



BAD SANTA

By Baby "New Year" Bigsby
Mythological Creature Association

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the castle, not a creature was stirring, not even the Easter Bunny. The stockades were set up at the entrance with haste, for Santa was coming to lay our holidays to waste. Out in the distance you could hear the elves clatter, their candy cane spears would be near impossible to shatter. This war he had started could not be forgotten, dear Santa was postal and had to be handled. His army of elves rose up on the full moon horizon, with red hats and shoes they were ready for fighting. Saint Nick, with his eight reindeer captains that were ready to win, I knew if I got near him it would soon be my end.

He flew in like a hawk and the Tooth Fairy platoon was lost. Then he whistled, and shouted, and called his captains by name! "Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen! From the bottom of the breach! To the top of the walls! Now dash away! Dash away! Destroy them all!" As dry leaves that fly before a hurricane, ole Saint Nick was ready to bring the pain.

The battle had started and Santa was strong, he battled quite fiercely but his strategy was wrong. The Great Pumpkin used magic and thrashed Rudolph tragic, but Saint Patrick was lost due to Prancer and Vixen's attacks. Cupid the archer with his bow and his love attacked Prancer and Dasher, then broke both their hearts. All of the other reindeer played their reindeer games but lost to the sharp spears of the sweet candy canes.

The battle was lost and Santa had grown tired of riding, he was getting fed up with all this passive aggressive fighting. To take coal to children was not his true passion, he loathed starting wars but loved giving out thrashings. His mood was skewed and he was tired of feuds, Santa was bored and mostly confused. So with a "Ho ho ho!" and a flick of the reigns, Santa Clause flew out and away, none of the other Holidays have seen him to this day. Now parents buy toys and pass on the legend, of a man named Saint Nick who gave out sweet presents.



By Daniel Eisenberg

HOW TO PROPERLY STUDY PREPARE FOR FINALS

The end of the fall semester means good and bad things. Obviously, it marks the finishing of another semester of college, or for freshman, the first semester of college classes ever. It marks the halfway point in the school year, and brings us one step closer to our goals. The bad part about this part of the semester is that it is time for class finals. The most dreaded part of classes have approached us, and we must now hit the books for hours and prepare tirelessly for the large stressful tests. The very thought of the tests begin to make us nervous, scare us, and make us wish we paid more attention in class. So what is the best way to prepare for these dreaded stress-makers?

The number one thing you have to remember is to manage your time wisely. Since there are numerous tests that we must prepare for, and since they all take place in a seven day span, you must form a schedule and stick to it. Give yourself plenty of time to hit the books and study for these tests. Put more time into studying for classes which you are struggling in to ensure a better grade on those tests, but don't ignore the other classes. Managing your time for studying may require sacrificing some social activities in order to hit the books.

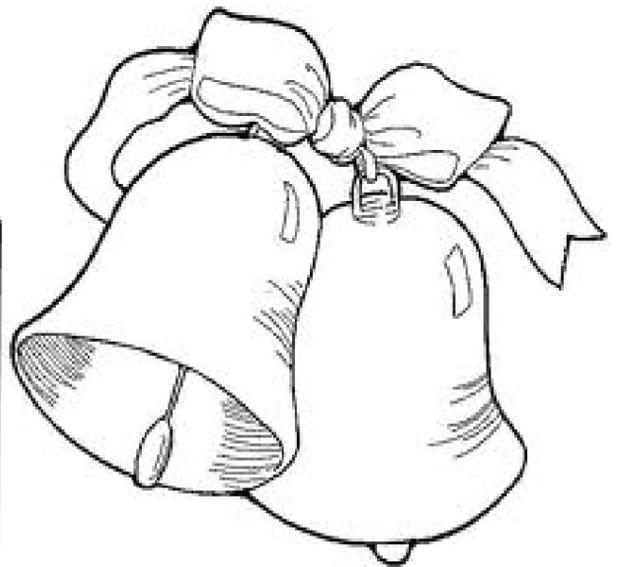
While studying is very important, and you must do so in order to receive a good grade on the test, but you also can't overload your mind. There comes a point when you can't absorb any more information. If that time comes, and you feel helpless and success is impossible, step away from the book or the notebook and take a small break. Sitting in front of the information and

absolutely absorbing none of it solves nothing, and is simply a waste of time. It might be a smart idea to study for an hour and take a fifteen minute break. This way your mind doesn't turn to mush and you will be able to gain and retain knowledge.

Tip number three is to concentrate on the samples provided by your professor. Some classes will simply be a comprehensive exam of the entire course, which will be nothing short of murder, but other courses will concentrate on key aspects of the class, and a study guide will be given to emphasize those aspects. Give special attention to these study guides. Often times, the tests will have questions that either come directly off the study guide or are extremely similar.

Group studies seem to be everyone's personal favorite method of studying. In some cases, it might be, but in others, however, it may be best to do the studying on your own. Study groups are all as weak as their weakest link. Depending on who is in the group, time may sometimes have to be spent catching up the slower classmates so they understand, and new information is never grasped by you yourself, due to having to babysit the others in the group.

There are many ways to prepare for finals. Remember to stay calm and don't over stress yourself. If things get to be too much, take a walk across town, buy a coffee, sing a song, take a shower, eat some cookies, shut your eyes, or find some other way to relieve some tension. Finals are a tough time for all, but it marks completion of a course and allows you to move on to other classes.



JFK: 50 YEARS, REMEMBERING THE MAN AND THE PRESIDENT.

By Joe Sherfey

The date was November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. The morning had started with rain, but by mid-day the weather had subsided to sunny, pleasant conditions. The streets were lined with people, schools had let out early and businesses had closed. The president was coming, and almost as important, Jacqueline was with him. The couple had made quite an impact. The Kennedy White House was one of the first White Houses televised and open to the media, this was mostly Jackie's doings. Her husband John, Jack for short, had a critical time on his hands and has faced two major threats, thus far. He had forever impacted history and one can only guess what he will do next. As the presidential limousine rounded the sharp turn into Dealey Plaza, the crack of a rifle changed the course of history, permanently.

To his parents, John would never be a politician; his older brother, Joseph, would carry on the family's legacy in politics. Joseph was killed in action in 1944, just a mere one year and eleven days after his brother, John, would prove to a war torn nation that he could be a leader. John Kennedy floated in the water, the taste of blood heavy on his tongue, he takes a quick count of his troops that survived the wreck then towed a mortally wounded man and led his crew to the nearest island, a three and a half mile swim. Once on the island he contacted a local tribe and sent a message through the tribe to signal help. Kennedy and his men received various medals, but for the injuries that Kennedy obtained the repercussions were more significant than the medals.

After being discharged Kennedy pursued politics, and did so with slightly different views of his family predecessors. Shockingly because he came from a liberal based family in John's 1953 speech Kennedy stated "I'd be very happy to tell them I'm not a liberal at all." Kennedy didn't like to associate himself with a party, on the contrary he wanted to focus on "battling old ideas with the same enthusiasm that people have for new ideas".

John F. Kennedy had astounded his audiences with his speeches from the beginning of his career. One fact most do not know about John and his speeches is that he mainly wrote his own, they were reflections of his mind and the inner sensitivities of the man. Kennedy utilized rhetoric in landmark speeches such as his "We choose to go to the Moon" to his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech at the Berlin Wall, and perhaps the most infamous quote was delivered in his 1961 inaugural address; "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

John Kennedy defined the end of a political era, and the beginning of a new wave of modern politics. Before the appearance of "Camelot", the White House during the Kennedy administration, presidents and their families were viewed as out of touch, almost super human. The Kennedy administration was the first to open up, willingly or not, to the media. The increased media played for and against the young president, as people began to see the president was just a man that held a powerful position. But Kennedy still possessed the older roots of politics as seen in his inaugural address.

These older roots, more acceptable to the older public, such as his fire and determination to defend our nation instead of provoking a fight, his expansion to the "New Frontier" spawned ties to a rebirth in science and development in the nation, keeping the older generation's revolutionary minds at ease; but it is his faith in a newer more social stance on the presidential office and policies of changing tomorrow that sparked the young voter's interest.

Much speculation revolves around the assassination of this truly groundbreaking president, which is for you, the reader, to form your own opinion on. Yes, he struggled through times, and he surely had highlights along his way, but that makes him no different than any of us. It is only reasonable to remember a president by his policies and decisions made, instead of a horrific event.



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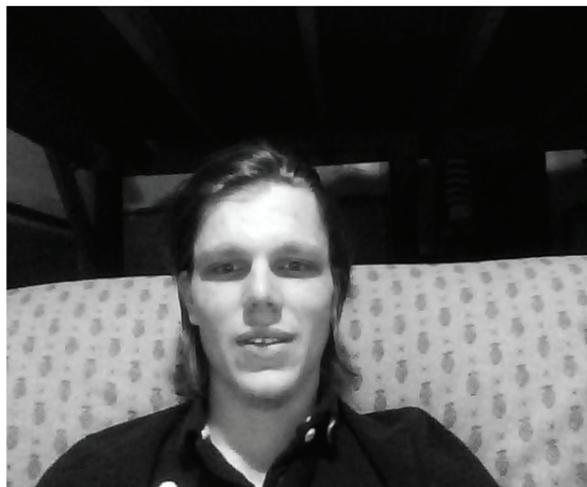
WVU Tech Final Examination Schedule

Fall 2013

If your class regularly meets at this time ...	Your final examination is at this time ...	On this date ...
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MEET THE STAFF....



My name is Joe Sherfey and I am a Section Editor and Staff Writer for the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Collegian. I was born in Kingsport, Tennessee on June 3, 1994 in the Indian Path Hospital. Most people don't know this, but I was born with a very slim chance of survival. It was even said that I would not be able to walk if I did survive. But here I am today, still alive and able to walk. I even played a few sports growing up. I was involved in any sport I could play. From tee-ball to soccer when I was younger, and wrestling to lacrosse in high school, I stayed active. I played soccer and lacrosse continuously at Herbert Hoover High School and even managed to graduate with high honors. I was also a part of the honor society, show

choir, theatre and the debate team. These accomplishments led to an opportunity to attend WVU Tech at little cost to myself. Having taken the opportunity, I decided to write for the Collegian. I also joined Phi Kappa Tau and switched my major several times. I have now decided on English as my major and plan to attend ETSU next year.

While writing and editing for the newspaper is a job, I enjoy writing poetry, novels, and short stories when I am alone. I enjoy many other hobbies other than writing as well. I enjoy playing lacrosse, guitar, soccer, football, baseball, video games, and watching movies. I am a very adventurous person as well. I have a dream to travel all over the world and see all the wonders of the world. I also want to try as many different foods as possible. I enjoy food very much, so much that I enjoy cooking and making up recipes. For this reason, I am picking up culinary as my minor so that I can learn to prepare food in a more efficient way.

My dream for the future is to become an English professor and widely known author. I enjoy writing and I have been told I am a natural at teaching, so it is only reasonable to combine the two. While teaching doesn't bring in the greatest income, it will be a great way to help the generations to come. While being a teacher will be my job, being a role model for students and helping mold them into great citizens will be my focus. I want to make the world a better place and I believe I can do that by influencing those I teach.



