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From your Editors...

HEY, EVERYBODY! It's great to be back, isn't it? Maybe? No? Alright, I suppose. We've been back for only a couple weeks and break already seems like it was a year ago. That's just how the cookie crumbles.

Talking with various students, we were amazed to hear of some awesome, outlandish, and just plain silly vacations and Christmases that everyone had. Other stuff happened over break and the rest of January as well. (source: CNN Current Events timeline)

In December: Cuba releases a US prisoner, held for 15 years for suspected espionage, and President Obama has opened up talks with Cuba to restore diplomatic relations. There was a Taliban attack on a school in Pakistan in which 145 people died during the siege, 100 of them children. Protests around the US continued to grow after the Eric Garner verdict ruled the police officer "not guilty," and two NYPD police officers were killed, shot point-blank in their squad car in retaliation for such "police violence." Job numbers are up substantially, but there is still a 5.8% unemployment rate. AirAsia Flight QZ8501 disappears over Indonesian airspace with 162 people on board, now confirmed crashed, and debris and bodies are being lifted out of the ocean. In January: Rebels take over the Yemeni capital of Sana and the presidential palace complex. Yemen's president resigns. Boko Haram brutally attacks Baga, Nigeria, killing thousands. Mali, Uganda, and Nigeria are declared free of Ebola, and the epidemic seems to be slowing down. Twelve people are killed in an Al-Qaeda affiliated attack on Charlie Hebdo, a French newspaper known for its satirical cartoons and writings. Later, four people are killed at a kosher supermarket in Paris in another terrorist attack. All suspects were killed but one, who is still at large. The deadly MERS virus emerges in Saudi Arabia, and its king, King Abdullah, dies at age 90.

It may seem that the world is going downhill fast, but remember-- this is nothing new. There have been wars, disease, and conflict since the man first sinned, and will be for as long as man is on the earth. So keep updated, and stay safe and happy as we start the second half to the school year.

Becca Naumann
& Nate Buck

I Simply Wanted To Try a Crepe

I simply wanted to try a crepe,
a skinny pancake,
a delicious mistake,
practically an island resort escape.

I flattered my crepe
with French compliments
declared its artistry
and immense prominence.

I sprayed some whipped cream,
sprinkled some berries,
drizzled the syrup,
the nectar of fairies.

But when I took a bite
it was just as I feared,
it looked better than it tasted,
and my devotion disappeared.

Jacqui Lines

R A N D O M FACTS

EMILY HEIN



- In Cleveland, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.
- It takes approximately 3,000 cows to supply a year's worth of leather for the NFL.
- Misao Okawa is the oldest person in the world right now. She is 116 years old.
- Mel Blanc, who voiced Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.
- The youngest Pope was 11 years old.
- More money is printed for Monopoly every day than for the US Treasury.
- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.
- Canned tuna is the second most popular seafood product in the US after shrimp.
- The circular dots on dices are called pips.
- World Tourist Day is observed on September 27.

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dribble
rain
umbrella
cane
candy
hard
stones
pebbles
flintstones
Wilma
roses
romance
Romeo and Juliet
death
hell
devil
heathens
Religion class
beneficial
dancing
Banned
rock
bro
hombre
sombrero

Joey
Nichole
Kayla
Luke
Gabby
Tara
Jaqi
Brooke
Maggie
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Stephanie
Rachel
Troyal
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Kendra
Caleb N.
Josh
Sean
Joci
Levi
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Guess the Prof.

- 1) *Enjoys reading presidential biographies.*
- 2) *Has been to Southeast Asia.*
- 3) *Lived in Alexandria, Virginia for 1 year.*
- 4) *Went to the same high school as Bill Cosby.*

The answer will be given in the next issue.



Resolutions

Prof. Lau

Experts who study these sorts of things tell us that most people who make New Year's resolutions fail to keep them. Most often the failure stems from the commitment being too large in scale or duration. The well-intentioned fervor and excitement felt at the beginning fades as the year marches unrelentingly forward.

In contrast, resolutions that are smaller and more realistic and attainable are much more likely to be kept. With that in mind, I offer the following suggestions for this year's resolutions.

