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AND THE STRESS BEGINS...

The weather is getting colder, and winter break is just around the corner, but before we can all celebrate the two and a half weeks of school-less bliss, we must all suffer through one thing: midterms. Contrary to popular belief, however, there is a way to sift through the stress, tears, and chaos of midterms and live to tell the tale.

- I. Take advantage of study times. There are multiple study periods allotted throughout the week, during the classes that do not have any exams that day. By utilizing those block periods to study, it can ease the stress of cramming until the early hours the night before. “When you see that you have your sixth period exam after IF, don’t stress about that one the night before,” Mr. Wason, the AP department head, recommends. He adds, “Use the schedule to your advantage.”
- II. Be specific with questions. Ask your teachers what the test will be like. Will it be a cumulative test, or just over one unit? How many questions are there? What style of questions will be asked? By knowing what’s coming, you can better prepare for the tests, rather than going into them blindly.
- III. Don’t wait until the week before. “Most teachers will make the midterm cumulative,” Mr. Wason says. “You need to be preparing early for your more difficult classes” because of the amount of information that the exam will cover, he advises. There are seven exams, and they will most likely cover material that was discussed in the early months of the year.
- IV. Study the information as it is covered. It makes it easier, so “that way you don’t feel like you are learning everything new all at one time,” says senior Sydney Mohr. “I normally try to break huge amounts of info down into smaller sections.” Preparing in advance will eliminate the pressure of relearning months of material the night before.
- V. Prioritize. Managing your time with so many classes, especially those in five or more AP classes, can be a daunting task. Sydney, who is taking 4 AP classes and the Georgia Tech Calculus class, advises kids to stay organized and proactive in studying. “I normally give whichever class has something due first, priority,” she says. “If I have a class in which my grade is lower than the rest of my classes, I normally commit a little more studying time to that class as well.”

Despite the nerve-racking nature of midterms, if you remain focused and if you prepare well, then you can overcome this daunting task. Utilize the schedule to your benefit, and ask questions that will enable you to study the correct information. If you don’t stress and stay on task, you will survive.

Class Times	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20
8:25 - 10:05	1st Period	2nd Period Exam	1st Period Exam
10:11 - 11:53	5th Period Exam	4th Period Exam	3rd Period Exam
11:58 - 1:54	3rd Period and Lunch	IF Study Time and Lunch	5th Period and Lunch
2:00 - 3:40	7th Period Exam	6th Period Exam	7th Period

EARLY CHECKOUT INFORMATION

We will have a process in place to address student checkouts on December 20th only.

- Early checkout is not an excused absence.
- Lunch will be served as usual.
- School buses will run at regular times.



IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

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On October 26, The Walt Disney Company announced that it had purchased Lucas Arts for 4.05 billion dollars in cash and stock shares, giving them the rights to Star Wars, Indiana Jones and anything else under its name. Along with the name Disney now owns the cutting edge technology that Star Wars has entertained us with for years. In addition to this news Disney announced that it has plans to make Star Wars VII and have eyes on its theatrical release in 2015. They also stated that Star Wars VIII and IX would hit theaters about every 2-3 years apart from each other.

George Lucas had this to say about why he sold Lucas Film. "It's now time for me to pass 'Star Wars' on to a new generation of filmmakers. I've always believed that 'Star Wars' could live beyond me, and I thought it was important to set up the transition during my lifetime." He will act as a creative consultant for the movies but he plans to retire.

The new executive producer for Star Wars and president of Lucas Film is Kathleen Kennedy, the co-chairman of Lucas Film. Directors for the movies, however, have not been announced as of yet. George Lucas has given Kennedy his story line and other ideas in addition to the ideas that she has. The movies will be made by the people in Lucas Film, and Disney will be funding the movies. Unfortunately, the original cast Mark Hamil (Luke Skywalker), Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia), and Harrison Ford (Han Solo) will not be in the movie, and the actors playing the characters have not been determined yet.

The new trilogy will continue with the story of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Princess Leia after “Return of the Jedi”. As of the purchase, the story for Star Wars VII is already in early development. Even if the new movies aren’t being made by George Lucas directly, it will be exciting to see what direction this franchise that made many people’s childhood is going.

THE MORE, THE MINIER

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Watch out, technological universe; there’s a new sheriff in town: the iPad Mini. With the same features in a more compact size, the iPad Mini is to-go entertainment in the palm of your hand.

Thinking back to the release of the first, original iPad in spring 2010, the iPad was created to please Apple customers with the same fun as an iPod Touch or iPhone on an easier-to-see screen. But now, even with a much smaller device, many people still anticipate this fresh gadget. Just as with every latest Apple product, there are better, cooler features included, like how this version of the iPad is ultrafast, has Siri, and it has so many apps created for its size, such as Facebook, iMovie, and GarageBand. And it comes with a beautiful, HD 7.9-inch display, making everything look perfect and clear. Also, it has the new lightning connector, which is smaller and more portable, and, hence the name “lightning,” it’s lightning-fast.

No matter how cool the iPad Mini is, many reviews say that the product is overpriced and is not worth the price. Becky Worley from Yahoo! News said, “At \$329, that’s a steep price tag, and many will find Android and Amazon tablets under the Christmas tree this year.” It the same processor, Apple iOS’s A5, as the iPad 2, not the new A6 like the new iPad has. The resolution is equivalent to the second-generation tablet, not the third. Multiple review websites have said that, comparing the small size to the large size, the iPad Mini’s price is far too much because it is so close to the amount of the larger iPad. It’s all your personal opinion, but as you can see, it may not be as satisfying as it seems. And with competing tablets, Worley includes that everyone will “enjoy them almost as much as those who unwrap the iPad Mini that cost \$130 more.”

Good or bad, no matter what, it’s the brand-new, and everyone will want it. It’s the way society works; it’s the “cool” thing this season. Whatever way you think, it still would make a wonderful present. The iPad Mini is just another great gift that will please anyone during the holidays.

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DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS MOVIE

Dust the covers off those classic novels. They're about to become even more prominent, in a very big way. As in movie screen large. That's right, with Anna Karenina released on Nov. 9th and Les Miserables and The Great Gatsby set to follow this December and May respectively, it seems that Hollywood is getting its inspiration from the scripts written in the books of English classrooms worldwide. With good reason, as these stories, regardless of time, have captured the hearts of readers for generations, and now are some of the most eagerly anticipated movies of the season.

The first of the literary adaptations to be released, Anna Karenina stars Keira Knightley in the titular role and Jude Law as Karenin, the man she cheats on with the dashing count Vronsky. Written by Leo Tolstoy in 1877, his novel about love, betrayal, and class in Russia is split into two stories, the first about Anna Karenina and her doomed affair with Count Vronsky and the second about Levin, a Russian landowner who struggles to marry Kitty, Ana's sister in law. However, the twist comes in that the story is told as a theater production within the movie. With a current 68% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, critics praise the acting but criticize the directing and theatrical flair as too over the top.

The story of a former convict's struggle to atone for his sins and the lives he impacts in the process, Les Miserables, set to be released on Christmas day, December 25th 2012, is already generating Oscar buzz. Headed by Tom Hooper, director of the King's Speech, unlike the 1998 version, this movie adaptation is based on the popular musical and like the musical, has very little dialogue and is almost entirely told through its songs. In the first extended look, Hooper revealed that all singing would be performed live on set, as it would "eliminate the need to recapture "locked" performances and allow for more creative freedom." Furthermore, it was also announced that the musical's composer, Claude-Michel Schönberg had created a new score and song called "Somebody" for the movie. With a cast (Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway, Sasha Baron Cohen, etc.) that has more stars than a galaxy, as Hooper says, "I thought it was an amazing opportunity to do something genuinely groundbreaking."

For a book that's probably familiar to anyone who's taken or is taking AP Language, Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel The Great Gatsby stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Gatsby, Carey Mulligan as Daisy Buchannan, and Tobey Maguire as Nick Caraway. Known for his dramatic interpretations of Moulin Rouge! and Romeo + Juliet, Luhrmann promises to bring the same flair to the Roaring Twenties of the novel. Remastered for a new age, the movie will be released in 3D and the trailer is set to music from Jay-Z and Kanye West.

Finally, before you go see these movies, try and read the books beforehand. It'll make the movie experience that much more understandable and enjoyable if you're already familiar with the source material. So that way even if Hollywood messes up, you'll be able to appreciate some great stories.

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WII LIKE U

The Wii was the best-selling home gaming console in history, and the fifth console released by the Japanese mega-corporation, Nintendo. At E3, the largest gaming exposition held annually, the successor was unveiled to the public. The Wii sold 100 million units by 2009, revolutionized motion-tracking technology, and managed to do it all in a ground-breaking price range for casual gamers, and Nintendo seeks to blow it all away. Say hello to the Wii U.

The Wii U, released on November 18th, making it the first eighth generation console out there. Nintendo hoped to convey this through the name, stating, "The U is for you. It is personalized for you. The more you play and interact with it, the more it learns what you like." From what we've seen, they delivered. The Wii found a way to make itself attractive to casual gamers – people who play some motion games with friends and family – but failed to catch on to core gamers. This was due to a lack of third-party titles that were featured on the PS3 and the X-Box 360. The company, while wishing to continue to appeal to everyone, promised a slew of third-party titles to make the console more "hard-core". In the months preceding the launch, Nintendo released trailers for the Wii U's Black Ops 2, Assassins Creed 3, Darksiders 2, and others, as well as long awaited Nintendo games like Pikmin 3 and the New Super Mario Bros. U. In total, over fifty titles were promised on launch.

Staying with the trend, the Wii U has promised revolutionary new features. While being interviewed about technology, Nintendo stated, "[Media] ecosystems are constantly being created and constantly going away. What we're trying to do is create the next significant ecosystem." In addition to twenty times the storage and 1080p HD graphics, the GamePad was introduced. This new tablet acts as a second screen, using classic analogue features and incredible wireless technology to act as a new way to experience games. For example, in the five-player New Super Mario Bros. U, the player using the GamePad can alter the map through this new device. In addition, the Game-Pad can be used as the most helpful television appliance in the new feature, TVii. It has three main sections – TV, Movies, and Sports – as well as a personalized DVR and menu that keep track of shows you recorded, watch, or may like.

