



Squirrels



A MELODY OF HYMNS

By Rebecca Krause



Oh, come let us
Adore Him,
Christ the Lord.
Go tell it on
The mountain,
All of His Word.

Oh, little town
of Bethlehem,
We see thee lying still!
We hear the
Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell!

All is calm;
All is peaceful;
All is bright.
The Holy Infant
Sleeps in this
Silent, holy night.

Now, sing we,
Now, let us
Rejoice!
Oh, Israel,
Sing with us!
Rejoice!

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Elf Quote #1:

“ THE BEST
WAY TO SPREAD
CHRISTMAS
CHEER IS
SINGING LOUD
FOR ALL TO
HEAR! ”

[Keep reading *The Flash*
to find more *Elf* quotes]

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The Editors

So, as many of you may know, we are big fans of Christmas. To us, it's the greatest time of the year. Why, you might ask? There are so many reasons! First, we love all of the Christmas lights. They are so festive and they light up the sky at night and just warm your heart.

Another big reason is the Christmas music. Our taste isn't necessarily all the secular songs like Jingle Bells or Feliz Navidad. We LOVE the religious Christmas songs. They are all so joyful. They just make you want to smile when you hear them! (Listening to Christmas music is a great way to release stress for those of you in PE 12 - just saying).

Next is the Christmas cheer! It's true that people are generally more cheerful around this time, with all the excitement building up and the preparations for spending time with family, Christmas meals, presents and all that jazz. Because of all this it's just more pleasant to walk around the streets and see people. (Remember, "the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear" :)

The decorations are another reason. Whether it's trees, wreaths, village houses, garland, or whatever you decorate with, it really helps the feeling of Christmas come alive.

Although some may hate me for it, I must say that another great thing about Christmas is the snow. In our opinion, it doesn't feel like Christmas without snow. It definitely makes it more festive when it's a "winter wonderland" outside. Also the cold just makes you want to stay inside, sitting next to a fire, covered with a blanket, with Christmas lights all around, drinking hot chocolate, and watching your favorite Christmas movie with your family.

Which brings me to another great thing about Christmas, the movies! I love movies and some of the best ones are Christmas movies. There are so many good classics out there! Just ask Lauren Lisak, she knows.

But above all of these wonderful things, the meaning of Christmas is the best. I think that one reason why people are so cheerful is because they are thinking about the sending of their Savior, Jesus, to this earth. That truly is the best Christmas gift we can ever get.

Happy Birthday!

Seth Lovelien— 1st

Kurt Koenig— 5th

Sarah Tester— 7th

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Mrs. Jolene Williams— 7th

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Caleb Heinze— 13th

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Meet the **Freshmen!**

Riley Sotnyk



Riley Alexander Sotnyk was born in Inver Grove Heights, MN on September 5th, 1997. He has a younger sister in 7th grade. From 1st to 8th grade, he attended Berea Lutheran School. When he was younger, he played soccer and lacrosse, but now he plays basketball and baseball. He enjoys watching sports on TV and foods like Goldfish, Papa John's, and bacon. He wants to eat all the time and will eat almost anything (you can't be picky when you're so hungry, I guess). He will not drink anything carbonated (Which reminds me, the milk consumption at the house has gone down significantly since he left.) His family misses things like watching the Food Network with him, having someone to help his dad with the heavy lifting around the house, when his mom and sister are not strong enough, having someone to mow the lawn and his mad dishwashing skills. We miss him, but we know he is having a great time at ILC.

Jonah Albrecht

Jonah Daniel Albrecht was born June 18, 1997 in St Joseph, MI, the exclamation point to our family of six boys. At 18 months of age, the Albrecht family moved to Okabena, MN where Jonah has been enjoying life to the fullest! From the earliest of days, Jonah has been a sports fanatic. Whichever sport is in season, he will have that ball in his hand 24/7. Football is his sport of choice. While most toddlers will take their favorite stuffed animal to bed, Jonah preferred a football. The football is the first thing in his hand in the morning, the last thing in his hand at night, and the only thing he worries about packing on family trips! If a ball isn't in his hand, then you'll find a book in its place. Historical fiction is the subject Jonah enjoys most, but he'll try a variety of subjects. He's been known to spend an entire day with his nose in a book! Jonah also enjoys using his creativity in the kitchen. Recipes, in his mind, are only a guideline and are open to his own interpretation. Mr Food is his favorite "Go-to-Guy". His family has enjoyed many "Oh, it's sooooo good" kitchen creations!



