

# THE FLASH

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## Volleyball

By: Kelsey Albrecht

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The coaches have already decided the teams, and volleyball season has begun! The varsity team consists of April Oster, Steph Lau, Jo Thierer, Kim Clement, Christa Lentz, Kelsey Albrecht, Jessica Ohlmann, Renae Markus, Amy Roehl, Katherine Kazemba, Christine Kazemba, and Heidi Lau (part time). We had our first tournament on Tuesday, September 2. We managed to win two out of three matches. It was a fun experience which helped us to prepare for the conference season. There are six returning varsity players which helps the chemistry of the whole team. Following the tradition of last year, the varsity team has decided to have secret buddies. Each person receives a "secret buddy" from the team. Prof. Lau has specifically told us NOT to tell anyone

who we get. Unfortunately, some of us already "accidentally" know who each other have. Sorry Prof. On a game day we are supposed to "secretly" give our buddy a poem or words of encouragement, food, decorate their locker, pep-me-up saying, etc. It's fun to get little things from somebody. It makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside. I'd like to thank all the fans for their support so far. It really makes us feel good when you all cheer really loud. I become filled with anxious excitement. Thanks! I really appreciate it. Keep it up!



## Fight the Good Fight

By: Katie Oster

"On your marks," the runners line up, ready for what lies ahead. "Get set," the adrenaline rush starts building up, all eyes on the prize. "Go!" The gun is shot, the race has begun. This isn't the beginning of your typical sport. It doesn't begin with a jump ball, face-off, or kickoff. It's the start of the only sport played at our school that is not only a

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team sport but also a very individual sport. You compete not only against other schools, but also against your teammates, and mostly against yourself. If you haven't guessed yet, the sport is cross country. I personally don't know much about running, so I interviewed a couple of members of both the boys' and girls' cross country teams. I have to say my interest for the sport and respect for the runners grew quite a bit. The runners are back and they're better than ever. Some runners came back with a summer full of training while others not so much. But whichever the case, I believe they're all ready for what lies ahead. The roster for this year's guys' varsity includes: Luke Knutson, Sam Rodebaugh, Chris Voit, Ryan Augustin, Randy Oster, and Noah Meyer. The guys' JV team is full of rookies and a couple past runners: Luke Wilke, Nate Rehm, Carl Reim, Michael Bomber, Sam Naumann, Jacob Sydow, Matt Vandever, Caleb Gerbitz, Seth Williams, and Tim Schaser. The coach for the guys is for-

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mer runner David Ude. The girls are pumped up and ready to go with not only David as their coach but also Emily Roehl. Hannah Bernthal, Naomi Bernthal, Liz Barthels, Megan Schierenbeck, and Ali Froelich are all ready to run. If you're like me, you probably wonder what it is that keeps these guys (and gals) going. "I run because it keeps me in shape for basketball and you get a good feeling of success and relief when you finish," commented David Rehm. The benefits of running are numerous, including: enjoyment, a good workout, self-confidence builder, and an opportunity to make new friends. As one (guy) runner would also say, "You also get to run around Eau Claire without your shirt on." Running has its ups and downs. Runners say the best parts include: the feeling of cutting across the finish line and running a victory lap at some volleyball home games. But there is also a lot of aches, pains, cramps, and sometimes vomit that is involved, too. Sometimes it can get pretty messy. "I think the worst part is when the guy

with the gun starts counting down," commented Alison Froelich. The team's goals this year include winning their ninth conference title and beating Regis (for the guys). Also, everyone wants to beat their best individual time, but that is a never-ending goal. I asked if anyone had any tips for people thinking about taking up running and here is what they had to say. "Slow and steady wins the race," replied Chris Voit. "You need to have discipline, dedication, stamina, and above all a great bod," commented Sam Rodebaugh. "Pain is weakness leaving the body," answered David Rehm. "Also, drink lots of water, stretch, and eat bananas or you will get side aches and cramps." "Give it more than one day if you're going to try it and listen to your coaches because they know what they're talking about," commented Alison Froelich. When asked if they did any pre-race rituals many responded with the answer of prayer to the one who gives them the ability to run. Fight the good fight. Finish the race.



## Senior Spotlight: Liz Barthels

By: Christina Hein

I come into Liz's room during study hall. She's sitting on the floor doing homework. She smiles and tells me, "This is going to be fun." She started talking to Hannah; then she tells me to get up and walk away. I laughed, knowing it was a joke. She says, "People tell me I'm good at pretending to be angry." Then I ask my first question.

