



The Flash

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Senior Spotlights!

Eleise Barbara Thompson, also known as LCB, Greaseburns, Sheboz, Elsie, and Greasy Leesy, loves buying shoes no matter how much they are. She has more holes in her ears than you can count. Ok, so maybe you can count them, but there are still a lot of them. Her favorite color is pink and polka-dotted, which goes perfectly with her creative, but sometimes gaudy style. If you are trying to locate her, just look for someone tall and incredibly handsome named Dave George Dreyer and then look down and there

she'll be. She loves eating her mac and playing her Gameboy when spare moments arise.

She enjoyed vacationing in Texas where she was able to go for the last two spring breaks, once for TVBS, another for Tour Choir. Next year, she plans to come back to ILC for a year and see where that takes her. She'll almost always have a funny story to tell you about our wild adventures together, and trust me, there's never a dull moment when she's around. She's got some awesome basketball skills, and helped the

team to one of its best seasons in the history of ILC girls' basketball this year.

Eleise has more patience than anybody I know (She would have to, in order to put up with Dave). She's been my best friend for a long time now and I can't imagine my life without her. She is the only person to whom I feel I can talk to about anything and I'll never forget all the things she's done for me.

-By Heidi Williams



Heidi Jilly Willy...?

Heidi Jilly Willy Williams has spent her whole life in this beautiful dairy state. She spent most of her high school career tricking people into thinking that she and I were twins. She likes

her volleyball, but not as much as her 4th hour card games. She spends her after school hours at Randy's Family Restaurant (at which she highly recommends eating a baked potato and raspberry muffin to

all). She is mostly known for her ditzzy moments, but we all love her anyway. She enjoys long *serious* talks during every class with me and loves tripping Matt. She gets a jolly out of people that

fall, so don't be surprised if she laughs at you because she laughs at everything. You might see Heidi speeding around campus so look out, or you may be her next speed bump.

-By Eleise Thompson

Sadie Hawkins Style

As we walk this campus year after year there are things that begin to take on a common trend. We've noticed that for the past few years the trend has been that the girls have had to have the courage to ask the guys to Formal and Banquet. Why? What do guys have to be afraid of? We all know the guys are probably scared of rejection, but in this way the girls are facing rejection, too. We think the asking for a date to Formal and Banquet is a two way street.

Is there any statement made that Formal or Banquet are like Sadie Hawkins? (Girls asking the guys to dance). So we asked some girls what they thought:

27 said that the guys should ask the girls

0 said that the girls should ask the guys

5 said that both guys and girls should ask

As you can see, a lot of girls think that it would just be nice if it continued in the traditional way. (Sure, there is no mention of what to do, but we could make an equal effort, and if the guys want to score major points, they would act chivalrous and ask us.)

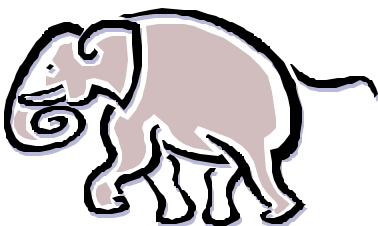
By Samantha Barthels and Peg Heize

Ridiculous Laws

Do you ever wonder about some of the rules you see in school? (Not that there are any stupid rules here, of course). You know, the ones that you wonder why anyone even thought to make it a rule. The ones you wonder why they are even ever enforced. Well, here are laws that are kind of like that.

"...it is unlawful for an elephant to drink beer!"

- In Tuscumbia, Alabama, it is against the law for more than eight rabbits to reside on the same block
- In Birmingham, Alabama, it's illegal to drive a car while blindfolded
- In Arizona it is illegal to hunt or shoot a camel
- In Atlanta it is illegal to make faces at school children while they are studying
- A law in Zion, Illinois, prohibits teaching household pets to smoke cigars
- According to Kentucky law, women may not appear on the highway in bathing suits unless they carry clubs
- In Marblehead, Massachusetts, each fire company responding to an alarm must be provided a 3-gallon jug of rum
- It is illegal to fish for whales in any stream, river, or lake in Ohio
- It is unlawful to tie a crocodile to a fire hydrant in Detroit, Michigan
- In Minnesota, it is illegal to dry both men's and women's underwear on the same clothesline
- In Natchez, Mississippi, it is unlawful for elephants to drink beer
- It is illegal for barbers in Waterloo, Nebraska to eat onions between 7 am and 7 pm
 - In Yukon, Oklahoma, it is illegal for a patient to pull a dentist's tooth
 - In Knoxville, Tennessee, it is illegal to lasso a fish
 - A South Carolina statute states that butchers may not serve on a jury when a man is being tried for murder
 - In Portland, Oregon, it is illegal to shake a feather duster in someone's face



-By Samantha Barthels

March Madness Firsts

For an avid sports fan, March is a wonderful month. In addition to hockey and pro basketball beginning to heat up, you have the excitement of the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments. March madness! For the past eight years that I've been back teaching at ILC I have held a contest for those interested in testing their skills at picking winners. The only prize awarded is a dinner out for those near the top and the satisfaction of knowing that you knew better than others.