Joe Sherfey
Section Editor/Staff Writer

20 IDEAS FOR A FUN BREAK

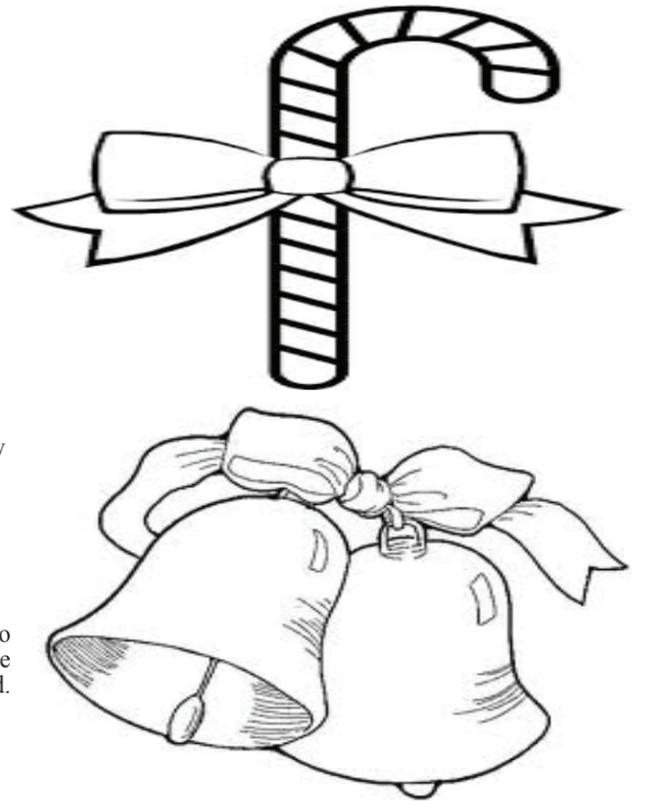
calls, etc. Just have fun with it.

Many students get bored over break because they are so used to school. You have one month to yourself and you need all the help you can get to enjoy life. Well, I'm going to show you how to enjoy yourself over break with twenty ideas of mine.

1. Take a vacation and go somewhere nice. Have fun in the sun with all the Christmas spirit in the air.
2. Go skiing at a resort or snowboarding, whichever fits your fancy. You might enjoy a day in the snow with some friends.
3. Hang out with some friends at the mall. Get some food, buy some vinyl albums, or just walk around.
4. Have a party, invite your friends, buy some food or maybe have a potluck. It will be a good time for everyone.
5. Visit family, I'm sure they would enjoy just sitting around and talking about life.
6. Take a trip to an amusement park, around Christmas time; there are normally special attractions. It would be fun to go with friends or a significant other.
7. If there is snow, go sledding. Grab a sled and find a nice hill, preferably not towards a road...
8. Play pranks on your neighbors. Ding dong ditch, prank

9. Spend the day with an old friend.
10. Go on a date, if you don't have someone special, ask someone out.
11. Spend the day listening to all your favorite songs.
12. Take a day to relax and just stay in bed all day.
13. Go outside and take a walk or hike.
14. Take a road trip with some of your friends.
15. Go to the movies.
16. Go golfing, play football, baseball or some sport with some friends.
17. Visit a ton of different fast food joints and make a new meal out of all the different orders.
18. Make a video and post it on YouTube. Try to hit a million views.
19. Take classes for something you want to learn.
20. Go out and perform on the streets doing something

you love. Try to make money if you want. Life is about experiencing new things and I dare you to try any of these out; maybe even try all of them. I hope you enjoy your break and keep yourself entertained.



CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAYS

St. Albans Festival of Lights

- Location: City Park road
- Price: free, donations accepted
- When: November 29 – December 26

Christmas in the Park

- Location: Chief Logan State Park
- Price: free
- When: November 28 – December 31

Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights

- Location: Oglebay Park in Wheeling
- Price: donations requested
- When: November 8 – January 5

Holiday in the Park

- Location: Parkersburg
- Price: free, donations appreciated
- When: November 23 – December 31

Lights of Coonskin

- Location: Charleston
- Price: Free, Donations accepted
- When: November 30 - December 31

HOLIDAY FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Polar Express Train Ride

- Location: Elkins
- Price: \$45
- When: November 7 – December 15

December Way-Back Weekend Holiday Market

- Location: Huntington
- Price: Free!
- When: December 7th at 10am-6pm

Christmas on the Frontier

- Location: Point Pleasant at Fort Randolph
- Price: Free
- When: December 7 at 10am-5pm

Dunbar's Light the Night Christmas Parade

- Location: Dunbar
- Price: Free
- When: December 6 at 7pm

PHOBIAS



By Joe Sherfey
Section Editor/Staff Writer

Just about anyone you meet is scared of something. Whether it is heights, spiders, or even clowns, just about everyone you encounter will have an uncontrollable fear. So why do people have fears? Why are there so many different ones? And why do people have different fears instead of the same ones as someone else? These are some of the questions that may come into your mind when you think about phobias. So in this article I am going to discuss the many different types of phobias and even show you ways to overcome them.

There are many different types of fear and most have some complicated name in Latin or with Latin origins. Here are a list of some; Arachnophobia- fear of spiders, Claustrophobia- fear of close spaces, Acrophobia- fear of heights, Hydrophobia- fear of fluids, and Photophobia- fear of light. These are just a few to start off a long list of over 300 different phobias. While there are hundreds of phobias, they are not curable by any pill or surgery as of yet.

The first thing you need to know about phobias is that all people experience fear in some way. Some people experience it in frantic sweating; others may experience a

sudden increase in heart rate. The fact still remains that almost everyone has a fear, and if they say they don't they are probably lying. The fact of the matter is that all people experience fear for it is a natural part of life. Fear is a natural emotion and courage could not exist without it. If there was no fear, no one would be courageous. This is because courage is overcoming a fear to achieve a goal. So my goal right now is to show you how to have courage.

The first step to overcoming a fear is to face it. Whether you take it on all at once or in little strides is up to you. If you are afraid of heights, travel to the top of a building and stay up there as long as you can. Stare off the side of the building, look out over the horizon; just do whatever you think will bring you closer to getting over your fear. If you are afraid of spiders or clowns, just put yourself in an environment where you are exposed to them.

Exposure therapy has been proven to be successful when dealing with powerful fears. While it may be extremely unpleasant at the time, the end result may be worth it if the fear weakens or is eliminated.



By Scotty Stone
Staff Writer

SCROOGE: THE TRUE STORY

Most everyone knows the story of Scrooge; the old man who just couldn't get over his poor attitude to enjoy the holidays. People really didn't like who he was at the beginning of the story based on the fact that he refused to waste his money or give out un-earned raises to his employee just because he should. Scrooge was rich and didn't even like to spend his money on himself. He's not like Tony Stark, wasting his money on stupid robots that can't even hold battery charge for an hour. No, Scrooge was saving his money and living in poverty just like the rest of London so that he could live comfortably in retirement.

So the night before Christmas he gets visited by the ghosts of two dead co-workers who for some reason blame his frugal tendencies for their deaths. When in all reality they probably died of polio. These ghosts don't even act mad at him, just annoyed by their inability to be rich. Besides, nobody get's murder-dead by someone and then comes back from the grave to make them a "better person." These spirits were just bored, and they wanted to make Scrooge waste his retirement fund.

A little later that night he's "visited" by the ghost of Christmas past who takes him back in time and shows him how his child self was a player and got all the chicks. Oh wait, no it didn't! The ghost shows him his first and only lover and fiancée. This woman broke Scrooge's heart and she was a gold digger.

Scrooge most likely spent all kinds of money on her and she dumped him for someone with a better "personality." Right. He wasn't that grouchy. It was at that point Scrooge decided that he would continue to be frugal.

The next two ghosts basically just guilt trip this poor old man into thinking things are worse than they really are. The ghost of the present takes him to his coworker's home and shows how he has enough kids to host a Hunger Games and one of them is crippled due to what was probably a Lannister throwing him from a tower or something. These ghosts just pulled the empathy card to get Tiny Tim's dad a pay-raise.

However, as a way to make matters worse, the ghost of the future simply tells Scrooge that he died alone. Scrooge knew that he would probably die alone, because he was clearly a realistic man, and nobody in 19th century London is really into dating after they're in their 60's. So the next morning Scrooge wakes up in a state of confusion because he knows these ghosts are probably a sign of him going crazy. Upon realizing that he probably isn't going to be alive for much longer, Scrooge finally decides to give Tiny Tim's father that raise and he buys random townsfolk food. Scrooge was never a bad man, just misunderstood.



GRIN AND BEAR IT: ROOMMATES

By Daniel Eisenberg
C.D./ Section Editor/ Staff Writer



There is a lot that comes with being a college student. Unfortunately, it does not just involve going to class and learning without any other distractions, and a lot of other experiences come with it. One of these things, for those of you who live on campus, is the experience of having to share your room with a roommate. To some, planning who to live with was always a part of the plan, and you chose to live with someone you grew up with, eliminating the awkward “meet and greet” and immediately being comfortable with each other. For others, however, your roommate was chosen from a batch of strangers, often times from a different neighborhood, state, culture, or background. Having to learn to cope with these people is a part of growing up and a part of the college experience, and may come easy to some, but very hard to others.

Having a roommate can have some issues. Coming to college with your best friend and deciding to room with each may seem like a fantastic idea. Think about it, you spent so many hours with each other growing up, why wouldn't you be able to live with each other? However, the issue comes up that while you may have spent a lot of time together; you never actually lived with each other. Having

a strong friendship growing up and then living with each other can lead to misfortune. Since you are comfortable with each other, you will be less apt to be considerate for each other, and do whatever it is you wish to do. This can lead to annoyances arising, and the friendship will weaken. Now what was a strong and long friendship, is a simple “hello, goodbye” relationship, and the past now means nothing.

Living with a stranger can be difficult as well. This new roommate may be from a different culture or society which is vastly different from yours, and you may have trouble finding a common ground. Depending on whether you are a night or a morning person as opposed to your roommate may present problems as well. If you are the kind of person who goes to sleep at 10 o'clock every night and your roommate likes to play Call of Duty until 2 am, this will certainly cause a strong class between you, and a compromise will have to be made.

How clean of a person are you? If you grew up in a home where your parents did your laundry and always cleaning your room, you may not keep your room very clean and organized when you get to college. If your roommate is a neat freak and has trouble in a cluttered room with dirty

clothes lying around the room, arguments may arise from this.

There are many ways in which you and your roommate may disagree on a given topic. You must be able to keep an open mind and be considerate of your roommate's space and time, and do your best not to disturb them when it is not appropriate to. If you give a valiant effort to bring peace between your room sharer and no good comes of it, there is something you can do about it. Go to your RA and explain the situation and request a roommate contract. This will spell out directly a compromise between what both parties expect and accept and will be in a written agreement to abide by. If any part of the contract is broken by either party, sanctions will be implemented.

Roommates can be both good and bad. While there are a lot of ways in which they can be bad and bring about headaches, they can also bring about friendships which will last for years, decades, or lifetimes. Whether you believe in having a roommate or not, you must grin and bear it, and make the best of it, but remember, if things get bad, there is a procedure to handle it and hopefully have the issue worked out.

MONTY'S WEEKLY AGENDA

Tuesday December 3rd

Student Government Budget Meeting @ 1 pm- Student Activities Room
SAB Movie Night: Riddick @ 8 pm- Ballroom

Wednesday December 4th

Dean of Students Drop-In Hours 2-4 p.m.
Holiday Open House @ Robinson House 3-5 p.m.
Student Holiday Pizza Party @ Robinson House 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Last Lecture Series: Mrs. Russell @ Tech Ballroom 7:30-9 p.m.
First day of DEAD Week
Women's Basketball Game @ Tech Gymnasium 6 p.m.

Friday December 6th

BINGO @ Bear's Den 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Light up Old Main @ Old Main/ Ballroom 7:30 p.m.

Monday December 9th

Last day to withdraw from university

Tuesday December 10th

Last day of regular classes

Wednesday December 11th

Dean of Students drop-in hours 2-4 p.m.
First day of finals week

Thursday December 12th

FINALS

Friday December 13th

BINGO @ Bear's Den 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
FINALS

Monday December 16th

FINALS

Tuesday December 17th

FINALS

Wednesday December 18th

LAST DAY OF FINALS

Thursday December 19th

FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK!

