



# THE FLASH



## Trees

By Joyce Kilmer



I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

## Senior Spotlight



Here we are again, 6<sup>th</sup> hour; it almost didn't happen this year. Thank you to all those who dropped out of Chemistry; our hearts go out to you. I suppose we should get to those annoying questions. Here goes it.

B: So, Nora Holt, or Boots, as we call you, where were you born?  
N: In Good Samaritan Hospital, California, (says in her best Arnold Schwarzenegger voice), not like all the girly men. How about you, Michelle E. Johannes?  
M: In Beaver Dam, WI. Oh ya, Brittany Rust, you too.  
B: St. Mary's Hospital in the Twin Cities. And for those of you who don't know where that is, look it up. Boots, how you doin'?

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## "Trees" and Benches

By Liz Povolny



Everyone has seen the beautiful new benches that have sprung up all over campus, but it is time to draw some more attention to them in writing. Many of us know a bit about the bench project, but I doubt that anyone knows about the significance of the pattern in the concrete below them, or that the back legs of the benches are made up of five pieces of redwood glued together. These are among the details I'd like to share. But before I get into them, I'm going to start back at the beginning, just in case you don't know the whole story.



Once upon a time, a man named Mr. Ingram lived in the mansion that we now think of as a library. In fact, he owned the whole property that our school is built on. On that property there were six signs, each inscribed with two lines from the poem "Trees" (above left), by Joyce Kilmer (that's **Mister** Joyce Kilmer).

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No one is sure where the signs were placed exactly, but one theory is that they sat on benches in a terraced garden behind the Ingram mansion. Only one of the original signs still exists; most of the time you can see it by our fishpond. It used to hang in Ingram Hall over a fireplace, along with a small sign written by Adelgunde Schaller, expressing her wish that someone would remake the rest of the signs. One winter Caleb Schaller made six signs as exact replicas of the originals. He gave them to Mrs. Schaller as a gift, and she mentioned that all that was needed still were benches to put the signs on. So Caleb volunteered, and began the project that we see such beautiful evidence of today.

Caleb had never made a bench before, but he's a do-it-yourself-er, so he went to the public library and did his research. He chose redwood to be the material of the benches for several reasons: it can stay outdoors all year, it won't rot quickly because it has a high oil-content, it looks beautiful when finished, and it is the most affordable of the woods that can remain outdoors. Then he chose a design for the bench from the New Yankee Workshop. It was the strongest of the available patterns, so hopefully the benches will stand the test of time!

"A tremendous amount of man-hours" have gone into making the benches, in Caleb's words. He did most of the bench construction himself, but many volunteers (that we'd like to thank profusely) put in a lot of time helping him in various ways with the project. And still there are three benches to go.

Now you know why the benches are being built, but you still don't know anything about the concrete foundations below them. I was surprised to find out that the pattern etched into the concrete is the same exact pattern as that found outside the front door of Ingram Hall! The benches bring a sense of continuity to our campus, and the repetition of this pattern serves to strengthen that theme.

The foundations for the benches have to be made perfectly level, and then the back end is raised up two inches so that water will drain off of it. A wooden frame is constructed and the cement is poured. Next Caleb and his helpers use a 2 x 4 to scrape across the top, a process called "screeding," and a float (a large piece of metal that they float across the top) to make it completely smooth. When the concrete has dried to an almost clay-



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## Some of the World's WORST Pickup Lines



- "If you were a booger, I'd pick you first."
- "Do you have any raisins? No? How about a date?"
- "Are you the tiger on the Frosted Flakes box? 'Cause you look Grrrrreat!"
- "Don't walk into that building— the sprinklers might go off!"
- "Baby, you must be a broom, 'cause you just swept me off my feet."
- "I have a cat. She would really like to meet you."
- "I envy your lipstick."
- "I know I'm not a grocery item, but I can tell when you're checking me out."
- "If I followed you home would you keep me?"
- "Is your name Gillette? Because you're the best a man can get."
- "Life without you would be like a broken pencil... pointless."
- "You make me want to get a job."

