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The One and Only...



When I first met Dan Geschwind, he was a nice quiet boy from Mankato; but ILC seems to have a certain effect on people's personality and before I knew it, Dan had somehow transformed into the talkative, fun-loving, and occasionally lazy guy that he is today. It's somewhat of a shame that he has so much athletic talent and is such an instrumental part of both soccer and basketball, because he is a bit lacking on the whole *wanting* to play aspect. As he said once, "I want to play sports, it's just that my attitude doesn't." Nevertheless, he remains an all-conference basketball player.

If you were to ask Dan a question such as, "What motivates you in life?" or "What is your passion in life?" or "What defines you as a person?" You will most likely get a long pause and then, after he's had a while to ponder the question, will answer with, "I dunno."

There are a lot of things that Dan doesn't like to do. For instance, he's not a big fan of the whole "school" thing, but there are some things that he does like to do, such as lift weights, perhaps run if he's feeling really ambitious, sleep and eat. Last year as soon as the bell rang to get out of school, you'd find Dan sound asleep on his bed. Dan boasts his excellent hunting skills, and one time he shot a bird 30 yards away.



The Christmas Story



"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" Luke 2:7-14



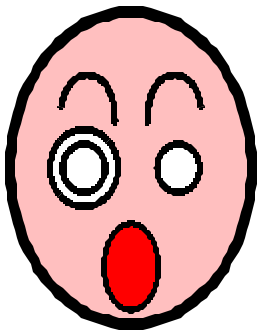
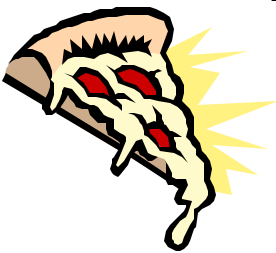
Bubbling Over Soaps

I have noticed that certain people in this school seem to be bordering on obsession when it comes to soap operas. Ok, maybe you people see something in them that I don't, but I kind of doubt that. Honestly...why? You may feel that I've just never gotten into them. You might feel that since I don't know what's going on, of course, why would I care? I guess from my point of view, do you really *need* to have watched it for years, months, or even weeks to know that these are unrealistic people with way too many problems? It could possibly be argued that those reasons are half of the intrigue. It makes the problems of your life seem small compared to theirs. "Exactly!!!!" states one self-claimed obsessionist, "all I need to feel better about my life is to watch one of my soaps." Well...I suppose that *could* be a draw, although, I personally could find other ways to make myself feel better, such as eating cookie dough, but that's beside the point. Another thing I've been wondering...How do some people get hooked on soaps anyway? I knew one person who started watching because they were with someone who happened to be

watching it. This happened for a few days in a row, and lo and behold, they are a watcher now. According to some people who watch them, reasons might include, "boredom, pure summer boredom. Actually, my grandma got me hooked on Young and the Restless, and my sisters got me started on Days of Our Lives, when I was like, 6. That's like, 10 years of my life!!" Ok, now moving on to the reasons people *don't* watch soaps. Do these people do anything other than marry almost everyone on the show at least once, have illegitimate children, and ruin other people's lives? To me it's a whole bunch of over dramatic people whose problems are way over played. Also, if your summer was like mine, it was very UN-boring and I rarely turned on the TV at all. Who knows? One thing, though, I don't care if you watch them, but it would take an incredible amount of something to ever get me hooked on one of those.

-Shannon Roehl

My Story from Pizza Hut



Upon arriving late to the pizza party for our basketball team, I found myself sitting by both coaches with Megan here behind. Little did I know it would be one of the most eventful nights of my life....

First off, the coaches (or just Prof. Roehl) gave me a hard time for being late which led to Megan reminding me that we have to eat fast so we get home in time for Ryan and Trishta's wedding, which I had com-

pletely forgotten about.

The meal goes on with talk about cheese and PE and lots of Mountain Dew. The stories told of the good old days by Mr. Beekman kept us laughing while the first of the pizzas arrived. We were so involved with getting our pizza that we didn't see the next pizza arrive... except for Megan. As she was telling me a story, and I being deeply moved and very into it, we didn't see the wait-

ress bring the pizza which she was about to place down by Megan, when a slice fell right off the tray and onto Megan's back, which she thought was coming from Joelle. As she stands, ready to attack Joelle, she realizes it wasn't Joelle but the "innocent" pizza waitress. I have never seen anyone so red, nor have I ever had so much fun at Pizza Hut.

