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A Snowflake



By Rebecca Krause

Drifting Gently Down,

Down,

Down.

My sisters

Have volunteered

Before me.

They kiss the cheeks

Of children.

My cousins

Are behind me.

Tentatively

They drift

Like me.

I hold my breath

To brace my fall.

I land softly

Among my friends.

I close my eyes

And here I wait.

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INGRAM

WALL

By Sam Lisak

You may have noticed something new on campus this year. Coming onto campus off of Ingram Drive by the upper parking lot is the new wall. The wall, once part of Ingram estate, has been reunited with the campus it was once on. It was part of the nearly 200 acre property owned by Erskine Ingram. The estate, originally off of State Street, was completed in 1922. The projected cost of the buildings

was around \$150,000 and \$200,000. Many of them were designed by a well-known architect, and even Ingram Hall as we know has an exact copy in Long Island, New York, the building Ingram Hall was modeled after.



AERO BICS By Joci Gamble

Want a fun way to get fit? Aerobics. The 9th and 10th grade girls participating in aerobics for 3rd quarter P.E., and "sweating to the oldies" is an accurate description of what goes on. The "gator, pelvic thrust, and grind are enjoyable ways to get that bikini bod. If you had to guess about Richard Simmons, with his short shorts and matching enthusiasm, then you'd probably be right. He is the master of aerobics. If you can smile while you work it, well, that's doubly impressive. Some girls just naturally love this hybrid of exercise and dance, while others need to push themselves. The latter need more "hippity-hop" in their step, and are reminded often. Now,

grinding isn't all we do, there's also a fair amount of shimmying and body rolls. It's great to think that this dancing is good for us, too! So give this 80s workout a try, and when the going gets tough, remember, "Big Girls Don't Cry".



Random Facts

BY EMILY HEIN

- •Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
- •Women purchase 85% of all valentines.
- •Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- •About 8 billion candy hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again.
- •Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.
- •15 percent of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- •In addition to the U.S., Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark and Italy.
- •About 3 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
- •Valentine's Day is banned in Saudi Arabia.
- •In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.
- •India celebrates Children's Day on November 14th, 9 months after Valentine's day.
- •It is illegal to eat oranges while bathing in California.

ASK A PROF.

By Calvin Ryan

Q: What was your dream job as a kid?

Prof. Kranz: Airline pilot

Prof. Lau: Professional MLB player

Prof. Sippert: Detective

Prof. Gullerud: Used car salesman

Prof. Pfeiffer: Pastor

Prof. Ude: Aeronautical engineer

Prof. Schaller: Part-time ball player and part-time

pastor like my dad

Prof. Schierenbeck: Professional BMX rider Prof. Sullivan: Everything! Test pilot, fireman, spelunker, explorer... (went on and on)

Prof. Reim: Semi truck driver

Prof. Roehl: Accountant

Prof. Rodebaugh: "I don't know.. Oh! A professor at

ILC of course!"



The Obsession

By Lainy Durst

"Hold on! Just let me try one more time, then you can have it back." How many times in the past few weeks has someone said this to you, or have you said this to someone else? Well, for me it's probably somewhere around 56.7289 times, and each time they were referring to the same thing...Flappy Bird.



Flappy Bird, the new game obsession, is taking its toll on campus. Each day I hear someone talking about their new score in hopes of beating a friends high score.

Wait. Hold up. What is Flappy Bird? Well, basically you repeatedly tap the screen of your android or apple device, attempting to keep a struggling bird in flight and simultaneously pass through each obstacle of green pipes. Simple right? Wrong.

So why is it so addicting? Nobody really knows. It could be the fact that you just have to beat your highscore, pass your friends score, or you plainly have nothing better to do. What ever the case, people just can't keep their hands off Flappy Bird.



It's 80 degrees, the air is sweet, in the small town where you sporadically take me. Downtown smells of flour, and we spend an hour, in an art gallery 200 ft from the Mississippi.

