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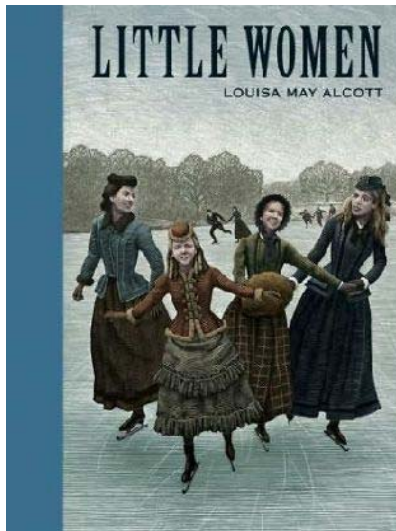
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Little Women *By Jenny Squires*

As many of you know, this year's fall play is *Little Women*. The play is based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott that has been cherished and loved for many years. For those of you who don't know the story of *Little Women*, it follows the lives of the March family, more specifically, the March sisters. There are four March sisters. I am playing the roll of Meg, the oldest sister. Following on down the line in order of age is the part of the boyish sister Jo—played by Joey Reim. Next comes sweet and innocent Beth, and who is to better have this roll than Emily Roehl. Mikel Marzofka took on the roll of Amy, the youngest, who is constantly trying to act older. Of course, a family is not complete without a kind and caring mother, otherwise known as Marmee, played by Emily Ryan. Marmee is quite the homemaker and a wonderful mother to her daughters. The girl's father (played by Nick Marzofka) is away at war in the beginning of the play, and they all miss him dearly. There are a few frequent visitors of the March household, one of them being their cranky Aunt March, played by Megan Schierenbeck. She always comes to criticize this and that. Laurie (Josh Rodebaugh) and Mr. Brooke (Adam Kolb) stop by quite often as well. Laurie is a good family friend and is secretly in love with Jo, and Mr. Brooke is his tutor, and is secretly in love with Meg. In the last act of the play, Luke Wilke comes into the picture rocking a German accent playing the roll of Professor Baher, who ends up marrying one of the sisters (I won't say which for those who are not familiar with the story).



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The progress of the play is coming along nicely. If you are afraid that you may find they play a bit dull, don't worry, because there are plenty of twists in the storyline to keep you interested, and I think you will be guaranteed a few laughs from the critical Aunt March. *Little Women* will be performed the weekend of

Read all about this years Quiz Bowl!
Turn the page!

Quiz Bowl *By Prof. Kranz*

Wednesday, October 24th, was far from a trivial day for Immanuel academics. The Quiz Bowl team was made up of five individuals: seniors Josh Rodebaugh, Alex Hulke, and Nick Marzofka. Joining them were juniors Katie Barthels and Luke Knutson. Going along for the ride was alternate Joe Naumann who went to help fill out a “combo” team because one team had withdrawn just days before the event.

Joe was only told one thing by his school mates: “Don’t do anything to make Immanuel lose.” They had nothing to worry about. Nobody was going to come between the Lancers and the first place trophy on this day.

In the four head-to-head competitions against other Dairyland schools, Immanuel went undefeated, landing them in the championship. Also going undefeated was the team from Melrose-

Mindoro, so a rematch of last year’s showdown was about to take place.

Melrose-Mindoro took a quick lead after two rounds. Overcoming a 30-point deficit would be a tall order for Immanuel in the speed round. The final topic was simple annual interest – principal \times rate \times time. Since the Lancers were behind going into this round, they had to play aggressively, computing in their head. After missing the first two, it didn’t look encouraging. But then they got hot at the right time and rattled off eight correct responses in succession. Then they had to wait to see how their opponent would fare. Melrose-Mindoro, like Immanuel, started slowly. But then they got hot, getting four correct responses in a row. As time ran out, they had one more

answer for the tie.

Unfortunately for them, they were not correct, leaving Immanuel ahead by one correct answer! By a whisker, the Lancers won their second straight Quiz Bowl!

And the icing on the cake? Each contestant took a written individual test of 100 questions in 20 minutes. They had to fly through it. Only five students were chosen for a “Dream Team” based on this test. For Immanuel, Josh Rodebaugh made it. And from the ragtag, combo team, Joe Naumann earned a spot



also.

