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TAKE OUR Eye Exam

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Just do it. Do not cheat! Because if you did, this test would be no fun.
We promise that there are no tricks to this test.
Read the sentence below and find all the "F"s you can!

FINISHED FILES ARE THE
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STUDY COMBINED WITH THE
EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

How many "F"s did you see?

Find the answer on another page!

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From your

Editors

Mr. Fall has arrived, and he brought his leaves with him. Now we'll be able to witness all the pretty autumn colors Wisconsin has to offer, before the harsh reality of Midwest winter descends on us.

So grab some friends and GET OUTSIDE! (I'm talking to you, dorm video gamers!) Enjoy the season while you can. Take a hike at Hoffman Hills, just a ways out of town. It's free, awesome, and it's one of our favorite things to do during Fall. Catch as many falling leaves as you can (it's harder than it seems). Hear Johanna Meyer say "pumpkin." Because the word pumpkin is funny, and so is Johanna. Any of these things constitutes a great Fall season.

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The **SPORT**

Of the

World

BY KEVIN SCHRADER

Long before the development of American football, European football, or soccer, reigned supreme. To this day, soccer is considered the most popular sport in the world, with one of the few REAL world championships (Here's looking at you, NFL).

Even though the Immanuel soccer team plays well enough to rival most world champions, it spent yet another year as a lowly club team.

Captained by President and Coach-in-Chief Steve Sippert, our mighty soccer team was forged in the flames of muggy practices, tempered with the bites of many gnats. This band of brothers (and sisters) emerged victorious four times, falling to the enemy twice.

The offense was led by Ned Sandhoefner, who accumulated eight goals over the course of our six games. The defensive captain was Nathaniel Krause, whose powerful leg sent many a ball many a mile. Playing keeper for the first time this year, Tyler Kern showed extraordinary strength by consistently throwing the soccer ball over half the field.

There will be two games played after this article is written. Predicting those as wins for Immanuel, the soccer team will end its season 6-2.

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Random Facts

BY EMILY HEIN

- The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.
- Humans blink over 10,000,000 times a year.
- Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.
- Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning than women.
- Apples are more effective than caffeine in keeping people awake in the morning.
- Alaska law says that you can't look at a moose from an airplane.
- Being unmarried can shorten a man's life by ten years.
- One in every four Americans has appeared on TV.
- If you lined up all the slinkys ever made in a row, they could wrap around the earth 126 times.
- In the thirteenth century, Europeans baptized their children with beer.

Dormdome Being Bored In The Dorm

By Joci Gamble

So, by the complaints of many, the Flash team concluded that there is a seemingly incurable boredom with dorm life. If you are in need of a solution to this pressing predicament, read on.

Have you ever sat in the dorm, alone or with friends, with absolutely nothing to do? Of course you have. Well, I mentioned that I was writing this particular article to the guys, and I got a symphony of shouts - "Rubber Band Wars"! Apparently, it is completely normal in the boys' dorm to walk into your frenemies' chambers and unleash a barrage of rubber bands. Alright. That sounds entertaining.

Often, when I find myself bored and alone in the dorm, I focus on the basics of life - eating and sleeping. While eating large amounts of junk food in a relatively short amount of time is frowned upon by some, it is a very enjoyable way to pass time. And I've heard from many that napping is also pleasant, though I am still learning what it's like to get to sleep at night.

Another way to entertain yourself, and this has been done even by monkeys, so you can do it too, is throwing things. Water fights, carpet cleaner fights, food fights, and rock fights...wait, that last one is for outdoors. The point is, that chucking, even harmless substances, at your friends is insanely fun. But please, my peers, be smart about it. I've heard such water fights can get rather heated, and may result in broken cups and head wounds.

So, we all get bored sometimes. Some of us are driven to drastic measures. Well, my friends, all I can say is, shoot straight, eat much, and choose a substance that isn't lethal.

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IF YOU HAD ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU'D CHANGE ON CAMPUS?