We pass Barnes Bluff, and the old town hall, and have long conversations about nothing at all. We take a few pictures, and share a peach tea, and spend more time in the car; I nearly fall asleep.

We pass carmel corn stands, amateur bands, Native American men carving with gnarled hands. The day fades with a sunset I remember well. The River flows on through ten states in a spell.

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Ward Association BY: JADYN MIELKE

First Word

Rose

Bad wolf - Kevin
Dr. Who - Danielle
British - Carl R
Accents - Mick N
Sister - Bryan S
Nun - Prof Lau
Zero - Brandon
Zebra - Nichole B
Lion King - Jocelyn
Creepy - Joey
Blood - Calvin
Knife - Kayla
Black - Jesse
Dog - Sarah J
Retriever - Mattias

Grill - Joseph A Food - Tim S Yum - Elijah Pie - Leah M

Golden - Emily H

Thanksgiving - Renee

Turkey - Shelby **Nazi** - Caleb O

Jews - Maggie Oven - Nick W

Burn - Caleb N

Cheesy - Katie L

Cheetos - Alex F

Orange - Gabby









End Word

Orange mocha Frappuchino

Sierr'a Rose

Lillo

JG: When and where?

SL: February 25, 1996. Okinawa, Japan, Lester Naval Base.

JG: First, may I ask about the gang symbols?

SL: Despite what Danielle says, I actually do know what they mean. If you want an explanation, see Caleb Oster or Kayla Barthles.

JG: Favorite high school memory?

SL: Um, when Diana punched Joseph in the face... or mattress throwing... or all of junior year...

JG: Thoughts on Justin Bieber's arrest?

SL: He's smiling in his mug shot because he's happy, and getting arrested isn't always a bad thing... He's still got it going on.

JG: Why are you and Danielle perfect for each other?

SL: Because I HATE Star Wars, Star Trek, and Lord of the Rings. And we have different tastes in men.

JG: ...?

SL: (shrug) opposites attract.

JG: Plans for college?

SL: Carroll University. Accounting, and business management. And I will make no friends because I'm anti social.

JG: High score on Flappy Bird?



{PROF: ROEHL}

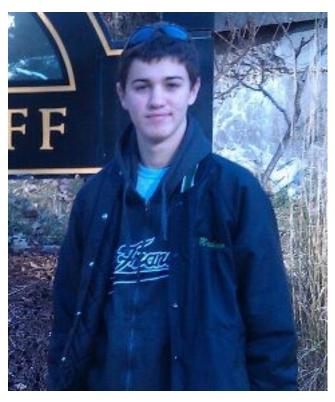
(SPORT: BASEBALL. YES.)

{ Pet peeve: When people call hashtags pound symbols}



By Joci Gamble





ANDREW

NORMAN

Machensen

By Phat Mack

LM: When and where?

AM: Lugano, Switzerland November 24, 1995

LM: What are your plans after high school? **AM:** Milwaukee School of Engineering for

Mechanical Engineering

LM: Describe yourself in three words?

AM: How about you describe me in three words?

LM: That's not how this works **AM:** Fine. Running. Cars. Family.

LM: So I heard you like Thomas the Tank Engine. Care to share?

AM: ...

LM: Crumple of fold?

AM: Crumple

LM: That's risky. Moving on.

LM: What do you do when you are angry?

AM: Go for a run

LM: What is your favorite ILC memory?

AM: (long pause)

Where will Andrew be in 10 years?

In Luxembourg grazing cattle

Darin Lau

Feeling defeated after Josh and Joseph humiliate him in a gentleman's game of pool (again)

Anonymous

He will be 28 with his own ski resort in Switzerland.

Kevin Schrader

~FAVORITES~

Prof: Schierenbeck Color: navy blue ILC Meal: gyros Movie: Inception Band: Foo Fighters



DAZIN PATRICK By: Nathan Buck Lau

Nathan Buck: "Where and when were you born?"

