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There's a FIRST Time for Everything

By: Samantha Sterner

Throughout our lives we celebrate many accomplishments. There's winning a sports game, acing a big test, getting the perfect job, and getting married. But then there are all the times we first do something. When we are little our parents keep track of the first time we crawl, the first time we walk, and what our first word was. Then there's our first day of school, our first basketball game, our first car, our first kiss, and so many other "firsts" in our lives. For the Eau Claire Robotics Club, we also experienced many firsts this year. This is the third year students and other adults from ILC have participated in a robotics competition. The first two years they took a road trip down to Milwaukee and finished within the top twenty. However, this year they traveled a shorter distance, went to Minneapolis, and were seeded as the number

one team. This is definitely a first we can be proud of. Seeing as we were seeded first, this was also the first year in which we have gone on to compete in the championship rounds. There is still one more FIRST that needs explaining. The organization that hosts all of the competi-

tions across the nation was founded by Dean Kamen (the inventor of Segway) and Woodie Flowers. Yes, that is his name, and he was actually

at the Minneapolis competition this year. He took a picture with our team and signed some of our shirts. This was also a very cool first for us! Anyway, the organization that Kamen and Flowers founded is called FIRST. This stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." The reason Kamen and Flowers founded this organization was to get children more interested and inspired by technology by putting to-

gether a new kind of sporting event: robotics. Our team has benefitted from this program and has seen proof of inspiration. "It was wonderful. It was cool to see all the time and effort put into such a good robot and a very successful season," Brianna Lillo stated when asked about how she enjoyed her first year on the robotics team. Caleb Gerbitz, also new to the team this year, commented, "It was definitely worth all the time put in. It was definitely worth it and the competition was epic." But for some people it wasn't just the robots that got them interested. For example, Mary Bruckbauer stated, "Half the reason I went was for the robot. Half the reason was for the cute boys." Well, whether people went for the cute boys or for the actual robotics part of it, it was a very fun and successful year. I hope to see you all next year, along with many new faces so you too can enjoy this exciting FIRST experience.



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Fun, Food, and Festivities

By: Jo Thierer

After many hours of delay the festivities began. Pictures were taken to capture the memories that will last forever. Precious moments were shared with friends and family. Then came the buffet, which was formally held at Quality Inn. This year's theme was Oriental (China) and the decorations were beautiful. The food was delicious and satisfying. Once the cake was served and the conversation started to die down the presentations began. Professor Kranz kicked off the speeches with a bang. Then Megan Schierenbeck

added unbelievable flare to the night with her unforgettable speech. Ross Kok ended the dinner with his very memorable speech which he filled with entertaining stories and past memories and things we have learned throughout our high school years. The festivities did not end there, however: next came "after banquet." The gym was beautifully decorated with an oriental theme. There was an enormous pagoda, Chinese lan-



terns, and, oh, let's not forget, the gong! There was an abundance of food along with drinks and slushes!

There were many activities including games, pictures with neat backgrounds, and henna tattoos. I would like to say one thing and that is, "ILC has got some serious talent!" Many students put on a show to entertain, and entertain they did. There were many bands, lip sinkers, soloists, pianists, and comedians. They all did an amazing job and made the night memorable. All in all, it will be a night to remember. A special thanks to all the parents and teachers who made the after banquet party, prizes, food and drink, and decorations possible. I know it was a big job and we really appreciated it. I also would like to say a big thank you to this year's juniors. You did a good job with banquet and the senior awards. Thanks to all, you made this year special.



The Mile Run

By: Tim Schaser

It was a hot and humid day when seventeen freshmen guys (minus Bryan K.) lined up to mosey down Grover Road to run the grueling mile. It brought me back to my cross country days, which brought back the memory of the 9-mile Saturday runs, which made one mile seem not too bad. The heat was definitely a factor for some. I for one ate a lot before, and I didn't drink enough water. But I won nonetheless with a time of 5:50. Jeff Ohlmann was close behind with a 5:58. What was funny to me was that the people who placed second through fourth didn't run cross country. The times for our class ranged from 5:50 to 10 or 11 minutes. But not hydrating enough and eating too much cost me in the end. I threw up. Let that be a warning to all of you. Be sure to hydrate before you run, even if it's for a short distance.