**Christina Hein: What's your full name?**

Liz Barthels: "Elizabeth Claire Barthels" When I asked if it was with a z, she said, "Yeah. I found out when I was like six that it could be spelled with an s. That's so weird, but I think it'd be cool."

**CH: Where were you born and raised?**

LB: "Well, technically, I was born in Beaver Dam because there are no hospitals in Markesan. I was raised in Markesan until I was three, then moved to Saginaw. It's kind of a gangster place."

**CH: What are some of your favorite memories from ILC?**

LB: "Oh goodness. Let's see. I could probably write a book.



### Liz's Favorite...

**Food at ILC:** Quesadillas

**Prof:** Prof. Buck

**Movie:** Legally Blonde

**Song:** "Rescued" by Jack's Mannequin, or "Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles

**Class:** Art

**Bible passage:** 1 Corinthians 13:8

LB: "Watch out for Bruce. Get to know the people in your class freshman and sophomore year. Don't be afraid to be outgoing or to be yourself. Also, don't be afraid to trust God, 'cause that's hard for people. Oh, and if you don't play basketball, do cheerleading!"

**CH: Where do you see Liz in the next 10 years?**

Hannah Bernthal: "Well, I could see her not living in Wisconsin." (Liz jumps in: "California baby, here I come!") "I can probably see her with 2 kids, married to a guy with a good job. She'll probably have a part-time job, but mostly stay at home with her kids."

**CH: What are some of your favorite memories with Liz?**

Hannah Bernthal: "First of all, just being her roommate. That in and of itself is an answer. And cross country, and soccer, and cheerleading, so pretty much all sports. 4<sup>th</sup> hour study halls when I was brainstorming for cheerleading. I was lying on the floor and randomly asked Liz to stand on my hands. We thought it was a good idea...at the time..."



# How Now, Brown Cow?

By: Hannah Gerbitz

So I was told to write an article about showing cows, since everyone knows that I show them but no one knows exactly what is involved in such a thing. So I am going to tell you about my cow-showing experiences during the summer. My cow is actually a heifer, which is a very small cow, but I am going to say cow to keep it simple. Anyway, her name is Jackie. She is a brown cow and for those of you who know what I'm talking



about, she is a jersey. She has been shown at lots of shows, but still has the potential to go crazy at the worst possible moments. There is a lot of work that goes into showing a cow. The first thing that happens is they need to be halter-broken. This means that you can put a rope around her head and make her follow you without running you into walls or manure pits or twisting your arm out of its socket. Sometimes they will step on your feet, so steel-toed shoes can come in handy. The next thing is to wash the cow. This involves spraying the cow completely down with a hose (and sometimes your sister, depending on your mood and hers). You then take special cow soap called owus and scrub all of the chunks of dirt and other unpleasant things out of her hair. Usually, the cows do not enjoy this, so there is an occasional kick in the face (just ask my older sister). Once they are all scrubbed they need to be rinsed. You also use the hose for this part. Spray all the soap out until the cow is squeaky clean. There will be more on showing cows in the next issue of *The Flash*.

Um...prank calling people and going to Perkins...doing stupid stuff. 4<sup>th</sup> hour study halls. All my adventures with Stephanie Winters."

**CH: If you could have a superpower, what would it be?**

LB: "Either to totally turn invisible, 'cause do you know how awesome that'd be to run around...invisibly? Or teleporting. If I could teleport and bring stuff with me, that'd be awesome."

**CH: How have you changed since freshman year?**

LB: (laughs) "Um, I'm a lot more random, a lot more outgoing about my randomness, I know more, and...freshman year... (laughs)...good times. I guess I'd say I'm more mature, but I don't know. I'm definitely not as quiet as I used to be."

**CH: Plans for next year?**

LB: "I have a few things up my sleeve."

**CH: What'll you take away from your time here?**

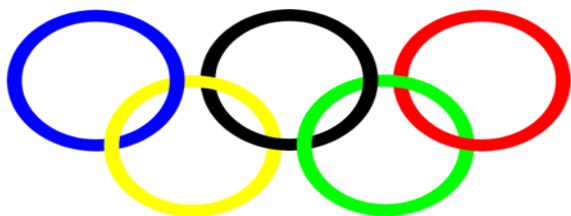
LB: "Friends, definitely. I haven't met friends with a stronger bond than here. A stronger faith. If I didn't come here, I wouldn't be as strong in my faith as I am now."