WHAT STUDENTS REALLY WANT TO KNOW: HOW AWKWARD WAS THAT?



By Daniel Eisenberg
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One of the most dreaded moments in life in which we all unfortunately fall into on occasion is a complete and unavoidable awkward moment. These moments are legendary for their ability to make us feel incredibly stupid, and make us wish we could have a do-over and fix whatever mistake we did to make it less embarrassing, or possibly non-existent. Can you think of a moment you had which was utterly and completely awkward?

Awkward moments come in all sorts of scenarios and instances. There is the ever so awkward fist bump/ high five debacle in which one party goes up for a high five while the other clenches his hand for a fist bump. When contact is made, both parties switch their side, trying to correct the mishap, but low and behold, another fist bump/ high five moment is performed and the awkward moment continues at an elevated rate.

Perhaps this one has happened to you. You are casually going about your business and a very attractive female whom you are friends with approaches you and converses for a moment. Upon conclusion of said conversation, she gives you a gentle side-hug before she walks away, but you, in turn, go for the complete full hug with both arms. Now you are trying to hug her all out while she remains true to her side hug making the moment completely and utterly awkward for the both of you!

Another awkward moment which comes from a male/female interaction is when you are best friends with each other and one party has a crush on the other, and one day is instructed to describe their crush. This means that you are now describing your crush to your crush. This tragic awkward situation has no good ending. On one hand, you could describe them in detail to where they will realize who you are describing, threatening a friendship if they do not feel the same way, and on the other hand, you could blow off the conversation or do a terrible job describing them and they realize something is up anyway. Either way, you are basically doomed and things may not be the same between you two in the future. It is very awkward to find yourself in that situation and I highly suggest avoiding it if at all possible.

Have you ever called in to customer service for a product you don't understand and the person you reached either has trouble speaking English or you just aren't getting anywhere with them so you want another person to talk to? When this happens, you probably hang up the phone, wait a little while, and call back again. The awkward moment comes when, against all hopes, you receive the same person on the other end of the line. They realize that you hung up on them with hopes of receiving a different person and you know that they know what you did. Awkward.

You are sitting on your computer looking at

whatever it is you are looking at. Suddenly, the door opens and in walks your parents or your sibling and you try ever so swiftly to minimize the screen before they saw what it was you were looking at, but your swiftness wasn't quite swift enough, and they caught a glimpse of the page. They know what you were looking at and you know they know and you both just look at each other speechless. Awkward.

Have you ever been speaking with someone and they have bad English or don't speak loud enough? The first time you ask them to repeat what they said but upon misunderstand round two, you simply smile and say “yeah.” While this may work a time or two, it is still incredibly awkward and will eventually backfire when “yeah” was not the correct response they were hoping for.

Awkward moments are the types of situations you wish you could avoid. They simply make you feel terrible or stupid, and have no place in your daily lifestyle. Have any of the situations mentioned above happened to you? What is the most awkward moment you have ever encountered?

TECH SPORTS

BEARS TAKE 2 OUT OF 3 AT SHOOTOUT



By Daniel Eisenberg
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The men's Golden Bear basketball team traveled to Concord NC to participate in the Barber-Scotia Shootout which comprised of three games in three days, each against a different team. The teams participating were Barber-Scotia College, Newport News Apprentice School (NNAS), Washington Adventist University, and of course, West Virginia University, Institute of Technology.

The first team our Bears fought was Barber-Scotia College on November 22nd. Tip off was set for 7 pm and the two teams began their game in hopes of defeating their opponents. After the forty minutes of play, Tech came out on top, taking the first game 77-62. Top scorers for the Bears were Armond Perez who put 16 points on the board for his team and Brandon Burgraff who contributed 15. Jauries Thomas also had 14 of his own. The next game was to be against NNAS on the following day.

Following the same footsteps as the day before, Tech once again proved their skills as they took another victory 91-75, moving their record to 8-1 on the season. Junior Leon Cooper Jr. put up the most points on the team with 18, followed by Jaren Marino with 17 and Ra'Shaud Kincaid with 12. Burgraff and Thomas contributed 11. The final

game was scheduled for the following day against Washington Adventist.

The final game of the tournament fell on November 24th at 1 pm. Tech wanted to make the trek home with three victories under their belt, making the trip and an undefeated run, but unfortunately the fairy tale ending didn't fall into place. After a long close game which proved to have both teams within points of each other, the Bears fell only six points short to their opponents, losing the match 78-72. Cooper had another outstanding game, putting up another 18 points, making it the second game in a row. Thomas put up 13 points and Perez and Burgraff contributed 11 each which Marino also dropping 10.

With the loss against Washington Adventist, the Bears move to 8-2 on the season, still managing an impressive record. With a long season still ahead of them, no one knows what will come of it and how the final result will look. We only hope for another post season highlight, as last year. After missing the conference championship by one point, the thirst for victory this season is strong, and we look forward to the lunge toward the rings.



SPORTS SCHEDULES NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

11/19/2013 5:30 P.M.	Women's Basketball vs West Virginia University at Parkersburg	Montgomery, WV
11/19/2013	Wrestling at Alderson-Broaddus University	Ripley High School 7:00 P.M.
11/19/2013 7:30 P.M.	Men's Basketball vs West Virginia University at Parkersburg	Montgomery, WV
11/22/2013 7:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Barber Scotia Shootout	Concord, NC
11/22/2013 7:00 P.M.	Wrestling at Penn State Mont Alto	Westminster, MD
11/23/2013 P.M. 11/23/2013	Wrestling at Green Terror Duals Women's Basketball at Point Park University (Pa.)	Westminster, MD Pittsburgh, PA
2:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Barber Scotia Shootout	Concord, NC
11/23/2013 4:30 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Barber Scotia Shootout	Concord, NC
11/24/2013 1:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Fairmont State University	Fairmont, WV
11/30/2013 4:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball vs Shawnee State University (Ohio)	Montgomery, WV
12/2/2013 7:00 P.M.	Women's Basketball vs University of Rio Grande (Ohio)	Montgomery, WV
12/4/2013 6:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Longwood University	Farmville, VA
12/4/2013 7:00 P.M.	Wrestling vs Tennessee Temple University	Montgomery, WV
12/6/2013	Men's Swimming vs Yellow Jacket Invitational	Chesterfield, VA
12/6/2013 2:15 P.M.	Women's Swimming vs Yellow Jacket Invitational	Chesterfield, VA
12/6/2013 2:15 P.M.	Men's Basketball vs St. Catharine College	Bluefield, VA
12/6/2013 6:00 P.M.	Wrestling at Southern Virginia Turkey Bowl	Buena Vista, VA
12/7/2013	Men's Swimming vs Yellow Jacket Invitational	Chesterfield, VA
12/7/2013 9:00 A.M.	Women's Swimming vs Yellow Jacket Invitational	Chesterfield, VA
12/7/2013 9:00 A.M.	Women's Basketball at University of Pikeville	Pikeville, KY
12/7/2013 2:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Bluefield College (Va.)	Bluefield, VA
12/7/2013 4:00 P.M.	Men's Basketball at Bellarmine University	Louisville, KY
12/9/2013 7:00 P.M.	Women's Basketball at Marshall University	Huntington, WV
12/9/2013 7:00 P.M.	Wrestling at Ohio Valley University Dual Meet	Vienna, WV
12/10/2013	Men's Basketball at Campbellsville University (Ky.)	Campbellsville, KY
12/19/2013 7:00 P.M.	Women's Basketball vs Glenville State College	Bluefield, WV
12/20/2013 TBA	Men's Basketball at Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.)	Columbia, KY
12/20/2013 8:00 P.M.		

GOLDEN BEAR WRESTLING



By Daniel Eisenberg
C.D./ Section Editor/ Staff Writer



The Golden Bear wrestlers hit the mats to take on Alderson-Broaddus (AB) on November 19th in the Ripley High School gymnasium. The dual featured eleven matches with two exhibitions, and proved to be a bumpy ride with the Bears, who managed to win only two matches and one exhibition.

The bears were led by freshman Kyle Sheppard at 174 lbs. and Tola Morakinyo who won a tight 4-3 decision against AB's Garrett Onderko who is a former state champion. Sheppard controlled the match up the entire bout, scoring 5 points in the first period and then cruised to a 9-3 final score, moving him to 5-0 on the season.

The other bouts of the night included some tough fights from the bears, who clawed their moves into the minds of their opponents, but ended with the athletes from AB having their arm raised. With a disappointing result for the night, Tech was eager to hit the mats once more and regain their pride.

Only three days later, this opportunity was just what they got, for against Penn State Mont Alto, the Bears battled to a 27-15 victory, moving their record to 4-2 on the season. Located at head coach Sam Gardner's former high school at which he taught for two years, the bears showed their guts and determination as they battled a 12-0 deficit after the first three matches to seal the victory.

Senior captain and homecoming king John Walters put the first points on the board for Tech with an 8-4 victory. Sophomore Dirk Ponchak then took a forfeit and Colton Rowe earned his first collegiate victory in front of numerous friends and family who traveled to watch Rowe battle in his home state. Going into the third period behind, Rowe fought to earn six points and seal the decision 14-9. Sheppard continued his dominance on the mat, moving to 6-0 on the season with another 9-3 decision and Morakinyo managed to put his opponent on his back in less than two minutes. "Terrible" Terry Nance followed up in the 194 lbs class with a pin of his own as he forced his opponent's shoulders to the mat. With adrenaline pumping through their veins and success on their path, the bears took the victory with positive energy and looked forward to hit the mats once more.

With a disappointing finish against AB, the Bears proved they would not lay down after defeat, and will fight back to victory. We students look forward to seeing our soldiers battle our home turf, in our Baisi Center, where we can cheer them on and see their hard work pay off.

Nursing Section



WE WISH YOU A STRESSLESS CHRISTMAS, AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

By Jamie Staunton

Who isn't counting down the days until Christmas break and the end of the semester? Most of the campus is doing it – even the professors – so don't feel bad if you have a calendar marked off, waiting for that last day of finals! You are simply one of a few thousand others who cannot wait for this semester to end.

However, while the end of the semester does bring happiness and relief, it does bring stress. Panic attacks are just bubbling under the surface, itching to force each one of us into sniveling, shaky puddles of has-been college students. We cannot let that happen.

Grab a paper bag and just breathe. I promise there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The semester is almost over, the Christmas carols are playing, and it's almost time for ABC Family's Countdown to 25 Days of Christmas. But with flu season here, the end of the semester and the holiday break coming up, everyone is stressing so much that their immune systems are crashing. How many of your friends have complained of a cold or stomach bug lately? No one wants to spend their entire break stuck in bed with a thermometer in their mouth or a bucket next to their head, so in honor of the joyous holiday, here is my list of a few things you may find yourself stressing about, and ways to calm yourself down.

1. Finals, finals, FINALS!

Relax a little and let yourself get some sleep. If you've been acing the

exams throughout the course then you obviously know your material. If you've been struggling but managed to keep your head above water, you will get through this week just like any other week.

2. On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave me... what?

If you are panicking over the perfect gift to give your loved ones, then stop. Chances are the loves of your life would be happy with a homemade card if there was enough thought behind it.

3. Joy to the world, my family's gone.

That sounds a little harsh, but sometimes family is tough to deal with. According to WebMD, some people will go into a depression just from the thought of spending holidays with their relatives. If this applies to you, just breathe. Odds are the really annoying family will be gone a few hours after dinner is served.

These are the top three things that stress me out, and I hope that these little tips help everyone to get prepared. Do not allow your immune system to be compromised by the stress of the holidays. No one wants to make a trip to the doctor when they could be doing something fun! With that being said, I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe holiday and manages to keep their stress levels down. No one wants to come back complaining of how they missed out on their whole vacation!