- ✍ watch a foreign movie with English subtitles
- ✍ eat something you can't pronounce at a restaurant
- ✍ write a letter to an aging relative once a month
- ✍ read a chapter of the Bible a day
- ✍ challenge someone in Trivia Crack who might actually beat you
- ✍ make a 1000 piece puzzle
- ✍ read a nonfiction book about a topic you know

nothing about (for some of you, read a book - with words)

- ✍ sit by someone you never have before in the lunchroom
- ✍ take a walk or jog once a week
- ✍ memorize a psalm
- ✍ write an article for the FLASH
- ✍ try out for the musical
- ✍ keep a journal or diary
- ✍ volunteer your time to a worthy cause
- ✍ pray for others as well as yourself at least once a day
- ✍ see a professional sporting event
- ✍ try a new recipe
- ✍ thank a veteran for his or her service
- ✍ give a genuine compliment to someone you don't consider a friend

If none of these appeal to you, come up with some of your own - just make them attainable. Best wishes.

Zachary

Steven Sippert

Katherine Reim
Stacey Noeldner

Stacey & Katherine: **When and where were you born?**

Zach: "May 21, 1997 in Valentine, NE"

S&K: **What are you plans after high school?**

Z: "I plan on coming back and becoming a pastor."

S&K: **Favorite ILC memories?**

Z: "I've had so many...the time we walked to Shopko and drank so much strawberry milk we couldn't walk back. Getting conned in Dallas with Nate (Buck)."

Alex Fleischer: "Any time we had to sleep together...is weird."

S&K: **Hobbies?**

Z: "Soccer."

Nate Buck: "Icelandic ice fishing, hamster bowling, long talks with Nicholas Cage..."

S&K: **Words of wisdom?**

Z: *rubs beard* "Be careful of the light at the end of the tunnel...for it may be a freight train coming your way." *rubs beard again* "If you see a penny on the ground...it's not worth picking up."

S&K: **What 3 items would you take if you were stranded on an island?**

Z: "Soccer ball, bass guitar, and Bible."

K&S: **Where do you see Zach in 10 years?**

Jesse N.- "I see him in a band playing bass with a beard and shaggy hair."

Dan Lau- "As a pastor and playing professional soccer."