Darin Lau: "Columbia, South Carolina; October 3, 1995."

NB: "How would you describe your childhood?"

DL: "A lot of fun. I spent a few years in South Carolina, but my earliest recollection was kindergarten. You know...Messiah days."

NB: "Yep. For sure. Speaking of Messiah days, I heard you like blue raspberry chapstick. Would you care to comment on this?"

DL: "Yeah... there was a rumor floating around that I ate it. And it'd be a true rumor; so I guess it'd be a story."

NB: "Who was your childhood hero? And who's your hero now?"

DL: "Randy Moss. And still Randy Moss."

NB: "Nice (kinda?). How's it like having your dad as a Prof?"

DL: "It's... I guess I'd say it's fun. He'd make references to me in class. I guess I found I wasn't as embarrassed as I thought I'd be."

NB: "When did your running career begin?"

DL: "Well, I ran...you know, those Messiah races. I was doing races in fourth grade. I suppose my career began at Delong."

NB: "That's right. What's your fastest time?"

DL: "5K--15:45; 2 Mile--9:45; 1 Mile--4:35."

NB: "What's your favorite high school memory?"

DL: "The cross country team getting third at State. NB: "What's the first thing you would do with a billion dollars?"

DL: "I'd probably...move somewhere close to a CLC church, but somewhere gorgeous; West Coast; Rocky Mountains; with a huge house."

NB: "What's the weirdest thing you've ever done?"

DL: "Smelling weird things...like a dog's butt."

NB: "Ooof. If you had to be alone for 10 hours, what would you bring to make it a good time?"

DL: "Sudoku puzzles, source of music, electronic-stuff like laptops, and snacks."

NB: "If you had a dime for everytime that someone who was ruined by the French approached you, how much money would you have?"

DL: "15 Dollars."

NB: "Do you have a philosophy you live by?"

DL: "You don't have to pay attention during Biology class; as long as you study 2 hours before the test, it's fine. Then again, that was Prof. Buck's class, so..."

NB: "How much do you enjoy working at McDonalds?"

DL: "Not too much. I don't think much of it. I'm pretty comfortable there. Now that I've got the hang of it, I don't have to worry about a lot of things."

NB: "What's one thing you would change in the world?"

DL: "Ooh, that's a hard one. (He thinks for a second) Less commercials."

NB:"What's the best thing about running?"

DL: "I'd say running itself relaxes the mind. Personally, I like when you do things yourself. You don't have to blend in too much with your teammates. You can forge your own path."

NB: "Plans for the future?"

DL: "Probably go to Eau Claire. Major in math. I want to be a math teacher. I'll run in



You've probably heard some news about the Olympic torch relay in the past few months. It was the first olympic flame to be taken to the north pole and the international space station! But with the end of a spectacular torch relay and opening ceremony, the games have begun. The biennial event is being held in Sochi, Russia, where over 2,800 athletes from 88 nations are competing for gold. They are competing in 15 different sports including 98 events.

These 98 events include 12 which are new to the winter olympics this year. Theses new event include biathlon mixed relay, women's ski jumping, mixed-team figure skating, mixed-team luge, half-pipe skiing, ski and snowboard slopestyle, and snowboard parallel slalom. Hopefully you have had a chance to see some of these new events. I, personally, find the biathlon especially interesting. This event is a seemingly random, but nevertheless intriguing combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting. I also enjoy the slopestyle events; unlike sports such as ski jumping, and bobsled, each contestant has a noticeably unique run with interesting flips and daredevil jumps.

I hope you are able to watch some of the remaining events and cheer on your country!