WHAT'S NEXT? NURSE PRACTITIONER?

By Jamie Staunton

We are almost to the end of the long, winding semester. Things have been tough and hectic, but now comes the time for students to consider what is next. While some students still have a few more years to come until the completion of their education, others are nearing the end with one more semester. Again, I ask you to question whether or not you may want to seek to continue your education. Have you ever thought of being a nurse practitioner?

A lot of people do not know much about nurse practitioners, or NPs. It's a common misconception that they cannot do things nearly as well as a physician. Nevertheless, I know plenty of people that refuse to see any medical person unless an MD follows their name. However, nurse practitioners are specialized nurses that can diagnose and treat medical conditions based on their scope of practice. Depending on their chosen specialty – geriatrics, pediatrics, dermatology, adult, etc. – nurse practitioners can do quite a bit with their patients. A big difference, however, between nurses and physicians is that nurses tend to focus on treating the body as a whole, mind, body, and spirit. In today's pending health care status, the role of the nurse practitioner will be very important.

The education required to become an NP is that required of an RN, but also an increased educational workload. Nurse practitioners are required to learn epidemiology, health promotion, pathophysiology, physical assessment, pharmacology, and differential and laboratory/radiography diagnostics. They are taught not just to use nursing diagnoses, but to use

the differential diagnoses used for medical treatments. All of this occurs during the course of pursuing a Master's degree in nursing. However, it is also estimated that by 2015 all advanced practice nurses including NPs will require a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Nurse practitioners make a fairly lucrative salary. According to indeed.com, nurse practitioners make an average salary of \$96,000 per year. The top paid NPs make about \$113,000 dollars. This is based on current statistics with current demand. The new health care reform is changing many things. According to CNN, many physicians are considering resigning and reconsidering their choice of profession due to the requirements and payment stipulations the new health care requires. This is leaving patients concerned with who will take care of them when they are ailing. Have no fear, the nurses are here. Nurses and nurse practitioners are estimated to be far more in demand following the reform, because they can provide care to these patients. They can diagnose and treat and also attempt to teach health care promotion. While acting to help patients, NPs can and will also teach the next generation of nurses and nurse practitioners.

So if you are still hesitant on what you want to do when you are out of college, that is okay. Being indecisive is normal, and there are many options available to you. Just do not rule out additional school and becoming a nurse practitioner.



AIR POLLUTION: A DANGEROUS NEW THREAT

By Jamie Staunton
Staff Writer

A dangerous new threat has come to light thanks to the World Health Organization (WHO). This threat affects every day citizens without them even knowing that anything out of the ordinary is occurring. This threat plagues the entire world, though some places more severely than others. This threat is air pollution.

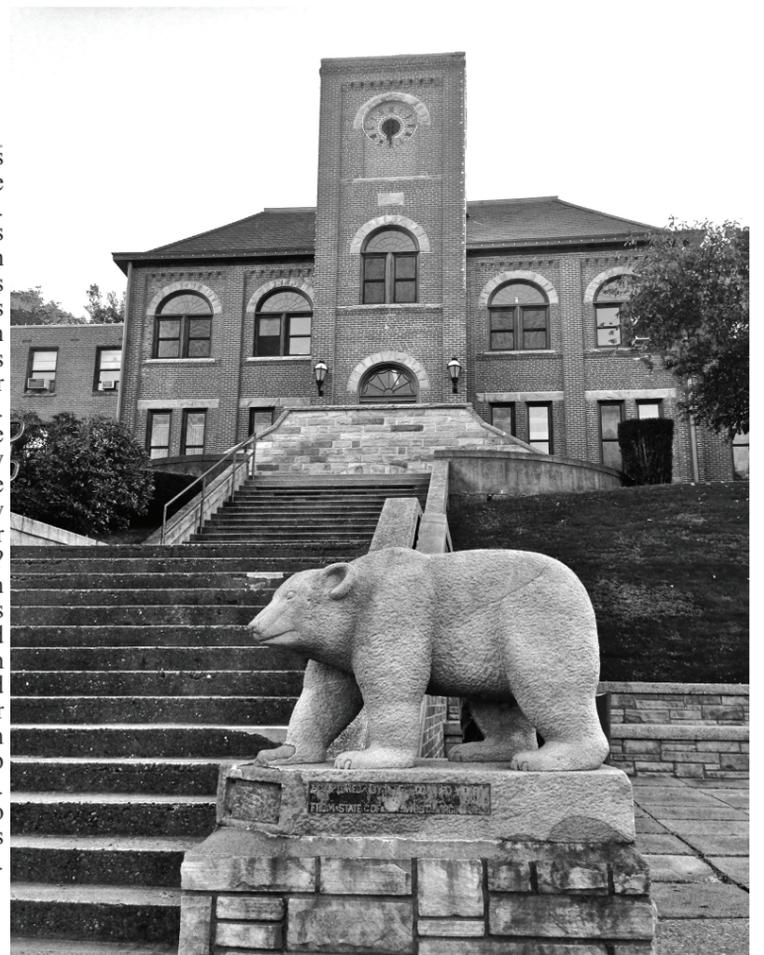
Air pollution has never been considered harmless – it was originally considered a threat to the environment, and then to individuals health. Those individuals with asthma know what it is like to have a respiratory attack come on due to “bad air days” in which pollutants in the air cause the airways to become constricted. However, many people had no idea just how incredibly dangerous the chemicals in the air really are. According to WHO, air pollution has been determined to be a leading cause of cancer, comparing it's effects to that of tobacco smoke, asbestos, and arsenic. What makes this such a scary revelation is that a person really cannot control the air they breathe in their environment.

According to a report in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and CNN, most areas which have reported incidents of cancer are in East Asian countries. For example, in the Chinese city of Jiangsu Province, the youngest person to be diagnosed with lung cancer was an eight year old girl. Doctors are attributing this girl's cancer to air pollution, as Jiangsu Province is a very industrialized city. The explanation of the carcinogenic material in air pollution is rather simple. Air pollution contains particulate matter that is known as PM 2.5. Studies performed by the WHO show that PM 2.5 causes

inflammation in the lungs, and as it accumulates it causes malignancies to form. This is a simple explanation, but causes extremely dangerous results.

While studies have not begun to focus in the United States yet, a great deal of research shows that industrializing countries are seeing rises in deaths caused by air pollution. Air pollution was held accountable for more than 1.2 million deaths in China alone. The air quality there has been rated as hazardous, their PM 2.5 levels rising drastically over time. This causes one to consider the possibilities. Think of California; everyone knows about the smog and pollution plaguing the air there. If a study were performed on the residents of Los Angeles, the number one polluted city in the United States, how many of them would have malignancies in their lungs that they may or may not even know about?

A large contributing factor to air pollution is pollution put out by passenger vehicles. There has always been large debate on this issue, with hybrid cars seeming to help, but also being a solution everyone is not able to purchase. Today, the EPA and White House are working on another solution – Tier 3. The laws stated in Tier 3 will provide society with cleaner gasoline and vehicle standards so as to help reduce and prevent deaths caused by air pollution. This is just one step which will hopefully help to prevent the number of deaths in the United States from rising to as high of a level as those of East Asia.



WHAT IS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER?



By Daniel Eisenberg
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Some students leave their home and make their trek to Montgomery for athletics, and some come because it is their neighborhood school. Some come for the small school environment and others for country scenery. Then there are those students who come to this school for its amazing reputation for being an excellent school of engineering, whether it is mechanical, civil, or electrical. To those who are in these prestigious degrees, it makes perfect sense what these degrees have to offer. However, to those who aren't studying those subjects, it may be a blur what exactly it means to be an engineer. So, what is a chemical engineer?

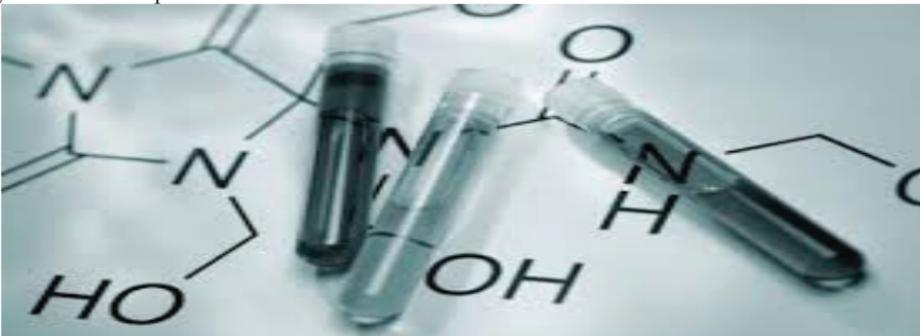
In a basic, one sentence nutshell, a chemical engineer combines chemistry and engineering to help attempt to solve problems in the world which deal with world hunger, pollution, creation and disposal of materials, or meeting the ever so changing demands of energy usage. Having a degree in this wonderful field opens numerous doors of opportunity. You could work in a factory which produces mass materials or you could work to develop processes and chemicals which will be later used to produce food or keep food fresh. You could work to provide information about the processing of computer chips and other parts, or could produce everyday items such as CDs, shoe soles, detergents, and sandwich bags. On top of all these great careers is working at an industrial plant. This would require the creation of materials needed such as petroleum and plastics.

In order to be a chemical engineer, you must be practiced in a number of

subjects, many of which are extremely challenging, especially here at Tech. You must be able to understand chemistry, of course, as well as mathematics, physics, and in some cases, depending on the career, biology or geology. Classes for this degree may include, but are not limited to, general chemistry and physics, organic chemistry, bio chemistry, fluid dynamics, heat and mass transfer, chemical reaction engineering, computer aided-design, probability and statistics, restricted electives which may include biotechnology, microelectronic devices, and engineering mechanics. Classes such as these require brains and dedication.

If you are able to complete all these classes and graduate with a degree, you are headed toward the big bucks. The median salary for a person in this field is \$120,000. This is a relatively high years payday, and depending on the area, the check may be even higher. In the Houston-Galveston area, the median may be \$144,200. Starting pay for this field is not quite six figures, but still a large check cashing in at about \$70,000. With getting paid this well, chemical engineers may be afraid of finding a job, due to a lot of people trying to score on the high paying career. While this may be expected, it is not necessarily trying, for the unemployment has dropped from 3.8 percent to 2.1 percent in the past two years alone.

If you are a student here at Tech studying chemical engineering, DON'T give up, for the benefits over run the negatives by a landslide. This is a growing career with a hefty pay and will be worth it upon graduation.



RETURNING TO HISTORIC ROOTS

Brian Warden, Writer



From Paleo-Indians using geothermal heat to cook, to Romans utilizing hot springs in their bathhouses, to a new super-efficient geothermal integrated heat pump, using the Earth's warmth as a sustainable source of comfort continues to pave new paths forward. One can only ask, what's next?

Break through technologies may have altered the way we consume energy and lessened the punch that the use of energy affects Americans. The Energy Department has been in the process of designing new ways to heat domestic water and air, as well as cooling since 2008. The department believes instead of starting a new and re-inventing the wheel so to speak, to return to our historical roots, but maybe just a little deeper.

For centuries we, as humans, have utilized the stable temperature of the ground for comfort. While conserving energy and remaining comfy, we are better off to take a lesson from the past, and return to utilizing the ground says the Department of Energy spokesperson from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Based on field tests and analysis, the new Trilogy 40 Q-Mode™ could save about 60% of annual energy use and cost for space conditioning and water heating in residential applications. This 60% saved by this new ground breaking design would directly affect the pockets of those who foot an energy bill each month.

