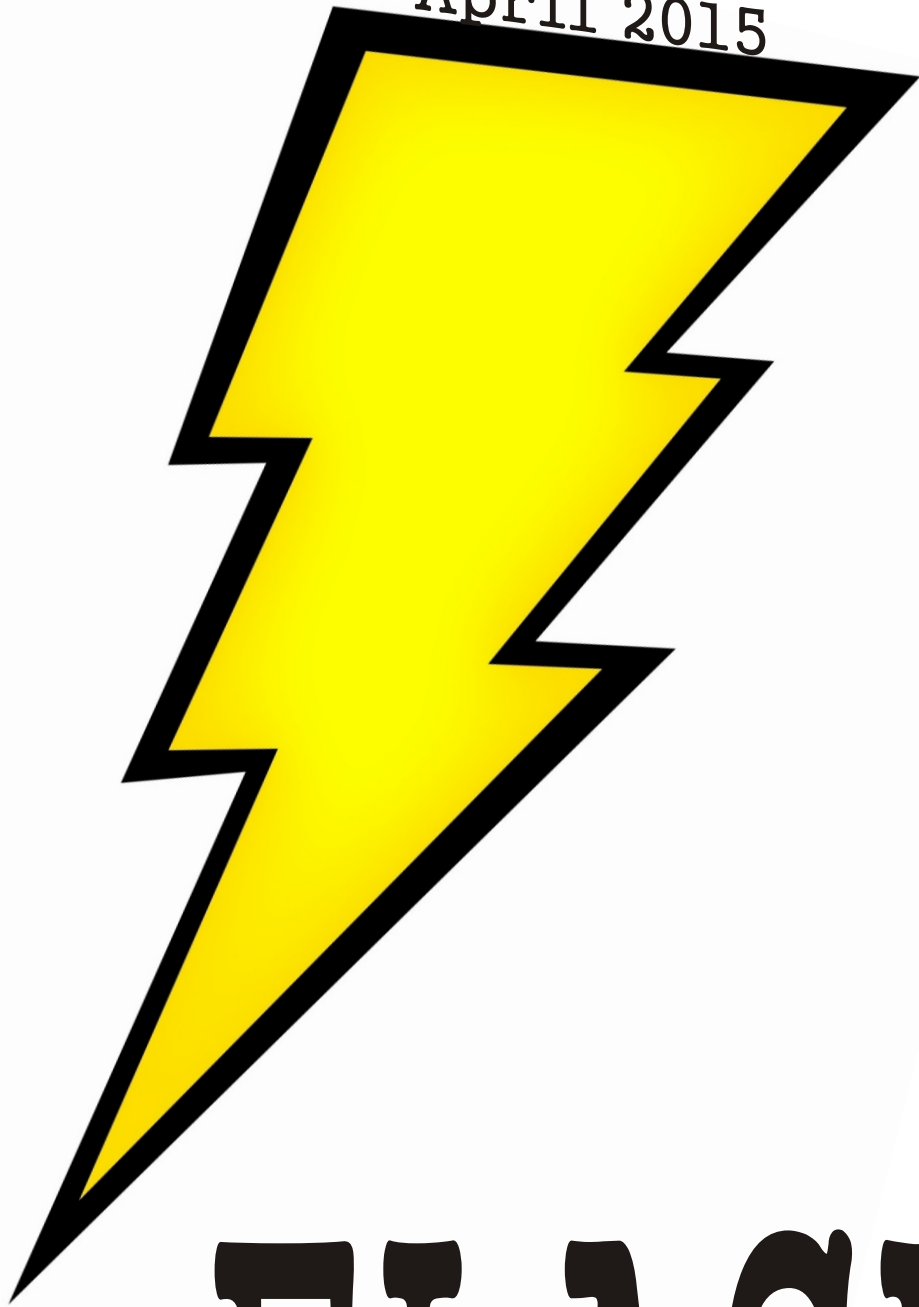


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From your Editors....

