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## Academic Center Plans

Shannon Roehl

Many of you may be wondering about the status of the new academic center. Many numbers and dates have been thrown around so it's hard to know where the project is right now. I got some information from a member of the building committee and here's the deal.

The approximate total cost of the project is \$1.2 million. This may or may not be the final figure based on the decision made about Ingram. There is a committee called the Long Range Planning Committee, and they have 3 main options or avenues to explore when it comes to Ingram. Unfortunately, each of these options will cost at least 1/4 of a million dollars. The first two options are the main options, but the committee might decide on something along the lines of the third one.

Based on the LRP

Ingram Options	
Option	Cost
Maintain building and use it as we do now.	\$265 to \$300 thousand
Remodel it and get it up to code. This would have to happen if we changed Ingram's use at all.	\$650 to \$950 thousand
Stop using to keep it from freezing and preserve it for sentimental reasons, or demolish it.	Unknown

Committee's decision, the building committee will know if they need to redesign the academic center to include a library and sem. classes too.

Money is the next big factor in deciding when we can start building. Currently (at the time of the interview) we have \$413,538.89 in the account. The synod doesn't want to borrow more than \$600,000,

although there may be other routes of financing due to interest rate, private loans and other things I didn't completely understand. That leaves us with close to \$200,000 that we still need. This puts the projected date for building several years away, unless we get more contributions. So please keep this project in your prayers and help contribute in any way you can.



# WHAT'S NEW?

## Supreme Court Gets New Judges

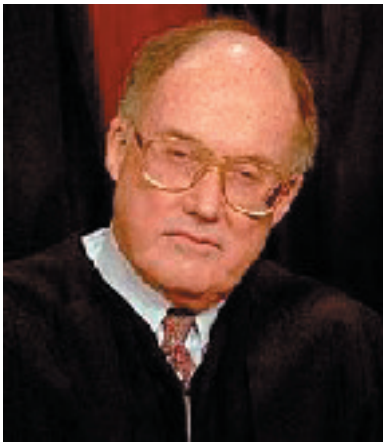
Josh Sieg

On September 3, Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the Supreme Court died because of thyroid cancer. He was 80 years old when he died, and suffered from thyroid cancer for 33 years. Rehnquist has always been known for using only the Constitution and nothing else during his court cases.

William Rehnquist was born on October 1, 1924. He later joined the military during WWII. After serving in WWII, he went to school and received a law degree. This would help him tremendously in the rest of his career. He was later a clerk in the Supreme Court and was very helpful in the campaigning of Barry Goldwater. Finally, in 1971, President Nixon nominated him to be associate justice of the Supreme Court. Over 10 years later, President Reagan nominated him to the Chief Justice position.

Rehnquist was involved in the impeachment of President Clinton. Because he voted against another recount in Florida in the Bush-Gore election of 2000, President Bush received the victory.

So now that the Chief Justice is gone, a new seat had to be filled. President Bush was ready for a



replacement after Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's resignation. This person was John Roberts. However, when news that William Rehnquist had died reached his ears, he decided to upgrade Roberts's position in the court by nominating him to be the Chief Justice. However, O'Connor's spot was not filled. Mr. Bush's second pick was quite astounding to many. He picked Harriet Miers, a lawyer who has been the White House counsel and a senior administration official.

Miers, who is 60 years old, has never been a judge. However, she has been a lawyer, and she is a



strong evangelical, having supported pro-life groups in the past and attending church. However, she has a conservative record that is unclear to other conservatives. The other problem is that she is not well-known. She still has most of the same standpoints as President Bush, and would probably judge just like he would in most cases. However, many think she will be another Sandra Day O'Connor. The First Lady believes people may vote against her because she is a woman. If she gets the nomination, she would be the second lady to be on the highest court of the nation. She



and Mrs. Bush graduated from law school a couple of years apart, at a time when women's opportunities were hard to find.

In the past, President Bush has chosen nominees who are dedicated to the Constitution. Many are sure John Roberts will remain faithful to the Constitution. He was sworn in as the 17th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

So how will Roberts judge? His first case is coming up. There is a case about the wetlands of the nation, and how much regulation the government can force on land that is hundreds of miles from rivers. All the wetlands in the mainland of the U.S. total up to an area the size of California. There is one hint of how he will rule, however. As a federal appeals judge, he asked the court to think about its decision again. What was their decision? To hold back a construction project in California because it could disrupt the home of the arroyo southwestern toad, which is extremely rare. This makes many environmentalists uneasy. And there is hope that Roberts will rule against abortion, although he may not overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

# WHAT'S NEW?

## Lights! Camera! Action!

Becky Gerbitz

Lights! Camera! Action! Etc!