The Grass is Always Greener...

By: Kelsey Albrecht

Ever since spring has started I've been noticing the lack of grass around campus. Whenever I think of spring I picture luscious green grass, but it's kind of hard to picture when there isn't a lot around. During winter all of the grass is destroyed because of the plows. We are then told to not walk on the so-called "grass" because it might ruin it. The dirt spots are filled with grass that isn't even growing, because it's not being watered. The hill is a sore sight. I used to love hanging out on the hill, but it's a little hard now that only half the hill is able to be walked on. The straw stuff covering the seed on the hill has done absolutely nothing for the regrowth of grass. That one strip of straw has been twisted for the longest time and it is really annoying. I hope that some day the grass around campus can be full, green, and back to normal. The campus looks so much prettier when the grass is fully there and it's much nicer to look at. Everyone can then admire the wonderful works of the Lord.



Senior Spotlight: Joshua Luther Sieg

By: Bryan Kottke

Josh Sieg was born on June 29, 1991, in Watertown, South Dakota. When he was five, Josh lived in the girls' dorm because his mom was the girls' dorm supervisor. He later moved into Birch Hall here on campus,



and then to where he lives now. You may have seen him in Battle of the Bands,

where he did a great piano and voice combo. Or, you may see him on a computer listening to Contemporary Christian music.

Bryan Kottke: What is your favorite High School memory?

Josh Sieg: Freshmen year baseball. I played one year and then never played again.

BK: What careers are you interested in?

JS: Computer Science. I'm going to the UW-EC next year.

BK: Pet peeves?

JS: When people talk behind someone's back and that person is right there or nearby. When you talk to someone and they ignore you. And when people insult computers. It's your fault, not the computer's.

BK: Is there anything you want to do before you die?

JS: I want to go to Germany. I want to make a difference in the world, make it a better place.

BK: What's your favorite class?

JS: General Business with Prof. Kranz.

BK: Do you have any advice for

newbies?

JS: Try hard. Don't procrastinate. Don't give up. Profs aren't there just to give you lots of homework, don't be afraid to ask them for help on an assignment. And...make lots of friends. Four years goes by fast.

BK: Any hobbies?

JS: Computers.

Josh's Favorites

Food: Definitely pizza

Band: Jeremy Camp

Prof: It's a tie between Prof. Kranz and Prof. Schaller

Song: "Take You Back" by Jeremy Camp

TV Show: 24

Book: I don't really read that much

Dillard moment: Siegee

For Lack of Better Words...

By: Anonymous

Man was not meant to be alone. I can't tell whether my thoughts of you are of passion or of habit. There are so many things I do now, so many things I feel, so many cares I once cared less. You change me. You make me do things for me, for you. I love it when you're around, but can hardly bear it. Your smile melts my heart, and makes it impossible for me not to join you. Your laugh I never grow tired of, and it gets to the point where I long for it to be always near me, but it cannot. The truth is, as far as I know it to be, is that of those who can, but can't. Those who can't bear to see her sad, see her cry, see her lost. You are her. I am

those. I cannot. This story has been told throughout history by those who can. I cannot. I cannot. I wish I could show you my thoughts. To wrap them all up in a phrase made of pencil and paper. To open my mind to you-to pour out my soul on an imprint of ink, in italicized integrity, only idolized by the idiotic. My words are nothing-nothing to you, which is all there is, all this is for. My efforts are in vain. I sicken myself-how could I expect any different from you? I love to dream so I can be with you. If only I didn't need to wake up. I know I might never be your everything, but I wish I could at least be your something...

A Poem About Me

By: Summer

I'm hot and I'm spicy; I make you sweat
Every year of your life you and I met
You love me a lot, I let you use pools
You don't use sunscreen; 'tis some fools

I give you gifts like baseball and fun
Then you use the A/C, and me, you shun
You whine and complain "How hot!"
and "How dry!"
But I give you pool parties and the 4th of
July

S'mores and grilling and all that sweet
jazz
Too many beers act like a spaz
Playing sports; going to camps
Working so hard you get stomach cramps

School is out, freedom at last
It took so long, but went so fast
No more work, sleeping late
Wow this life sure is great

After three long months I must lament
For I will leave you 'cause I am spent
I'll see you again when 9 months are
through
But till then I bid thee...*adieu*



Senior Spotlight: Megan Jane Schierenbeck

By: Jenny Squires and Jo Thierer

Jo/Jen: Full name?

