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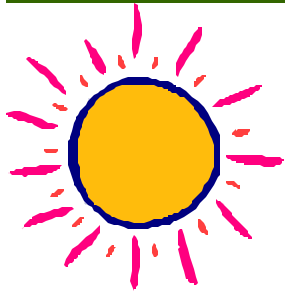
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## Senior Spotlights

Bethany Eileen Wuerch was born and raised in the beautiful town of Eau Claire, WI. Living in Eau Claire, she spends her days working @ Country Kitchen, and singing her musicals. She enjoys a lovely can of soda during her 4<sup>th</sup> hour study halls and watching "A Wedding Story" and "A Baby Story" during 7<sup>th</sup> hour so she can laugh at all the weirdos. You can see Jeff driving her blue mini-van around town, but don't be fooled, she's along for the ride too. She spends late hours @ our local Wal-Mart and Maurices. You may have seen her running that race in Eleva-Strum where by she beat two people and felt awful for doing so. We are glad that we have had her as a close friend all these years and hopefully many more to come. We are also honored to have her part of the Big 3. Look out world, here she comes.

Caution: This was written under an extremely hyper situation.

By: Heidi Williams and Eleise Thompson



## Megan and Andrea (The softball duo ...)

The softball machines: Megan Oster and Andrea Schrader. They've played ball and went to school together for years, now here they are to tell you a little about themselves...

Andy: Okay Megan, I guess we should finally get this done, don't you think?

Megan: Yeah, sounds like a plan an...drea!

A: Man, that was lame.

M: Whatever.

A: What are your plans for next

year?

M: Umm...I'm going to UWEC, and majoring in something eventually, and hopefully playing a little softball.

A: Ya, know, next year we're gonna be playing against each other. Are you gonna hit a home run off me?

M: Yeah, I am. That is if you throw it right down the middle.

A: Speaking of how awesome you are, how many times have you gotten first team all conference.

M: Six times I think. Two in v-ball, three in softball, one in b-ball.

A: Wow, that's pretty horrible. J/K, that's pretty incredible. It'll probably be seven after this season is over. So Megan, how often do you get your hair cut?

M: Oh, shut up.

A: What scares you most about my cat?

M: See, I'm not used to things moving, well, no, I'm just not used to animals, except tadpoles, a n d

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your cat always surprised me, but now we have a special bond, we're friends till the end.

A: If you had to choose would you be a Cheeto or a carrot?

M: Hmm...good question...I think I'd be half of each, because carrots are nutritional, and Cheetos, well they're the spice of life.

A: Favorite memory of ILC?

M: Valentine's Day my Freshmen year. (kind of an inside joke.)

A: Do you think we'll continue our semi-annual sleepover tradition?

M: Man, I hope not. Your cats getting a little too friendly and I don't know if I can take the bot-master anymore.

A: Any words of wisdom?

M: Don't let the underclassmen boss you around...J/K. No, actually, the Lord is the best friend you will ever have, leave everything in His hands, and he will take care of you. Well, Andrea, this is probably the closest we'll ever get to being in a newspaper together.

A: Yeah, no kidding. (laughing)

M: So what are your plans for next year?

A: Hopefully I'll attend UW-Stout and go into the Dietetics program and then play a little softball.

M: Just a little?

A: Just a little.

M: So are you gonna strike me out next year?

A: Nope... Well, probably not. I'll be lucky if I even get to pitch



against Eau Claire next year.

M: Andrea, that was a stupid answer.

A: Sorry.

M: Our Physics car was pretty awesome this year.

A: Yeah, it went a whole eight feet! We just didn't want to make anyone feel bad...

M: Yeah, I know.

M: Okay, I'm gonna give you a scenario here. You, me, and Beth... 4 in the morning. Would you care to expand?

A: Um, about that time we're probably trying to watch the sun rise behind a tree as I get attacked by a cricket.

M: So how long have we been friends?

A: Hmm... 14 years. A long 14 years.