As everyone knows, the fall Thespian's production is fast approaching. I am pleased to present you with a sneak peak into ILHS's production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

Based on a story by Mark Twain, and adapted by Tim Kelly, we start with Hank Morgan (Nick Marzofka)

an assertive, independent teenager, and Hercules (Jordan Albrecht), a tough stage manager who is no friend of Hank's. As soon as Mrs. Benuie (Sarah Abbott) settles one dispute and leaves, Hank is socked a blow that send him all the way back to the Middle Ages!

Once at Camelot, Hank finds himself meeting King Arthur's (Joe Naumann) court. After being

mistaken by the not-so-bright Sir Sagamore (Nate Libby) for a dragon, and hassled by Sir Lancelot (David Ude), he meets the ladies of the court- the giggly Lady Dinadin (Megan Rehm), the regal Lady Kay (Tamar Reim), and Lady Alisande, also known as Sandy (Becky Gerbitz).

Second in command only to King Arthur and his lovely

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## Meet the Freshmen

*Some fun, little known facts about the new faces on campus.*

**Tyler Louderman** • Tyler will do anything silly if it gets a laugh. He is always one step behind his sister and brother-- whatever they did he thought he should be able to do also. Tyler started working at 2 weeks of age when he came to work with his mom at the office. The secretary came up with a unique nickname for him because of his interesting hairdo. If you ask him he may share it with you.

**Christa Lentz** • At age three Christa and mother were working on letters and numbers. When Sue would try to correct her, Christa would say "You do it your way, and I'll do it mine." At age four at Christmas time Christa was amazed to see her name all over the place. After pointing out the difference between Christa, Christ and Christmas, she would then say "Look at my name - almost."

**Jenny Squires** • Jenny is the youngest of 5 kids. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, moved to Chaska MN when she was 4 so she has gone to school prior to ILC in Chaska. She is very interested in photography and then uses her pictures for her hobby of scrap-booking. She spends lots of time with her friends and does love to shop--good thing she's close to the Mall of America.

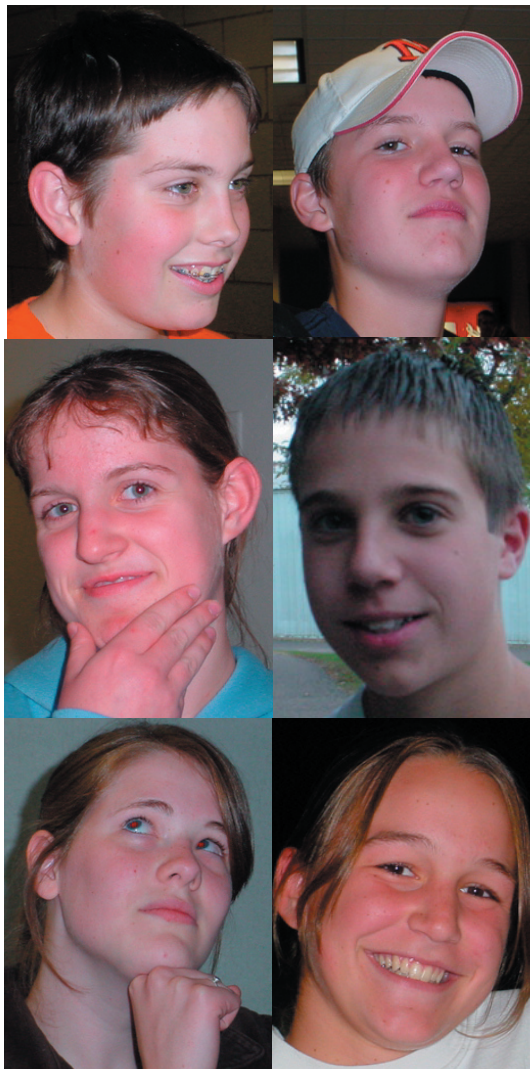
**Tom Naumann** • Tom is a Nebraska Cornhuskers Fan and a Denver Bronco Fan. His favorite meal is roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn and gravy. Tom loves to hunt and killed his first deer with a bow and arrow on opening day. Tom plays the drums.

**Andy Sydow** • One day when Andy was about 3 years old, he was watching Sesame Street. The TV screen went blank for a minute then a notice popped up on it. Andy asked why the TV wasn't working. His mom read the notice to him - it said, "Please stand by as we are experiencing technical difficulties."

He immediately went over and stood right next to the TV.

**April Oster** • When April was 3-something, she and her dad went to the polls before supper one night. After standing in line for over an hour and finally reaching the voting booth, April announced that she needed to visit the little girls room. Dad asked her to wait just a little longer. After casting his ballot, he turned to find April with her pants down around her ankles, apparently finding adequate privacy behind the curtain to make a political statement of her own.

