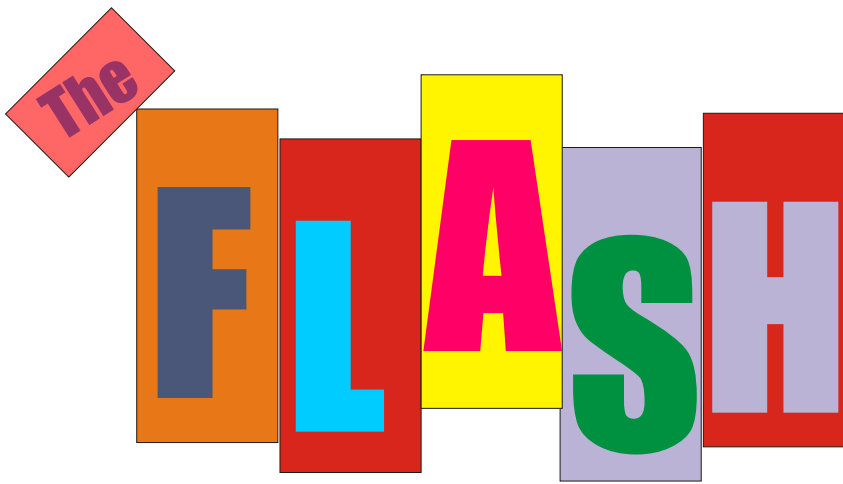


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Thanksgiving OBSERVANCE

By Prof. Lau

When I taught grade school in my earlier career, I annually made it a priority to visit the homes of my students. For obvious reasons, that would be difficult to do with the ILC student body. Over the recent Thanksgiving break a race of my son's drew me to the eastern part of the state for a short getaway. This trip afforded me the opportunity to spend some time with the families of some of our current and former students who graciously opened their houses to us. What a wonderful impression I was left with! Many of the problems our country faces today can be traced, at least in part, to the demise of the family. In the homes I was in, the abundant blessings of our God were evident in so many ways. The homes were filled with joy, laughter, warmth, food, games, and love. I was reminded of how precious time with family can be, especially for those who live at a distance from school. Sending a child to Immanuel requires a sacrifice on the part of families - time spent together. As a teacher it reminded me of the privilege I have to teach the children coming from these God-fearing homes. It is yet another thing for which to be thankful.

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A Short Treatise on Snow

Well, um...we could talk about the snow, snow, and more snow, but no one really wants to hear that right now, right? Do you 'snow' what everyone does want to hear though? Christmas Break!

Yes, it is that time of year. This looking ahead to our annual yuletide vacation, however, can be a bad thing. For one, it causes what's known as St. Nick's Syndrome, where you suddenly start to forget that you're still in school and time becomes awry till your friend reminds you that it's not a Friday.

Just keep in mind-- there's still a little bit of school left. There's still homework to be finished, still finals to be overcome, still choir to sing. The winter concert is sure to be a blast, and it's always a little sentimental (at least for many girls) to see friends leave. There's also talk of a mysterious David's club meeting. Who knows? (Well, probably David).

Anyways, have a good break. Stay frosty.



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NAUMANN & **Nate Buck**

Your Flash Editors of 2014-2015

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Random Facts

By Emily Hein

- ~Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- ~The world's largest clam weighs about 500 pounds.
- ~Martin Van Buren was the first US born citizen to become president.
- ~Tuna fish swim at an average speed of 9 miles per hour, and they never stop moving.
- ~Chinese people celebrate their birthday once every ten years.
- ~A toad has no teeth.
- ~There are more chickens in the world than people.
- ~The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses.
- ~In Massachusetts, it is illegal to shave while driving a car.
- ~A bee can flap its wings 300 times per second.
- ~On average, every time you laugh, you burn 3.5 calories.
- ~Emus and kangaroos can't walk backwards.
- ~The greatest snowfall ever in a single storm was 189 inches (over 15 feet) at the Mount Shasta Ski Bowl in California in February, 1959.

Warm Treats for the Cold Weather

Joci Gamble

Winter can be, irritating, freezing, and just plain depressing. The universal truth is that food fixes pretty much everything, so here are some treats to warm up your winter.