Due to recent profit losses, as well as other negative signs such as a stock drop of 17% and a revision of their annual profit outlook from 35 billion yen (439.6 million USD) to 20 billion yen (251.2 million USD), the company has capitalized on success. Nintendo stated, "If you sit on what you've created, chances are you're not going to be around much longer." This approach garnered attention, because by early October pre-order editions of the Wii U Deluxe Edition were sold out at Target, GameStop, and Best Buy. All of this, plus the fact that you can get the basic set at only \$299.99, has set the Wii U to be a hit. By the end of their launch, Nintendo expects 5.5 million units to be sold. Of course, only time will tell.

OINK, OINK

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The holiday season is a time for family, friends, giving, and most importantly shopping. With the malls being so populated during this time of year, it presents a perfect opportunity for charities to set up opportunities for shoppers to donate.

In Lenox Mall there is a ride, shaped as a pink pig, where children and their parents pay \$3 to ride the pig around the roof of Macy's. The roof is decorated with a large tent and all sorts of holiday/ winter decor. Every year this infamous pink pig has been an attraction at Lenox during the holiday season since 2003. The pig loops around the roof twice, making it a reasonable lengthen ride for the price. All of the proceeds are donated to Children's Health Care of Atlanta. It is

one of the main charities that CHOA relies on each holiday season. Macy's has stated that almost every year the ride ends up with having about 100,000 riders, which resembles how high an income this attraction makes. "My family goes to the pink pig ride every year during Christmas time, it has become a tradition for us," states Haley Hartle, junior.

Giving is one of the best gifts of the holidays. The Pink Pig is the perfect example of how one can give to others in need while simultaneously having fun. The focus on generosity should be more influential than the focus on buying material presents during this time of year. With the Pink Pig, Children's Health Care of Atlanta can thrive and help many sick children, based on how many people are at the mall.

Congrats To The Varsity Competition Cheerleaders On Winning State In The 6A Region!

PROGNOSTICATION PREDICTED WINNER

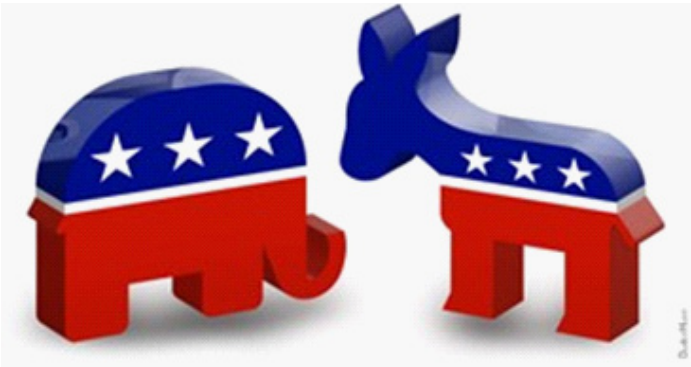
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On November 5th, 2012, one day before the most recent Presidential election, every student enrolled in AP U.S. History, in both Mrs. Wilson's and Mr. Posey's classes, joined together in the Lambert auditorium to determine who would come out victorious in the election: Republican Mitt Romney or Democrat Barack Obama.

Beginning around mid-October up until November 5th, students were put into groups of three or four and were then assigned a random state to represent. For the prognostication, which is a forecast or prediction, there were check points along the way that each group had to reach by pinpointing facts on their state. These said check points included A) Demographics, B) Analysis of Past Elections, C) Presidential Campaign Information, and D) The Prognosis—all of which will be put into a portfolio to be turned in at the end of the project. Along with these assignments, students were expected to make a sign or poster of sorts to use to represent their state at Lambert's Electoral Convention. These representations were displayed while each group presented their facts and issues to the audience that aided in determining which candidate would win the electoral votes for each individual state.

Every election year that Mrs. Wilson has partaken in the presidential election prognostication, the students have guessed accurately on the overall result and outcome, and this year was no different. But why do it? Mrs. Wilson stated that the point is "to predict the election and learn and understand the electoral process and what factors contribute to a candidate winning." She also stated that, "it's not just Democrat vs. Republican," and she was hoping that the students would understand that after completing the project. Junior Ali Nayebe said that he "learned the true statistics of what determines the true victor of an election and how close that margin can be." He also said that he was already knowledgeable on the subject of politics, but via the prognostication, he became more "interested in the campaign itself." According to APUSH students, the project was not very difficult; it was the planning and preparing for the presentation that took the most time and effort.

The analysis and prediction were correct in predicting that President Barack Obama would win the election, resulting in some cheering and others booing the victor. Lambert predicted the margin and was only off by 18 electoral votes; the actual Electoral College margin was 332 votes in favor of Democrat Barack Obama and 206 votes in favor of Republican Mitt Romney, thus proving how one must take into account all the factors when estimating who the President of the United States will be. Lambert APUSH students should be proud of the high level of political and demographical research they put into this project, thus achieving what most professionals spend countless years on in less than one month's time.



FEATURES

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A *Holiday* BABY

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Most of us love our birthdays. The day that is all about you and only you. The presents, the cake, the party with all of your friends and family. Yes, it is a very swell occasion and every year you get to do something different and special for your birthday, right? Well... not everyone.

See, people who’s birthdays fall onto Christmas Day or somewhere in that week... well, their birthdays can become overshadowed by all the holiday drama and stress to go along with Christmas. The fact is that people share their birthday with about 16 million other people. Hah! And you thought it was all about just you! It just gives you a little bit of perspective. Just think about it for a second though, if that last statistic made you feel a little bit less special about your birthday, just think about how all of the holiday babies feel. Christmas gets the worst of it though. Now, don’t get me wrong, the holiday season is always amazing. But to have your birthday in that last couple of weeks in December can be a little bit challenging.

However, Kathryn Raynor, whose birthday is December 26th, says otherwise, “It’s nice. Double the presents and a ton of celebration.”That is something people also forget too. If you’re a holiday baby, you can get double the presents!“Sometimes a present will be both a birthday and a Christmas present,” states Ms. Raynor, “because it’s so amazing.”

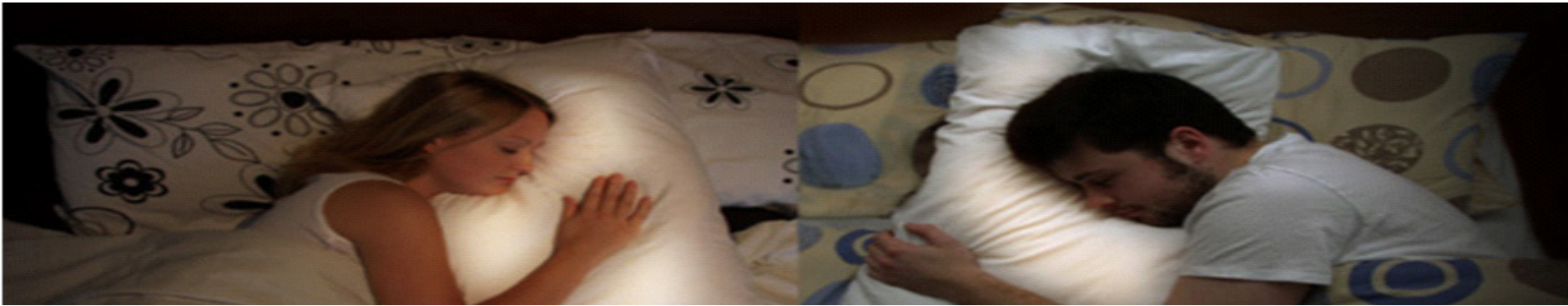
An interesting thing to keep in mind as well. We all know that on Christmas morning you get up and you see all the presents under the tree, wrapped in all of their glory just waiting to be opened. You rush down the steps and think, “Maybe mom and dad got me that really awesome thing that I wanted for my birthday, but I didn’t get!” But Christmas babies don’t really get that. No, they only get one group of presents a year instead of two. Now yes, the birthday presents are usually small things and the Christmas presents the big ones. And that can be true in this holiday baby case as well.

Now, how these kids plan the party can be a little bit interesting too. “I usually have my party a week before my birthday,” Ms. Raynor commented. “I usually go to my grandparent’s house, everyone is already there for Christmas so we just celebrate with everyone.”That is actually one really nice thing about being a holiday baby. If you plan your birthday party around the actual Christmas Day, then you could just celebrate with family and all of the other people who come.However, people can have their certain doubts... or, in Kathryn’s case, she is very accepting towards her actual birth date. “I wouldn’t want to change my birth date. It’s too much fun!”

So, maybe next time you are thinking about how difficult it is to figure out all of the birthday fiasco (not that there is any such thing), think about a holiday baby and what they go through. It’s double the stress. But it is still very special to them and their families. After all, spending Christmas and your birthday with your family is a very treasured time.

Plus, who wouldn’t want some Christmas cookies, holiday music, a gingerbread house, and a Christmas tree up for their birthday party? Seriously, that is pretty awesome. Happy Christmas and a Merry Birthday to all of you holiday babies!

The Holiday Gift Guide



FROM MY HEART...

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With the holiday season finally here, the anxious wonder about what to get your friends/a girl/a guy/ significant other arises. With so many options from store bought, to homemade, to a sweet inside joke there are multitudes of options to choose. It needs to fit one’s personality, fashion, and well being. Money to some is a great option as well, it depends on what is efficient and desired to each person individually. Gifts are unique and special, while money is very versatile.

Caitlin Andrews said, “I prefer gifts because I think it is more important to receive thought and care during the holiday season.” Money is a less thoughtful, more convenient gift option. Her ideas of optimal gifts include shoes, clothes, jewelry, and anything else spontaneous. As far as what to get a guy, she added, “I would get them the newest video game such as Black Ops 2 or Halo 4 or cologne.” She declared that is vital to ask them what they would prefer to receive though.