Collected by Kristin Traub



## What?! No Cross Country???

Hey everybody! Guess what? It's an absolute miracle that the FLASH has so far resisted anything even slightly resembling a Cross County article! Woo-hoo! Most of you are aware that last year the overwhelming amount of Cross Country articles got to a point where it was almost unbearable!

Despite my best efforts to get a CC article written this year, no one thus far has stepped up to the task. But please, beloved readers with writing potential, feel free to hook up the FLASH with all the late breaking news of Cross Country! I'll pass the baton off to all of you so you can hit the ground running!

~The Editor~



## Dogs: Man's Best Friend

Whoever wrote that "Cat's rule; Dog's drool" article is very disturbed. For one thing, dogs are way smarter than cats. For example, look at the movies—how many times have you seen a cat save someone from a burning building? Also, you can teach your dog to do all kinds of things like fetch, play dead, roll over, sit, stay, etc. There are unlimited possibilities!

My man met a lady whose dog could open the door, turn the lights and TV on and off, and even knew a few English words! Also, look at seeing-eye dogs. Cats are

just too dumb to be a blind person's eyes. And why would you want a cat walking across your face in the middle of the night? (I'm referring to the "Cats" article in the last issue.) Dogs, on the other hand, sleep the whole night at the end of your bed, or curled up on a rug.

**"How many times have you seen a cat save someone from a burning building?"**

And there's another thing—when you're in a hurry and the cat comes trotting and rubs against your leg, you're thinking, "Hello I'm trying to walk here," but the cat's thinking, "Pet me, pet me, I want attention." It's annoying! That's why I vote for "Man's best friend," dogs.



~Anonymous~



## Prof's Say Some Weird Things...



"I suppose I could create a fire hazard..." -J. Lau

"I was going to try to find a monkey's paw that I could bring to class and throw at you!" -Sullivan

"Make your focal point the History Cowboy. He'll get you through." -J. Lau

"Maybe it was a crazy, psychotic raven hanging from the front door." -Sullivan

"We love you, we just can't afford you... go die." -J. Lau

"You had me worried there, Josh! I thought you died of English OVER-EXPOSURE!" -Sullivan

"She wanted to be seen as powerful, and the way to do it in those days was to be a cross-dresser." -J. Lau

"Shut up! Shut up I say!" -J. Lau to air conditioner...



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like consistency he uses a giant stamp he made of plywood, with pieces of wood nailed to it, to imprint the pattern. A silver-colored powder, called a powder release, is put on the stamp so that the wood won't stick to the concrete. Someone has to walk across the top of the stamp to press it in, and then two people lift it out and the pattern remains. The last steps are to spray off the powder release and seal the concrete. Mr. Mike Marcus was kind enough to seal the concrete for all of the benches. The amount of work that has gone into just making the foundations is incredible! Again, we thank Caleb and company for the effort they've put into beautifying out campus.

On to money. Yes, it's rude to ask your grandparents how much they spent on your birthday present, but it's important that I tell you how much is spent on each of these benches. Did you know that the wood alone for one bench costs \$365.00?! And aside from the wood there is hardware, concrete, powder release, sealers for wood and concrete, etc. These are just some of the million little expenses that add up faster than you can imagine. The payments for the benches have been funded for the most part by class gifts, individual donors, and church groups like Messiah's Dorcas Circle. We need more money! Remember that \$365 number? Well, there are three benches to go! If your church has groups or members that might be interested in donating, ask them. If you can help towards making Mrs. Schaller's dream a reality, please contribute to the fund.

These benches are our legacy for the generations of ILC students to come. Someone, someday might wonder how long they've been around, and the reply will probably be, "Oh, ever since my mom was in school," or, "my Grandpa used to know the guy who built them when he went there." That mom, that grandpa, they will be one of us, it will be our past. For now, while it is our present, while we are still the students here, enjoy the benches. Be *gentle* to them, but enjoy them. And if you get a chance to thank Caleb personally, take the opportunity. I know I will.





★ Attention: all Seniors get flannel for ★

Yah-Ho!

FLANNEL FRIDAY!!!

Yah-Ho!



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N: I'm doin' good, baby, how you doin'?

B: Michelle, tell us about your family.

M: Family? What family? I have no family. A stork dropped me off at the door of the girls' dorm one day and I've been living here ever since. Nora's turn.

