



The **FLASH**

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SINGING THE 3RD QUARTER BLUES

By Rachel Gerbitz

Are you finding yourself exhausted? Do you seem to never want to do anything with your friends? Are you feeling overwhelmed with homework, projects, practices, and everything else going on? Perhaps you find yourself hating everything and everyone. When someone sneezes during class, do you want to get up and scream? I'm no doctor, but you may be experiencing the dreadful 3rd quarter blues.

Some may say, "Already? We are only 2 weeks into the quarter!" But let me tell you, there is something about the freezing cold weather, returning from break, and away games, that suck all of the goodness out of you. This time of year seems to drag on forever and ever and ever. Like, ever. So, don't take it personally when your best friend gets completely frustrated with you over something silly like socks.

To all of you freshman who are reading this in horror, don't you worry. There are plenty of things to look forward to once you are able to start looking at the positive side of life. Grade School Basketball Tournaments, Spring Break, Baseball, Softball, and Track will be here soon enough. It will all be over before you know it. Stay strong, young ones.

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From The Editors

So as some of you have probably found out already, the third quarter is usually the one that is the most undesired. Christmas just ended, you had a nice break, and you may or may not have wanted to come back here to the same old routine. You start to feel like you don't want to be here; you might get bored more often, it's freezing outside so you can't do things out there, you're just stuck here (unless you have a car, which is really nice). These are all symptoms of the Third Quarter Blues. It's very common among students here, and we have experienced this every year, no joke.

However, there are some preliminary steps that you can take that will help you to not slip too low into "The Blues."

1) Attend some basketball games: whether it's a home game or an away game, you have a way to get there and they can sometimes be exciting.

2) Watch your favorite movies or expand your movie knowledge and watch new one. If you need some new movies to watch just ask one of us; we have tons of movies! This is a great thing to do when it's cold outside. Just snuggle up in a blanket, drink some hot chocolate or tea, and eat some popcorn...sounds good to me!

3) Don't Fear! Miniclasses are almost here!! Most people look forward to miniclasses since it is about the closest thing we get to a break third quarter. We love miniclasses! Lydia is a part of the miniclass committee and she can tell you that we have some great new miniclasses this year as well as the awesome old ones. I mean, come on, you can't miss the trip to the CV Museum...that video is a classic, and hide-and-seek and ice cream is always a good thing!

4) If you really feel like you're stuck on campus, feel free to ask us for a ride somewhere. We'd be happy to take you if we aren't busy!

5) Not gonna lie, the food here can get old, so if you're sick of that too, order a pizza or Chinese food or something. It's always nice to have something different!

So don't worry, you'll make it through third quarter and these things can help you do that! Soon enough it'll be fourth quarter and that will be super busy. Plus, you'll have Spring Fever! :)

Meet the Freshmen!

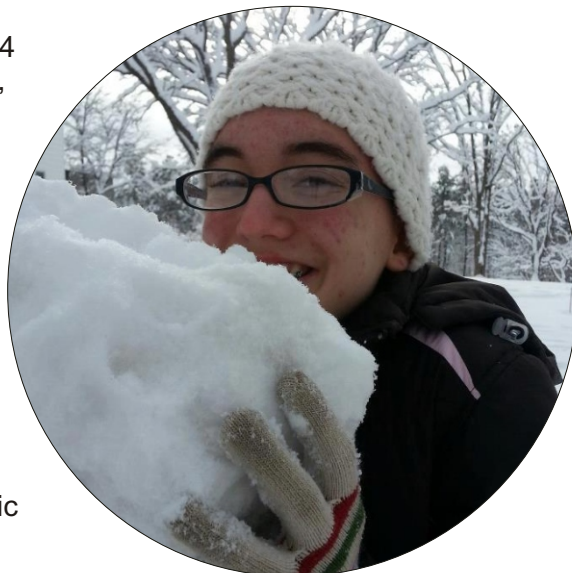
oliviaalbrecht

Olivia Annette Albrecht was born on March 4, 1998, in West Allis, Wisconsin.