There is much discrepancy on the topic of eggnog. I, find the sketchy beverage disgusting. Revolting. Simply nasty. Others, however, have been brainwashed into thinking that it's halfway decent. To each his own, I suppose...Except not. Boo eggnog!

Another, mostly liquid, winter cuisine is soup. Soup is wonderful on a snowy, cold, basically just depressing day. There are so many kinds! If you are, in a moment of confusion, convinced that you can afford it (you can't), go on down to Panera, visit Caleb N. and Jo M., and grab a bite. Or... many bites. Something to try...if you're a real daredevil, is haggis. Haggis is a savoury pudding containing sheep's pluck (heart, liver and lungs), minced with onion, oatmeal, suet, spices, and salt, mixed with stock, and traditionally encased in the animal's stomach and simmered for approximately three hours.Yum. Christmas cookies are a national tradition. (Gingersnaps, peanut blossoms, sugar cookies in the shapes of snowmen, Christmas trees, and angels) Banquet Committee will be selling these during finals week. So if you had a pathetic, cookieless childhood, here's your chance to try them.



Foreign Christmas Traditions

By Becca Krause



At our houses, we have our own small traditions for Christmas: trees, lights, Santa, presents. At my house, we always eat pizza on Christmas Day. But other countries have their own different traditions, as you will soon discover.

Japan: Christmas is viewed more as a day to spread happiness. In fact, Christmas Eve is similar to Valentine's Day. Since Christmas is not a national holiday, schools and stores are open. A traditional cake is a strawberry shortcake decorated with Santa, trees, and flowers. Fried chicken is eaten on Christmas Day!

Greece: Children carry model boats with them as they carol, which is an old tradition. Instead of a tree, most families have a bowl with a basil-wrapped cross in it. The mother will use the cross to sprinkle holy water around the house to keep evil spirits away. The customary food is either lamb or pork and pastry.

Nigeria: Like the United States, family is important to Nigerians at Christmastime. Parties are thrown, and usually last all night. Children play with firecrackers. Traditional food includes turkey, beef, lamb, chicken, goat, yams, rice, and stew.

Zimbabwe: Church is the first part of the day, followed by a party at home. Stereos are set up on porches and loud Christmas, pop, and African music is played. Everyone wears their best clothes for Christmas. Some homes have a Christmas tree, but normally the living room is decorated with ivy. Chicken and rice is normally eaten. Santa arrives at stores in a fire engine.

Sweden: St. Lucia's Day (December 13) is a big celebration which remembers a girl who was martyred in 304 A.D. Little girls will wear a white dress, a red sash, and a crown on her head to remember Lucia. A national Lucia is also chosen. For Christmas, there is a "julbord" (buffet) of cold fish, liver pate, meatballs, jellied pigs' feet, pork ribs, and koldomar (meat-filled cabbage rolls). For dessert, there are pastries, biscuits, and, of course, homemade sweets.

What's Your Favorite...

OLIVIA A. CHRISTMAS MOVIE?

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Caity S - White Christmas
Kayla - Elf
Jesse - Elf
Marcus - Elf
Calvin - Charlie Brown
Jonah - A Christmas Story
Brooke - A Christmas Story
Sam L - It's a Wonderful Life
Jon - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Sarah - Elf
Caleb N - Home Alone
Prof. Rodebaugh - It's a Wonderful Life

Michaela N - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Zach T - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Emily H - The Nativity Story
Luke Schaser - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Alex F - Christmas Story
Prof. Reim - Charlie Brown
Austin M - Home Alone 2
Nate B - Charlie Brown
Grant N - Jingle All the Way
Alex G - Last Holiday
Renee - The Nightmare Before Christmas
Emma M - Elf

Word Association

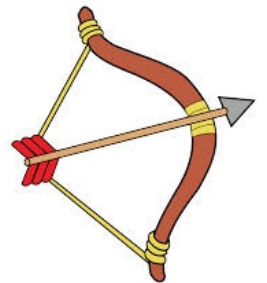
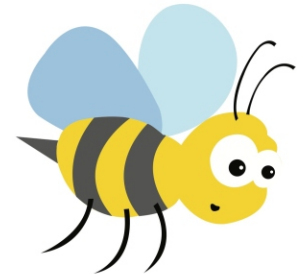
By: Jadyn Mielke