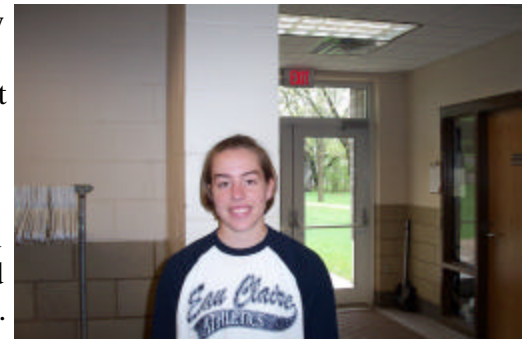
M: Yeah we go way back. Remember Milo and Otis?

A: Yeah, how could I forget? I wonder how many times we watched that?

M: Too many.

M: Any words of wisdom?

A: Stay as far away from soap operas as possible. Trust in God. He knows what's best for you. You don't need to worry; He has things planned out for you. Oh yeah, and remember to flap.  
By: Megan Oster and Andrea Schrader



## *The Christian Music Festival*

By Shannon Roehl

Were you at the Christian Music Festival this year? If you weren't, here's a little run-down on what went on. There were +18 acts this year that participated in this event created to worship and praise our Lord. The musical diversity was incredible, ranging from bagpipes, to drums and guitar, to a capella groups, to family quartets. It was a very uplifting experience and I think there are many people who deserve a great deal of thanks for organizing this and making it happen. First of all, Mrs. Kranz and Elizabeth Schrader put a great deal of time into the planning of the whole thing. Neal Radichel did an awesome job being the MC, and Aaron Gullerud provided much of the sound equipment and ran the sound board for the afternoon. Of course, the performers all deserve a thank you for getting up there and letting us worship with them, but many times the behind the scenes people are forgotten. All in all, it was a very positive experience and if you weren't there this year, I would strongly encourage you to go next year. It's an amount of time well spent. Honestly, what would be a better use of time than to spend it praising the Lord for everything He's given us?

## Zachary Franson (in poetry form)

I once knew a guy whose name was Zach Franson,  
 Who had an incredible difficulty keeping his pants  
 on  
 He would run around campus and drive in his car,  
 And although he can sing, he cannot play guitar  
 But he can sing like an \*angel, please let me explain  
 He'd never hit a wrong note, on the choir's refrain  
 He's been on tour for the past three years  
 Last year he saw Prof. Reim drink a few beers  
 Tardy he is often, he's served detentions-a-plenty  
 But he'll never give up, he is quite unrelenting  
 He played lots of basketball and made lots of stench  
 On C-team and JV and the Varsity bench  
 On Soccer he'd do things to make everyone stare  
 Especially Prof. Sippert with his devilish glare  
 He made lots of memories, mostly with Hulke  
 The drive to our soccer games would never be sulky  
 It was a good thing to never have to take a bus  
 We'll never forget the phrase "I am Spartacus"

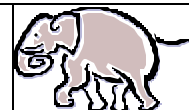
Next year he plans to stay here at ILC  
 He'll learn how to preach and teach in pre-the  
 He's a really good guy, this I can say  
 There are a few words he'll give you today  
 "Always look to Christ as an example for your life,  
 And God has a plan and will bring you through  
 strife"



-By Dave Dreyer

\*(and by angel I mean  
 like a woman, and by  
 like a woman I mean  
 really, freakishly high.)

## The Safari Hunter...



Peg: Why is it you like elephants so much?

Amanda: Fascinated. I rode one when I was seven. Besides elephants never forget.

P: What are some hobbies of yours?

A: Besides collecting elephants... I ride horses.

P: Any other favorites?

A: Favorite movie- Pirates of the Caribbean, Favorite color- purple, Favorite day of the week- Sunday, Favorite ice cream flavor- vanilla (you can add whatever you want to it.)

P: What are you going to do next year?

A: I'm going to Professional Hair Design Academy, not to learn about hair, but to become a massage therapist.

P: What are you going to miss about ILC?

A: Besides not seeing everybody everyday...nothing.

P: What do you think you'll spend these last two weeks before graduation doing?