*(Thank you to the parents who contributed. Look forward to the next issue to learn about more freshmen.)*



# OPINION

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## •Thespians

Guenevere (Stephanie Winters), Hank teaches Camelot all about business. Business soon becomes far from the court's mind, however, because Merlin (Chad Louderman) and Queen Morgan Le Fay (Amanda Hulke) are out to gain power in Camelot!

In his quest to save Camelot, Hank Morgan of Hartford, Connecticut also makes friends with the wise and sneaky fool, the Jester (Joe Haddad), King Arthur's page

Clarence (Frank Wittorp), a burly slave trader (Erik Nelson), and an old towns-woman (Rachel Bernthal).



Of course, this play would be nowhere without our director, Beth Wuerch! Thanks Beth!

Opening night is Friday November, 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. Come and laugh, cry, and applaud as we take you back to Camelot (or just to see the guys in make-up!) Fetch wood!

## FROM THE EDITOR

It's true; since the Fall, the world has always been a mess. We've always lived in sin. We've always had to deal with its consequences. However, it feels like the past year has been exceptional. First it was the tsunami that ravaged Asia, followed by bombings in England. Katrina hit the states off the Gulf of Mexico with record breaking strength and devastation, and was followed soon after by Rita and Alpha. It seems that every time you turn on the TV, you hear of either another car bomb, another tropical storm growing, another act of violence or destruction. . .

Even when we look away from these obvious acts of destruction, we can see the world falling apart. Just look at the United States-- each day we seem to become more and more immoral. Over 44 million lives have been aborted since 1973. According to a poll taken in 1998, 87% of high school students have had sexual intercourse.

That was 5 years ago-- imagine where we are now.

Although I am very saddened by all of the examples of sin's devastation in the world, it stirs another feeling in me as well. In every disaster and hardship, we can clearly see God's jealous yet merciful hand behind the blow. Seeing the amazing power of the hurricanes sends chills through my body, because the God who controls the storm is the same God who has promised to wipe my tears when I cry. Although the general immoral state of this world is extremely discouraging, as it continues to fall apart, I shiver in anticipation. Perhaps this downward spiral is the prelude to the end of this world. I don't want to jump to conclusions, but the approaching of Judgment Day it is an encouraging thought in the face of hard times.

*"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. . . the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."*  
Matthew 24:42, 44.

**The next FLASH meeting is  
Tuesday, November 1 at 3:15 P.M. in Room #3.  
All submissions to the FLASH must be made by  
Friday, November 11.**

# WHAT'S NEW?



## In the dark. . . sort of

Becky Gerbitz

This past Sunday night (October 9) until about 8:30 P.M., the residents of South Hall were to be found in the gym. Why? As many of you know, we had absolutely no light in our dorm. Since about 5:00 that afternoon, we were "in the dark." But were we?

Physical darkness, yes. Spiritual darkness? Never! The wires were cut, and electricity was where it wasn't supposed to be. Remind you of anything? We're on a wire with God. He has the wire connecting us to Him, and this wire won't get us zapped. However, the devil is always trying to sever that connection. As we all know, sin has gotten into our line with God. We got disconnected and were in the dark. Thankfully, God had the plan all worked out. He saved us, and pulled us out of the dark. He re-established the connection and turned the light back on for us!

Another problem we're being faced with is that the phone lines are down. We've "lost" communication with the outside world. (For those of us who don't have cell phones), much like we lost our communication with God. However, the communication we have with God has been reconnected and better than any we could hope to accomplish here on earth. It's constant, and you never get the answering machine, or the busy signal.

Now, while we may still be running on limited electricity, and no phones, we're really seeing how we honestly can get along without certain "necessities." At least we aren't groping around in the dark anymore!

"Then Jesus spoke to them again saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.'" John 8:12.

(A big thank you to all those who have been working so hard to get us our power back! Thank

### UPDATE ON CONDITION:

South Hall currently receives power and phone service through a line wired under ground from near the Upper Parking lot. According to Prof. Pfeiffer, this old line will be abandoned since there appears to be more problems than just the recent disruption of the telephone service. Temporary power is currently being provided to South Hall from Ingram. However, the plan is to bring a new power line coming from the Commons in November. They don't have control over the date, since it is up to the availability of the power company. Until then, it is important we remain patient and conserve power. If caution isn't taken in limiting the electricity we use, we run the risk of losing it again. Prof. Pfeiffer concludes, "As long as the girls cooperate, we should be fine until then."