The ground source heat pump pulls the heat up from the earth to heat

the air inside of the home while heating. When cooling is required, the pump reverses its flow and pulls the warm air from the home and returns it to the earth. The new ClimateMaster works differently; when needed to heat the home, just as the ground source heat pump does, the ClimateMaster pulls heat from the earth and into the residence. The difference is when the home has reached the desired heat or cooling is requested, instead of pumping the heat out of the home, it is used to supply hot water at any given time, anywhere in the house. Conventional heat pumps on average supply 30% of your hot water needs and often require even more energy when that small percentage is exhausted, thus raising your bill.

Ball State University incorporated the ClimateMaster to heat their facilities and saved nearly 2 million dollars and reduced their footprint by nearly half. The savings are not only defined to the amount of energy saved, but also due to the fewer amounts of components inside of the equipment. With its simplistic design, the use of ancient discovery combined with modern technology has allowed for substantial financial savings. Perhaps the most fascinating aspect of this new geothermal breakthrough is that the company is looking for ways to better the design or perhaps create a newer, more efficient model for the future.



FIA: FORENSIC INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION



By Daniel Eisenberg
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The very name "Forensic Investigation Association" sparks the interest of any person who grew up in a home where CSI and Criminal Minds played on the television set. Everyone wanted to be that detective who rummaged the crime scene in search of blood splatter or a piece of DNA, or even better, a latent fingerprint. Being at a small school such as Tech, one may not think a club would be present which does just this. However, led by senior president Sierra Truman, this club does exist.

"The forensic investigation association (FIA) is composed of mostly forensics majors, but we also welcome criminal justice and biology majors, as well as just anyone who is interested in the field," says Truman. FIA is very involved on and off campus and does a variety of activities. Coming up in the near future, the organization will be adopting a highway near the Paint Creek area, and will take on all responsibilities of keeping it clean. The organization also makes trips to the local gun range on Morris Drive in Montgomery. They do a number of fundraisers and community service events as well as compete in crime scene competitions. Last year, the competition was held at Marshall University. Different crime scenes were set up and teams competed in analyzing the scene to determine what happened. Basically, the team which does it the best wins.

Another interesting part of FIA is that they have their own crime house. Located next to the grassy knoll, the house is new to the organization and was given to them by the school. At this location, the club will be doing indoor/ outdoor crime scenes, grave digs in the back yard, and other

such types of scenarios. "With the indoor/ outdoor crime scenes, we will set the entire house up as a crime scene and as soon as you walk in the door you are a part of the crime scene," says Truman. "Sometimes it will even start at the sidewalk."

"We are hoping, in the near future, to hold a mystery dinner," Truman adds. "This will consist of a seven course meal which will take place in the crime house, and after the dinner is finished, it turns into a game of *Clue*, where someone turns up missing and everyone must figure out who committed the crime."

The forensics program as a whole is new to Tech. Some classes which are now offered for the forensic program are blood splatter analysis, trace evidence, anthropology, introduction to fingerprinting, advanced fingerprinting, intel/ counter intel, and other traditional CJ classes. Other classes are also in the works and should be offered in the near future such as facial reconstruction and a question documents course. Most of these classes are strictly hands on courses which allow you to get out of your boring desk chair and be involved in what you are learning.

One cannot deny the very nature of forensics being interesting. Meetings for FIA take place on the first Monday of every month at 5 pm in COBE G17. If this organization sounds like something you wish to be a part of, be sure to stop by and find out some more information and possibly join. Get out, find evidence, interpret facts, and catch criminals!



MATH TUTORIAL LAB Spring 2013

Engineering Lab - Room 107

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00	Susan Barton				
9:00	Ranjith Munasinghe	Bing Yang	Ranjith Munasinghe	Bing Yang	J.T. Hird
10:00	Fred Cavalier	Chengmin Yang	Fred Cavalier		J.T. Hird
11:00					
12:00				Sue Barton	
1:00					Deb Chun
2:00	Chengmin Yang		Deb Chun		
3:00	Phil Redden		Phil Redden		

WIND AND WILDFIRES, LOCAL NEWS UPDATE



By Scotty Stone
Staff Writer

West Virginia is a wonderful place full of opportunities for engineering marvels to thrive. We have massive rivers which allow us to take advantage of hydroelectric energy and we have massive sprawling mountain tops in which we can use to create wind turbines. In fact, in Mineral County, West Virginia, engineers have done just that; they've built a wind farm that supplies electricity to Maryland. However, the people that live nearby are complaining about the amount of noise that wind turbines are causing.

Citizens in the town of Keyser are saying the amount of noise generated by the turbines is causing them mental harm and is annoying them to the point of insanity. Many people say the wind turbines are even causing vibrations which can't really even be ignored. Housing developments that are miles and miles away are even having trouble selling homes because of the disturbances caused by these massive electricity generating machines.

The Green Mountain turbines are owned by Pinnacle Wind Farm and they have the potential to supply enough electricity to power a small city or a West Virginian county or two. In the past two months there have apparently been thirty-two lawsuits filed against the company due to the noise and vibrations. At the rate its going these turbines may end up becoming lost revenue.

In other news, there have been a number wildfires here in West Virginia and one was even

fairly close to our own campus, just outside of Kanawha City. Recently, a forest fire of concern is burning right now in Pendleton County, West Virginia, which is ironically named "Smoke Hole." So far, eighteen states have sent firefighting aid to the Monongahela National Forest near the Smoke Hole Caverns, in hope of getting the fires put out and saving the national forest and the surrounding lands.

The fire is said to have started on someone's private land and spread quickly into the surrounding forests. The cause of the fire is still being investigated but the amount of time being spent on putting the fire out has been quite a stressful endeavor. The fire is still only 20% contained which means the inferno is still raging and could potentially begin to spread further southwest as it moves and picks up speed. The conditions are right for the fire as humidity levels are low due to the cold temperatures and the high winds that like to sweep through the area. As it stands, the forest is closed to the public for 120 days or until the park supervisor says it is open to the public once more. Anyone who isn't given a permit to enter the forest could face a potential fine of five hundred dollars all the way up to ten thousand dollars if it is an organization. The potential fine can also be covered if you would rather spend six months in a federal prison, Let's just say it's probably better to stay out of the forest while it's on fire.

Churches around Tech

Kassie Shope, Staff Writer

Church of Immaculate Conception

Denomination: Catholic
Where: Beside E-Lab
Hours: Saturday mass 8:30pm, Sunday mass 5am.

Montgomery Baptist Church

Denomination: Baptist
Where: Beside Brown's Chevrolet
Hours: Sunday School 10am, Sunday worship 11am and 7pm

Montgomery United Methodist Church

Denomination: Methodist
Where: On the corner of Washington Street and 5th Avenue
Hours: Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am, Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 pm



WE ARE...

Over four decades ago, Southern Airways Flight 932 loaded with 75 Marshall student-athletes, coaches, aides and other staff crashed into a hillside just short of Tri-State Airport in Ceredo, West Virginia. The team was returning from a 17-14 loss to Eastern Carolina. The crash of Flight 932 almost led to the discontinuation of the university's football program. Head coach Rick Tolley was among the crash victims. Jack Lengyel was named to take Tolley's place on March 12, 1971. November 12, 1972, a memorial fountain was dedicated at the entrance of the Memorial Student Center that is turned off every year during the memorial service and not activated until the following spring. On November 11, 2005, the *We Are Marshall Memorial Bronze* was dedicated. The bronze statue was created by a resident of Sissonville, West Virginia and is attached to the Joan C. Edwards Stadium. On December 11, 2006, a memorial plaque was dedicated at the plane crash site.

The memorial plaque reads:

On Nov. 14, 1970, 75 people died in the worst sports related air tragedy in U.S. history, when a Southern Airways DC-9 crashed into a hillside nearby.

The victims included 37 Marshall University football players, 8 coaches and administrators, 25 fans and air crew of 5.

No one survived this horrific disaster

Another plaque memorializing the 1970 Marshall football team was unveiled at East Carolina University on the same day and can be seen at the guest team entrance of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Several of the victims are buried at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington; a road that leads from the cemetery to the campus was renamed Marshall Memorial Blvd. in their honor. The victims of the crash were: 37 athletes, 8 coaching staff members, 25 boosters, and 5 crew members. Marshall University still carries the honor of those lost in that tragic event by wearing "'75" decal on their helmets for the 75 people lost onboard Southern Airways Flight 932. A memorial service has been directed annually since 1970 featuring guest speakers and accounts from fellow students and staff of the events that transpired, and memorial poems, stories, and writings of those loved ones lost.

Modern media has also helped the memory of the crash live on through Hollywood. In following years, multiple movies have been created about the event. *Marshall University: Ashes to Glory* aired in 2000 as a documentary focused on the crash and recovery of the football program. In recent years, *We Are Marshall* aired as a dramatization featuring Matthew McConaughey as the newly appointed head coach, after the crash, and Matthew Fox as William "Red" Dawson, Marshall's temporary head coach, and assistant coach after Jack Lengyel (McConaughey) was hired.

...Marshall!



THE CURVY ROADS OF MINGO COUNTY PT.2



By Brian Warden
Staff Writer

Judge Michael Thornsby is accused of having an affair with his secretary and trying to frame her husband for several crimes over five years, including drug possession, larceny and assault. Although none of the phony charges panned out for the judge, most returned to haunt him and his allies. The judge is being charged with two counts of conspiracy. The indictment said the judge wanted a friend to plant a magnetic metal box in 2008 containing drugs on a vehicle belonging to the secretary's husband, Robert Woodruff. The judge's friend didn't go through with it.

When that failed, prosecutors said the judge got a state trooper to file a falsified complaint against Woodruff for larceny. The judge wanted the trooper to pursue a case against Woodruff, an employee of H. Coal Co., for salvaging mine parts and scrap from his employer, even though he obtained permission to salvage these parts.

Thornsby befriended the trooper and intentionally began a working relationship with him to influence the way he carried out his law enforcement duties. The officer has been placed on administrative leave pending an internal investigation, said State Police spokesman Sgt. Michael Baylous.

County Prosecutor Michael Sparks intervened in the larceny case. He knew of the affair and "recognized that the criminal charges against Woodruff were improper", the indictment said. The late sheriff, Eugene Crum, was working as magistrate at the time and dismissed the larceny case.

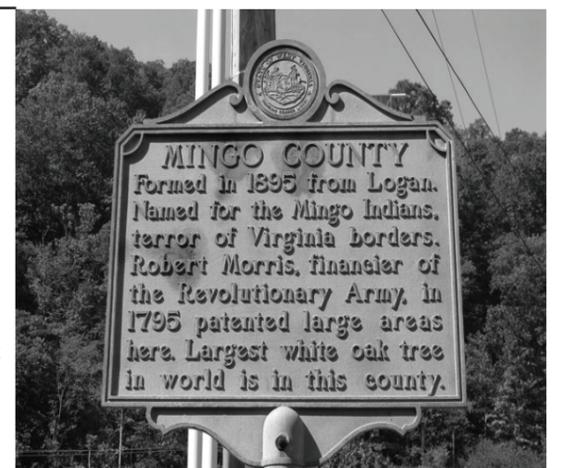
Thornsby also called on a friend, the county's emergency services director, to become the grand jury foreman. The judge allegedly wrote subpoenas and had the grand jury issue them to help get private information about Woodruff. This attempt was ended when a business refused to partake in such activities.

When Robert Woodruff became the victim of an assault outside of a store last year by two men—one of whom brandished a handgun—the judge arranged for Woodruff to be identified as the perpetrator so he would receive "an exceptionally harsh sentence".

County commissioner and purchasing officer Dave Baisden was accused of trying to buy tires for his personal vehicle at a government discount, then terminating the county's contract with Appalachian Tire when it refused to cooperate. Baisden, 66, was released on \$10,000 bond and ordered not to discuss the case with any witnesses, including his two fellow commissioners.

