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Senior Spotlight!

Full name: Jacob Craig Ohlmann

Libby: What's your favorite sport? Why?

Jake: Golf, tennis... no, just kidding. I'd have to say football. Because it's the only sport where you can hit people. You can make them feel your presence and let them know who's boss.

L: Why are you so obsessed with the Huskers?

J: It's just like... when I see the Huskers, I get chills. I mean, I seriously just get goosebumps! They're a good football team from back in the day... they've had a few rough years, but you know. If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best.

L: What's the best part of living in beautiful Nebraska?

J: Well, you know, like they say— there is no state like Nebraska. I just like it because

Wisconsin's got so many weird people. And I just like the rural community, you know? (Jake breaks into song...

"There is no place like Nebraska..." Pete laughs hysterically.)

L: What are your plans for the future?

J: I'm gonna go to Tech School, and get my electrical/plumbing license and then I'm gonna build some houses. Then I'll eventually take

over my dad's hardware business.

L: What's your best memory of years gone by?

J: The best memory? I'd have to say rooming with Riseeuw. Yeah, that was a lot of fun. I used to get my jollies off of giving Brett trouble, but that's not really so fun anymore. And chilling with Fatts, Pete, Kevin and Sumeey.

L: Any last words?

J: Tear it up! I don't know... stay out of trouble, you're only a kid once. Uhh... Bible passage... (Proverbs 3:5-6) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Yeah, that's pretty much it.



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ALLELUIA!!!

What a great word. Alleluia, praise the Lord! It's everything in one simple blurb. It takes less than a second to say, and so much is packed in there. AL-LE-LU-IA! God has done so much for us...Alleluia! Just ask Rachel Libby sometime about Alleluias. Bet you anything she grins, claps her hands together, looks up, wiggles her fingers and says, "Alleluia!" Whenever



you're down, say, "Alleluia!" and all your troubles melt away. Have a short prayer of thanksgiving with an "Alleluia!" It really WILL make your day, even if you've been saying Alleluia over and over again for weeks. (ie, Tour Choir.) There are so many times we can say "Alleluia!" that we don't. If you're happy, sad, excited, or ANY emotion, an "Alleluia!" is the perfect word to use. I'm running out of things to say, so this is going to end now..."Alleluia!"

By Roberta Abbott

Senior Spotlight!

Full name: Andrew James Albrecht

Lee: If you could shave your chest hair into any shape, what would it be and why?

Andrew: Yeah, if I had enough chest hair to do that...

Lee: Assuming that you had a lot of chest hair.

A: Probably like, the Subaru symbol.

Libby: Tell me about a great adventure in the Soob?

A: Me and Jake and Kevin went mudbogging and my four-banger Subaru made it up a hill that Sumey's truck couldn't make it up. Wrecked a C-V joint in the process, but it was worth it. Yeah... that was pretty fun.

Lee: If you could challenge any Prof to a fight, who would it be and why?

A: Like, what kind of fight?

Lee: I dunno... a thumb war?

Matt Greve: I don't really think that's good enough.

Lee: Okay... a bow staff fight.



A: A bow staff?

Greve: Like just a stick.

Lee: Okay, if you could face any one of the Profs in the American Gladiator

Arena, who would it be?

A: It'd probably be... I dunno. I could take any of them any day.

Libby: What's your best dorm memory?

A: Oh... I dunno—there's too many to choose from. I think I have a slight case of what that one chick had in 50 First

Dates.

Matt Lueck: Yeah, me too! I can remember what happened when I was like two, but I can't remember what happened yesterday.

A: Yeah, I can't even remember five minutes ago.

Libby: Okay... what's the best thing about living in Okabena?

A: Oh, there's so many things to choose from... it's a quaint, little town. Peaceful. Yeah, it's great.

Libby: Any last words?

A: A-Town. (Andrew and Matt Lueck laugh hysterically) Uhh... 99 per cent of the things you worry about never even happen.

