Interviewer #2 – “L” “Veronica” - Female Sophomore

L: What kind of phone? V: I have a blackberry curve. L: Apps? Fav? V: I have facebook, twitter, screen muncher, and tetris, and my favorite is twitter. L: What is the ultimate fav thing about your phone and why? V: My access to my email because then I don’t miss important emails. L: Scale of 1 to 5, how important? Why? V: A four because that way I always have a way of communication to anyone if I need to reach someone or they need to reach me. L: What do you do the most on your phone? V: I text. L: Why? V: I text more than calling because I’m not always able to call someone like I can text in class or if I’m walking to class or I just have a quick thing to say and it’s less personal than calling so if it’s someone I don’t know that well but I need to ask them a question or whatever texting is easier...and yeah. L: Male use phone in hookup situation? V: Probably...well depends on the situation. So if the situation is serious i.e. these people have been hooking up for a while he might call a girl and be like hey do you want to hang out? But generally just a hook up would probably text a girl...he’d be like, come over, are you busy, or what are you doing? L: What about for a female? V: Uh... a girl would do the same thing but would probably not...like a guy would go right for like “where are you?” to try and find out where you are to meet up asap. Girl might be like hey where are you going tonight? Or like how are you doing? Might do more of a like ...I know it sounds like the same thing but a girl might do more of a conversation....like what’s up? How ya been? THEN like “wanna come over?” L: Male in a dating relationship? V: In a dating relationship depends on the person, a lot of people call their significant other frequently especially if it’s long distance but I think texting definitely some people are just glued to their phoens and will just text their significant other 24/7. L: A female in a dating relationship? V: I feel like a girl tends to be more the
person who like is constantly texting their boyfriend and definitely if it’s long distance calls them more often...so they do the same thing but more often and more intense. L: How would a male use his phone to restart something that’s over? V: I would say probably pretty much in the same way they would initiate a hook up, especially a dating relationship...well a dating relationship...it’s over? I think they would send texts like hey I miss you or we should talk or lets get coffee or something...if it’s a relationship. L: But if it was just a hook up?

V: If it was just a hook up... if it was a booty call he would just be like where are you? What are you doing? L: Would a female do the same? Reverse the roles. V: I definitely think so. I think girls are more often more likely to re-start something because girls get attached more easily, so they’re like oh I miss you or like whatever and they’ll like text them constantly until like they realize that they’re never going to get back together...awkward.

L: Racy messages? V: I don’t think there’s anything wrong with it, I mean do I personally do it? No, I think it’s kinda... (laughing)...I think it’s weird but I don’t think it’s morally or criminally wrong. L: Why? V: Just cus like whatever you know? That’s your personal business, if you wanna ya know text what you wanna text someone, go for it. I don’t think it’s really a problem. L: Nude pictures? V: Well...do I think it’s smart? No. because those will always get out and that is so embarrassing and makes you look like complete trash. I think if they wanna do it I don’t think there’s anything criminally wrong with it because it’s not really a major offense...like whatever. But I think morally it’s kinda like...that’s a little more serious than just texting some nasty business...uh like why do you feel the need to send? L: Why do you think? V: I think it tends to be guys who are really strange or girls who have really low self esteem so they’ll send it to get a positive response like oh you
look so good... L: Males or females most hurt? Why? V: Females because there is a double standard in everything that has to do with gender relations and like if there is a naked picture of a guy that gets out I think that’s like kinda funny and weird but he’s not...he’ll get shit for it but not really but a girl will be like completely trashed, like everyone will call her a slut and a whore and all this stuff even though it’s the same thing... L: has this ever happened @ w+l? V: Ummm I’ve never heard of nude pictures... L: What about racy messages? V: Yeah.. oh yeah...I know people do it...but I never...I’ve seen people do it and be involved in it but not personally involved but I’ve seen other people involved... L: have you seen anyone get hurt by it? V: Not at w+l... L: Random sext? V: I would probably giggle uncontrollably and then show all of my friends. L: What if it continued? V: Probably this is what would happen, someone would text me something and I would be laughing hysterically and I would show it to all my friends and then we would get together and decide what to respond and continue it as long as possible, giggling and laughing at this person the entire time L: Do males and females have different texting styles...? V: Yes...I feel like no matter what they’re saying girls always spend more time thinking about what goes into their text messages and I think boys tend to be more sort of like concise and whatever because it’s just the first thing that comes to their mind and they text it but girls are like thinking about it, rewriting it, deleting it, rework it, show it to a lot of friends, and then... L: Do males and females favor types of content?

V: Guy tends to use certain slangs like instead of typing out y o u they would just send u...but girls tend to spell everything out and add extra letters and do lots of emoticons like smileys L: You would say guys don’t do that?
V: I would say guys do but not as often, that girls use emoticons and extra words and boys use abbreviations and are very concise.

L: Have you ever consulted about texts?
V: Say someone um ok...this is a good example...last week I had to do a group project with someone and then we had to present it and this is someone I’m not really friends with/not really interested in, just some random guy in my class and then afterwards he sent me a text saying like hey we did a great job today—weird! Obviously I was not into it so I like consulted with my amigos and I was like okay what do I say? I obviously don’t want to give him the wrong impression but I don’t want to be mean because he’s nice so I don’t want to ignore him, so I consulted and decided on saying yeah we did was a good response...no exclamation point, no smiley...just yeah we did...very neutral.

L: How do you feel without phone?
V: Um...I feel okay with it...if I’m without my phone and I need it then I’m really stressed out and I’m like shoot I really need my phone but for the most part I don’t think I need to be on my phone constantly even though it’s important to have in case something happens...but in general everyday situations I’m not like oh I need to be on my phone or I need to whatever
L: Do you turn it off?
V: Yes...I turn my phone off if I really need to study or if um I am in class or taking a test...generally I don’t turn it off in class but I’ll turn it off if I take a test.
L: Really?
V: Completely off because if I hear it buzz and I know there’s an email or text waiting for me I’m distracted and I can’t focus on the test...sometimes I’ll turn it off if I’m resisting the urge to contact somebody...I’ll just turn it off.
L: How long could you go without your phone here?
V: Realistically probably a day or two without my cell phone...and it really depends, if it’s the weekend probably an hour because like you need to know, you wanna know where people are going, what their plans are or if it’s a weekend during swim
season I might need to know what time we need to be at the bus for our meet or things like that...so like in terms of getting info for things I would say weekend I definitely couldn’t be without it for very long but during the week, like general Monday to Thursday, even Sunday, not that big of a deal...I don’t use it to be like oh hey what’s up just regular chatting with people, I only use it as a “I need to talk to you about this” so realistically a day or two during the week and maximum 2 or 3 hours over the weekends