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## The Great Book Bag Experiment

By: Kelsey Albrecht

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When I was asked to write this article, we were experimenting. At this moment the experiment is over. I will still convey my opinions about not being able to bring your backpacks into the classroom. Imagine this: the bell rings and first hour begins. The teacher begins to ramble about something that isn't interesting to you. All of a sudden the teacher says a word that you don't understand. You look down to the right and left of your desk and remember that you can't and don't have your backpack. You desperately need it to grab your dictionary so you can understand that one word that you heard him say.

This is an example of something horrible that can happen when we are unable to bring our backpacks to class. I think that this new academic building is great, and it's ginormous compared to Reim Hall. We have plenty of room in the aisles to place our backpacks. Enough room, even, for the profs to wander aimlessly around the aisles (which profs claim they do but really don't). I carry many things in my backpack that I would like to have the option of using during class. Girls can't ask to borrow chap stick for chapped lips and lotion for dry hands because their

backpack isn't able to be reached at a need's notice. You aren't going to carry all of these things to each class. That would be a pain. Carrying books and stuff in your arms is dangerous, and you could drop them all over the ground, creating a ruckus. For all of these reasons, I think that we should be allowed to bring our backpacks to class. Thank you, profs, for realizing this and letting us do what is best for all people. The school will be a better place now that we can carry our backpacks and use them in class.



## We Want Your Blood

By: Liz Barthels

Want to have a hand in saving lives? Give blood. On March 28, 2009, Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in Immanuel's gym. So, if you're sixteen or over talk to Hannah Bernthal, Liz Barthels, or Mrs. Gullerud and

sign up to donate. Or feel free to just stop by between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM! Don't forget to bring your ID and a consent form signed by your parents if you're under eighteen. If you are too young to donate or are scared of

needles but still want to help, sign up to volunteer to help out. You can greet donors as they come in, hold their hand as they give blood, or work in the canteen giving donors food after they have donated.

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# Tour Choir 2009

By: Christina Hein and Mikel Marzofka

Well, just a few more days left. . . then we can all go home for a well-needed week of spring break! But for ILC's tour choir, this week-long break is what this whole year has come down to. With about thirteen songs and ten destinations, this spring break week will be filled with long bus rides, sightseeing, and, of course, singing and music. We begin our week with two concerts on Sat-

urday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, in the cities of Stambough and Marquette, Michigan. From there, we travel to Saginaw, MI; Dowagiac, MI; Batavia, IL; Manchester, MO; Middleton, WI; Hales Corners, WI; Fond du Lac, WI, with our final concert in Marke-san, WI. So, with our final rehearsals, we get ready to sing God's praises all over the Great Lakes

area. Send a thought and a prayer our way as we go and spread God's wonderful Word throughout the Midwest.



# Spring's Sweet Scent

By: Christina Hein and Rachel Mackensen

Finally, after days of off-and-on sun and snow, we are seeing some greenish-brown grass. Yes, it's almost time for spring! Although it's still a little chilly, we can certainly expect some warmer temps soon. With the arrival of spring comes some of our favorite things, like BIRDS! We can't tell you how much we've missed their lovely music. Along with spring also comes that sweet fresh air, like the smell of a good rain, which is one of the best smells ever. For all you sporty people, get ready for baseball and soft-ball! And for people who don't play spring sports, come check out a couple of games. So, it may snow a few more times before it's actually springy out, but thankfully, the long winter is basically over! And, of course, with the arrival of spring comes spring break! Have a great one!

# K-Dizzle: The Story of Matthew Kranz

By: Lauren Franson

His friends like to describe him as Asian, short, and speedalicious. Really, there is so much more to Matthew Kranz. He was born in Seoul, South Korea. From there he hopped on a plane over to the U.S. when he was adopted. He first lived in Valentine, NE, but spent most of his younger childhood in Phoenix, AZ. His family hopped in a car and drove up to the snowy town of Fond du Lac, WI. "That is where I met Tom Naumann. This changed my life forever." said Kranz. He then went to Eau Claire where he currently resides. This is where he first met many of his current classmates-"All of whom are kind and caring, except for Lauren," says Kranz.

**LF: What was one of your favorite things to do as a child?**

MK: Play make believe with my neighbor Tom (Naumann).

**LF: What are some of your favorite high school memories?**

MK: The interrogation of Ross freshmen year, Halo party sophomore year, Dillard

and dorm times

**LF: How do you like your senior award of "Stickiest Fingers?"**

MK: I like it a lot. My dad doesn't.

