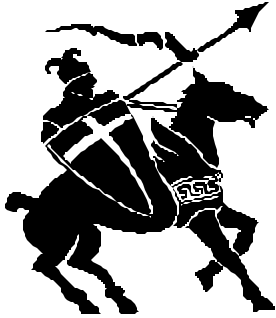


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Note Writing From a Students Perspective

Many of the Profs wonder why students are constantly writing notes in class. Well, there are many reasons why people write notes. For some people, it's just a way to pass the time. It's a proven fact that if you keep yourself busy, time seems to go by more quickly. Also the classes not only seem long, but sometimes, let's just say we need to liven things up a bit. You might be thinking, if you're a Prof, "Why can't they get involved and make class interest-

ing, and talk to their friends later? Well, sometimes our brains can't wait for a whole



45 minutes to tell a friend something. We can't just say it because that would be distracting. So in order to remember what we need to say, we just turn it into a quick little note. Over 80% of the stu-

dents in this school write notes. Most students don't think that note writing is a big deal, and they can't figure out why some Profs get so upset about it. We don't necessarily pass them during class, although there are definitely exceptions to that. I agree that this is distracting and might disturb the class. Most of the time notes are exchanged and read between classes. If Profs really don't want us writing notes in class, just tell us.

-Anonymous (sigh)

Off to Slumber Land

Today I was thinking, "What can I write for the FLASH?" Since it's due tomorrow, I thought I was in trouble. But then something interesting happened. Let me tell you my story. Have you ever heard anyone snore really loudly in class before? If you have then you know how entertaining it is. If not, then you don't know what you are missing. Today I got the privilege of hearing an individual (who will not be named) snore in Religion

class. I seriously was surprised to hear snoring going on in the right corner by the right side of the window in room 8. Never in all four years in high school have I had the privilege of witnessing this rarity. There are those certain sleepers who find a comfortable spot leaning against the wall and sleep soundly through the entire class. Then there are those who just put their heads down, and take off to slumber land until they wake up embarrassed by

the gentle nudge of a Prof. My ultimate favorite sleepers are those who nod off on their hand, and a sudden twitch makes their head move. Then they wake up feeling very foolish. I don't know about you, but I try not to sleep in class for those exact reasons. So next time you see your neighbor snoring, don't wake them up. See how many people notice. Let me tell you, it made my day.

-Beth Nelson

“How To Lose a GIRL in 10 Days”

A few issues ago we wrote an article giving insight into the minds of the men here on campus. Well, for those of you who have been anxiously anticipating the promised sequel, wait no longer. We thought it would be only fair to also ask the girls at Immanuel what they felt were the traits or habits that would attract or drive them away. We surveyed a wide range of female students, and compiled the results here for the best interest of all your relationships.

What do you look for in a guy?

The most common response from the girls was that they look for a guy with a good sense of humor. They should be easy to talk to—somebody who actually listens and cares. This includes being able to contribute to a conversation so the girl doesn't have to do all the talking. Being mature was also a huge issue. Politeness, being kind to the girl's friends and family, and respecting the girl all contribute to maturity. Girls want a leader and protector—they need somebody they can trust and look up to— just as God established the man as the head of the relationship in the Bible. They should be outgoing, with a bit of a spontaneous side to them. Although not necessary, here are a few

things that definitely score points: being good with babies, dressing up (nice shirt and tie), being able to cook or iron, and being a cowboy (it's all about the hat). Good eyes and a heartfelt smile also are attractive to girls. The most attractive quality anyone can possess however is being a strong Christian who shares their faith.

What would turn you off about a guy?

Cockiness and immaturity were the two most common complaints, and nearly all other turn-offs fell under those categories. Being a show-off, trying to act tough, having to prove you're better than other guys (or girls), and putting others down just makes yourself look bad.

Swearing and acting perverted are not only turn-offs, they are just wrong. Cockiness and immaturity and all related

qualities do not score any points— we just can't stress this enough! Being overly stubborn, over-confident, and always insisting that you're right is also rather annoying. Personal hygiene was another frequently mentioned complaint. Basic hygiene skills include showering and brushing your teeth, and we highly recommend both of them.

What is the number one thing that guys do that girls cannot stand?

