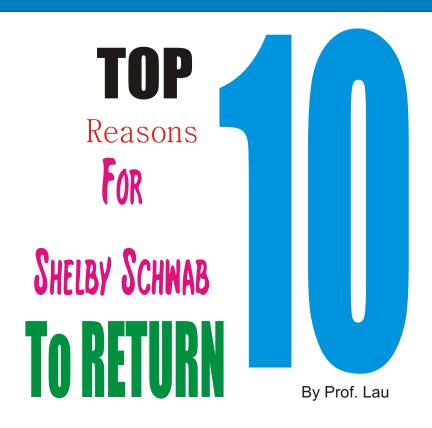


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- 10. We've never had a Shelby at our school, and one year isn't enough.
 - 9. With Darin gone, we need a Varsity Boys' Basketball bookkeeper.
- 8. She would decimate the student population from North Dakota, the home of the bison (bis' ən)
- 7. There would be no one to eat the food in my office (Oh yeah, I guess there are a few others.)
 - 6. She still likes country music; I need another year to work on that.
- 5. Our only high school art class is available to her next year, and she is awesome at art.
 - 4. The biscuits in our dining hall are better than those at her old school.
 - 3. The pattern on her glasses is similar to my reading glasses.
- 2. After attending Banquet this year, Shelby found it to be preferable to Prom back home.
 - 1. Because I'll miss her dearly.

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Well guys, we did it! Another school year is in the rearview window and we're all moving onto the next big adventure. There are a few memories from this year that will stay with us for a long time. Recently, there was the great Harry Potter debacle of 5th period. I think Prof. Kranz is still chuckling quietly to himself about that one. The Fall Party was crazy! We saw Lauren and Grant the cave people, Caleb Oster the fairy princess, and Jack and the beanstalk. There was Trysten busting out his ghetto speaker on the way back from Chapel. And then getting it banned (didn't see that one coming). Emily Marzofka's banquet speech that had the whole room crying followed by Darin Lau's speech that had us all holding our sides. And then crying. Watching Rebecca Kazemba pound the snot out of the volleyball when she could finally play front row again. Seeing Jonah Albrecht

Prance around the stage in a dress during the fall play was probably one of the funniest things we have ever seen. The girls' basketball team held Clayton to two points in the first half of our regional game. And speaking of basketball, the guys won regionals for the first time in school history and the fans stormed the court. Our ears are still ringing from everybody screaming! It's been a great year. We have the class of 2014 to thank for that. You guys have been such a blessing to Immanuel. We're going to miss your drive and determination. We may even miss your cocky attitudes a little. Well, maybe.;) We pray that wherever you end up, that you keep the name of your beloved Alma Matter with you. Immanuel. God with us. Remember to keep God in the forefront of your life. He is the most important thing in your life. We are going to miss you crazy bunch of kids. Campus just won't be the same without you! Blessings on whatever God has in store for you! To the rest of you, we hope you have a great summer and we see you back in August to begin another year. Blessings on your summer!

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Becca Naumann & Nate Buck

Random Facts By Emily Hein

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from libraries.

"Dreamt" is the only word in the English language that ends in the letters "amt."

More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.

The word corduroy comes from the French phrase "cord du roi" or "cloth of the king." It is illegal to frown at a cow in Bladworth, Saskatchewan.

The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

A species of earthworm in Australia grows up to 10 feet in length.

The country code for Russia is "007."

Jamaica has the most churches per square mile than any other country in the world. \$283,200 is the absolute highest amount of money that you can win on Jeopardy. Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Attend the review session.

Review sessions offer vital information on exam format, what will be on the exam and key concepts you should be focusing your studies on.

Start early.

If you always start ahead of schedule, you'll never be cramming the night before an exam. You'll almost always perform better in doing so!

Take breaks.

You won't be able to memorize or comprehend all the material at once. Balance is key – ensure that you reward learning with break times to recharge and relax.

Stay well-rested.

There's a lot to be said about a good night's sleep. Make sure you're well-rested so that you can be fully focused during your exams.

Prioritize your exams.

Make sure to evaluate all of your exams to consider and determine all of the involved factors so you can study accordingly.

Quiz yourself.

Draft potential exam questions and quiz yourself so that you can set expectations of what you need to focus on.