Kinsey White said that while she prefers the versatility of money, “a gift truly does come from the heart.” She added, “To me giving someone money is taking the easy way out, and is comparable to buying oneself a gift.” Any gift is wonderful to receive, however, during the holiday season. Anything that would interest another person is a great gift. Kinsey concluded, “There really is no such thing as a “bad gift”.”

Finally, Ryan Austin said he would prefer to receive money and gift cards from friends and family. He said, “By getting money as a gift you can do whatever you want with it: save it, spend it, or put it into a bank account. The options are endless.” Money is what some would call, “the golden gift.” Finally, Ryan added, “You do not have to worry about getting a refund on money or a gift card, so no matter what, the money is valuable.” You can choose to buy something of your choice or give the money to those in need during the Holiday season.

The most important thing to consider about what to get a girl was stated by Jason Markulike, “You want to get her something she will remember for a long time. A sentimental gift is always going to be the best gift she will receive.” While happiness, faith, and giving back are the most important factors of the holiday season, getting and receiving gifts never hurts as well.

...SO I CAN HEAR YOURS?

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Would you like to annoy the heck out of your significant other this holiday season? When opening their gift, wouldn’t you just love it if your boyfriend or girlfriend’s reaction was, “That’s...interesting...?” Well, fear not. Here’s a list of the most totally outrageous couple gifts to help you out when Christmas rolls around.

First off is the ridiculously impractical hand warmer for two...“smittens”. Let me try to explain this. You get one left mitten for you and one right mitten for your significant other. Then, there’s this one big heart-shaped mitten in the middle that you both put on and hold hands inside. I’m not sure if the best part is the fact that they cost \$35, or that they render your hands completely useless. The only digits you can use are one thumb and four fingers that are forced to work as a unit. God forbid you should have to use both hands simultaneously.

And now we move on to a personal favorite of mine...the “boyfriend pillow”. This is a pillow that’s shaped like a man’s torso...and then it’s got an arm that comes out of it that you can put around you so you feel less alone when your boyfriend isn’t around. Ladies, what have we come to? We need a pillow shaped like a man to make us feel okay? I can’t even...I’m moving on.

What nearly takes the cake for me is the two-person sweatshirt. At a very reasonable seventy-nine dollars, you can be stuck in a giant (and quite ugly) sweatshirt with someone who is most likely more than slightly obsessed with you, based on their choice in couple gifts. This is so scary to me. But honestly, not quite as scary as what’s next...

Last, but certainly not least, is something called “Pillow Talk”. Sounds weird enough, but just you wait until you hear this. It’s a pair of pillows, one for you and one for your significant other. You put on this ring and you go to bed and then...your partner’s pillow lights up.And “beats” in time with your heart. I can’t even tell you how frightening and creepy this is.

Keith Wagstaff, when writing for Time Magazine, summed it up better than I ever could when he wrote, “It’s like sleeping next to a ghost or eerie alien presence, except, no, it’s someone who, for some reason, is in a relationship with you.” I can only imagine how you would give this to someone. “Here, honey, it’s a pillow so I can hear your heartbeat at night!”

SCARY.
VERY SCARY.

I thank every higher power that exists in this universe that the Pillow Talk is not yet available for sale. But when it does go on the market?

God save us all.

FEATURES

MY TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD... LUCK

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The Ancient Greeks had a goddess of luck named Tykhe, but somehow I got stuck with her evil twin. This may seem like a stretch to many, but for some strange reason unknown to me I have always had a wide streak of bad luck, especially when it comes to my physical health. For example, every December while my classmates are busy shopping at the mall or enjoying their holiday gifts, I get to enjoy the wonderful gift of lying in my bed with a stomach virus. You know, the type of thing I dream about happening to me to get me out of school, not to ruin my break from it.

However, worst of all, I always wind up in braces and casts. In the fifth grade, I was playing on a swing set during recess when a classmate pushed me. Down I fell, crash landed with a loud “thud,” and crushed my arm. When I tried to stand up, I realized that I couldn't use it. No matter what my brain told it to do, it just dangled. We had a substitute that day, and she didn't know what to do, but thankfully someone sent for the nurse. However, my mom was in another county conducting business, and because of traffic it took her forever to come pick me up.

By the time she finally did get to the school, the ambulance also decided to show up, so in I climbed and away we went, sirens blaring. We rushed to the nearest hospital, where they promptly made us sit down, fill out mountains of paperwork, then wait and wait. Once the doctor finally got around to us, he politely explained that my arm was broken in lots of places and required surgery. I, however, was too young and they were not allowed to perform surgery on me, and so needed to transfer me to another hospital.

So I climbed back into another ambulance, got to another hospital, and started the paperwork and waiting all over again. Finally a doctor was able to see us. “Bad news,” he said. It was too late to start my surgery and I would have to wait until the morning. In the end, I did get my surgery done. Later, someone made me the subject of a project on playground safety.

More recently, I was finishing a Language Arts test three months ago when I noticed that I was feeling a slight pain in my right wrist. I didn't think much of it at the time, but at golf practice later a sharp pain shot up my arm every time I tried to swing my club. The first doctor I saw diagnosed tendonitis and prescribed medicine and plenty of rest. When my wrist failed to improve, I went back two weeks later and then heard that my wrist was “sprained.” Over the next two weeks, he went back and forth on these two conclusions. Still my wrist showed no signs of improvement, so I got a battery of further tests and still nothing.

After all of these visits, we found a new orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Armstrong, who explained that I had an excess elasticity in my joints and bones, and as a result of this extra flexibility I was placing too much stress on my tissues. Dr. Armstrong placed my wrist in a cast, where it remains as I type these words.

As if that weren't enough, at the month of October my own mother ran over my left foot with her very heavy car and I got to go back to the ER. But hey, on the bright side, this time nothing was broken. At least that's what the doctor said at first. Two days later though he changed his tune and decided that I had broken three of my toes. Then, after another three weeks, he changed his mind again: I had not broken any bones, but had simply torn lots of tissue. I have been walking like a crutch-wielding penguin ever since.

All of these mishaps have wreaked havoc on my academics, and I've already missed a total of twenty days of school this semester. Nevertheless, even after these past few months, I like to think that there is no such thing as bad luck, and that everything that has happened to me is just coincidence. Then again, I almost fell down the stairs yesterday, so if you look for me today, you might want to start in a bed of clover. I'll be looking for one with four leaves.

SONLIGHT FOR KENYA

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Staff Writer



On June 2nd, 2011, a senior named Olivia Bassel went to Kenya for a summer mission trip. Her time abroad was eye-opening, especially her visits to a village named Ngaamba, and she came back with a new perspective on life.

Describing her experiences Bassel begins, “While I was on my mission trip, I saw the struggles of people just like you and me. I saw men, women, and children lacking the basics, like water, needed for survival.” The plight of these people caught her attention, but it was the words of a little girl that captured her heart. “When Theresa, a nine year-old child, told me that her family had to walk miles and miles each day just to survive, I was heartbroken,” she explains.

That heartbreak followed Bassel back to the states, and motivated her to start making a difference. Thus inspired, she created a club named Sonlight for Kenya. This club, a Christian based organization, raises money around the calendar to help needy Kenyans.

To accomplish this, Sonlight for Kenya hosts fundraisers. Activities include movie screenings, like the recent showing of The Amazing Spider Man. To promote this event, the group sold \$5 tickets and gave away free popcorn.

So far, the endeavor has been a success. “Sonlight for Kenya has allowed us, through prayer and fund raising, to shine a little hope in the Ngaamba community” says Bassel, who is now the club president. “Raising over \$25,101, in addition to awareness in the community, was a miracle we were blessed with.”

Despite this early success, Bassel has no plans of stopping any time soon. In fact, if anything it has made her even more eager to increase her efforts because the stories of Kenyans like young Theresa still inspire her today. As she promises, “I wanted to help them. I wanted to show them compassion. I wanted to send them my plumbing system ... and that is exactly what I plan to do.”

FAN FICTION: KEEP A LEASH ON YOUR IMAGINATION

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Fan fiction is a way of expressing your desire to interact with a celebrity. Fan fiction communities include One Direction, Justin Bieber, Alexander Ludwig, and many more attractive actors and singers. From a guys point of view, they're probably thinking that girls must not have anything better to do in our free time and that we're obsessed or something. Honestly, they are most likely right. When girls write fan fictions, only one thing is on their minds, and that is the hope that the person they are writing about will see their stories. So, how far is too far?

If you were famous and someone was to write a fan fiction about you, what would your reaction be? Taylor Rayburn, sophomore, answered, “I think it would be flattering, because it’s about me.” Another sophomore, Megan Moore, said, “If it was a good one I wouldn’t care, but if it was bad, I wouldn’t like it.” Celebrities do read fan fictions. Liam Payne said so himself, “You don’t think we see it, but we see it.” It’s different for everybody. We all have different reactions, and if you were famous and you find a fan fiction about yourself that you don’t like, don’t read it.

The majority of girls that read fan fictions online read the ones about One Direction. Now, the girls that write them are quite talented and have a lot of ideas of how they want to interact with the 5 young lads. One story I found was called “Trapped”; there is also a sequel called “Forever and Always”.

Here is an excerpt from the story “Trapped”, *“*Vanessas POV* “Never in my life did I think I’d be performing at ‘the gardens.’ I mumbled. Harry chuckled. “I never thought I’d meet the girl of my dreams at 18.” I groaned again. “Again with the adorableness. How am I suppose to top that?!” “You’re crazy. I love you just the way you are.” He said, quoting the Bruno Mars song. “If you don’t stop talking right now, I will get up and walk out of here.” His hand gripped mine tighter. “Okay. I’m done.” “Good.” I stood up and quickly leaned over to kiss him. “I love you by the way.” He grinned like an idiot. “I love you too.””* These stories were created by a girl called Yasmina, the Sheerio, and found on the website called Quotve.com. Some of these stories written by girls with loads of talent have not actually been published in a book yet. Hopefully, someone may actually look into it and create a brilliant fiction novel.