From the advisor: for those who didn't know it, **Mr. Food** passed away recently.



Caleb Heinze

Caleb Heinze was born in Mankato, MN. He was 18 months old when we moved to Eau Claire. He enjoys the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He likes spending time with his 2 brothers. He tried water skis and wake-boarding this summer. He has a go-cart. He has spent the last two summers working at Pioneer Seed during the pollination season.

View from a Freshman: First High School Semester

By Rebecca Krause

My first semester was: busy, busy, busy. I was really nervous on my first day of high school, but I learned that it wasn't so hard or confusing. Soon after, I had my first cross country and soccer practices.

As time went on, I had meets, games, and TONS of homework. I got better at things, which was good, because I had a lot of things to do.

Eventually, cross country and soccer ended, basketball began, and I enjoyed a lot more things, like piano, Robotics, and writing for the *Flash*. Things were a lot easier. I learned to manage my time, I met a lot more people, and I truly enjoyed my time at ILC. Christmas break is coming, and then there's second semester. I'm sure it will be just as awesome as the first.

Senior Quotes: who said it? Find out on the next pages!

"I'm trying to think of something really smart to say, but I just can't do it."

"DAH!"

"Make sure you have good friends, who will support you in what you do"

"Get to know your class"



Logan James Gerbitz

By Carl Strike

C: What is your full name?

L: Logan James (Jimmer) Gerbitz

C: Which year of high school was your favorite?

L: Senior, because there are less people to judge me.

C: What is your favorite football team?

L: Packers

C: Who was your favorite prof.?

L: Prof. Buck

C: What's your favorite TV show?

L: Family Guy

C: What's your favorite movie quote?

L: "Do you have any napkins?"

C: What's your favorite high school memory?

L: Either using the Robotics table as a sled or Barry.

C: What will you miss most about ILC?

L: Baseball

C: What's it like to be a twin?

L: Bleh.

C: Do you have any wise words of wisdom to pass onto future generations?

L: Dah

Where do you see Logan in 10 years?

Ryan Mueller: He will be married, have 25 kids, and live in Iowa.

Curtis Sandeen: He will be living in Washington.

Joseph Albrecht: He will be living in Colorado.

Kenny Winters: Dead

HANNAH MARIE KNUTSON



Class of 2013

Q: What's your name?

A: Hannah Knutson

Q: Where and when were you born?

A: June 13, 1995 in Two Rivers, WI

Q: How old are you?

A: 17 years old

Q: Where do you work?

A: Aeropostale

Q: What do you do for your free time?

A: Make random food, watch movies

Q: Who's your idol?

A: Ryan Lochte

Q: Best pick up line you know?

A: Hey. My name's Ryan Lochte

Q: Favorite thing at Christmas?

A: Seeing my cousins!

Q: Favorite high school memory?

A: So many.... um Freshman year Halloween and Arby's group this year

Q: How do you feel about living with your brothers this year?

A: Very interesting... we play video games a lot and there's no drama. Its pretty much like living on your own

Q: Any words of wisdom?

A: "Make sure you have good friends, who will support you in what you do."

Favorites

Prof: Prof Schierenbeck and Mrs. Swyter

Color: Green and yellow

Song: Ignorance by Paramore

Book: I don't read....

Elf Quote #2:

“SANTA!!! Oh my! SANTA! I know him, I know him!”