Favorites

Band- Metallica

Prof.- Prof. Reim + Ude

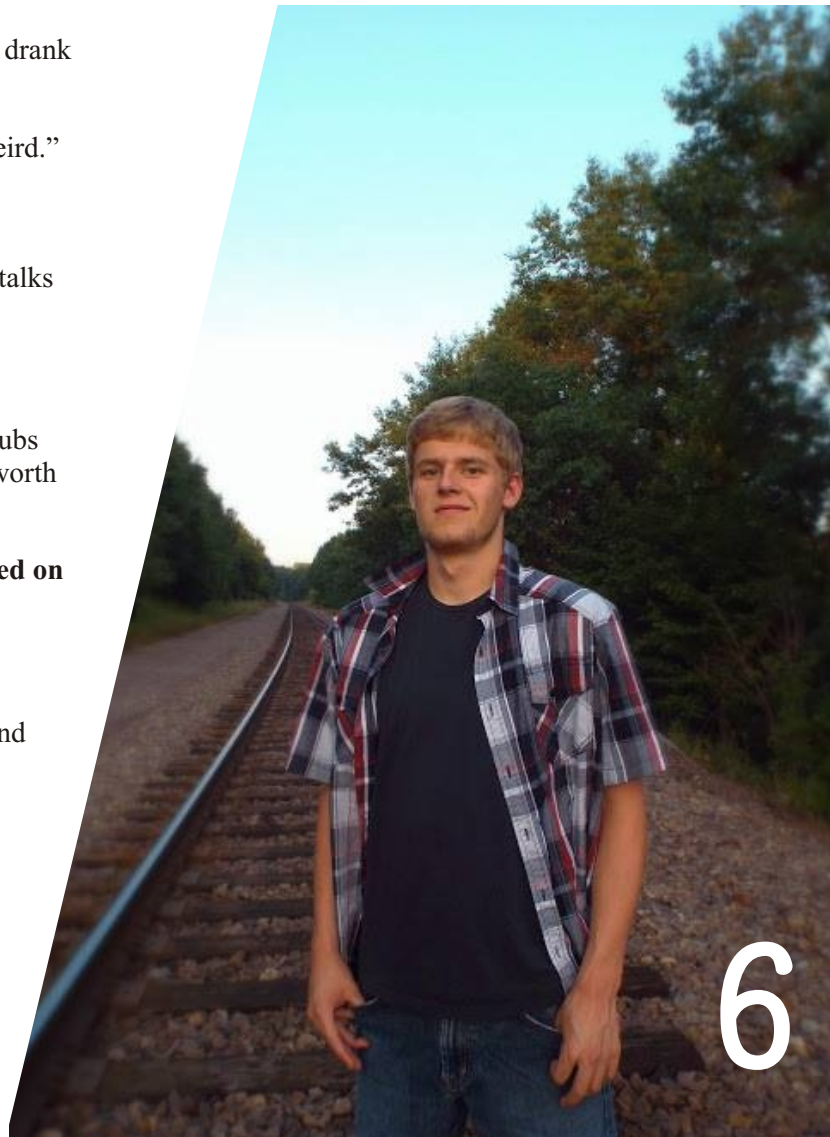
TV show/Movie- Breaking Bad

Color- Red

Person- Person?!

S&K: Just say a person

Z: Jesus



Abigail Augusta Naumann

By Emily Hein



So pretty much since our first year in high school, Abby and I have been best friends. When I started writing up her senior spotlight, I almost didn't even need her to answer the questions; our telepathy was enough and I just wrote down a lot of these answers with her just sitting there. Abby is a great girl with a wonderful sense of humor, much like my own. She is a super fast runner and is so artistic it's unbelievable. If you haven't had a chance to get to know her, here is a little more about Abby.

Where and when?

July 29, 1997, in Eau Claire, WI.

Where is the best place to drink hot chocolate?

Obviously on the roof.

Who is your role model?

I have so many, I can't pick one.

What are your plans for next year?

Going to UW-Stout for studio art and running for their track team.

Words of Wisdom?

All magic comes at a price.

Did you know?

Abby has had her picture in the newspaper four times. She is basically unstoppable in MarioKart. She is an amazing cook and can make almost anything. (I especially love her grilled cheese.) Abby walks in her sleep, and sometimes this leads to eating food in her sleep. When she was little, she wished her sister's name was Holly, so she called Josie that for about six months. She holds records for girls in both cross country and track. She is deathly afraid of the Joker, and she has a serious anti-foot fetish. Once, she ate an entire Little Caesar's pizza all by herself.

Favorites

Favorites?

Color: Too many

Prof: Reim

Food: Sunshine soup

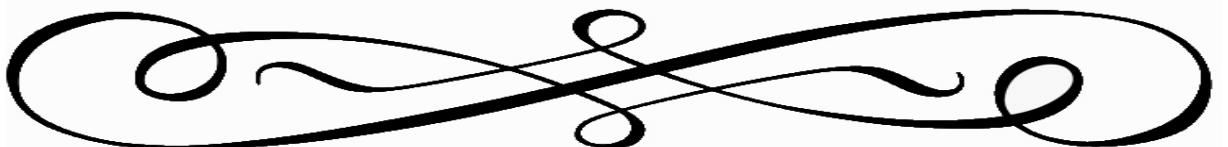
Show: Once Upon a Time

Superhero: Arrow. No, Captain America. No, Batman.

Season: Fall

Starbucks drink: Caramel apple spice

Bible passage: Micah 7:8



Carl Josiah Strike

By Faith & Jaqi

Where and when were you born?

Phoenix, Arizona, on August 29, 1996

What are your plans after high school?

I plan to come back to ILC for the pre-theology program, and eventually seminary.

Best high school memory?

Probably the time Prof Sullivan climbed on the desks during English class.

Word of Advice?

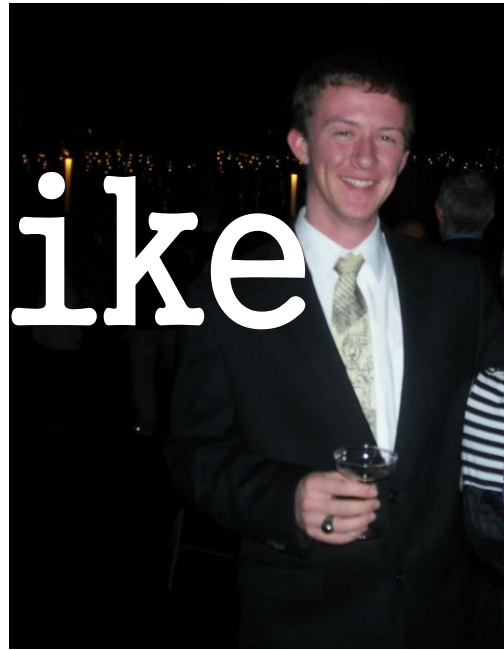
Never change who you are to fit someone else's standard of normal. Weird is awesome!