The first answer that pops out of most girls' mouth for this one is flirting with other girls. If you have a girlfriend, treat her well. When you flirt with other girls it sends your girlfriend the message that she's not good enough for you. Girls also just can't appreciate it when guys are lazy and make you do everything. They want a man with goals who is willing to work hard to achieve them. If you care about someone and you know they care about you too, don't be afraid of them. And don't feel like you have to impress them. If they already like you

then they're already impressed by you. Many girls, once again, find cockiness to be one of the number one turn-offs. Oh, and one more thing, girls actually do hate it when guys leave the toilet

...girls actually do hate it when guys leave the toilet seat up.

seat up.

Well there you have it. We hope both articles in this two article series were helpful for all you guys and girls out there. Just remember that when you are looking for a potential spouse to pray about it. Ask God for His help and guidance and He will bless you and all of your relationships.

-Danielle Ryan and Jenny Kesters on



!Krazy Quotes!



“Well, he has that horse's rear end look on his face.” — **Roehl**

“Justin Timberlake...Tony Burns, same thing.” — **Ryan Barthels**

“Are you comparing me to a monkey?” — **Haley B. to Prof. Sullivan**

“[a water bed] weighs a really lot of money.” — **Prof. Ross Roehl**

“Tying your shoes is overrated. I tried it once.” — **Andrew Squires**

“That's what we call a drunken equal sign.” — **Prof. Ross Roehl**

The Ironic Tragedy of Love

Christopher Shiggin was a fine young man indeed.
 He was a charming man who could make girls fall to their knees.
 He was quite satisfied with the ladies he had.
 Until one day, he saw the only girl that could make him go mad.
 She was of course, the lovely Katharine Lee.
 Fine and elegant as can be.
 She was truly the girl of his dreams.

So young Christopher set out to win her heart.
 With his fine cologne on and his slick hair in a part
 He approached her with a rose.
 And opened his mouth and said hello.
 But she just walked away and threw his flower at his feet.
 This saddened the young boy so much, his heart stopped its beat.

Even though young Christopher failed at first
 He knew that without Katie his heart would truly burst.
 He kept on trying to steal her love.
 He did everything that a sweet romantic man does.
 When she was sick he'd bring her chocolate and flowers.
 He did all that he could within his power.
 To make her happy when she felt down.
 He knew exactly how to always make her smile and not frown.
 But no matter what he did, he could still not be with her.
 For now he truly realized that Katharine's love was unsure.

After a couple of weeks of no Christopher sightings
 Katharine was starting to miss how Christopher would always be trying
 To romance her with all his sweet poems.
 That always seemed to have the perfect tone.
 To make her smile when she had tears.
 And how he was always willing to hear
 All the troubles that were on her mind.
 No matter where, when or what time
 Christopher always seemed to be there for her when she needed him most.
 He always wanted to be by her side drinking since their very first toast.
 Katharine finally realized how much he loved her.
 Now that he wasn't around her heart was a blur.

So she set out to find where this dear young boy was.



Luke S. playing defense

As she was walking down the street
 Towards Christopher's house for them to meet,
 A robber stepped out of the bushes and tried to rob her.
 But Christopher saw Katharine in trouble and went out to help her.
 He wrestled with the robber from left to right.
 Fighting for the girl he loved, whom he had in sight.
 After the many intense blows that Christopher had taken
 The robber pulled out a gun that he had shaken
 Out of the pocket in his coat.
 He aimed at Katharine and let the bullet float.
 Katharine turned her face away
 As the bullet was about to graze her face.
 Christopher got up and stepped in its way.
 The robber fled as did Christopher's soul.
 The last words he said to Katharine were "I love you."
 Katharine held him tight and cried tears that she could not control.
 For she never got the chance to tell Christopher how she felt.
 She lost her chance now, to tell him that she loved him too.



-Chris Vang

Taking it for Granted

Greetings from Saginaw ,Michigan. You probably think that it's weird to see an article in the FLASH written by somebody that is not even there this year. Don't worry, I will be back next year. I just wanted to write an article about how much that we take for granted.

Last year we heard it said that we really don't like it at ILC and would rather go to school at home. But when we think about it, would we really want to go to a public school? Last year I had found that I wanted to stay at home, and other people were saying it to. I never thought that it would actually happen. When it did happen I was excited that I didn't have to go back and stay in a dorm and be away from home. Now as the year goes on, I can see how much I took for granted last year. I was at a school that taught about God, I had Christians friends, and I got to see how it was to be away from home. I also never realized how much of my thoughts I filtered through Christ.