By Jagi Gerbitz

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronz	е
1	Norway	9	4	7	20
2	Germany	8	3	4	15
3	United States	3	7	5	11
4	Russian Fed.	.6	9	7	22
5	Netherlands	6	7	9	22
6	Switzerland	6	3	1	10
7	Canada	5	9	4	18
8	Belarus	5	0	1	6
9	Poland	4	0	0	4
10	France	3	2	6	11

D. LAU CONT...

NB: "Okay. I know you're very opinionated, Darin. What say you about school uniforms?"

DL: "Not. In. Favor."

NB: "Kansas Jayhawks?"

DL: "In favor. I'm very upset when they lose in the tournaments."

NB: "Vanilla ice cream or..."

DL: "Chocolate." (he says this before I even finished)

NB: "Fairly Odd Parents?"

DL: "No. Least favorite show ever. There's something about Timmy Turner's teeth that's just, ew. And Cosmo's 5 year old humor." NB: "What are some of your pet peeves?"

DL: "When I say 'so', and people think I said 'no', so they say, 'uh,... yes!?'. Also, when people say, 'whatever'."

Where Do You See Darin in 20 Years?

Riley Noeldner and Abi Bernthal: "I'd see Darin with 8 kids making them all run at three o'clock in the morning and he's going to set the world record for the marathon. And then he's going to make fun of anyone who doesn't do as good."

Caleb Noeldner: "He will be about 40 years old. He's going to be owning his own art museum." Prof Lau: "He'll be a spokesperson for Weight Watchers after his running days are over."



There are billions of people. If each person has only 5 questions, that's 30 Billion questions. And I'm sure people like Einstein and Freud had a lot more than just 5 questions. Why don't they ask them? Some are perhaps shy. Others think that the question is unsolvable. And yet some may think their question too ludicrous to be said. While these might be true, questions need to be answered, and mysteries solved. So, ask away. And I'll always dive deeper, and go further than a single question to make it interesting.

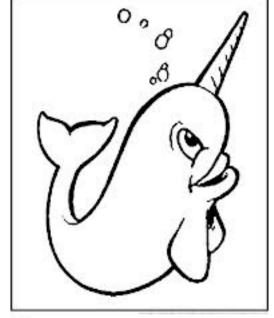
Q: "What is the sleeping cycle of narwhals like?"- D. Lau

A: "Narwhals are mammals, and require oxygen. Their horn, which is actually a gigantic spiraled tooth, is similar to our teeth. You know how when you eat ice cream, your teeth may suddenly hurt? Well, it's because a shock of cold went through the enamel on the outside of your teeth and hit the pulp in the inside; the sensitive part. But narwhals, which live in freezing Arctic waters mind you, have the sensitive part on the outside. Why? Some scientists believe that the tusk acts as a sensor in the water. The narwhal can use the tusk to find ice alcoves, sometimes equipped with air bubbles, to sleep in. Like most marine mammals, only half of their brain is asleep when they take a nap, mainly because they have to wake up every couple hours to take in some air."

"However, narwhals are definitely not the only animals with weird sleeping habits. Otters anchor their tails to seaweed when they sleep so that they don't wake up in an entirely different ocean. Koalas, bats, and possums get on average 20 hours of sleep every day, while giraffes only get 4-6 hours a day, and the tiny migratory thrush lands on branches, gets about 8 seconds

of sleep, then flies off again. Walruses have air sacs under their throats which keep them afloat when they sleep. The coastal albatross can actually fly and sleep at the same time. If sharks stop moving in the water they die, so they just power down and lazily drift along through currents. Dolphins sleep with one eye open to watch for predators. When frogs hibernate during winter, they can freeze solid, and then thaw and come back to life in spring. And penguins yawn up to 12 times in a minute." - N.A.B.

If you have a question, ask Nathan, and he will discuss it in the next article. Thanks!



INSIDE IDIOMS

By Prof Lau

Turn over a new leaf

To make a fresh start, to change your behavior or attitude.

"After the student failed his English test, he decided it was time to turn over a new leaf."

In the 16th century people referred to pages in a book as leaves. When they turned over a new leaf it meant they were turning to a blank page in a workbook to start a new lesson.