Pace yourself.

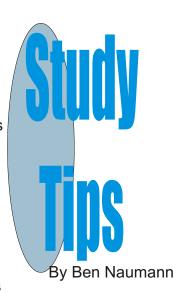
Make sure you stay focused and don't burn yourself out. A great way to do so is to pace yourself rather than opting for the dreaded all-nighter.

Revolve your focus.

Switching up your subjects is a helpful way to learn everything for your exams while preventing burnout on one topic.

Make it fun.

It's easier to focus if you adapt to studying by quizzing yourself, creating acronyms or rewarding yourself for a job well done.





Freshmen Got By: Mae M Daurey GAME

On Sunday, April 14 was the first of several - hopefully - kickball parties for the freshman with the coolest prof - in my opinion. It started out as a cookout at Prof Lau's house but digressed to a soaking game of kickball. Okay, soaking is an exaggeration, but it was raining. The party started at 5:30 when everyone showed up. That is, everyone except the orphan who rode a bike. He was late (as usual). Anyway, once everyone was there and Smeethes was done golfing, the food was ready. There were hot dogs, baked beans, pickles, chips, and soda. Also, some not to be named (cough Alex, Claire, cough, and Jaqi, cough) made brownies and chocolate chip cookies. After eating, Prof Lau drove a few privileged students and me down in his car. After the other students were divided up, we played several innings. I don't remember what the teams were, just that ours won! There was also some discreet softball throwing going on... Overall, everyone had a great time.

Joci's Lines

This is the time for the reluctant goodbye, where mothers force pictures, and might even cry. And we wistful underclassman watch the affair, high school graduates walking on air. Desire for change, and fear of the same, as they wait for the impending call of their name. They receive a diploma and the traditional handshake, and after there's family and store-bought cake. And as the bittersweet moment turns to cheerful memory, we slowly arise from the pleasant reverie.

Word Association By: Jadyn Mielke

First Word

Cookie

Jack Mielke

Crumpet - Nichole B Tea - Carl S Boston - Danielle Pie - Savanna Cake - Taylor Birthday - Sam W Suit - Abi B Tie - Grant H Justin Timberlake - Leah M 20/20 - Mattias Barbara Walters - Trysten Prof Kranz - Nate B Gerald Ford - Rachel G Jelly - Jocelyn Peanut butter - Ned Sandwiches - Maggie Hoagie - Joseph A Hair - Ryan 70's - Elijah Old - Lainy Grandmas - Gabby Generous - Austin M

Puppies - Johanna M

Charisma - Andrews M

Dogs - Emily Z









End Word Skill

~Caleb O





MATTIAS Leland COLLAND COLLAND

Michaela Naumann

Mattias Schaller: oldest of 5 rowdy boys, senior, athlete, brother, friend, cousin, son, student. Born June 19, 1996 in Cheyenne, WY, and moved with his parents to Eau Claire, WI when he was about two years old. If he could kick out a state, he'd wanna kick out Minnesota or California. He spends most of his time playing sports or hanging out with his friends. He spends quite a bit of time playing Xbox360 and working on his computer software skills. He is planning to attend the Chippewa Valley Technical College to go into their Computer Software program.

His advice to future students: Always make time to spend it with the people you care about.

FAVORITES

Prof: Prof. Roehl Color: Blue Food: Croissant Sandwiches Movie: Blades of Glory Sport: Baseball

High School Memory: Ice creek running with the guys

Passage: Joshua 1:9

Where will Mattias be in 10 years?

"Still living with his parents, gaming on like the Xbox720." - Bryan Sydow

"He will be my servant when I am rich." -Jack Meilke



LYDIA ROSE BARTHELS



February 19, 1996, was a wonderful day in the history of this sorry country. A



marvelous, witty, sarcastically hilarious girl was born into this world to Dan and Kathy Barthels. Lydia Rose Barthels is the seventh girl out of seven. Poor Dan...She was born in the safe haven of Saginaw, MI, where she still resides. Her idea of a perfect day is staying in, sleeping, and watching movies, avoiding the drama of the world. Lydia's favorite pastime is Techno Waffle Frisbee. Look it up...Not many people know the sarcastic, witty side of Lydia because she pretty much keeps to herself. But seriously, when you get to know her she is hilarious. She is planning on going to the community college in Saginaw next year and God-willing transfer to Michigan State University.

