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

L: What kind of phone do you have? M: An I phone 4. L: Apps? Favorite app? M: I have the NY times, I have free cell, solitaire, whatsapp, umm... ghost capturer, hipstamatic...

L: Okay but which is your favorite right now? M: Hipstamatic L: What is that? M: It takes hipster pictures.

L: Is that like instagram? M: Um I dunno what that is? L: You don’t know instagram? M: You can choose different flashes and films. L: Ultimate favorite thing about phone? M: Um...facebook. Oh wait THAT’S my favorite app. L: Why? M: Because I love Facebook and I can check and update it like every five seconds. L: Okay and you often do updates from your phone? M: Yeah L: How important on a scale of 1-5 is your cell phone? Why? M: Probably 3 because it’s really important but I have other things that are more important. L: like what? M: My friends and my family... L: That’s so nice! M: And homework and stuff. L: What do you do the most on your phone and why? Texting, facebooking, phone calls...? M: Probably split between facebook and music. L: Above texting and calling? M: Yeah I don’t text or call that much. That’s why it’s not that important. But I do use my phone to, because it has an ipod, I use it when I run...and then I use the facebook a lot throughout the day but only for like a second at a time.

L: Male college student in a hook up situation...? M: Yes. Texting a girl to come over late at night. L: And for a female? M: should would text him to get him to text her to come over L: Ok first just any text? Not necessarily “come over?”

M: For a girl yeah. L: Male college student in a dating relationship...? M: You would text them as if you were texting a friend except they’re your boyfriend or girlfriend...like what you’re doing as opposed to hooking up you would basically
be texting to keep up some form of a relationship so you could hook up or texting to hook up. L: What about a female in a dating relationship? M: Same as the male would. As another way of communicating and knowing each other's schedules.

L: Male restart hook up that is over? (question explained) M: He could text her and if she still says no he could just blame it on being drunk or something because she can’t actually hear his voice. L: You think it would be a text? M: Yeah. L: What about a female? M: She would like text him to help her with something or act like she needed to talk to him or have a reason to get together. Or send a text saying she misses him or something.

L: okay to send racy messages to each other? Why? M: Like in terms of language? L: Innuendos, being suggestive but not saying something explicitly M: I think it’s fine, freedom of speech. L: Nude pictures? M: I mean I think you can do whatever you want but like you run the risk of all that shit getting put on the internet. L: Do you know of any examples? M: There was a girl...when I went to high school she was in middle school and um like emailed boys from her phone pictures and these girls sat around and tried to figure out whose password was the last name and figured it out and they sent the picture to the administration and the girl’s parents L: Why did they do that? M: I dunno they thought they were cool but they easily could have gotten sued for child pornography because they distributed it. L: Have you ever heard of it happening at W+L? M: not here. L: Do you think males or females would be most hurt by sending racy messages/photos? M: Females because if you’re a girl you would labeled a slut but for a guy it would be cool or something. L: How would you respond if you received a sext from a fellow student? M: I would probably show my friends because I would think it’s funny. L: But what would you do?
Would you respond? M: If it sent it again I’d be like “fuck off” L: Would you be like “is this for me?” M: The first time no I wouldn’t say anything...

L: Do you think males/females have diff. texting styles? M: Girls are a little flirtier and boys are more straight to the point L: Flirtier as in...?

M: Like try to keep up a conversation whereas boys are sexually suggestive like right off the bat or like not sexually suggestive. L: Or like even just between guys and guys and girls and girls? How is the texting style different? What about a text says this was written by a boy or a girl?

M: If it’s a girl it’s a little more elaborate, more detailed whereas boys wouldn’t. I think it’s weird when boys do that. L: I know... like when they have emoticons or exclamation points... M: Emoticons are so awkward...

L: Do males/females favor certain content? M: Males use more slang. Girls use more emoticons. L: Have you ever consulted with others about the content of a text message? M: Are you talking about like one from someone else? L: Either one you’re writing or you received one, when you would consult? M: Okay um...if it’s something serious and I’m not good friends with the person I’ve consulted my friends to make sure I sound ok... L: Serious as in...omg something bad happened? M: No if it’s someone older or like...um... L: What if it’s not serious? M: Or if you’re like texting a boy I’ll ask my friends first. L: like “what would you say?” M: Yeah...or does this sound like? I a lot of the times text and I sound not interested at all and some of my friends are like no you have to be a little bit nicer because it sounds like you’re being mean. They’ll be like “did you do the homework?” and I’ll be like “no” L: that’s it? M: Well I didn’t do the homework...why would I say anything else? L: like
“noooo!!!” M: “hahaha I’m so dumb” (what a “nicer” girl might say) L: So you don’t do that? M: No.

L: How do you feel when you’re without your phone? M: I get nervous because of like emails and stuff... L: So you use your phone for emails? M: Well yeah because they’ll be like update, this is now open or something like that and then it’s like oh I’m the only one that didn’t know because I didn’t have my email with me. I had a go phone all summer...

L: Oh where were you? M: At home. L: and you just had a go phone? M: Yeah. L: And was it like...did you feel left out? M: Well my friends would send group texts on the I phone and they wouldn’t come to me. So ididn’t get them. And I worked for a babysitting thing and they would email you to request and I couldn’t check them periodically because... L: So you didn’t get jobs because of it?

M: Well it was only a few but then it was like after I missed one I was afraid I would be missing them. L: Do you ever turn your phone off? M: Yeah, when it can’t be going off like when it can’t ring.

L: How long could you go without your phone? M: A week. L: How did you come up with that? M: Because I’ve done it. Actually I could probably do more after not having it that long. It’s harder...when I have it I’d think a day, but the longer you don’t have it the more you realize you don’t need it.