BY: JIMBOSLICE

David Hein: Have a catering business cater every meal.
Sam Buck: Make the baseball field way better.
Faith Lillo: Get better bass drum pedal.
Zach Thurow: AC in the boys dorm.
Ben Naumann: AC in the boys dorm.
Lainy Durst: Free transportation anywhere off campus.
Jonah Albrecht: Build better gym.
Caleb Ohlmann: Build better gym.
Brett Lau: New grass and sprinklers.
Ben Hansen: Fix football fields.
Joci Gamble: Build better gym.
Jack McDonald: The bells.
Sam Lisak: A dome over the baseball/soccer/football field.
Emily Zimmerman: Tackle football.
Rob Suaers: Full sized broadcast booth.
Carl Ryan: New gym.
Ethan Gurgel: Tennis arena.
Rachel Schaser: Olympic sized pool.
Abi Bernthal: Get better food in the cafeteria.



Joci's LINES

A smoky wind,
Blows through dying leaves.
The hammock's calm.
It's bittersweet serenity.

The empty space beside me,
Is filled with birds' calls.
Scents carried by the breeze.
Free from humanity and its walls.

Leaves whisper in the wind,
Sharing secrets not for me. But I don't mind not
knowing.
Nature is a beautiful mystery.

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DANIELLE

Amber

GERBITZ

BY EMILY HEIN



EH: Where and when were you born?

DG: Menomonie Falls, WI, on September 4, 1996.

EH: What was it like growing up with seven siblings?

DG: It was awesome, but I try to refrain from telling them that. It was lots of fun to go to high school with some of them.

EH: If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

DG: The power to make things on pinterest come to life.

EH: What is your biggest pet peeve?

DG: People chomping their food or gum and drinking loudly.

EH: What are some of your favorite memories from ILC?

DG: There are too many... Freshman dorm memories, cleaning the locker room shower with Lauren, eating seven-and-three-quarters chicken patties.

EH: What are you gonna miss most after ILC?

DG: The good influence of all the people around you.

EH: Any words of advice for other students?

DG: I always thought it was cliché when people said it goes fast, but it's true. So remember everything and keep your friends close.

Favorites:

Prof: Schierenbeck

Cafeteria food: Beef stroganoff, Michaela's brownies

Color: Black

Clothing item: Shoes Disney princess: Cinderella

Song: Piano Man

Animal: Kangaroo

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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Kevin David Schrader

By Jadyn Mielke

Jadyn: So Kevin, how are you?

Kevin: Slightly annoyed.

J: Are you always this negative?

K: Only to you.

J: Where and when were you born?

K: Eau Claire, WI. February 16, 1996.

J: You've lived in Eau Claire your whole Life?

K: Yup.

J: How do you feel about the Penny?

K: Not worth my two cents.

J: What are your plans after ILC?

K: Aerospace engineering.

Now here is where the interview became a little hectic. After I looked up from writing, I realize our man of the hour is missing. After a few moments of searching, I find him in the dark library.

J: Do you always prefer darkness to light?

K: I defer to dark.

J: Have you and Caleb ever fought?

K: No, I've been frustrated with him before, but we've never really fought.

J: Do you have a favorite childhood memory?

K: That was such a long time ago. Oh, the Piranhas.

At this point, Caleb jumped in and threw out words like horse watching and hockey. From what I've concluded, Kevin's favorite memories were at Darin's birthday parties.

I would have pestered him with more questions but once again when I looked up he had vanished, and I was late for study hall...

Favorites:

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ICE CREAM: Good

COLOR: Hates them all equally but loves them all equally. Believes in color equality.

LETTER: Same principal as the

State: Hates California. Favorite is either Minnesota or Colorado. Maybe Washington or Wisconsin.

CHILDHOOD TV SHOW: Zoboomafoo

SPORT: Curling

CLASS: Physics

PET PEEVE: People in general. Jadyn in specific.

Natalie

{Grace}

Mueller



By Lainy Durst

Lainy: Is it OK if I mention our “date” in the Flash? (For her Senior Spotlight Natalie brought me flowers and chocolate, and I interviewed her by an unlit candle.)