As I sit at the computer typing this the sun is shining outside. The birds are singing. The air is fresh and all I want is to spend some quality time outside with the class of 2015. It's crazy to me that although we had four years of high school together, we choose now, just a few short weeks from the walk across the stage, to knit together. We've all heard the senior banquet speakers say not to waste our years at Immanuel, to make the most of the time you have been given here. And now I am going to give you that same tired but true advice. The people around you are your friends. They are people who will stick with you for the rest of your lives. Make the most of your high school experience. Don't wish away the days hoping for a better one soon to come. Enjoy each day like it's your countdown to graduation. Because as the days to the diploma dwindle, I find myself wishing I had more time with my Immanuel family. Praise be to God for giving me something so amazing that it makes goodbyes so hard.

Becca Naumann & Nate Buck ROBOTICS Lainy Durst

Did you see that? Wow! Look over there! This was my reaction to the Robotics Competition in Minneapolis, MN. There is so much going on all at once, and there is always something new to see. The day starts with teams preparing their robots in their team pit. During this time you will definitely see teams mingling, asking questions about each other's robots, and exchanging their various handouts. In order to compete you must get your robot weighed and inspected. Then, on to competition! There were competitors from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and even China. It was interesting seeing so many people with so many different backgrounds come together at one event, and I definitely plan on going back next year.



AN OPEN LETTER TO...



My Dearest Spring,

Why must you play with my feelings? I am always happy to see you arrive, but you let the wretched Winter back in from time to time. As our time together grows longer, the visits from Winter stop happening (ignoring the May 2013 mishap). You live by no rules, bringing weather of all temperatures, showering too much, and your pet holiday, Easter, has traditions that make no sense at all. I do believe I am not the only one who has ever wondered why you would have us go on hunts for eggs that were hidden by a mystical Rabbit. Rabbits do not lay eggs. Rabbits do not eat eggs. Rabbits do not have the capability to hold eggs, much less hide them.

Despite all of your faults, Spring, I love you. You lead us from the barren months of Winter into the wonderful time of Summer, however lost you get us on the way there. You bring me the wonderful spring sports of baseball (and softball). Your presence warms my very heart, as well as my skin (quite literally). You bring me trips to the creek and trips around the bases, and eventually the end of school. You bring me Bill Murray singing the national anthem as hope springs eternal for the Cubs and every other team. The renowned philosopher T-Swizzle once said, "I love the players and you love the game." Although you love to play games with me (dare I say love games), I will always love you, the player.

With love (and frustration),

Jonathan Gamble



A Poem to a Poet

By Rachel Gerbitz

This is a poem about a girl named Joci
Some may say she is quite bossy
Others think she is really saucy
Like a doll, her smile is glossy
She must always floss-y
You can always find her with her posse
Or writing poems.

Hidato Puzzles

Let's start out easy...

17	16		1	13	
20	18			2	11
19			23	10	
32	33	26	25	4	9
31	27		36		5
			35	7	6

How to Play:

Each Hidato puzzle starts with a grid partially filled with numbers. Tips and Strategies:

- Each puzzle has only one possible solution.
- Hidato puzzles can be solved using 100% logic. No guesswork is needed.

Tips and Strategies:

- The first and last numbers of a puzzle will be in circle markers.
- It is not necessary to start from the first number. Sometimes it is better to jump around.
- Working backward (counting down in numbers) can also reveal key clues to solving the puzzle. The goal is to fill the grid with consecutive numbers that connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally:

32			29		79			
	31		27	22	23			76
						73	81	
43	41			37				
	44						68	
	62	57		49		17		1
	56	52		8		6		15
55		51			11	12		

Now you're ready...
Good Luck!!!

Psychological Experiments

Rose Scheirenbeck

Psychological experiments. Simple tests on the human mind to study the reactions to out of the ordinary events. I'm just going to start this article by saying that if I learned anything from these experiments, it's that the majority of the sophomore class has the attention span of a goldfish. About 3 minutes before second hour began, I reminded the class of the plan I had told them about earlier. The plan had been to act like we weren't paying attention when the teacher stood in the middle of the classroom and give our complete attention to him when he walked towards the corners. But apparently, most of class had forgotten about the 'giving complete attention' part. Five minutes into class I looked around to see how my classmates were doing. There was nothing. None of the class was participating. Some were sleeping, some were daydreaming, some contently paying attention to the class, and some, including my own "partner" for this article, were filling out sudokus. Thanks, Jaqi.

Saying that none participated may be an exaggeration, but when I asked at the end of class what had happened, the responses I got consisted mainly of "What? Oh yeah, I forgot" and "Well, no one else was doing it so I didn't." Class of 2017, you are imbecilic. (Except for Julia Strike, who definitely participated... You're Awesome.)