Interesting fact about yourself?

I really enjoy conversations where both sides speak in archaic/old English.

What is the strangest thing you've ever made while experimenting in the kitchen?

I'm probably going to go with my Raspberry-Turkey Omelet



Favorites

Book: any of the books from the Dune Chronicles

Movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail

ILC meal: Bethanie's homemade pizza

Prof.: Tied between Sullivan and Schierenbeck

Smell: the smell of campus on a rainy or foggy morning in the spring (pine scent mixed with grass and moist earth)

Dollar store beverage: Sanguin Seniorial. Is there really any other choice?

In 10 Years Carl will be...

Ned- ...working for IBM or some fancy dancy place

Alex F. - ...Owning his own trading card/game company

Julia -...a pastor and owner of a gourmet restaurant

CARL'S RASPBERRY TURKEY OMELET

Fresh red raspberries
2-3 beaten eggs
1-2 pinches oregano
About 1 handful shredded cheddar cheese
Ground cayenne pepper to taste
Garlic salt to taste
Chopped onion

Mix in a bowl and pour into butter-greased pan.
In a separate pan, heat shredded turkey in butter with some minced garlic and onion. Place on 1/2 of the omelet and sprinkle cheese on the turkey, fold the omelet on tope of the turkey and sprinkle with cheese. Allow cheese to melt.
Enjoy!

Nate's Take On *ISIL and Terrorism*

Q: "Are you scared of ISIS attacking us?" -

Anonymous

A: "Frankly, yes. We all should be. In this article I will give a rudimentary overview about ISIL, explain why it is different from other terrorist groups and armies in the past, and then give my outlook for the future. First, to put everyone on a similar page-- Why the name ISIL? And why ISIS? Are they the same? What are they?

Chances are you've heard talk about the Islamic terrorist group ISIS, not ISIL. Well, it is the same group. ISIS is the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, translated into English. ISIL is usually used by governments as the official name for this group. It stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The Levant is a region that encompasses not only Syria, but also Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, and parts of other nations such as Turkey and Egypt as well. This is ISIL's equivalent of the Israelite's Promised Land, and includes it as well. ISIL believes itself to be Muslim, and is, but are chaotically inflated Islamic fundamentalists.

ISIL is not a new group. They've received a lot of attention in the past couple of years, but they actually were first organized in Iraq in 1999. They merged with many other terrorist groups, and are now widely known today for their brazen attacks in the Middle East and around the world. They may seem like Al-Qaeda or another terrorist group, and in many respects they are. But they are also a new and frightening type of extremist that the world has never really seen before at this scale.

For one, they are **Religious Fanatics**. War and religion should not be mixed. It creates the worst breed of soldier-- one who solely fights and kills for his religion and deity, and will stop at nothing to do his/its will. I'd like to add at this point that Muslims are not ISIL, but ISIL is Islamic. Many Muslims in the Middle East actually oppose ISIL, for one reason or another.

This brings me to the second point, **Poor Regional Retaliation**. This is one reason ISIL has not been dealt with

efficiently before. This is the case with other terrorist groups as well. Syria has been absolutely hammered by civil war. 200,000 dead within about two years of fighting, and a war-torn divided land with decentralized government. All too easy pickings for ISIL. Iraq is also war torn, but has other problems as well. ISIL controls 1/3 of Iraq mostly because, as is often the problem in these regions, most soldiers are poor and desperate men with almost no incentive to fight except money or life, are poorly equipped, poorly trained, and are also fighting people they may know and who share the same faith. Many have defected, deserted, or surrendered and have been slaughtered. Kurds in Northern Iraq have bravely stood up to ISIL, but they are also poorly supplied and are mainly farmers and herders.