Natalie: Definitely

L: So Natalie, where are you from?

N: Fond Du Lac, WI.

L: When is your birthday?

N: October 6th.

L: What is your favorite class?

N: Journalism, because Danielle Ryan is a “no shenanigans” teacher.

L: Who is your favorite Prof?

N: Prof Gullerud because he is Ginger, and I am not racist against Gingers.

L: Who is your celeb crush?

N: Tom Selleck because he has a fine moustache.

L: Speaking of moustaches, what do you think of Pfeiffer’s ‘stache? I know my class likes it.

N: It’s got to go.

L: Any advice for the underclassmen? **N:** It’s only awkward if you let it be.

L: Where do you see yourself if 10 years?

N: Well, I won’t be in America. I will be on the run because I am a high profile criminal. I’ll probably have a few kids too.

L: If you could rate our “date” on a scale of 1 to 10, what would it be?

N: A 10. It would have been an 11, but Prof Sullivan wouldn’t let me start a fire to light this candle. So it’s a 10.

WHERE DO YOU SEE NATALIE IN 10 YEARS?

RYAN MUELLER: Nat is going to write and star in her own Broadway musical based on shoedazzle.com.

PROF SULLIVAN: Natalie will be on Broadway.

SIERRA LILLO: She will be working at Ferguson’s. She will marry Mr. Ferguson and own the company and invent her own type of apple that is sparkly and it will be called the fergalicious apple.



AARON PAUL FROELICH

By Nathan Buck

(As I sit in the library, in strides a man of many names: Froelich; The Frok, The Unfroked Priest;

Frobisher; Frocadile Hunter; Fritter the Strange; A-A-Ron; Fiddler on the Roof; The Continuer; Afro; A-Fro; A-Bomb; etc. He sits down and the interview begins.)

NB: "Where, when?"

AF: "April 8, 1996, St. Cloud, Minnesota."

NB: "Gonna have to give you the Buzzer! Bzzzzz. Wrong answer!" **AF:** "Ah, shucks! Pastor Tiefel! That always happened!"

NB: "Give me a short summary of your life."

AF: "Like... a short sentence or some short words? Just kiddin; plain, but crazy at times."

NB: "What would you rather be doing instead of this interview?"

AF: "Playing video games and graphic design."

NB: So...Banana-yellow sweat-pants, huh?"

AF: "Well, actually, Josh bought them and wore them to PE, and so I bought them from him. They were funny, yellow, gross pants. That's it."

NB: "If you were on a deserted island, what three things would you take with you?"

AF: "Does this island have trees?"

NB: "Sure."

AF: "Well, then: underpants, a lighter, and a dictionary."

NB: "Sullivan's Dictionary?"

AF: "Yeah. I don't know...the big one; so I could learn a word or two while I'm out there."

NB: "Best memory of ILC?"

AF: "Hanging out in the dorms on the weekdays. And 5th hour study hall with Kurt."

NB: "Where do you see yourself after high school?"

AF: "Lost. Like a child in a McDonald's playplace. Nah; In college most likely."

NB: "Time to play, Words of Wisdom! A spin off (bad pun) of Wheel of Fortune!"

AF: "Great! Uh... I was thinking of words of wisdom that were deep, so I traveled to the bottom of the ocean and saw a red and blue fish, and it said, 'go back up or you'll drown'. Now that's deep."

NB: "Congratulations! You've won a shiny new, uuh... shiny new thing!"

AF: "Yippee!" (And with that, giddy as a schoolboy, Froelich skipped away, ending the interview.)

WHERE DO YOU SEE FROELICH IN 20 YEARS?

Mattias S: "Um...very gross, in some alleyway begging for widow's mites. I dunno"

Sierra L: "He makes an invention, taking a Rubbermaid container and poking holes in it to hold stuff like scissors and makes millions of dollars."

Kevin S: "Hiding easter eggs in Call of Duty 37 Zombies."