**CH: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

# Olympic Challenge

By: Prof. J. Lau

As a sports fan, I tuned in to the coverage of the Olympics this summer. I especially enjoyed watching the less “popular” events that one rarely sees televised, even though these events were usually shown in the middle of the night. In addition, this Olympics seemed to be full of great storylines. Although I felt the Michael Phelps story was covered ad nauseam (to the point of stomach illness), it did make for great drama. Also captivating was the U.S. men’s indoor volleyball capturing the gold, rallying behind their coach who had just experienced family tragedy in Beijing. Perhaps most compelling to me, however, was the U.S. women’s gymnastics team striving to overcome inconsistent judging and visibly illegal (underage) Chinese gymnasts. The contrasting styles of Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin demonstrated the elements of power and elegance that set them apart from gymnasts all over the world. Those two were able to accomplish both individual and team goals, and in a period of about a week they achieved Olympic immortality. But at what cost? For all that they achieved, what have Olympic athletes had to give up? I often experience an inner struggle when analyzing young people and athletic achievement. A part of me is in awe of the dedication and hard work necessary to reach world-class status in any endeavor. Another part of me wonders whether these young people wouldn’t be much happier living a “normal” life with “normal” expectations. The countless practices, the pressure, the expectations, the media – is it a worthy tradeoff for the losing of your childhood? I have the image of Nastia in my mind as she was preparing to perform her uneven bar routine. She appeared to have the weight of the world on her graceful shoulders. Her father was a gymnastics medalist. Did she feel she had to live up to that? Would she be a disappointment if she didn’t get gold? Her smile on completion of her routine struck me as one of extreme relief rather than that of joy. Nastia and Shawn are now on a victory tour across the United States, taking a semester off from school. For them, the Olympic experience, no doubt, will open doors to future success and opportunities. What about all the others who didn’t reach that standard? What about all the other young people who competed for countries which put even more pressure on their being successful? I hope it was worth it.



# Senior Spotlight:

## Kim Clement

By: Jenny Squires

**Jenny Squires: What is your full name?**

Kim Clement: Kimberly Ann Clement

**JS: Where were you born and raised?**

KC: I was born in Iron Mountain, MI, and I lived in Daggat, MI, until I was 5. Then I moved to Eau Claire...very exciting.

**JS: What are your plans for next year?**

KC: I think I’m going up to Michigan Tech for biomedical engineering.

**JS: What’s your favorite thing about being a senior?**

KC: Hmm, it’s fun being the oldest.

**JS: What’s your favorite high school memory?**

KC: Probably all of the fourth hour study halls in the dorm junior year. Emphasis on “in the dorm” study halls.

**JS: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

KC: Be careful walking down the hills in winter.

**JS: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?**

KC: I would go everywhere in Europe because it would be cool to see all of the monuments of ancient cultures and stuff.

**JS: If you had to lose one of your senses, which would it be and why?**

KC: Probably my sense of touch because I don’t want to lose my sense of smell because then you lose your taste and that would be bad. If you lose your sense of



touch you can't feel pain if you get cut.

**JS: Would you rather be a dormie, or do you enjoy being a townie?**

KC: I think it would be fun to be around people all the time and have dorm memories. But it's nice being a townie because when you want to eat, you eat. When you want to sleep, you sleep. And when you want to leave,

you leave.

**JS: Finally, if you had to be a Disney princess, which would you be and why?**

KC: I would be Jasmine because it would be awesome to have a man who had a flying carpet and a magic genie. And it would be really cool to be the princess of the country. Except I wish she wore more clothes.

**Kim's Favorite...**

**Class:** German I, because Prof. Reim is awesome

**Food:** Chocolate

**Singer:** Michelle Branch

**TV Show:** One Tree Hill

# Senior Spotlight: Tom

## Naumann

By: Sam Rodebaugh

When I received Tom Naumann's senior spotlight article I thought to myself, "This is kind of like last year when I wrote Joe Naumann's senior spotlight." But I had one small problem.. Just who was this Tom Naumann? I asked around to see if anyone knew anything about him. I asked various people around campus if they could help me out. I got answers such as, "Joe's younger brother", and "Sam's older but much less large brother," and even, "He's that one kid." These answers did not really help. So I decided to go straight to the source. I found him and talked to him myself.