Meg: Megan Jane Schierenbeck

Jen: Origin?

Meg: Germanic, except for Megan which is actually English/Irish derivative of Margaret.

Jo/Jen: What Superpower would you have if you could have one?

Meg: Hand swords like Wolverine!

Jo: What would you want the title of your first novel to be?

Meg: *Arsenic*, a murder mystery for which I'd like to thank Prof. Ude for inspiration

Jo: If you could trade places with any one person on campus, professor or student who would it be and why?

Meg: Professor Reim because he is made out of magic!

Jen: If the dorm was on fire and you had to save one thing what would it be?

Meg: Well, I would have to take the picture on my wall of Jo

Thierer that I have because she is touching her face as a young lass and I know I will never get to see that again.

Jen: Proudest achievements over the past years?

Meg: I have not ridden the bus to church for two years. I have always found other means of transportation.

Jo/Jen: Favorite moments?

Meg: MLKJ Day, my best weekend with Jo, just all the times of hanging out with friends.

Jo: Most extreme thing you have done this year?

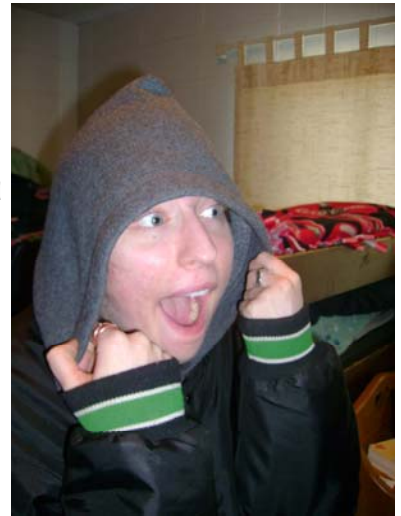
Meg: Well, it's not my most extreme, but this red streak I dyed in my hair.

Jo: How long have you worn glasses?

Meg: From age three to twelve. Then I stopped and then recently started again.

Jen: Most valuable lesson learned from the time you have been here?

Meg: Always be prepared



Jo: For what?

Meg: Just be prepared.... for the worst I guess. That way you'll never be disappointed.

Jen: Best decision in the last four years?

Meg: Skipping banquet sophomore year.

FRIENDS:

Q: In three words how would you describe Megan?

Louie: Smart, funny, and most memorable laugh

Jen: Quirky, loyal, and hilarious

Jo: Crazy, kleptic, and amazingly gorgeous!

Q: What is your best memory with Megan?

Jen: MLKJ Day, Counting Crows concert, Ren. Fest, rooming together, and trips to Markesan and Chaska

Louie: Banquet this year; it was a blast!

Jo: My best day ever with Megs included how Stella got her grove back, Hanson and Frank and our meal at BK, and our late night talks.

Q: Future prophesy?

Louie: Um... she will have a well paying job at a large company, and she will always reserve time to hang out with friends.

Jen: After completing college and her nation-wide tour of cheese sampling, Megan will finally be able to sit down and write her first novel. She will go on to become a New York Times best sell-

ing author and will reside in a small Connecticut town.

Jo: We will be in our bachelorette pad and we will have our own brat stand. We will have had dyed our hair every color possible. We will be running and finding new recruits for our "Shank Gang."

Megan's Favorites

Movie: *Juno*

ILC Meal: Chicken strips and pasta

Prof: Kranz

TV Show: "The Office"

Band: Counting Crows

Type of cheese: Colby jack

Author: Ted Kooser

Next Year's Student Council

By: Nate Rehm

Let's face it. Despite their efforts, this year's student council has not been able to accomplish much. For example, committees were set in charge of cleaning up the amphitheater and investigating how to improve "The Slab." Sadly, we see no changes have come, though. The Slab looks the same except for a basketball rim that hangs lower than it did at the beginning of the first semester. Two hoops appeared as substitutes.