Congratulations, Immanuel, for your academic

Participating in *The Flash* is fun! If you would like to help out, just stop by during one of the meetings of *The Flash*! Or if you just want to write something, hand it to someone on the Flash and we'll get it in. Thanks!

Technicolor Memories: From Girl to Puddle

By Jenny Squires and Megan Schierenbeck

Remember the good days of Nickelodeon with shows such as “Are You Afraid of the Dark?”, “Clarissa Explains it All?” and “The Secret Life of Alex Mack.”? The Secret Life of Alex Mack was about an ordinary girl with ordinary problems but an extraordinary power. This power steamed from an accident Alex had with a truck carrying radioactive material. The material spilled on her and gave her radioactive powers! These powers included

turning into a silver puddle so she could sneak in and out of any situation, and also turning orange but no one really knows how that is helpful. We’re a little foggy on the details of the show, but we do know one thing: it was a really good show.

We must apologize for our last article. Arnold’s best friend is not named Jerome, but Gerald. We are very sorry.

Morning People!

By Joanna Thierer

So I don’t know about you, but im not really a morning person, my ideal morning would be getting up slowly around 10 or 10:30ish to no alarm and eating a healthy breakfast of pop tarts and a bowl or two of cereal! But of course no way that can happen here. My usual morning consist of this: I set my alarm for 6:30 thinking I will get up and get things done. Alright now its morning I hear people yelling down the halls, which makes me think oh man my alarm didn’t go off I’m late! So I quickly jump out of bed but then I realize after my eyes adjust that its only 5:30!!! I am flabbergasted! Why would anyone in their right mind be up that early but I figure since im up I might as well take a tinkle. I walk down the hall eyes squinted because its so bright plus I don’t have my glasses on and as im walking im startled by a loud cheerful voice (Megan R. ;))GOOOD MORNING! My reply: umm huh...oh.. ah....yah mornin. I finally make it to the bathroom I open the door and its like a sauna! The are like 8 girls taking showers ok im exaggerating but really there are lines for the shower already! As I wait for a stall to open

some one usually will start talking to me but im not conscious enough to understand what they are saying but then I realize they are asking me what im waiting for and I reply a toilet, then they ask why im waiting....all the stalls are open! It took me a second but oh of course.. I feel dumb! But hey its early! Finally I get back to my room and lay back down but by now everyone who goes to breakfast is up and singing or blow-drying their hair. I try to tune them out and I might be able to fall back asleep. If I do I usually wake up 10 or 15 minuets later to the sound of the alarm blasting but then realize that its freezing and I don’t want to get up. I let it play for a while...but then my cd starts to skip!!!! so I cant take it any longer, there’s yelling, its cold, my cd is skipping, my neighbors (Jenaynay and Meganster) are chit chatting about me and my stomach is growling. Finally I get up to turn off the alarm but instead of pushing snooze I hit off so now I have nothing to wake me. I lay back down once more to get just 10 more minutes in.....its quiet now they are all down at breakfast!

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Hayride *By Josh Sieg*

Many of you went to the annual hay ride south of Eau Claire on Sunday, Oct. 28. It was really fun, as it is every year. In case you didn't go this year, you really should next year because it is totally worth it.

After the fun ride there was food—cookies, brownies, and the like, and then everyone stood in front of the bonfire for a while with their hot chocolate and apple cider.

As many of us know, Doug Mueller, from the farm we went to, has prostate cancer. However, in the midst of all their troubles, the Muellers still invited us this year. We really appreciate it, and we pray that God would remove Doug's cancer if it be His will.

On the trailer I was on, the plank of the

trailer that Gretchen Eichstadt was standing on just gave way. It was pretty funny. And our little group on the hay ride was playing the murder game where you have to guess who the murderer is, don't ask. It was a really fun hay ride.

After everything else, we were allowed to see the cows. Everyone thought the cows were awesome, and they even had one that was only four days old!

If you didn't come, it is totally worth it!



Basketball Season *By Christina Hein*



Well, it's that time of year again...basketball season! A time for athletes to show off their skills and a time for fans to show their school spirit! This year, there will be a few new faces and some old ones. Some returning senior boys are; Alex Hulke, Josh Rodebaugh, Joe Naumann, Jordan Albrecht, Nathan Noeldner, and Ben Blue. The returning senior girls are; Rachel Sydow, Jess Meyer, Carly Meyer, and Becky Gerbitz.