I asked her a few random questions just to get a glimpse at the miraculous mind of Lydia. P.S. Katie added her two cents every once in a while....;)

Who was your childhood crush?

"Ricky Martin. That is until he turned gay. Crushed my hopes and dreams of ever marrying him..."

If you had to be blind or deaf which would you chose and why?

"Deaf. If I was blind I wouldn't be able to watch any movies...And they always have subtitles for the hearing impaired..." If you were a billionaire what three things would you buy:
"My own private Island. So I wouldn't be bothered by ridiculous people....

FAVORITES

French toast, waffles, or pancakes?

"Pancakes, definitely pancakes."

Your reaction to stepping in a puddle with your socks on?

"Complete an utter disappointment, and pure disgust."

Least favorite fad?

HASHTAGS

#soannoying

Movie quotes of the day?

"Stay gold pony boy"-The Outsiders

"I'm a poet and you didn't even know it. Whaaaaaaat"

-Scarlet Pimpernel

Lydia's advice for you:

Don't let your peers pressure you. Do what you want to do!! Within the law of God, of course...

Holiday: Good Friday Prof: Ross Roehl Superhero: Ironman Fruit Those of my labors Bible Passages:

Psalm 23, Isaiah 1:18, Isaiah 53:7, and John 15:1-2



Elijah INIST Morris

Nathan Buck

Nathan: "Where and when?"

Elijah: "March 2, 1996, Eau Claire." N: "Describe your life in three words."

E: "Unpredictable; Random."

N: "What's your best childhood memory?"

E: "Oooh... they all kinda blend together; all jumbled now. Too many concussions probably. Oh, wait; I was 4 or 5, and I was living in Eau Claire, and I had these friends, Kenny and Malique, and I made a map. And I was like, 'Let's go on a treasure hunt!'. And when we got to the 'x', there was a hundred dollar bill on the ground. But when we showed Kenny and Malique's parents, they were really angry and I never saw the hundred or Kenny or Malique again."

N: "Who's your role model? Why?"

E: "Lebron James or Kanye West. Lebron because he's got such a great work ethic. I love how hard he tries. No matter where you come from, you can push yourself to become amazing like Lebron. Kanye because he's arrogant."

N: "What's the craziest thing you've ever done?"

E: "Cliff jumping with Brandon."

N: "Best high school memory?"

E: "Exhibition driving, or anything to do with Jake Noeldner or Brandon."

N: "If you were a superhero, what would your catchphrase be?"

E: "I'll be there in 20 minutes."

N: "Words of Wisdom?"

E: "I know everyone says you're supposed to make friends with everyone, but you can't really be friends with everyone. I mean, be nice to everyone, but friends and being nice are two different things. Just pick your friends and go have a good time while it lasts."



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Uncommon Color: Teal Aquatic Mammal: Dolphin Board Game: Sorry

Artist's Album: Graduation- K. West

US State: California

Ice Cream Flavor: Blue Moon Word starting with "U": Unicorn Historical Figure: Malcolm X/Tupac Pre-1970's Show: Dick Van Dyke

D1 College: Marquette

AFresh (men's) View on Sports By Sam Buck And Gunny Sippert

NBA Playoffs

After UConn finished off Kentucky in the NCAA Final, all the basketball we have left until November is the NBA Playoffs. It's the only part of the season most people(not diehards) watch, and it is by far the most exciting time of the annual NBA schedule. We are looking forward to seeing players giving their all, and watching meaningful pro basketball.

Miami Looking For a 3-Peat

The Miami Heat are trying to win a 3rd straight title and make it to the Finals for the 4th year in a row. They cruised past Michael Jordan's Charlotte Bobcats in the first round, sweeping them four games to none. LeBron James will need to play his best these playoffs in order to lead this Miami team to the championship, and he most likely will be on his A-Game. Especially with the #1 seed Indiana Pacers struggling in the first round, Miami's path to the Finals looks quite clear.