First Word

JOLLY

Rancher
Longhorn
Texas
Toast
French
Croissant
Bakery
Donuts
Police
Sting
Bee
Honey
Sweet
Candy
Corn
Maze
Indians
Arrows
Bows
Ribbon
Red
Blood
Zombie
Overrated

Calvin R
Phil S
Tara G
Sam L
Sam B
Bethanie G
Dan L
Jordan R
Caitlyn S
Laura N
Olivia A
Tim S
Jesse N
Claire N
Jaqi G
Emma M
Rose S
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Gunny S
Marcus N
Austin M
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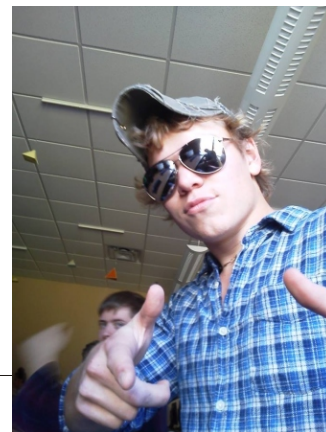
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Philip R.

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Seth Allen Lovelien

An Interview with Nathan Buck



Nathan: "Where and when were you born?"

Seth: "Eau Claire, at Luther Hospital. December 1, 1996."

N: "Okay, so we all know you have a great love of mechanics and outdoor life. But, before that, is there some hobby or special talent you have that most people don't know?"

S: "Yeah, actually, I do cook a lot. I'm a good cook. I make a lot of art out of metal too; I don't know if many people know that. Oh, and I sing too. Yeah, a lot. (unfortunately for the general public, Seth is not planning on releasing any albums soon)

N: "Okay, I've always thought one of your strong suits was philosophy on life. I've considered you a misunderstood philosopher. Got any philosophies for us?"

S: "Yeah, I've got a few, but I forget them. I'll use a quote I said once: "Life sucks, so stop complaining."

N: "Blunt and to the point, yet true. I like it. Now, what's the coolest thing you've ever created or fixed-up?"

S: "Well, I helped restore a 1932 Ford Roadster. I once built a remote control truck with the remote and everything. Ooh, and a gas powered blender out of a weed wacker engine. I also put a motor on a bike, and it was like a death machine. It went 50-60 mph. I also made a 410 pistol/shotgun, and it's pretty cool, with a buck antler handle."

N: "So what's your most prized possession?"

S: "Ooh. That would be something from my armory. Probably my 22 from 1890. Actually, all my guns. I have over \$7,000 of guns."

N: "Wow. Hey, so is Mr. Tom Beekman your arch-nemesis?"

S: (He chuckles) "Yeah he is, he schnags my deals."

N: "Who's your role model?"

S: "Well, no one knows him, but my neighbor Paul Isaacson, because he has done it all, literally. Shot all kinds of stuff, knows and fixes all kinds of stuff. And my mom's dad, even though I never met him. He lived in a house he built in the woods, but it was half-underground like a bunker. He lived off the land." N: "So when you went to the Dominican Republic a few years back, what was the most eye-opening experience for you?"

S: "The poverty. It was pretty intense. There were these people working at these million dollar resorts getting paid only a dollar an hour. Oh, and the dead guy in the street. And there was lots of militia; you know, drug cartels and such. A school bus drove by once with armed militia."

N: "What do you remember about the old Messiah days?"

S: "Mostly stuff like getting in trouble and going to "The Room." Mr. Schaller getting angry and his jokes. Pastor Tiefel. Trysten was actually quiet and reserved when I first met him. And small, just small. Joe was even more quiet and reserved."

N: "Where do you see yourself in the near-future?" S: "Probably mech welding on the oil fields, scanning

Favorites:

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Famous Celebrity: Mark Wahlberg

Candy Variety: Reeses

Wild Animal: Moose

Foreign Country: Minnesota

Children's Book: Thomas Goes to Sleep

TV Show: Axemen

Fishing Lure: Jointed Rapala Fire Tiger 2/3 1/4 inch

Cheese Type: All cheese. It's my favorite food.

Bethanie Gantt

Nichole Brandle



Nichole: Where and when were you born?