A: Well... I still have to send out my party invitations so probably just getting ready for graduation.

P: Are there any memories of ILC that you'll take with you after you graduate?

A: The corn maze and pumpkin heads and study halls in your room.

P: Finally, the traditional, "Do you have any advice for the young ones?"

A: Although Religion class may seem boring, pay attention, it's the only class you'll actually use throughout your life.



## The Secrets of Room 212...

You may see them in the girls' dorm in room 212, but watch out it's kind of messy. It's Mandy Mueller and the Nelson twin Sarah Nelson. Mandy and Sarah went to school with each other since they were in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Now Seniors in high school they are here brought to you by the "Senior Spotlight" to tell you a little about themselves...

Mandy: So...Sarah...You wanna work on our Senior Spotlight?

Sarah: But Mandy, it's the last episode of *Friends*!!!

M: But you promised.

S: Fine.



M: How's your ice cream?

S: Mmmmm...

M: Can I have a bite?

S: So how has it been rooming with me?

M: Pretty good. Sorry about my alarm clock.

S: That's OK, someday I'll just throw it out the window.

M: Who needs it anyway? So... Thursday morning prep and serve...

S: Fun.

M: Dude, this is gonna be boring. Sorry, Dave.

S: OK, now I'm making myself sick from too much ice cream...

We should proly clean our room.

M: Yeah, I'm gonna do that next.

S: Yeah right! Just like you were gonna help me figure out how to program that CD player!

M: Anyway, what was your best memory up here?

S: Graduation. What's yours?

M: No, for real.

S: OK...um... (licking spoon)... um, Junior year at Beth Wuerch's. And the umpire joke with Heidi and Eleise. What's yours?

M: Um, well, watching *My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé* was pretty great. And that night we



got into the box of markers. Stir fry and fortune cookie days in the dining hall. Going to Dragenetti's with Coley. Calling Rex on his night off. My "guy movie" night with Jenny. And of course, GB!

S: Yeah! That and freshmen year initiation. 3:30 in the morning!

M: Any advice?

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## Peg Heise... Do you REALLY Know Her?

Amanda S: Why do you like blue so much?

Peg: Cause the color fits me well.

A: What is your initial reaction when people call you short?

P: Rolling my eyes, because all they are doing is stating the obvious.

A: What do you do right after school if you aren't in the canteen?

P: I have a life...I spend it doing whatever I feel like doing. After I've worked in the Canteen, mainly sleep, watch movies, or hang out with friends.

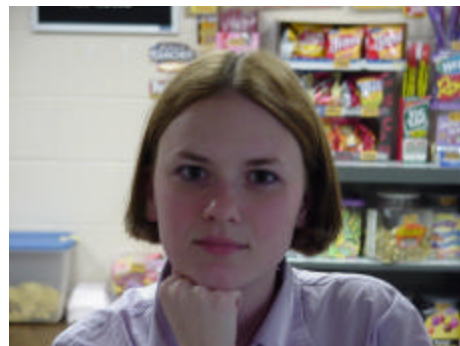
A: What are you going to do over the summer?

P: Travel, travel... and more travel.

A: Why so many piercings in your ears?

P: It's fun and it's the rebellious side of my personality.

A: Although you're coming back her next year, are you going to miss anything about high school?



P: All the people in my class, it's going to seem very strange.

A: How many times have you actually dyed your hair?

P: I've lost count.

A: Have you ever done anything here at school that you regret?

P: Probably not trying to fit in with our class more.

A: What is your best memory of high school?

P: There are too many, probably most of all Josh's crazy antics.

A: Any mind-blowing advice for future Seniors?

P: Bank all your memories for the future, because they're one of the most treasured things in high school.

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S: Actually clean the bathrooms. (They *will* get smelly.) Respect your elders,...or you'll get initiated. You should say something too, Mandy.

M: Get used to taking baths. Sometimes the drains get stubborn. Don't do laundry at midnight when there are profs in the dorm. And, take GB. It's the best class ever! Seriously though, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Pray. Sarah?

S: Just remember that God is your very best friend, and He will always listen to you. When you think you're alone, you aren't because He's there.