According to the court filing, Sparks allegedly participated in a conspiracy with other Mingo County officials to thwart a federal investigation into late Mingo County Sheriff Eugene Crum. Many believe the attempt to remove federal eyes from the case was to defend the corruption going on in the county and much more to come. Many claim that Judge Thornsby was disgusted at Crum for not following through with the case of his lover's husband and caused a feud, between the two which abruptly ended with Crum's death. Sparks is also accused in a scheme to protect the late Sheriff Eugene Crum from revelations that he'd bought drugs from a campaign sign-maker.

Dallas Toler allegedly registered a convicted felon to vote last year when he knew that person to be a convicted felon. With voting corruption a piece of local history, and frequent private elections, this charge doesn't appear to be as simple as it sounds.





CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

By Daniel Eisenberg
Staff Writer, Section Editor

The much anticipated and favorite part of many people's year is rapidly approaching as the colder days come with it, and everyone is eagerly waiting for the 25th of the month to arrive. Christmas is almost here, and with the lights on the houses, songs on the radio, and joyful spirit in the air, it is all but impossible to forget. For many, Christmas means getting together with family, eating a full family meal, and exchanging presents on Christmas morning, all while remembering the reason for the celebration. Is this how the rest of the world treats the holiday as well, or are other traditions also practiced?

China has similar customs and traditions as America, except it is practiced on a far smaller scale. Only about one percent of people living in China are Christians, so the real celebrations usually only occur in the large cities, and not so much in rural areas. In the cities, Christmas trees are present but are almost always plastic and are decorated with paper decorations such as chains, flowers, or lanterns. A tradition in China which is rapidly spreading is the giving of apples on Christmas Eve. This happens because "Christmas Eve" in Chinese is 'Ping An Ye' which sounds familiar to 'Ping Guo' which is Chinese for "apple."

Canada celebrates Christmas much like America as well, but in some areas, such as the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, mummering takes place. Mummering involves dressing up in creative costumes and knocking on doors. When the door opens, the mummer says "any mummies 'loud in?" After this, the mummies and home owners dance and sing and eat cake and drink something warm before the mummies proceed to the next house. In some cases, if the homeowner is not able to guess who the mummer was, they

are then required to join in with a costume of their own and continue on the journey. Also in northern Canada, some people play "taffy pull" in honor of Saint Catherine, the patron saint of single women. The event involves single women attending in an attempt to find the most appealing available men.

People in Russia celebrate on January 7th, rather than December 25th, because they use the old "Julian" calendar for religious events. On Christmas eve, some Russians fast until a star is visible in the sky at which point they dine on 'sochivo' or 'kutia' which is a porridge made from wheat or rice. They often throw some other items into the bowl including fruits or seeds. Following the meal, most Russians say some prayers before heading to their church for a midnight service. They do not wash the dishes until they return from church, sometimes as late as 4 or 5 am. This is when the 'father frost' brings presents to the children of the family. The children hold hands around the Christmas tree and call for the present barer to come to them, and when he appears, the lights on the tree light up. The father enters with a large staff and gives the gifts to the children.

Christmas is different all around the world. While every country has its differences, however, many similarities are also found. While Christmas is a joyous time filled with lots of good food, good people, and present, you must always remember that this is not why the holiday was created. Always remember the true reason for the holiday, and don't let it fade away in the giant gift wrapped box which lies under the tree. Christmas is a very joyous and jolly time, and with it so close upon us, think about your loved ones and who you wish to spend the holiday with.



SO SIMILAR, YET SO DIFFERENT; AUSTRALIA

By Daniel Eisenberg
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Part two of our cultural comparisons will highlight the continent of Australia. This land mass, as many of you know, is located south of Asia, below the equator. It is too large to be considered an island, although since it is completely surrounded by water without touching another piece of land, it is sometimes referred to an island continent. Many people may think of Australia as a crocodile hunting country where people drive jeeps from coast to coast, play with kangaroos and koalas, and "put another shrimp on the barbie!" Most of these thoughts are just stereotypes, and you can find out the truth simply by asking one of our many students who hail from Australia. There are many students here from this country, including the well-known energetic soccer senior, Jonathan "Aussie" Eske.

Australia is very similar to the states in many aspects. Some ways in which the two areas are similar are the infrastructure, highways, the beaches, the weather (which could be debated that Australia's are better), the dollar, and the in some ways the food. The language is also English for both the countries, but Australians have an accent to their speech, which many people claim to be a highlight and which makes their country unique.

There are also some ways in which the two countries are different. For starters, the United States has a much higher population than Australia, making up about 310 million people vs. Australia's

22 million. People who hail from Australia would say their native land is safer with a better climate, and that their residents are friendlier. Also, most of Australia is desert. 90% of Australians live on the coast to avoid this, and surfing is a common activity for a lot of residents. Watersports in general are much more common in this part of that world than in the United States, and most people take pride in their activities in the water. Also, while we as Americans drive on the right side of the road, those in Australia drive on the left side.

"I don't see a whole lot of differences between the two countries," says Eske. "The food is basically the same except we have more Greek and Italian restaurants in Australia."

Eske played for Prince Alfred College is South Australia where he graduated in 2009. Here at Tech, he has made quite a contribution to our soccer program, racking up five assists this season. Last year, in a total of 20 games, he had seven assists and also a goal of his own.

"I miss my friends from back home the most," he says, "and the clubs."



JUSTICE FOR BENGHAZI



By Brian Warden
Staff Writer

The date September 11th often brings to mind the year 2001, for all too many people forget this infamous day is shared in another year, 2012. This event takes place in a Libyan city of Benghazi. This date marks the challenge of neglecting leaders against terrorist extremists, and ended in a bloody dispute and the loss of American lives.

Just as the public eye begins to shift from the major political backlash given to the Obama administration, the State Department is quietly offering a 10 million dollar reward leading to the arrest of any suspect who partook in the 2012 bombing of the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya. This reward comes on the tail of the Fox News organization, and many Republicans brought to light that the State Department neglected to include the 2012 Benghazi attack reward publicly in their "Rewards for Justice" website. The "Rewards for Justice" website contains a publicly accessible list of known terrorist or terrorist attacks and asks the public for tips and information on each of the individuals listed, and in return of information leading to a conviction, rewards mostly multi-million dollars are awarded.

Benghazi has become a quiet issue after the initial wake of citizens asking for justice, not only against the perpetrators, but also against those in our government who neglected to close the embassy, protect our ambassadors, or increase the security on such a victorious date of 9/11 for the terrorist nation of Libya. The action of keeping the Benghazi reward a secret has raised many speculations to why such a horrific attack would not be made highly public knowledge.

In the eyes of many, actions against our government leaders have been enacted, to some degree, but justice against the Libyan perpetrators has not been vigorously perused, until now. The State Department stated that "Due to security issues and

sensitivities surrounding the investigation, the event-specific reward offer has not been publicly advertised on the RFJ website; the RFJ tools can be utilized in a variety of ways, without publicizing them on the website." A State Department official who is well versed with the letter has acknowledged that while not publicizing the reward is a bit unusual, the investigators have other ways of making the information known "as needed."

The same source said the reward has been established since January 7th, before Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton was removed from office. With over eleven months now that the reward has been established, and the American public just becoming aware of it leads many to question just how public the reward information really is. Michael McCaul, the chairman of the House Homeland Security committee, wrote a letter to the current Secretary of State, John Kerry, asking why no reward was offered. 82 other representatives signed that letter, and are pursuing justice for our fallen Americans.

The refusal to discuss the issue has led to many criticisms from several representatives, mostly conservative, as to why the State Department mishandled the Benghazi situation and possibly attempted to cover up the issue. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has stated "The Obama administration has not used it, [RFJ Website], to pursue the terrorist who attacked our personnel in Benghazi" after drafting his own bill offering a 5 million dollar reward for information leading to the arrest of a suspect. The RFJ website has aided arrest and rewarded 125 million dollars to 80 people since its establishment in 1984.

IT'S SUPER SCIENCE!

By Scotty Stone
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to have a superpower? Have you ever hoped that maybe one day you could be just like The Wolverine? Well, the scientists at Harvard University have done something spectacular for the millionth time this year. They have found a gene in mice embryos that allows them to grow back parts of their body's like a clipped ear or a toe. The discovery of this was accidental, however, as the scientist who made the discovery was only trying to distinguish the "super mice" apart from the control group for a completely different experiment. He punched holes into their ears but they grew back in, so then he tried cutting off toes, but they grew back as well. Finally he threw in the towel and just gave the mice a good ole waxing. Instead of the waxing getting rid of the mouse hair for a long while it grew back unnaturally fast. This is a fascinating discovery which could lead to possible practical use for humans as well.

Mushrooms can make their own wind! Well, so can you, but this is different! When there is no available wind for a mushroom to spread its spores it can sometimes get a little irritable, so as a way to spread its little fungus babies it gets smart. What it does is allows its personal water to be evaporated, this results in a phase change, as the water turns into gas. Because of the change in temperature between the air that's close to the mushroom it causes a small inward gust due to the cooler temperature around the mushroom. Hopefully mushroom don't eventually grow brains and teeth, that could spell the end for all humanity.

A man in the UK who goes by the name of Charlie Harry Francis, has made the greatest ice cream creation of all time. His ice cream is bioluminescent and is created

using whatever it is that makes jellyfish glow. Bioluminescent, just means that this fancy ice cream glows in the dark when you lick it, because who doesn't enjoy their ice cream in the dark, right? At its current rate you can get a single scoop for \$225 which is a small price to pay for licking a jellyfish and being able to tell the tale.

Comet ISON surprised scientists over Thanksgiving weekend because it did something miraculous by surviving its extremely close brush with the sun. At first the 4.5 billion year old comet was declared dead because it had a minor run-in with our dear old sun. There is still hope that the comet may continue to live on and make another orbit around our sun in another few hundred or thousand years but as it stands many scientists are skeptical that it will last a few more days. Many people had been excited over ISON's potential to be the "greatest comet of all time," but as with most events in our world, the hype died down as the comet came closer and closer, and was eventually just another dim light in the sky.





Brian Warden

PS4 OR XBOX 1

This holiday season is an exciting one for gamers as the release of two more next generation consoles is upon us. The PlayStation 4 and the Xbox One are releasing mid-November and the console wars are already off to a running start. Launch window titles for this generation are already astonishingly beautiful and they still haven't even tapped into the full potential of their hardware yet. Shockingly, both consoles have a version of the "newest" Call of Duty game and the differences between current generation and next generation consoles aren't something to ignore. The new consoles display absolutely spectacular visuals and the multiplayer experience gains an added bonus of having potential 18-player games.

The two systems set to release this console generation are already causing conflict between gamers on both sides of the console spectrum. Players who are on the PlayStation 4 side of the arguments boast about the superior power of the console. But to be honest, the difference in power between the two consoles won't be an issue until near the end of this console life-cycle, at which point the next generation of consoles will probably already be planned and the games will be in their winding down phase anyways. Another notable argument for the PlayStation 4 is that its applications aren't hidden behind a pay-wall, which is really a giant advantage over the Xbox One. This is because for a year's subscription of Xbox Gold you're spending \$60.00, and then for a month of Netflix you're spending a minimum of \$8.00. This added up with other subscriptions, say from ESPN or HBO GO, and you're spending hundreds of dollars per year for services and then aren't allowed to use them until you have that Gold subscription. However on PS4, as long as you have an internet connection and have paid for your applications you're good to go.

Don't count the Xbox One out yet, as it has many new features that allow it to compete with the PS4. The feature that has the most

potential but seems to be left out of console war discussions is the fact that the Xbox One can game from the cloud along with saved data to your system. This means that loading screens and save times could be cut in half, and the potential of losing a saved game due to a crazy power killing thunderstorm could become a thing of the past. Not only are saves and loads going to be streamlined, but the games that you play are going to be of the highest quality according to Microsoft. Microsoft says that they invested over one billion dollars into new IPs for this console generation, which could potentially mean that the new Xbox will have more than just Halo games and Gears of War for people to brag about.