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

MK: Do my basics at ILC, then move on to bigger and better things.

**LF: How do you like having the coolest prof ever as your own father?**

MK: Well...it's pretty cool sometimes. Sometimes the difference between our two intellects is so staggering it hurts.



## Matthew's Favorites

**Sport:** Basketball

**Game:** Chess

**Restaurant:** Polaris

**Movie:** 12 Angry Men

**TV Show:** "Lost"



## What is Love, Anyway?

By: Anonymous

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So what is love anyway? How do you know it is for real? Is this the person you want to spend the rest of your life with? These are the questions that everyone asks at some point in their lives. So the real question is, "Does anyone really have an answer?" No, I don't have the answer. I will probably just confuse you even more. Maybe I will be able to explain my perspective of it, though. I am not talking about the love you feel for your family, friends, pets. I am talking about the love that makes you want to be with someone your whole life, unconditionally and irrevocably. The blessed union that God created for us to enjoy between one man and one woman. People get married every day so doesn't somebody know? Then again one out of two couples in the U.S. will get divorced. How do you know that this will last? If you feel like fainting when you are near them? If their smile makes your heart melt? If you treasure every kiss, every time your hands touch, every moment together? The answer is "maybe." That is all I got because love isn't based on physical feelings, though that comes with true love. True love as I see it comes when a man and a woman love being with each other and are willing to see, but look past, each other's faults. Its when you know that he or she isn't

*"True love...comes when a man and a woman are willing to see but look past each other's faults."*

perfect, but you know that you will always love them anyway. This sort of sureness and bonding doesn't happen over night. You really have to know the person and their true character. So, no, don't look for a Romeo and Juliet kind of love. That is not love; that is infatuation. Infatuation is when you feel physically bonded to a person, but have no idea who they truly are. You might think you know them, but do you really? Do you know how their mind works? Romeo and Juliet just went by glib words like: "From the moment I met you, I just knew." Real love would be, "I know you are proud, a little selfish, and bit of a dork, but I still love you, and I don't want to be with anyone else but you." God told us in His word that love is patient, kind, and selfless. I think that this is one of the best definitions that we will ever be able to understand with our simple human minds. Our minds cannot comprehend the amazing bond that comes with finding the one that God has blessed a union between. We will never fully understand why we picked Bob or Jill, though we will feel it This feeling that God created is something that we have to leave in God's hands. Just follow this simple guideline, be patient with your boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse, don't let who needs to do the dishes or who was supposed to be there get in the way of your relationship. We are all sinful and must learn to put up with it. Be kind, treat your special one with as much love as you hold in your heart. Never make them feel small so you feel better be-

cause coming from you will make them feel smaller than anyone. The most important in my eyes is don't be selfish. Keep the other's heart and mind or you could very well lose it. Put each other first when no one else will, because that is one of the greatest feelings knowing that your loved one will always be there for you through thick and thin. Have you noticed that is sounds like the marriage vows? It should because when we get married we are bonding with the person and promising to love them forever. So when you do find the right guy or the perfect girl all I ask is that you look past the looks, the charm, and the way others see them. In the end all that matters in a relationship is how you feel about them. Most importantly look to God. He is the One Who knows us all more than we do ourselves. He knows and has planned out each of our futures. He will keep you on His mind even when you don't think anyone else will. The Lord loves us more than any other husband or wife ever could and He alone will be with us and has been with us through every waking moment of our lives. If He wills it, He alone will show you Mr. or Mrs. Right.



## Plans for Lower Campus

By: Prof. J. Lau

Possible Ways to make use of the cleared land on lower campus

1. Plant fruit trees of all varieties, especially apple, and use the produce in our school meals. Detainees could prune and pick them.
2. Place plastic deer and other forest creatures in random locations and move them periodically.
3. Begin a Christmas tree farm and use the proceeds to pay off the Academic Center and to build a bigger gym.

4. Construct a huge mini-golf course, with holes so far apart that a golf cart is required. Putters and colored balls could be rented from the canteen.
5. Design and construct the long-awaited Frisbee golf course.
6. With creative film editing, produce a "Bigfoot" sighting on campus and release it to the national media. Enhance the hysteria with man-made Sasquatch footprints.
7. Construct a 3-tier outfield grandstand

for our JV baseball crowds.

8. Raspberries. I love raspberries.
9. Build a smokehouse to cook pigs and offer Southern-style barbeque at least once a week in school lunches, mainly on Wednesday.
10. Transplant some giant redwoods and watch the tourists come.
11. Hire Tim Schierenbeck to construct some cabins along the creek and open up a quaint bed-n-breakfast.
12. Feel free to share ideas of your own to the *Flash* staff.