The amphitheater still is extremely overgrown. Now, I don't mean to bash student council. I don't really have the right to do that, because I've personally only been to one meeting


(as a sub). From what I understand, working for Student Council is a very long and drawn out process including doing research, coming to an agreement, and waiting for permission from the faculty. Furthermore, it doesn't help that almost every other meeting is cancelled. Enough about this year's problems, though. If we have the privilege of having a student council next year, I hope things get done a little better. I know that we can't speed up faculty decisions, but everything

else about the process can be improved. Committees can actually investigate their projects before meetings, and even get help from peers outside Student Council. As for next year, we need a certain type of person on Student Council in order to make this work. In general, those who aren't in sports all year round would be good candidates for class officers. Even if a person is involved in other things, officers just need to show some dedication and actually want to accomplish what they're involved in. Student Council has yet to set a date for the election of next year's Student Body President (at the time this article is written), so think about who would make a good president before voting. We need someone who wants the meetings to be profitable, who wants to do the job well, and who has time to put into it outside of class. I don't know about you, but I think we had some cool ideas for Student Council this year. It would be awesome to see any of them actually get done. We have a great opportunity for a Frisbee golf course on campus. Improvements to The Slab could turn out to be awesome! And I'm pretty sure the Class of 2010 would love to have graduation outside on the amphitheater...

Reflections

By: Prof. J. Lau

Please allow me to share just a few personal reflections of a man who has recently been called home to heaven. Pastor L.W. Schierenbeck was the pastor at Messiah when I was a freshman in high school at Immanuel. It was my first experience away from home for an extended period of time. His lively sermons and earnestness to share the Gospel left a great impression on an impressionable teenager. Thank you. Prof. L.W. Schierenbeck was my religion instructor in college at ILC as I was preparing to be a teacher. His were my favorite classes, not only because of the subject matter, but because of the enthusiasm and preparedness he brought to his classes. I remember thinking that if I ever did become a teacher I hoped to be the same. I have often thought that one can learn a lot about the character of a person by what their children are like. In the home is where many of life's lessons are taught and learned. It so happens that L.W. Schierenbeck's son, Pastor David Schierenbeck, was my wife's pastor at Berea, Inver Grove Heights. He remains dear to her heart to this day. My first full-time teaching call was to Columbia, South Carolina, a congregation which was served by Pastor John Schierenbeck, another of L.W.



“If I ever did become a teacher, I hoped to be the same.”

Schierenbeck's sons. As most new teachers, I needed a mentor, somebody to confirm my ideas of what I should or shouldn't be doing. Our daily jogs served purposes other than exercise. When I returned to ILC as a prof myself, I was privileged once again to be around L.W. Schierenbeck's family, his daughter Barb Pfeiffer and his grandson, a former classmate of mine, Prof. Jeff Schierenbeck. In both I see the character of L.W. In recent years I didn't see L.W. much because of his failing health. It always made me smile, however, when he was able to cheer on one of our sport's teams in his front row seat. He enjoyed competition and was always supportive of our coaches and athletes. I'll miss seeing him on the other side of the gym. Just in case you don't already know, I have gotten to know another of his relatives better this year. Megan Schierenbeck, your *Flash* editor, is L.W.'s great-granddaughter. I'm thankful for all the work she saved me this year by being on "top of her game." In addition to all of this, L.W. was a Vikings fan. I didn't get a chance to ask him about what he thought about the prospects of getting Favre. I don't think he would have liked it.

Editorial

By: Megan Schierenbeck

The school year has come to an end, and with it ends my stint as editor of this fine publication. It's been a really good year and I'd like to use this space to thank everyone who made *The Flash* possible this year. Thanks to...

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(Editorial) at meetings to suggest we open the food, the most amusing articles each issue, and helping with typing/layout.

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Prof. Lau: For providing the snacks and proofreading with lightning speed

I would also like to say thank you to the many other contributors of *The Flash*-unfortunately there's

not enough room here to thank everyone, but you know who you are. I've enjoyed all of you and wish you luck in the years to come.

Senior Spotlight: Andrew Gilbert Sydow

By: Jo Thierer

Jo: Andy, can I ask you a few questions for your Senior Spotlight?



Andy: No...I don't want a Senior Spotlight

Jo: Why not?