Lueck (adds insightfully): It's like a rocking chair— it gives you something to do but you really don't get anywhere.

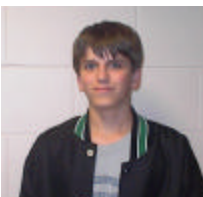


March Madness

What a 2005 tournament! This is always a special time of year for basketball fans, but this year's extra special with all It was the first time games were determined in overtime, and Illinois came back from a fifteen point deficit with only three minutes to play to advance. The Big Ten Conference was the surprise conference with two teams reaching the Final Four.

A record number of entrants, 89, joined the madness of the ILC contest this year. The top three finishers were Adam Lillo, Jackie Beek- Green Mill with the undesigned. I look forward to next year's competition another record for participation.

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Prof. Joe Lau

Petey's Spotlight

Full name: Peter James Albrecht

L: Why exactly do you have a mullet?

P: I always wanted to grow one since the days back in Nam. My brother always threatened to beat me up and shave my head in my sleep if I grew one. Then I finally got to be bigger than him, so that didn't matter. I started out growing one just for fun, and uh... then one of my buddies went to Afghanistan and I told him I wasn't gonna cut it til he came back.

L: Why did you decide to come back to Immanuel this year?

P: I dunno, I felt like I was

getting in too much trouble in public school, back at home. Then my mom and I just decided that it would be a good idea for me to come up here again.



L: What's the best part of rooming with Jake?

P: Oh, when we both get hyper and when we act all [stupid]. And when Jake... (Rachel decided to edit this part out). Yeah... that's awesome.

L: What's your favorite sport?

P: Golf.

Matt Greve: That's hardly a sport. It's a retired old man sport.

P: It may be an old man

sport, but I gotta get good so I can beat up on all of you when you're all old. And plus you don't have to run at all. Yeah, there was this one time when my brother and I rolled a cart... oh man. It was pretty dramatic. But my clubs are okay, so it's all good.

L: Do you have any good dorm memories?

P: Probably... uhhh... I used to get beat up a lot as a freshman. My brother used to poke me with a stick when I was trying to get into bed. He thought that was pretty funny, I guess.... you sorta had to be there. And of course, hanging out with my friends and stuff.

L: Any last words?

P: You'll have that.



CASH BACK FOR MESSIAH

By now, if you're at all observant, you should have heard or read something around campus about a program called 'Cash Back for Schools'. What is it and what's the big deal, you say? Actually, for ILC, it's not a big deal; but for Messiah Grade School, it is a tremendous opportunity to earn cash for their school. SO WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ILC STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS, RELATIVES OR ANYONE VISITING EAU CLAIRE? Simply put, Messiah School is asking—no, begging—for you to remember to save your receipts from Oakwood Mall! I know most school kids aren't rolling in extra dough (neither are your parents!) But you can't tell me that you haven't gone to an occasional movie, picked up some new music, or just walked Oakwood Mall with a pop in hand! Now I ask you, how hard is it you shove that MOVIE STUB or RECEIPT into your pocket? If you're wondering what to do with it once you've remembered to save it; toss it in the 'Cash Back' shoe boxes in the dorms! Need to keep the receipt? Write your name on it, and it'll get returned to you! It's that painless!

Messiah was awarded \$1656.00 from this very pro-

gram last semester! Due to the interest and diligence from those who realized the potential benefit to Messiah, it turned out to be a tremendous blessing for the school! You are not being asked to go to Oakwood Mall and spend money that you normally wouldn't; but rather just to remember that Messiah is involved in this program and truly would appreciate your receipts if you do go to the mall.

If you haven't dropped a receipt in the dorm boxes up to this point, maybe now with ILC's upcoming banquet or graduation, you will have an opportunity to contribute your receipts. Each receipt, no matter how large or small, has the potential of earning points/cash for Messiah. So, if you're out at Oakwood Mall shopping the shops, eating in the Café Court or one of the other restaurants, seeing a movie or buying a book, PLEASE, PLEASE don't trash that receipt! Let it turn into cash for Messiah School.

