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Meet the Freshmen

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

Joshua Sieg: Joshua lived in the girls'

dorm for a year when he was 5, as his mom was the supervisor, but he was too young to really care.

Joshua has had an ear for music since he was a toddler. At an early age, he could listen to songs and then play them on the piano without reading notes.

Now he plays organ every Sunday for our church in Fairchild. At home he has his own computer lab and library.

All the books are cataloged, and family members are required to check them out properly.

Summers you will find him motorcycling with his dad.

Danielle Kauno: The winter before Danielle's Freshmen year she took care of her Grandpa when he was sick with Alzheimer's disease. She is a "shopoholic," especially for shoes (she currently has 13 pairs in her room at home). She has a very giving personality and loads of energy.

Alex Burns: One morning when Alex was about five years old, he came

running into his parents' room, waking them up to let them know that their neighbor's car broke down and she needed a ride to her ACT test.

His mom noticed that he wasn't wearing any clothes at all, and asked him if he had answered the door like that. Although Alex hadn't realized that he answered the door naked, the neighbor girl couldn't fail to notice and seemed embarrassed.

Kaiser Starkey:

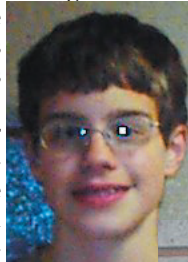
Kaiser has wanted to be a hockey player for as long as he can remember.

Although hockey isn't offered at ILC, he's been finding other

ways to keep it

up. He recently took up speed skating and was even interviewed in a recent Leader Telegram article. When Kaiser was 5, he decided he wanted to change his name to Kyle.

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



WHAT'S NEW?

Judge Alito questioning continues

Josh Sieg

Ever since Justice Sandra Day O'Connor resigned from the Supreme Court, President Bush has been looking for a replacement for her. You probably know that Judge Roberts was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to replace William Rehnquist, the Chief Justice who died. Then Harriet Miers was proposed. After being questioned, she dropped out of the nomination. Now President Bush has appointed Judge Samuel Alito, a conservative who has served in the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The Senate Judiciary Committee will vote on him on the last week of January.

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President Bush chose him as the replacement because he feels he shares the same business ideals and also the same views about the war in Iraq. Judge Alito was

questioned for four days, Jan. 9-12. During those four days, he was drilled on many issues. However, many would think that abortion would be one of the main topics, but it wasn't. The Democrats mostly questioned Alito on other topics such as discrimination in court cases, and executive and judicial powers.

Alito claims he has treated everyone fairly in his court decisions. He states, "I don't think a judge should keep a scorecard... There are decisions on both sides."

The judicial nominee understands what judges are for. They are not here to make or form laws according to their ideas but only to interpret what the Constitution and all the laws of our land say.

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There has been some discussion on whether or not the Senate will filibuster (giving speeches and therefore putting off voting) or not. 41 out of 44 Democrats will have to support it in order for them to filibuster. However, it looks



like few people will approve it.

One senator strongly against Alito's confirmation is Edward Kennedy from Massachusetts. Alito was asked by him whether or not he would take sides with a President that "will ignore the Constitution." There is also a question as to whether or not Alito is too committed to executive power (the President). Alito needs to interpret the law, not always take sides with the executive power. That's Kennedy's view. But some think the Court needs to be more agreeable with the President during war. After all, what happens when your country is overtaken because it wasn't united?

FEATURES

Desk Misuse

Wesley Fleischer

Very recently I have been approached by a man in very high standing around campus to carry out an investigation. I went undercover in attempt to discover who has been vandalizing school property in the form of writing on desks. There is, undoubtedly, a very respectable bounty on the head of anyone seen committing such an offense.

Consider these reasons why you should stop writing on desks:

- You will get in trouble and punished in ways you cannot even imagine.

- Nobody wants to read the name of your favorite band or lyrics of your most cherished song. No one cares. Same applies to doodles and other senseless drawings. I also discovered much profane language that has no business being in a Christian classroom.