Andy: Cause..

Jo: Just a few things about you, please?

Andy: What is there to know? Everyone already knows me....

This went on for quite a while so I decided to ask a few friends to help me out with this,

so here is what we came up with:

Jenny: When I cleaned his thermos I named him Dirty Joe.

I scrubbed and scrubbed but the grime would not go.

Ross: He's been called Weasel, Chip and Spanky

One time he fell from a vine and was cranky

Sumey: His oysters smelled really bad

When I smelled 'em it made me mad

Luke K: He's made of hair

He's like a bear

Jo: Andy appreciates a good meal and his legs are made of steel.

Megan: He said his last meal would be a buffet and for a good cake he will not delay.

KB: Oh that Andy

He's so dandy.

Schaller: He's the first to play a song or to tell you that you're wrong

Tom A: Hairy and grungy though he be Andy Sydow is the boy for me

Tom N: He's a real cool funny dude If only he would give me more food

Sam R: He's got a big beard Many think it's weird

Words of wisdom for our graduates...

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." -Ben Franklin

Clarification

I believe everyone involved in Saturday's baseball/Banquet time conflict did what they could to make the best of the situation. Neither the Athletic Director nor the Banquet Committee would have scheduled both events for the same day had they known there would be a conflict. I am unaware of how the banquet date is chosen, but I do know that baseball tournaments often need to be scheduled at least a year in advance to secure teams and hire officials. Contracts are signed. Once a time conflict was realized, actions were taken in attempt to minimize potential problems. Shell Lake reor-

ganized the schedule of the tournament for us, allowing us to play the second and third game rather than the second and fourth. This saved us at least two hours. Much to our dismay, the first game of the tournament went into extra innings, which caused our first game to begin around noon, rather than 11:00 AM. We did not take our normal infield practice before our first or second game. This probably saved another half hour. Unfortunately from a time factor, both games were rather high scoring, but were not won by a margin that allowed for a shortened game. Baseball is

one of the few games without a clock, for good or bad. Once the games were completed every effort was made to leave promptly and get back to Eau Claire as soon as possible. I understand schedules were adapted back on campus and at the banquet hall as well. It is my hope that the day was a successful and memorable one in spite of the added anxiety. Steps are being taken to avoid any possible time conflicts in the future. Thanks for your patience and understanding in this matter.

-Coach Joe Lau

To The Class of '09

By: Jenny Squires

Finals week is getting closer and that means that graduation is almost upon us. It's kind of weird to think that my time here is almost over. In some ways it seems like I've been here forever and at other times it feels like these past four years have flown by. I'm going to miss going to school every day with my closest friends. Although I don't think I'll miss dorm life, I will miss living with my friends and being able to hang out with them at any time of the day. I am also very sad to say goodbye to the class of '09. These past years have been fun, but I think senior year has been my favorite. It will be a sad day when we no longer are here to see Dillard scootering to class, KB walk into a room with her Cheerios sweatshirt on, or Wilke



nodding off in class. These are the kinds of things I will miss as we part and all go our separate ways. I know that we are all probably ready to be done with school and move on in life, but I hope that none of us forgets the friends we have made and the times we've had.

More words of wisdom for our graduates...

*"The future lies before you
Like a field of driven snow
Be Careful how you tread it
For every step will show." -Author unknown*

*"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those
who mind don't matter and those who matter don't
mind." -Dr. Suess*

*"Do not follow where a path may lead. Go instead where
there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Senior Spotlight: Leah Rebecca Hallstein

By: Melanie Hallstein

So, all of you probably know that my sister is not one to generally open herself up to a crowd. She is the most agreeable, hilarious, intelligent, and easy going person I know. She is such a wonderful person, so take a second look at her, spend some time getting to know her. There are only a couple of days left of school. I promise—she’s WELL worth your time!

MH: So, you were born in Burnsville but now live in Shakopee, Minnesota with me and dad, correct?

LH: Yup..

MH: What are some of your favorite hobbies at home?

LH: I love shopping, hanging out with my three sisters, walking to the gas stations for a refill [64 oz. all the way!!!], watching horror movies, going on random adventures (such as skateville, rock climbing, Richard T. Anderson Park, canoeing), going to Valleyfair

MH: What about your free time up here at school? Other than drinking Diet Mt. Dew and exercising of

course..