## Highlights from the Board of Regents meetings

The Board of Regents met last month to make many influential decisions. Here are some highlights from a summary the Board of Regents released about the results of their meetings:

- This year's enrollment: High School, 123; College, 35; Seminary, 8, for a total of 166, of whom 104 reside in the dormitories
- Pres. John Pfeiffer expresses our thanks to the ILC faculty for their tireless service, in many areas, over the summer months, as well as the ILC staff, who consistently labor beyond the call of duty
- Budgetary constraints have moved the Regents to delay, regretfully, the hiring of a third maintenance man for the campus. This lack of personnel places an undue burden on the other two men, puts necessary maintenance on hold indefinitely, and requires some tasks to be contracted, at considerable expense

A committee is studying the impact of adding Spanish. . .

- The Seminary curriculum will soon include an expanded missiology course, in order to specifically address practical evangelism and outreach. A course specifically for pastoral counseling will begin in the spring of 2008
- A committee is studying the impact of adding Spanish to the curriculum without eliminating any of the present courses, and hopes to implement this change within 2-3 years
- ILC was informed that the present use of the Field House attic for storage is not within code. A new IIF project has been added to upgrade this space for storage, an Athletic Director's office, and referee showers, at a cost of about \$23,400
- Past due payments on student accounts have recently become a more acute problem. . . Students with past due account may not re-enroll at Immanuel, and will not receive a diploma, participate in commencement exercises, or receive academic transcripts until their accounts are current

# FEATURES

## Well, when you put the IRON-ON-IT...

Heidi Maas

Get it? Iron-ic? Anyway. . . Would you believe that I would write about something that I learned in a class that at times escalated into a quarrelsome love-hate relationship? (Appreciated the class, not so much the mounting up of continual assignments...). And not just write about it *once*, but *choose* the topic of irony as my *column*? Well, whether you think it is ironic that *I'm* writing about irony, or that I am *choosing* to *write* about *irony*, either way it would be ironic, especially if you thought all were ironic (Thanks, Sullivan. : ). But if you find no irony in any of this, that in itself is ironic. My column's theme? (Here we



go again, Prof...) Look around- there is irony *everywhere!* It happens every day (situational). It is spoken every day (verbal). Only most people hardly notice it (dramatic). And since most people do not (I did not until the dawn of English 10), I would like to further reveal this iron-clad world of literary craze to all of you.

## The night we dyed...

Jackie Beekman

It was a dark and stormy night. It was actually dark. And rainy too, so that is quite the



efficient opening statement. Anyways! It was about 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Me and Dani stopped at Mega Foods to get hair dye, a box of light blonde. She had already bought a box of light brown, so we'd just split the cost.

So we get home, and like usual we mix up the dye and get to work. Well. Needless to say, Dani's hair turned out fine. Mine, however, wasn't so lovely. It was a nice blonde, in some areas, but was dreadfully overpowered by black (trust me, it was close enough to black). Wow. My first thought was "Oh, man...mom's gonna KILL me!", but that turned to "Oh, man...we have pictures tomorrow!"

So I was obviously upset.

## So I was just thinkin'...

Jackie Beekman

So I was just thinking the other day about...well, I was trying to think. I couldn't focus very well because I was really tired. The strange thing is, however, is that I went to bed at 9:30 the night before. I got lots of sleep. So why I ask, why was I so tired the next day?

The whole sleep thing is so weird. One time, actually, a couple days ago, I went to bed at 3:30 am. I had a LOT of stuff to do, got it all done, and went to bed and 3 hours later my alarm went off. Yeah, that wasn't cool. But to my surprise, I was really awake for most of the day. It's so weird. It's like, the more sleep I get, the more tired I am.

I've found it's the same way with food. A lot of times I don't have time to eat in the morning. But every once in a while I do, but then like 2 hours later, I'M STARVING! But when I don't eat in the morning, I don't get hungry 'til like...noon. Why is that? It should be the other way around. At least, that's what I think. You know (this is gonna be a random comment...) when I don't eat in the morning, by noon, I crave the weirdest things! Like one time I craved s'mores so bad. And grapefruit. THAT one is weird because I usually don't like grapefruit that much; not a big fan.

So I'm not sure if this happens to anyone else. Well, I know Lisa has it too (hot dogs and quesadillas?). But if anyone else has this weird sort of...backwards biological clock, let me know. It'd be nice to know that it's not just me and Lisa.

My head looked like a soggy Oreo cookie. It was bad. If I was a goth I bet I would've been very happy. Well, after trying to find out ways to style it or cover it so it wasn't as noticeable, I gave up. There was no hiding this one.