When reading a fan fiction and you come across some bad parts that you think shouldn’t be in it, would you want to know who wrote it? I asked Evelyn Vasquez, sophomore, if there should be an age limit to write a fan fiction, how old, and why? She said, “Yes, because some girls are like 9 and are writing inappropriate stuff... I think 15 is a good age.” On the other hand, sophomore, Marian Monroe said, “No, because if they want to interact with them they should be able to.” Many people would agree with Evelyn, because young girls, who don’t know better, take it way too far and get carried away with language and inappropriate content.

It is understood that girls have the passion for male celebrities, and wish to either take the place of a girlfriend or something more. There is a difference between girls who write fan fictions and those who read them. Girls, when you have strong “fangirling” affections towards attractive boy bands or actors, just remember that they might see what you write about them online. If I were you, I would write more of the inappropriate stories in a journal instead of a website.

“CLUBBING” FOR COLLEGE

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We all know that one person who is in a seemingly infinite number of clubs. Every day, they’re coming to school earlier or staying after hours to participate in every club under the sun. And while joining a variety of clubs is a great way to meet new friends and enjoy different things, do prospective colleges really look for a boatload of clubs on your application, or would they rather like to see that you achieved a leadership status or have stuck with a few clubs for you entire high school career?

Mrs. Suarez said, “Contrary to popular belief, it is quality over quantity when it comes to clubs. If students concentrate on a few throughout their four years, that’s what the colleges will be looking for.” This means that if you should focus your time and energy on a few clubs that you are highly committed to. For example, it is better to say that you were the vice president of the Science Club rather than saying you were just a member. Specializing in a few clubs is very impressive to college boards and will make you a desirable addition to any university.

Furthermore, it’s better to join clubs that interest you personally, and not just ones that all your friends are doing. If you are really intrigued by the happenings in the art club, then go join it. It will show that you have taken the initiative to seek out your interests and pursue them. Michael Lipton, Dean of Admissions and Records and Registrar at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, stated “Stick with activities that have always interested you, as most colleges can see through the applicant that pads their résumé, especially late in the game.” Tara Patterson is doing just that, and sticking with the drama club. She said, “I am going to try and get a leadership position in drama club because I believe it is better to have power in a club rather than barely showing up to a bunch of different clubs.”

Madison Mitchell has the same views as Tara on the matter of clubs. She said she thinks it is better, “To focus on just a few (clubs), so that you can be dedicated. “

Dedication is the key to making the clubs you participate in look good on those college apps. So when signing up for clubs this year or next, make sure you do what you really love, and try and stick with the clubs you pick. You could end up becoming president of one.

ONE DIRECTION, TAKE ME HOME

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I know you’re tired of hearing the same five names over and over again. And I’m sure, based off that single conjecture, you already know the British-Irish boyband to which I’m referring. One Direction’s sophomore album Take Me Home was released November 13th, perhaps not to critical acclaim, but definitely to screams of joy from teen girls all over the world. The band is probably among the sparse crop of post-reality show contestants who are actually decent singers. However, this doesn’t change the fact that the majority of the album boasts hyper-produced, stadium-ready pop songs with undeniably catchy hooks. One thing that One Direction does have in their favor is the hordes of fans who would buy the album no matter the content, and that is directly related to their success.

Don’t get me wrong: I enjoy One Direction. I went to their 2012 concert, I have the albums and t-shirts and a calendar. But it is difficult to deny that the music is formulated to make me want to be a teenage girl forever and spend my days in the summer sun and my nights curled up with hot tea. Songs like the Ed Sheeran contribution “Over Again” and dreamy “Last First Kiss” just exude the “warm and fuzzy” feeling most of One Direction’s target audience swoons over. But on singles “Live While We’re Young” and “Kiss You” you can almost smell Banana Boat sunscreen and hear ocean waves.

To be fair, the maturity from first album Up All Night to Take Me Home is clear. Each boy’s voice is a bit deeper, and this goes the same for the lyrical content... on a slightly different level. “Breaking tables” was about as explicit as UAN got; TMH sings of wanting to “take it all the way like this” and asks “would he touch you like I would?” That’s a far cry from the schoolboy innocence of UAN’s lead single “What Makes You Beautiful”. The thing is, One Direction fans don’t care a bit about this. In fact, they welcome the change in direction.

Take Me Home is a boyband album; it’s not written by lyrical geniuses and it isn’t trying to serve a greater purpose. In fact, a lot of the new songs deliver the same message as the old; see “Up All Night” versus “Live While We’re Young”, and “What Makes You Beautiful” versus “Little Things”. One stand out song for me was McFly-penned “I Would”, because although it speaks of typical teen love, the deliverance is witty and sharp. The only place the album goes awry is on single “Little Things”; Ed Sheeran, who wrote the song, has a specific style and it’s clearly displayed here. The problem is, his frank words are not in One Direction’s aesthetic, and the whole song seems a bit off. Undeniably, however, it is a great vocal performance from the whole band.

All in all, One Direction is not going to have any problem selling out shows with this album, and can expect to be at the top of the charts. They’ve already sold out nearly every show on their upcoming US tour, including Atlanta. The boys (or, more accurately, their management) play to their strengths: keep it young, keep it sweet, keep it fun. Give the girls what they want. They may be under the label “Not Your Typical Boyband” for their uncoordinated dance moves and occasional crass remarks, but One Direction can’t deny that their album fits the formula perfectly.

SO FETCH?

Bailey Toth
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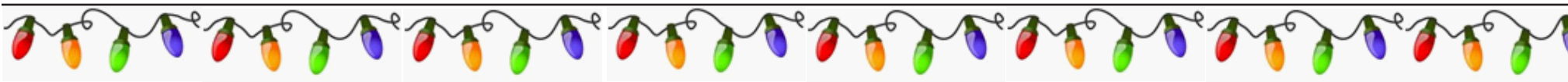
Every school has them. You’re drawn to them, but you don’t really know why. They seem to have a spell cast upon everyone and you’re aware of it, but you do nothing to break away from the grip it has on you. There’s something about them that’s just plain intriguing. They dress perfectly, act perfectly, and look perfect. All the time. Boys love them; girls hate them. Teachers act like they don’t see it, but they totally do. It’s obvious.

“Where you sit in the cafeteria is crucial 'cause you got everybody there. You've got your freshmen, ROTC guys, Preps, JV Jocks, Asian Nerds, Cool Asians, Varsity Jocks, Unfriendly Black Hotties, Girls Who Eat Their Feelings, Girls Who Don't Eat Anything, Desperate Wannabes, Burnouts, Sexually Active Band Geeks, The Greatest People You Will Ever Meet, and The Worst. Beware of the Plastics.” Beware of the Plastics. The classic movie Mean Girls does a fantastic job of portraying the average public high school and the people that make up its student body. Yes, it exaggerates on some instances, but on others it appears to be spot on. If you’ve never seen the movie, which is a crime in its own sense, the protagonist in the plot, Cady Heron, “it’s pronounced like Katie,” starts attending a public school for the first time and is introduced to the craziness that is high school. She makes some friends, but they’re of course outcasts and she’s not so sure what to make of the situation, especially after one of the plastics, the infamous Regina George and her followers, Gretchen Wieners and Karen Smith, ask her to sit with them at lunch, which is considered one of the highest honors at their school – they’re teen royalty.

It seems that at every school, whenever a new student comes around, specifically girls, if they’re remotely pretty, they get sucked into the “popular” group of kids. The students everyone talks about, whether they’ve ever even said anything to their faces in person. In other words, the Plastics of the school. But are girls really as mean as they are in the movie? Do the popular kids change the new students for worse or for better? Cady starts out fine in the film. She’s made some friends, Janis Ian and Damien, and she’s making good grades. But things take a turn for the worse when she starts hanging around Regina George and develops a crush on Aaron Samuels, who just happens to be Regina’s ex-boyfriend—every girl knows that it’s not acceptable to date your friend’s ex. It’s just girl code. “Oh, no, you can't like Aaron Samuels. That's Regina's ex-boyfriend,” stammers Gretchen.

As the story follows through, Cady fights for Aaron’s attention, loses all her friends, including those that were originally there to begin with, who didn’t care what kind of bag she carried around, loses her parents’ trust, and most importantly, loses who she is as a person. She changes everything about her life just to fit in with a certain crowd that didn’t really care about her to begin with. So does Mean Girls hit the nail spot on with this one or is it all just a good laugh? In my opinion, when Tina Fey wrote this movie script, based off of Rosalind Wiseman’s book, Queen Bees and Wannabees, she had comedy and truth in mind. The entire movie is hilarious—the characters are well thought out and the movie is quoted on a daily basis by people everywhere. On Wednesdays students, including myself, wear pink because as Karen tells Cady in the lunchroom scene, “On Wednesdays we wear pink!” There are twitters based off of the characters and in the 2012 Olympic Games, there was a female runner from Nigeria ironically named Regina George, which caused quite the stir when she was discovered. The movie was intended to be comical, being written by Tina Fey, who starred on Saturday Night Live for many years and wrote for the program. The film also stars other actors and actresses from SNL and Lindsay Lohan to boot.

So the comedy aspect was successfully handled. Anyone can attest to that. What about the truth behind all the characters? Every school seems to have their very own Regina George. The teacher that’s constantly frazzled and has no idea what’s going on, but still manages to make an impression on you. Friends steal boyfriends and boyfriends break hearts. And there’s always the new girl that doesn’t know which way to turn and makes some mistake along the way, but in the end turns out just fine. So as it seems, the movie is indeed quite realistic. I’m not sure if this is a good or bad thing? But I don’t think it’ll ever change. High school is high school. It’s almost as awkward as middle school, except the boys are taller, have deeper voices, and know how to open a door for a lady. And the girls... well they’re still catty, but they know when to unleash the claws and when to stay cool—or in some cases grool. Just hang in there and pray that you don’t have to endure what Cady went through to realize who her real friends were and what was most important in life. And when life turns out well, you’ll be able to buy yourself four candy canes and say to yourself, “Four for you Glen Coco! You go Glen Coco! And none for Gretchen Wieners, bye!”