(Quickly says suspiciously with glint in her eyes.)

N: They're on vacation! \*cackles\* Actually, I have two older sisters and a little brother. If he disappears, I did nothing. (Sorry, Matt, she says she loves you but it was just too good of a line to pass up. With regrets, Michelle and Britt) So how about you Britt, with your 9 million and I siblings?

B: What?...There's only 10 of us....I think.

M: Ok, so what do we do every 6<sup>th</sup> hour that has us smiling all of every 7<sup>th</sup> hour?...pause.....that's confidential. We aren't authorized to disclose that information.

B: So, Nora, what exactly doesn't make you giggle?

N: ummm...\*giggles\*...ummm...(as she falls off of a chair and spazzes) it hurts, make it stop!

We'll fill you in, Nora, claustrophobized (her word, not ours) in her sweatshirt. No breathing, has pulse, call Prof. Buck. No wait, call Luke. No that's not what it is, call EMS.

N: What's the number for 911?

M: Question: What are you going to do after graduation Britt?

B: You and I are going to get an apartment in The Cities, remember? And I'm going to find my natural hair color. I'm going to go to school to be a veterinarian assistant and I might do cosmetology, specializing in nails. Those pets are going to be the healthiest and prettiest ever. Nora, what about you?

N: I'm gonna marry a surfer! I'll probably do massage therapy or be a veteri-

narian. Now you Michelle, what are you going to do?

M: I wanna be a cowboy.

B and N: Can we be your cowgirls?

M: Seriously, I have absolutely no idea. I was thinking about something in psychology, but I'm not sure.

N: What's our favorite class? I mean, there are so many to choose from.

B: How about history 10 with Prof Lau. Remember that pointing boat thingy? Or biology with Prof. Buck, but P. O.D. with Prof. Sydow is pretty fun.

M: Let's just say that all the religion classes were fun.

N: Oh ya, especially when Mrs. Pfeiffer came to Religion 9.

But our favorite class of all has to be art with Mrs. Reim. (See Mrs. Reim, we do love it. We're not just saying that.)

B: I suppose we should give all the freshmen advice.

M: Britt, you're such a freshman!

B: Shut up, Michelle, I'm not a freshman!

N: Don't make Mrs. Ingram mad; she'll make you go crazy.

M and B: Follow God and pray constantly for help because you'll always need it.

N: If you're an insomniac talk to God; He's up all night anyway.

And we know everybody says this, but treasure you're time up here because we've lived it. It goes by fast. Yesterday we were freshman, tomorrow we'll be graduating and saying good-bye. And remember everybody, be a space cadet and fly.



Adios,

The NBC kittens from Room 203,  
Nora, Brittany and Chelle



# Flag Poll

By Samantha Barthels



I doubt there is anyone on this planet who doesn't know that there is a big presidential election coming up in our country (okay, maybe that's an exaggeration). We have all gotten sick of the commercials and advertisements, too (both kinds of them). The first type tells us that if we are able to, it is our civic duty to vote... blah, blah. The second kind consists of the candidates saying bad stuff about each other... blah, blah, blah – gag!

Unless you watch the debates, have you ever heard anything about the actual issues? It is possible to find that stuff, however. I went on the internet and found some sites that tell you pretty much every issue, straight to the point. Some even use quotes from Bush and Kerry. Good places to look are major news station websites like CNN, MSNBC, and others. They usually have the articles placed under a heading such as "Election" or "Candidates". To save you some time, I wrote down a few points that I think most of us can understand. If you want to know everything, even the stuff that no one understands, try looking it up. You'll find it.