This, however, was a year of firsts. First, the winners were girls who had filled out a sheet together to see just how poorly they would do. Next, I believe it was the first



year that the winning scorers had picked correctly all of the final four teams and the overall winner. Finally, it was the first year that a 4-year-old boy was in the lead for the first two rounds of the tournament.

Thanks to all who participated (a record number) and to this year's winners:

1st – Haley Burrill and Amanda Hulke

2nd – Ben Meyer

3rd – Chris Vang

72nd – Danielle Ryan

Prof J. Lau

Where are They Now?

Sara Kloke (nee Long) was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. She attended all four years of high school at ILHS and graduated with honors in 1998, one of the 26 high school graduates that year.

After graduation, she returned "home" and enrolled at the University of South Carolina (the real USC) in the pre-pharmacy program because she had an interest in medicine and wanted a career that would help people. It required a bit of an adjustment on her part, going from the sheltered, personal atmosphere of ILC to a large university where some of her classes met in lecture halls attended by hundreds of students.

After a two-year course in pre-pharmacy she applied and was accepted into the university's College of Pharmacy. This part of her schooling was in

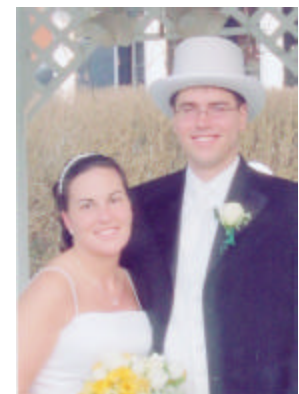
some ways similar to her ILC experience because class sizes were smaller and enrollment was around 70 in the entire program. She enjoyed the small-school atmosphere and the opportunity to get to know her classmates better. While in the College of Pharmacy, Sara got involved in student government and was elected student president. (I got the feeling that her interest in student government actually came after her election as president.)

While in school Sara had the opportunity to work in a local pharmacy, first as a technician and later as an intern. Upon graduation from pharmacy school, Sara began applying for jobs in the Eau Claire area, where her fiancé, Greg Kloke, was enrolled at ILC in the Education program. She currently lives in Altoona and works as a pharmacist float, primarily in

Eau Claire and Rice Lake. Her siblings, Stacy and Eric, have enjoyed her company and her refrigerator, respectively.

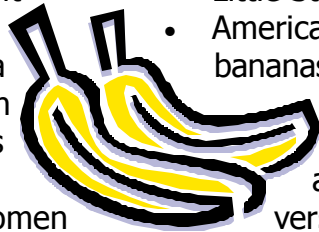
Recently, she married her longtime friend, Greg. The ceremony was held in South Carolina over spring break. Many of her former classmates were able to attend. Congratulations to the couple and may the Lord richly bless their future together.

(Incidentally, much of Sara's success can be attributed to her work as FLASH editor during her days at ILC.) -Prof. J. Lau



Interesting Info

- A New Yorker could eat out every night of their life and never eat at the same restaurant twice
- Odds that a phone number in L.A. is unlisted is 1 in 3
- Number of women who believe they've been abducted by aliens: 13,528... number of women who believe the alien's kept their underwear: 1,501
- In 1992 Barbie came out with her own exercise video
- Why isn't iron added to milk? Iron-fortified milk turns coffee green
- Armadillos can walk underwater in order to cross rivers
- "Snickers" is America's most popular candy bar
- Clue originally meant "ball of twine." That's why you "unravel" clues to solve a mystery
- Goodyear once made a tire entirely out of corn
- In 1950 only 7% of American women dyed their hair. Today 75% do
- Official distance from homeplate to second base is 127 ft. 3 3/8 in.
- The Arctic is classified as a desert...annual precipitation is less than 4 in. a year
- Mozart was 5-years old when he wrote the melody of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
- Americans eat 12 billion bananas a year
- In 1915 someone made a silent movie version of the opera Carmen
- The Saguaro cactus can grow 4 stories tall, weigh 10 tons, and live 200 years
- Plants, like people, run fevers when they are sick
- If there are 10 books on a shelf, they can be arranged in 3,628,800 different ways
- The inventors of Coke, Pepsi, and Dr Pepper were all Civil War veterans
- The World's largest manufacturer of female apparel is Mattel (they make Barbie clothes)
- Only 6% of coupons printed are ever redeemed
- Insomnia is the number one health complaint Americans report to doctors
- Americans use 4.8 billion gallons of water flushing toilets each day
- Longest word used by Shakespeare is honorificabilitudinitatibus (I have no idea what it means; it isn't in the dictionary)
- Scientists say the higher your I.Q. the more you dream
- The average adult has 4 dreams a night and 1 nightmare a year
- Lions sleep 17 hours a day
- The average American is exposed to 1,600 commercials and advertisements a day
- To take one step you use 200 muscles
- Rats can't vomit, which is why they are so susceptible to poison
- Half of all crimes are committed by people under 18
- 15% of drivers get 76% of all traffic tickets
- A giraffe can touch its ears with its tongue
- Blue eyes simply have less pigment than brown eyes
- In some states it's illegal to dance to the Star Spangled Banner
- 75% of murder victims knew their killer
- Most ice cream is eaten in the evening, between 9-11 pm
- Researchers have been able to teach ravens to count as high as six