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# FEATURES

## Where are they now?

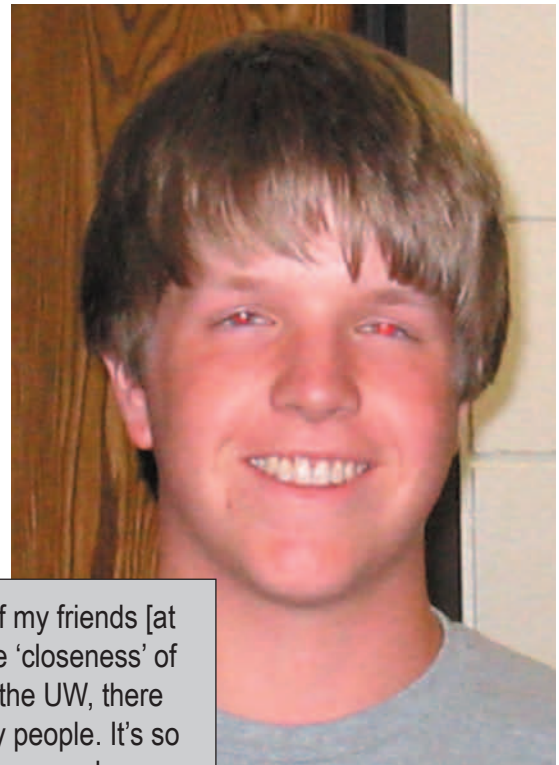
Danielle Ryan

"My life is incredibly boring," sums up Christopher Higgins, recent graduate Immanuel Lutheran's Class of 2005. Higgins moved back home to Lynnwood, Washington, and is currently attending the University of Washington in Seattle. "After being away from home for 4 years, it's nice to be home. . . but it's not too different." He is enjoying some of the luxuries of living with his parents again, such as the home-cooked meals, but since his parents have given him more independence since he's returned from ILHS, it doesn't feel much different from living in the dorms.

Higgins is currently attending the UW in their Engineering program, and plans to graduate in five years with a Masters. He may go into Mechanical Engineering, but isn't exactly sure what type of

field he's most interested in yet. One thing that has been difficult for him is the transition from the size of ILC to the size of the UW. "I miss all of my friends [at ILC] and the 'closeness' of it all," he explains. "At the UW, there are so many people. It's so much bigger and so impersonal." All three of his classes, Ancient History, Chemistry, and Calculus, are large lecture classes where students do not have the opportunity for questions or interaction. In his Chemistry class alone, there are approximately 600 students. "The Chemistry labs are three hours long-- they're horrible."

Between attending school, working at Target, and keeping up with his homework, life for



"I miss all of my friends [at ILC] and the 'closeness' of it all. . . At the UW, there are so many people. It's so much bigger and so impersonal."

Higgins is rather routine. However, he's enjoying his time at home and keeps in touch his friends from ILC.

## • Night

So after much deliberation, me and Dani drove to Ron's Castle Foods, hoping they had hair dye and that it was still open. Lo and behold it was and they had hair dye! The catch? Oh yes. It was \$3.28. "Balsam Color." Talk about high quality. But being at the point of very limited options, I got a box of blonde, hoping it'd tone out the near-black of my zebra-like hair.

So we got home, and that dye was like burning my scalp and it didn't even do much except lighten the dark parts to a dark brown.

. . . hoping it'd tone out the near-black of my zebra-like hair.



At school, my attempts at hiding it worked..not so well. I felt like an animal in the zoo. Eric Long made me take my picture, and yes, I plan on retakes. Duh. So the moral of the story: Don't dye your hair. It's just not worth it if it goes wrong. TRUST ME! It is no good! And with that advice, so ends my story, "The Night We Dyed!"

(Author's Note: This is a completely factual event! Most of you saw the results! Don't try it at home...or the dorm!)

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Ben Reim

Shannon Roehl

You may not know this senior as well as others because he didn't come up until his sophomore year, but that is about to change. Ben Reim was raised in Lamar, CO; Marquette, MI; and Vernon, BC. While he was growing up in these places, Ben thought that he would like to "drive any kind of little vehicle or work in a police department." Now, he has grown up and he plans on going to Immanuel for religion classes but then getting a degree in movie editing and working for Hollywood. When asked how he feels he has changed since the beginning of the year, Ben feels he has "learned how to deal with different people." His friends feel that

he's become more open and talkative since his sophomore year. Bookkeeping for C Team volleyball, God's Word, and Christian fellowship will be the things he remembers most about his time here at Immanuel. His advice for others? "Make friends and have fun since high school goes by so quickly." Ben also recommends reading 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you," because it's gotten him through a lot of hard times.

### Did you know that . . .

Q: Most common means of transportation?