Bethanie: Winter, SD, August 3, 1997

N: What do you like to do in your free time?

B: I do a lot of cooking and I like to run.

N: How would you describe yourself in three words?

B: Wishy-washy, creative, and hard-working.

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

B: The ability to read minds.

N: Who is someone that inspires you?

B: My dad. I'm a major daddy's girl. I usually go to him for everything.

N: What are you going to miss most about ILC?

B: The people, my friends, and definitely the Christian fellowship.

N: Favorite High School Memory?

B: Probably senior night. It was absolutely amazing!

N: What are your thoughts on garden gnomes?

B: Personally, I think that they are creepy. I would definitely not put them in my garden.

N: Please spell "Flibbertigibbet".

B: Um... "F-l-i-b-e-r-t-y-g-i-b-b-i-t."

N: Do you have any words of Wisdom?

B: You only go through high school once. You may as well enjoy it and make the best out of it.

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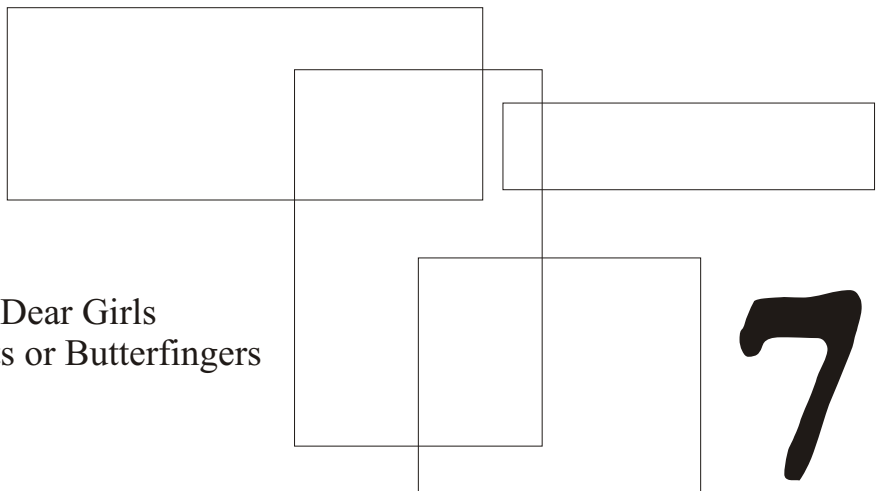
Prof: Roehl

Passage: Ephesians 3:20

Color: Blue

Song: Wild Flower by JaneDear Girls

Candy: Whatcha-ma-call-its or Butterfingers



Emily^{Anne} Hein

By James Schaser

Me: Where and When:

February 11, 1997, Red Wing MN in a hospital

Me: Mittens, what's the deal?

What's not the deal? GET SOME MITTENS NOW!!!!!!!

Me: Have you ever had a pet?

When I was a beabee, I had a puppy named Apollo, and a fish named Rainbow but it died.

Me: How does it feel to have two sisters getting married this year?

It is very, very, very overwhelming, and kind of scary.

Me: Where have you lived?

Red Wing MN, then Sioux Falls, SD, Lynnwood WA, and now Fridley, MN

Jadyn: Would you rather be a mermaid or a fairy?

Ninja, Fo Sho

Alex: What is your favorite nickname that happens to consist of three words and rhymes with your name?

Tiny Whiney Heiney

Me: David?

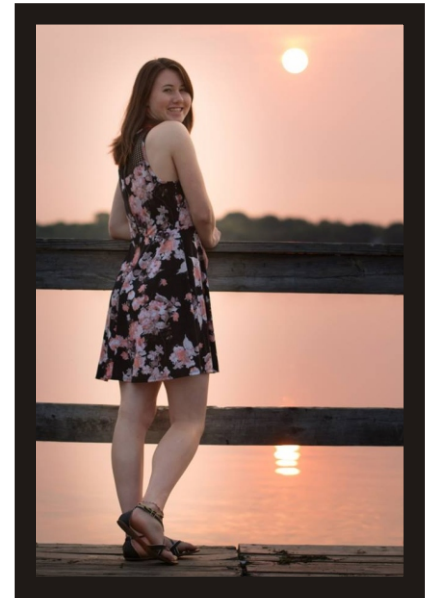
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, yup

Me: What are your plans for college?