Kevin Durant Playing MVP Ball

Kevin Durant always seems to be runner-up. LeBron has beaten him out for MVP two years in a row. The Heat beat his Thunder in the Finals in 2012. But, this season, he played like an MVP this year. He was scoring like a machine, and will help a solid Thunder team try to make a Playoffs run, and possibly win their first title. Durant is looking to become an NBA Champion, and he may do just that.

Gunny's Prediction: Heat over Clippers in 6 Sam's Prediction: Thunder over Heat in 7

NHL Playoffs

It's said to be the best playoff format in pro sports. Overtime. Hard-hitting. Pinpoint passing. Playoff hockey. 16 teams from all over the USA and Canada participate in a single-elimination tournament. All 7-game series, and if you can't find a winner in 60 minutes of regulation, there is endless overtimes until somebody scores. There is one goal, and that's the Stanley Cup.

Minnesota Wild Win First-Round Thrilling Series

It went seven games, and there were four overtimes. At many times throughout the almost two-week long series, the Minnesota Wild "shot themselves in the foot." They had wins locked up in Games 1 and 5, but gave up goals to the Colorado Avalanche with under a minute left, and lost both games in overtime. The Wild outplayed the Avalanche in five of the first six games, yet had only won three of them. Game 7 didn't lack anything. The Avs took the lead four times, and the Wild tied it four times in regulation. In overtime, Nino Niederreiter scored five minutes in to give the Wild the hard-fought series victory. The Wild will travel to the Windy City to take on the Blackhawks in Round 2. Gunny's Prediction: Wild over Bruins in 7 Sam's Prediction: Penguins over Kings in 6



You'll be lovin it!

Fill out this quiz and return it to the Flash. The top three scores will win an all-expenses paid trip to McDonald's with the McGuru. The McCrew quiz is worth twice the points, although if you work(ed) at McDonald's, you must get ¾ of them right in order to be considered.

#1) How many pickles come on a regular

McDonald's cheeseburger?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

#5) Which of these items has been on the menu the longest?

- a) Filet O' Fish
 - b) Big Mac
- c) Chicken McNuggets
 - d) McDouble

#2) Which one of these items only costs \$1?

- a) Bacon Buffalo Ranch McChicken
 - b) Grilled Onion Cheddar
 - c) Bacon McDouble
 - d) Double Cheeseburger

#6) How many McDonald's are there in Eau Claire?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

#3) What is the name of the company that owns most of the McDonald's in Wisconsin?

- a) RMHC
- b) McDonald's Corporation
 - c) Courtesy Corporation
- d) Greater Midwest Restaurants

#7) Pick the cheapest

- a) One apple pie
- b) Ranch dressing pouch
- c) One bag of apple slices AND a cup of caramel dip
 - d) Hamburger

#4) Which of these is not on the dollar menu in most of Wisconsin?

- a) Ice cream cone
- b) Two cherry pies
- c) 4 piece Chicken McNuggets
 - d) Large sweet tea

#8) Which of these items DOESN'T McDonald's serve?

- a) Vegetarian tortilla wraps
 - b) Grilled cheeses
 - c) Third-pound burgers
 - d) Pancakes

McCrew Quiz

- 1) How many gallons of ketchup are in a bulk ketchup dispenser? a) 1 b) 1.5 c) 2 d) 3
- 2) How many pounds of fries are in a fry box? a) 28lbs b) 36lbs c) 40lbs d) 44lbs
- 3) How many items can fit in a "B" bag? a) 1-2 b) 3-5 c) 4-6 d) 5-8
- 4) How long are fries good? a) 3 minutes b) 7 minutes c) 10 minutes d) 1 hour