Anyone visiting Eau Claire is welcome to help Messiah out with this program! Please pass the word! Your trash is appreciated!! Questions can be directed to Linda Joos at (715)835-0684/ tjoos@ecol.net

By Linda Joos

A Letter From a Parent...

You left for school last August
With new clothes and some money.
You said you'd call and write us
So where's that letter honey?

I got your last report card
and didn't stroke right out.
I heard about your ball game
it sounds like quite a rout!

We miss your bedroom messes
and tramping in the dirt.
Yet sometimes I confess that
I struggle with the hurt.

We wish that we could see you
each morning, noon, and night.
To see who you're becoming...
to hear each daily plight.

We wish we could protect you
from all the pain and tears,
from broken hearts and failures
that change you through these years.

But then we stop and realize
that all this makes you real.
We are just human parents...
can't help the way we feel!

We send you there for learning,
because we think it's best.
We'll listen to God's guidance
and work through all the rest.

So give us just a break when
we seem emotional.
Remember that we love you
there at Immanuel.



DATEABLE! (Are you?)

By Danielle Ryan

I bet it's been awhile since you saw a book review in the Flash, but here we go. The book is Dateable: are you? Are they? by Justin Lookadoo and Hayley Morgan, and I recommend it to all of my high school and college aged peers.

Dateable is, well, a book about dating, but it's more than that; it's a guide to the opposite sex. In a straight forward manner, it lays down the facts about the attitudes we should possess when dating with a refreshing Christian perspective. It also explains how guys' and girls' minds think differently and how we commonly misinterpret each other.

This book can be rather blunt and honest at times. For example, the authors are determined in reminding you that "you are still young and your relationship probably will not last" is a phrase that frequently appears throughout the text. They also tend to criticize girls for being too clingy, lying to themselves, and for expecting their relationships to be as perfect as a romantic chick flick. They accuse guys of things like lying to get what they want and saying things for the effect without realizing the consequences

of their words on a girl's emotions. However, if you keep an open mind you will appreciate the good advice behind the authors' words and realize just how true it is.

One of the best things about this book is the Christian attitude which is so evident through the chapters. They constantly stress the dangers of too much physical affection and warn against premarital sex. Another great characteristic is the honest and friendly style it is written in. It is extremely easy to read, and rather hard to put down once you start. Humorous scribbles border many of the pages and the tone makes you feel like you are hearing advice from a trusted friend.

I would definitely recommend this book to anybody, even if you are not currently dating. Almost all of what is talked about applies to single young adults as well as those with a boyfriend/girlfriend. It will change how you look at romantic relationships and may even inspire you to change parts of your personality as well. My only regret about this book is that I had not read it sooner. It's awesome, so read it!

You Might Be a Penny-Pincher If...

By Prof. Joe Lau

1. You reuse plastic "silver"ware and the "expensive" paper plates.
2. You refuse to order anything to drink but water at a restaurant (usually fast food w/\$1 menu).
3. You take junk mail with return postage stamps and cut them out to use on your own mail.
4. You send your kids under the gym bleachers to look for money and candy.
5. You don't turn on your heat in your house until December no matter what the temperature is.
6. You buy ten boxes of the same cereal when it is on sale.
7. You duct tape your shoes and jeans when they have holes.
8. Facial tissue is synonymous with toilet paper.
9. You reuse aluminum foil, waxed paper, plastic bags, etc.
10. You put water in the "empty" shampoo bottle and shake it to get a few more washings out of it.
11. You consider Suave to be an expensive shampoo.
12. While traveling, you have found your own car to be cheaper than a Motel 6, and you have found yourself washing your hair and brushing your teeth in a McDonald's bathroom.