Go to U of M for some kind of engineering.

Me: Why are the Profs so mean to you?

I am easy to pick on, but it is better to be pickable than despicable.



Favorites

Prof: Schierenbeck. obvi
Superhero: The Arrow
Disney Princess: Jasmine
Disney Prince: Flynn Rida
Senior Spotlighter: Jadyn
Camp Team: Lime Green
Limes
Reptile: Beabee turtle

Where do you see Emily in 10 years?

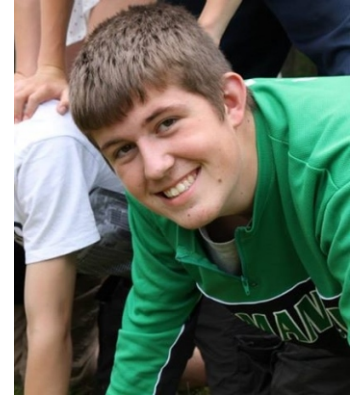
David: Helping out at a nursing home playing piano and helping the elderly make puzzles

Sarah: The head of some big engineering company, married, three kids, one named Christopher, all born on the 11th of a month, and they are all super good at piano

Abby: The owner of a chemical engineered apple juice plant that makes people smarter, with a husband who looks just like Colin O'Donoghue and one daughter that looks just like Boo.

Becca: Because of her lucrative position as the Wiz's replacement, she will spoil all her nieces and nephews and be known as "The Awesome Aunt." Don't worry, Emily! You are married to Captain Hook's stunt double and you have four kids who are crazy talented at piano, and smart. Really smart.

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Favorites

Q: When and where were you born?

December 31, 1996. Somewhere in the Cities

Q: Where did you grow up?

Fulda, MN

Q: What are your college plans?

Go to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND

Q: What will you miss the most about ILC?

Dorm life

Q: What are your favorite memories at ILC?

Winning regionals last year; airsofting

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

Somewhere with mountains or by the ocean

Q: If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be?

Shaquille O'Neal

Color? Black

Bands? Metallica,
Scorpions, Def Leppard

Prof? All of them

Class? 9th and 10th grade
P.E.

Movie? Lord of the Rings
trilogy

Sport? Basketball

Food? Food

Where do you see Carl in 10 years?

Johanna Meyer: He's probably super rich, flying planes somewhere, going on vacation.

Carter Ryan: Flying out of a tornado like a boss.

Nate Buck: After aliens initiate an attack on Earth, Carl will fight for our planet, piloting an A-10 Warthog. There will be action figures made of him; they will call him Captain Ryan.

Class of 2015 NICKNAMES

By EmilyH

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. I am known as Tiny. I will also answer to Guz, Em-Qui-Qui, Loaded, or maybe even the longer version of Tiny: Tiny Whiney Heine.

Now as I'm pretty sure everyone on campus is aware, the seniors this year have a bunch of inside jokes. Even more numerous than these are our nicknames. I can't reveal every single one of the nicknames given to each person in our class, but maybe I can give you a little inside scoop so you can catch just a glimpse of how our class communicates with one another.

To begin, there are some nicknames that don't technically qualify as such, because they are simply a shortening of names. Some of these are Abby, Joey, Gabby, Madie, Alex, Nate, Becca, Jo, and more. Other nicknames are close to one's actual name, but shortened either for fun or for ease in speaking. Some examples are Coley (Nichole Brandle), Sammy (Sam Wittorp), and Kathy (Katie Lau).

Another category is nicknames given by professors. Prof. Lau started the ever-popular Bulldog (Jadyn Mielke) during this past volleyball season. A favorite of Prof. Kranz is Juicy (Sarah Joos), and Prof. Roehl calls Nathan Buck "Bucker."

A few nicknames began sophomore year in our Spanish II class. It was often heard that "Cruz es perfecto!" (Cruz being Caleb Noeldner) There was also the widely-known Triste (meaning "sad" in English) that has seemed to stick for Trysten Hallahan.