SENIOR BESTS



Joci Gamble

- 1. Best Hashtagger: Sierra Lillo
- 2. Best dressed guy: Josh Beekman
- 3. Best dressed girl: Rhiannon Roehl
 - 4. Best hair girl: Becca Kazemba
 - 5. Best hair guy: Aaron Froelich
 - 6. Best eyes guy: Joseph Albrecht
 - 7. Best eyes girl: Rachel Schaser
- 8. Best Guy Smile: Brandon Wendland
 - 9. Best girl smile: Riley Noeldner
 - 10. Best musician: Ryan Mueller
 - 11.Best attitude: Danielle Gerbitz
 - 12. Best tan: Elijah Morris
 - 13. Best guy athlete: Jack Mielke
 - 14. Best girl athlete: Abi Bernthal
 - 15. Best sass: Natalie Mueller
 - 16. Best wit: Kevin Schrader
 - 17. Best movie buff: Lydia Barthels
- 18. Best guy thespian: Nathaniel Krause
- 19. Best girl thespian: Michaela Naumann
 - 20. Best wheels: Darin Lau
 - 21. Best thighs: Mattias Schaller
- 22. Best jean jacket: Andrew Mackensen
 - 23. Best effort: Grant Hulke
 - 24. Best laugh: Lauren Kottke
 - 25. Best earrings: Katie Naumann
 - 26. Best multitasker: Emily Marzofka
 - 27. Best fairy: Caleb Oster

We're going to miss you guys!



Over the years, I've given some thought to how the school could utilize the lower campus in a money making venture. Several years ago many of the trees needed to be harvested because of oak wilt disease. Unfortunately, the cost of removal was more than the harvested wood was worth. There was also a plan to have a frisbee golf course established in the woods. Admission could be charged and tee times established on weekends. Steak dinners in the ILC cafeteria could follow the round of frolf.

I've also envisioned a Christmas tree farm on the lower campus. I don't know about the quality of the soil we have or the expense of such a venture, but a seasonal profit from the sale of Christmas trees could fund a number of projects on campus.

Perhaps the most "realistic" idea, however, is to make use of our campus to house a bee farm. I've always been intrigued by those colorful boxes I've seen on the side of the road. Since we have a regular number of detainees, we could purchase some of those funky mesh spacesuit type outfits for them and put them to work. At Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Booker T. Washington's students operated their own farm to supply the school with the resources necessary. Out detainees and bees could do the same for us.

Personally, bees have not been kind to me. I have been stung countless times. On several occasions I have run away in the fashion of a cartoon character as a stream of bees followed. Once while cleaning the eaves I reached my bare hand into a hornets' nest, was instantly stung multiple times, and proceeded to fall off the ladder. I survived, barely. I also cried at the end of My Girl after the bee incident.

But I like honey, and the prospect of money that could bee used. For example, many plans have been made to upgrade the baseball facilities on campus. New dugouts and fencing are already begun. A well needs to be dug for water, new sheds built, and a new scoreboard purchased. With the weather we've been having the last few years, maybe a new stadium with a retractable roof would be the way to go.

I've read recently that the bee population is going down at an alarming rate. Perhaps that's why the price of honey is that of sticky gold. Maybe we should be a part of saving the bee and funding our improvements.

Maybe the buzz on campus next year will bee a sweet new farm.

The ULTIMATE ILHS Quiz

By Nathan Buck

Here it is! I compiled my own trivia questions and added some from other ILC students and professors to create the ultimate quiz challenge! There are 14 genres, with 3-6 questions in each, for 57 total. If you can successfully complete the quiz you may hand it to me for a small reward. If you get the most correct, you will be entitled to a grand prize! Good luck. (You can use the internet, but trying not to use it is more fun. Actually, looking back on it, there's almost no way you can win without using the internet. So go wild.)

Geography:

#1"What's the capital of Australia?"
#2 "How many US states have the letter 'o' in them?"
#3 "What's the largest mountain in the universe?"
#4 "Name the five villages of Kiritimati."

Language:

#5 "Is number two worded correctly?"
#6 "Where did the word "zombie" first originate?"
#7 "If you have a quire, what do you have?"
#8 "What's the foremost spoken language in the world?"

Science:

#9 "Summarize Boyle's Law."
#10 "Which metallic element will melt in your hand?"
#11 "Mach is a measure of what?"
#12 "What's the rarest element on Earth?"

Zoology:

#13 "Where would you find an okapi?"
#14 "To what genus do polar bears belong?"
#15 "Which is not a real animal hybrid: Wholphins, Mooselope, Yakaloes, or Ligers?"

Politics:

#16 "Who is our Secretary of Defense?"
#17 "What does the 23rd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allow?"
#18 "Who is Germany's Chancellor?"

History:

#19 "True or False; America was invaded by soldiers in WWII."

#20 "What were Archimedes's last words?"

#21 "What did Nelson Mandela end in Africa?"