Here is a basic layout of the issues, and how the candidates stand on each:

Issue	Bush	Kerry
<i>Abortion</i>	-against abortion in most cases -supports extending 14 <sup>th</sup> amendment to unborn children	-pro-choice -would pick Supreme Court justices who agree with him
<i>Immigration</i>	-proposes temporary legal status to illegal workers to fill jobs not being filled by Americans -vs. "automatic path to citizenship"	-will translate people who have been in the U.S. five years, have paid taxes, and haven't broken the law to immediate citizenship
<i>Death Penalty</i>	-supports the death penalty because it is a deterrent and saves lives	-opposes all executions; the only exception would be terrorists
<i>Homosexual Issues</i>	-supports constitutional amendments to ban same-sex marriages -maintains don't ask/don't tell military policy	-personally opposes same-sex marriages -opposes banning them -supports recognition of civil unions
<i>Guns</i>	-favors immunity for gun-makers from civil lawsuits -supports assault weapons ban -supports requiring background checks at gun shows	-supports assault weapons ban -supports requiring background checks at gun shows -opposes immunity to gun-makers

I asked students under 18 this question: "If you were voting in this election, who would you be voting for?"

25/27: George W. Bush

1/27: Samantha Barthels

1/27: whoever the Nazi is...

Then I asked the students over eighteen whether they were voting in this election or not.

11/14: Yes, they are voting

3/14: Not planning to vote



## Election Comments

By Samantha Barthels

(Opinions about the election candidates, from the ILC students who were polled for *Flag Poll* (page 5))



“I think [Bush] has been a good President and I agree with his conservative policies, but I don’t agree with everything he’s done as president.”

“Either way we’re in trouble. Kerry would be worse because of pro-choice and gay rights.”

“Bush has been a good President. I agree with his policies. He has done well with the situation in Iraq.”

“Kerry is all talk. Bush has the experience and knows what’s going on. Kerry is too liberal.”

“Bush will win because we don’t like flip-flops.”

“Bush understands and is handling it well with Iraq. Kerry doesn’t have the right to say he’s not handling it very well because he doesn’t know what it’s like to be in that situation.”

“Bush did what he thought was right about the Iraq situation. He was put in a tough position.”

“Bush is cool.”

“George Bush is cool. In my opinion the Republican party will win this presidential election by a good margin, because Bush is the better experienced and more conservative candidate and the majority of good American citizens still hold good moral values.”

## Car Accident Leaves Memorial Student Paralyzed.

By Mac Johnson (A Memorial High School Student)

Aaron Spina is a kind, caring, and a God-fearing young man. He is an excellent athlete, musician, and best of all, a friend to many. As a high school senior he always has the time of his life, and never lets anything get him down.

Over Labor Day weekend Aaron was involved in a serious single car accident. It has been reported the he was driving too fast and when he came to a curve in the road, he lost control of his vehicle and swerved off the road. He rolled his vehicle twice while clearing the saplings down a twenty to thirty foot embankment. His vehicle caught fire shortly after. He managed to call his Mom on his cell phone to tell her that he loved her, but shortly after this he was disconnected. He then proceeded to call his girlfriend to tell her he had been in a car accident and that he probably wouldn’t make it. His girlfriend then called 911, while her stepfather went to look for Spina along the roadway. He eventually came upon the accident scene where he then pulled Aaron from his burning car.

Aaron is now at Luther Hospital and still has no feeling from his waist down. He had surgery Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>, which was successful. They found that from the outside, his spine appeared to not be severed or lacerated. They also attached two steel rods to his spine to add extra support for his back. His surgery has caused great pain for him, and ever since, he has been fighting off a fever.

Although he has been in much pain, he is now able to be moved to a wheel chair for a few hours each day. While in an upright position, he is able to do things that he loves, like play his guitar. Throughout this entire experience he has had such an upbeat spirit, and has been his usual self. He’s been cracking jokes with his brother and friends and has been hassling the nursing staff.

At Memorial, there has been an outstanding amount of support for Spina and his family. Many groups/clubs have begun doing different fund raisers for him and his family. Everything is being done from selling T-Shirts that are printed with “Pray for Spina” on the front, and with “32” (his football number) on the back, to pins and ribbons sold at the football game with his name and number on them. All profits go to a savings account that has been set up in his name at RCU, where anyone can make a donation. Also Memorial’s band/choir program raised money to get him a laptop computer so he could keep up on his school work while he is at a rehabilitation center in Chicago, which he will be leaving for sometime after September 20<sup>th</sup>.





## **Don't Judge A Book** **By Its Cover:** **The Popular Plague of Judgment**

I was very confused and upset by the article entitled "A Plague of Teenage Kind" in the last issue. Basically, I interpreted it to say that everyone who is rich, athletic, and/or good-looking is snobby, egotistical, and or/disrespectful. I disagree.