- Who do you figure has to clean your mess? None other than Sullivan's Saturday morning crew of overworked detainees. Erasing marks found on desks is agonizing work. Washing all the desk oftens requires much more than 90 minutes, however. While you are all out having a good



time in the summer months, our professors' wives are breaking their back polishing our desks. They spend many a day hard at work in our classrooms. They helplessly scrub away, erasing existing blemishes one desk at a time.

Please stop abusing desks. Use a notebook or something.

What's the Point?

Katie Bischoff

Okay, so I was just sitting here in class and yeah, I know I'm not supposed to be writing in class, but I'm sorry, I was bored. I was thinking about the dorm and marks and stuff. I have to admit, I've been getting quite a few this year, and I realized the main percent of marks I get are for not cleaning my room! Okay, I was just wondering, why does it matter if my room is

clean? It's my room, I should be able to keep it how I like! Plus, if I'm not forced to clean my room every day, I'd have more time in the mornings to be doing other stuff like doing my job or doing some homework I couldn't get finished. That way I also wouldn't have to get an extension the night before to finish it! It's a win-win situation. You get your homework done, you do

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your job correctly, you get more sleep, and you get to keep your room the way you want to. Especially on Saturdays! I hate cleaning on Saturdays! All I want to do is sleep in and relax after a very grueling week at school. But my first thought when I wake up is, "Oh man! I have to get up and clean within half an hour!" If you don't mind

your room being messy, you should be able to keep it that way! It's your own fault if you can't get around or find anything in it. If it gets that bad, you usually clean it up just because you can't stand it anymore. I just don't think we should be FORCED to do it. This way it'll also make Brett and Yvonne's jobs easier and they can concentrate on more important things.



Good to the last dropping?

Josh Sieg

All you coffee and cappuccino drinkers out there, here's a new thought. If you daily walk into the office to buy some cappuccino from the office, this may be a novel idea. Maybe you should try civet coffee. These mammals that are called civets eat the coffee beans, and as it passes through their body it doesn't get digested. It gets good tastes from its intestines (it's no joke; it really is thought to be good) and these beans are then imported from Indonesia, where the civets are, to America and all over the world. Anyway, how much does it cost? Kopi Luwak civet coffee is sold for \$175/pound!

Note to all males. . .

Shannon Roehl

Here's a little blurb to all males reading this. You've probably heard this before, but when you turn 18, you have 30 days to register with Selective Service. You



might be wondering what it is and if it's really all that important. Well, did you know that if you don't register, you're actually breaking the law and could spend up to 5 years in prison and may be fined up to \$250,000? Pretty intense, huh? Ok, but what is the purpose of Selective Service? It registers all the young men in our country so that if a national emergency occurs, they can identify men for possible military service.

Registration is very easy. Just ask Prof. Ron Roehl for a form or go online to www.sss.gov. All you need is your name, address, phone number, birth date, and Social Security number. Just fill in the info and follow the instructions for receiving and confirming your Selective Service number. It's a very simple step that saves you a lot of trouble later and keeps you eligible for federal grants and loans for college, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Dani Beekman

By: Kaite Bischoff

Danielle Joy Beekman was born and raised in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. When she was little, she “wanted to be a basketball player from when I was like one; that died.” When asked how she thinks she’s changed since Freshman year, she said, “you change so much you can’t really put your finger on anything, it’s hard to explain, you become a completely different person and I think you’re supposed to.”

Her favorite memory, of course, was VOLLEYBALL! She will take away from her time here the value of Christian friends. “You feel like Immanuel’s so terrible when you’re here, but looking at how the world is, it’s kind of scary to think of yourself not here.” Her plans for next year include going to the UW of Eau Claire in the communication disorder program. “Ummm, I might try volleyball, but that’s a big might.”