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# Senior Spotlight: Kathryn Barthels

By: Joanna Thierer

Jo: So KB, what is your full name?

KB: Kathryn Anita Barthels

Jo: Who is your role model besides Jesus?

KB: Never really had one because everyone makes mistakes and I'd rather grow up and be my own person.

Jo: What is your favorite thing about this school?

KB: The Christian atmosphere; everyone around you supports what you believe.

Jo: In the past 2 years, give me a guestimation of about how many Mt. Dews you have had?

KB: Oh, hard, hard question; I would say... does this include summer?

Jo: Yes

KB: My rough estimate would be 2,112 (cans and 2 liters)

Jo: If you could have any super power what would it be and why?

KB: Invisibility because I could scare Liz even more than I do now.

Jo: What are some of your fondest memories here?

KB: Rooming with you, mega buddies, people's looks when I can't stop laughing, Perkins, hanging with friends in general.



Jo: Some say that you have the funniest laugh. What do you think of it?

KB: I like my laugh because it is unique, but after a while I get annoyed by me. But I do like how everyone can recognize me by it.

Jo: What will you be doing next year?

KB: I will be going to the University of Mankato, I will be studying to get my major/minor in marketing and international business, and living with my sisters in an apartment.

Jo: If you had one store to spend one million dollars at, where would it be

and why?

KB: I vote Wal-mart because I can get caffeine, chocolate, movies, caffeine, chips, clothes, and more caffeine.

Jo: Any wise words for the next generations to come?

KB: Get involved in things, but don't get to involved to the point where you can't breathe.

### Katie's Favorites

**Food:** My mom's chicken enchiladas

**Clothing:** Cheerios sweatshirt

**Color:** Dark green

**Band:** Yellow Card

**Song:** Happy Go Lucky

**Roommate:** Me myself and I (but really Jo ; ) )

**Class:** Art all the way

**Prof:** Buck

## What is Love, Anyway?

By: Jacob Sydow

When you think of love, what do you imagine? This question can stir up many different answers, depending on whom you ask. To a lot of people, their view of love may be a bouquet of red roses, a box of candies, a big fat stone mounted on an ornate circle of precious metal, or possibly even a singing telegram sent to you by the dude living next door to you in room 303. But when you really think about it, love goes much deeper than earthly symbols, sweet morsels of chocolate, or pleasant songs about

carrying. No, true love is rooted deep within a person's heart. Love is when a person has such a strong caring for another person, that they no longer think only of what is best for me, but rather, what is best for us. In Romeo and Juliet, the perception of love is based on earthly looks and beauty. This is not a good kind of love. For as a person ages, they will lose their looks and earthly beauty. However, if love is based on character, personality, and spirit, a person does not lose these things, and they will

have a healthy relationship. The greatest example of love is when God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us and take our sins away. Now that Jesus took our sins to the cross with Him, and they were crucified there with Him, God looks at us only in the robes of Jesus's righteousness. What a wonderful God we have who has shown to us sinners, whose "righteous" acts are like dirty rags, such great love and compassion!



In the darkest corners of downtown Eau Claire lies one of the most boring, lame, and rundown places. However, this article is about the happening place of Infinitea. Now, I realize that many do not think that they enjoy the delightful aroma, taste, and/or healing powers of tea. However, with about 155 different varieties, there is sure to be a tea that parades on your pallet, or that tickles your taste buds, that I know will turn your backwards thinking around. But wait, there's more! Not

only is there a delightful cornucopia of flavor, but the enjoyable surroundings of a quiet tea-house. Just come in, sit down, and let the wide variety of live bands play for you a little ditty. Play delightful games, enjoy their wide variety of art, quite possibly with a scone in your hand. Now, doesn't that sound great? Correct answer to that question is: absolutely yes! So keep the coffee in the can, set soda aside, water will be there

tomorrow, grab your fanciest china and join me for a hot cup of tea. And now I will leave you with a celebrity testimonial of one Buzz Lightyear: "To Infinitea and Beyond."

To truly enjoy Infinitea, visit it at 112 Grand Ave.