Class of 2013



Paige
Alexis
Louderman

By Alyssa Burrill

Q. What is your full name?

A. Paige Alexis Louderman

Q. When and where were you born?

A. Berwyn IL, May 6, 1995

Q. So now that you're a senior, do you have any words of wisdom to share with the freshmen?

A. Get to know your class.

Q. Do you have any siblings that attend ILC?

A. No, but I have three that did.

Q. Did you enjoy your years here at ILC?

A. Yeah

Q. What is your favorite high school memory?

A. Probably anything that had to do with biology my sophomore year.

Q. What are your thoughts for next year?

A. I'll be at home going to college for audio production.

Q. If your friends could describe you in one word, what would it be?

A. Random

Favorites

Year at ILC – Probably my sophomore year

Color – Orange

Food at ILC – Taco salad

Food not at ILC – Chinese food

Movie – The Nightmare Before Christmas

Play you have been in or seen at ILC - "The Worst High School Play in the World," my freshman year

Bible passage – Hebrews 11:1

Prof. - Buck or Lau

Curtis James Sandeen

By Emily Hein &
Kirsten Brandle



Class of 2013

E&N: What is your full name?

C: Curtis James Sandeen

E&N: Where are you from?

C: Fargo, North Dakota

E&N: On what day was your birth?

C: June 1, 1995

E&N: How many siblings do you have?

C: Just one.

E&N: Which book of the Bible talks about baseball?

C: Is there one? I don't think there is...

E&N: Genesis! Like, in the "big-inning."

E&N: How old were you when you learned how to ride a bike?

C: Ummm, no idea

E&N: Have you ever heard the song "Rasputin" by Boney M?

C: What song?! No...

[Note: We later learned that Curtis had, in fact, heard this song on Just Dance. This information was given us by his little sister, Caitlyn]

E&N: What are your plans for college?

C: Probably to go to UW-Eau Claire

E&N: Words of Wisdom?

C: *pause* I'm trying to think of something really smart to say, but I just can't do it.

Elf Quote #3:

"Does somebody need a hug?"

Favorites

Prof: Buck

Food: Steak

Color: Red

Country: United States

Smell: No idea

Sport: Baseball, definitely

Month: June

Where do you see Curtis in 15 years?

Brandon Wendland: On a couch. Wait...flying a helicopter.

Caitlyn Sandeen: Hmm...well, if he's lucky, married and with kids. And a good job. His job will either be an air control trafficker or a food critic.

Kenny Winters: In the army playing Call of Duty with his buddies. Practicing.

A Christmas Poem

Christmas is coming and presents fill under
our trees, and take over our minds.

Shake that one listen to the noise it makes,
Curiosity takes over, try to guess what's inside.

And the little boxes wrapped neatly in pretty snowflake paper, take over.

Chaos and distress trying to find the perfect gift
when really it is right in front of us and free.

But we find peace and serenity
when we sit by the fireplace cozy with warmth and friends and family
All gather around sipping hot chocolate with giant marshmallows
melting away in the steamy chocolate.

And standing still on a calm winters night
as the glistening snow flakes gently fall.

Sending us into a serene, sublime land,
leaving us with a feeling of tranquility.

Then all of the sudden ripped from our tranquil land
Chaos picked up once again.

By why? Didn't we just get a gift which is
so easy to give and receive?

Lord Jesus born on Christmas Eve,
Blessed be to all who know it!

For He has given the gentle snowflakes,
The steamy hot chocolate, the warm and cozy fire,
Family, and friends, the neatly wrapped little boxes,
And the biggest gift of all, our Savior,
Born that winters night so long ago.

Happy Birthday to our Lord Jesus Christ,
And thank you Lord for the perfect Christmas gift.

Merry Christmas everyone!

- Alyssa M. Burrill



fun facts!

Brought to you by **Abby Sydow**

- Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of goose feathers and dyed them green.
- All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
- According to data analyzed from Facebook posts, two weeks before Christmas is one of the two most popular times for couples to break up. However, Christmas Day is the least favorite day for breakups.
- Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.
- Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday, and the tradition began in 1836.
- Electric Christmas lights were first used in 1854.
- "It's A Wonderful Life" appears on TV more often than any other holiday movie.
- "Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.
- In Mexico, wearing red underwear on New Year's Eve is said to bring new love in the upcoming year.
- Four billion Christmas cards are sent every year.