Prof. Rhoel: "I think about this every day. Graphic designer of shoes used for mountain biking; both shoes and bicycles."

FROELICH'S FAVES

Music: The Specktors

Food: Red Bull

Vehicle: Corvette Zo6

Superhero: Batman;

because he's filthy rich, and he's Batman.

Drink: Red Bull

Sport: Baseball and Mountain Biking

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A Fresh (men's) VIEW ON Sports

BY SAM BUCK
AND GUNNY SIPPERT

As we get into the groove of football season, we realize that Sam's Super Bowl pick (his real one, obviously), may have been better than Gunny's after all. The Seahawks and the Patriots are 4-0, making Sam look like a genius for now (A rare thing, we must admit). As for Gunny's pick, Peyton Manning's Broncos are 4-0 and the best-looking team in the league, but Little Bro Eli's Giants are 0-4, and looked the worst they have since 2004, when they went 6-10. But enough football, let's talk about something else!

The MLB Playoffs should be in full swing by the time this issue of the Flash comes out and we couldn't be more excited. Sam's Tigers grabbed the #3 Seed in the American League Playoffs and Gunny's Twins finished 66-96. This year's playoffs include a team going from worst to first in only a season, a team that had an astounding second half of the season, and a team that made the Playoffs for the first time since 1992.

The American League Playoff teams consist of the Boston Red Sox, Oakland Athletics, Detroit Tigers, Cleveland Indians and Tampa Bay Rays. Just a year after going 69-93 and firing their manager Bobby Valentine, the Red Sox improved their wins by 28, going 97-65 under new manager John Farrell and winning the AL East. The Athletics, with one of the lowest payrolls in baseball (as seen in the movie Moneyball), beat out their division rivals, the Texas Rangers, and made the playoffs for the second year in a row. The Tigers have the best player in the game in Miguel Cabrera and an ace in Max Scherzer, who had 21 wins this season and should feel confident going into the playoffs this year. If the Tigers have the best hitter and the pitcher with the most wins this season, you would think they would have dominated the AL Central. They did not, they beat out the #4 seed Cleveland Indians by only one game. The Indians, who are in the playoffs for the first time since 2007, barely grabbed the four seed themselves, beating out the Rays and Texas Rangers by only one game as well. Now, finally, the Tampa Bay Rays, who had a great season but ended up tying in record after the 162-game regular season with the Rangers. Both teams had a record of 91-71. The Rays went into Texas for Game 163, beat the Rangers 5-2, and are now in the Playoffs. The Rays had to fight until the end of the season, and even a little longer, to get their playoff spot. The National League's #5 seed, the Reds, beat out the next closest team by four games, which is actually quite a lot in baseball.

The teams in the National League Playoffs this year are the St. Louis Cardinals, Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Cincinnati Reds. The Cardinals make the playoffs almost every year it seems and this year grabbed the #1 seed. The Braves got out to the best start in baseball and never looked back. The Dodgers started out slow, but turned it up in the second half of the season behind their likely Cy Young winner, Clayton Kershaw, and rookie Cuban slugger, Yasiel Puig. The Pirates who haven't had a winning season since 1992, went 94-68 and made the Postseason as the #4 seed. The Reds had an all-around solid season and behind slugger Joey Votto and highlight-reel of a second baseman, Brandon Phillips, they made the playoffs with a 90-72 record.

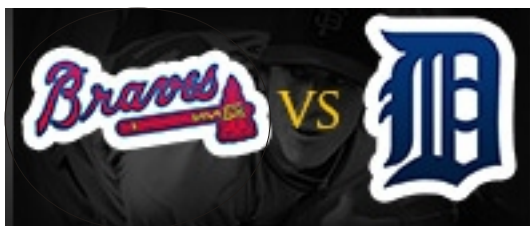
The MLB Playoffs follow this format

- 1:The Wild Card Round, one game playoffs, between the #4 and #5 seed, the #4 seed gets to play at home
- 2:The American and National League Division Series (ALDS and NLDS), are the conference semi-finals and are best of five game series (#1 vs #4 or 5, #2 vs #3)
- 3:The American and National League Championship Series (ALCS and NLCS), are seven game series which decide the team from each conference who gets to go to the.....
- 4:World Series, American League vs National League, best of seven game series, the American League will get four home games this year, because they won the All-Star Game this year.