For one thing, everyone has his/her own group of close friends. Most of the time, people tend to hang out with those whom they do most of their activities with. One example of this is your teammates in a particular sport. Sometimes this isn't the case; many people are able to hang out with anyone and everyone.

Second of all, why is it said that people who do bad or disrespectful things are "popular"? I, personally, don't think that someone like that is "so awesome." I also got the idea from that article that everyone who reads books and likes computers doesn't have any friends. Like I said, everyone has a group of friends, and people who enjoy computers generally talk to people who share the same interest.

Thirdly, I was particularly bothered by the comment that good looks and athleticism are a trait of "popularity." God gave us all the looks that we have, and no one should be looked up to, or down on, for them. He also has given everyone talents. Some he has blessed athletically. But if sports aren't everyone's strong suit, it doesn't mean that they don't have any friends.

I do agree that everyone should be treated equally, because the Lord gave everyone different gifts and abilities. However, I also feel that the article was wrongly judgmental about people with certain characteristics (e.g. athletes, "bookworms", etc.). No one deserves to be put into a category of someone else's opinion, especially if they haven't even bothered to get to know what he or she is really like.



~Jackie Beekman~



## **Flag Football** **2004**

By Don Skinner

The first half of the 2004 football season is complete. Four teams make up the football schedule, they are the Razors, Bears, Hawks, and Sharks. Forty-six players signed up to play football, of the forty-six, thirteen are Rookies. The first-half standings are as follows:

	Wins	Losses
Razors*	4	2
Sharks	4	2
Bears	2	4
Hawks	2	4

\* 2003 Champions

The second half of the football season began on Tuesday, September 28th. Ongoing are the play-offs, to be followed by the Championship game, and the Champions versus the All Stars. Mrs. Barb Pfeiffer has once again been selected as Homecoming Queen. Plenty of seats are available. COME ON DOWN!

## **Headline News**

Researched by Liz Povolny



- Christopher Reeve died at age 52.
- Gas prices are up and rising, sorry folks!
- The movie Shark Tale topped the charts for the sales of the October 8-10 weekend.
- Baseball's postseason began on October 5th, 8 teams are fighting to become this year's World Series Champs!
- The election campaigns are marching on after the Presidential and Vice Presidential debates.
- Mount Saint Helen's is on the verge of blowing her top once again! Watch out Washington!



## Old School

It's October, 1974. Two giggly freshman girls walk down the blacktopped drive to Ingram Hall, their newly established "home" (at least for the next nine months). They spy a hot junior guy following them.

"Quick! You can see him from my room!" says one. They rush upstairs to room 5 which has the perfect vantage point to the front entrance. "He is soooo cute!" one friend says to the other. "I think I'll go down to the lobby." A quick spritz of Love's Baby Soft and she's off. What a coincidence! The innocent young man has no idea he was just set up. All he wanted to do was wait in line for supper.

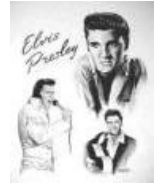
Sounds like a trip back in time? Well, yes. And that's where I plan on taking you for the next few minutes as you read this article. Not interested in ancient history? That's okay, too. But you might be surprised by the things we "mature" folk actually have in common with you in the year 2004. And I do realize it was 30 years ago... but I digress.

As I mentioned previously, Ingram Hall was the girl's dorm. Virginia Hansen (now Carstensen) was the dorm mother - strict, but fair. We ate our meals in the dining hall in Ingram. Classes were held in the Cottage and Reim Hall. There was no South Hall, North Hall, or Commons. Northwest Hall was the boys' dorm. The lucky collegiate girls were housed in the Annex. The Sem House was for those old guys (in their 20's) who all had facial hair and smoked pipes. Professors John Reim and Ross Roehl were juniors in high school. Professors Joe Lau, Schierenbeck, Sippert, and Kranz weren't even on campus yet (the babies)! The canteen was housed in the basement of Ingram. A half-pint of chocolate chip ice cream cost about \$0.35. If you ever

get a chance, go down there sometime and see if you can imagine a pinball machine, a foosball table,

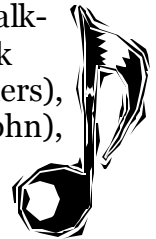


and a very loud stereo blasting out Bachman Turner Overdrive, "Taking Care of Business" (until Dean Ron Roehl shows up and turns it off)! Ah, those were the days.