#22 "List where these groups are from: Boers, Olmecs, Magyars, Moors, Picts, and Maori."

Media:

#23 "Which started first: Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint, or AT&T?"
#24 "List all four Beatles singers."
#25 "What famous child actress starred in the 1937 movie, Heidi?"

Food:

#26 "What three flavors are found in spumoni?"
#27 "Why wouldn't you find Yubari Melons at the grocery store?"
#28 "What's a common thickener used in ice cream?"
#29 "What's the most cultivated crop in the world?"



Arts:

#30 "Who composed, 'In the Hall of the Mountain King'?"
#31 "What was Bram Stoker's magnum opus?"
#32 "Which famous artist committed suicide after painting his final work?"
#33 "Aureolin is a shade of what color?"

Trick Questions:

#34 "What was our President's name in 1995?"

#35 "A farmer has 4 fields. There are 5 haystacks in one field, 50 haystacks in another, and 3 haystacks in the last. He wants to combine the haystacks in those fields with all the haystacks in a field that has 20, and place it in the first field. How many haystacks does he have at the end?

#36 "You're in third place and you pass the runner in second place. What place are you in?"

#37 "How many toes does a two-toed sloth have?"

Riddles:

#38 "What is something that the strongest man can't hold for an hour, but fabric can?"
#39 "I live to eat, and I eat to live. I breathe to live, but if I drink, I die. What am I?"
#40 "Poor people have it, rich people need it, yet if you eat it, it will kill you. What is it?"
#41 "When I run I hop, when I stand I sit. What am I?"

Sports:

#42 "What are official curling stones made of?"

#43 "Which were never NFL teams: the Cleveland Reds, the Orange Tornadoes, the Boston Stallions, or the Milwaukee Badgers?"

#44 "What game does the game of Octopush closely resemble?" #45 "Who still holds the record for most no-hitters in MLB history?"

Life Skills:

#46 "In shingling a roof, what should you lay down first?"

#47 "In a standard card deck, which is the only queen that faces right, not left?"

#48 "Keep going North, you'll eventually head South. What happens if you keep going West?"

#49 "True or False: If you have a Russian girlfriend, you should give her an odd amount of flowers, not an even amount."

#50 "Which is not a fly-fishing knot: Knotless Knot, J Knot, Saber Knot, or Yucatan Knot?" #51 "What gesture should you not use under any circumstances in the Middle East?"

ILC:

#52 "Which ILC student was born in Switzerland?"
#53 "Which ILC professor once rode Beaucephalus?"
#54 "Which ILC student loves hippos and the color purple?"
#55 "Which ILC professor attended South Carolina University?"
#56 "Which ILC professor had minutes of fame on the radio playing in a high school band?"
And last but not least, #57 "What's Sam Wittorp's middle name?"



LIFE. HACKED.

By Emily Marzofka

Annnnnd we're back with LIFEHACK, you're bi-Flashly message of anti-idiocy. Next up we have a few sites that could possibly and probably give aid in those moments when you are vacant in thought, helpless in word, and needing in vocation. When you are staring at the open fridge door, close fridge door, open fridge door... Still no new food... Or the math problem you've written out and now have stared at for four minutes and still have no clue... And without further ado...

LIFEHACK The sights

1 www.supercook.com

No idea what you want to eat, but know you have to fill that tummy? Supercook.com lets you enter any ingrediants you have and tells you a delicious solution to your empty-stomach problem.

2 www.mathway.com and www.wolframalpha.com

Can't possibly solve that problem that is due tomorrow? Been staring for hours and the book just isn't clear on a solution? Go to Mathway.com. You can put in any problem and receive not only an answer, but the steps to get an answer and similar problems for more practice!

3 www.wornontv.net

"Those pumps Serena wore in the S1E3 of Gossip Girl were so fetch. Where can I get a pair!"

Look no further than wornontv.net, the largest selection of TV show matched apparel in the

known-world. if you've seen it on TV, you could be wearing it within the month!

And now, for those of you who want to be instantly wow-ed by the options you know you should have thought of, but never actually have thought of...



Prof Lau strikes again! AN ACTUAL BUN

The Flash" recently sponsored another Blind Date on Sunday, May 4. The two lucky winners, Michaela Naumann and Zach Thurow, went on quite an adventure.