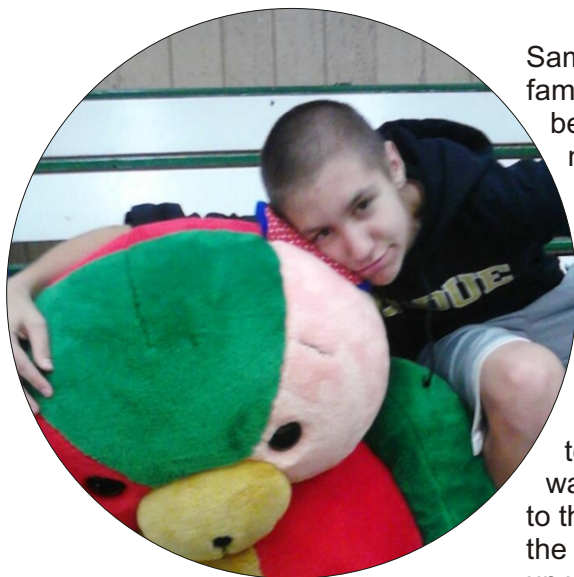
Olivia was the youngest in the family until we found out 4 years ago that we were going to add another child to our family, Owen. I am sure it has been hard on Olivia not being the youngest anymore, but she loves her little brother....he gets all of the attention now. Olivia's middle name is named after her Grandma Annette Albrecht who passed away 17 years ago. Olivia looks forward to the day she gets to meet her Grandma Annette....we all look forward to that Glorious day.

Olivia has looked up to her big sisters Kelsey and Lydia (and brother Jordan when he wasn't picking on her) especially when Kelsey was playing on the piano. After Kelsey was done practicing piano Olivia would try and play what she played....all by ear. She started doing this as little as 4 years old. Kelsey really didn't appreciate Olivia doing this, but we recognized her talent at such a young age. Olivia's love of music has continued. She loves to sing and play the piano. She is blessed to have such wonderful gifts.

Some people in our family may say Olivia is a card shark. She has been playing games since she was little and is very good at them....you will have to challenge her sometime.



samlisak



Sam was born on February 21, 1998, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Our family moved from Waukesha to our current home in Muskego before Sam started first grade. There are two important things you need to know about Sam...he talks a lot and he likes sports. Ever since Sam was a baby, he was a busy kid and the talking went along with whatever activity he was involved in...never a dull moment when he was around. Sam amazed his parents at how he could turn anything into a bat and ball. Rolled up socks, stuffed animals turned into a ball....vacuum cleaner attachments, golf clubs, plastic swords turned into bats...so Sam was ready for baseball no matter where he was.

His mom and dad were so thankful when Sam learned how to read. Sam couldn't always watch the end of a game and wanted to know the score the next morning so he was introduced to the newspaper sports page at a young age. Ever since, he's read the sports page every morning while eating breakfast, and follows up with watching ESPN. He's enjoyed playing baseball and basketball on Muskego teams. Other than playing/reading/watching sports, Sam enjoys reading, playing board games (right, Lauren?) and having fun/hanging out with his cousins and friends. He's recently taken up hunting and has gone the past few years with his dad, uncle and cousins.

Lauren Emily Lisak

By Abby Sydow & Sarah Tester

To those who don't know her, Lauren Lisak may seem like a very shy, reserved person. Once you do get to know her, she becomes a whole lot more (especially if you get her some coffee). Her friends would describe her as compassionate, a good-listener, hilarious, stylish, and a fruititarian. Some other things Lauren is known for are: having a terrible memory (don't ever ask her to remind you of something!), not being able to hear you, smelling like Japanese Cherry Blossom, and being a indecisive person.

Lisak was born on April 23 to Jim and Lisa of Milwaukee, WI. While growing up, she watched almost every Disney movie imaginable, her favorite being *The Little Mermaid*. This isn't surprising, considering the Lisaks practically have a larger DVD selection than Redbox.

In high school, Lauren is a very active and responsible student. She takes part in many co-curricular activities. These include but are not limited to: *Flash*, *Lance* (she's an editor), Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball (once upon a time). On top of all that, she has been our fearless leader (class president) for the past three years.

(We're a difficult bunch to deal with, but you have managed us well and we appreciate you very much.)

When asked what advice she would give future students, she replied, "Don't be an idiot. Changed my life." (You should know that one of Lauren's free time activities is watching *The Office* and we can neither confirm nor deny that that is a quote from the show). She also enjoys to read and 'chill'.

Anyone who has had a conversation with Lauren in which you say something dumb or suggest something she doesn't want to do, we're sure you've received "the look" from Lauren. We can't even describe this look, but if you've gotten it before, you'll know exactly what we're talking about.

Lauren Lisak is an incredible friend, role model, and student. Her kind and caring personality is something that will be greatly missed by many on this campus next year.



Abbie - Living in her parents' basement.

Jo - Married with children, working in a library filling children's minds with books.