-Eleise Thompson



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

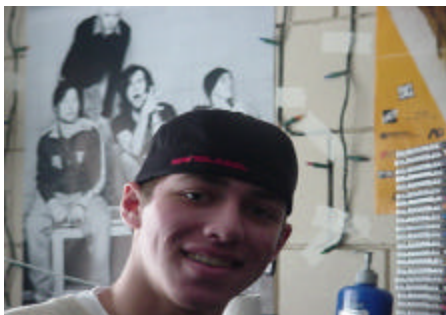
FEATURING SPOKANE'S BEST: TJ LIST AND MATT LUECK

Matt Lueck has probably the most natural athletic talent I have seen. He's an excellent baseball player, and as much as he would like to deny it, is also a great soccer player. He enjoys baseball to its fullest and he even managed to get through a soccer season last year (well, he came to most games and a few practices). He likes skateboarding, snow-boarding, and lifting weights as well. He has unsurpassed dedication to do the things that he really enjoys doing, but when it comes to those things that do not really interest him, well, let's just say, that school is not very high on his list. Speaking of Lists, Matt grew up with TJ in Spokane, Washington (sorry, that was possibly the worst pun in the history of puns). He says, "It's the best city in the world and everyone should go there. There's a lot of stuff to do and it's really fun."

Matt has two brothers, one sister, and even one mom and one dad. His early life was filled with excitement which can be seen by this little anecdote. "One time I stapled my thumb to impress my Sunday school teacher because she was really pretty." That's the kind of guy Matt is though. He's not afraid to do something crazy if it will get him a laugh, or impress someone.

Next year Matt plans to live in Eau Claire with a couple buddies and make a lot of money and not go to college. Even though he doesn't like school at ILC, he has fond memories of the dorm, and the great people he lives with. His feelings can pretty much be summed up with this quote. "Dorm life...great people, great fun; and school is lame." Matt does have some advice for the less mature people at ILC, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

-Dave Dreyer



TJ and I, we go back a long ways. Well, by a long ways I mean Sophomore year. We had some great times, though, being the only two sophomores on the JV basketball team. Since then, neither TJ nor I have ever gone back. We just didn't want to tarnish the perfect memories of JV basketball by playing our Junior or Senior years.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, TJ is from Spokane, Washington. He has two brothers and two sisters, none of whom attended ILC. His brother is a famous cross country runner who has a lot of trophies and has won a lot of track meets. TJ followed in his footsteps quite nicely by running cross country all four years of high school. TJ is also an avid baseball player, snowboarder, and thespian. Regarding his acting career he says, "yea, I was the radio in what was quite possibly the greatest theatrical production in the history of theater everywhere, *The Butler Did It*, performed right here at ILC." I must admit, without TJ, that play would not have been very enjoyable.

Next year, TJ plans to either go to the Chippewa Valley tech school, or just take a year off and live in Eau Claire and work. His best memories of ILC are playing baseball, and, on the more specific side, going to Wisconsin Dells and Noah's Ark his Freshman year. Another one of his favorite memories is when he saw Luther driving the tar-tickler on the grass. He thinks it's ironic that people get yelled at for walking on the grass, but not driving on it.

TJ is the perfect guy for going out and having a fun night, or if you need someone to sit down and just talk to. TJ's advice for everyone: "Always trust in the Lord in everything in life." He is also an instrumental part of the FLASH staff. So, thanks, TJ, for all your hard work and dedication; it is appreciated.

-Dave Dreyer



Immanuel Girls are on a Roll!

Anyone who was privileged enough to be in the Immanuel Fieldhouse last Friday night witnessed a not-soon-to-be-forgotten Lancer girls' basketball victory over Dairyland Conference rival, Alma. After trailing by five at halftime and six at the end of three quarters, the Lancers crawled their way back with intense defense and timely shots, especially the last one by Senior Megan Oster. Trailing by two, Alma guard Megan Steinke tied the game with a lay up with five seconds remaining. The Lancers called a time-out to set up their final opportunity. The ball was inbounded to Oster who dribbled the length of the court. She recalls seeing 3 seconds on the clock as she crossed half court. With one second remaining she pulled up from 15 feet to shoot. As soon as the horn sounded the ball hit the front of the rim and went straight into the air. Over-

time, everyone thought. No, the ball came down right in the best spot. Game over.