A Christmas Playlist

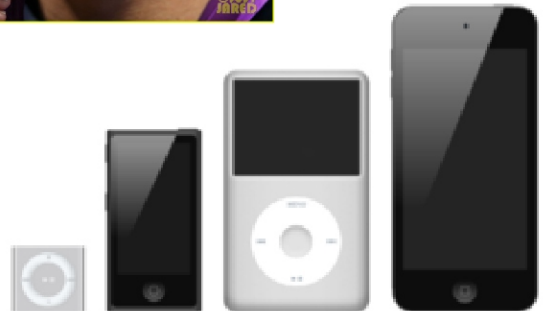
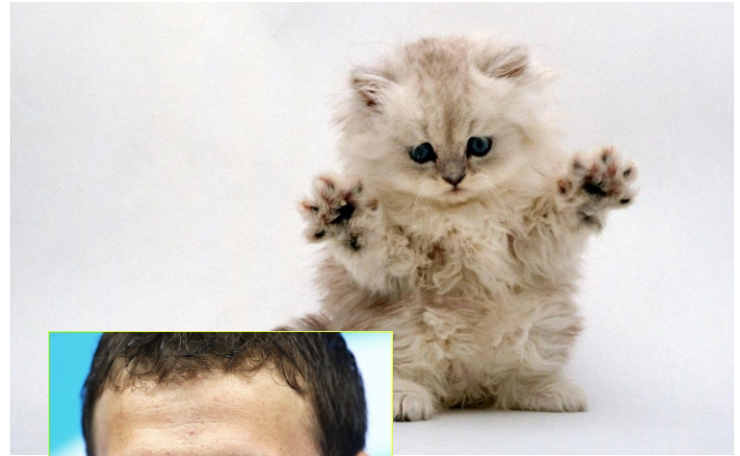
I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas – Gayla Peevey
Gloria – Michael W. Smith
Christmas Lullaby – Amy Grant
Coventry Carol – Point of Grace
All I Really Want – Steven Curtis Chapman
Audrey's Gift – Michael W. Smith
You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch – Thurl Ravenscroft
All I Want for Christmas Is You – Justin Bieber
Gabriel's Oboe – Amy Grant
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – Norah Jones
All is Well – Michael W. Smith

Elf Quote #4:
"Elves like to stick to the **3 main food groups**,
candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup."

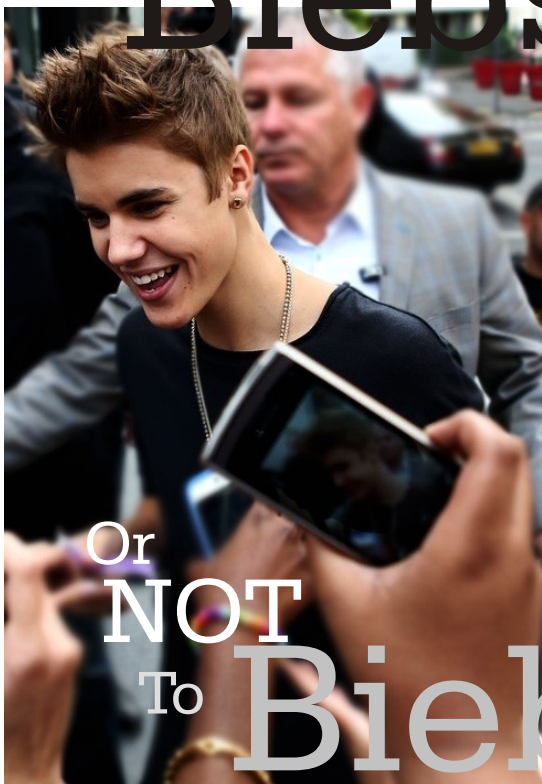
Becca Naumann Asks...

What do you want for Christmas?