Some nicknames came about during specific events. Tessie was invented when Bethanie Gantt played an orphan in the school play "Annie" with this name. Sheen began when Savanna Moropoulos didn't know who Charlie Sheen was. Guz, for both Jadyn Mielke and myself, had its beginnings during volleyball season - two teammates from the Independence team were named Jadyn and Emily, and they were sisters with the last name Guza. It has been shortened to Guz to make it easier to say.

Yet other nicknames are simply there. No one knows how they came about or why they stuck, but they are always there. The most pristine example of this is Beaker (Becca Naumann), which is also occasionally shortened to Beaks. Another great example is Murphy (Megan Williams), which also has a shorter version: Murph. Is it a coincidence that Johanna Meyer started both of these? We may never know.

At this point in my article, I must apologize to the senior males. Guys, I don't know where half of your nicknames come from, but I was simply too afraid to hear a story that would scar me for life, so I didn't ask why they came to be. Anyway, the guys in our class have some pretty crazy nicknames. The record-holder for most nicknames in our class is definitely Austin Mayhew. Here is just a sampling of Austin's nicknames: Aussage, Spinny, Austie Bear, Sausage, Austifarian, Black Fetus, Aussie, Baby Face Mayhew, Pillsbury Doughboy, and Chicken Little. There are many more nicknames for the rest of the guys in our class, but I think I'll let you guess who's who. Some of these names are T-bag, Winky, Samuschi, Swarly, Jeeves, Shnebly, Fleisch-dog, Carl Rrrrrr, Uncle Ben, Trash Bag, SS, Zeek, Jojo, Alekay, Pariah, C-Rye, Shneebbs, Wrinkley Man, Cephas, Ben Jonson, Nebler, Stryker, Winkle Toes.... the list goes on and on.

For the girls, the nicknames aren't as prevalent as they are with the guys, but they're still there. Rachel Gerbitz is known as Debby and Jerry (Don't ask her about these. Sore subjects!), Kirsten Brandle might answer to Kirk, and Jadyn Mielke is often called Janet. Sarah Joos has quite a few nicknames and may be the record-holder for the females in our class. Some of her nicknames are Twitch, Juicy Juice, Chotchie, Sarawr, Christopher, and Uber Nerd. For the other girls in our class, you can try and figure out who's who: Abijam, Karen, Savi, JoMar, Spazz, Speedy, Mojo, Gabba Gabba, Abbs, Mamba Jamba, Locked, and Loaded.

Well, that got a little out of hand. Sometimes I don't even realize that our class has so many nicknames. Hopefully you enjoyed this article and weren't scared by the enormous number of nicknames that have started during these past four years by our class. I'd assure you that the seniors of 2015 are normal, but... just looking at this article, it's hard to come up with a good reason to back that claim. If you have any questions concerning who is the owner of one of these nicknames or about the background of any of these names, just contact me or any other senior.

Nate's Take *ON Marijuana and it's Legalization*

Hey, I'm Nathan Buck. I enjoy talking, discussions, and anything that doesn't involve a lot of math. In this series, I'll be sharing my views on any controversial topic, or just any topic you can think of. Just shoot a topic, any topic, my way and I'll answer it in the next issue of the Flash, anonymously if wanted.

Q: "I've heard a lot of states have made marijuana okay. What do you think would happen if Wisconsin did?"

-Anonymous

A: "You've heard correctly. This is a major discussion right now. Already, Washington and Colorado have spearheaded the legalization of marijuana, and Alaska, Oregon, and Washington D.C. have followed. But it undoubtedly won't stop here. I expect to see such liberal states as California, Nevada, and Arizona legalizing marijuana as well in the future. First let me clear some things up about marijuana. Chances are that you grew up thinking, or still think, that marijuana is a nasty drug from which stems all kinds of violence and badwill. This is not entirely the case, but bear with me.

Marijuana, or cannabis, also known informally as weed, is sometimes used medically, and often consumed or inhaled because of its psychoactive properties which cause euphoria and hallucinations, among other effects.

The effects of these psychoactive properties are commonly known as "getting a high," and are desired by many who take the substance.