This victory came "just in time" for a variety of reasons. First, it was the Lancers first conference win. Eleise Thompson, who led the Lancers with 14 points Friday night, feels the victory will give the team some confidence heading into the long Christmas break. "We feel we can beat anyone in our conference if we play with confidence," Thompson said.

The win was also "just in time" because it put the Lancers above .500 at the break. It has been a while since the team has had a winning record (3-2) heading into the break. Thompson thinks this will give the team a good attitude and will encourage them to work hard over vacation to continue their success after Christmas.

The team will be practicing over vacation starting January 2, with a scrimmage being scheduled with Mankato on January 10. The next regular season game for the Lancers will be on January 15 at home against CFC, a team the Lancers have dominated the last few seasons. If you missed the game Friday, be sure to make it down for the next one. You never know what could happen, right Megan?

-Prof. Joe Lau



The Freshmen are Finished Forever (or until next year)

One of the features of the FLASH is to get the readers acquainted with the Freshmen at school. We've been putting about 4 Freshmen in every issue and the original idea was to have them all in by the December issue. So, here is that issue and we have 20 Freshmen left to do. Because of this, I have taken it upon myself to write a little something about each of the Freshmen left. My apologies go out to each of the Freshmen that did not have the honor of a separate article.

We'll begin with Sarah Kimberly Stifter. I probably know Sarah better than any of the Freshmen and I really wanted to put her biography in the Flash (mostly because of all the spelling and grammar mistakes), but it just couldn't happen. Sarah's life can pretty much be summed up with this sentence taken directly from her Freshman paragraph (unedited) "The worst thing that ever happened to me were proolly every time that I have broken my arms I broke each arm 3 times. The one that hurt the most was when I was climbing on the rayling on my deck and my brother through a ball at me and I fell of."

Thank you Sarah for those inspiring words of wisdom.

Neil Aymond probably won't be coming back next year and he doesn't like when people make fun of others when they think they are better than them. So, the next time you see Neil, convince him to stay because ILC needs people like that.

Frank Wittorp has never been to a boarding school before and likes to go snowmobiling. He also plans on inventing powdered water. "Just add water and you have water!" Good luck with that Frank.

Josh White has lived in Hawaii, Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and Wisconsin. His mom is in the reserves and was called over to Kuwait and his dad used to be in the Army. He enjoys most all sports and he was on my flag football team.

David Ude has 6 brothers and 2 sisters. That's a lot. He also likes sports and music. He is in my German class because he is smart.



Sarah Reames has a cat and two dogs, but her favorite animal is the cat. She also likes fictional adventure books. She is Josh Reames' sister. She shares a room with her younger sister, whom she loathes tremendously, so you could imagine the chaos that goes on in that room.

Rachel Radtke is a townie, born and bred. She has an older sister, Heidi, whom you probably know. (I do know Heidi). She has an adorable dog, Carlie. She is a good student. She likes *Lord of the Rings*, *Spiderman*, *X-men*, and *Star Wars*. I would just like to say that Rachel has an excellent taste in movies and don't worry because nerds rule the world. Rachel doesn't like cats.

Noelle Pansch has no pets but wishes she did. She likes roller blading and swimming, and has a brother named Jordan.

Joelle Noeldner is on varsity basketball and volleyball. I taught her all the skills she has today. She used to live almost next door to me; we were best friends back in the day and played lots of sports. Then she moved and I was sad, but she likes to play football.

Aaron Mueller wrote his Freshman bio in cursive, so it's really hard to read. I did gather that he likes to build "awesome models with Legos." I just want to add that Legos are the coolest toy ever invented.



Vanessa Meyer is the Freshman editor of the FLASH. She finds it hard to do everything she would want to do because "there's a lot less free time and a lot more homework."

Stephen Mayhew is Phil's brother. He said in his article that he likes to write and wants to write either for the Beacon or the FLASH. Steve, don't write for the Beacon, write for the FLASH.



Becca Marcus wants to meet someone famous, but she doesn't like homework. She is glad that she had the best volleyball coach in the school.

Kristina Marie Lueck has a dog named Sophie. Her dad's name is Jerry. I would assume she is a very violent person because she enjoys the fights in football and hockey and likes to go "motorcycle riding and shooting" (at the same time!?) Her favorite color is lavender.