The second experiment we tried actually didn't fail, possibly because we asked help from students outside of the sophomore class. You may have noticed a small group gathered in the middle of the path on the way down to chapel led by Nate Buck and Alex Fleischer. They seemed to be finding something interesting in the sky. Somewhere around 20-30 people stopped behind them and tried to find what they were seeing. Some people got a little angry, too, because they saw nothing and didn't understand what the hold-up was.

WiseFOOL's Take On sports

Gunny Sippert & Sam Buck

2015 Immanuel Baseball

Some might say that Immanuel's Varsity baseball team is in a rebuilding year after losing eight seniors to graduation. However, that is not the case. This year's team is expected to still be towards the top of the Dairyland standings by the end of this regular season. Coach Prof. Joe Lau has six seniors on this year's team, and all will primarily be playing outfield. Caleb Noeldner, Sam Schierenbeck, and Ned Sandhoefner are returning from the 2014 team that made it to the Regional Semifinal last year. Alex Fleischer, Austin Mayhew, and Adam Winkelman are in their first year on the Varsity team. On the flipside, the five juniors (all but one returning for at least their second year) usually play at a spot in the infield. Sam Lisak will return to the mound for the Lancers this year as one of their top starting pitchers. Riley Sotnyk and Tim Schaller both will be behind the plate and pitching throughout the season. Bryan Sydow will be playing both spots in the middle infield this year, depending on who is pitching. Bryan also pitches himself. Jonah Albrecht will replace his brother Joseph as the team's starting first baseman.

Four sophomores will be splitting time between Varsity and JV this season. Jonathan Gamble will be playing centerfield for Varsity and pitching when needed. David Hein is going to be Albrecht's backup

at first base. Hein will also be catching and playing outfield, whether that be on Varsity or JV. Sam Buck and Zach Thurow play second base, shortstop, and third base, depending when they're needed upon. Buck will also be a pitcher on the Lancers' deep staff.

Last, but not least, is the freshman phenom, Levi Schaller. Levi already has a win against Elewa-Strum under his belt this season. not to mention he gave up no hits in the three innings he pitched against the Cardinals. Levi is already one of the Lancers' top pitchers, and still has almost four seasons of high school baseball left to play.

The Lancers are currently 7-1 on the season, 6-1 in conference.



Katherine ANN Lau

By Becca Naumann

Katie Lau. How do I begin to explain Katie Lau? Katie Lau is a fashion icon. I hear her shoe collection is insured for \$10,000.

I hear she models. In Japan. Her favorite movie is *The Little Mermaid*

One time she met Zac Efron, and he told her she was pretty. She has never punched anyone in the face. It is awesome.

Katherine Ann Lau was born on March 23, 1997, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I was given the unique opportunity to sit down with Katie and some of her friends to find out just what makes Katie Lau so Katie.

Becca: So Katie, if you could have dinner with any four people, dead or alive, who would you choose and why?
Katie: Zac Efron, James and Dave Franco, and Justin Bieber, because that are all super attractive.

B: You are pretty quiet generally, but I've noticed that if you believe in something, you are pretty passionate about it. Any examples you would like to share with our readers?

K: I believe that no one can define you or make you be something you aren't. Be you. I'm also pretty into fashion.



Savanna Elizabeth Lace Moropoulos



Where were you born?
Valentine, NE

Any memories that would allow us a glimpse of your childhood?
We had a 2 bedroom, 1 bath trailer and a shed. We fit 6 people and 21 animals in there, but I loved the woods behind the house. The neighbor let me on his land whenever I wanted. He had the best climbing trees.

So tell us about your pets.
At one time I had 21 pets, including cats, dogs, ferrets, geckos, rats, turtles, rabbits, a python, and a tarantula. At present I don't have any pets, but I help take care of my mom's two dogs.

Any endearing high school memories?
Anything with cheerleading. So many good memories, including Mrs. J. Wal-Mart with Bethanie is always fun. Biology with Dave. Airsofting with the boys.

Any words of wisdom you would like to bestow on the young minds here at ILC?
Make time to have fun and make friends; the friends you make here stick with you.

How do you feel about tripods?
No.. Just no. No one even knows my side of the story.