So for all of those who think that it would be better to go to public school and stay home, think about that twice. Because I know that I regret saying that I wanted to stay home. God has really blessed us all in providing a school where His Word can be taught. -Laura Jean Barthels



Movie Review: *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*



I was asked to review the third and final movie in the Lord of the Rings, The Return of the King for the FLASH. I'm not sure why though—most anybody who knows me will know what my opinion is on the movie without ever reading this article. But, because I was supposed to turn in an article on Friday and it's now Tuesday and because I feel like writing a FLASH article to put off Geometry, here goes nothing.

Before I begin, let me try to briefly summarize the plot for those who have not had the privilege to see the movies. Frodo, the bearer of the One Ring, and Sam, his servant, are trying to get into Mordor (the bad guy Sauron's land) to destroy the Ring (his ultimate weapon) before he gets it back. Meanwhile, Sauron is massing his armies and launches a war on all of Middle-Earth. (Mind you though, this is extremely simplified.) That will have to do for now. Once this article is over, though, I suggest going to see the movies (starting with the first one, The Fellowship of the Ring) for more information.

My expectation for this movie was very high, I do have to admit it wasn't flawless and didn't stand up to the perfect movie I had come to anticipate—but it was extremely close. The movie went by too quickly. Except for your numb body, (all the circulation has been cut off) you don't notice the length of the movie. At least I didn't. I was too distracted by the battle scenes, special effects, great acting, the overwhelming score, the breathtaking New Zealand landscape, and yeah, I'll admit it trying not to try too hard. This movie is an incredible work of art.

Whoever says the Lord of the Rings is all about special effects and fighting is wrong, and this movie

proves them wrong. Although there is fighting on colossal scales, the real conflicts in this movie are those that are internal. The fate of the world depends not on the outcome of the war but on the emotional struggle of a hobbit and the Ring that is corrupting him. The real story is about Frodo and Sam, crawling up a mountain, trying to destroy evil—evil that is concealed all in a simple Ring. The war is just a show—just a trap to distract Sauron, so that there might be a chance for the Ring to be slipped by unnoticed and be destroyed. The conflicts that have impact in this story are those emotional and personal. It's why I love this movie so much. The real story is about the struggle and loss of each character. How far will they go to achieve victory? What will they sacrifice in saving what they love?

If I had to give this movie one word to describe it, I would have to say 'beautiful.' Cheesy as it may sound, no other word gives credit. I'm not afraid to say it—this movie is an outstanding and beautiful ending to one of the best movie trilogies ever created, and I'll defend it if anyone tries to criticize it (except you Joanna, make fun of me or Lord of the Rings one more time and I'm just going to beat you up). My only complaint, it's too short. And as for those of you who cannot appreciate or enjoy the Lord of the Rings for the masterpiece it is, you have my pity.

Well, thanks for listening. Go cheer on Return of the King at the Oscars (11 Academy Award Nominations!) and look forward to the Extended Edition of the movie, (estimated to be 4 hours and 15 minutes long, woohoo) coming in November.

-Danielle Ryan

Cheater, Cheater...

Shannon Roehl

I'm sure we've all seen it. The sly glances, whispered answers, open books or work sheets, all of which are connected to cheating in school. I'm not talking about cheating on homework. It isn't as important and the number would be too big. This is only dealing with tests.

I hadn't really noticed that cheating was a problem until a certain final I had this year. So-called "smart people" were claimed and sat around during the test by large num-

bers of students. Being home-schooled and very sheltered during my grade school and junior high years, I hadn't really seen cheating before. This made me wonder how often it does go on in school. In a recent survey of 90 Immanuel high school students, the numbers are rather spread out and very interesting. Only 13% of students responded with "often" when asked if they cheated on tests. 44% said they sometimes cheat, while 42% replied that they never cheated. Those

asked were also questioned as to whether they had helped someone or let someone cheat off them. 16% of students admitted too often, while 46% said only sometimes. The remaining 36% said they hadn't given away answers. These numbers are pretty much the same for both genders, although guys tended to answer "yes" more than girls. Maybe they're more honest, or maybe the numbers are accurate. Either way, the numbers are higher than I would have thought, coming here my freshman



C-team Extravaganza

Not too long ago, it was brought to my attention that there are way too many sports articles in the FLASH. After examining previous issues and finding the pages littered with articles ranging from cross country to why we need more people to run cross country, I decided that it was time to stop all the sports articles. Well, I am proud to stand by that decision in writing this article, because C-team basketball is not a sport, it's a way of life.