Laura N - All I want for Christmas is you!
Kayla B - A Giant Candy Bar
Grace S - World Peace
Leah M - Curtis
Savannah M - Common sense
Nate B - A phone
Jack McDonald - An I-pod
Jo M - to get better
Madie W - a hedgehog
Sarah J - A hippopotamus
Sam S - A Lion's Super Bowl Victory
Rachel G - Cereal
Gabby K - Ryan Lochte
Rebecca K - Nothing
Katie L - a kitten
Trysten H - two front teeth
Joe S - a genie
Ryan M - a car
Joey B - headphones with strawberries on the ends
Jesse N - a BB gun
Philip R - a new book
Christian H - a car
Emily H - narwhal
Lauren L - snow
Abby S - Lauren L
Wilke - a tiger
Nat M - Mr. Darcy
Lydia B - Lauren K (Laurita)
Drew N - a pony, a Barbie, some roller skates, roller skates for my pony, and roller skates for my Barbie
Naomi B - Harry Potter Wizard Collection and a unicorn
Hannah K - my working car
Caitlyn S - to be with family
Maggie C - Mentos
Tom N - a nice ax
Logan G - my hair back
Jake G - a full-ride scholarship
Carl R - The Vikings going to the playoffs



To Biebs?



Pro-Justin

By Kirsten Brancie

Justin Bieber was born March 1, 1994 at 12:56 AM on a Tuesday in Stratford, Canada. I personally think he was born with some pretty awesome talents. In his movie *Never Say Never*, it tells the story of how he went from YouTube to Hollywood. He got 2nd place in Stratford Idol, the knockoff of American Idol. When he was about 12, his manager Scooter Braun discovered him. His songs speak straight to the heart.

The attempt to "Justify Justin"

By Nate Buck

First thing to remember before you read this article: I am a male, and I am directing this article towards other males. Before you start blubbering on and on, giving such mind-washed retaliations as, "Oh! But he's so hot!" or "JB is the best guy in the world!", meet the "guy" first. Then come talk to me.

Don't get me wrong, Kirsten; Justin Beiber is a talented kid. I have nothing against his songs or his talent. It's his personality (what I know from reviews in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, etc.) that irritates me. He's a good singer, but he relies on the multitude of 10 year old teenage girls who worship him like an idol. And yes, if you are a guy who likes Justin Beiber with a passion, you are a ten year old girl, and should start taking your life seriously.

It's sad that he sometimes sings with the aid of an already-recorded soundtrack (as revealed when Justin stopped to puke at his Arizona concert and his voice kept on going). It's very disturbing to me that they don't use instruments live, either. It's all recorded beforehand. I don't doubt the fact that Justin Beiber can stand in front of thousands and sing. I just don't understand why he has to fake it.

If I were to meet him on the street, I would get some very different opinions of him. There is no way I would be able to tell he's Canadian. He looks about as Canadian as a rhinoceros. Secondly, I would think he might be a girl. If I never assumed either of those things, I would simply think, "look; your average teenage fool," and that would be that. I can't say anything about his attitude (I've never met him), but here is what a fan blogged on justinbeiberZONE.com, when Justin's "attitude" was called "arrogant" and "disrespectful of his mother" by critics and psychologists:

"And now all these psychologists people attacking JB of being "having an attitude", arrogant, or disrespect he mom? Do JB even know these people? Duhhh"

And I truly think that all Justin Beiber thinks of his publicity and popularity. As Chris Richards of the *Washington Post* wrote of Beiber's concert at the Verizon Center, "The young star didn't seem to want to be there. His audience didn't seem to want to be anywhere else."

All in all, I conclude that Justin Beiber, not unlike other celebrities, is self-conceited, trippy, and has some very dull and ludicrous fans.

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FINALS WEEK:

10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

There's a few things all the freshmen should know heading into their first finals week. And for the rest of you this should be a good review.

1. GET EXTRA SLEEP

Never underestimate the power of a couple extra "z's" before a big test.

2. STUDY UP.

Believe it or not, your semester grades will be important some day.

3. STAY BUSY

While it can seem crazy, there's actually plenty of downtime during finals. Grab a book, some new music, or take up crossword puzzles for the week.

4. SIGN UP FOR MEALS.

That's right. Every meal. Sign up or starve.

5. BUCKLE DOWN FOR SOME CHOIR.

We have to practice up for the concert. A lot.

6. KNOW WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AND WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE.