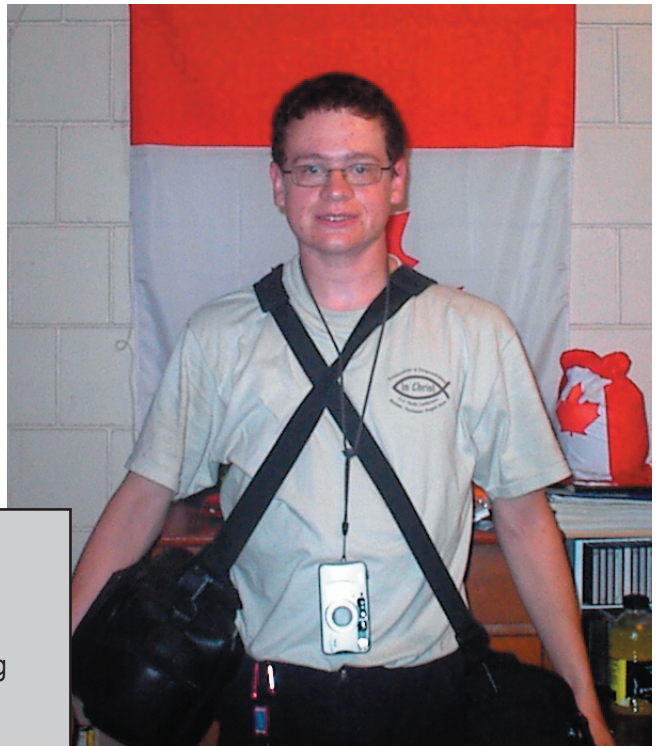
A: "I bike to any place I have to go in Eau Claire," says the biking enthusiast.

Q: Favorite TV show?

A: *Walker Texas Ranger*

Q: Favorite Movie?

A: *Italian Job*



**Above:** Ben Reim and a few of his favorite things, camera and film equipment, with the Canadian flag in the background.



## Jennifer Kesterson

Katie Bischoff

Jennifer Lynn Kesterson was born in Bowdle, South Dakota. She lived there for two months before she moved to Winter Haven, Florida. She lived there for 7 years before moving to Hendersonville, North Carolina for one year, and then finally Spokane, Washington. When she was little, she wanted to be everything from a mailman to a teacher to a firefighter. "But most of all," Jenny said, "I wanted to be a marine biologist with Krissy. We were going to be dolphin trainers at Sea World-- the one in Florida, not California-- together."

Considering that Jenny hasn't grown taller and people still make short jokes about her, she feels that the only thing that has changed is that she can put her foot

behind her head, and she had a bad encounter with a yoga ball, which left her with a huge red rug burn in the middle of her forehead. "I still have the scar to prove it." Krissy Lueck adds, "She has changed more spiritually; she is more mature."

Some of her favorite memories are FOCUS Bible Study, Tour Choir, Cross Country, C-team volleyball, softball "for surely," and all the times she spends with friends. "Also basketball stats with Ashley and Krissy. Good job guys that was really good!" Shannon Roehl's favorite memories with Jenny are from Tour Choir, especially the time they ate pizza in the shower. "We were wearing swimsuits!" Krissy Lueck's best memory of Jenny would be the "raptor walk."

The things from school

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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Nathan Voit

*Brittany Voit*

"Silently witty, terribly handsome, and brown," said Zach Franson, describing a certain senior. Tim Schierenbeck called him, "A good pal." Who else could they be talking about than Nathan Voit?

Nathan Voit was raised on a farm in Heron Lake, Minnesota. When he was little he wanted to be an auto mechanic. After going through grade school at Heron Lake Elementary and St. John's Lutheran School, he came to Immanuel. Since freshman year, he thinks he's grown and gotten more mature. "He's thicker, sings louder, and wears pretty boy clothes," says Zach Franson. Luke Scheberl, on the other hand, thinks, "He hasn't changed much."

Nathan will take with him many friends and lots of memories after leaving Immanuel. One of his favorite memories from high school was when Tim threw his stopwatch at Nick during German II. Tim also says some of his favorite memories with Nathan are "when [Nathan] knows that he is right and when he wins arguments."

Although he doesn't really know for sure what he wants to do after high school, he says he will more than likely return to ILC until he decides. When his friends were asked where they see him 10-20 years in the future, Eric Dreyer replied, "Um. . . he'll be an outdoorsy-kinda guy." Tim said that wherever he was, he would be "working on one of his cars or hunting."

The only thing he would have done differently during high school was pay more attention during class. Nathan's words of wisdom are, "Don't worry. You are gonna have hard times but with lots of help from the Lord you can handle anything." A Bible passage that helped him through hard times was Philippians 4:13, "I

can do everything through him who gives me strength."