-By Samantha Barthels

Questions and Answers about “The Music Man”

Why has chapel been early for the past few weeks?

Why do people keep getting kicked out of the gym?

What is the deal with all these band people marching?

And, the most confusing question: why are the Sydow boys playing with power tools while David Dreyer dances in the background?

The answer to all of these questions is simple-- “The Music Man” is almost here! On April 30th and May 1st, 2004, at 7:30 pm, the ILC/ILHS Music Guild will enthrall you with their rendition of this classical musical. The story? Harold Hill (Dreyer), a suave, conniving salesman, attempts to win the heart of a small, Iowan town by creating a boy’s band. In the process, however, his heart is stolen by a feisty music teacher (Wuerch), who is out to blow his cover! Meanwhile, a dynamic array of townspeople add pizzazz to the show while thickening the plot.

The ensemble cast includes both veteran leads (such as flamboyant Nathan Libby, the beautiful Beth Wuerch, the accenting Amanda Mueller, and boisterous Ude brothers), as well as relative new comers. After vivacious performances in “My Fair Lady,” David Dreyer and Josh Reames both earned starring roles in our up-and-coming production. Lee Klammer (a huge star of Mankato theater who has just recently joined our production group), and Zach Franson (oh, what a voice!) will win you over with their harmonious stage presence. And the chorus? Oh, you’re in for a treat! Jordan Shealy is multi-talented, appearing as a constable, a conductor, and two other men! The voice power of Amanda Hulke is impressive, and the characters displayed by Jenny Kesterson and Krissy Lueck are almost professional. And these are just a few of the talented people involved with this production! You will just have to see this for yourself. Please join us for the performances!

-By Kendra Ahrens

Optimism vs. Pessimism

(Optimism wins with all of its positive notes ;))

We have all heard the analogy of optimism and pessimism as people seeing “the glass half full” or “the glass half empty.” I think that a good question to ask would be- Why does it matter? There is still water in half of the glass. A pessimistic person is really only prepared for the worst, or if they aren’t prepared for the worst they simply know that when the worst comes they’re done for. They avoid utter disappointment when things don’t work out because they expected that it was a great possibility it may not work out in the first place. Exactly what is wrong

with this outlook on life, only a little different from optimism, I don’t know, you tell me.

~Anonymous

Optimism is the tendency to expect the best possible outcome or dwell on the most hopeful aspects of a situation. I was talking to someone, who’s outlook on



life was a little bleak, and thought about which is better to be, optimistic or pessimistic? I think optimism is better for your Christ-esteem, as Prof. Sydow calls it. Optimism should be our outlook since we’ve received so much from God. What’s there not to be thankful for or hopeful of? I think people that are pessimistic just aren’t satisfied with what they have, and what they need to do is to look more closely at what the Bible has to say. This wouldn’t be in the Bible if it weren’t true. So if you love what Christ has done for you, be optimistic and help others to do so as well.

~Peg Heize



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That Special Day...

Ever wonder why our campus looks so beautiful? It's due to a special day in which high school slave labor is used, aka Arbor Day. This day (of which the date is never a secret) was controlled by this years dictator Matt Ude. It all begins when we get up at 6 and "discover", going down to breakfast, that it is Arbor Day. At 8 the slaves march to the gym to receive their punishment and find out who they will be serving with. After the group assignments are given they head out to their assigned areas. This is where it gets interesting. Several freshmen groups get the privilege of picking rock beds (What fun!). Other groups do the raking of lawn thrills. Most upper classmen and collegians get less gruesome tasks such as wash windows, scrubbing buses, cleaning the library, loading leaves, cleaning the kitchen and cooking, and cleaning the fishpond. The privileged get to drive trucks and ride bikes (also yell at everyone to "work faster"). At 10 kitchen workers deliver food to the slaves, who then work even harder till lunch. After eating slop, aka hamburgers and hotdogs, the groups head out to finish their tasks. Unfortunately this wonderful day can't last forever and so at 2:20 the slave drivers release the slaves. The afternoon is usually filled with showers, naps, and all around laziness. THE END

Kristin B.

We will take this space to remind you that there is less than 1 month of school left!