So after this season is over, what will some of these seniors miss the most?

"Since it's the coolest sport in the world, I'm going to miss playing it."

-Jordan Albrecht

"I'll miss everything, especially the team and bonding with everyone."

-Rachel Sydow

All of the freshman who are playing are very excited and looking forward to a great season this year! So get out your green and white apparel and prepare for a spectacular season!

Jordan Albrecht

By Kelsey Albrecht

KA: What is your full name?

JA: Jordan David Albrecht

KA: Where and when were you born?

JA: West Allis, WI, Dec. 23, 1989

KA: Where do you live now?

JA: Muskego, WI

KA: What was your favorite TV show as a child?

JA: There are so many, Darkwing Duck, TMNT, Tailspin, Batman, pretty much all cartoons.

KA: Who is your favorite super hero and villain?

JA: Definitely Batman, he was so awesome, and Two-Face would be the villain.

KA: What was your favorite year of highschool and why?

JA: Probably sophomore year, even though supposedly it was the hardest year, but because I probably had the most fun.

KA: Who is your favorite Prof?

JA: I would have to say Schierenbeck, because he explains everything really good and is really cool.

KA: What is your favorite sport?

JA: Definitely basketball, everything about it is the best.

KA: What are your plans after high school?

JA: Hopefully going to MSOE to go into Structural/ Architectural Engineering, at least that is what I hope happens.



KA: Can you give us any words of wisdom?

JA: Well, spend your time wisely, it goes by fast, spend time with your friends because you may not see them again after high school.

KA: Any favorite passages that you would like to share with us?

JA: Psalm 18:2,3 "The Lord is my Rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my strength in whom I will trust, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be

praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies."

KA: How would you describe Jordan in a few words?

BV: caring, persevering, athletic,

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JORDAN'S FAVORITES

FOOD: Sweet and Sour Pork
CLASS: Schierenbeck's Classes
SONG: *Miracle* by Foo Fighters
PET PEEVE: A dirty car.
WORST QUALITY: None, just kidding, probably being too hard on other people and myself.
SECRET AMBITION: Be a race car driver.
SISTER: All of them, DUH!

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funny and the greatest

KA: an AWESOME brother who can sometimes be a jerk, but is usually really nice and cool

JR: serious, sometimes a little terse, has an amazing 6th sense, likes to feed the hungry

KB: hott, sweet, and an all-around nice guy

JN: hairy, passionate fan of a passively sucky team

KA: What was your most memorable memory of Jordan?

BV: Umm, going to the Brewers game, famous talks, and most recently, the Emergency Room Excursion

KA: Wow, that is a hard

question, I have too many memories with Jordan. Going to work (Ellen's) at home, and Jordan's crazy driving skills.

JR: It was either Freshmen or Sophomore year, and we were at X-country practice. When Aaron Ude told us what we were running, Nimitz, Jordan started laughing and said, "Nimitz before Cummings?" We had no clue what he meant, but we just laughed and laughed.

KB: Coming to Washington

RS: Walking to Hardee's with Hulke

JN: Going to the cabin in Mankato and having a sweet, awesome, man-time.

KA: Where do you think Jordan will be in 10-20 years?

CV: With a big beard, following in his father's footsteps.

KA: He will have a job, live in Waukesha or Milwaukee County somewhere, and will be married and have kids.

JR: He will have dropped out of engineering school, and gone into law enforcement. He will have grown out his hair and beard which will give him a sweet lion mane type look. Also, he will own his own calendar company which features him in sweet poses with all of his favorite cars and hunting trophies.

JN: Between the age of 27-

Morning People (continued)

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Soon enough its loud again and uhh ooo its 7:10!Aw krapshack! I have a job and I need to take a shower and vacuum the floor. I hop out of bed and run around like a chicken. This whole morning could have been avoided if

people weren't so loud and people knew how to get up at a decent hour. No offense to you morning people, its nice to have you around getting things done but don't take any offense if you yell hello to me in the hall one morning

and I shove a dirty sock in your mouth. To all the people who sleep in I think they would appreciate quiet time till at least 6:30 and a nice subtle good morning.