. You're going to get a schedule. Stick to it.

7. HANG OUT.

You'll probably miss your friends, it's a long break.

8. PLAY DODGEBALL.

Lunch hour. In the gym. Everybody. It's tradition.

9. GO TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

They work hard on it. Go have fun. Maybe we'll even have a bonfire this year!

10. STAY COOL.

It can be a long, stressful week. Take it one final at a time and be sure to enjoy yourself.

AN INFORMED OPINION

In the aftermath of the December 1 Lady Lancers' victory over Lake Holcomb by a score of 91-18, several people were overheard to say things such as, "That was classless," or "Why did you run up the score?" or "Well that was poor sportsmanship," and other similar comments, some from people who didn't even see the game. Obviously everyone is entitled to an opinion, but I would like you to consider some of the following thoughts before you jump on that bandwagon.

1) Every player on the roster played 10-12 minutes of the 32-minute game. Three different groups of players substituted in at regular intervals throughout the entire game. We did not play our normal starting lineup together once during the entire game. Had we used our normal substitution pattern, the score would have been worse and that would have been unsportsmanlike, even in my opinion. We pressed full-court for less than 2 ½ minutes of the entire 32 minute game. The rest of the game we fell back into a half-court defense. Had we pressed the entire game you would be able to say that we "ran up the score."

Every player got multiple shots at the basket and almost everyone scored for the Lady Lancers. Three players scored in double figures. If we had played the starters the whole way, that would have seemed poor sportsmanship.

This was the third game of the year, a time when new players to the team are still learning both offense and defense. We worked on four different offenses and four different defenses as part of the learning process. If this were the 17th game of the season, you might be able to say that we ran up the score unmercifully, but this early in the season so much needs to be learned that can't be simulated in practice against teammates.

As a former player and a former coach who has been on the other end of lopsided games, I would be much more embarrassed if a team eased up and did not take open shots when they were available or dribbled out on a breakaway layup to "set it up." It's my opinion, but that would be much more humiliating to me than a lopsided score.

As a coach, we try to teach players when they have an open shot, when a pass is available, when a drive is open, etc. Once learned, it is very difficult as a player not to make that open pass or take that open shot; it's just part of the game. The girls ran offense and hit open players who took open shots. Many of the points we scored were second chance rebound put-backs that simply come from hustling players.

Having said all the above, I will admit that there were some things we probably could have done to keep the score down and will likely do next time this situation comes up. If you think about it, very seldom, if ever, has an Immanuel team been in this situation, so it kind of caught us off guard and the score got away on us. We got caught up in the success of the moment. Please remember that your Lady Lancer players should not be faulted for playing hard and doing what they had been coached to do. If you have issue, as a student, a fan, or a faculty member, please come to the coaches with your opinion rather than criticize the players, your classmates.

I hope that the thoughts above help you understand what happened in our game with Lake Holcombe. I'm quite sure that should we find ourselves in that same situation, we will be more ready to handle it.

Prof. Ross Roehl
Assistant Coach
Immanuel Lutheran Lady Lancers

Breaking Down

Breaking Dawn
By: Darin Lau

By: Darin Lau

It was somewhat of a paradox when I asked Danielle if she would accompany me on going to the final Twilight movie, *Breaking Dawn (Part 2)*. It's my understanding anyway that the girlfriend would usually ask the boyfriend to see this highly over-dramatic mess of vampires, wolves, and other such creatures that I couldn't pick up on.

Believe me, going to this movie was for Flash purposes only, and I didn't want to fall under both of these categories: 1. A guy going to a twilight movie and 2. A guy going to a twilight movie by himself. Fortunately, I avoided the latter. I fully understood that this would probably be a waste of my money, so I made special precautions to go in between the times 4-5:30 P.M., when prices were at super-bargain matinee. Yes, I am related to Prof. Lau.

During the previews, which were in their normal eternal state, I was more excited to see another male enter the theater than for the movie to actually start. Yeah, the theater was female-dominated.