Adam Lillo has messy handwriting. Fortunately, he loves the Minnesota Vikings. He also likes the Twins and Timberwolves. He likes to ride his bike a lot.

Ben Libby lives close enough to school to walk, but not far enough away to take the bus. He likes the Lions, but doesn't like to talk about them, (I wonder why.) He doesn't like big, fat, beer-bellied Packer fans or paper routes. Also, Ben Libby and Nate Altom are quite possibly the same person.

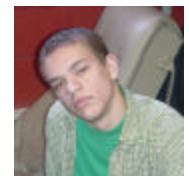
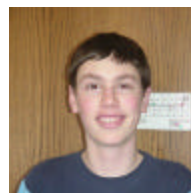
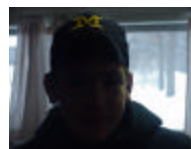
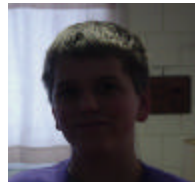
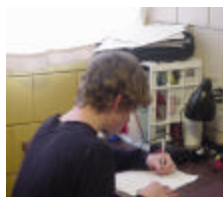
Jarrold Lentz is only good at ping-pong. He hates the Green Bay Packers, but likes the Vikings. . He wants to make a lot of money and buy Old-Country Buffet so he can stay there all day and eat in his old age.

Nate Kuano lives in Lynnwood, Washington. He has a dog named Max, who is part poodle. He likes playing hockey, drums, and computer games.

Jenny Immel lives in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. I've never heard of it before. She doesn't like yellow candy or when people chew their gum in the same way that cows chew their cuds. She doesn't like alarm clocks either.

Rosella Marie Hubbard has the same middle name as Kristina Marie Lueck. She likes playing Frisbee. She hates it when she's talking to her friends and she has to stop because they have to answer call waiting. Don't we all?

-David Dreyer



The Happiest Place in the Whole World...

Last month Immanuel was treated with the opportunity to tour the Mystery Mansion. Ingram was bedecked with spider webs and white-shrouded bodies, black lights and fog machines, and other spooky decorations. Students who toured it can probably remember vividly the ghost-like figures that followed you eerily and then tried to pull you into the closets, the man bearing the ringing chainsaw, or Eric Long tackling you from behind (and Prof. Roehl told us there wouldn't be any physical contact, hah). Another memorable room in this haunted, oh, did I say haunted? I

mean *scary* mansion was the science lab, with none other than the guest appearance of Prof. Buck's biology frogs and a real brain made of Jell-O. There were rooms with kids huddled under tables, just waiting to grab your legs, one room full of dizzying hanging streamers, and another room playing off of the movie *The Ring*.

Although it was hard not to notice all the effort put into the mansion, I don't believe we really realize all the work that went into making it happen. There were weekends of planning, assembling, and decorating, adding

every last cobweb for the most ominous look. Not only that, but they had to show up early the night of the fall party to make sure everything would run smoothly, and then they were required to spend hours in the cold and dark, some crouched in the same position under tables, others wearing scratchy wigs or heavy clothing. Thank you to all those instrumental in making the mystery mansion happen. Your efforts definitely showed and were appreciated by all.

-Danielle Ryan

What is Christmas All About?



We all know it's about the birth of Christ. We sometimes get caught up in the moment that we forget the real reason we get gifts and celebrate. Jesus is the reason for the season. If you look at it, it is the only real reason. Just think if Jesus was never born what would we do on Dec. 25th anyway? There would be no Christmas. Just look at the word Christmas. Christ is the main theme. So why do people get all worked up with Santas, reindeer, or snowmen? They really don't have anything to do with the holiday. There are some decorations that do make sense like Christmas trees (represent the cross), tree lights (Jesus is the light of the world), nativity scenes (to remind us who this holiday is about), or even those sweet red and white candy canes (shaped like shepherd staffs to remind us who the good shepherd is, colored red to remind us of the blood Jesus shed for us, and, and white for the purity of Jesus). Sometimes we Christians get caught up in the earthly ways of celebrating this holiday. So this Christmas take the time to thank God for sending his son because without him we would have no reason to celebrate.

-Sarah Reames

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Thank you to everyone who helped out on the Flash this semester. Have a wonderful Christmas break and keep writing!

On Behalf of the Flash and everyone a part of it. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