Point of no return

The critical moment after which it is impossible to go back.

"The heated argument with his sister left the boy at the point of no return in their relationship."

During WWII, pilots knew that they only had enough fuel to fly so many miles. When they reached the point of no return and had a shorter distance to go than if they turned back, they had to continue. Turning back at that point would mean running out of fuel.

In the limelight

To be the center of attention.

"Derek, the class clown, didn't mind being in the limelight."

Beginning in the 1840's, the lighting in theaters was a beam created by heating lime, a form of calcium oxide. A strong lens then directed this brilliant white light onto a solo performer on stage.



Julia Strike



Julia Mae was born November 17th, 1998, in Glendale, Arizona. Her big brother Carl adored his little sister - and still does:) She became big sister to Zachary, Luke, and Lydia after we moved to Okabena, Minnesota when she was almost 2. Believe it or not she wins the family prize for being the messiest eater when she was little. She has always loved music and animals - especially horses. Aside from playing flute and piano, she has her black belt in Taekwondo and won first place in her division at the 2013 Minnesota Archery Association's competition. Purple is her favorite color, and chocolate and Nutella are favorite snacks of hers. While her hair is pretty long, it was a lot longer before she donated 14 inches to Locks of Love last spring. Spending time with family, cooking, baking, babysitting, learning crocheting and sewing, reading, camping and helping with the garden are favorite activities. One word of advice is to watch out for the upside down "U".... you can ask her what that means....:) If only she had room in the dorm for her Peef!

Freshman! Renee Knutson

Renee was born in Saginaw, Michigan in August 11, 1999 at 11:24 pm. She shares a birthday with her uncle Shawn Knutson from Ishpeming, MI. Her maternal grandmother Lynnabelle Sukowaty was here to help out the rest of the family during her first days. She is the youngest girl in a family with two older sisters, two older brothers, and one younger brother. She was baptized into God's Kingdom in Saginaw with Dan and Kathy Barthels as sponsors.

When she was an early grade schooler, she had two furry stuffed animals named Snowflake and Biscuit. She played soccer and t-ball in Saginaw for recreation. She has been a big help taking care of her younger brother when Dad and Mom are working. She loves to cook, and has made many meals for the family over the years. She also likes reading and going to Immanuel High School. She just started playing volleyball, and hopes to continue playing throughout her high school years, as well as being part of the new club, dance. While in Saginaw, she attended Gethsemane Lutheran School until the 3rd grade, then was home schooled while moving 4 times first to Manitowoc, Wi, then to Rothschild, Wi, then to Wausau, Wi, and shortly before starting high school, moved to Eau Claire and is now an official townie.



—ormal 2014 By Faith Lillo



Winter Formal of 2014 came and went in a blur of compliments, flying salt, apple puns, eyebrow sparkles, good food, and "can I get a picture please it'll only take a second just stand there smiling for five minutes thanks sweetie." Everyone was dolled up for the occasion and constantly making wardrobe adjustments when they thought no one was looking. Facebook has excessive photographic evidence of everyone's elegance (you may not have posed for many, but I can assure you that you were caught in the background of at least five, you will be tagged, and you will be mortified). After the pictures, we hunted for our table. The dining area was decorated according to the Hunger Games theme of the event: each of the twelve tables represented a different district. The decorations were impressive—and I'm not just talking about the tables. Even the faculty helping out with Formal were decorated, wearing outrageous get-ups that captured the essence of the Capital (the wealthy part of Panam from The Hunger Games). Once everyone had taken in the transformations and found their seats, the feasting began. I must now take a moment to try to describe to you the indescribable taste of the bread and cinnamon butter served to each table. It was a recipe crafted by angels, a slice of heaven, a piece of magic unequaled to anything ever served on this campus. I'm not sure how many I ate; the intense flavor experience made it impossible to keep track. One table didn't eat all of their bread, and if their souls are troubled with the weight of wasting such beauty, please don't worry. Prof. Lau gave my table your extras, which were promptly finished off by us fatties in District 11. Oh, and the other food was great too. As we ate our desserts, the Legend of the Emerald Knight and Crystal Princess was read. Rose Schierenbeck and Noah Gamble were dubbed this year's Lady in Waiting and Court Jester. Crystal Princess and Emerald Knight went to Joseph Albrecht and Abi Bernthal, who were crowned royalty henceforth and forevermore (until they had to give the capes and crowns back to be reused next year). Once the crownings had been completed, the festivities died down. Some of the Formal attendees went to watch The Hunger Games in the gym, where comfortable seating had been kindly set up for us. Some skipped the movie and retired home to fall asleep with dreams of Prof. Reim sprinting through their heads.