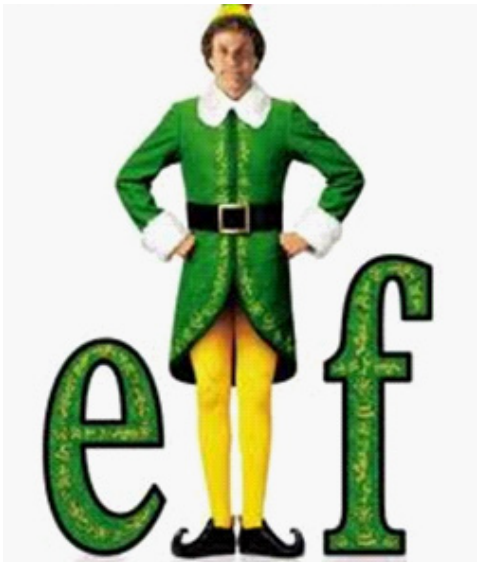


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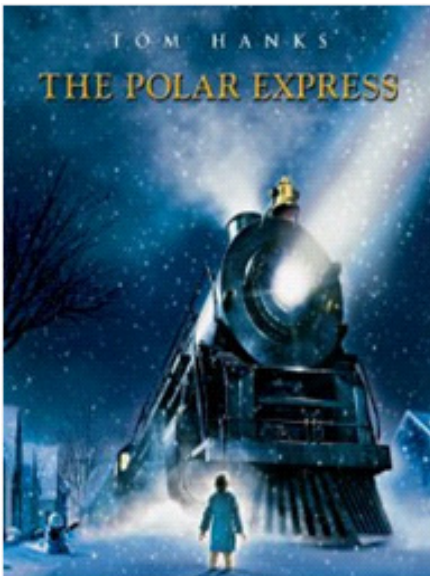
Road to H

Holiday movies are a vital part of what make the holiday season so magical. With blankets, hot cocoa, and the smell of fresh gingerbread cookies in the oven, there’s no better ways to feel the holiday cheer than a hilarious holi-day movie. With so many great choices, it can be hard to narrow down, so to help you out we asked 50 Lambert stu-dents and teachers what their favorite holiday movie was. 46% said Elf, hands down, followed by The Polar Express and A Christmas Story. Honorable mentions were It’s a Wonderful Life and the first Home Alone.

46%



16%



10%



Festive Food

Reindeer Cupcakes

What you’ll need

- 1. Pretzels (standard shaped)
- 2. Chocolate frosted cupcakes
- 3. Tootsie Rolls
- 4. Mini vanilla wafers
- 5. Red or brown M&Ms
- 6. White M&Ms
- 7. Black decorating gel

How to make it

- 1. For each “reindeer,” carefully snap two pretzels into antler shapes and press them into a chocolate frosted cupcake.
- 2. Finish by adding a pair of white M&M eyes dotted with black decorating gel.
- 3. Press on a mini vanilla wafer for a snout, then use a small dab of frosting to attach a red or brown M&M nose.
- 4. Shape each ear from a third of a Tootsie Roll Midgee and arrange them next to the antlers.



Home Made Gingerbread House

Ingredients:

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| 1. 7/8 cups butter, chopped | 2. 1 cup brown sugar |
| 3. 1 tbsp ground ginger | 4. 2 tsp ground cinnamon |
| 5. 1 cup plain flour | 6. 3 1/2 cups self-raising flour |
| 7. 2 eggs, lightly beaten | 8. 1/2 cup syrup |
| 9. 2 cups of Icing | |

Templates

- 1. 2 x 18cm by 10 cm (front and back)
- 2. 2 x 13cm by 22cm templates(ends)
- 3. 2 x 15cm by 18cm (roof pieces)



Method:

- 1. In a food processor, place the butter and sugar and process until fully combined.
- 2. Add the flour, cinnamon, and ginger into the processor and process on high until fully combined.
- 3. In a jug mix the eggs with the golden syrup. Pour this into the food processor while the motor is running and process until it is all combined.
- 4. Turn out onto a lightly floured bench and knead until smooth. Divide into 4 pieces and shape into flat discs. Wrap in cling film and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- 5. Remove from cling film and knead until pliable. Roll out to 5mm thick and cut to the template shapes. Re-roll offcuts and cut as needed.
- 6. Bake all pieces for 15-20 mins at 180°C or until golden.
- 7. Leave to cool overnight on wire racks.
- 8. When ready to assemble prepare the icing and set out lollies for decoration along with the cake board or heavy cardboard.
- 9. Cut the slope for the roof from the end pieces. Cut the doors and windows from the front and back pieces.
- 10. Take the icing and decorate the walls with lollies. Take a piece of brown paper spread with royal icing and stick it on the back of the two roof pieces so they are joined together (this will help support the weight of the roof). Leave to dry for 1/2 hour.
- 11. Use the royal icing to glue the walls together and to the board. Use some heavy objects to support the walls as they dry.
- 12. Place the roof on and use the royal icing to pipe the snow and shingles onto the roof. Complete the decoration and leave to dry. Gingerbread will keep for up to 1 week.

Holiday Cheer

Give Back

Priscilla the Pig

Ride Macy's Pink Pig at Macy's Lenox Square, also known as Priscilla the Pig! Since 1953 a ride on Priscilla the Pig has been a fun Atlanta holiday attraction for all ages. Located at the Macys at Lenox Square Mall, Priscilla is a fun oversized story book ride that stars Priscilla and all of her friends. Ticket prices are \$3 for 1 ride, \$5.50 for 2 rides, and \$7.50 for 3 rides. The majority of the proceeds go to benefit the Childrens Health Care of Atlanta. Priscilla the pig is open from October 27- January 1st, with the exception of Christmas.



Bring Your Tree to the Chipper

The annual Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree program, sponsored by Keep Georgia Beautiful, disposed of more than 5.2 million trees while handing out more than 1 million tree seedlings to participants since its inception in 1991. Beyond its obvious environmental benefits, the chipper program helps local governments comply with state regulations against dumping trees in municipal landfills. Mulch from the trees are used at playgrounds, local government beautification projects, wildlife habitat and home yards.

In Woodstock, trees can be taken to Hobgood Park until Jan. 7. City workers will be on site Jan. 7, which has been proclaimed "One for the Chipper Day" to hand out free hot cocoa, tree seedlings and mulch in return for a tree.

Trees can also be taken to Olde Rope Mill Park near the intersection of Woodstock Parkway and Ridgewalk Parkway from 8 a.m. to dusk through Jan. 14, as part of the city of Woodstock's Christmas Tree Chip and Dip program. The following week, those who donated trees can return with a shovel and bag to collect free mulch.

You can drop your tree off at:

1. **The Home Depot** 1000 Market Place Blvd Cumming, Ga
2. **Fire Station 26** 6075 Suwanee Dam Rd Sugar Hill, Ga3. Old
3. **Atlanta Convenience Center** 3678 Old Atlanta Rd Suwanee, GA

For a complete list of sites, visit www.KeepGeorgiaBeautiful.org which has a ZIP code-based listing of drop-off centers throughout the state. For more information about Bring One for the Chipper, call (404) 679-1580.



Craft Day

Snow Globe

1. Find a jar. Jelly or olive jars work best.
2. Find plastic or ceramic figurines (metal ones tend to rust)
3. If the jar lids are not already a seasonal color, paint them with an oil-based enamel paint.
4. Sand the inside of the lid until the surface is rough
5. With clear-drying epoxy, adhere the figureine to the inside of the lid and let dry.
6. Fill the jar almost to the top with distilled water.
7. Add a pinch of glitter and a dash of glycerin to keep the glitter from falling too quickly.
8. Screw the lid tightly
9. Turn the jar back agin and let it snow!



Cute-as-a-Button Christmas Wreath

Materials

1. 14x14-inch square of cotton batting
2. 14x14-inch square of green fabric
3. Assorted white buttons
4. Glue stick
5. 7/8 yard of 1-1/2-inch-wide wire-edge ribbon
6. Purchased mounting board and frame

Methods

1. Lay the green fabric, right side up, on top of the batting. Cut a 4-inch-diameter circle of tracing paper and pin it, centered, on the fabric.
2. Arrange buttons around the circle until the wreath measures 10 inches in diameter; tack the buttons in place with a glue stick.
3. When you're pleased with the arrangement, sew the buttons in place and add a ribbon bow. Secure the design to a mounting board and insert it in a frame.

Do Not Disturb

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Some students take immense pride in their picture perfect bedrooms while others relish in the carefree disarray of their messy rooms. You would be surprised to find that the people who are perfectly organized and prepared at school may not be the same at home. For a student who is very involved in multiple activities, a messy room does not necessarily denote a messy life, sometimes it is the only thing that person can let go of and not worry about.

Personally cleaning my room is at the end of my list of things to do in a day. Throughout my busy life I do not struggle with whether or not my bed will get made or if my clothes are hung up. More importantly why would anyone care what MY room looks like? I, like so many other Lambert students, am involved in multiple activities. I go in early almost every school morning to mentor a child at Sharon, go to a Student Council or Be Remedy meeting, or attend FCA. There just isn't enough time in a day to care about if my bed looks perfect just for me to climb back into it when I get home.

Besides living a hectic life in the mornings, my afternoons are even worse. From Dance Company at Lambert to my competitive dance studio I only have one free afternoon per week that I can totally dedicate to homework. So cleaning my room spic and span never seems to fall on Monday's priority list for me. Bottom line, I am unbothered by my messy room. It seems only to bother my mother who always says, "When you have uncluttered your room, you have uncluttered your mind." Don't worry, though, if you decide to visit I promise I will clean off a chair for you and throw any undesirables in my closet or under my bed.

Personally I see no problem in having one unkempt area in your life. It doesn't reflect the kind of person one is; often it merely reflects a student's need to let go of their controlled life. What a feeling of exhilaration it is for some to have just one thing in life that they could truly care less about.

CLEAN FREAKS UNITE

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To most kids, their room is a haven where they can do whatever they want, free from the stresses of everyday life and activities. This sometimes results in rooms that, in the terms of their parents, "look as though a tornado hit them," or occasionally, it leads to overly-organized, picturesque rooms. Neither is better than the other, however, it can show the personality of the person very well.