So here's my thought process during the beginning of the movie: Movie: A red horizon is shown with inspiring music. I'm thinking: Wow! What a beautiful sight, this is pretty neat! Movie: Several shots of the eerie woods and the dark pink sky are displayed. I'm thinking: This is really good sight for my eyes, plus, this music is really getting me in the mood to watch! I think I might enjoy this! Movie: Edward Cullen enters. I'm thinking: I'm not going to enjoy this movie.

The new Breaking Dawn movie, though it strays a bit from the book, kept me on the edge of my seat! The story involves Bella and Edward getting married, having a kid, and battling the Volturi. All of these things are normal for any newly wed couple to go through. The best part of the movie, as my sister Nichole points out, is that Bella didn't talk as much as in the other movies. No wonder I liked it so much! There is also Reneesme, Edward and Bella's daughter, who was such a cutie pie! Her hair was super long and absolutely gorgeous! She also had this interesting way of communicating with people. And lets not forget about the wolves! Those wolves were muy guapo (sophomore Spanish class). Overall, the movie was VERY good and I definitely recommend it.

Another Perspective...

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By Kirsten Brandle

Black Friday

By Rachel Gerbitz

After the dinner is done, the pie is eaten, and naps are taken, shoppers across America are opening the ads in search of the best shopping deals. In preparation for the biggest shopping weekend of the year, ambitious shoppers scrounge the internet and newspapers planning their attack of the crowds, the purchases and the best way to accomplish all the shopping they can in the 24 hours following Thanksgiving.

Every year, I personally rough the long lines and the cold, losing hours of sleep but enjoying the thrill of the early morning shopping. This year was a particularly interesting experience. Janesville, the shopping city of the area I live, is only a city of around 60,000. I cannot imagine shopping in any town bigger than this. It seemed like everyone in Wisconsin was shopping in Janesville. I even saw some out-of-state license plates. So, you Eau Claire dwellers who partake in Black Friday are truly ambitious. When my sister and I arrived to Target at 9:10, ten minutes after opening, there was at least a 45 minute wait just to get IN to the store. Being the practical people we are, we decided to leave Target and hit Shopko. Shopko was somewhat uneventful, apart from almost being hit in the face with fishing poles, curtain rods and Nerf guns. When we actually made it to Target, there was a police car parked outside the store. Of course, no crime had been committed, the nice policeman was simply controlling the constant stream of people entering and exiting the store. Next, we had to go to Boston Store ~~next~~ because they had a HUGE boot sale. Here, we saw some eccentric shoppers dressed to match, wearing reindeer antlers and matching Christmas t-shirts. Having a successful Boston Store mission, we decided it would be best to go home for a few hours of sleep. When we awoke to go to JCPenney's at 6 o'clock, we were locked and loaded. We knew what we wanted and got there only half an hour after the store opened. Everything we went to that store for was already gone! All the hardcore shoppers apparently go to Penney's and steal all your hopes and dreams.

Now, I don't know if you've ever noticed the salespeople on Black Friday. There are two types; the ones who obviously want to make your shopping experience worse, and the kind that make the very best of the abysmal situation. Leaving Shopko, my sister set the alarm off. Of course, this flustered us. The grinchy little man came and took our bags, which held nothing stolen, and was very slow to get them back to us. I realize he was just doing his job, but he sure did put a damper on our shopping experience. On the positive side of salespeople, there was a cheery man directing the line at Target. He knew that none of us really wanted to be waiting in line for over an hour, but he made the best of it, pretending to be a stoplight and smiling the whole time. So some are true Scrooges but some are more like Buddy the Elf, "smiling is just their favorite."

In conclusion, Black Friday is truly not worth it. Save the hassle, money and heartache and shop online from the comfort of your own home at two o'clock in the morning. This way, you will certainly get everything you want, you won't have to wait in line, and you won't go through the disappointment of JCPenney's running out of sparkly boots.

Statistics:

As many as 152 million people shop on Black Friday

Black Friday shoppers will do most of their shopping at Walmart or Best Buy

U.S. spending has reached \$9.7 billion in the first 20 days of the holiday season

26 percent of people planned on shopping online on Thanksgiving Day

66 percent of shoppers say they shop for themselves on Black Friday

63 percent of shoppers claim to experience aches and pains

The average consumer spending this year was \$423 per person

23 percent of shoppers camped out at a store

Elf Quote #5:

"I'm singing, I'm in a store, AND I'M SINGING!"