**SR: Hello, Tom, I'm Sam Rodebaugh. You are Tom Naumann, right?**

TN: "That I am."

**SR: Just what do you like to do?**

TN: "Play sports, watch movies, play in my band, and other things."

**SR: Oh, you have a band. Tell me about it.**

TN: "We've been jamming quite a bit lately. We have a few songs down already. We're going by the name Vacuit for right now. We're going to try to have a concert by Christmas."

**SR: Who's in the band?**

TN: "I play the drums, Andy Sydow: guitar, Andrew Roehl: guitar, Josh Baker: bass, and Chris Voit: vocals."

**SR: Oh, I see. That's pretty cool. What are you planning to do after high school?**

TN: "I think I'm heading for Pre-The these days."

*(I think I'm beginning to like this guy.)*

**SR: Cool. Maybe you'll be my pastor one day. Do you have any hidden talents you would like to share with people?**

TN: "I have a couple. A. I can eat more pancakes than anyone else on earth. B. I swam across Devil's Lake once. C. I enjoy long walks on the beach and singing in the rain."

**SR: Those are some pretty impressive talents. The third item sounds like you're just trying to impress a girl, though. Is there anything else people should know about you?**

TN: "The smartest thing I ever said was 'Just because you know the difference doesn't mean it makes a difference. (This comment was made concerning right and wrong.)"

*(At this moment I thought to myself, "Wow, I've never known anyone so philosophical. He's not so bad after all.)*

"When I have children, I'm going to name them the following respectively: Rocky, Conan, Owani Tatenka Ob Watchi (Dances with Wolves), Jeremiah, Justus, Beowulf, Godfrey, Jezebel, and Archibald."

*(It was then that he broke in with this comment.)*

"If I could be any alien, I would be Klingon. They are so manly, and they are three times as strong as men. They fight all of the time and drink blood wine.

*(At this remark there was deafening silence.)*

**SR: OK, I think I had better wrap this up now. I'll ask some favorites and then be done.**



Song: "This is Not the End" by The Bravery

Band: The Bravery

Book: None

Movie: Rocky

Favorite Class: Study hall

## Interview with Yan Yi He

By: Carl Reim

CR: Where in China do you live?

YH: Zhengzhou

CR: Is that near Beijing?

YH: No

CR: Do you know Jing Jing?

YH: Not until I came here

CR: What do you like most about America?

YH: The people are all friendly to me, and I feel warm. People play many instruments. And there are many interesting movies.

CR: What is your favorite movie?

YH: Cartoons

CR: Why did you decide to come to our school?

YH: Jing Jing's uncle referred this school to me

CR: What is your favorite American food?

YH: French fries, ice cream, chocolate milk, chicken, and many fruits

CR: Do you play sports?

YH: I like basketball, and running with Naomi

CR: Did you watch the Olympics?

YH: Yes

CR: Who was your favorite American athlete?

YH: Naomi, Michael Phelps

CR: Who was your favorite Chinese athlete?

YH: Yao Ming

CR: What is your favorite color?

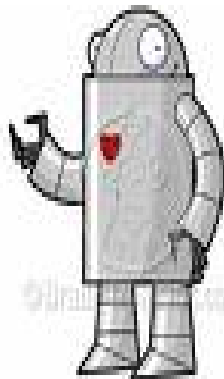
YH: Blue, green, and white.

CR: What is your favorite animal?

YH: Dolphins

CR: What is your favorite Chinese food?

YH: Dumplings, Chinese noodles



Well, I know Tom somewhat better now. Who knows, you may even see him around campus sometime. If you do, take some time to talk to him. You may even take a liking to him. Only time will tell.