Your classmates call you Sheen. What's the story behind that?
It was Spanish I freshman year. Joe McDonald sat in front of me and always talked about Charlie Sheen... One day I asked him who Charlie Sheen was and he blew up at me for not knowing.

Biggest pet peeve: buns that aren't connected to the head. If you need more info I'm very passionate about it. Just ask.

FAVORITES

ANIMAL: TREE FROGS

COLOR: GREEN

VEGETABLE: AVOCADO, OR IS THAT A
FRUIT

SPORT: CHEERLEADING

STATE: CALIFORNIA

Coach's Corner

Prof. Lau

Have you ever wondered why baseball is the only sport, to my knowledge, that has the coach dress up like the team? I was curious, so I turned to my friends at straightdope.com for the answer.

When baseball began in the mid-1800's the team "captain" was a member of the team. He directed the play on the field as a player himself. A "manager" was necessary, but only for making travel arrangements, uniform preparation, and the like. After the turn of the century, many players who had formerly been team captains wished to continue their involvement in the game even though they could no longer play themselves. Their expertise was valuable in teaching the younger players the nuances of the game. Several ball clubs hired these former players as "managers" for their teams. Most did not want to give up the uniforms they had grown accustomed to wearing. One notable exception was Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. He preferred to wear a suit. For that reason, in his later years he never left the dugout during games.

It's probably just as well that baseball is the only example of coaches wearing team uniforms. Picture for yourself Coach Williams and Coach Sydow donning their teams' basketball uniforms on the sideline. Or worse yet, this volleyball coach. Don't even bother trying to erase those mental images.

Random Facts

By Emily Hein

- Flamingos can only eat when their heads are upside-down.
- Moles can dig over 300 feet in one night.
- Baby rabbits are actually called kittens.
- Fingernails grow faster in colder weather.
- It is illegal to ride an ugly horse in Wilbur, Washington.
- The man who invented nachos was named Nacho Anaya.
- About 12% of people dream in black and white.
- Wikipedia banned the Church of Scientology from editing any articles on the site.
- According to the CIA, the average life expectancy for a person in the US is 78.11 years.
- Bangkok is one of Asia's top tourist destinations.
- The moon's diameter is roughly four times smaller than that of the Earth.
- Nicotine patches have been reported to increase the vividness of dreams and nightmares.
- In Eureka, Nevada, it is illegal for a man who has a mustache to kiss a woman.



Samuel John Wittorp

Nathan Buck



Fast Faves

Old Magazine: Ellery Queen
Fashion Accessory: Dress Shirt - Khakis - Sambas
Cold Beverage: Pineapple Juice
Chess Move: The Castle

Sci Fi Work: The Maze Runner
Actor/Actress: Johnny Depp
Jelly Bean Flavor: Cream Soda
Athletic Excursion: Biking

Nathan B: "Where and when?"

Sam W: "June 1, 1996; LaCrosse, Wisconsin."

Nathan: "And what was that like?"

Sam: "Good. It was good. Beth and Jeremy just got married the day before, and I wasn't actually supposed to come out till August, and yeah. But I almost died. My uncle was there too. And that was basically my birth."

N: "I'm sorry. That must have been rough. Tell us about the rest of your childhood."

S: "When I was in the miracle millennium, I remember the quote, 'Part of your donut! And now get your shoes on and run outside to get your scooters.' I think I still have my scooter."

N: (After laughing for quite some time) "That makes no sense to me, Sam."

S: "Good. it shouldn't. It only makes sense to me. Ooh! I did my first flip when I was seven on the trampoline. I also remember my first technic lego set I got. When I was six I was jumping on the trampoline with Luke and Frank, and a large bee came down out of nowhere and stung my little finger, and then I found out I was allergic to bees."

N: "Wow. Trampolines really played a big part in your growing up, haven't they?"

S: "Yeah, yeah. They're alright."

N: "So, hidden talents or hobbies we don't know about?"

S: "I guess, um, there aren't really many secrets about me. I plan to complete a cross-country bike ride. I really like playing chess. I can see it's getting more popular here at Immanuel. Uh, my liking for Hanayama puzzles, because they make my brain think... they train my brain. I also have a craving for writing, mostly science fiction. I have a novel I want to publish."

N: "Cool. I'll be waiting for it to hit the shelves. So what have been your best memories here at ILC?"