Kenny - She's going to be an attorney.

Lydia- Lauren will be looking very fine and working in a library, being her quiet self, living with Lydia in their sweet Milwaukee apartment decorated with Pier 1 stuff, flamingos, and flowers.

Abby – Lauren will have “snapped” around age 22. By age 30, she'll have gotten her act together, removed all the facial piercings she had gotten, and settled down with a hunk (Chace Crawford =)). She will then have three beautiful girls and two rowdy boys, all of which will be insanely smart and athletically gifted.

Sarah – Lauren will be the best librarian out there. She will have opened her own library where it is always toasty warm to compensate for her freezing cold dorm room in high school. She will be married and have three children who will all be athletic and give people the “Lauren look.”

Nathan Benjamin Rodebaugh

By Lydia Albrecht

Nathan Rodebaugh. There's only one like him. Many of you know of him, but you might not know a whole lot about him. Now, I have known Nathan since I was one and we know each other very well. We used to fight basically every day and if you ask him what I was like when I was little, whatever he tells you is a lie! Just a little something you should know about Nathan is that he got the way he is today from being spanked a lot when he was little, holding cans in the doorway, watching hours (probably days worth) of sports-related television, and majorly mooching off of his parents. But as he says, "Everybody loves me," which is mostly true. Here are some things he had to say of himself. . .

Where and when were you born?

October 24, 1994, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas.

What is your favorite sport?

Probably curling, baseball is a close second

What are your plans for next year?

Live off of my parents, till my dad kicks me out

What is your biggest fear?

That Ryan Braun gets injured for life

What is your favorite T.V. show?

Brewers baseball

What's your favorite website?

Prolly pinterest, but when I can't get there I go to mlbtraderumors.com

Favorite food?

Carnitas

Favorite childhood memory?

Beating Jack 50-12 at 1-on-1

Which do you like better, onions or lollipops?

Definitely onions (for those of you who don't know, there is a picture of Nathan when he was little where he has an onion in one hand and a lollipop in the other and he's eating the onion whole)

Favorite high school memory?

Jumping into the creek on 11.11.11 at 11:11 with Beekman

If you were stranded on an island what 3 things would you want with you?

Miller Park, Brewers baseball team, and another baseball team to play them (the Chicago Cubs so we can beat them every time)

Words of wisdom?

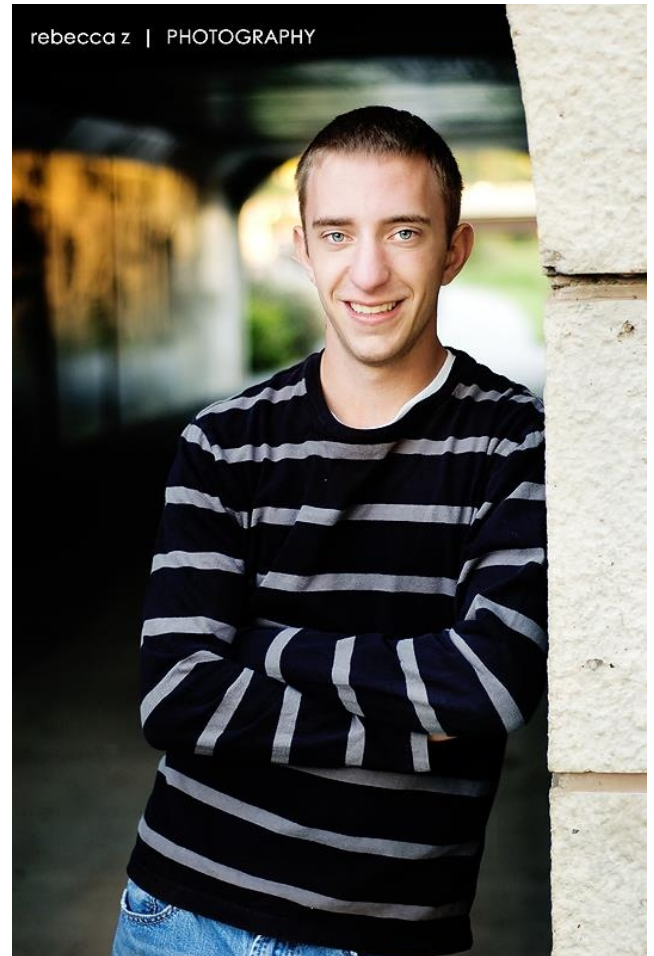
Don't follow your friend's (Jack's) advice and do something that will get you kicked off of a varsity sport

Favorite Prof?