If you were at the C-team game on January 19, then you most likely heard 'ike' being chanted on numerous occasions from the crowd in the gym. This phrase 'ike' is short for Steve Eichstadt's last name 'Eichstadt,' or maybe it's short for 'bike.' Either way, the crowd was going crazy at that game, the C-team guys got more cheering than the girls varsity, guys varsity, and maybe even the cheerleaders combined. Not only that, we witnessed the wave led by our very own Professor Sullivan. A guest pep band performance during the pre-game warm-ups by the incredibly talented Chris Vang (drums) and Joel Albrecht (Trombone) really got the game off to a great start. The highlight of the night, as usual, came during halftime as Brandon Gilmore performed his amazing 'jump off the wall thing' and our cheer men made a six person pyramid right on the gym floor!

So what is it about C-team that has the campus so riled up? I decided to get the inside scoop. Here's what Jordan Shealy has to say about C-team basketball, "C-team changed my life; it seems like almost yesterday that I was sporting the tight 80's style jerseys."

Dan Degnan put in his 2 cents; "C-team basketball is the hottest thing since sliced bread. And Jordan, it practically was yesterday that you were sporting the tight 80's style jerseys."

Prof. Sullivan even commented on his leading of the wave; "I don't know what got into me, I saw our guys out there fighting for the pride of our school and I was just filled with a rush of adrenaline that caused me to forget my Sullivanesque mannerisms and do something crazy."

-David Dreyer

It seems to me...Notewriting

As a student and now as a teacher I have never really understood the purpose of writing notes to your friends or "your friend" during class time. Aren't these the same people you see for hours during the week? Aren't these the same people sitting on the chairs by the commons' entry for eternity at a time wondering what to do? Is speaking to your friends not a possibility? Doesn't it have to be written down?

I know what you're saying. Note writing is a diversion from the drudgery of having to sit in class. It makes the time go by faster and it provides you with the possibility of having a note written back to you. Now that's exciting.

From an educational standpoint, however, note writing is an unhealthy detrimental diversion. Have you considered the possibility that perhaps the reason you are attending a class is that you attend to the class? Learning can actually take place in a classroom when focus is given to the topic at hand. Perhaps taking notes instead of writing notes would benefit you.

-Prof. Joe Lau

WHAT IS "LOVE" ?

What is "Love" Anyways?

It would probably be easier to describe everything that love isn't, than what it really is. Love is not telling your friends about how physically attractive the person you are dating is. Love is not dating people and having 'friends' that your parents don't approve of, because you think you know better than them, and that these are really not bad people. Love is not breaking rules and pressing boundaries with someone of the opposite gender.

What love is, however, is harder to describe. There are different types of love. There is the love we have for our neighbor, the love we feel for our family, the love we have for our friends, and the love husbands and wives have for each other. And above all, there is the love we

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have for God, and the love God has for us.

Love is telling somebody you care for not to do something that's going too far, or praying for the strength not to go too far yourself. If you love your friends, you won't sit by and play along when they're going to get themselves hurt or in trouble, even if you know they might not be happy with you for protesting. If you love God, you won't break the rules and endanger yourself either. And maybe you'll remember, when your real friends tell you not to do something, that God gave those friends for a purpose.

Love is sacrificing your own time and plans and wants, because your family or your friends need you, or maybe because you have church. Love is being selfless, and being selfless is putting the needs of your family and your friends above your own desires.

Love is telling your depressed friend who is talking about hurting or killing themselves to remember God is in control, and reminding them of the consequences. God is in control of everything, even when we can't see just where His hand is working. In the end, everything will work together the way God has planned it, and we can only be patient and pray. God's plans will always turn out better than ours anyways.

Love is sacrificing your Saturday afternoon to go visit somebody who is in the hospital because they were in an accident, or hurt by somebody, or found out they had some disease. You never know just how much they need the company and support. Love is reminding somebody in pain or trouble that God is always there for comfort, even if their friends aren't.

Love is being content when somebody doesn't give you quite what you expected. Their care and friendship is more than anything they could ever buy you anyways. In the end, God gives us

everything we need, and as long as we have God, we don't need to want anything more.