Dani doesn’t think she would have done anything differently “because I think you make mistakes but you learn from those mistakes so I wouldn’t go back and change it.” Dani’s words of wisdom are, “No matter how not cool you think you are or how not cool people make you out to be, God thinks that you’re the coolest and that’s all you need.” The Bible passage that got her through the hard times is Ephesians 6:10, “Be strong in the LORD and in the power of His might.”

I asked some of Dani’s

friends how they would describe her, and Stacy said, “There’s not really one word to describe her. She’s very creative and different but not in a weird way.” She was also described as being really thoughtful, always has positive attitude, and her loving sister, Jackie, described her as crazy and unpredictable.

Amanda Schlegelmilch’s favorite memory was when Dani broke her arm when she fell off the top bunk at her house. Jackie and Stacy both agreed this was their favorite memory: Luke and Jackie were in the backseat with Dani and Stacy. They decided to play Ghetto with Stacy and her cap gun. They also had gotten a pie with whipped cream and Dani sat on it and the whipped cream sprayed all over the front seat and when she tried to get it off of her hands she got it all over the bus. “That was a good night,” says Jackie.

Stacy and Jackie both agree that since Freshman year Dani’s hair has changed. She also doesn’t have braces anymore and her faith is strengthened. “She’s more mature,” laughs Amanda, while Stacy says, “She thinks about others more.”



Did you know that...

Dani sponsors a little girl named Elna in Africa.

I got a few different answers for where she’ll be in 10-20 years. Amanda says, “She probably be like something with art or designing something but whatever she does she’ll be really good at it because she is good at everything and I think she will be very successful.” Jackie says, “She’ll have gone to Africa, she’ll be married with a little girl with excessive amounts of pink in her wardrobe and more pairs of shoes by the age of two than I’ll have in my entire lifetime.” Stacy agrees she will have gone to Africa.

All in all, Dani Beekman is just a really cool, fun person to get to know and was a huge asset to the Lancers, and she will be missed dearly. God’s blessings next year!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Troy Williams
By: Brittany Voit

This Senior Spotlight is going to be a little bit different. At the request of Troy, who wanted his answers to be printed EXACTLY the way he wrote them, I thought it would be easiest to put it in question-answer form.

Brittany: Where were you raised? Where did you spend most of your childhood? Troy: Borne in Sag-Town Mishigan. Raysed in St. Peters Wizconson. Speant moast of mi chyildhood at Lukious' hows.
B: When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up? T: Anne arkiteckt. Lukious sed eye wonted two bee kool. Butte eye allredy wus.
B: How do you personally think you have changed since freshman year? T: Eye kan tawke two gerls now. Mi status iz now Senyor.
B: What is one of your favorite memories from high school? T: Won tyme Tim and eye took a vygorus, nyne our hyke too thu Chippewa River. It wuz kool.
B: What will you take away from here? T: Well, eye halve allredy takin sum paperklipps. Eye will probubly halve two take Tim too. There is no reesun four that won, eye just halve two.
B: Do you have any plans or goals after graduation? T: Well, eye halve allredy scordd all mi goals wen eye playd sokker in Hi Skool. Thu plann iz two take Tim on thu Appilikashun trale with me.
B: Would you have done

anything differently?
T: No, eye rote eggzacktly wut eye wonted two rite.
B: Words of wisdom?
T: Don't slack off in skool. Eventulley yor grades doo matter.
B: Bible passage that got you through the hard times?
T: ". . .Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:13

I interviewed a few of Troy's friends. Troy was described as a tall, wingspan, condor, Mr. Negative, Italian, and an altogether well-mannered, bright, and capable young man. Nathan's favorite memories with Troy were sleepovers at Troy's house and frozen pizzas. Tim said, "Tip drill gone bad; animosity at the grade school basketball tournaments; getting discovered by Luther at our cabin site in the woods;

getting embarrassed in Halo." Troy has changed by being more mature, more laid back, and "gives new meaning to the word 'cool.'" Luke, Nathan, and Tim all agree that Troy will probably have designed and built some building in 10-20 years and then "backpacking New Zealand with me," says Tim. Nathan has quite the interesting story to tell everybody. "At the grade school tournaments, at the hotel, by the pool, Troy's sister asked him why he didn't hang out with a kid sitting by the pool because he looked so lonely, and cute. Troy responded, 'That kid? No way! He's a freak!' That cute, lonely kid was Timothy Schierenbeck."