The War Against Peer Pressure

Do you ever feel like screaming at the top of your lungs? Do you ever sometimes feel like no one can hear you cry? Do you feel like the whole world is against you? Do you ever feel like you're stuck between a rock and a hard place and there's no way out?

If you answered yes to any of these questions keep reading. Peer pressure sometimes gets the best of us. We try so hard to fit in that we don't notice the people we hurt. Sure, putting people down makes you look better. Have you ever stopped and thought if you were in this person's position, would you like being made fun of [all the time]? The sad thing is that people don't stop to think. If people actually stopped and thought before they spoke, not only would there be people that would keep things to themselves, but people would in general, be happier. I'm not saying that this would always be the result.

Do you ever wake up and get ready for school feeling like you'll just be "fed to the dogs"? Well, that's what it feels like to me. Every day it feels like I'm going to war. It's a constant struggle to survive one more day. When they know your weakness, they never let up. Constant name-calling and put-downs. Why do we Christians feel like we should put others down? Don't you realize that God made everyone different

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Fun Times in Eau Claire!

By Rachel Libby

Now, now, I know what you're thinking. "Fun?!? In Eau Claire! She must be completely losing her mind, or maybe she's never really been in Eau Claire." Okay, so it sounds nuts, but I promise there really ARE things to do in Eau Claire.

One of my favorite things of all time is eating at Buffalo Wild Wings. It is a most excellent place, and you can't tell me that it's not. If you've never been there, you should go. They have a variety of food and good service and some of the best on-tap Cherry Coke I've ever had.



You've got nothing to lose.

You may be thinking... "Yes, I do! I can lose my money, which is in short supply to begin with!" But, here's the catch... B-Dubs (aka Buffalo Wild Wings, for those of you who are out of the loop) has its "special" days. They have 35 cent wing Tuesday, and they also have 50 cent leg Wednesday. In my opinion, Wednesdays are a better deal (you get more meat for your money) but to each their own.

B-Dubs has something for everyone. Buffalo wings are the best, of course,

but they have potato wedges, and cheesecake, and just about everything in between. I must also give a hearty hand to the atmosphere, because you're surrounded by big screen ESPN programming and games of all sorts. You also have great music, and trivia for you nerdy ones out there. How can you lose? And it's guy and girl friendly... sports for the guys, and I've never met a girl who doesn't have a good time there. It's an all around excellent experience. Give it a shot, and if you have any complaints, feel free to whine to me. But in my personal opinion, it doesn't get much better than this.



NEW! Meet the Proffettes

By Heidi Maas

(Prof-ettes, like dudettes, but...not)

Ever wonder who the profs' wives actually are? How many of the thirteen have you actually met? Do you wonder what they do all day on Prof Row? Did you ever wonder what their story was? Well, you will get an inside view on all these questions and more in the upcoming editions of *Meet the Proffettes*.

Featured Proffette:

Mrs. Reim

Here's a brief introduction into the life and brain of Mrs. Reim. . .

She is married to Prof. Reim and is mother of three adorably witty kids: Phillip-

6, Katherine- 4, and Aric- 2. She also teaches the art class here at Immanuel. Given that, here is a glimpse of her take on life.

~If she had to live in a world where everything in it was made out of one material, it would be **something machine-washable**.

~If she was reincarnated as an inanimate object, it would be **something in the plus sizes**.

~Her favorite activity in high school when she was a student at Immanuel was **tour choir. . . because she got to marry the prof. (Don't try this at home)**. :-)

~Her moment of fame was while she taught first and sec-

ond graders. **They put on a circus and she got to be the ring master.**

~If there was only one rule in her house, it would be **if it bothers someone else, don't do it**.

~If one element of life could be made perfect, it would be **perfect potty training**.

~If she had a day off, free of kids and household responsibilities, and could go anywhere regardless of time or money, it would **involve an art museum, a library, ice cream, and London**.