### Hungry? Why Wait!

By: Jo Thierer

So, some of you may not be satisfied with our delicious daily rations of food here at ILC. Maybe your tummy's a little bigger and you need a little something else. Or it could be that you do not like red sauce like me! Well, I'm here to say: It's okay, there are options, even if you don't have a car or transportation to a restaurant. I'm here to tell you about all the things you can make in your dorm room with just a few necessities. As you know, we are given a microwave, refrigerator, and hot pots in the dorm and you can make use of them. Here are some of the things that have been made: spaghetti, pizza (takes a long time), no bake cookies, Jell-O, Easy Mac, mac

*"I'm here to say there are options, even if you don't have a car."*

and cheese, any kind of noodle or soup, chicken, pancakes, juice, quesadillas, Rice Krispies, nachos, caramel apple treat (will explain later!), iced coffee, grilled cheese (it can be done), cheesecake, and many more! If you need the recipe for any of these or directions on how to make them just ask me! I will tell you how to make delicious caramel apple treat. You buy ice cream, go apple picking or get apples from Lau, cut them in small, bite-size pieces, and put on top of vanilla ice cream. Then take some heated caramel bought at any local grocery store and drizzle (or how I like it: globbed) on top and voila!



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## Interview with New Student

By: Jenny Squires

**Q: What is your full name?** that's just about it.

A: Melissa Sue Otte

**Q: Where are you from?**

A: Sun Prairie, WI

**Q: Why did you decide to come here?**

A: Well, because I didn't like my high school. I heard about ILC online and when I visited, it seemed like a nice school.

**Q: What are some of your hobbies?**

A: Sleeping, gymnastics, sleeping some more and

**Q: Do you have any siblings?**

A: Yes, I have an older brother and sister.

**Q: What are your first impressions of Immanuel?**

A: It's itty bitty and everyone seems really nice.

**Q: So how do you feel about living in the dorm?**

A: It's very close.

**Q: Meaning?**

A: Everyone knows everything.

**Q: I can't help but notice that you aren't wearing an Immanuel letter jacket around this campus. Not only that, but your jacket is quite decorated. What are your medals for?**

A: Gymnastics

**Q: What's your favorite gymnastics move?**

A: Uneven bars

**Q: Do you have any hidden talents?**

A: I speak French

**Q: What do you do for fun**

**at home?**

A: Party with friends

**Q: What are your three favorite movies?**

A: *Pirates 1, 2, and 3*

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

A: Yes, 8 cats and 2 horses

**Q: Favorite ice cream flavor?**

A: Superman

**Q: Anything else that we should know about you?**

A: I was on a bowling league for two years.

## Editorial

By: Megan Schierenbeck

As some of you may be aware, we have recently moved classes from Reim Hall to the exciting new Academic Center. Now, there are many things to discover about this new building, but I believe that I have already unearthed the most dramatic change from the old ways. As I announced to my fourth hour study hall the first day after the move: you have got to check out the new hand dryers. After three years of using paper towels with a cardboard-like texture, imagine my surprise to find electric hand dryers installed in the new bathrooms. Not only that, but these are no ordinary hand dryers. These wondrous machines release a jet of air so powerful that you're almost surprised to see that the skin is still on your hand after using them. I imagine that the feeling is something akin to taking off in a rocket ship with your hands exposed. I spent my first few days of classes in the Academic Center smiling to myself whenever I heard these hand dryers being used, knowing that someone was getting the most thoroughly dried hands they'd ever felt. Yes, these dryers can be heard throughout the building in a joyful chorus of humming. (Of course,

perhaps this is due to the fact that the new bathrooms have no doors, but that's another story.) There's been a lot of positive buzz about these new hand dryers, and I think it may be the best investment the school has ever made. In case you know of anyone who does not wash their hands after using the bathroom, introduce them to these hand dryers. The wash is worth it just to watch your bones pop out as the skin of your palms is blasted away. I am planning to get similar machines installed in my own bathroom, because now that I know just how dry my hands can get there's no going back. Never again will I stand at a paper towel dispenser, yanking out towel after towel only to leave with still-moist hands. No more will I have to resort to wiping my hands on my jeans after washing them.

The fluffiest hand towels in the world could not dissuade my loyalty from the best invention I have seen in many years.



## The "Academic Center?"

By: Bryan Kottke

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As many of you may have noticed, we have a new Academic Center. But, do we really want to call it The Academic Center forever? We know it's an academic center, so was Reim Hall, but wouldn't it be nice to give it a name? That's why we asked our readers, "What would you call the Academic Center?"

Hannah Tiefel- I think we should just keep it Reim Hall.

Hannah Bernthal- Creim Hall. *Cottage and Reim squished together.*

Allison Froilick- Just AC, or The Casino, because it sounds cool

Brianna Lilo- White House

Christina- I don't really care, it doesn't really matter to me.