The two Wild Card games are Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati, in Pittsburgh and Cleveland vs. Tampa Bay, in Cleveland.

The Cardinals and Red Sox will wait for the winners of those games for their Division Series matchups. The Braves will play the Dodgers and the Athletics will play the Tigers in the Division series.

SAM'S WORLD SERIES PREDICTION:



Tigers win in 6.

GUNNY'S WORLD SERIES PREDICTION:



Pirates win in 7

THE McGuru

Answers the tough
Questions about:

BREAKFAST

“Good morning and welcome to McDonald’s!”

Uh-oh. How did you get here? Most likely, you stumbled out of bed, and in a groggy fervor stumbled to your car. Fueled by hunger and a mostly empty wallet, you were mesmerized by the Golden Gates, and were mysteriously drawn towards them. But now that you’ve arrived, what do you do? How do you even begin to order? Don’t worry, because once again, I am here to help you through these troubling times.

I’m sure most of you are at least familiar with McDonald’s breakfast. If not, here’s a quick overview. You basically get a protein (bacon, sausage, Canadian bacon) and an egg (round, folded, or egg white) sandwiched between a type of bread (English muffin, bagel, biscuit, McGriddle, tortilla). You could also get hotcakes or oatmeal if you’re more of a traditionalist.

For those wanting a healthier option, McDonald’s offers oatmeal (with or without brown sugar), apple slices, as well as plain English muffins, biscuits, or bagels with complimentary butter and jelly.

Luckily for all you thrifty savers, breakfast at McDonald’s also comes with its own Dollar Menu. The breakfast Dollar Menu offers Sausage Biscuits, Sausage McMuffins, Breakfast Burritos, and Hash Browns. While not as widely customizable as the lunchtime Dollar Menu, it still offers a tremendous value, especially when compared to the rest of the menu.

The difference between a Sausage McMuffin and a Sausage McMuffin with Egg is (you guessed it) an egg. Oh, and just over \$2 in price. Same with the Sausage Biscuit and the Sausage Biscuit with Egg. So really, unless you absolutely need an egg, don’t buy egg sandwiches from McDonald’s. It’d be cheaper (and taste better) to simply use your own store bought eggs and just add them to the dollar sandwich.

One major hidden cost with breakfast is the price of drinks. A common misconception is that breakfast meals come with the option of a small orange juice. That is a costly error. Breakfast meals actually come with a small coffee (an 89 cent value). That means that every other drink choice will cost extra, and orange juice is one of the most expensive. A 12 oz small orange juice will cost you \$1.79 (or \$.90, if added to a meal) before tax, and you cannot get a refill! I cannot stress this enough. **DO NOT GET ORANGE JUICE FROM MCDONALD’S.** If you’re ever lucky enough to see them refill an orange juice machine, you’ll get to see a vacuum sealed plastic bag filled with thick orange goop. Not pleasant.

My major money saving tip this week is a bit of a doozy, so stick with me. As I said earlier, sandwiches with eggs are expensive. But there is one complex way to get around this. Let’s say you wanted two Sausage Biscuits with Egg, but you didn’t want to pay over \$6 to get them. So here’s the trick: Order a Big Breakfast. It comes with a sausage, a scrambled egg, a biscuit, and a hash brown. If you substitute folded egg for the scrambled egg, they will actually give you TWO folded eggs. After that, just order a Sausage Biscuit from the Dollar Menu, and assemble the second yourself. Once complete, you have two Sausage Biscuits with Egg as well as a Hash Brown for under \$6!

Hopefully if you end up at McDonald’s in the morning, you’ll have learned a thing or two about how to navigate its sometimes confusing menu, and will be able to leave with a slightly less empty wallet.