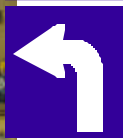
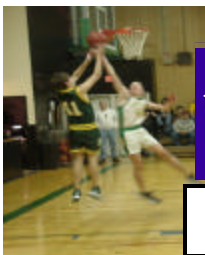
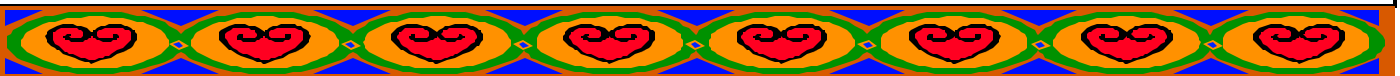
Love is giving somebody who let you down a second chance, because we know that everyone makes mistakes, and when if we help our neighbors back up when they fall, they'll try twice as hard to keep their balance next time.

Love is knowing that even when it seems like everyone here has betrayed us, abandoned us, or left us behind, God will still be there, holding us up and helping us to keep on going. God never leaves us, and no matter what happens, He will still be with us here. We are never really alone.

Love is Christ coming to rescue us because we could not stand on our own, and we have been too weak to resist every temptation. Love is Jesus on the cross, praying for the people who were there to watch Him die. Love is God wanting to save every person ever born, and ever to be born, even though we spit in His face, deny His existence, and resist His protection. Love is God leading us back to His arms, even after we tell Him that we hate Him, that we don't believe Him, and that we think we are better than Him. Love is everything God has given us, and every time God has protected us and every promise God has made to us.

There are many kinds of love. The world's love is full of lust and imperfection and it is missing all of the purity, kindness, and selflessness that true love comprises. The only real, good, true love, is the love that God has shown to us. God is love, and love is God, and no matter what we do or say, God will never change His love for us. Even when the world around us despises the Lord and all He has done, He is still there, supporting us, guiding us, taking care of us, and loving us. His love is immovable, unchangeable, indescribable, and completely pure, righteous, and perfect.

-Sarah Gamble



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So, What is Love Anyway?

True love. It is the basis behind almost every fairy tale or chick flick. Guy meets girl or vice versa and suddenly, both know nothing can keep them apart. That is how the world would like to portray true love—romance, destiny, “till death do us part”. I think that this is how the world chooses to see love because it can be done. It is possible for two people to live happily together their whole lives, even though it’s not really the custom nowadays. But the Biblical version of true, perfect love is simply unattainable, for man anyways. Here is what the Bible has to say about love: “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a)

For us, love is impossible. Even between the best of friends,

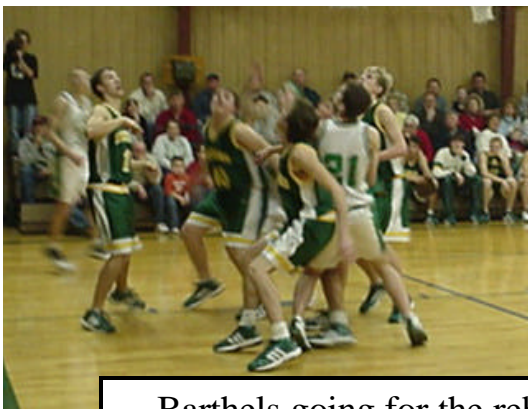
closest family, or most romantic newlywed couple, there is arguments, insulting words or thoughts, a small prick of pride when one did something right that the other didn’t. If we could have perfect love, we would never sin. Why steal when it hurts the other? Why spread rumors to hurt another’s feelings? Why break the Lord’s commandments when we know it saddens and angers Him to see sin? So what is love anyway? Left on earth, the answer would only depress. Each new description is like a light burning brighter and brighter, revealing our terrible shortcomings.

This question should be brought before our Father in heaven. Love’s definition wouldn’t require a long essay from him. The Father would simply say, “See My Son’s hands, the scarlet wounds, see His feet, the nail marks. In this was My love made known to you, that I sent My only begotten son into the world to be the payment for your sin, that you may live through Him and become My children also.” (Taken

from 1 John 4:9 and 10 and Galatians 3:26) What other example of love could be so beautiful? We slapped God in the face and fled like a thief towards sin’s darkness, over and over and over. Fortunately, He does not react the way we would have, turning His back in anger, smiting us with a plague, or, worst of all, banishing us to Sheol, the eternal pit. Time and time again, our loving Father has gently sought us out and brought us back into his welcoming arms. Try inserting “God” into the 1 Corinthians passage, instead of “love”. “**God** suffers long and is kind; **God** does not envy; **God** does not parade Himself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not see His own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; (**God**) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **God** never fails.”

God is Love

-Vanessa Meyer



Barthels going for the rebound

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