Becky Gerbitz

By Joey Reim

Full Name: Rebekah Jean Gerbitz (Becky)

Nickname: Turtle, Freshman year Becky played catcher for softball. Megan told her she looked like a turtle and the name stuck.

Born and Raised in: Juneau, WI, moved to Fund du Lac twelve years later and now lives in Milton, WI.

When I asked Becky what her favorite place she's lived was, her answer was ILC.

Who's your Role Model? "It's always been my Grandpa Sydow. I look up to him because he's outgoing, likes to have fun, he's always happy, and he's strong and compassionate in everything he does. I like the way he just take things as they come."

"Another would definitely be the Apostle Paul. Knowing how he kept his faith in everything he went through has helped me to put my life into perspective."

What's your most fond memory from high school? "Nick's mouse, marshmallows during finals week, running in the rain, girl's nights at Jim's, late night talks, and softball, especially in the rain.

Tell us how you've changed since freshman year.

"I've matured, I've grown up more and I've come to understand God more and I've grown

closer to Him through the trials He's given me. I'm closer to my friends as well.

What would you have done differently?

"Hindsight's 20/20, I wouldn't have changed anything because it got me where I am now. Mistakes and how you handle them make you who you are."

What will you take away from your time here?

"All the junk that has accumulated in my dorm room, friends, better understanding of God and who He is and what He does, and a better understanding of others. Since my own challenges I've learned to look at others when they are struggling and be able to be more understanding of them."

What's next after ILC?

I've been accepted to UW Platteville. I'm going into Agriculture Ed. (Teaching kids how to be farmers) and journalism. Eventually I want to get married and have a family, but not until I'm almost done with college."

Becky's advice:

"The friends you make here will last you a lifetime. You only go through high school once, don't waste your time by yourself because a day you waste in high school is a day you've

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BECKY'S FAVORITES

PASSAGES: Philippians 4:4, Romans 8:38-39, Philippians 4:13

ILC Meal: Taco salad, chicken

CLASS: 10th grade history with Prof. Lau, Religion, POD

SONG: *Hold Fast* by Mercy Me, *Stand* by Rascal Flatts

HYMN: 396, 784

PET PEEVE: People leaving gum on lunch trays and slow eaters at lunch.

Gift she's given: Taking Nikki, Sara, Hannah, and Joe to the Mercy Me concert.

CLASS MEMORY: Prof. Schierenbeck dumping water on Joe in Physics

GAME: Risk with my family

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lost forever, you can't get it back. Be respectful to your Profs., supervisors, and classmates, that will get you a long way."

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Did you Know?

Becky can't go anywhere without: wearing a necklace

Her worst quality: "Misery loves company:" I can't hide when I'm having a bad day.

Best quality: my determination

Secret ambition: to play softball in college, go sky diving, and make a medical discovery

In her free time she: plays piano, loves talking to people, drawing, reading and writing, showing cows, and wood working.

When she was two, Becky was convinced her name was "Repriah: and insisted on having everyone call her that.

Becky's saddest childhood story: "When I was three, I loved helium balloons that I'd see in the grocery store. One day my mom bought me one and I took it outside to show my dad my first helium balloon and it flew away. My dad offered to get it down with a wrench, and I started bawling."

What her friends and family say:

In 10-20 years, Becky will be married, living on a farm with 4-6 kids and the little girls will all wear overalls.

Nikki's favorite memory with Becky is walking to Starbucks at 9:30 pm and getting "high" on caffeine. She describes Becky as "fun and crazy".

Sara Haensgen remembers good times with Becky in the kitchen, singing along to "I Got a Brand New Girlfriend: and "Front Porch". She remembers "getting high on softball" when they had so much fun playing together. She says Becky has become more outgoing and not so quiet since grade school. "She's learned how to live in the moment."

Becky Sippert

By Nikki Reim

Nikki: What is your full name?

Becky: Rebekah Kristine Sippert

N: Where were you raised?

B: Valentine, Nebraska

N: Who was your role model as a child?

B: My Dad and Jesus.

N: What was your favorite memory from high school?

B: Playing Volleyball.

N: How do you think you have changed since Freshman year?

B: I guess I have matured, both emotionally and spiritually.

N: Is there anything you regret or would



have done differently?

B: Nope.

N: What will you take away from your time here?

B: Let's see, I have to think of three things for a good complete answer: Friends, Memories, and a stronger faith.