This brings me to the third point, **Ruthless and Bold Violence**. ISIL has done many terrible, inhumane things. It beheads westerners, executes mass numbers of prisoners, and impales heads on spikes as warnings. And that's just in the Middle East. Abroad, ISIL is not yet as versatile as Al-Qaeda with its terrorist attacks aimed at western nations. Terrorist attacks in Canada, Australia, Nigeria, Belgium, France, the Philippines, and more throw into sharp relief the fact that even if ISIL doesn't commit itself to overseas attacks, other groups will. No terrorist group wants to be outdone by another one, so the attacks by other groups such as Al-Qaeda and Boko Haram may get worse, even if ISIL's

don't. Hopefully not.

This brings me to the fourth point, **Tactics and Recruitment**. Despite US and coalition led airstrikes and missile strikes, ISIL has not been utterly destroyed. Why? Unfortunately, it's like any other guerrilla and terrorist groups before it. We have rules of engagement that our military follows: don't harm civilians, don't compromise info, etc. ISIL; they don't have these rules. They scoff in the face of our rules and do the very things that we and other countries labeled as crimes against humanity in the Geneva Convention. The reason we haven't completely destroyed them with airstrikes is because they hide in populated areas, using civilians as shields against us, if you will. We can't just blow up community centers if we suspect a building is holding ISIL commanders.

ISIL is unique because it functions like a guerilla rebel force fighting a hit-and-run shadow war; a standing army, with commanders, divisions, and support; and like a terrorist



Nate's Take

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group, with bombings, slaughtering, and "dirty warfare." Unlike Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, it openly recruits foreign fighters the world over. Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Russia, Turkey, UK, France, Germany- these are just the fighters that number above 100. A whopping 7,000 come from Saudi Arabia, 2,000 from the UK, and so on. In total, there are believed to be 15,000 foreign fighters in their ranks. There are an estimated 120 fighters from the United States. They have also started to accept women into their ranks.

ISIL has had unprecedented successes. They've rolled through Iraq and eastern Syria capturing one village, town and military compound after another. This is worrisome because in every target, there is a prize. In Mosul, they acquired \$425 million from the state bank. Near Baghdad, ISIL captured hundreds of US manufactured vehicles and supplies. In Syria, ISIL overtook airfields and has at least three jets in the sky right now. (Reuters) ISIL is reported to have assets estimated at over 2 billion US dollars. They make 1 million dollars a day from the oil fields and refineries they control. They have hundreds of US humvees, howitzers and artillery, armored cars, M1A1 Abrams tanks, Russian tanks and anti-aircraft guns, Iraqi SCUD missiles, blackhawk helicopters, cargo planes, MiG-21 fighter jets, and more. While it is not known if they can put the helicopters and cargo planes in the air, they have shown that they know how to operate stolen drones and fire upon convoys and cities.

So far this is what we have: a terrorist army waging Jihad, or "holy war" war in the Middle East. Nations forming a coalition to stop it, but many avoiding ground conflict. (A region devastatingly torn asunder by countless religious wars of attrition.)

Despite all these apparent successes of ISIL, it also has a lot of failures, and no short list of transgressions to answer for. Not only does it have the US, UK, Australia, Germany, and 11 other countries actively against it, but almost every Islamic nation around it actively denounces ISIL and fights it. Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Egypt seek to fight ISIL within their borders. Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon wish to keep ISIL out. Their bases, convoys, and refineries are getting mauled by US and coalition airstrikes and missiles.

Still, ISIL is a group that will not just "go away." Our airstrikes are only effective up to a point, and arming fighters in foreign lands hasn't gone so well for us in the past. And I fear, unless we can either find a more effective way of bombing and targeting from the air and/or arming and training rebels, governments, and Kurdish fighters, the only way ISIL will be ultimately eliminated is if ground troops are sent in. Not necessarily ours, hopefully, but if governments indeed fall or the ME is terribly compromised, we may find it's one of the last options on the table.

Mikaila's Mission

Rachel Gerbitz

Last year our synod's day school in Winter Haven, Florida suffered a terrible tragedy. Two of their students were in a car accident, severely injuring Maleah and killing her sister, Mikaila. Maleah is doing well now and is recovering successfully. Mikaila had a heart for mission work and loved giving to people in need. My aunt, Blair Sydow, put together several efforts to gather items for underprivileged children in memory of Mikaila. Her most recent project, along with Mikaila and Maleah's mother Wendy, has been to raise funds to build a school for the orphans in Tanzania. Blair designed t-

shirts with Mikaila's real signature on them with Matthew 19:14 on the back. It took less than a month for the Mission to get within \$200 of its goal! Not only has this project been a wonderful mission contribution to our congregation in Tanzania, but the outreach from Mikaila's Mission has reached so many people, including local newspapers. Praise the Lord for this astounding blessing!