So everyone who went to Formal had a great night, but what about those of us who didn't go, the ones who deem themselves too cool for school-hosted events? They were held back by three dreaded words: on-campus free night. That usually means a night of fun on-campus possibilities, but with the commons being used for Formal shenanigans, it pretty much means being stuck in the dorms. Not my idea of a fun time. Now, I fully understand that the on-campus free night was designated with the pure motive of encouraging more students to go to Formal, but it's not for everyone. Not all of us enjoy dressing up or certain other aspects of the event, and I think those people should have gotten the chance to have a smashing night like the rest of us.

Regardless of that small injustice, I had an amazing time at Formal. Huge thanks to everyone who gave up their time to make it possible, especially to Prof. Rodebaugh for giving me the bread recipe. I will most certainly be using it henceforth and forevermore (until I try making it once, screw it up, and get depressed).

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OF

ORIGINS

By Kevin Schrader

On February 4, 2014, two political figureheads clashed in a debate that has been raging for ages. This debate was held at the Creation Museum in Kentucky, and was fought between the widely adored Bill Nye "the Science Guy" and the CEO of Answers in Genesis, Ken Ham.

The question that was posed to these two individuals was "Is creation a viable model of origins in todays modern scientific era." The origins of the origins debate actually date back to late 2012, when Bill Nye posted a video on Youtube claiming that "evolution is not appropriate for children," and asserting that creationism is an impossible foundation for real science. Ken Ham responded a week later with his own Youtube video, showing that evolution destroys moral foundations and causes much more harm than creationism. Shortly thereafter, Ken Ham sent Bill Nye an invitation, and Bill Nye accepted. Question: Evolution Day was set.

At 6:00PM Central Time on the fourth of February, the debate began. Ken Ham had elected to begin his argument first and spent 40 minutes defending his belief that there is a difference between historical and observational science and showing that creationists can be just as successful scientists as evolutionists. His opening debate was a clear response to the assertions that Bill Nye made in his Youtube video.

After Ken Ham presented his case, Bill Nye spent 40 minutes pointing out a few specific evidences against creationism, pointing to the enormity of the ark, the migration of kangaroos, and the layers of the Grand Canyon. Each debater was then given 10 minutes to present rebuttals, and then the most interesting part of the debate began. The moderator collected questions for the debaters from the audience. He then allowed each debater a few minutes to answer. The debate was truly summed up here. A question was posed to Bill Nye: "Where does the matter that made up the Big Bang come from?" Bill Nye honestly answered, "I don't know." When Ken Ham had a minute to respond, he remarked, "Bill, I just want you to know, there is a book. . ."

This back-and-forth really displayed both sides perspective. Bill Nye rested all of his beliefs on what he has observed and what men have determined. Ken Ham constantly returned to his foundation: the Bible. While there was no clear debate "winner," Ken Ham set his argument and faith on the one foundation that can never fail.

On a side note: For those who are interested in creation explanations of Bill Nye's evidence, check out answersingenesis.org. It has a link on the homepage that will take you to a selection of articles that satisfy any questions.