Marijuana can be helpful in a medical situation. It reduces vomiting and nausea in chemotherapy patients and people with AIDS, and can help with muscle spasticity and slight pain. The real issue with marijuana is that though it has undesirable short-term effects, it has not been proven to have conclusive highly dangerous long-term ones. Short-term effects include bloodshot eyes, rapid pulse rate, dry mouth, and body temperature increase, but because these are considered trivial and not of serious concern, this convinces many that it is relatively safe and has fueled propaganda for marijuana to be legalized in many states. So far, Colorado and Washington seem to actually be doing fine, but there's a big issue I see with the legalization impact of marijuana, in any state.

Which is more important to you? The financial bolstering that the marijuana industry will add to your state, or the teenage population that will be affected by it? You can already see it in Washington, and especially in Colorado. While ratifying the law to legalize marijuana, the state legislature is desperately trying to keep teenagers and kids away from it with posters and signs. I could find no word or statistics that show how effective this campaign has been, but with the legal rights for anyone to grow marijuana on their property, this raises serious concerns. Most teenagers are easily impressionable. I see a lot of pressure being put on them and others. And now that marijuana is legal, what of those kids who try once illegal drugs like marijuana specifically because it was a risk and they felt independence? Will they move on to substantially more potent drugs like cocaine and LSD?

Also, there's the complicated problem of borders. According to a DEA official interviewed by CBS, countless operations have been frozen trying to smuggle marijuana out of Colorado into other states, and overseas, especially to Mexico, believe it or not. Mexico's pot industry is much less advanced and their plant hybrid results are much less potent than the industries of Colorado and other marijuana states. And with all the strife concerning immigrants pouring into the US from Mexico right now, I can foresee further problems with border control and the drug cartels, and those are simply problems we do not need right now. All in all, I do not see Wisconsin legalizing marijuana soon, or possibly ever.

There's just too much legislation and harboring dissent to see it through. However, Wisconsin is known for its flip-flopping political views, so we are kinda in the middle of the see-saw right now. We'll just have to wait and see. I will, however, say flat out that I personally do not condone the use of marijuana for recreational use. There are a couple of reasons I harbor this opinion. The main one is that I have the firm belief that any store or street product claiming to enhance or empower you, or anything of the

Nate's Take...Continued

like, is either false, dangerous, and almost absolutely not needed. I place energy drinks, excessive vitamin supplements, and drugs in this category. If you're healthy and active, you don't need extra stuff. Get your energy and vitamins and minerals from food. Get to sleep on time if possible. Just don't become dependent and I'm not just talking about drugs. Coffee and energy drinks too. Don't get dependant on something. If it's not something that's been essential since the dawn of time, then you don't really need it. Especially not drugs.

Looking at marijuana and other harmful gateway or designer drugs, that they do nothing good for you. "Well no! They give you a high," says your average Sordid Scott (apologies to anyone named Scott. Entirely fictitious character). Well, why do you need a high? Is your life really that bad that you'd want to take the risk that you do something terrible while induced in a high? And it's the same with people who drink away their troubles. It doesn't help them, just like 5 Hour Energy only helps for 5 or fewer hours. It fades, and you become dependant, your life becomes worse, and there you are, blaming it all on other things, other people, and still attached to the one thing that it all stems from and will inevitably cause you more. And if you're just doing it to be cool or have fun...N-O. Simply, NO. The last point I want to make is that, to be truthful, scientific medical study on marijuana's effects has not been in excess. In fact, there is a surprising lack of study, with most studies ending with scientists eventually coming to the conclusion that there is a strong correlation between marijuana use and low IQ, according to a report done by National Public Radio. Imagine that! It is my personal opinion that further research will be done and may indicate that marijuana poses serious risks, just as was shown with cigarettes in the late 20th Century. And frankly, who wants to walk around with bloodshot eyes and rapid pulse rate just to get a little 'trippy' and avoid their problems or have an 'adventure'? Go outside. Take a hike. Make someone's day. Drugs done for pleasure are far removed from happiness.

10 Finals Week Study Tips

RACHEL GERBITZ

Whether or not I am the most qualified to be giving study tips is debatable, but I have done this six times now. Take it or leave it, here's what's gotten me through the past 3 years of finals weeks:

1. Sleep. Sleep as much as you can.
2. Eat a good breakfast. Add a banana for potassium.
3. Motivate yourself. Treat yo-self with a small snack when you get a practice problem right.
4. Be quiet during study hall.
5. Give yourself a break. Go to Arby's with your friends during lunch.
6. Don't yawn during choir rehearsal. Conceal, don't feel.
7. Use your study time wisely.
8. Freshman, enjoy your finals this year. You have it easy.
9. Don't stress out. Finals week is lots of fun, second to Mini-Class week.
10. PRAY! "Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you."