My room is extremely organized and neat, and everything has a specific place. Despite my hectic schedule and course load, I make an effort to keep my room as neat as possible. To me, my room is the one place where there is no stress or worry, and after a long day of school and swim practice, the last thing I want to do is walk into a messy room. By keeping it clean, I am able to simply collapse into bed after a ridiculously hectic day, and not feel distressed by having simply one more thing to do.

Aside from the fact that I have school every day, I go in early almost every morning, and then I don't get home until at least seven o'clock because of swim practice directly after school. After such an exhausting day, seeing a pristine room just eases my stress and calms my frazzled nerves. Although most kids would disagree with me, and say that having an organized room is simply added stress in an already crazy life, I believe that the feeling of coming home to a made bed is so much more relaxing than falling asleep in one made up of tangled sheets and clothes.

Having a clean room is not always an imperative for some kids, but I personally would never have my room any other way. The eradication of all of the messiness and dirtiness helps me to calm down and feel not as overwhelmed by the thousands of other things that I have to do. Cleaning your room may seem like a pointless and annoying task, but it helps me feel more in control of my life and schedule.

MERRY NOVEMBER?

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Think back to the day after Halloween. The pumpkins were beginning to rot, your stomach was sore from the large amount of candy you had consumed the previous day, and the decorations were stashed away for another year. But what holiday decorations do we see out next? That's right, the Christmas decorations.

I can't be the only one who has noticed that with every year, the Christmas season starts earlier and earlier. Commercials featuring Christmas specials and bargains began rolling as early as October. Target stores were putting up those giant cardboard ornaments when we're still in shorts. And while it's nice that these commercials and advertisements put us in the Christmas spirit, I don't want to start thinking about Christmas shopping at the end of October. But that's exactly why the department stores put out all of their decorations: to pressure you into spending heaps of money.

Several department stores across the country have heard the complaints of shoppers about early Christmas decoration and taken them into consideration. Nordstrom's department stores, for example, have an annual promise to never start Christmas until the day after Thanksgiving. The company released a statement saying they "just like to celebrate one holiday at a time." Some people seem to forget that there is a whole other holiday between Halloween and Christmas.

Decorations and shopping aside, starting the holiday season so early is starting to take away the true meaning of Christmas. Caroline Silverberg of the St. Norbert Times pointed out that, "From a Christian perspective, the Christmas season begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25." This time is called Advent, and is sacred to the Christian religion. So why must we rush the season when it is meant to be started the 25th of November? Department stores across America are commercializing Christmas with endless TV ads and sales. And don't get me started on those Kay Jewelers commercials. I gag little bit and roll my eyes every time I see one.

"I don't like (the early start to the holidays)," said Tara Patterson. I feel as though the end of the year is being rushed, and we should enjoy the month of November." Every holiday has its own date, so we should celebrate for them one at a time. I love the holiday season, but the appropriate time for celebrating Christmas is not the end of October.



My FOMO PHOBIA

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A couple of weeks ago, I had a horror movie marathon with a group of friends. Basically, I didn't have a good time. I spent the entire time covering my eyes with a pillow and had nightmares for about a week. Even though I knew I hated horror movies, I didn't want to miss out on hanging with my friends.

Sounds familiar? It was just one silly little incident, but it shows something that I think we've all experienced sometime in our lives, the fear of missing out. Maybe it's worse for me because I'm a little competitive and a bit of a worrywart, but I've always felt like I needed to do more for everything. Especially with Facebook and Twitter, it's so easy to see and find out what everybody else is doing that it's hard not to feel the pressure to do something equally as challenging or "brag worthy", like getting two hours of sleep or going to five parties in one day.

I admit that I'm really not a big party person, but after getting invited, listening to all the stories, and really not having anything to contribute, sometimes I feel like I have to go to all the parties and hang out with certain friends 24/7. It's not peer pressure; I just don't want to miss out on the fun or get a reputation for being boring. And it goes beyond my social life. I'm scared of missing out on everything from vacations to school. Even though I have a difficult class schedule and my own share of extracurriculars, comparing my stats with other students still makes me doubt my college chances. It's the whole idea that If I don't do or get as many clubs or activities as everybody else, I won't be able to get in to a good college.

It's always a competition to see who can have it all. The problem is that you can't. Sometimes it feels like people evaluate you less if you don't have everything: good grades, sports, work, extracurricular activities, a social life, etc, but we're only human and they are only twenty four hours in a day. I almost wonder if living this way makes us rush to try everything right now. Looking around at some of the people around me, it seems as if we're trying to grow up so fast that we're missing out on life. What's the rush? Time feels like it's ticking fast now, but really, we have years, our entire lives to live, enjoy, and try the things we want without the rush.

I'm not saying that it's a bad thing to feel like you're missing out on something. Maybe you are, and that's the sort of push you need to work harder or try something new. There's just a fine line between taking a risk because you want to and being pressured into it. Whether it's by sprinting, walking, or cruising, take some time to enjoy life at your own pace. In the end, it's all about what makes you happy. Missing out on that? That's the real thing to fear.

16 GOING ON 40

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The sixteen year old teenager that society expects is a slovenly and rash individual; a terrible driver completely ruled by emotions and hormones. We are not considered mature enough to see an ‘R’ rated movie without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, we cannot control our own bank accounts, go to the doctor by ourselves, or even check ourselves out of school without parental confirmation. We cannot drink, smoke, or vote legally. Most parents will not let their child stay alone overnight, drive out of the FoCo bubble or set their own hours. Most parents monitor what their child eats, how much they study, who their friends are, and what activities they participate in. We have curfews, driving restrictions, and possibly even trackers on our phones. Scientifically, the brains of individuals who are under twenty years old are less developed in the pre-frontal cortex, the area responsible for judgment and rationalizing decisions.

Yet, as the ominous junior year rolls around, several things become apparent. The first is that you are expected to know where you want to go to college. The pressure comes not only from peers and teachers, but your parents and any other random adult who feels qualified to tell you what to do with your life. This decision in itself is an unbelievably weighty decision that affects every day of the rest of your life. You must not only decide what college you want to attend, but what major and a realistic career plan from there. Don’t get me wrong, I’m all for freedom of decision for teenagers. Just ask my mom, I push for more and more autonomy all the time. I believe that I can make decisions that are best for me. However, I’m just saying, I find it rather ironic that in almost every other area of life we are controlled, limited, and told what to do by our parents and other adult figures. We are not deemed responsible enough to drive after midnight or check ourselves out of school, but we are fully expected to make a decision, and make it fast, that shapes the rest of your life.

There are so many colleges in this country, let alone in the world. They all have merit and they’re all completely different. People often say that you’ll just ‘know’ when you find the place for you, that it will ‘just feel right.’ With all due respect, I think that’s a bunch of malarkey. Of all the colleges I’ve visited, official and unofficially, none of them have ever called to me in any particular way. Additionally, how are we supposed to find the ideal college when most of us are limited nearby financially, or by mobility? We are expected to visit colleges and that’s a great thing, but it’s not like we can just drop everything and rush off to visit places all over the country during the school year. Missing school is a horror, but that’s another story. With so many options, near and far, how exactly are we supposed to know what’s right for us? The place we decide determines the course of the rest of your life. You come out of college often times meeting your future spouse, picking your future career, determining where you are going to live and work. Every college represents an alternative scenario to that future, and that’s an overwhelming thought.

The major you enter college is more than likely not going to be the one you leave with. On average, college students change their major three times in the duration of their stay. I don’t feel prepared to decide what I want to do right now. I know that you don’t “have” to decide what you want to do right this minute, but people constantly ask me if I know yet. They ask me what I like, what I’m good at, what can I see myself doing every day. And the answer is a lot of things; my future runs rampant through my head incessantly. If I’m just going to change my decision later, why do I have to tell you now?

The jobs that people consider when they are in high school are often over generalized professions like teacher, doctor, lawyer, etc. There are those few people that know exactly what they want to do with their life and I envy you of that certainty. But in all honesty you probably won’t end up with the dream job you had when you were twelve. Real life jobs are more like pump salesman, insurance agent, or small business manager. Not all of us will be a president, or CEO, Kardashian, or Navy SEAL. We can’t all have an idealized job from a movie. Therefore, I think that knowing my future “job” right now, at this moment, is completely superfluous. I have no idea where I want to go to school. I have no idea what I want to study. I have no idea what I want to do with my life. And I think that’s perfectly fine.

THE 80s ARE LIKE RAD, FOR SURE

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As a high school student in the year 2012, when I think of the 80’s, I think retro fashion, big hair, and Molly Ringwald. And for the most part, I’ve seen all of these attributes in this decade too. Pop culture dominated this decade, and history seems to be repeating itself thirty years later.

All of the latest fashion fads are really just recycled ideas from the 80’s: high-waisted shorts, Doc Martens, and of course Levi Straus denim jeans. The 80’s were a time when people felt free to express themselves, mostly through neon colors and ripped jeans. Other notable trends include jean jackets, skin-tight acid washed jeans, micro-mini skirts, leggings and leg warmers. Every single piece of clothing just mentioned is still seen on the streets today and owe their popularity to this revolutionary decade. Headbands and Ray-Ban Wayfarer sunglasses took over and recently made their way back into everyday fashion. If not for the 80’s, people would most likely still be seen in tie-dyed skirts and peace sign necklaces.

Hair, hair hair. The 80’s were a big decade full of big hair. The Perm and the Mullet were introduced along with the Jheri curl, the Flattop, and the Hi-top fade. Although flat-ironing your hair is huge nowadays, I personally think big is back and staying for good. Freshman Lit teacher Mrs. Dricoll said that “the best part of the 80s was the big hair and I’m bringing it back! I could rock out the big hair like nobody’s business!” Who doesn’t love teased hair? Business in the front, party in

the back? Count me in. Hair is ever changing, but the bigger the better.