Check out the Mikaila's Mission facebook page if you want to know more!

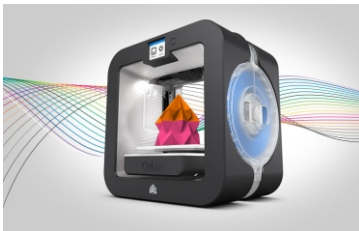
FLASH to the Future

By Nathan Buck



Printing

Some of you may be aware that ILC's robotics department was generously donated an Ekocycle Cube, a 3D printer, very recently. You may have seen it in Prof Roehl's room or in the library, where it now resides. Dean Marzofka, the IT manager at ILC and who now is the guardian and protector of the Cube, allowed me to not only do a feature article on the 3D printer, but also use it. In appearance it's not overly remarkable-- very futuristic, yes; like something out of Tron or a laboratory of the future--but just a white, squarish box about the size of a computer case, with a small metal table, a few assorted wires and tubes, and a fancy logo.



But I go up to the small digital screen and it asks me if I want to print. I click print. It then gives a list of objects I can print. A phone case? Nah. A cup? Nope. What about a bracelet? Not really my thing. But hey... here's a "Eko Wall Pods."

So I press print.

The screen reminds me to add glue. Dean tells me the plastic laid down will stick to the metal plate and won't come off if glue isn't laid down first. "So like cooking spray?" I ask. "Yeah, exactly." Dean replies, and after I glue the plate, I press the last arrow and initiate the printing. The cube whirs to life. Two arms move the plate to the top of the cube and it just waits as the machine calibrates. And the plastic melts and moves through the tubes. While we're waiting, Dean shows me the 3D printer he and others have been building. "Compared to the other one (the Cube), this one looks like a dinosaur," he jokes. "Someday, your kids will say, 'Dad, really? That's old-school'."

But he has a point. This one has wires sticking out all over the place, mechanical rods suspended by structural supports made out of wood. "In essence they're the same," he explains. Just the Cube is slightly better and a lot more expensive. Almost \$1,000 more expensive, to be exact. We head back and see that the printer has started building. Liquid plastic is shooting up the pipes, and the nozzles are constantly moving around the plate, expertly laying down the geometric plastic base in a material that almost resembles smushed glue that has solidified. The whole machine makes whirring and beeping noises that closely resemble Sci-Fi special effects or a stereotypical robot going, "Bleep Bloop." It has 5 hours 49 minutes left to complete the object. Dean explains more about what 3D printers mean for the future.

"Possibly by the time you're out of college, everyone will have one in their house," he tells me. He equates it to "a microwave in your kitchen." "The next step for this is to have a waste bin attached that crushes plastics and reuses them." He shows that a roll of plastic generally runs around \$30-\$50 for about 1 kg of plastic. But that one spool of plastic can make up to 300 sandals, if desired, or anything you can create and put your mind to.

And really, the possibilities are endless. In the future, if you need a new pair of shoes. Beep! You hop on Nike.com, buy a template, upload it to your 3D printer, and boom! New basketball shoes for the season. Break your mother's favorite Egyptian urn? No problem. Just print a new one.



Dean surprises me by saying this technology has been around for about 4-6 years now, and you should see the ways people have already used this. Phone cases, kids' toys, Rubik's cubes, footballs, knight's armour, lampshades,

prosthetic limbs, pencils, curtain rods, guitar bodies, bicycles, chairs, chess sets, statues, clothes, and so much more has been made via 3D printers. And just when you thought it couldn't get any more interesting, 3D printers aren't limited to plastics. A man in Saudi Arabia prints entire houses (minus electrical and plumbing) in 28 hours using a mixture of desert sand and Epoxy. Another house builder has been created by a professor at the University of Southern California that uses concrete, and a man in Minnesota printed a small castle in his backyard using concrete as well. NASA is working on a 3D printer to send up into the space station, which can use either plastics, or liquified steel and/or aluminum. Michael's has a 3D printer that prints cakes and cupcakes. A complete, working car was made at a technology expo, and after 44 hours it promptly drove off its stand and out for a test run. Needless to say, working 4-cylinder engines have been made as well, and almost any other type of machinery you could imagine. Amazingly, some 3D printers can actually make copies of themselves! They can even 3D print human flesh onto burn victims, and amazingly 3D print organs, noses and ears, and more. Dean told me his son Nick is involved with scanning and printing historical items so that schools, and anyone, can print off replicas of the Mona Lisa, Roman coins, and helmets from