Did you know that. . .
Troy is not, in fact, Italian (or so he claims.) He also rocks Murdoch in Goldeneye.



EDITORIAL

FROM THE EDITOR

"If present trends continue, 90% of all the world's scientists and engineers will be living in Asia by 2010," predicts Richard E. Smalley, Nobel laureate and professor of chemistry and physics at Rice University. Smalley was recently quoted in an article of the December 2005 issue of *Reader's Digest*-- and his quote was not the only one to surprise me.

The article, titled "America's Brain Drain," was brought to my attention over Christmas break as a suggested subject of a future *Flash* article. I have heard various negative comments suggesting a current decline in the United States' science and medical studies, and many of us are aware of the many businesses that have been moving overseas. However, I was not prepared for the raw statistics presented to me.

The United States has been recognized as a world leader in science for the past 200 years. According to ABC News, science is what allowed the US to rise to a position of power and is what "gives a country an edge." However, the focus is shifting to countries like China and India, whose cheap labor and rapidly increasing technology are giving them the edge. *Reader's Digest* reported that in 2000, 56% of China's undergraduates earned degrees in the hard sciences; compare this to the 17% in the US. In a survey of science literacy, US students

ranked 24 of 40 countries, tied with Latvia.

Why is this happening? In the past, students would travel from other countries to study at universities in the US. They would then usually remain in the US and their skills would benefit our research and economy. However, many of these students' home countries have been investing in forming their own world-class learning centers. As a result, many businesses have actually left the US and relocated to Asian countries that offer cheaper labor and equal opportunities for advancing.

It seems as if the United States is so locked into a mental state of confidence that we aren't making the efforts that we need to. Countries like China have been increasing their funding in education and really focusing on offering world-class learning to its citizens. Perhaps the people of the US just don't realize that we are falling behind.

I'm not against the success of other countries, but it's alarming to see the US lose its edge in science. ABC News went as far as to say that our generation will probably live to witness one of two extremes-- the US rising up as the world's only superpower, or fading away to mediocrity as other countries put into action what made the US successful. Although this isn't necessarily a competition, I think it is important that the United States doesn't continue to fall behind. God has given our country so many blessings, it would be wrong to let them waste. -DER

"We can't hope to keep intact our standard of living, our national security, our way of life, if Americans aren't competitive in science. Period." - David Baltimore, president of the California Institute of Technology and Nobel laureate.

Letters to the Editor

Response to "Have the rules of PDA gone to far?"

Anonymous

I enjoyed reading this article! It sounds exactly like something that would have bothered me some two years back. I would like to share with the young ladies in particular the reasons why this rule may be in place. Please understand: I am a female still in my teens and know just what the author of this article means to convey. Unfortunately, I do not believe we ladies have been able to grasp some very necessary information regarding the male species. To make the main point of this article rather blunt, I will state it right here: Males are more physical creatures than females.

"Hey, wait! You're a girl yourself, how would you know?" I have a feeling that is what my readers are thinking-- especially the guys reading this. Hear me out, ladies and gents, and take this in the kindest possible way:

One day, about two summers ago, I came upon a wonderful and unique learning tool that taught me some interesting facts. It all happened at a summer church camp, one not affiliated with the CLC, that I therefore did not attend myself. I was, however, able to experience

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Response to "Banned Band Shirt" Articles

Prof. Joe Lau

The opinions that follow are my own; they may be or may not be the opinions of other faculty members.

First, I readily agree it is censorship to ban band shirts from our campus. There are, no doubt, a number of appropriate and even edifying band shirts. The primary reason all band shirts are banned is that it is more practical to enforce. The time and effort it would take to go through each student's wardrobe periodically and research all bands advertised would not be time well spent.