Ella Bohde- The Big White Thing. *No explanation needed.*

Gloria Seig- Creim

Melissa Schierenbeck- Schierenbeck Hall

Bryan Kottke- East Hall

Anonymous- Luther Hall, as in Martin Luther.

Dillard- Sydow Hall or Schierenbeck Hall

*Do you have a better idea? Submit possible names to The Flash!*

## Senior Spotlight: Joanna Thierer

By: Megan Schierenbeck and Jenny Squires

**Q: We have heard you called by many different names-Jo, Joey, Joanna, an occasional Joanne. What is your real full name?**

A: Joanna Faith Thierer

**Q: What is your hometown and what's the best thing about it?**

A: Mad-Town. What's the best thing about it? It's mad....and crazy. I like it because I live there.

**Q: We've heard that there is one thing that no matter who someone is, they are not allowed to do to you. What is it and how did it originate?**

A: Touch my face, you die. I think it probably originated from when I had red ants eating my face, because my dad forgot to clean my stinkin' face off. It's not a funny story. It's sad. My mom came in and a leg of my crib had been eaten, I had yogurt all over my face and I was crying because red ants were eating it.

**Q: What is your favorite animal and why?**

A: Squirrel. Why? I guess because they're crazy, sporadic, free-spirited animals and they are just like me. And

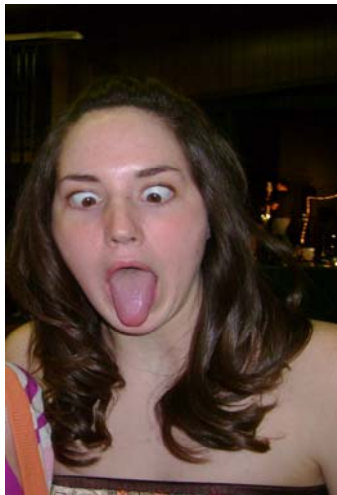
I would love to be one.

**Q: Your mother, Julie Thierer, is no stranger to this campus and is said to be a bit eccentric. Do you think you resemble her? Why or why not?**

A: (wide eyes and shaking her head no) Looks or personality? Looks, NO; personality...yeah, she handed me a couple traits. Do I try to use those? No. But I guess I'm kind of like this crazy goon who gave birth to me. It's only a matter of time until I fully become like her. I'm bad with names, but not as bad as her yet.

**Q: You have been to home school, public school, private school, and boarding school. Which is your favorite and why?**

A: I like each one for different reasons. I like boarding school because I get away from my crazy family and I get to be with the coolest people ever. I like public school because of the variety of people and there are less rules. And I like home schooling because you get up when you want and get to go to Six Flags for free. Field trips galore!



**Q: How have you changed since your arrival here sophomore year?**

A: I haven't. Not that I know of.

**Q: What are some favorite memories?**

A: What kind of question is that? There's too many. Well, actually, it's a good question, it will help me remember stuff. Ed the Plumb, Flanders, Delia, Helga, secret spot, game nights, mattress sliding, four-wheeling, baseball games, Merry November, Ernie from Schwann's, rooming with HG, family dinner, Camouflage, parking cone, "Focus," "Sullivan," Sonic ;), Whitewater, Prof. Schaller's class

**Q: You are known for playing games. What's the best game you've invented?**

A: Well, there have been a lot of games so it's very tough to choose my favorite. But I would have to say "Under Circumstances" because everyone enjoys it, you get to see funny faces, and you get to make up stories. If you want to play with me, just ask!

**Q: If college did not exist, what would you choose to do with your time right after high school?**

A: Possibilities are endless! I would sky dive. I would do the most extreme things. I would Polar Plunge. I would play with babies for an endless amount

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of time. I would bungee jump. I would live in a habitation squirrels. I would scuba dive. I would take acrobat lessons. I would go to Australia and become a circus performer and my name would be Jo the Flying Squirrel. And build the coolest fort ever and live in it.

### Q: Why do you prefer sweatpants over jeans?

A: Well, it should be obvious. 1. They are larger than your body so you can move in them. 2. They are warm. 3. They cover anything you don't want to show and I feel best in them. And another reason is they are quick and easy. Oh, and if you gain ten pounds, they still fit.

### Joanna's Favorites

**Movie:** *House Bunny*

**Ethnicity:** Black

**Food:** Everything without red sauce

**Class:** Brit. Lit.

**TV Show:** "Veronica Mars"

**Store:** Vanity

**Song:** "Lollipop" by Mika

**Holiday:** Merry Un-birthday

**ILC Meal:** McKathy's

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