M&S: Enjoy your time up here. It goes by fast, right Dan?

S: For the record, I do not look like Beth! Ok, now I wanna go watch *Friends*.

By: Sarah Nelson and Mandy Mueller

## Dream On!

By Samantha Barthels



Everyone dreams, some people more than others, and it often happens that the dreams we do remember are rather on the strange side. I've recently heard about some very interesting, very strange dreams some people have been dreaming.

There's the falling dream that a lot of people seem to have, the general dreams that keep changing and seem to make sense until you wake up. You also have the dreams that seem so real that it takes you some time after you wake up before you figure out whether or not it actually happened. And then, of course, you have the dreams that are just bizarre. There are a couple of famous campus dreams that can pretty much be described like that. Like a dream where one of the profs is conspiring with Orlando Bloom to kill you and somehow a whole bunch of purple rabbits fit into the evil plan. Or one of the profs murdering people and trying to blame it on Kevin Roth. There are also dreams where you find a

bar in the middle of nowhere.

Hearing about these completely bizarre dreams led me to ask some questions. Why do we have completely insane, bizarre, scary dreams that usually don't make any sense at all?

I did a little research on the internet, and let's just say that the sites that best an-

**"...one of the Profs murders people and tried to blame it on Kevin Roth."**

swered my question used waaaaaay too many big words and even medical terms. In other words, you could probably ask a prof. (don't worry, I doubt they'll actually kill you) or some other really smart person and find out a whole lot more from them than from me. I do think I got the gist of it though.

Dreaming occurs during the last few hours of sleep in a period called the Rapid Eye Movement (REM) cycle of

sleep. It is a subconscious way of sorting through things that may be on your mind. Your brain makes connections with old memories and recent events and thoughts and organizes them into patterns that you wouldn't make while you are awake. These dreams hardly ever make rational sense. Places and characters change often and blend into combinations that never happened or make sense with each other. Situations in dreams are mostly very exaggerated from the real situation or even might only be a much worse representation of a situation of conflict that had recently taken place. Some studies have shown that people have more and stronger dreams when they are stressed. This is because when you are stressed or worried

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# *The Seniors' Final Farewell*



It's been four years since most of us seniors first met each other on the bleachers. It was the first day of school after chapel in which we introduced ourselves to the people we now call our friends. It all seemed both exciting and scary at the same time to begin high school. It was a new chapter in our educated lives. Some of us came from across the country, from Washington, California, South Carolina, Nebraska, and South Dakota. There were some who were closer, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. We all traveled to Eau Claire to learn new things and most importantly to be around fellow Christians to study and believe what we believe about our Lord.

For the dorm students it was weird to live far away from our parents for the first time and to share a building with many other girls and boys. The townie classmates came and found new friends to share stories with. There are many things I remember about freshmen year in science class, but the one thing that always stuck out in my mind was Prof. Buck's remark, "Remember to wear your thongs in the shower!"

The New Comers Party was a great opportunity to get to know the townies and dorm Freshmen. Many ways to get to know them, was sitting on each other laps in a circle (painful!), to passing softballs to the person next to you by using only your chin. On Field Day we showed we could work together especially during tug o' war even though we lost tremendously. We have yet to win!

Sophomore year many of our classmates left Immanuel. They were: Lacey Ewing, Amy McClernan, Jeremy Cole, Dan Battig, Heidi Russell, Ilene Wiste, Tim Maas, Brennon Peters, and Christopher Blue. David Dreyer filled in the open gap in our hearts. He was added to our crazy class. Another school year and more memories being made. Always coming back to Prof. Buck but even though Biology wasn't my favorite class I loved his videos; from the guy smashing against the building, the spike going through the guys head (which we always had to see over and over again), to Mrs. Brown (the guys' favorite person). Yes, our class is a little weird. One time it was so hot in the Biology room that two of the guys in our class fainted. It probably didn't help from the uncomfortable subject we were talking about. We were all scared and Prof. Buck made us have the window cracked open for the rest of the school year. For the remainder of the year, we always joked about having the window being cracked open so it wouldn't happen again. The most interesting part of that year was when we did those History videos. My favorite videos were David's toothless Cleopatra performance and when Zach dressed like

a queen sitting on his royal throne (the toilet).