Here are a few happenings from the school year 1974-75. Do you know any of them from your history book? Maybe your parents told you about them. Or perhaps you've heard some of the songs on the oldies radio station. (Yikes.)

- ▶ Patty Hearst was kidnapped.
- ▶ The World Trade Center opened, the tallest building in the world at the time.
- ▶ Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record with 715.
- ▶ President Richard Nixon was involved in Watergate.
- ▶ Dorothy Hamill was the U.S. Women's Figure Skating Champion.
- ▶ "People" magazine began publication.
- ▶ Elvis was still alive and performing.
- ▶ The movie "Jaws" scared a lot of people.
- ▶ Ted Bundy stalked and killed several young women.
- ▶ Top 40 songs: "Jive Talking" (Bee Gees), "Black Water" (Doobie Brothers), "Island Girl" (Elton John), "Best of My Love" (Eagles), "Band on the Run" (Paul



McCartney and Wings).

And finally, here are a few clues to old-school campus life for those of us who were there: Sunbathing on the rotunda. The Cliff. The Steer. The Villa. Roller-skating parties. Christmas scripture readings in the lobby of Ingram.

If you don't know the context, it's okay. Ask your parents. They're old school, too.

~Ann Libby



## CLOTHING ISSUE

By Shannon Roehl



According to a recent poll of some Immanuel high school girls, there are some common characteristics which they look for in a guy or in a dating relationship. The results were fairly predictable, with loyalty, honesty, and Christianity being high on the list. These were closely followed by sense of humor and respect. What surprised me slightly was the fact that most people said that they are looking for a long term relationship. It's not that I am surprised that they would want a long term relationship. No, I am surprised that no one said that they were in a relationship just for "action."

The reason I say that I am surprised is because of the way some of us dress. I'm sorry, girls, but some of the tight, low cut, short skirt outfits we wear make us look like we're ready to go to a dance club and see how many guys we can seduce, or at least, how many we can make lust after us.

"...the way we dress affects the way guys think...it does make them think more dirty thoughts than if we dressed more modestly..."

When asked if the way we dress affects the way guys think, the guys answered that yes, it does make them think more dirty thoughts than if we dressed more modestly. You may argue that you can't buy decent clothes anymore, but that's not true. You may not be able to buy the particular style you want, such as the skirts that were popular this summer, but you're lucky if they cover your rear with fabric to spare. You know, you can live without that particular style. Find another cute cut that is perhaps a little longer. Find the stores that do still sell good clothes; they do exist.

Finally, the main reason I took the poll was to show girls that the kind of guy you say you want is not what you're going to get if you don't change the style of clothes in

your wardrobe, or at least start buying clothes in a size larger. You're going to get the guys who want to use you and drop you. It's not a situation that you want to put yourself through, so do yourself a favor and imagine what Jesus would say as he saw you walk out the door every day.

## Bedtime? Who Needs It!

Bed time. The term brings to my mind an image of a little girl in fuzzy pink pajamas (you know, those full-body ones that even have the attached slippers), waiting in bed for one of her parents to tuck her in. However, it is a much more real term to students here than that, as bed times are in effect on the high school campus right here at ILHS. It is my opinion, respectfully, that a rule that requires students to try to be in bed by a certain time does not accomplish the desired purpose but is instead counterproductive and discouraging.

I am a supporter of study hall. Although I can't really speak too much on this subject since I'm a town student and not a resident student, I do agree with the idea of setting aside time for the sole purpose of homework and studying and try to do the same on my own. I am also a strong supporter of getting the recommended hours of sleep per night. For teens, the encouraged total is 9-10 hours per night. (This means if you woke up at 7:00 A.M. every morning you should be asleep by at least 10:00 P.M.)