### **Did you know that. . .**

**Q:** According to friends and family, what is Nathan most OBSESSED with?

**A:** His car, of course.



## • Jenny

that she will be taking with her are awesome friends, stronger faith, and "a fuzzy, bright pink elephant. His name is Candy Cane." Her friends describe Jenny in many different ways. Troy calls her a "unitard." Krissy says she is a "one of a kind, great friend" who is "always there when you need her." Jenny is "caring, funny, a good spiritual influence," according to Shannon. Her friends see Jenny being married to a "wonderful husband with a cute family" within 10 years. ". . . living in Texas, maybe," predicts Krissy. Jenny is not sure of what she wants to be. She's just

### **Did you know that. . .**

**Q:** Jenny won two goldfish at the school carnival in 8th grade named Spanky and Sylvia. How did they die?

**A:** A weird fungus began growing on them and they died within two days.

**Q:** Jenny has come up with her own what?

**A:** Jenny has come up with her own dance, known as the Jenny dance. (You can only imagine. . .)

pretty content to wait awhile and let God reveal the plans He has for her. She will most likely be coming back to Eau Claire though.

If she had done anything differently, she would have concentrated more on God and her faith. "I sin a lot and I wish I wouldn't. But I can't take them back, and the lessons God has taught me through my mistakes and various other experiences are priceless. God really does work everything out for our good." Jenny's words of wisdom are, "Eat all your fruits and vegetables even if you think they're icky. Sing in the shower. It's fun and you'll sound really good. And draw near to the Lord and He will draw near to you." Her favorite Bible passages that got her through the hard times are James 1:2-8, Isaiah 46:4, and Jeremiah 29:11.

# SPORTS

## Dedicated basketball players prepare for their season

Danielle Ryan

"Hey, Rachel," I called to Rachel Sydow as she passed me in the commons today. "How many days until basketball season?" "21 days!" she answered, without hesitation.

With the volleyball, soccer, and cross-country seasons coming to an end, an anxious excitement is quickly spreading like a fever across campus as the start of the next sport season draws near. That's right—basketball is almost here.

The basketball season is by far the longest season of all the Immanuel sports, and it could be argued that basketball also receives the most attention of any of our sports. However, many of its passionate players still can't get enough. "Basketball is the perfect game. . . It should be year round!" Rachel Sydow says. Jordan Albrecht goes as far to declare, "[Basketball] is the best sport on the face of the earth, and anyone who doesn't say it is wrong,"

While waiting for the season to start, dedicated basketball players are getting a head start and preparing themselves for the rigorous practices and games. Some, like Ryan and Laura Barthels and Jordan Albrecht, claim that the only reason they ran cross country was to get in shape for basketball. Many others are running on their own time after school or after volleyball practice. Even Krissy Lueck is getting ready for another season taking stats for Boys' Varsity

by running with Erin Franson. Pick up games on weekends and after school are another very common

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Above: Ben Meyer shooting free throws  
way students are getting ready.

Some have found other ways to help themselves. "I play X-Box to improve my hand-eye coordination skills," claims Ben Libby. Tim Schierenbeck hops steps in the dorm and occasionally lifts weights. Joanna Snell, Rachel Sydow, and Laura Barthels all confessed to practicing different dribbling skills in the dorm hallways and in their

rooms since the beginning of the year. For many, it goes back even further than this. "I've been playing since I was 2." Laura explains fondly. "I could dribble before I could walk."

The general attitude of the players interviewed is "totally pumped," in the words of Jordan Albrecht. He goes on to explain, "[I

think we're going to have a really good team this year." Joanna Snell feels she can say the same about the Lady Lancers. "All returning five starters are back, except Jessie will take Bomber's place. . . Also, we finally have Joelle back!"

For those of you who cannot relate to this enthusiasm for the sport, you might be curious as to exactly why these players possess such passion. Why is it that they love basketball so much? What motivates them to persevere? "It is so fun. . ." Joanna begins, but then pauses, at a loss for words, "I don't even know how to describe it." Ben

Libby gives his reason, explaining, "Coach Radichel is my hero." Erin Franson loves the close bond that a team develops. Tom Naumann, Andy Sydow, and many others, replied by simply saying, "It's fun!" Laura Barthels elaborated with a dreamy look in her eyes, "You get so pumped with adrenaline before the games. . . You get out on the floor and everyone's cheering, and you just

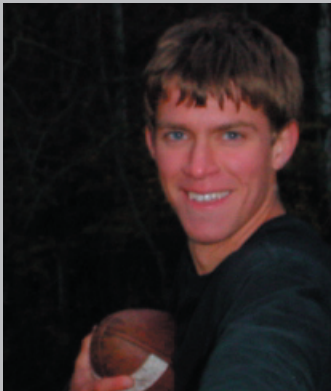
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# SPORTS

## Athletes of the Month



**Tim Schierenbeck**  
Tim, Senior, was voted for his awesome football and soccer skills.



**Jarrod Lentz**  
Jarrod, Junior, was chosen for his hard work in cross country.



**Jenny Kesterson**  
Jenny, Senior, had a great cross country season after a long absence.



**Brittany Voit**  
Brittany Voit, Sophomore, was voted for being an encouraging and important teammate in volleyball.

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want to play! It's so exciting!"