## A Different Kind of Sport

By: Samantha Sterner

When you hear the word "robotics," what do you think of? Do you think of people with pocket protectors, geeky glasses, suspenders, and out-of-date clothing working with and obsessing over mechanics and advanced math to build a robot? Do you think of smart people who have nothing else to do with their time? Do you think of people who are "socially rejected"? If these are some of the thoughts that have come into your mind, you are not alone. Those were the same thoughts I had about two years ago. I had heard that our school was starting a robotics team and they were looking for people who were interested in joining the team. So someone asked me if I was interested and immediately I thought: "Why would I want to do that? Build robots? Isn't that for like smart nerdy people?" So I told them no. A couple days later I found out that one of my friends had signed me and some of my other friends up to be on the robotics team. After talking with my friends and one of the profs, I found out that there was more to robotics than just building a robot. There was a whole other side to robotics. It was called Public Relations (PR). At first, I had no idea what that was either, but then I was informed that it would involve designing T-shirts, picking out a hotel, and working with Alana Ahrens. I decided to give it a try. As the weeks went on I began to really understand what robotics was really about. To my surprise, you didn't have to be smart or a "nerd" to be in robotics. There were mentors working closely with the students, teaching them how to build and program a robot. Or in my case, there were mentors teaching us how to work with other people to get things done, talk to companies about donations, and of course design the T-shirts and tradeables. A few weeks before the competition, it was crunch time and there was still a lot to get done. I was having thoughts of regret for agreeing to be on robotics. "Robotics is taking over my life," I thought. I wanted out and I wanted out as soon as possible. But, after thinking back about all the memories and fun stuff we had done so far, I stayed on the team. I had definitely made the right choice, but I didn't know that yet. So, after a four-hour long drive of singing and laughing, we

finally made it to Milwaukee. I walked into the arena that day expecting to see hundreds of nerds walking around, but what I saw was something totally different. I saw average every day people (boys AND girls) laughing, smiling, and having a good time. People would just walk up to you and start talking to you about robotics or just something completely random. People avoided treating you like losers. If you needed a part or a tool, one or two people from several different teams would come running to your pit area with what you needed. But that wasn't even the beginning. When the actual competition started, that's when everything came to life. There were teams dressed in crazy costumes, jumping and cheering in the stands. There was team spirit everywhere. It was a sport! Then there was the music blaring and the MC getting everyone pumped up. The MC was like cheerleaders at a basketball game except he led us in the Chicken Dance, the YMCA, the Macerana, and the

Cha-Cha Slide instead of "If you're a Lancer fan..." or "Hey Lancers, what's your number..." Outside of the competition was just as memorable. There was the hotel where so many memories and friends were made. Robotics, to me, was now people just having a good time. We were learning so many things, but we were having such a good time, we didn't even realize that we were actually learning important and educational things. We learned things like building a robot (of course), leadership skills, self-confidence, and communication skills. We learned how to respect others. I remember sitting there with my friends, talking about how glad we were to be done with all of the hard work and then we realized that all of those late nights and early mornings of hard work were all worth it in the end. All the hard work was worth it just to come to the competition for a few days. So now, when I think of robotics, I don't think of nerds; I think of you, and me, and a

bunch of other people, having a good time while learning things that are beneficial for everyday life and for our future. Robotics has helped me develop my communication and leadership skills and has taught me some very valuable lessons. It has also given me some very unforgettable memories that I will remember for the rest of my life; and I hope that those of you who do decide to give robotics a try, that you benefit from this experience as much as (or even more than) I did.

## Senior Spotlight: Luke Wilke

By: Megan Schierenbeck

**Megan Schierenbeck: What is your full name?**

Luke Wilke: "Wilke."

**MS: What made you choose ILC for high school?**

LW: "My parents went here, and they told me I was going to ILC, and I was like, OK."

**MS: You're notorious for falling asleep in class. How many times per class are you woken up on average?**

LW: "Depends on the prof. Average profs just don't care anymore. Prof. Ude... Well, with other profs it's probably 5-6 times a class."

**MS: During what class do you fall asleep the most?**

LW: "I'd say history class, both Lau's and Kranz's. Also religion class."

**MS: What's your favorite high school memory?**

LW: "That's a tough one. This one time sophomore year right before Halloween, me and a bunch of the sophomore guys went to ShopKo and we got a shopping cart and ran through the aisles and filled the cart with the candy that was on sale, pop, Muffin

## Puedes Leslo?

By: Jo Thierer

Quién es un profesor con una sonrisa en su cara todos los días? Quién es el nuevo maestro de la clase de español uno? Quién le encanta cantar? Sabes? Isí, es el Señor Reim! Èl es un maestro muy divertido. Èl enseña las clases de musica y español uno. Su esposa es la maestra de arte. La clase de arte es muy divertido y ineresante. Todos años nosotros tenermos una bonita concierto de coro gracias a Profesor Reim!



Tops, and a bunch of junk like that. We also bought random weapons, like scythes and pitchforks and had a massive war on campus.”

**MS: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

LW: “That’s what she said.”

**MS: What are your plans for next year?**

LW: “Well, college of some sort. Either here at ILC or, if I can get residency, UW-EC.”