3D Printing continued

World War II. And now, they've just recently created a 3D graphing pen that literally draws 3D objects in the air--every kid's dream.

Though nothing could stop the industry now, there are some concerns about 3D printing. I asked Dean what 3D printing would mean for businesses.

"Yeah, businesses are a real factor. Because each business is going to want you to buy its schematic for its item, and it's going to be hard, perhaps even impossible to control people from saying, "Oh. That's a cool mouse. I want it. Scan! And then they have it and the company that made it doesn't make any money."

Also, he mentioned that a single crude gun was made by a civilian in the UK, but the police confiscated it. It did actually fire. But he also stated that despite some drawbacks, the positives far, far, far outweigh the negatives in this case. "To give people this endless creative outlet is a great thing," he expressed.

It's hard to say if any of these fears will actually come to the surface, but even if they do, there's no doubt that 3D printing is revolutionizing the world.

As Dean said, "It's the machine of the future, and with infinitesimal possibilities".

A Short Profile of an American Hero

By Jon Gamble and Sam Lisak

Considering that you faithful readers have doubtlessly noticed that we mention Bill Murray, the American hero, in every one of our articles, we decided to give him a full feature-length article that in no aspect could ever do justice to the greatness he personifies in every movie he appears in. Prepare to be enlightened.

William James Murray was born on the blessed day of September 21, 1950. I now declare this a national holiday(no school!). He grew up in a suburb of Chicago, and is an avid Cubs fan. As a teen, he worked as a caddy at the local golf course, like any young American hero. He was very active at his high school's theater and his community's, and was the lead singer in the immortal rock band Dutch Masters (a recent iTunes search showed no music that bears traces of the voice of America).

Bill Murray arrived in the big leagues in 1976, on NBC's Saturday Night Live with Howard Cosell. The show lasted only one season, but opened the door

for Murray's next few gigs. He starred on SNL for three

seasons, from '77-'80. However, in 1979, he landed his first starring role in a major film (*Meatballs*), and the world was changed forever. This role launched him into many more in the early 80's that increased his fame exponentially. *Caddyshack* is a personal favorite of mine, as the grizzly groundskeeper does all he can to explode gophers and do other handyman tasks (Noonan!). *Ghostbusters*, with its household calling card tune, had Murray battling ghosts, and was easily the favorite member in the group (Don't cross the streams!). We already wrote about the Christmas classic *Scrooged*, and you should really ask Riley Noeldner about *What About Bob?* (I need a vacation, from my problems!). *Space Jam* was another outstanding role, I mean what does it say about him when he is one of the few human actors besides Wayne Knight (Someone had to be a third man) and His Airness MICHAEL JORDAN (That is THE Michael Jordan, not Michael B. Jordan), and he might have been the best actor in that movie! He dominates every line in that movie from talking with Larry Legend while golfing to his premature retirement due to knee injuries.

He is a co-owner of the world-famous Saint Paul Saints, and I can



A short profile... Continued

tell you from personal experience that Murray has done a great job combining show business and baseball, his two loves. Where else can you find a ball pig (yes, that's a swine, not a boy) and occasional on-field sumo wrestling? Ticket prices are also incredibly cheap, and the team is opening a new stadium by the river this very year.

Possibly the most American event ever took place on April 12, 2004, when Bill Murray sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Cubs home opener.

The only way to make this more American would be if Teddy Roosevelt was standing over his shoulder eating apple pie as an eagle flew over (and maybe if it wasn't the Cubs). If he ran for President I think he'd be the only person to achieve an approval rating greater than 100%. If I were to win any award, I'd thank Bill Murray in my acceptance speech, for no particular reason other than saving the world and His Airness Michael Jordan from aliens and the numerous number of laughs I have enjoyed in every movie he is in.

Good Luck!