N: What are you doing after high school?

B: I am going to the University of Eau Claire for something, probably.

N: Do you have any words of wisdom?

B: Don't stress about the small stuff, and God is always in control.

N: What is a passage that got you through hard times?

B: Romans 8:28, Psalm 50:15, the good ones.

When a dorm room full of her friends were asked, "What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Becky?", they answered, she is very smart, blond hair, honest, and fun loving. They all predicted that in 10-20 years she would be married with three gorgeous, blond, smart kids. Some of their fond memories of her included: going with her to Valley Fair, C-team basketball games back in the day, her weird initials, back combing, and coloring her hair blue to be Thing 1 and Thing 2.

BECKY'S FAVORITES

FOOD: Anything with sugar

PASTIME: Watching TV, playing Guitar Hero

CLASS: German I

SONG: There are a lot of them, *Jumper* by Third Eye Blind.

PET PEEVE: When you're trying to like walk somewhere and the people in front of you are really slow.

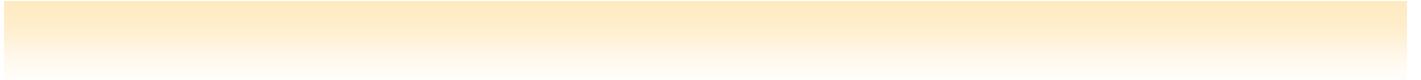
WORST QUALITY: Saying "like" too much.

SECRET AMBITION: If I told you it wouldn't be a secret... No I am kidding. Going sky-diving, that would be fun.

Editorial *Katie Bischoff*

I was at the writer's conference the other week, and one of my lectures was on column writing. The lady who was presenting was from Madison and works for the Wisconsin State Journal. She basically said as a column writer, she writes about what's "hot" news. So she asked us what was going on in our schools right now. There were a lot of students from Illinois, and one of them spoke up. Apparently it is now a state law that after the Pledge of Allegiance students are required to remain standing for a moment of silence. During this silence students are supposed to do a cleansing process of their minds to mentally prepare themselves for the school day. The reason why they do this is because there have been a lot of school shootings lately, and the state feels that if the students mentally prepare themselves, they will be less likely to snap. So how long do you have for this moment of silence? Well, some student said theirs' were 30 seconds to two minutes. Another student reported that theirs was ten minutes! How long do you honestly need for this mental preparation?

All I kept thinking about during this time was how blessed our school was that we don't have to take such drastic measures. We are blessed to have a Christian school that doesn't have problems with school shootings. Even if we're having a really bad day, we know that we can always turn to God, He will help us through whatever we're going through. We are also blessed with Christian friends, professors, and supervisors. They are there for help and guidance. I personally know that if you feel like you need to talk to someone, Alana is a good candidate. We need to remember to thank God every day for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us.



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R-Rated (cont'd)

"A father of some teenage children had the family rule that they could not attend PG-13 or R rated movies. His three teens wanted to see a particular popular movie that was playing at local theaters. It was rated PG-13.

"The teens interviewed friends and even some members of their family's church to find out what was offensive in the movie. The teens made a list of

the pros and cons about the movie to use to convince their dad that they should be allowed to see it. The cons were that it contained ONLY 3 swear words, the ONLY violence was a building exploding (and you see that on TV all the time, they said), and you actually did not "see" the couple in the movie having sex- it was just implied sex, off camera. The pros

were that it was a popular movie- a blockbuster. Everyone was seeing it. . .The movie contained a good story and plot. It had some great adventure and suspense in it. There were some fantastic special effects in this movie. The movie's stars were some of the most talented actors in Hollywood. It probably would be nominated for several awards. . .

"The next evening the father called in his three teenagers, who

were smiling smugly, into the living room. There on the coffee table he had a plate of brownies. The teens were puzzled. The father told his children he had thought about their request and decided that if they would eat a brownie then he would let them go to the movie. But just like the movie, the brownies had pros and cons.

"The pros were that they were made with the finest chocolate and other good ingredients. They had the added special effect of yummy walnuts in them . The brownies were moist and fresh with wonderful chocolate frosting on top. He had made these fantastic brownies using an award-winning recipe. And best of all, the brownies had been made lovingly by the hand of their own father. The brownies

only had one con. The father had included a little bit of a special ingredient. The brownies also



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