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Sophomore Considers Asking Girl to Go to Church with Him

CONCORD HALL—Sophomore Justin Seymour is considering asking a girl he's been seeing to go to church with him. Seymour's friends are divided over the issue, with some who think "it's about time," and others who think "it's way too early in the relationship for that." Going to church with a girl is considered by many to be a huge step in MLC courtship (see chart).

Seymour has been exclusively sitting next to freshman Heather Bruford at evening chapel for two weeks. The couple has also had well-documented open dorm visitation for six weeks, along with obligatory post-open dorm talks in the Concord/Augustana lobby.

Yet some believe that Seymour's asking

Bruford to church would be a premature step. "I haven't even seen them in the passion pit yet," said Alan Johnson, Seymour's roommate, who has begun to resent the relationship. "Sure, they've had two or three twelve-to-twelve Saturdays, but going to church together? I think they've got a few steps to go before that."

Seymour is considering taking the next step Tuesday night. "I'm thinking about asking her during one of our pathetic late-night phone conversations out in the hallway," said Seymour. "I might even do it tomorrow night. I just hope it's not too soon. Maybe I should take her to Mankato for the whole day alone on Saturday and feel her out first."

Practicum Experience Enhanced by Peanut Butter and Jelly

MLC—Session two practicum student teachers, led by Professors Carla Melendy and Terry Graf, recently voted to invoke the "peanut butter and jelly clause" of the on-campus student sack lunch program. Participants of the program report increased professional growth, a more satisfying lunchtime experience, and a better rapport with their students.

Last Tuesday, December 3rd, seniors in the practicum portion of their Clinical Experience semester overwhelmingly voted formally to request one peanut butter and jelly sandwich in lieu of the more common turkey and cheese sandwich. Pioneer Catering immediately complied with the voice-vote request.

The peanut butter and jelly debate was the central point of the post-evening chapel professional growth meeting, which lasted nearly 90 minutes. "As deputy director of the Clinical Experiences Department I felt the need to address this serious problem," explained Carla Melendy. "Terry (Graf) and I feel strongly that the sack lunch is an integral part of the student teaching experience and that tacitly condoning a boring, repetitious monotony of lunch meat sandwiches would imply to our student teachers that those same attributes are acceptable in their classrooms."

The vast majority of practicum participants agrees with Melendy's vision of peanut butter, jelly, and improved teaching. "That daily dose of peanut butter and jelly really seems to be helping both my observation and teaching," said Kimberly Lacher. Craig Breinling agrees, "Man, I was really getting into a rut having the same two sandwiches every single day. Now I have a little variety in my life...plus, one mayonnaise packet for two turkey and cheese sandwiches just wasn't

cutting it anyway. I mean, I know there are budget concerns right now, but do you really think the future of the synod depends on whether or not I have two packets of mayonnaise for my sandwiches? Give me a break."

Amy Snell, a practicum participant at not-so-nearby Comfrey Public School, believes that the advent of peanut butter and jelly brings with it a connection with her students that was not present before. "The very first day I was eating my (peanut butter and jelly) sandwich in the cafeteria at my school, one of my students came up to me and said, 'Hey, you eat peanut butter and jelly?' Later that day I heard that same student talking to some classmates. He said, 'Hey, fellow classmates, Ms. Snell eats peanut butter and jelly sandwiches just like we children do. This has opened my eyes. You see, my fellow students, we have failed to realize that, in many ways, Ms. Snell is a lot like we are.' Since that moment there's been a connection that wasn't there before. Thanks to something as simple as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, I now enjoy a certain rapport with my students that I did not enjoy during the days of plain old turkey and cheese with only one mayonnaise packet," said Snell.

Professor Terry Graf, although well-pleased with the improvements, is not surprised. "Someone might think it's a waste of time to worry about the contents of my students' sandwiches, but I disagree. You see, true professionals act like professionals in every aspect: what they do, what they say, how they dress, and even what they eat. If we, as educators, dismiss the importance of a well-balanced, well-varied meal for professionals-in-training, we fail to see the point of the entire experience. After all, like I always say: practicum makes perfect," said Graf.

27 Steps in MLC Courtship*

1. Lowering expectations
2. Movie in dorm room with other friends
3. Movie at New Ulm Theater with other friends
4. Obligatory walk to Flandreau sans hand-holding
5. Everybody on campus knows who you're dating
6. Movie at Mankato mall theater with other friends
7. Coffee at Larkspur with other friends
8. Movie at New Ulm Theater alone
9. 6-12 Open Dorm Friday
10. Eating at a 2-person table in the solarium
11. Post-open dorm talks in the Concord/Augustana lobby (lasting at least—but not limited to—2 hours)
12. Obligatory walk to Flandreau with hand-holding
13. 12-12 Open Dorm Saturday
14. Roommate begins to resent the relationship
15. Pathetic late-night phone conversations in dorm hallway
16. Holding hands on the mall
17. Making out in the Passion Pit
18. Making out after evening chapel
19. Daytrip alone to Mankato
20. 12-9 Open Dorm Sunday
21. Sneaking up to top of Hermann to make out
22. Going to church together
23. Girl wears guy's freshman orientation t-shirt
24. Reading *The Cabbage* together
25. Start of four year engagement
26. Board games in dorm room with other engaged couples
27. Marriage

**According to a recent study. It should be noted that a case of "senior scare" by one or more of the courtship participants may cause some steps to be skipped entirely.*

Mr. Trite Conversation-Starter- of-the-Week

"Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression"

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"Man, can you believe that we only have one week of school left? (And/Euf) I (only/stil) have (3/4/5/6/7) exams. They're going to be pretty (easy/hard). How 'bout you?"