The "we can wear them at home" argument echoes sentiments of students regarding a wide variety of other rules as well. As a fellow Christian I have an interest in what you wear at home, but it is not my responsibility to regulate your attire when you are at home. There may be many things your parents allow you to do at home that we have rules about at school. That doesn't mean that your parents are wrong in not regulating you at home, nor does it mean that the school is wrong when it does.

Miss Ryan pointed out that the banning should be dropped because "the rule is

extremely difficult to enforce."

As far as I know, professors and supervisors haven't complained about enforcing the ban. No doubt, we don't "catch" everyone, but we do attempt to deal consistently and evangelically with the ones we do.

Wouldn't it be great if we could always rely on the Christian judgment of teenage students at Immanuel? Dress codes wouldn't be necessary. Nor would bedtimes and study halls. Would we even need a handbook of rules or dorm supervisors? The rules established at ILC are done so in an attempt to help students in their daily walk of sanctification. Our rules are not perfect, nor is our enforcement, but I believe our intentions are aimed at the good of the student body as a whole.

Let me close with an alternative student scenario. I am a high school student. I arrive at ILHS with a few band t-shirts. I listen to the orientation meeting at the beginning of the year and read the handbook statement on band shirts. I decide that even though I may not personally agree with the rules, I will not wear my band shirts at school. Why do I do that? Because I can.

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Taken from the cover of *Dateable* by Justin Lookado and Hayley Morgan



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this very effective lesson via the horse's mouth directly. His name is Michael DeFlice, a bright and witty young friend of mine who is twenty years old now. Mike, known solely as Defo to the world as we know it, enlisted the help of a friend to put together a brief presentation for their church camp to be offered during the seminar on dating. I must add that these two brave young men are highly respected by all their classmates. Brave, indeed. When their turn to present arrived, Defo and his buddy confidently took the stage and laid out some general and less-spoken-of truths about men. They spoke in words that left no room for misunderstanding or "over-analysis" that we girls are so often guilty of. The facts were these: Men are

"The facts were these: Men are stimulated physically by almost every touch received by a girl. The most effective of physical contact was unanimously the hug."

stimulated physically by almost every touch received by a girl. The most effective of physical contact was unanimously the hug. (I'll add here that Defo brought up the issue of modest clothing, as well.)

"No way!" the gals are inevitably thinking. Ladies, let's face it, God created us differently. I'm not just talking physical and not just emotional, but hormones, too. Those hormones work to affect guys differently than us. Why? Not to get technical, I'll keep it simple and say that it's just because God created us that way. If you wish to understand the deeper physiological

reasons from a Christian perspective, there have been many books published on this subject by very educated Christian psychologists and scientists. To further his point and put it even more bluntly, Defo then went to the white board to draw a pie chart detailing the amount of time guys spend thinking about various subjects such as romance, video games, etc, when in any type of physical contact with a girl. His pie chart quickly turned into the word "Sex" followed by giggles from the crowd and a cheesy gasp made by Defo himself. Yeah, it's blunt. Yeah, it may be harsh. But we girls just won't listen any other way. I know I didn't.

You guys reading this are scoffing. The girls are doing the same, most likely. What happened next will hopefully clear things up:

The older ladies, chaperones with their husbands, actually laughed and one even outright admonished that these teen boys were certainly wrong. Coming to the boys' defense was the woman's husband. "Dear wife, they are right. As a young teen I didn't want to admit it, but I struggled day after day to keep my thoughts and actions pure as a young Christian man. Physical contact with females made that struggle constantly more difficult. If only I were confident enough at that age to admit it to myself..." A male chaperone in the back asked for a raise of hands by the married men in the crowd of those who agreed with what was just presented and if it had applied to them, even as Christians, during their young adult years. Every hand went up.