**MS: How do you pass the time on weekends?**

LW: “Just hanging out with friends. Beating Kranz to a pulp. Trying to have fun and make memories.”

**MS: How have you changed since freshmen year?**

LW: “I’m a lot more outgoing and confident. Also I’m here now. I enjoy talking to a lot of different people.”

## Beat the Rabid

By: Jenny Squires

September 25<sup>th</sup>. Ring any bells? What if I informed you that September 25<sup>th</sup> was a Thursday? If you still haven’t figured it out, September 25<sup>th</sup> (which is quickly approaching us) is the day that the new season (5) of The Office premieres. I, being a huge Office fan, can hardly wait as I’m sure others share in my anticipation. So, as I was thinking about this and wondering what could possibly be in store for the Scranton crew this year I couldn’t help but reflect back on last year’s premiere. The “Fun Run” episode in which Dwight tried to capture a loose bat and in so doing trapped it over Meredith’s head. So of course when



Meredith was bitten by the bat there was the possibility that she had contracted rabies. While Meredith was in the hospital, office manager, Michael Scott, organized a “fun run” to raise aware-

### Luke’s Favorite...

**ILC Meal:** So many delicious choices...quesadillas

**Movie:** *The Dark Knight*

**Song:** “Remember the Name” by Fort Minor

**Class:** Sophomore P.E.

**Restaurant:** China Buffet

ness for rabies. While I was thinking about this hilarious episode, I thought of one person in particular who probably could relate to this episode better than the rest of us. This person of course being none other than Melanie Hallstein, and I asked her a few questions about her rabid experience.

Jenny: “So tell me Melanie, just what exactly happened with your bat run in this summer?”

Melanie: “Okay. I was watching movies with my friends, we were having a sleep over, and there was a bat perched on the end of my bed. My friend told me the bat was there and before I could see it, it was on my shoulder. “

J: “Oh gross! Did you feel it bite you?”

M: “Um, no because they have really small teeth and it was flapping its wings and then it just flew away so I didn’t even notice it bit me. Then my friends and I came up with strategies to catch it.”

J: “What kind of strategies?”

M: “We tried turning off all of the lights so that it would think we didn’t care about it and it would just leave. Then we thought of using a blanket to throw at it to weigh it down and trap it.”

J: “How did you finally get it out of your house?”

M: “Well, it was in our living room and it was just circling the ceiling. There were four girls and it was really funny because we each had our own blanket and we kept throwing them at the bat trying to capture it. It looked kind of like a game of whack a mole. So eventually one of us got it

and we wrapped it in the blanket and let it go outside.”

J: “Were you worried about the possibility of rabies?”

M: “I didn’t even think about it. The next morning I woke up and realized I had a blister on my shoulder and I didn’t notice until then that it had bitten me.”

J: “What happened when you went to the doctor?”

M: “They told me that they couldn’t know for sure whether or not I had rabies but that they were going to give me the shots just as a precaution.”

J: “After that were you worried that you did have rabies?”

M: “I was so freaked out, even if you get the shot it doesn’t mean that it cures you. They told me the only sure way to know if the bat was rabid was if I would have killed it and brought it in. I thought that was too cruel to animals to do that.”

J: “Did you ever think that you were going to start exhibiting signs of rabies like foaming at the mouth?”

M: “I think I did get pretty paranoid. I totally thought that I was going to foam at the mouth and become some kind of freak or even worse, die.”

J: “I see that you just got back from yet another rabies shot. How many total shots do you need to get?”

M: “Well, this was my last one and I had to get a total of five and they had to be spaced out in increments.”

J: “So since you are rabies free, what have you learned from this whole experience?”

M: “Well, it was definitely something I will always remember and I will never mess around with trying to trap a bat again.

I’ll just hide under a blanket or something.”



#### A few facts about Rabies:

~There have only been 39 cases diagnosed in the U.S. since 1990.

~Between 16,000 and 39,000 people are treated each year for possible exposure to rabies after animal bites.

~Rabies is far more common in other parts of the world, and anywhere from 40,000-70,000 deaths each year are due to rabies.

## Editorial

By: Megan Schierenbeck

For the past twelve years, the end of summer has meant only one thing: the start of school. When I was younger I looked forward to this time. As foreign as this emotion is to me now, I remember being filled with excitement when I received the school supply list in the mail. Whatever happened to those days, when school meant not days of drudgery but a chance to play with your friends? When school shopping entailed not just grabbing a 24 pack of mechanical pencils off the shelf, but spending half an hour choosing which Lisa Frank notebooks to get? When we got not only

a lunch break but recess as well? Those times, sadly, are gone. And on that note, it’s time to begin another school year. Welcome back to the days of drudgery.



