways get *funky*.

I've spent many study halls reminiscing in the good old days when I could walk through the halls of my school without being pulled aggressively into the

current of students crowding down these hallways. Days when I could stop and talk to a friend without getting trampled by a student stampede, days when I could walk down the hallways at my own speed, and days when I could make the journey from choir to study hall in a record three minutes. But regardless of my frustration, I'm trying to keep a positive outlook and praying that my savored seven minutes will soon be returned to their former glory.