Some of the opinions about the new consoles comes down to personal preference as well, for example: the controllers and their shape. Many people agreed that during this generation, the Xbox 360 had the better controller and even some PlayStation 3 fans agreed the Xbox 360 controller was more comfortable. However, this generation many people are on the fence about the new controllers. A lot of reviewers are saying that the larger size of the DualShock 4 controller and its built in speaker and touch-pad makes it better than the Xbox One's improved game-pad. Then of course there is the online functionality; both consoles require you to subscribe to their respective service to play online, however the PlayStation 4 is about \$50.00 per year while the Xbox One is \$60.00.

At the end of the day, all that really matters is personal preference and in my opinion you should probably wait until at least the beginning of next year to buy either console. I state this mainly because hardware and firmware issues normally plague new systems at launch. By that time, you will also know what kind of games will be available on the systems. Until you make your choice, remember to keep calm and game on.



Brian Warden
Staff Writer

RUSTY TO RESTORED

Nothing sounds quite like a car from yester years, especially when the car was restored under one's own tender loving care. For some, restoring an old car is a way of reliving their youth; for others it's the sheer enjoyment of rebuilding a piece of history. No matter the reason, a majority of guys have the desire to remake these steel beasts, watch the fierceness arise in the lights, the rumble in their growl and the power under the wheels. Before a car can be rebuilt, a plan must be laid! This plan must consist of choosing the model desired, finding that model, finances for the car, transportation of the car, and most important of all, scouting the availability of parts.

Once a model is selected, for whatever the reason, a few options must be reviewed. One of those options is choosing condition (paint, engine, body, etc) or price. In most cases the lower the price, the lower the quality of the condition. If the decision is made for the cheaper the price, the forecasted expenses may need adjusting. One thing that needs to be understood when remodeling cars is that two things are a definite, time and money. For the successful revival of an ancient beast time, hard work, dedication, effort, and yes, expenses will be no stranger.

While looking for the right car, look local first but do not be afraid to expand the search to a wider area. A few great magazines to aid the search are: *The Local Trader*, *Local Ad Bulletin*, *Trade and Sell*, and local newspapers. If multiple models are available, inspect each separately and compare pro's and con's of each, maybe even take a friend or mechanic that would

know more about the car than you; this could save lots of money in the long run. The closer the car is, the less amount of distance it has to be moved, the less expenses used; local is better.

Saving while looking for the "perfect" car is a big step. These cars are not cheap, while most are cheaper than their more modern versions, they still tend to cost more than pocket change. Even if the car cost less than what was expected, there will be parts to buy. Among the initial price of the car, transportation, parts and commodities, unexpected or unaccounted expenses may appear. These could be a faulty lock, a flat tire, damaged rim, and other things not commonly looked at while snagging an old car.

Perhaps the most important part of deciding on the car or the intended budget range is dependent on the range of prices of parts. Rare car parts, are harder to find, thus more expensive. If parts are harder to find, they may require longer time to be shipped. Often times, if a part cannot be found easily it may cause the owner to become discontented and often lose interest. Availability of parts may be a time consuming aspect even after finding the desired part; these cars are old and require special dies and cast to manufacture.

The key to rebuilding a legend of yesterday is to plan and stick to it. Do not give up, no matter what trials come; it will be worth it in the long run. Do not be afraid to set your own pace at rebuilding, running out of resources would spin the wheels on your project for sure.

NFL SCHEDULE

Week 14

Houston Texans at Jacksonville Jaguars
Cleveland Browns at New England Patriots
Minnesota Vikings at Baltimore Ravens
Carolina Panthers at New Orleans Saints
Buffalo Bills at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kansas City Chiefs at Washington Redskins
Detroit Lions at Philadelphia Eagles
Miami Dolphins at Pittsburgh Steelers
Indianapolis Colts at Cincinnati Bengals
Oakland Raiders at New York Jets
Tennessee Titans at Denver Broncos
Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers
St. Louis Rams at Arizona Cardinals
New York Giants at San Diego Chargers
Atlanta Falcons at Green Bay Packers
Dallas Cowboys at Chicago Bears

Thursday, December 5th, 2013 at 8:25pm
Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at 1:00pm
Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at 4:05pm
Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at 4:25pm
Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at 4:25pm
Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at 8:30pm
Monday, December 9th, 2013 at 8:40pm

Week 15

San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos
New Orleans Saints at St. Louis Rams
Washington Redskins at Atlanta Falcons
San Francisco 49ers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Philadelphia Eagles at Minnesota Vikings
Seattle Seahawks at New York Giants
Buffalo Bills at Jacksonville Jaguars
Arizona Cardinals at Tennessee Titans
Chicago Bears at Cleveland Browns
New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins
Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts
Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders
New York Jets at Carolina Panthers
Green Bay Packers at Dallas Cowboys
Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers
Baltimore Ravens at Detroit Lions

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Sunday, December 15th, 2013 at 8:30pm
Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 8:40pm

Reviews



Brian Warden

BASS PRO SHOPS® XPS® STALKER™ FRONT LOADER BAG

With the fall and winter hunting seasons pretty well in the books, it's time to look forward to the oncoming fishing seasons. While preparing for fishing it is important to keep organized, and Bass Pro Shops has just the bag to help any fisherman do just that. The XPS Stalker is a front loading bag, the front zipper of the bag unzips to reveal the tackle. Inside of this zipper is several plastic containers that can house different types of tackle for easy and convenient access and storage. Inside of these plastic boxes are dividers so that each tackle can be stored separately, keeping hooks from being tangled and not creating a frustrating mess.

The bag is no larger than that of a normal sized tackle box and is more mobile. With a shoulder strap attached, stalking up and down riverbanks or around a lake should be no problem without having the fear of leaving your tackle behind. With the convenience of having the front of the bag zip open to reveal the removable trays, changing your bait on the fly has become so much easier, and quicker.

Replacement boxes for the bag are sold separately so that an angler can have several different sets for any special fish species sought after. Because the boxes are sealed and contained, it is with ease that a fisherman can change the content of his bag to satisfy his, or her needs at any given time.

This front loader bag is perfect for stowaway compartments on boats. Also, this bag can be used to save the hassle of struggling with a heavy, bulky tackle box that if knocked overboard would result in the loss of tackle and abruptly end a fishing trip.

This 20x15.5x12 bag comes in a variety of colors, and will hold 5 large utility boxes in the main housing and 2 medium size boxes in each of the side pockets. The bag also features a padded top compartment that is ideal for transporting or storing extra reels, line, or other items you take on your fishing trip. The bag is made of highly water resistant material and even has a dry pocket for phones, licenses, or other materials that need to be kept in the dry during your day full of fishing.



By Brian Warden

THE LATE SEASON HUNT

The late season hunt can often be an unpredictable hunt. In the late season, a hunter has to plan for diminishing food sources, ever changing weather conditions and the skittish nature of the deer after a long season of hunting pressure. The common approaches during the regular season will prove to be not nearly as effective. This time of year most of the mass has been used up and the natural vegetation has died away. Deer will be moving about the forest looking for available food. One helpful tip would be to find a grove that still has mass on the ground, maybe even a field with apple trees in it; one thing is for sure, if you find a food source that deer eat, the deer will be there. As noted before in previous articles, find a concealable location, off of the trail but somewhere with a clear view. As late season is mainly bow hunting, only with the exception of muzzle loading season, and most encounters will be within 50 yards. With this being said, choose a location that conceals scent and cooperates with wind directions.

The old phrase "All game stirs before a storm" actually has some virtue. Studies have shown that changing weather fronts triggers a natural reaction in deer to move, find cover and food. Keep in mind the deer will stir from 12 to 16 hours before the front all the way through the cold front and begin to slow when the weather begins to warm up again. The fronts that encourage deer movement also mean wind movement too, so once again make sure you are scent free and the wind is in your favor. If

at all possible, hunt while there is a snow on the ground, this makes for an obvious sign of where the deer are and where they are moving. Look around dense cover and expect deer movement as the weather conditions intensifies.

With hunting pressure dating back to October, the deer are extremely on edge and cautious. Use this situation to your advantage by finding an area that hasn't seen too much human traffic. Try to find a less hunted area off popular trails, in or near thickets, or maybe in large wooded flats. As for calls to use during the late season, social grunts, doe bleats, or fawn bleats are more appropriate for late season hunting. Avoid harsh challenging grunts, because with the rut winding down and the pressure being applied to the deer for the past several months, the last thing they're doing is out cruising for a fight. Late season deer hunting is about finding a balance between food and cover, timing and weather, and a bit of luck. By December the deer are going from cover to food back to cover, partly because of the weather, and also because the contact with hunters throughout the season. Frequency of movement and range are dependent on the amount of food and the proximity of the food source. The further the travel or lower the quantity of food in the area, the more the deer will be likely to move. Also by late season the deer have fully developed their winter coats, this makes them more sensitive to heat and they're less likely to move in warm weather.



Kassie Shope, Staff Writer

BUYING THE PERFECT GIFT

Every year, the hardest part about Christmas is the struggle of buying gifts for all my family and friends. It is always hard to figure out what they want and no one wants to buy a gift you know someone won't like. What do you do when someone has everything? What do you buy for kids? What do you buy for your boyfriend or girlfriend? And most importantly what do you buy for mom and dad? No fear, I have all the answers right here!

- For Mom: Make her something instead of buying something! Try some a new bottle of her favorite perfume or ask her if she needs any necessities around the house. If money is running low since we are college students, moms love sentimental things, whether it's a picture collage of you from when you were little or just a cheesy craft that you made; it's still special to her.
- For Dad: Dads can be probably the easiest to buy for or he could be the hardest if he has everything. Most dads will appreciate anything that you get them but some ideas could be grilling utensils, movies, sports memorabilia, beer, tools, or gift cards.
- For your Boyfriend/Girlfriend: This is probably the hardest person to buy for on your list. In this situation, just ask them what they would like and go from there. This will at least give you an idea of where to start. You could also take everything you've learned about your significant other, gather some ideas of what they like

todo and pick out a gift you think they would like based on how much you know about them. It'll be much more meaningful if you pick it out yourself without any help.

- For your Best Friend: Buy them something that means a lot to your friendship; like a framed photo of you two, a scrapbook with all your memories in it, or just something simple that you know that they would like.
- For Grandma: Grandma will love anything you get her, I promise. But if you want to get her something that she will use, just look at her interests and go from there. If she likes cooking, get her some new cook ware. If she likes candles, buy her a tart burner.
- For Grandpa: Most grandpas enjoy tools, sports memorabilia, and gadgets galore. They will be happy with literally anything.
- For younger Siblings or Cousins: You can always buy them another toy that they'll forget about in six months or you could make them a coupon for a day of fun with you. Just make a coupon out of a piece of paper, decorate it, and there you have a one of a kind gift. Write on the coupon that it is good for a day of fun with you anytime they want, doing whatever they want to do and you'll pay for everything. They'll remember a great day with you long after any gift you buy them.



TOP 10 PIECES OF CLOTHING THAT EVERY GIRL SHOULD HAVE

Kassie Shope, Staff Writer

1. Miss Me Jeans – The most comfortable jeans that you will ever buy, but they're a little on the expensive side.
2. Yoga Pants – Perfect for looking stylishly lazy on those long days in class without looking sloppy.
3. North Face/Columbia jacket – Both in which are very comfortable and warm while still managing to be lightweight.
4. TOMS – Super comfortable shoes that can be either casual or dressy.
5. Leggings – A unique and fun alternative to pants, plus they are super cheap!
6. Cardigans – An easy way to dress up a simple shirt by adding some depth to the outfit.
7. Black Dress – A staple of any girl's closet, because you never know when you may need it.
8. Victoria's Secret long-sleeved Shirt – This shirt could seriously be the most comfortable shirt you will ever buy and they come in all different colors and styles to fit your liking.
9. Chunky Necklaces – A quick way to dress up any plain top or dress.
10. Ribbon – Make any ponytail or braid look fancy by simply adding a ribbon in your hair.