I don't play favorites

Have you had any near-death experiences?

When I was born 3 months early and Sam saved me once from drowning.





Jacob Russell Noeldner

By Johanna Ohlmann

Q: When and where you born?

A: Phoenix, Arizona. August 3rd, 1994

Q:What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Hang out with friends, drive fast, air softing, video games, and doing stupid stuff.

Q:Where are all the places you have lived?

A: Arizona, Texas, Wyoming, California, and Wisconsin.

Q: Which place was your favorite? Why?

A: California, because it's warm out. But Wisconsin because it's green and there is snow.

Q: Why does Wilke call you Albert "Al"?

A: We all had names in chemistry and Albert...Einstein is mine.

Q: If you could marry one celebrity, who would it be?

A: Jennifer Aniston

Q: If there's one rule you could change at ILC, what would it be?

A: No dumb punishments

Q: What's your favorite part about Senior year?

A: Big dogs of the school, and we get to leave soon.

Q:What are your plans after high school?

A: Military.

Q:Do you have any words of wisdom?

A: "Good memories come from bad ideas."

A: "Live now; pay later."

Favorites:

Prof: Prof Kranz

Store: TJ Maxx

Color: Blue

Class: NONE

Movie: Act of Valor

Car: 69 Dodge Charger

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By Miriam Bernthal

M: If you could change your name to anything what would it be?

J: Probably Batman... wait I'm not a man. Ummm... Shaniqua or Jess dawg because that's what JD calls me.

M: How would you describe yourself in three words?

J: Scatter-brained, Sarcastic, and Awesome Sauce and Bonus Word! Legendary!

M: What do you do in your free time?

J: I do stuff for the Lance and the Flash and I like to paint a lot and do a bunch of artsy stuff, and I like to drive my car and listen to really loud music.

M: If you could pick a super power what would it be and why?

J: Probably flying because when everybody is stuck in traffic you can fly right over, it's so smart. Wait... can you fly fast?

M: Sure

J: Then, yeah, if you can fly really fast, but if you only fly slow, then definitely the force.

M: Do you have any hidden talents?

J: I'm really good at belching. I can seriously burp like a sailor.

M: Where's Waldo?

J: Probably Hogwarts.

M: What noise or sound do you love?

J: When you're watching baseball and someone hits it and you know it's gonna be a home run.

M: What are your pet peeves?

J: When I'm serving lunch and nobody says please and thank you. And when people tell me what to do. When directions aren't thorough enough and when people are late with their Lance stuff.

Favorites:

Book: Nightlight

Movie: Bridesmaids

TV show: Park & Rec and Community

Prof: Prof Buck!!!

Cereal: I Love Life! And Lucky Charms with just the marshmallows



Hannah

EVELYN

HULKE

By Darin Lau

Hannah Hulke was born on March 13, 1995 in Mankato, MN. Mankato was also the place where Hannah lived for 6 years until she moved to Eau Claire, WI. She is currently 17 years of age with two sisters and one brother. And yes, she is also an aunt, with a niece and nephew.

So, I guess those were some basic things that are nice and important to know about Hannah. The following is an interview I had with Hannah, so that you can know a few things about Hannah that aren't as important.

Favorites:

City: Vail, Colorado

High-school class: English 10;
she really likes Prof.
Sullivan's teaching

Athlete: Darin Lau (no
influence, I promise)

Prof.: Buck

Band: Sufjan Stevens, The
Strokes, The Killers

Hymn: "Savior I Follow On"

Novel: Jane Eyre

Color: Turquoise

Passage: Psalm 37:4

D. Lau: "So Hannah, what is your most embarrassing moment?"

(Unwilling to give a specific instance for the sake of her reputation, she replies with a generic, yet completely understandable response:)

H: "Anything JD has done to me."

D: "What is your opinion on the movement to prohibit guns?"

H: "I'm not very political." (Lame)

D: "So what do you like to do in your free time?"

H: "I don't know, I don't really have that much free time."

D: "What's your take on Twilight?"

H: "I tried reading the books, but I could only get through one."
(Completely understandable)

D: "Have you heard of the Dream Team?"

H: "Yeah! I'm the assistant to the assistant!" (It doesn't surprise me the Dream Team has an assistant to the assistant, based on the fact we're selling shirts.)

D: "So, what story in sports intrigues you more, Lance Armstrong or Manti Te'o?"