Junior year we lost Katie Henry, Matt Dunn, Jerry Gruen, and Becky Povolny, but gained Brian Stewart, Rebecca Dummann, Dan Geschwind, and our returning classmate Ilene Wiste. We went from a tough sophomore year to more of a study hall junior year. Our difficult project we had to do was spend many agonizing hours in the Banquet room getting those stupid posters done (thank you Megan for tracing them). Also thank you for those who spend their time in that small room. Finally, the day of Banquet came and we had to try to find a way to keep the posters on the walls. Overall, it turned out fine. Finals week came and we all were glad when it was over. Graduation came along; we knew that our last stretch to senior year finally came.

Finally, it's our last year. Becky Povolny returned for our final high school year. Friends have come and gone, but most of us stayed through rough times and exciting times. We have stuck together through it all. We really proved our loyalty to each other when that January weekend we had to collate even when we were all sick. We thought we wouldn't make it, but we did. Great job you guys.

Maybe this is my opinion but I think that this year's first semester lock-in was probably the best lock-in we ever had. The guys played football in the gym and we all huddled around our "campfire" and told scary stories we heard or that happened to us. The best part was that it was on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We were tired at the end but we had fun. Our last formal was memorable. Instead of being the Court Jester like he always was, Jordan was the Emerald Knight this year and by his side was Coley as Crystal Princess. After our Wizard of Oz formal we filed into the gym to listen to the BOB (Battle of the Bands) and had Jordan and Zach introduce the bands. We even got to listen to the entire story of the "Coconut Story" from Dan Degnan, the returning introducer from the year before. That story gets better every time I hear it.

Banquet came quickly along and all the girls were busy dressing up for the big day. The guys went down to the creek for their annual dipping and the girls screamed out of their windows after the guys were done. This year our famous southern gentleman Jordan Shealy led his "troops" to the girl's dorm along with Jeff Kesterson in a kilt. Yes, I said kilt. We all got our pictures taken on a non-rainy banquet day. First time in four years. The actual banquet went well and we thank-you juniors for putting it on for us. Dan Degnan said his speech about time and Prof. David

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about something there is more of your brain to sort through and the process is actually a way of relieving some of the stress and relaxing your mind. Nightmares, especially scary and traumatic dreams, are ways of dealing with a lot of stress and may also help going through and healing after traumatic experiences. Your dreaming could have played a part in how much you felt better the morning after a very bad

day if you got a good night's sleep.

The end of this school year has arrived and this generally means a lot of stress for everyone. So when everyone is getting emotional and you are all stressed out about packing everything up and trying to survive though finals, remember what dreaming is good for, get enough sleep, and dream on (even if they happen to be really, really, really weird).

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Lau almost got away with never speaking at banquet. We were honored to be the class; we even had TJ sing to us. Terrific job TJ. After banquet was fun, even though it went until 12:30.

I think the one thing everyone will remember about our class is that we were probably the best procrastinators that ever went to school here and we are content with that. One example would be Brian Stewart on asking the kitchen to make our sack lunches for our Senior Class Trip the morning we were supposed to leave. We're very grateful they made them for us. Well, speaking of the class, trip let's just say it was very memorable. We first went to the zoo, Coley's favorite, and saw a dolphin show. That was probably the best part of the zoo. We all got bored from the zoo and decided to go to Mall of America. Now I never had gone before this trip so I was a bit anxious to see what all the rage was about. We got there and everyone split into their own groups. Many of the girls went to the movies right away. Me not having any money decided to walk around and find anyone I knew. Well, walking around a whole hour before finding anyone you know seemed ridiculous. Finally, I found a bunch of guys and decided to join them. Let me tell you it was very interesting hanging out with them. We walked around for about two hours, going into really weird stores like a board game store and a watch shop (now who would be fascinated about going into a watch shop, Brian ). We met up with more guys and well I won't tell you where they went. Moving on...finally it was time to go to the baseball game. Well, I'm not the hugest fan of baseball, but at least I know how the game goes, unlike many other sports. It was fun until it was getting late and we just wanted to leave. I have to make a point that Aaron Salter ate 8 dome dogs. Congratulations! The bus ride back was nice because I slept most of the way. The class was watching Star Wars. I don't really know the names of them but it was the first one or the fourth one, however you look at it. All in all, it was a fun trip even though it was either really hot and humid (like outside) or it was too cold (like the bus and the stadium). I am glad we had our trip and got to