# Meet the Freshmen

## Nathan Albrecht

Nathan is an avid sports fan. He loves the Packers and Twins and has an entire wall in his room covered with autographed pictures. He likes fishing and hunting. He used to like tying things up -- when he was little he would tie the "action figures" he had to his bedpost. All you could see was the head and arms sticking out. He used to be a pack rat and would tie everything he could find to his wagon that he pulled around the yard.

## Wesley Franson

Wesley Franson, also known affectionately to his family as "Baby Wesley," "Farmer Wesley," "Wesman" and various other nicknames that he probably wouldn't appreciate me mentioning. When Wes was in first grade he decided that he would send a little note to his friend in 2nd grade (on the other side of the room divider) The only method of delivering the note that he could come up with was to fly it to him via paper airplane. Unfortunately, his teacher was teaching on the other side of the divider and the paper airplane landed right in front of her. Because he had signed his name to the note there was little he could do to defend himself. Wes likes the Packers, watching ESPN, playing video games with his friends, playing basketball and football and hanging out with his big brother Zach.

## Michael Bomber

Who is MICHAEL BOMBER? Give him pizza and ice cream -I mean a whole pizza and a half gallon of ice cream and he will be happy, at least for an hour or so

then he is hungry again. Eating is his favorite pastime now and probably will be (Lord willing) for the next couple of years. He is just a normal freshman who loves school and homework as much as the next student. In fact, the best part of class time for him is fitting so comfortably into the desks and on the stools. He is as serious as they come, so don't expect any fun and games from him. He enjoys all sports, basketball is his favorite and just for the record, he will not leave his flag football team for the NFL, at least until after the flag football season.

## Mary Bruckbauer

Mary was born and raised here in Golden Valley, MN...she attended public school through the second grade, at which point we moved her to attend Berea Lutheran Christian Day School in Inver Grove Heights. She finished at Berea Christian Day School last spring, and was confirmed by Pastor David Schierenbeck. Mary is the youngest of two children, her older brother Bill is enrolled in the college at Immanuel. Mary has always been very athletic, and interested in sports and music. At home she took both piano and guitar lessons, while spending time with her family at the lake fishing and swimming, and hanging out with her friends in our neighborhood. Mary is a huge help at home, making sure everything is done and taken care of...while mom is at work. Mary is great with organizing our family events, creating special memories, and baking all the sweet treats for our family!! Mary loves to bake, and is always sure to have something good to eat for dessert!!

Mary also loves to play games like cribbage, Bible trivia, Apples to Apples, and anything else that is set up for family fun. She also works odd jobs around the neighborhood, mowing the neighbors' grass.

## Emily Baker

Emily Baker was born in Jamestown, North Dakota. She has lived in Michigan and Wisconsin and is now from North Dakota, again living in Mandan. Emily has 1 older brother, Josh (also at ILC) and 3 younger brothers, Griffen, Kegan, and Colin at home. Emily has enjoyed dance for the past 10 years and has played volleyball for the past 3 years or so. She also plays the flute and enjoys reading.

## Matt Fiechtner

Matt was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Along with his parents, he has a younger brother named Adam and a dog named Biskut. His hobbies include camping, four-wheeling, hunting (elk, antelope and pheasant), fishing, reading, and spending time with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. His favorite sports are soccer (to play) and football (to watch). He also likes to watch HGTV. His favorite games are monopoly, risk, and cribbage. Matt can be a little shy when meeting new people, but once you get to know him he is a real friendly guy.



# 2008 Immanuel Football

By: Don Skinner

Forty-nine players, led by eight-year player Eric Nelson, signed up to be placed on four teams to play football. Seventeen players of the forty-nine will be rookies. One will become Rookie of the Year. Nick Marzofka will captain the Razors. Jason Thom will captain the Hawks. Tom Albrecht will captain the Sharks, and Eric Nelson will

captain the Bears. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays through to the championship game on October 20th, followed by the champions versus the All-Stars on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Season awards will be presented following the Champions/All-Stars game. Pick a team and come down and cheer for your favorite team. Immanuel foot-

ball is supervised by Brett Bailey, Tom Skinner, and Don Skinner.



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