When you hear the song Don’t You Forget About Me, you can’t tell me that the classic scene at the end of the 80’s ultra-classic movie The Breakfast Club doesn’t pop into your head. The Brat Pack was all the rage in this decade. Girls swooned over Michael Schoffling in 16 Candles and John Michael Hall was hilarious in The Breakfast Club, and 16 Candles, always portraying a dweeby high school student, hoping to make a name for himself. Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, and Rob Lowe hit the scene and made a name for themselves through their roles in movies such as St. Elmo’s Fire, Risky Business, and Top Gun. These movies are referenced daily; and in the movie Easy A, where the main character just wished her life to be like an 80s movie (just like me). And at the end the boy she realizes she’s loved the whole time picks her up on his riding lawn mower and they kiss and it’s just like the scene in the 1987 hit film Can’t Buy Me Love starring Patrick Dempsey and Amanda Peterson.

Even though the 80’s are remembered for iconic fashion and decadence, it is also remembered for more poignant moments. AP Human Geography teacher Mr. Wason, as a seven year old vividly recalls the Berlin Wall falling and the impact it had on him. The 80’s were brilliant, albeit I never experienced them. But the clothes, movies, hair, and boys speak for themselves.

DOES PUBLIC HUMILIATION WORK?

Caiti Griffiths
Staff Writer



As teenagers, we are all guaranteed to experience a “most embarrassing moment.” It’s just in the nature of the age. But, in my opinion, few experiences would top the shame of having to wear a sign in public, for hours on end, proclaiming that you’re a thief, and you stole from Wal-Mart.

In 2007, shoplifters in Alabama were ordered to stand in front of their local Wal-Mart for four hours each, two Sundays in a row. They wore sandwich signs which read, “I’m a thief, I stole from Wal-Mart.” This public humility was the punishment taken over a sixty day jail sentence. Other similar cases include a woman cutting off the ponytail of her teenage daughter, who used dollar store scissors to cut the hair of a three year old she had befriended at a McDonald’s. Probably the most extreme measure taken was a man being ordered to sleep in 2x3 foot dog house outside his home every night for a month to avoid jail time; his crime was whipping his son with a car antenna. So on with the question that all of this is precluding: what would happen if schools employed a similar code of punishment on students?

Of course, the dog house example is a bit barbaric. But, what if, instead of detention or suspension, students caught cheating had to wear a sign in the main hall reading “I cheated on my math test”? It sounds pretty cruel to me, but who knows? Maybe the threat of that kind of punishment would reduce the number of students cheating altogether. Another way the same train of thought could be applied: students breaking dress code are required to wear a shirt saying, “I broke dress code”, or else dress super conservatively for the next month.

Student Sharon Kim says, “This would be awesome, I would love this.” She doesn’t mean that she would enjoy taking the punishment; rather, Sharon’s referring to seeing others take it. You have to admit, it would be a comical surprise to see that cheating kid in your math class having to walk around wearing a sign. It’s similar to the students who have to push the trash cans around in the cafeteria: you almost feel bad for them, but then you realize, they brought it upon themselves.

Now, in no way am I endorsing these punishments. I would be mortified to be forced to wear a sign shouting out what I’ve done wrong, and I believe so would most of the population. Then again, as the number of court judges handing out these punishments rises, I wouldn’t be so surprised to hear that schools are stocking up on sandwich signs.

OPINIONS

A LETTER FROM DR. DAVISON

Dr. Gary Davison
Principal

Season to be grateful...

Choose your own attitude. You’ve heard it said and I’ve heard it said before. Well, in this very tiring, exhausted, holiday-exam time I am choosing my attitude. I am choosing to be grateful for the things in my life. An attitude of gratefulness is contagious. I am hoping to infect everyone I meet this holiday season with the infectious attitude of gratefulness. More than just being cheery or pleasant, gratefulness is being pleasant and happy but for a specific reason. I have so many reasons to be grateful:

- Wonderful Lambert students who really care about each other...
- My family has enough food to eat and a roof over our heads...
- My daughter that makes me smile and laugh...
- My dad...
- My wife that makes me laugh...
- The Georgia Bulldogs...
- FCA fills my heart each week...
- Watching many of you grow up and become the young adults that you are...
- Hard-working LHS Students that reach incredible heights of academic achievement...
- A staff that kicks butt!
- Athletic programs that expect to win!
- My dog loves me no matter what!
- Healthy...
- Soup week...
- My brothers...
- I enjoy fighting at Krav Maga...
- Coach Ferrer and the other members of my administrative team
- The Lambert Post
- Being able to hold a graduation each year for you great students...

There are many more than I can possibly list here. This is just a small sample. What are the reasons you are grateful this year? Have you told them? What is keeping you from telling them? I challenge you to make this happen and tell the ones in your life that you are grateful for them.

I love you all and I am grateful to be able to serve you, the Lambert students and community!

TO LETTER OR NOT TO LETTER

Grace Mohr
Staff Writer



One of the most prideful objects that you can receive in high school is a Letterman. It does not only show that you participate in a sport but it also shows that you excel in it. However, if you don’t compete in a fan crazed sport often times there may be little recognition for your excellence.

In order to letter in a sport at Lambert you have to compete. This is why Varsity Cheerleading, Dance Team, Football and other sports may receive the prestigious letterman jackets. But then you have other sports like Dance Company that cannot letter. Dance Company is considered a club at Lambert. This is because they have performances instead of competitions. But at Peachtree Ridge High School students can letter in Dance Company. They also perform and do not compete, similar to the Lambert Dance Company. So why can’t members of our dance company letter? They participate in the sport of dance, just like the dance team, they practice at school, just like other sports teams, and they have the same amount of drive for success.

Lambert’s very own Ultimate Frisbee Team won a state championship last year, but these students are unable to letter. Even Coach Ferrer commented on how Ultimate Frisbee should be able to letter, but it is dependent upon the advisor of the club. How can an award winning team not even be able to receive letterman jackets? They compete and won and still cannot receive the honor of a letterman. Basketball cheerleading receive letters but don’t compete. Obviously cheerleading is a sport, but if the requirements are to compete doesn’t ultimate Frisbee meets the requirements before basketball cheerleading? Coach Ferrer says that lettering is for competing clubs/sports that “represent our school.”

Academic lettering is also impressive, but there are only a handful of students who will buy the expensive Letterman to only have an academic letter put on it. If Lambert expanded the horizons on who could receive a Letterman in different sports, many more people could be recognized for their stellar performance in their sport or club.

IT’S THE *STUDENT* PARKING LOT...

Beverly Tessmer
Center Stage Editor



Parking at Lambert became an obvious problem in only its second year, and now it’s even worse. Not only have parallel parking spots been forced to be added, but the overwhelming amounts of underclassman have turned the carpool line into a mad house. With parents in such a rush and too many cars in a line, the biggest parking problem has been created, parents in the student parking lot.

As a student who parks in the student lot, I can’t even begin to express how annoying and inconvenient it is to have parents’ dropping their kids off at the gym entrance to save some time. Not only does it make it more dangerous to student drivers, it has even caused students such as senior Chris Niquette, to be late to work. Senior Connor Godwin also says, “They drive on the wrong side of the road, and they are going to cause an accident.” Parents have no idea how our parking lot works, there are lots of unspoken rules such as where you turn in, where you don’t, and always keeping to the right. When parents attempt this short cut many students show their anger by cutting them off or pulling up far enough to not let them out, because hey, we’re trying to be on time to school too.

Maybe one of the biggest factors is that underclassman and their parents don’t understand the inconvenience they create. When asked, a freshman commented, “Well my parents don’t want to be late to work, and I don’t think the students mind.. Well, they might.” Not only are parents’ cars in the parking lot inconvenient to students, but also to teachers. Coach Leblanc states, “It really bothers me when they park in the handicap spots, first off they shouldn’t even be in that lot, and second, they aren’t handicapped! It really is just them being lazy.” Senior Drew Doris comments, “I just want to yell at them, like why are you here?”

Students from previous years can remember the attempts to fix the problem with barricades blocking the exits, but the administration found that the barricades blocked check-out students from leaving. The administration has also attempted to watch over the parking lot in the morning but the lot is just too big to monitor. Underclassman, please just stay in your carpool line. Try leaving your house five minutes earlier, or just take the consequence of being late. One day when you park in the student lot you will understand, but for my now just take my word on it and please, keep the student lot just for students.

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ODD SPORTS TERMS

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We all know that you kick a soccer ball with a cleat, but how about backsliding in your dinkles? If you know that a tight end can both receive and block, why not that a dibbly dobbly is highly unlikely to deliver a jaffa? Have no idea what I’m saying? Read on, for some of the weirdest sports terms out there.

Let’s start with rugby, a sport that’s chock-full of unusual terms. First off is a “mulligrubber”, which just plain sounds like it came out of the stories of Dr. Seuss or Roald Dahl. However, it has nothing to do with Oompa-Loompas or the Lorax, and is actually a kick that sends the ball downwards and then bouncing off the ground. Next up is a “fly-half”, which is not a fraction of an insect but the player that leads the back line and is usually the best kicker on the team. Finally, we have the “blood bin”, which sounds (and is) scary. If a player has an injury that is visibly bleeding (ouch), they can come off the field, called the pitch, and be replaced for up to 15 minutes.

Now, on to some of cricket’s wackiest terms. My personal favorite of these is “dibbly dobbly”, which really sounds like it could mean anything. But it’s actually quite specific – it means a cricket player who’s less experienced and isn’t very good at the sport yet. “Jaffa” is another term that’s kind of quirky, meaning an amazingly good play. Finally, there’s a “snick”, which, besides being wicked fun to say, means when a ball bounces just barely off the edge of a bat. But here’s the kicker – you can measure how much noise a snick makes by using, and I kid you not, a snickometer. This is so fantastic.

Finally, here’s a sport that, while not being actually a sport, has some really fantastic terms for their equipment: marching band. A shako, pronounced “shake-oh”, is not the term for that odd dance that they do in the stands, but is the hat with the big feather plume on top that marchers wear. Next up is “bibbers” the word for the overall-like clothing that goes on under the uniform jacket – fun to say, not so fun to wear. Finally, the special marching shoes that they use are called, most hilariously, dinkles. This isn’t just a nickname – the brand of shoes is actually called “Dinkles”. I’m serious – the world of marching band is just a hilariously named place.