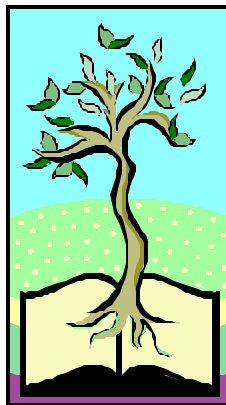
~If she could only eat one food for a solid week, it would be **crab cakes with pesto**. (Mmm!)

~In her other life she would **have a life**.

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for a reason? If we were all the same, we would not be very interesting.

So what exactly drives a person to want to hurt another? Of course, the obvious answer is sin. But sin is no excuse. Not everyone can be beautiful, skinny and popular, nor should those who aren't want to change who they are. I'm God's creation. He made me the way I am, and there is nothing you can do to change me. I love my Lord and when I go into battle, I know I have an alliance with the most powerful being in the universe. I'm not alone and neither are you. So, next time you go into battle,



don't forget to put on the armor of God.

I use this prayer when I'm feeling down in the dumps or just having a bad day. "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that You and I can't handle together." The Lord never gives you a problem that, with His help, you can't find a way to escape. He will be your friend when it seems like no one else is. Maybe the Lord is trying to get you to look to Him for help. He is always there, ready to listen. He is never too busy. He will never leave you empty handed and He will never put you down.



Yeah, That's Kinda Weird!

By Jackie Beekman

All the medical advances we have today are amazing! But have you ever wondered how they came up with some of them? Let's start with something simple. Now stitches I can see. Someone got a big ol' gash so they sewed it up. But how did they figure out you could staple someone shut!? My dad recently got six staples in his head, and so I wondered how that got started. Maybe someone had an "incident" with a stapler and they accidentally stapled someone and were like, "Hey, that could work!" I don't know, but you can't really be sure!

Did you know people figured out human anatomy because they'd dig through dead prisoners' guts? THAT'S kinda morbid! And I'm guessing that they weren't signed up to be organ donors, either. How many times do you think it took the doctors to figure out the right place to put a shot? I'm guessing probably more than once, but who knows!

Okay, I think that in surgeries when they purposely break bones to fix something, is real gross. How could you do that? Take a big hammer, and WHAM! Eww. I don't think I could do that... ever. Do you think they ever hit the wrong spot? I bet they did the first couple of times.

Well, I still think some of today's simplest medical treatments are kind of weird, not to mention slightly morbid. But that's just me, and I think a lot of things are weird. So, next time you're in the emergency room getting staples in your head or whatever, ask them how that all came about. They'll probably think it's kinda weird, but hey! You're not the one with the giant stapler in your hand!

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LABOR Day...

By Rachel Libby

Arbor Day. It's such a beautiful thing. You get out of class for a day. You hang out with your Banquet date and your friends. Or maybe you get to hang out with an entirely new and interesting group of people. You can get a tan! Or you can burn some sweetly bad tan lines for Banquet. Excellent! You get to be out during a sunshiney day instead of cooped up in a classroom that smells. It sounds like a pretty sweet deal to me!



But then again... there's the downside. You

have to work. You have to get sweaty and dirty and gross. You have to rake 'til your hands bleed, and kneel in the rock beds weeding out gum, litter and leaves. Can you say "yay"? That sounds like MY idea of a good time.

Seriously, have we ever considered talking to someone about switching the names of Arbor Day and Labor Day? "Labor" is pretty much Arbor Day, in one short little word. It's like detention for the whole student body, only the Profs aren't there. (They probably sit in their lawn chairs, sipping blended fro-

zen beverages through a crazy straw. I bet that some of them even have those tiny little umbrellas just to add extra flare...) But yeah... they get the day off while we LABOR to make this campus beautiful. But I'm not complaining. It's *fine*.

Then you reap the fruits of your labor at the end of the day, when the campus looks all nice and spiffy. It gives you that splendid feeling of accomplishment. So way to go, Student Body! The campus looks terrific! Now all we have to do is score one of those sweet blended beverages...