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OPINION

Woman stranded on floor for nine days

Kaiser Starkey

A woman was stranded in a house for nine days after her husband was taken to the hospital. She was left by her bed and laid there for all nine days. She was also diabetic. So she had no food, water, or treatment. Her husband had surgery and was left in the hospital because he was unconscious for several more days. After he had woken up he talked to a social worker and the social worker contacted the police. She was conscious and her husband and she are now recovering.

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What happened throughout the week of this particular seminar was not as planned. The girls avoided all the boys like the plague and verbally scorned them for this new knowledge they had gained. This was not the purpose of the presentation by any means. That week they missed the whole point and maybe even sinned by placing sinful judgments on males.

Dear sisters in Christ, I mean this simply to open your eyes a bit, certainly not to have you all go make judgments regarding boys or boyfriends. I simply want you to cherish this thought in your mind and in doing so respect your male

friends even more than you could have before by being a little more cautious in how you express your affections towards them, especially in public, for the sake of all. I beg you, remember that Christ created man and woman. He created man to be attracted to woman and vice versa. If He hadn't, we wouldn't be around today. When sin entered the world, Satan took every opportunity to corrupt the Lord's Plan. The devil uses that attraction between male and female to try to pull us away from our Lord. We've all experienced it. Let's be more aware of it.

If it isn't already clear how this deals with the PDA rule, let me go on. Many of you are still upset - angry even - that anyone would make such a generalization regarding a certain gender. Suppose you were an exception. I say to you that that is your personal business and what you do out of the sight of others is between you and God. When it comes to PDA, though, you involve those witnessing your actions-your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are expressly told in Scripture not to let our actions cause another believer to stumble. "How could a hug good-night with the opposite gender cause someone to stumble?" you say? I can think of three ways: First, what if the person you are hugging is not as strong as you in the area of controlling physical desires? Second, what if someone

watching begins to think, "it's ok for them, it must be ok for me," even if that person may not be as blessed with such restraint regarding pure thoughts when he or she is part of an embrace? Finally, the sin I struggle with myself, the sin of judgment: Would you want someone making false judgments regarding your personal chastity? It's very hard not to make judgments when faced with a situation in which you are not comfortable personally, whether or not the action at hand is laid out in black and white in the Bible. I am so blessed to have been here long enough to begin to grasp the wisdom of our seemingly "old-fashioned" professors who hold to such godly principles. I truly appreciate their adherence to such issues as modest dress and PDA. I definitely wouldn't have a few years ago. Older and only a bit wiser, I'm blessed to be able to say I attend ILC. So thanks, Profs!

"But you must be careful with this freedom of yours. Do not cause a brother or sister with a weaker conscience to stumble. . . And you are sinning against Christ when you sin against other Christians by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong."

1 Corinthians 8:9, 12 NLT

ENTERTAINMENT

The Olympic Flame

Danielle Ryan

Although from the outside the Olympic Flame is merely a small diner in an old strip mall, marked by a blue awning, do not be fooled by appearances. The Olympic Flame offers one of the tastiest ethnic meals in Eau Claire.

The menu is short and simple, offering Greek salads, grilled pita bread, gyros, and baklava, as well as a handful of more American items (hamburgers and such). If you've never experienced a gyro before, let me elaborate. The gyro served at the Olympic Flame consisted

of a meat (beef, I think) shaved and served on a warm pita, topped with tomato, shredded lettuce, onion, feta cheese, and a delicious sauce for a perfect balance of flavor with a distinctly Greek taste. Their salads are

If you want to go . . .

2920 London Rd
Next to Family Christian

also simple, yet excellent. The Leader Telegram recently wrote an article on the Olympic Flame, complementing them especially on their salads. They noted that there is very little attempt at "Americanizing" the salad-

- between the fresh romaine lettuce, kalamata olives, oregano, and traditional olive oil dressing, you can taste as close to authentic Greek as you can get in Eau Claire.