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Breaking News:

PEGASI ON CAMPUS!

We were searching for a article topic when we heard numerous reports that students and faculty alike had seen a pegasus roaming around campus. Yes, a winged horse, usually white in color, although Ned Sandhoefner claims one was purple. We the witters investigated this rumor, but were not able to witness this legendary flying beast. However, we continued to pursue the story. Here is what the ILC embodiment thinks.

We first asked Prof. Rodebaugh, but his answer was undefined. *"What do you mean 'if I saw a pegasus'? I saw them myself on the roof of the Commons; or, wait... were those the owls?"*

We needed more definite proof. That was when we were approached by Prof. Gullerud. He started on a huge rant about how the pegasus had trashed his classroom, and told us some valuable information. He said, *"...and then I saw it eating Broncos, straight out of Austin's locker!"* We talked to Austin about this, but he shrugged and said that the pegasus has "good taste".

At this moment Mr. Marzofka turned to look at us and said, *"Wait...a pegasus?"*

"Yes, a pegasus. Have you seen it?"

"Yes. My theory is that Prof. Sullivan was cleaning out his garage and it escaped."

"Preposterous!" said Prof. Sullivan, when we reported this accusation to him. *"Obviously, Dean doesn't know that every morning, the pegasus takes its head out of the sand. It then goes down by Lowes Crik and strikes its hoof on a rock to allow more water to flow into the crik. I bet Trysten would know more about this pegasus."*

Trysten did. *"Yeah! I saw the herd. I saw a pegasus herd up by Melby. They were dancing with Big Ave!"*

"That's odd..." said Philip Reim. *"I saw it behind the stage polishing chairs."*

As they both continued arguing over the exact location and origin of the pegasus, more joined the fray, a riot errupted, and we slowly edged away to write this article. Which forces us to add **New Breaking News: Pegasus Riots on South Campus In Full Swing!**

To conclude, confirmation of actual pegasi on campus is inconclusive, but further investigation is pending. Stay tuned.

Favorite Christmas

Movies {In no particular order}

Compiled by Lydia Albrecht,
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1. **Elf**
2. **A Christmas Story**
3. **The Nativity**
4. **How The Grinch Stole Christmas**
5. **Home Alone**
6. **It's A Wonderful Life**
7. **White Christmas**
8. **Christmas Shoes**
9. **The Santa Clause**

RODEBAUGH AND JOSEPH

\$ \$ ON \$aving Money

With the fiscal cliff looming, it is very important to save your money when you can. With our skills due to Con. Econ., and our past spending habits, we can show you how to save yourself from financial troubles. Here are our ten steps to saving money.

10. Don't buy songs on iTunes. Amazon will have the songs on their site for about 30 cents cheaper.
9. Do not invest in stocks without researching them first.
8. Walk to places if you can. This will save you a lot of money.
7. Buy pop/soda from the store and not from the commons.
6. Use cash not plastic, it makes it hurt more.
5. Don't buy on impulse.
4. Wait for items to come on sale.
3. Save as much of your paycheck as you can.
2. Don't blow your money on a stereo system for your car.
1. Eat at the cafeteria, and don't waste your money on pizza.

These are the best tips you can follow if you want to save money. We would know, we've been there.

A poem about...

FINALS WEEK

It's coming 'round the corner.
That week I sorely dread.
Someone call me a mourner!
Surely I'd rather be dead.
Prof Lau's test is said to be so long.
Reviewing math makes me want to cry.
Listening test? I don't know a single song!
Everyone says it's all ok, but I'm sure that's a lie.
Yea it's scary, but there's fun stuff too.
I'll get to go out for dinner,
So don't be feeling blue.
In dodgeball I'm usually a winner,
And maybe we'll even get some snow,
So we can bury the freshmen alive!
Well it looks like I have to go.
My English final starts in five.