PS: If you’re lucky enough to be at McDonald’s at transition (10:25-10:35), you can order both breakfast AND lunch! The possibilities are endless!

Lainy Durst



Meet
The

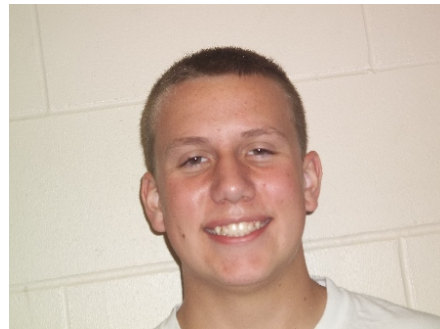
Lainy Durst grew up in Okabena, MN. We moved there when she was 1. She is the middle child and has an older brother Derek and a little sister Dani. Lainy has always been a high energy child. She loves basketball and has played since she was 8. She also played J.O. volleyball and Jr. high volleyball and softball at home.

Lainy also likes to draw and play piano and guitar. She likes to shoot with her dad and keeps asking to go hunting. She likes to fish and swim and she makes the best cookies around. Lainy is a very organized person except when it comes to her bedroom at home. Most of the time we can't find the floor in her room. Lainy loves math and likes to challenge herself.

Freshman!

Benjamin Naumann

Benjamin David Naumann was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, on July 7, 1999. In the year of 1999, 200 inches of rain fell in Ketchikan, Alaska. Neighbors and friends said that Ben was the "only ray of sunshine" during the summer of 1999. When Ben was a baby, his family moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Ben lived in Wisconsin until he was 11. Ben has 3 older brothers and 1 older sister. When Ben's family moved to Clarkston, Washington in 2010, Ben and his sister, Becca, were home-schooled. Ben home-schooled for 3 years, but he also played football, basketball, baseball, and he played drums in a school band. Since Ben was the biggest kid on the football team, he started offense, defense and special teams. Ben was also in the marching band. Ben loves to hunt and he shot his first deer when he was 10 years old.



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Name Twins!

By Nathan Buck

Have you ever wondered who in the world shares your name? Have you ever met someone who shares your name? I have, and it's a very interesting and bonding experience. I sincerely hope that some day you will meet your own "name twin," but this article wouldn't be entertaining if I didn't include some fantastic name twins from ILC, would it? So, with the information I found from online sources, documents, and a thorough research of ancient Egyptian papyrus scrolls, here they are:

Zach Thurow- 6'9 Center for the Cal Poly Mustangs. Makes fake limbs at Winkley Prosthetics.
Jonathan Gamble- Lawyer. Frustrated golfer. United Kingdom representative. 34 yr. old pop singer.
Emma Mueller- California Taco Bell worker. Attends Adams State College. Owns Apparel & Fashion
Jonah Albrecht- A renaissance painter. Plays Saskatoon Ball Hockey for the Toe Dragons.
Bryan Sydow- Atlanta MD at the city hospital. Pork rind expert. Long-haul trucker from Nebraska.
Tim Schaller- Austrian inn owner. Swiss pharmaceuticals rep. Providence Buffaloes hockey forward.
Ben Hanson- Video game producer. British actor. Scrum master (???). Reservoir engineer.
Jack McDonald- Quinnipiac College AD. Helps silverback gorillas in Africa. Belle Is. Brewing Co.
Megan Williams- Makes DELL computers. Cat behavior consultant. Hank Williams' niece.
Johanna Meyer- Penguinologist. Financial advisor for Microsoft. German architect from Berlin.
Katie Lau- Men's clothing designer. Smarties expert. Certified teen exorcist.
Ryan Mueller- Kansas State football. Melter Bass Slapper Great Freaking Friend (???) Sap consultant
Josh Beekman- Shredded Cheese Authority. Rasputin Impersonator. 310 lbs Chicago Bears guard.
Brandon Wendland- Sandwich artist. Releaser of the Hounds (???) Oil rig mechanist.
Abi Bernthal- Scientist who "milks" snakes of venom. Fishmonger. Repairs cuckoo clocks.
Prof. Dave Rodebaugh- Works at Big C Lumber. Storm Chaser. Big time poker player.
Prof. John Reim- Professional bee hive keeper. National broadcaster. Stanley Morgan Finances.
Prof. Joe Lau- Billionaire Hong Kong real estate investor. Cardiovascular disease doctor.
Prof. Paul Sullivan- Sportswriter. "River Music- The Music of Paul Sullivan." Best tracker (???).
Prof. Mark Kranz- Israelic Military Cooperator. German physicist in Munich. Cookbook writer.