Rachel's Riddle

It sits in the middle

When the other goes far away

It wants to be with it

And goes back home

GOOD LUCK ;)

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25 Days of Christmas

By Sam Lisak and Jon Gamble

Yes, it's that time of the year again. "The Most Wonderful Time." That means shopping, wreaths, trees, maybe even mistletoe, and of course, ABC's 25 Days of Christmas. This near-month long nostalgic joyride of Christmas movies good and bad makes some sick, but is the delight of many. There is a wide variety of movies such as the classics (It's a Wonderful Life, A Charlie Brown Christmas) to the more current movies (Elf, The Polar Express) to newer renditions of previous movies (How the Grinch Stole Christmas, A Christmas Carol). So, here we bring you, Santa's list of movies in ABC's 25 Days of Christmas. They will be in two categories: Lump of Coal and Stocking Stuffers.

Lump of Coal

Elf	This may be a favorite of many, but this is the most overrated Christmas movie around. It is based on a large elf who is lost from his home, the North Pole, and then must save Santa's sled because people don't have enough Christmas spirit.
Santa Buddies: The Quest for more Cash	This isn't the real subtitle, but it might as well be. It is a blatant attempt at making more millions off the Air Bud cash cow.
Home Alone 3	It just isn't the same without Macaulay Culkin. This was not lucky number 3.
Nestor, The Long-Eared Christmas Donkey	A rip-off of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. I don't know who thought that this was a good idea, but they should stop producing movies.

Stocking Stuffers

Home Alone	An original tale of Christmas adventure. This touches the hearts and brings forth the laughs of many.
It's a Wonderful Life	A true inspirational story about a man on the verge of suicide to the realization he is meaningful.
Scrooged	Two words: Bill Murray. The American hero himself stars in this Christmas tale.
The Santa Clause	Any movie that features a Denny's dinner is bound to be in the top 5. Tim Allen is horrifying and hilarious as we watch him helplessly gain weight in everybody's worst nightmare.



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The WISEFOOLS' TAKE ON SPORTS

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Lancer Basketball

The 2013-14 Immanuel Boys' basketball season was record-breaking. The Varsity guys won Regionals for the first time in school history with a 61-46 win over Turtle Lake. The season ended with a 47-52 loss to Thorp in the Sectional Semifinal, a touchy topic for anyone who took an interest in last year's team. The guys will be looking to go even further into the tournament this year, with a relatively new roster.

There were lots of spots to fill this year after six seniors, including four starters, graduated. Only five players are returning this year from the 2013-14 Varsity team. Caleb Noeldner, Carl Ryan, Ned Sandhoefner, Bryan Sydow, and Jonathan Gamble will be in at least their second year on Varsity. They will be the leaders and core of this year's squad. Seven more players from the 2013-14 Boys JV team with the best record (17-3) in ILHS history will join them. Sam Schierenbeck, Ben Hansen, Riley Sotnyk, Jonah Albrecht, Sam Lisak, Calvin Ryan, and David Hein will all be in their first year on Varsity. The guys will have to be a tough squad to beat if they want to win the Dairyland Small Conference. Gilmanton had a record of 18-5 last season and did not have many seniors graduate. Their team was strong because of this year's seniors and they should be one of the best teams in all of Division 5. Eleva-Strum, Alma-Pepin, and Independence will also be strong teams this year, making for a difficult Lancers schedule. Over in the Large Dairyland, Blair-Taylor and Cochrane-Fountain City are both coming off of trips to State and remain favorites. A newcomer to the Dairyland, Augusta, has a very deep team with lots of skilled players. AC Lincoln, Melrose-Mindoro, and Whitehall should also be very competitive this year, creating an amazingly talented Dairyland Conference.

All in all, this year's Varsity Lancers Basketball season will be very exciting. The guys' first home game is Tuesday, December 9th, against Gilmanton. Come out to support them and all five of the Lancers basketball teams this winter.

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