After picking Lance and explaining why, she switched to Manti Te'o and explained why. *Wait!* We're not done! She changes her mind with the conclusion:

H: "They're both pretty interesting."

D: "Who is someone that inspires you?"

H: "My sister Laura."

GUN CONTROL

By Aaron Joos

So I'm sure by now everyone has heard about the shooting in Connecticut which caused some controversy with the issue of gun control. This last month President Obama signed executive orders to control gun usage. For those who don't know what Obama's plan is here is a short summary: universal background checks for gun sales, the reinstatement and strengthening of the assault weapons ban, limiting ammunition magazines to a 10-round capacity, providing schools with resource officers and counselors, putting more police officers on the streets, establishing stronger punishments for gun trafficking, and offering more comprehensive insurance coverage for mental health.

As a gun owner, I have a strong opinion on this issue of gun control. So I'm going to give you my opinion on all this nonsense. That is your first clue to my views; this is nonsense. Guns don't kill people, people that don't know how to use a gun do. Our sinful nature is the cause of all of these shootings. These people that shoot others out of pleasure or madness have lost their morals.

If someone really wanted to go on a rampage and kill people, any gun would work. Restricting AR (Automatic Rifles) usage will not reduce the number of shootings. Reducing the capacity of the magazine will not help much. You could just carry another magazine and have the same number of rounds. Now I may sound like I don't care if people get shot, but I do. It's a tragic thing when it happens, but limiting one certain type of gun won't end the shootings.

I do agree on a few things in Obama's plan. I love the idea of doing background checks on people before they can be sold a gun. I don't understand why we haven't been doing this before now. I mean, come on, it's so simple. Sure, if someone couldn't buy a gun from the store they could find one from a private party, but it will reduce the number of guns out there in the possession of people who have no reason to own or have a gun in their possession. There are some people in this world that are just dimwits and should not even be close to a gun because they don't know how to handle it safely or don't have the right mindset about guns. I also agree with having more officers out there whether it be in schools or out on the streets. This will help protect people and it will also create some jobs for people. Also, greater punishments for gun trafficking is a good idea. This will help reduce the number of guns sold to those people who didn't pass the background check that are trying to buy guns from a third party.

So, in conclusion, the laws restricting the guns and their magazines I feel won't do much. On the other hand, the laws that require background checks, put more officers on the streets and resources in schools, and the laws that will punish gun trafficking are a good idea and I respect Obama for doing something because shootings really are a problem lately in the United States. That's my two cents.

Titanium- Madilyn Bailey
Every Storm Runs Out of Rain- Gary Allan
Grace Kelly- Mika
Something Beautiful- Need To Breathe
A Moment Like This- Kelly Clarkson
I'm Not Who I Was- Brandon Heath
You- Chris Young
All of Me- The Piano Guys
The Pina Colada Song- Rupert Holmes
Safe and Sound- Taylor Swift ft. The Civil Wars
Slam Krunk- Holiday Parade
Fast Car- Tracy Chapman

Another
playlist.
{c/o Abby Sydow}

fun facts!

- Two rats can become one million rats in only 18 months.
- An average of 345 squirts are required to yield a gallon of milk from a cow.
- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months, and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
- Orcas kill sharks by torpedoing up into a shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
- Frogs throw up by first throwing up their stomachs, so it's dangling out of its mouth, then uses its forearms to dig out all of the stomach's contents and then swallows the stomach back down.

Hannah Cont...

I purposely saved the best for last, and that is Hannah's pet peeves. Unfortunately, I realize that making these public might provoke others to increase these actions to spite Hannah. Sorry, Hannah.

1. The "ahhh-team" thing
2. Chat lingo in everyday conversation
3. Negativity
4. People who interrupt!
5. Words like "slit" and "stab".
6. **BIG ONE:** Being called "Hulke."
8. **BIGGER ONE:** "When Prof. Reim is working with a group in choir, and someone from a different section is singing their part along with the group being worked with. Ugh. Hate that."

So, to all those who are doing that: KNOCK IT OFF!!! Hannah doesn't like it! That'll stop them, Hannah.

Jess Cont...

M: What is your Zodiac sign?

J: Cancer

M: What is your favorite movie/ TV show quote?

J: "English McMuffin"

M: Do you have any nicknames?

J: Hessica, Jessie, and Gus

M: Have you ever been in any legal trouble?

J: Well I Jaywalk all the time.

M: Would you rather be buried or cremated?

J: Cremated. Because what if you woke up?