EYE EXAM ANSWER!

How many letters F did you count? Three? Wrong, there are six! It is no joke!

Almost everyone guesses three. Why? It seems that the brain cannot correctly process the word "OF". The letter F usually makes the "f" sound, like in "fox". However, in the word "of", it makes a "v" sound. Somehow, your brain overlooks the word "of" as it scans for the sound of "f".

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Bored out of your mind?

Activites Committee

WILL HELP!

By Kevin Schrader

Volleyball is coming to an end. Football is almost over. Soccer (the most important sport of all), is close to the end of a victorious season. It's often around this time that people start looking for something to do to fight off the boredom. Luckily, that's where Activities Committee steps in!

The first step, as you are very aware, took place last week with Spirit Week. This is just the beginning. In the upcoming weeks, Activities Committee has a lot planned to keep you busy! First up is the annual Corn Maze, which is always a blast. It costs more than a bottle of soda, and it's worth a whole lot more. Everyone who signed up gets bussed out to a farm in the middle of nowhere. Once there, everyone participates in (you guessed it!) a corn maze! There's usually a challenge to be the first one to get to several different points in the maze and then escape. It's beautiful, and a great way to spend an evening.

Next on the list is the Fall Party. Costumes, games, and fun all around—the Fall Party is always a great time. Just be sure to dress up! Costumes earn canteen credit, and there's even a contest for the best-dressed. After some fun and games, there's a tour through the mysterious and possibly haunted Ingram estate. Ever heard of the ghost of Mrs. Ingram? The end of October is her favorite time to make herself known.

The Powder Puff Bowl is also making a much publicized return, available for all ladies who don't want to act like ladies for a day. It's also a great way to work out dorm grudges and frustrations.

Finally, if all goes to plan, there will be a tournament of co-ed volleyball near the end of October. Everyone is allowed to sign up, even if you don't know how to play! The team to beat, though, is always the faculty. It's a great way to interact with new people and start new friendships.

We hope to see you all there, and if you ever have an idea for a campus event, feel free to drop in on a meeting, or contact Prof Roehl.

INSIDE IDIOMS

By Prof Lau

The English language is full of idioms, accepted phrases or expressions having a meaning different from the literal. In this regular column I will introduce several common, and some not-so-common, idioms. I'll include what the idiom means and its origin. Hopefully, readers will gain new insights into idioms and sound intelligent in social settings.

Chew the Fat

To talk about unimportant things.

“Sit down, have a drink, and let's chew the fat.”

The Inuit used to chew on pieces of whale blubber almost like chewing gum. The blubber took quite a while to dissolve, so it helped pass the time while they were doing something else. Some other cultures used bacon fat in a similar way.

Close, but no Cigar

Nearly achieving success, but not quite.

“The free throw was close, but no cigar.”

Carnival games of skill, particularly shooting games, once gave out cigars as a prize. A contestant that did not quite hit the target was close, but did not get a cigar.

Dead as a Doornail

To be dead, with no chance of recovery.

“You might as well toss that battery; it is as dead as a doornail.”

Nails were once hand made and costly. When old structures came down, nails would be salvaged for reuse. When building a door, however, carpenters often drove the nail through and then bent it over the other end so it couldn't work its way out during repeated openings and closings. These nails couldn't be salvaged or used again because they were useless or “dead” after being bent.