A drawing was held the previous week in which the winners were drawn. Names of people who signed up were put into separate hats. Boys in one hat, and girls in the other. Four people were in attendance at the drawing, Jagi Gerbitz, Leah Mackensen, Shelby Schwab, and Prof Lau.

Once the names were picked Lau discussed with Mackensen and Schwab how the whole ordeal would go down.

Sunday morning, everything became "real." "I wasn't entirely sure what to expect," Mackenson said. "I was hoping everything would run smoothly, and at first I thought it would, but that didn't go according to plan. I was a little nervous, I wasn't exactly sure how to go about kidnapping someone!"

While Mackensen and Schwab took care of Michaela after church, Lau had to get everything in line for capturing Thurow, who was not able to go to church that morning. "First I checked with his family, to see what service he was going to, and he was going to the Saturday one. So, I was hoping he'd be in dorm on Sunday. I went to the dorm around 11:00 a.m. and walked up behind him with a blindfold and said 'Today's your lucky day!" Lau explained.

"I wasn't really nervous," explained Thurow, "I figured out what was going on right away. I was kind of excited to see what exactly we were going to do."

Back at church, Darin Lau had arrived to be the girls' chauffeur, but they ran into some trouble. Michaela had apparently already gone home after church; this was not what they had planned on.

After searching the entire church, the trio ran to D. Lau's car, and took off to Michaela's house. When they arrived it appeared that the Naumann family had just arrived home. D. Lau took the sock (they didn't have an actual blindfold) from his pocket, gave it to Leah, and the three started for the house.

Michaela was already at the door when they opened it. Awkwardly, Mackensen said, "Sorry, but I have to blindfold you now. . . with a sock." But as they started for the steps, the makeshift blindfold was already starting to fall off, so they just took it off anyway.

When the group arrived at Noodles and Company, where they met up with Prof. Lau, he was upset to see that Michaela didn't have a blindfold on. D. Lau explained to him that the sock was too small to go around her head. However; Prof. Lau made them put it back on her, hoping she didn't see who her date was.

Once the two winners were out of the car, Prof. Lau led them to the restaurant, before they went in though he made them take off the blindfolds.

After finishing their meal at Noodles and Company, the couple was treated with some ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery. After a successful "date" the two went back to their house, or dorm, to think about the day's events.

"I think the whole thing was, for the most part successful; everything worked out in the end. I think it probably could have been more organized on a basis of who, where, and when everything was going on. I think we had everything well planned, except Michaela somehow escaped church. And, we need to bring a bigger bandana!" Lau said.

Now the question still remains: when will Prof. Lau strike again?



Goodbye

A departing Friend

As they say, all good things must come to an end. Such is the case with attending Immanuel. Immanuel has become my second home. From long baseball trips to late night musical practice, nearly half of the last four years of my life have been spent on campus or around the students and friends at ILHS. With such a large portion of my time and energy spent on campus, I am just now beginning to realize how different my life will be in the future. There will always be a massive ILHS-sized hole in my heart, for a part of me will always be lost on campus: wandering through the halls, practicing soccer, or simply reminiscing with old friends.

Yet there is an aspect of Immanuel that I shall never be without. The very name speaks of this most important part: God with us. It is this very promise that sets Immanuel apart from most other schools. God is the core focus, both inside and outside the classroom. He walks the halls, sits in the classes, and ducks in the huddle at sporting events. He is present backstage during the plays. He is dining with us at Banquet and Formal. He speaks to us at chapel and stays with us throughout the day.

Some people look at Immanuel and say its students are sheltered. And it's true! We are indeed sheltered from the world's stormy blast. But it is not a bad thing. "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday." (Psalm 91: 4-6) Could there be a better place to take refuge? In my brief (so very brief) time at Immanuel, I have seen many things. Some were good, many were bad. But in all things, God's hand was still around our campus. He guided all things, allowing trials and providing comfort. And God will continue to do so. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Finally, if there is one thing I've learned from my time at Immanuel, it is to keep things in perspective. No argument is worth losing a friend. No offense is too great to be forgiven; life is too short to hold grudges. "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (Romans 12:18). The time will fly. Make the most of it. "La vida. . . es un ratico!"

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