LH: Well, I like to play Rockband, shopping (only BARGAINS!), walking to Kwik Trip and the Oakwood Mall, cooking in the kitchen, racking up steps for the dorm competition, exercising, playing piano, working on art projects

MH: What are some of your pet peeves?

LH: When people apologize when YOU bump into THEM! Shut up! It’s my fault, I bumped into YOU! Ugh.. Also, when people don’t fill up the ice trays. And.. All people should use loofahs. Otherwise.. That’s just gross. I also HATE when it’s time to hang up clean clothes.

MH: AND you hate when I make you clean!

LH: No.. I hate when you make me feel guilty for not

cleaning.

MH: Yeah, whatever. So, what are some of your greatest memories from ILC?

LH: Rockband Donnerstag, bargain shopping with Kim, geography class, rooming with Danielle, in-dorm study halls, tour choir (the Do Nothing Award), pictures with Rachel..

MH: Plans after high school?

LH: I’m going to the University of Minnesota next fall while living at home with my dad and sister Liz. After that, I’m not sure where my life will lead me.

MH: Any words of wisdom?

LH: Okay, EVERYONE should work in the kitchen. It’s an easy, quick way to get some spending money. Also, procrastinating is a terrible habit, especially in art class. Live in the moment, instead of always worrying about the future. When you find yourself stressing out, “Let go and let God!” One more, get in the habit of praying!

Leah’s Favorites

Movie: School of Rock, How’s Your News, Clueless

Prof: Kranz (followed closely by Buck)

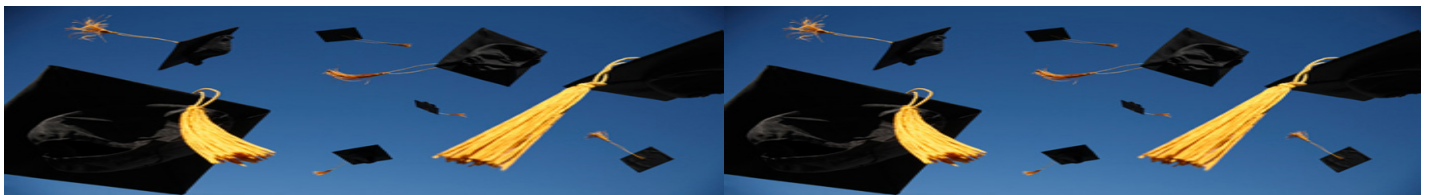
Building on campus: The late cottage

Meal for lunch: Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Stuffing Rice Hotdish

Dessert on campus: Pistachio pudding, peach cobbler, me and Mel’s CHEESECAKE!!

Dorm supervisor: Both Alana and Yvonne have their charms..

Class: Geography and art



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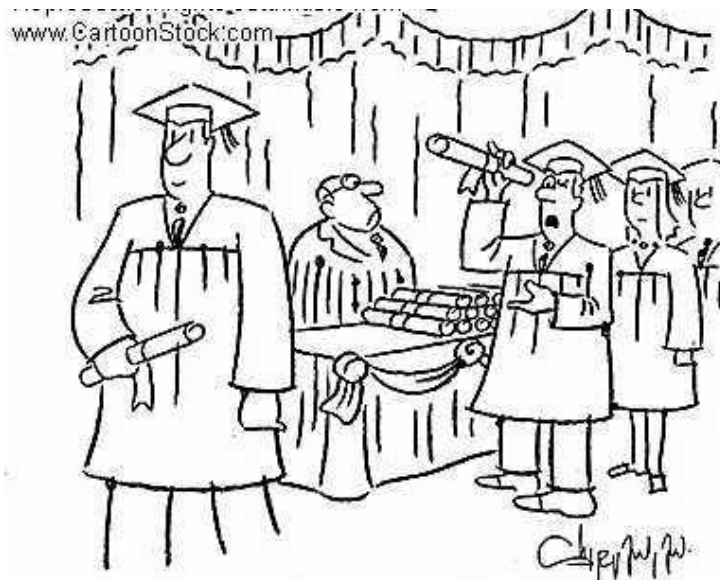
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