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Nathan Buck

After being in Prehistoric ILC for a day, seeing some wacky sights, and right after being teleported away, I wake up, finding my knees on cold, white cobblestones. I hear the sound of flowing water and I get up to see a marble fountain; part of a large square in the middle of a stone-paved road. People in white robes mill around doing daily chores. I am in a white robe as well; a toga. Suddenly a girl carrying a pitcher bumps into me, and she spills the pitcher's contents onto the road.

"Danielle?" I exclaim. "What are you doing here?"

She starts off in fluent Latin, which surprises me. Luckily, I'm fluent in Latin "Wait; you aren't Danielle?"

"No, I'm Dianna Gerbitella. Who are you?"

"I'm Nathan. What time is it?"

"It is Sundown of the 12 day before Middas, of course. What else would it be?"

"Is that your gym?" I gesture at a long, marble structure that looks oddly like our own gym.

She laughs. "A gymnasium? No, that is our temple. You should go there and see if there is someone there who can help you. I have chores to do. See you."

I walk towards the temple. I pass a couple vendors on the way. I have to double take when I see Joci Gamble at one.

"Joci, is that...never mind." I realized she wouldn't know who she was either.

"No, this is Jocasta Galen. Who's this? Could I interest you in some fresh seafood? The octopus is on sale."

I smile and say thanks, but walk away. I see others I recognize at different stalls; Wilke selling exotic animal skins; Mattias Schaller selling shoes; Ned selling purple dye; but I pass them all. I finally reach the temple. I enter and see a magnificent statue. 50 feet tall, gilded in gold and ivory, and made of black marble; a statue of none other than Lauren Lisak.

As I gaze, open-mouthed at this odd surprise, Seth Lovelien, approaches me. I quickly say, "Hey, Seth... Oh...I mean, can you direct me to the palace, kind sir?"

Speaking so deeply monotone that time seems to stop to listen, he says in a low chant; "I bring good tidings...why are you here...I am a man...that is my plan."

"Um, okay Mr. Man. Can you direct me to the..."

"You don't have a plan...That is so sad...I shall consult...I need a malt...the Emveepee."

"Excuse me? What is an..."

A different priest, Caitlin Sandeen, comes up to us. "Excuse this. He's still in a trance. What did you need?"

"Well, I need to get to the palace, I suppose. Can you direct me?"

"Let's consult the oracle! Places everyone!"

All the priests in the room huddle around and start to chant, "Bump, set, dominate; set, bump, set dominate!" Eventually they get louder and louder and jump around, until suddenly they stop, fall down, and a smoke springs up from within their midst. In the smoke stands Philip Schaller. Although this version of Philip has purple eyes.

Caitlin stands up and says, "Oh great Philemon, oracle of Emveepee, tell this traveler if he

I ask Caitlin, "Wait; what's an emveepee?"

"No; the MVP. We worship the MVP."

The rest of the the priests spontaneously say, "I; you; he; she; we; y'all in Spain; they worship the MVP."

I understood. Philip says something into Caitlyn's ear. I ask, "Well, what did MVP say?"

"Well, she's in the middle of a difficult Calculus test right now, but she had time to say, 'yes'."

I leave the temple, and am soon in front of the large palace structure.

The palace is a large, columned structure, guarded by some roman legionaries. I climb up the stairs. Halfway up there is a huge ruckus. The stairway cracks down the center; chips of marble go flying off of buildings. A statue of Caleb Oster crumbles to the ground. Something is definitely wrong.

I stagger, but regain my balance. Suddenly, there is a tremendous explosion. I look towards the noise and see a huge mountain, directly where Prof. Ron Roehl's house is supposed to be. Except that it isn't a mountain any longer. The top bellows smoke, and lava runs down the sides. I suddenly remember this period in the history of ILC; Campompeii.

I run in the opposite direction. I can feel ash already settling on my clothing. I see Rebecca Krause in a baker's outfit, running away with loaves of bread. Alyssa Burill is stealing the purple dye at Ned's now-vacant stall.

I know I am not going to make it. I start to cough. Suddenly, a Roman centurion comes up to me. I hazily recognize him as Josh Beekman.

"Citizen; here. Take this parcel and leave the city. Go...while there's still time!"

He leaves, back towards the city. Hundreds crowd around me, running away from the fated campus. I unwrap the parcel. It is a small oil lamp, carved out of opaque green jade. Another explosion ricochets the campus. I feel heat on my back as people scream in the distance. I pick up the oil lamp, and am suddenly whisked away to a new period of ILC history. But where am I this time?

TO BE CONTINUED...