Every sport out there has some odd terms, but for me, these take the cake. So, next time you’re out on the rugby pitch in your dinkles, you can remind everyone you’re not just another dibbly dobbly.

BAND WAGON FANS

Tim Roth
Sports Editor

Unless you’ve lived under a rock for the past five years, or maybe you just don’t pay attention to sports, you might have heard of the successful football teams lately. Who are we kidding, even under the rock; anyone could still hear the people walking by saying “Roll Tide” and “Dirty Birds.” Sure, one could attribute all the hype to the fact that we’re in the south and it’s no news that the SEC dominates the NCAA year in and year out. Just check the recent slates of BCS National Championship games over the last six years; there hasn’t been a single national championship winning team outside of the SEC since 2007. To narrow things down even more, four of those six championships were won by Alabama and Florida evenly. Before I go on, yes I recognize that Notre Dame was able to get into the BCS National Championship and Ohio State would have joined them had they been eligible after both going undefeated, but Ohio State isn’t eligible meaning Notre Dame’s opponent will be decided by the winner of the SEC Championship.

While we all respect and congratulate every SEC football team for their dominance over the years, sports dynasties can get annoying very quickly. The only thing that can be more annoying are the bandwagon fans. All the crimson sweatshirts with the cursive A and #DawgsonTop tweets would all be great if they actually came from supporters of the team. Now it’s just popular for people to watch a quarter of the Georgia game then go celebrate after they win when those people probably don’t even know what happened to Isaiah Crowell after UGA cut him let alone who he was or why he left in the first place. Answer, he was your star running back until being arrested on gun charges leading to being cut by the Dawgs and transferring to Alabama State.

Then there’s professional football. During that awkward limbo between the Mike Vick and Matt Ryan era, finding an Atlanta Falcons fan was harder than finding a unicorn. Now if someone spent five minutes at Taco Mac during a Falcons’ game, they would think Matt Ryan is the best quarterback in the league; which could make sense...if he could win a playoff game. All in all, it’s always great to show support for the team that plays for your state, but before going crazy when they win and being furious when they lose please at least know something about the team or leave the cheering for the actual sports fans.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Trevor Shipes



Olivia Vasque
Staff Writer

Trevor Shipes is a new student at Lambert and is making an impact on the school’s courts. Trevor has been playing basketball for 12 years, which is an example of his dedication to the sport. “My family is big on basketball; my brother is a college player.” Both of Shipes’ parents played basketball in college as well, making the influence of playing basketball huge in his household. He played on JV his freshman year, and varsity his sophomore year. He also was a player on the traveling team Georgia Stars last year.

His first year at Lambert, Shipes starts as a center on varsity. Being his first year at Lambert, Shipes explains that he enjoys the basketball program much more than the program at his previous school, Buford. Shipes also explains that Coach Bracco is an impeccable coach, always encouraging the players to perform their best. “I love playing with my team, we are all great friends,” states Shipes. “I enjoy playing with Trevor because he is one of my great friends and also a really great player,” states junior varsity player Logan Bush. Danny Edgeworth,

senior varsity player, also acknowledges Trevor as a great teammate, as he is very entertaining for the rest of the team.

Being a junior, Shipes has the pressure of keeping up with his school work and going to practice every night. “I keep myself as organized as I can.” Trevor says. Trevor hopes to carry on his basketball career onto college. He wants to attend Ole Miss, and hopefully be able to play basketball there as well. “Ole Miss has a great student environment, which I really like.” Trevor Shipes is a great addition to the Lambert student body, being a personable person and giving our basketball team another great player. Support our newest varsity player, number 10 Trevor Shipes and the rest of the team at the next home game.

If you have an athlete of the month in mind, tweet us at @TheLambertPost !

Ellie Sills



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Copy Editor

Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming. This is just what Ellie Sills does. Ellie Sills is a swimmer and Captain of the swim team here at Lambert. She is looked up to by her teammates as well. Ellie has also set records for Lambert and won second in state when she was in junior year. This girl is a fish. She has spent so much time in the pool and shows her dedication to this program.

When Ellie was 3 she started swimming lessons. The funny thing is why she started her swimming lessons. When she was two years old she just ran into the lake and started floating around. That is when Ellie’s parents decided she needed swimming lessons. When she turned 11, she started swimming competitively. After this year, Ellie will be attending Tulane University, in New Orleans to swim. “I love the school and coaches. I fit in really well with the team. The school is one of the best in the nation. I am most likely going to major in biology because I want to get a job as a doctor,” Ellie said about Tulane.

“My team inspires me. Just to see them makes me motivated, especially my guy friends on the team.” Her teammates consider her a role model. Megan Bestor says, “I consider Ellie one of my role models, she puts in a lot of hard work and effort into every practice. She always encourages me to work harder and she is a great friend inside and outside of the pool.” While Aubrey Jones says, “I look up to her as one of my closer friends to go to when talking about college and swimming in my future career. When I have a question I ask her because she is experienced. When I think of college and swimming I see myself working it out as easy as Ellie did. It makes me want to work hard so I don’t have to compromise for something less.”

Who knows what kind of swimming career Ellie may have after Tulane. Right now she has a nice future and a lot of opportunities coming her way.

LONGHORNS WEIGH IN ON THE LAMBERT POST

In regards to the article “I don’t want to grow up... I’m an LHS kid”, I could understand not wanting to grow up. It ‘s not such a bad thing to grow up. Sure you’re not going to be a kid anymore, but you do become an adult. Now that you’re older you can have more responsibility. Also, parents and other people want to treat you like a little kid. **While it’s upsetting that you’re finished with your childhood, you’re still not finished with your life’s story. It’s just another chapter.**

After reading this newspaper, I feel horribly misrepresented. This paper is all about pop culture and whatever horrible TV show is popular. They never mention the smaller, unrecognized things... There’s no one on the staff that’s part of a minority social group. There’s no one there that represents the rest of us... All that’s ever mentioned is things about the football or lacrosse team. But what about the other groups that work just as hard as them? The theatre department, the band, and other arts departments work just as hard as the teams, but they don’t get mentioned. The band is coming close to being one of the best in the country, but they’re never being mentioned. **This paper needs opinions from EVERYONE, and stories from EVERYWHERE.** Right now, it’s biased, but that can be fixed.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about your article How to move on from an ex... Get even. While I can understand and respect what the article says, I must disagree, while a break up might be tough, one must never seek to get even or avenge the breakup. Just because you were dumped or broken up with it still does not give you the right to try to ruin their upcoming relationships or plot revenge. While you might be upset, I think that plotting revenge will in fact not help you get over your ex but keep you holding on to him/her. Just think about it. You are spending all your time plotting how you are going to make them jealous or hurt, but the fact remains it’s not helping you move on if you are still thinking about them. One of the greatest teachings is forgiveness. Forgiveness is not only the best gift you can give someone else but also yourself. So instead of watching cliché movies at home or plotting revenge, just look at that relationship as a learning experience and a lesson to you on what to do and what not to do next time. **Revenge is foolish and a desperate last attempt at trying to hold on to something that no longer remains.** So take your break up as one door closing, but other doors and windows opening.

Dear Sierra Martin, author of pure filth,

I personally find your whole article “...Get Even” infuriating. **Basically, what is being said is to slut around and attract all the wrong kinds of men simply to show and “ex” that the dumpee still has “game”.** In addition, flirting with his friends and ruining his future relationships by explaining all the bad things that were done. How about all the right? A person who is dumped is obviously going to be upset, your article is just encouraging them to lie to themselves and hide their feelings. What really peeved me was the line, “Breaking up is a part of life...”. First of all, that is simply ignorant and idiotic. Breaking up is only a part of life if a person rushes every relationship with terrible matches. Isn’t love a part of life? No just breaking up, but if love is a part of life and a person chooses a good partner, then most likely “Breaking up” will NOT be a part of life.

Dear Sharon,

I completely agree with your article. I remember when I was in kindergarten and I used to see the 5th graders. I told my dad I wanted to be just like the “college kids”. When you’re little, you can’t wait to grow up. But now, I look back and miss being able to dance and sing around the house. Now I can’t leave the house without makeup, or brushed and straightened hair or else I feel insecure. When I was little, I never cared what outfit I was wearing or how my hair looked when I went out.

I can’t really imagine myself being on my own and paying bills. As of right now, we don’t worry about that because our parents take care of it all. But one day, we’ll have kids and pay for our own stuff and cook our own dinner. I worry that it will be overwhelming... But my parents did it and so did all the other adults in the world. It just seems weird to know that one day I won’t be a little kid or even a teenager anymore.

Dear Mr. Labocetta,

This article has a very powerful meaning to many people that have family members currently serving in the armed forces. I should know because I had a relative that only recently came back from Afghanistan. It is a pleasure to see that people still care and like you said in your article, the thanks that those Americans deserve is said so infrequently. This article means so much to so many and it was a pleasure to see it in the Lambert Post.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

I strongly agree with your article in the Lambert Post. **I feel that if everyone would be kinder to one another and show courtesy to their peers, Lambert would be a much more comfortable and secure place to be...** Guys that treat girls like trash are trash themselves and obviously haven’t been taught what is right and what is wrong. Overall, if everyone would just forget about themselves and care for other people, Lambert would be one step ahead in making the world a better place.

Dear Editor,

When talking about the article, “Doesn’t Represent (our) Nation”: **I have to disagree with the criticism being delivered to the Dead Red Nation.** They were formed a few years ago to represent the spirit of Lambert and to have fun, which I believe is what they do. At the two games I went to, the DRN was actively cheering and showed great school spirit. Also, at the pep rally we had, they were loud and spirited and got the whole school very excited!

So why hate on them? Every member of that ‘prestigious’ group is a student at Lambert. Of course they want Lambert to succeed and always do well. SO what if they’re not at every Lambert game for the exact entire time... They have lives too! I believe people should stop criticizing them. They come to more games than most of the student body, and definitely cheer more than all of us. Their leadership in representing our school and should be more commendable. Students need to stop spending so much time criticizing simple things like the way our school cheers. Instead, go and support our sports teams and just have fun doing it!