SURVIVOR II: LAKE OLSEN, WEEK THREE

549 voted to boot Bode. Who will be next? Vote online and look for the results in our special exam week issue this Tuesday!

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Just a reminder: please, no wagering.

NEXT WEEK'S CHALLENGE: You're on the island taking a Scantron test...your only pencil breaks...what do you do?



DAVE



ADAM



DAN



SUE



JON



KIM



SETH



TIM

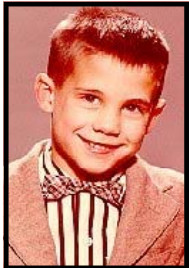


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NAME/AGE POSITION IN LIFE	CHALLENGE #3: The deserted island, like all deserted islands, has cabbages. Tell us your favorite cabbage recipe.
David Uhlhorn, 26 Teacher, Manty LHS	What a dumb question. Why are all of the questions short answer? Why not have some multiple choice or matching questions? How about a question on what the question should be? Cabbage? Cabbage? I don't know how to prepare cabbage. So my recipe is pick it and eat it. (the cabbage that is, not your nose)
Adam Reinhard, 23 Staff/SEM, 6th year	How am I supposed to answer this question? My favorite cabbage recipe requires a George Foreman Grill! I was told by the producers and Tom Hanks himself that if I gave my companion head of cabbage the name Wilson, there would be a lawsuit! I guess I just can't win... So when does the XFL season start anyway?
Susannah Lawrenz, 23 MLC Senior/Waitress	Cabbages...no wonder it is deserted. Only a vegetarian like me would stick around...do I win then? :-) The best cabbage I ever had was in Germany. It was a bitter red cabbage side...yum!
Jonathon Scharf, 27 23rd Grade, Greek, Hebrew, and Religion Instruction Major	"Funky Cabbage" AnEytime yHou uLse the wKord "funkEy" iSn a reMcipEe, it is aLn inLstant smash sFucceUss wiNth aNny discernYing diner. p.s See if you can notice how I'm working on my coding skills in case I'm on this deserted island on some secret spy mission. With these kind of survival skills, there is no way you can vote me off.
Kim Springstroh, 21 MLC Senior, SEM	I was doing some research on the Cooking Network for this question and I saw that the upcoming program was entitled "The Naked Chef." I turned off the TV and cursed <i>The Cabbage</i> for luring me into this sin-laden trap.
Zach Seeger, now 20 STEP Sophman/ Mailroom supervisor	My favorite cabbage recipe is lettuce. Here's how to make it: 1) Pick some cabbage. 2) Put it in a bowl. 3) Call it lettuce. 4) Enjoy.

Editorial: "I'm using the conflict with Iraq to avert attention from serious domestic issues."

By Tim Clark, third grader



Thank you, President Bush. Despite a shaky economy, an ever-growing national deficit, your vice president amid several corporate scandals, growing protest from environmental groups, unemployment at a seven-year high, and your daughters as the poster children for campus binge drinking, you continue to enjoy record-breaking approval ratings.

You see, over the years I've learned to look up to my president not only as a general, lifetime example of morality and patriotism, but also as a source of pointers to overcome life's everyday problems. And that's why I'm using the conflict with Iraq to avert attention from serious domestic issues.

Let's face it: things have not been going too well on the home front. Homework scores are

way down, my room isn't as clean as parental regulations demand, and sibling relations have been strained for some time now. I just haven't been the citizen, student, brother, and—most importantly—son that a typical third grader should strive to be. Despite these serious domestic issues, do my parents still love me? Do they approve of the job I'm doing? Will they vote to keep me around for another four years? Thanks to the example of our chief executive, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding "yes."

You see, whenever my parents point out that my economic policy is not in tune with the times, (they think I spend too much on Yu-Gi-Oh! cards) I remind them of the fact that our beloved nation is on the brink or war with Iraq. I remind them that a true patriot will try to help his country any way he can. Sure, I'm only a third-grader on a fixed income, but I spend my money to help spur the economy back into a period of growth—for the good of the country. What message are we sending to the men and women of our armed forces if we hide our money under the mattress instead of spending it as optimistic Americans,

confident of the strength and security that is provided by the very people risking their lives to protect our liberty?

As I also mentioned, test scores are down. I had a little bout with long division and my parents went off on a rant about keeping up with the Japanese in math and science. I didn't overreact; I calmly reminded them that now is not the time to be critical of our public educational system. My teachers, in a sense, are soldiers too, and we need to give them our full support during this time of potential crisis.

More now than ever, we need to keep a unified front. Now is *not* the time to be critical of my bedroom's level of pollution. Now is *not* the time to question my ultra-conservative sibling trading policy (they call it "sharing"). Rather, now *is* the time to join together as one family, one nation, indivisible, ready to fight for our independence of foreign oil. Take my advice, fellow American children. I mean, what truly patriotic parent will continue to nag and complain after you put things into global perspective for them? Thank you, President Bush.