The restaurant's décor is very simple, yet not lacking. Large posters of Greece are mounted on the white walls and traditional Greek music plays quietly in the background. The service was friendly and definitely had the feel of a family-owned restaurant. Overall, the food was a bit pricey, but filling and tasty enough to be worth it. I'm sure I'll return again soon, this time making sure to leave enough room to sample the baklava.

Bite into a Hunk of Crispy Chicken!

Josh Sieg

Hungry? Then you should try out a restaurant on the east side of town on Hwy. 53 called Chicken Unlimited that's been around for 37 years! It's next to a bunch of plaza business buildings on the side of the highway. They have really good food! But what if you're not a big fan of chicken? Here's the good news. If you're not in the mood for chicken, or want to try something different, they have other things too. But first let's start with the chicken! They have chicken with their original

flavoring - legs, thighs, wings, and they also come with coleslaw, rolls, and mashed potatoes and gravy or french fries!

Okay, let's say you're not hungry for the chicken. They have fish, for one thing, shrimp, sandwiches, soup, burgers, cheese curds, onion rings, hand-dipped cones, malts, and more! If you just can't take it all in at once, you can get the Appetizer Sampler, a variety of appetizers all in one meal - cheese curds, mozzarella sticks, onion rings, jalapeno peppers,



'tater babies,' and breaded mushrooms. Doesn't it make you hungry just thinking about it?

I talked to Barb, the manager, and they every once in a while have a discount coupon

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in the paper. But if you just want to get out to eat a bite, Chicken Unlimited is the place! They are open until 9 PM, 7 days a week. They can deliver too

if they have a 24-hour notice. What's also nice about this place is they have a weekly special for a certain item on the menu.

So, the next time you're hungry, think of eating the best

chicken in town! They also have hamburgers!

Location...

1410 S. Hastings Way (Hwy. 53)
across from Premiere Video
Phone number is 834-6688

Brokeback Mountain

Jenny Squires

Recently the Golden Globe awards were held and a new movie called Brokeback Mountain won the award for Best Picture in drama. Critics and many film makers are thrilled that this movie won and that it is so successful; however, we as Christians should feel just the opposite.

Brokeback Mountain is the story of two cowboys that work together and form a friendship. Soon this friendship evolves into a homosexual relationship. When the time comes that they will no longer be working together, they go their separate ways and go on with their own lives. They both get married and start families. Even though they get married they don't terminate their sinful relationship with each other.

This is basically all there is to the movie. Pretty disappointing, isn't it? And to think that this is what the best movie is this year (according to the critics) makes you wonder where film makers will go next. The media is trying to get us to think that it's okay to be a homosexual and this is definitely displayed in Brokeback Mountain.

The previews to this movie can be a little deceiving if you haven't heard what it's really about. The trailer that they show on T.V. only shows the two cowboys with their wives and their families, but it doesn't say anywhere that it's about the men having a relationship with each other. The trailer that they show in the movie theater is a little clearer about the main plot of the story, but you could still get the wrong idea.

Critics like the movie. They think it is a "beautiful love story." They think it's great because there's never been a movie that is centered around a homosexual couple. The director Ang Lee has been named Best Director for Brokeback Mountain at the Golden Globes. Heath Ledger, the main character, has been nominated for Best Actor at many award ceremonies. In the eyes of the media Brokeback Mountain has been well received.

We, on the other hand, as Christians, know that it's not right to be a homosexual. When God talks about homosexuality in the



Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal

Bible He uses the word abomination to describe it. According to the Bible, to be a homosexual is to be of a "strange flesh." It is a sin to be a homosexual and it's appalling to see the media is trying to make us think otherwise about it. Movies and television shows are trying to make us think that it's okay for people to do things that are so contrary to God's Word.

In today's world, with all of the sinful movies and T.V. shows, we have to remember to use our Christian judgment when choosing what to watch. It's not just Brokeback Mountain that we have to look out for, we should always be sure that the things we watch and listen to are appropriate and that they don't go against God's Word.