Before we get too carried away in excitement, Becca Markus, a victim of the ACL injury epidemic, adds, "Stretch your knees before and after practice!" With the upcoming basketball season, let's pray for not only the enjoyment of all the

participants, but also for their safety. And don't forget-- even if basketball isn't your thing, show some support for your school and your friends and come to some games to cheer. Even if you can't share the feelings of excitement, the passion of the players is definitely something to be respected and admired. GO LANCERS!

## Immanuel Football 2005

*Don Skinner*

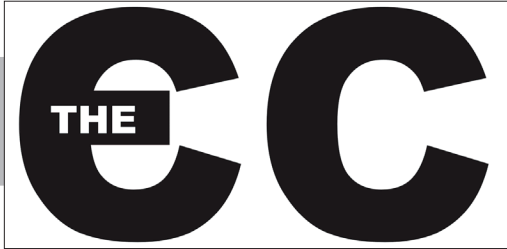
The tradition of Intramural Football continues on the campus of Immanuel. 54 students signed up to play football and were placed on one of four teams: the Razors, the Bears, the Hawks, and the Sharks. The following captains were assigned teams: Neal Radichel to the Razors, Erik Nelson to the Bears, Chris Vang to the Hawks and Paul Tiefel to the Sharks. Team standings for eight games are the Bears and Sharks are tied with 5 wins and 3 losses. The Razors and Sharks are tied with 3 wins and 5 losses. Five games remain to be played, followed by the championship playoff games. Final game of the season will be

the Season Champions versus the All-Stars. Eighteen rookies answered the call to play this fall of 2005. They are placed on teams with an assortment of veteran players. Competition has been keen and active, and should continue through the rest of the games. Football awards will be presented at the end of the season. They are 2005 Most Valuable Player, Lineman of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and the Play of the Year. Rain or shine, the guys are always ready to play. There has been 2 rain-out game days when the guys were juiced to play. The safety of the players comes first and foremost...



Dedicated fans brave the cold to cheer at a football game.

# ENTERTAINMENT



*The Editors' Choice for Eau Claire entertainment and dining.*

## "Let no one hunger for lack of a better sandwich."

*Vanessa Meyer*

One of the absolute best places to just hang out is the Acoustic Café downtown on South Barstow. This place is cool no matter what you enjoy. The food is great, and it's not just ham sandwiches and hot dogs. The Acoustic menu includes scones (yes, scones), pitas, hoagies,

hummus (whatever that is!) cinnamon rolls, ice cream, cookies, and bagels. Not in the mood for munchies but feeling like a caffeine buzz?

There's dozens of flavors of coffee: caffe latte, espresso, caffe mocha, caffe du lait, turtle mocha... you get the point. They also have Italian and French sodas, chai tea, hot chocolate, and the usual kinds of pop. My personal favorite: smoothies!

The menu is reasonably priced. The sandwiches are about three or four dollars, depending on how big they are (1/3, 1/2, or a whole). The beverages start at about \$1.19. But all that is just details. The real reason to go the Acoustic Café is the music. It has live performances of bands with every different kind of music. Once I heard some nice jazz, but the next time I went, there was a family bluegrass band. It's so cool! They will



also have ragtime, blues country, jazz, and pretty much anything else. This month, there's a musician called Greg Herriges who plays the bouzouki, mbira, and melodica. I don't know what any of those are, but they sound pretty cool. Sometimes there are poetry slams and book readings.

The Acoustic Café is open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, so you don't have to worry about showing up too late. And after that, it's fun to just stroll down Barstow, across the bridge, or over to the Budget Theater. If you want any more information, go to the website: [www.theacoustic.com](http://www.theacoustic.com). They'll have a full menu and a schedule for the upcoming musicians. Check it out!

### October

*Megan Schierenbeck*

*The golden leaves float downward  
From the clear blue sky  
I travel ever onward  
On my journey through the pines  
The trees turn crimson slowly  
As they set the world ablaze  
The wind shrieks most unholy  
And rattles husks of maize  
I wind my way tonight towards home  
Breathing soft and deep and slow  
The smell of winter not yet come  
In the warm autumnal glow.*



### IF YOU WANT TO GO . .

**The Accoustic Cafe**  
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Eau Claire, WI 54701  
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<http://www.theacoustic.com/eauclaire/home.shtml>