Now, how then do I come to the conclusion that bed time should not be enforced? It is simple. The idea of a bed time sounds good at first-- here is a way to try and get students to achieve the required hours of sleep every night, right? But honestly, if I lived in the dorm there would be no way I'd be able to accomplish all of my homework every night. The past two years, math alone has taken me between 50 minutes to 2 hours a night to finish, and that is with no distractions or breaks. Do not look to my sleep schedule as an example. My average bedtime is 10:30-12:30 P.M., but don't think this is by my choice.

There is simply not enough time for every student to finish all of their homework by a set bed time. This is especially true on game days, when only an hour and a half study hall is provided that is usually filled with either an Activities Committee or Banquet Committee (or any other committee) meeting. Once the home game is over or the bus returns home, it is time for bed. And on regular school days, even if a student can complete that day's homework they have filled up their study hall easily, leaving no time to try and work ahead on long term projects. Having a bed time-- a time when students must stop their homework and go to sleep-- discourages accomplishing assignments.



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## Upcoming This Month:



Here's a quick look at what's on the calendar for the month of October.

The end of first quarter is October 15th! Get out of here for the three-day weekend! Also, be ready for the annual Hay Ride, tentatively scheduled for October 29th, followed by Halloween and Reformation Day on October 31st.

There will be a Reformation Service at Messiah on the afternoon of the 31st. Be there as we celebrate Martin Luther's stand on God's word of truth!



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I will admit that freshman year I was usually able to save all my homework until after chapel time and then finish it all by 9:30 or 10:00. Usually, but not always. And I will admit that every few weeks I do get a week

where it just works out that almost no homework gets assigned. However, just because I could finish all my homework some nights doesn't mean that I can all nights. On the occasion that a student needs to work an extra hour or so to finish an assignment, they should be able to stay up the extra hour or so to do so.

Yes, a Prof might argue that although there is a bed time, there is no limit to how early a student can wake up. Last year one of my friends who lived in the dorm couldn't

finish her Geometry every night because there wasn't enough time in study hall. She would set her alarm for around 3 every morning, sneak out of bed, finish Geometry, then go back to sleep. Before you call her crazy, I've tried the same thing. Why doesn't this work? Because eventually we both realized we were going insane-- it was messing up our bodies, sleep schedules, and our moods.

It is so much easier and simpler to stay up half an hour to an hour later instead of setting your alarm an hour or so earlier than your usual time. You don't know how long or short it might take to finish, so there is always the danger of not leaving yourself enough time in the morning. Also, it is so hard to find motivation to wake up when it's still dark out, the dorm is dead quiet, and your roommate is sleeping peacefully, only to crawl over to your desk and finish some Chemistry from the night before.

Yes, I'll admit that if a student used every study hall during the day, every hour after school, and all of study hall it shouldn't be too much of a problem to finish assignments, and maybe even practice piano, do some laundry, write a Flash article, or get a start on a long term project. However, we also cannot forget time for socialization. It might sound like a lame excuse at first, but how often do our alumni parents, Pastors, and Professors say that one of the things they valued most from ILHS were their long-lasting Christian friendships?

Being able to develop emotionally with friends and spiritually through devotions and Christian discussions are such crucial parts of high school-- perhaps even more important than your education. It is not reasonable to expect a student to use their entire afternoon everyday working on assignments to make sure they don't have too much work for evening study hall. And with all respect, there is no way a Prof can defend himself by using the old excuse that students see each other plenty everyday during classes. Are we to understand you expect us to use class as our social development time (using after school purely for sports, homework, etc...) and then appear to be puzzled when we use class to write notes, telling us that we'll see our friends after school and can talk to them then. This seems like a contradiction to me.

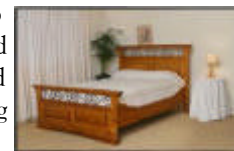
In conclusion, I believe that it should not be wrong for a student to stay up to work on homework. We are in high

**"...Having a bed time— a time when students must stop their homework and go to sleep— discourages accomplishing assignments."**

school now and should be able to take responsibility for our bed time. If we stay up too late one night, we will suffer the next day and won't be stupid enough to stay up late without

reason again. I propose that there should still be the same study hall hours, but instead of bed time a "stay-in-your-room-and-be-quiet" time can be enforced. This "quiet time" gives the students with no homework a chance to go to sleep, while allowing the rest of the students to finish their work. Ask any student on campus how they feel, and I bet you the most common answer will be "tired."