PINTEREST CRAFT: ORNAMENT WREATH

Kassie Shope, Staff Writer

Christmas is approaching quickly and you have to admit we all get a little craftier around the holidays. Let's be honest, it's really fun crafting around the holidays and it is also cheaper than going out and just buying a regular gift for someone. Last year, I made a craft for my grandmother that she absolutely loved. Of course I found it on Pinterest and it was surprisingly very simple to make. So with that being said, here are some steps to making your own DIY ornament wreath!

What you need:

- A wire clothes hanger
- Assorted round ornaments (you choose the color, I used blue and silver)
- Hot glue gun and hot glue
- Ribbon (for the bow)
- Pliers

Steps:

1. Take your wire hanger and shape into a circular shape.
2. Next using the pliers, unwrap the twisted part of the hanger at the top so one side is open
3. Make sure the tops of your ornaments are secured by applying a hot glue around the bottom of the ornament hooks
4. Next, slide the ornaments on. If you are using multiple colors, try

alternating them so the colors will be evenly distributed. Keep in mind that you will be able to move the ornaments somewhat so don't freak out.

5. Once you get all of your ornaments on and arranged, use the pliers to join the ends of the hanger back together
6. Lastly, use the ribbon to make a bow to cover the twisted part of the hanger.



STATS ABOUT WOMEN



- According to confidencecoalition.org, 90% of women want to change at least one aspect of their physical appearance
- Only 16% of congress is made up of women
- According to the US Department of Labor, women make up 48.6% of the labor force
- According to news-medical.net, 65% of women have eating disorders



Kassie Shope, Staff Writer

CHRISTMAS FASHION

It's that time of year again when girls struggle to dress fashionable yet manage to keep warm at the same time. It seems that when I go shopping in the winter, there are still so many short sleeved shirts and dresses on display for purchase, but still never see anyone buying them. No matter how fashionable you want to be, you are going to put your warmth and comfort before fashion, because that's just how most girls think. Does this mean that you have to wear baggy hoodies, sweatpants, and a toboggan every day? No! Nevertheless, there are a lot of ways that you can dress fashionable in the winter and still be comfortable. This brings me to the topic of my article; I'm going to showcase some ways to stay comfortable and stylish during this winter season.

One of my favorite items to wear in the winter is a sweater. One of the main reasons is because they are warm and also so versatile. You can literally pair a sweater with anything and it will look good for any occasion. My favorite outfit involving a sweater is a longer knit sweater with skinny jeans and leather boots, which are also very trendy in the fashion world right now.

Another trend that is unbelievably popular

and a huge hit this winter are sequined boots. A lot of people hate them if they're not UGG brand. Personally, UGGs are ridiculously overpriced so a more reasonable priced, general sequined boot makes me feel fabulous at a low price of around \$20 instead of \$120! Any brand of boots can be stylish in the winter, because they make walking easier and they also keep your legs warm unlike normal shoes.

As I mentioned in my fall fashion article, I love scarves. Not only because they keep my neck warm, but also because they can make a normal, ordinary outfit look unique and extraordinary. Plus there are hundreds of different ways that you can tie a scarf that will also add a fun spin to any outfit that you wear.

I always try and put together a really cute outfit for Christmas Eve and Christmas because they're special occasions. My outfits usually consist of a sweater or a sweater dress plus leggings or skinny jeans with boots, along with some sort of shimmering eye shadow and red lipstick. So whether you're going shopping, to a Christmas party, or just out in the snow; always make sure that you look your best this holiday season and above all, have fun and happy holidays!

CHRISTMAS HOROSCOPE

Joe Sherfey
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Aries (March 21- April 19) - You've been up late from all the caffeine and preparing for the upcoming tests. College life can be difficult, but with a little red bull and some ramen, you'll be at the top in no time. That is, if you don't sleep through your tests.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) - Get motivated. These words alone should bring you up a little. You have much to accomplish, but don't let your attention span control you. If you do, you might find yourself on your phone in the FTT zone (Facebook, Tumblr, or Twitter). So stay focused on what's important, not the cat photos or what Sally Sue is doing.

Gemini (May 21- June 20) - Luck might be in your favor this month... that is if you follow these three steps I give you. Step one; stop worrying about what others think. Step two; have fun and enjoy yourself. Really let yourself go; a few pounds, bruises, and forgotten nights won't kill you. Step three; live like you are going to die tomorrow, because you very well might. With these three steps, you should be feeling luckier... or nothing at all. But hopefully you will feel luckier.

Cancer (June 21- July 22) - Don't you love the drama that has been going on in your life recently? I mean the break ups, the lost friendships, and don't forget the rumors... everyone loves rumors. No? You don't? Well too bad, because it only gets worse from here out... I'm just kidding; actually it is almost over to be honest. The stars are aligning in your favor. (Not really, I'm not an astrologist. I'm just saying it to make you feel better.)

Leo (July 23- August 22) - Strength, courage, and honor, all these describe the Leo... This month however, these traits might get you in more trouble than good. Do not start a fight with someone for the love of all that is good and right. If you decide to, I hope you enjoy hospital food. Insta-mash potatoes and everything else will be fed through a straw to you. Be careful who you talk to as well, one wrong word and it's Armageddon for you.

Virgo (August 23- September 22) - You poor soul, I'm already saying my prayers for you. May God have mercy on your unlucky soul. Enjoy life while you can and prepare for the end of the month. It's going to be a bumpy ride.

Libra (September 23- October 22) - Well, you should feel lucky; you are the only zodiac sign to actually not have a bad side. I mean, unless being awesome for a whole month will bring you down. Congratulations, you deserve it. (Warning: This is not a real horoscope reading, we are not liable for any problems you may experience from this reading.)

Scorpio (October 23- November 21) - Your

horoscope might be the worst one by far. Just give up on tomorrow; sleep through tomorrow. If you do this, you will avoid all the drama, bad luck, and depression that comes with the day. The day after will be better though, it will be a nice day. But forget tomorrow, just forget about it. **Sagittarius** (November 22- December 21) - I sense a new person will be introduced into your life. There is no doubt that this person will make a drastic difference in your life. Now, good or bad, I do not know. But I do know it will be new to you.

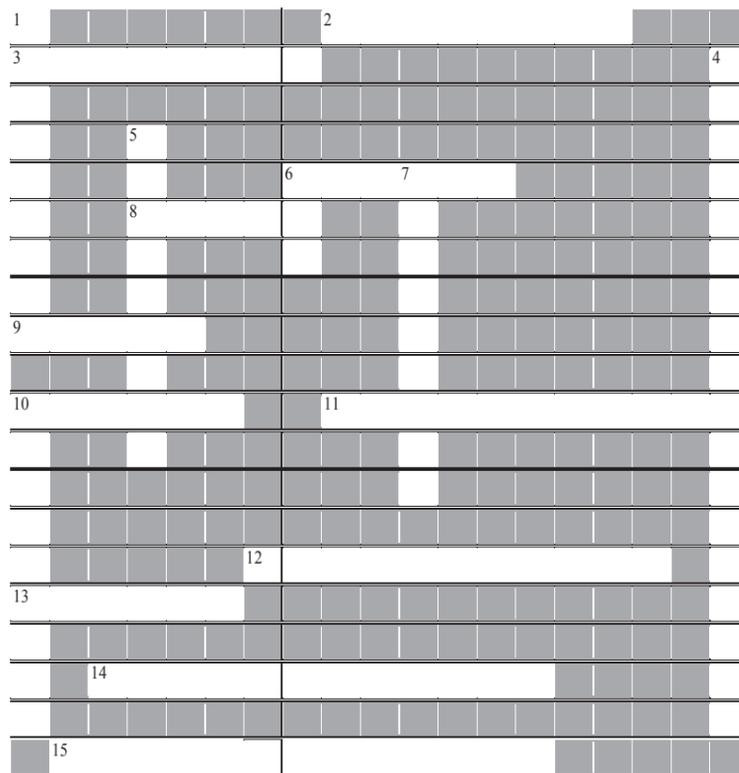
Capricorn (December 22- January 19) - 'Tis the season to be jolly lalalala la. But yours might be the exception. You don't particularly care for this time of year anyways. Just go with your gut and live like you would any other day. Except hitting that deer that oddly resembles a reindeer... It even has a red nose.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) - Don't you wish you were a kid again? All the presents and gifts that "Santa" brought you were so great when you were young. Now it's your dad dressed up for your younger siblings with the opportunity to watch them open their presents. You're too old for gifts now, but at least you can eat the food. Turkey is always great to start any meal off with. But by the time you finish it, you are going to regret every bit of it.

Pisces (February 19- March 20) - The candles are lit, the ham is done. All the little ones are having fun. But alone you sit in the corner. Your mother can be quite the scorner. "Why are you such a trouble maker?" she says. She caught you out drinking with friends. "That is distasteful," she says as she sips on wine. But you know it will all be fine. Once she hits glass four, you'll be out the door. She won't even know you're gone. You might even be out all night long. But it won't matter, she'll be plastered. And you, well you will have a technique mastered. How to dodge your mother's wrath on Christmas day. All it takes is a bottle of wine on a silver tray.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. Can be found under a tree
3. Santa's "pets"
6. Usually shouted by Santa
8. The big man
9. Santa's little helpers
10. People go door to door singing these bells
12. January 1st
13. Foul that is served with ham sometimes
14. December 24th

DOWN

1. Dessert that most don't eat
4. Popular song involving presents over so many days
5. Tradition involves kissing when caught under it
6. Pork that is served with turkey sometimes
7. Hangs on the tree
10. December 25th



CHRISTMAS MOVIES

1. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
2. A Christmas Story
3. Elf
4. A Christmas Carol
5. The Muppet's Christmas Carol
6. The Polar Express
7. The Santa Clause movies
8. Four Christmases
9. Santa Baby
10. Fred Claus

TOP 10 CHRISTMAS SONGS

1. White Christmas- Bing Crosby
2. Jingle Bell Rock- Bobby Helms
3. Here Comes Santa Claus- Gene Autry
4. It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas- Perry Como & The Fontaine Sisters
5. Feliz Navidad- José Feliciano
6. Last Christmas- Ariana Grande
7. All I Want is a Hippopotamus for Christmas- Gayla Peevey
8. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus- Jimmy Boyd
9. Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree- Brenda Lee
10. You're All I Want For Christmas- Brook Benton

CHRISTMAS RECIPE: GINGERBREAD MEN



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Ingredients:

- One (3.5 ounce) package of butterscotch pudding mix
- A half a cup of butter
- A half a cup of brown sugar
- One egg
- One and a half cups of all-purpose flour
- A half a teaspoon of baking soda
- One and a half teaspoons of ground ginger
- One teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- One bowl
- Baking sheets (this should make about two dozen cookies)
- Cookie cutters (your choice of shape)

Instructions:

First, in a bowl, mix together the dry butterscotch pudding mix, butter, and brown sugar until it is smooth. Now, stir the egg into the mixture. Next, combine the flour, baking soda, ginger, and cinnamon into the same bowl. Then, cover and place the dough into the fridge for about one hour. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease the baking sheets. Now, roll the dough out to about an eighth of an inch. Then, cut the dough into man shapes using a cookie cutter. Now you are ready to place the cookies on the baking sheets. Now, let the cookies bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. After the cookies finish, let them sit for about 5 minutes so they can cool. Once the cookies cool, design them with toppings, icings, fruits, and etc.