S: "Overall thumbs up. Only bad year was sophomore year; all the other years were good."

N: "Yeah, mutual feelings all around there. So Sam, any shoutout to the crowd? What would you like to tell the students here? Parting words; words of advice?"

S: "A lot of kids may not like high school, but I think you should cherish the moments you have because they only happen once. For me, personally, I learned a lot. Be happy with what you have. I guess my life is going great; couldn't be going any better."

N: "That is the best response I've ever heard to a Senior Spotlight, Sam. That's good. And lastly, any last conspiracy theories or hunches you'd like to share with us? Nazis perhaps?"

S: "Yeah, if the Nazis came back from Antarctica, assuming they still have the Aryan race as the master race, I'd be okay, but I'd definitely do something. I can't say. I feel like we'll have another world war in the next 20-30 years. At first my theory was that the Soviet Union would rise again, but it's changed a little. I think our generation will live through World War Three."

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Sam and I have been friends for awhile. I remember first meeting him in 5th Grade. He was too cool for me back then, so we never really interacted a lot. But now we've come to understand one another and appreciate the good (mostly hilarious) times we've had together. All together, I'd describe Sam as someone who doesn't let others confine him to any norms or social vogues, and who enjoys laughing, good jokes, and classic movies and TV shows from times that many students cannot relate to. He's got his mind made up about his conspiracy theories, and I salute that, even though I may disagree with some.

Christian Break-ups

Break-ups of couples can often be a difficult thing to handle, for young and not-so-young alike. Even when the feelings are mutual that it is in the interests of both for the dating relationship to end, it can still be challenging. Perhaps the biggest reason for the post break-up blues is the hole that now seems to be present in your life. Something is missing and it feels like it will never be replaced.

For a Christian, however, I would like to remind you of three things you can be certain of if you are experiencing present heartache over a breakup. First, the hurt and emptiness that you feel currently will subside over time. Although you may feel like you will always feel like you do now, you won't. God knows your current hardship and eases your pain with time.

Second, God has a plan for every one of His children, including you. Better yet, you can be assured that His plan is better than your plan. "I'm never going to get over him/her," "I'm never going to feel this way about someone again." How many Christian young people do you think have uttered those words? The thing is, God knows us better than we ourselves do, and He knows what is best for us. If it is His will that we be with someone, don't you think He can arrange for that to happen? What a blessing to know that! How difficult it would be to not have a God who has your best spiritual interest in mind! If relationships were just random and haphazard it would be very difficult to be sure about anything.

Lastly, as a Christian you can be confident that you are never alone. Jesus promised us that He would never leave us or forsake us — that includes during the times of loneliness and heartache in our lives. Turn to Him; rely on Him. "He shall direct your paths."

This article is written in praise to our Savior for uniting Christina Hein and Timothy Schaser in marriage on April 17, 2015, and in joyful celebration of the engagement of Jess Schaller and Sam Rodebaugh on that same day.

Sehnsucht

/ˈzān,zoŃKHt/ longing, yearning (nach for)

We look at the greatness of Mount Everest,
the unearthliness of the Dead Sea,
and we wonder with aching emptiness
how these are not satisfactory.

We scour ancient texts for understanding,
and create myths such as destiny.
Every surface we're marking, claiming, and
branding,
hoping to last through eternity.

We lust for love and burn for hate;
cry to the four winds for meaning.
I'm told we're creative, but do not create,
and that little to none is worth believing.

To some extent, we all feel
there must be something more than this.
We've explored the earth with desperate zeal,
and since we can't foresee, we reminisce.

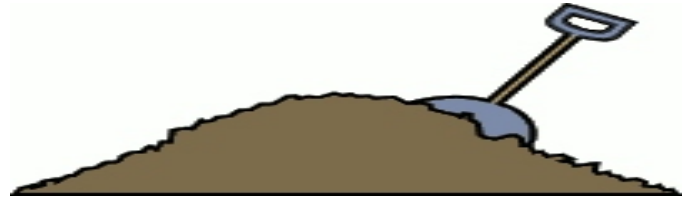


There is surely something missing,
a thirst that Earth cannot slake.
Perhaps we exist for another world,
and our sleeping souls rest to awake.

*"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in
this world can satisfy, the most
probable explanation is that we
were made for another world."*

— C.S. Lewis

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PUPPETS
MUPPETS
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