Ask any student on campus what they would rather be doing right now, and I bet they'd reply, "Sleep!" Before you wonder why I am concluding an article that discourages bed times with these observations, don't worry-- I am not contradicting myself. I am merely trying to make the point that all students would love to be getting more sleep and would not abuse the privilege of having no bed time.



FYI: This article was written after other homework was done and was begun at 10:32 P.M. (my peak writing time)-- a task that would not have been possible if I were a resident student.

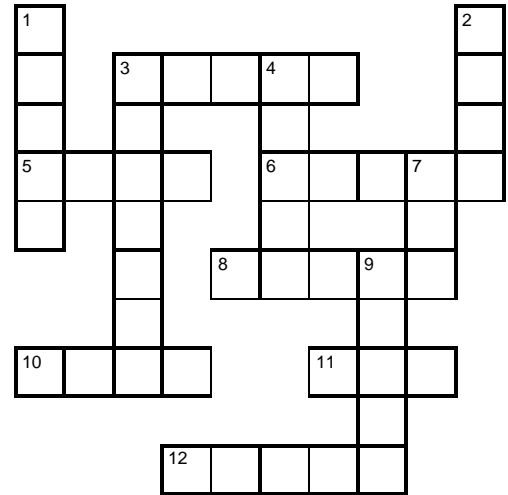
~Danielle Ryan



## Really Tricky Halloween Puzzle

**Across** 3. A funny costume. 5. What do you wear on your face? 6. \_\_\_\_\_-or-treat! 8. Scary thing that says boo. 10. Roasted pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_. 11. Small black animal that can fly. 12. Kids get lots of this.

**Down** 1. A monster with many bandages. 2. \_\_\_\_-o'-lantern 3. What do you wear on Halloween? 4. A woman with a pointy black hat. 7. A witch's pet. 9. spooky



(Taken from: [http://bogglesworld.com/halloween\\_worksheets.htm](http://bogglesworld.com/halloween_worksheets.htm))

## Corn Maize

By Roberta "The Yellow Dart" Abbott

For the fourth year in a row, ILC students crammed onto buses and waited for over an hour to see a common sight—a cornfield owned by simple farmers. They brought flashlights and glowsticks with them, and boxes of marshmallows, chocolate bars, and hot dogs were all loaded up.



Why? To walk around in the corn field, answering questions about Wisconsin farmers and steamboat journeys. If you answered correctly, the sign told you which path to go down. When given a choice between four paths, many of the students did not know the answer to how many acres of land the average Wisconsin farmer owned, or what year the great American voyage set off. In the rare occurrence that students knew that Millard Fillmore was President during the steamboat age, or that the Mississippi River flowed North for a short time in the 1800's, they were confused when the path for the right answer led to an immediate dead-end. Many of the sign-posts seemed to have mysteriously changed or disappeared!

Despite all the confusion and frustration (thanks to some of our very own Seniors), something drew the students in this year—something that made the Corn Maze worth five bucks, which as every student at Immanuel, resident or not, knows is an almost unspeakable amount of money to sacrifice. As the students filed out of the maze and made their way to the campfire, it became clear why everyone did it. Was it for the frightening possibilities that lay around every corner? No—that was last year, when two certain male students with the help of the maze owners and crafty pumpkins scared the loving daylights out of the rest of the student body. This year it was about the friendship and connections between everyone gathered around the campfire. Certainly most students stayed around their friends, the people that they are stuck to like glue in the daytime, but there was a great sense of fellowship that would only be found an hour's bus ride away on the edges of a cornfield. (Question from the layout girl: Are you sure it wasn't just the hot dogs and s'mores that drew 'em in!?)

## Movie Madness!

Big screen showings have hit campus! Our own mini-movie theatre has been set up in the gym for students' enjoyment. Three movies have been shown already: Rocketman, Fighting Temptation, and Newsies.

Thanks goes out to all students who donated money to make this possible. Bring your pillows, blankets, and teddy bears... see you there next time!



~Liz Povolny

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# Have a Fantastic Three-Day Weekend!