spend a whole day with each other, (plus we didn't have school which was an added bonus).

I'm sure I am speaking for my whole class when I say this, thank you all of the teachers who taught us what we know (or don't remember) today. We are now looking forward to our graduation day. To my fellow classmates, it's been a great pleasure getting to know you all and having you in the class. I will miss all the fun times we had together and the many class hours we spent in the classrooms. As the school year is now coming to an end, it's now more of a reality that in a week we are graduating. I will miss you all and hope we all stay in touch.

Remember to keep God in your hearts and be encouraged that the fact God is always with us when we need someone to comfort us. Look to the Bible when you need to be comforted. In addition, when we go on with our own lives remember to keep God in your hearts and first and foremost show your faith in whatever you do. Farewell, Class of 2004.

## Immanuel Lutheran High School and College

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\*One last farewell is for our own "Editor-in-Chief", David Dreyer, who spent many hours of his time organizing the many successful Flash issues over this year. Thanks Dave for all of your hard work! You will be missed.

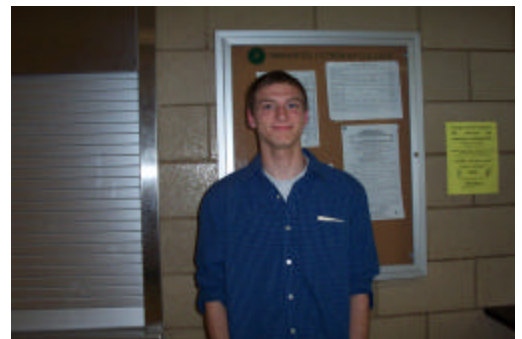
## David Dreyer's Poetic Spotlight

David Dreyer, man or beast?  
He is unique to say the least.  
Even though he's tall and leanious,  
He's a crazy super genius.  
Leading the parade with his big trombone,  
Hailing from Waunakee - his home  
He likes to sing, play soccer, and feast  
while he's chasing after Eleise.  
Looking cute in his tour choir tux,  
while also doing Calculus.  
Laughs, and cheers, and even chills,  
He gave us as Professor Hill,  
As the crowd of River City boys,  
Follow his beautiful Music Man voice.  
Video game extraordinaire,  
In his thick and musty dorm room air.  
Single handedly changed Battle of the Bands  
By making good use of his voice and hands.  
In the Talent Show, he had fifteen acts  
(the only two good ones happened to be with Zach)  
Well, what else can be said about little Dave D.  
There is nothing, he's just boring as you can see.  
His great words of wisdom that he leaves with you  
Go something like this, I'd listen well if I was you.  
Stay true to your God, He is your number one,  
And He will always be with you, till your days are done.  
Well that's it for this bean pole he is now signing off,  
So shut up, ya dumb Dave, that's enough of this stuff.

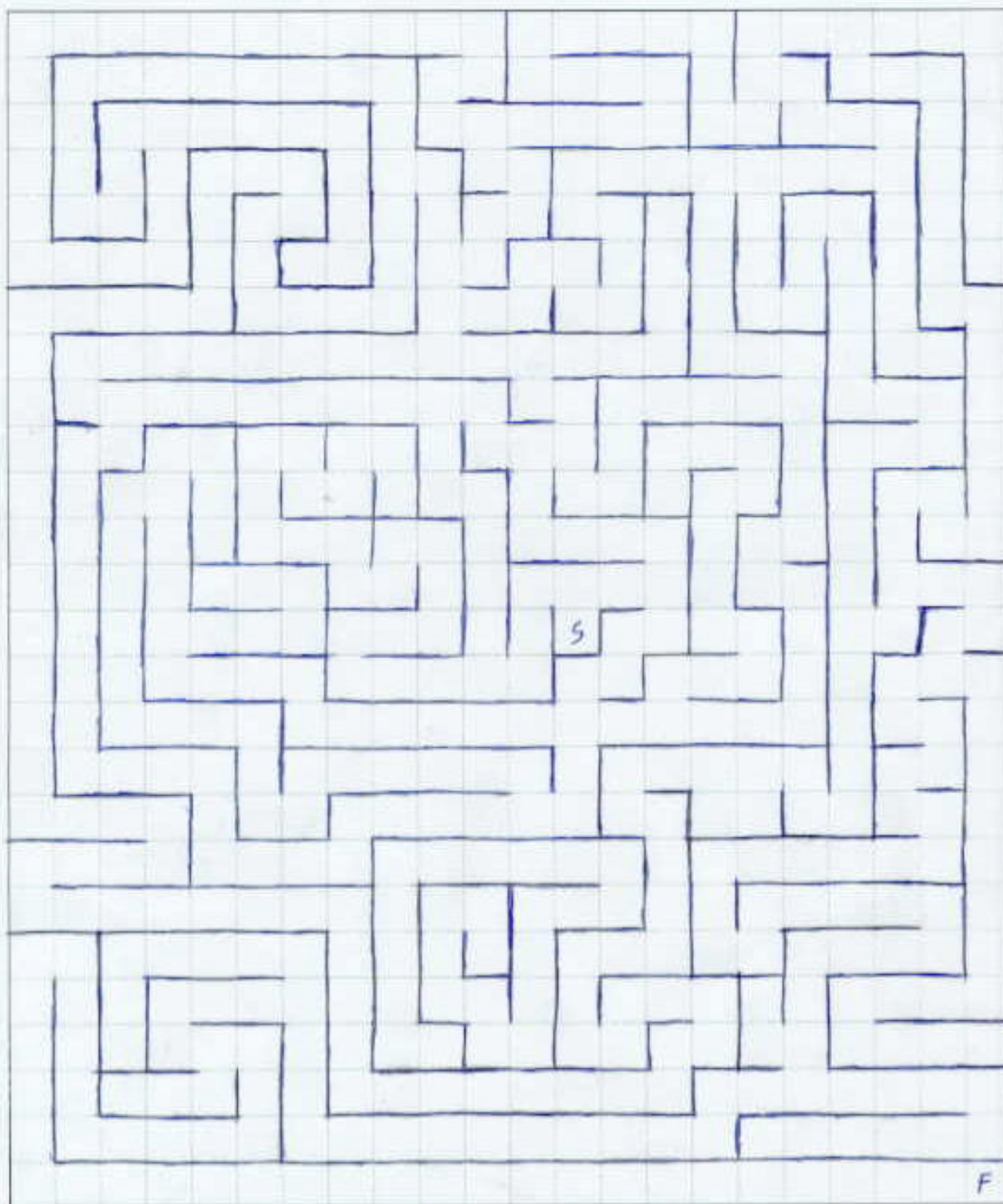


Brian Stewart and Mark Tiefel were lazy and didn't do senior spotlights for each other, but I suppose they deserve to get in the Flash anyway, so here it is. Brian is a Super-genius from Live Oak, Florida, and Mark is an all-state athlete from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. They both enjoy playing Halo in BS's room and then on the weekends going over to Mark's house and playing Halo. Brian is going to MSOE next year and Mark is staying at Immanuel. Although their paths are parting next year, they will probably remain acquainted with each other, because Halo 2 will be an online game. Well, there you have it, Mark and Brian's Senior Spotlights, this is a warning to all you people who would dare in the future not to do your spotlight, because it will turn out like this, or possibly even worse.

-Dave Dreyer



# Nathan Traub's Maze of All Mazes



*Nathan Traub*