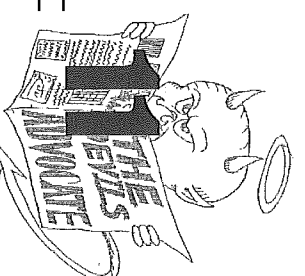


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Rock for Hunger

StuGo sponsoring concert for Gleaners

By: Jacob Marlow
 Staff Writer

Hungry, in need, and being lonely are three things that are not wanted during this time of year. Christmas is the time to give and to be thankful for the things you receive.

It's sad to think many families go without eating a nice Christmas Eve meal or a Christmas morning breakfast, because they don't have the money to get the food.

No worries. There is help this holiday season for the many families in need of food.

Alternative Rock band called The Royal Hoax contacted the RHS student government to hold a charity concert in the RHS auditorium. The charity concert that Royal Hoax wants to hold is for canned food donations. They're calling the concert "Rock for Hunger" to end hunger issues in the area.

The canned foods gathered are donated to Gleaners Food Bank located in Warren and Detroit.

The student government will be collecting canned foods December 17 through the 19 in Dr. Ladd's class or Mrs. Dollard's class room.

Once all canned foods are collected and given to Gleaners, Royal Hoax will come perform December 20, for the students who donated and help for the cause to end hunger in America.

The concert will be the last 30 minutes of sixth hour in the high school auditorium.

HOROSCOPES

By: Lizzie Urban
 Staff writer

Aquarius: January 21-february 19

Your life is moving quickly. Just let it happen, and don't overthink it too much. A little rushing is good sometimes.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Snowman

Pisces: February 20-March 20

The amount of stress you are under is taking a toll on you. Remind yourself to have set downtime each day, or soon, you'll be too overwhelmed with everything.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Gingerbread Man

Aries: March 21 – April 20

New experiences are headed your way. Don't be surprised if it's in a way you least expect. Embrace it.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Star

Taurus: April 21 – May 21

Take a negative situation, and focus your energy on fixing it. Don't obsess over it, but if you truly care, don't let it go.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Christmas Tree

Gemini: May 22- June 21

Your life seems a bit out of control lately. Set aside time to really decide what is important to you, and focus your time on those things.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Reindeer

Cancer: June 22- July 23

Don't give up unless you are sure you have tried everything and still fail. Chances are, you will succeed in some way, and happiness will soon follow.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Snowflake

Leo: July 24 – August 23

You've been finding yourself short-tempered lately. The annoying things keep adding up, and you notice you're having less and less patience. Instead of biting someone else's head off, take a deep breath.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Holly

Virgo: August 24 – September 23

Being young is hard. People disregard you, and it's hard to find respect. Prove yourself worthy by having the utmost respect and manners for the people you deal with.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Bell

Libra: September 24 – October 23

Acting like yourself is difficult around certain people. You fear that you'll be judged, or perhaps made fun of. Work hard on dropping those fears and put yourself out there.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Angel

Scorpio: October 24 – November 22

Take down the walls you've been building to keep people away. Pushing people away will do you no good now.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Ornament

Sagittarius: November 23- December 21

When making mistakes lately, make sure to apologize profusely. You don't want to lose a friend, because of some stupid fight that you can easily fix.

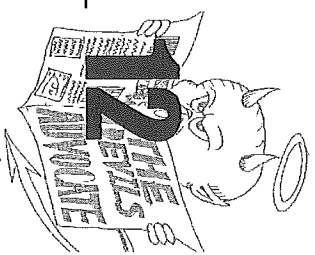
Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Dove

Capricorn: December 22- January 20

More important things are going to be happening than the stuff you're worrying about now. Open your eyes and quit getting distracted by the negative happenings.

Christmas Cookie Cutter:
 Santa Claus

Features and News



New Year's Resolutions

Kathryn Radzwion
Staff Writer

After Christmas, depression starts to hit for some. The catchy Christmas music is gone, there are no more movies about a green man posing as Santa stealing presents, and the holiday season is over.

Or at least some people think it is.

New Year's Eve is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about those resolutions. Some people are already ahead of the game and have their goal for the year all planned out.

Having a resolution can be useful and will help people accomplish something they would have never thought they could do.

Junior Olivia Kesler has a resolution to get a high score on her ACT and focus all of her time on preparing for it. She wants to get an excellent grade the first time so she does not have to retake it. "This is the most important resolution I have ever made," she said. "I want to get it right."

Last year Kesler was successful in keeping her resolution. "I'm usually unsuccessful and I get bored with it, but one time I kept my resolution to read over 100 books in one year. My total was 132," said Kesler. She is not the only one concerned with an

important goal to achieve this upcoming New Year.

Senior Kayla Czarniecki has a healthy resolution in mind. "I plan on working out more and drinking more water," she said.

To most people, having and keeping a resolution is something foreign to them. They either do not care or lack the motivation to keep up with it.

Math teacher Mrs. Wolfe does not have a positive outlook on keeping a resolutions. "I think about them, but never follow through," said Wolfe. "I either forget about it or I lack the ambition." Senior Kyle Vining also does not normally keep one unless a good one comes to mind.

"I try," he said, "but I usually forget about them."

For some people, keeping a resolution can be very important. It gives them a goal to work towards for the year and if they accomplish their goal; they feel good about themselves.

"The purpose is to try and better yourself," said Wolfe. "In order to do that you need to have a resolution."

An easy way to keep up with your resolution is to motivate yourself.

"Stay focused. Keep reminding yourself why you made the resolution in the first place," said Mrs. Wolfe. This basic idea could help people finally accomplish a resolution of theirs after years of procrastinating.

"It's important because you are achieving a new goal," said Vining.

There is more to New Year's than just keeping a resolution. It is a day of starting over and getting a fresh start. "New Year's is not only a time to start new resolutions and traditions, but to continue old ones," said Czarniecki.

Her family is always together on this holiday. "On New Year's Day, my family and I have a steak dinner together and enjoy each other's company," said Czarniecki.

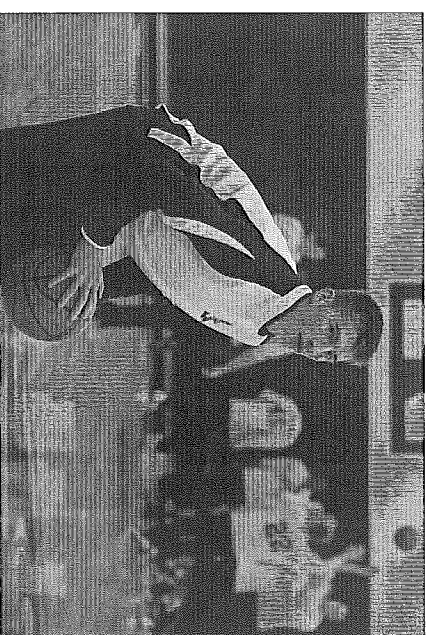
Whether together or apart, a common tradition is to watch the ball drop on TV with Ryan Seacrest while being surrounded by family and friends.

"My family sometimes travels for New Year's," said Kesler. "But if we are in town for the holiday we will watch the celebration in New York on TV." Continuing a tradition or not, New Year's is a time for setting the pace of the coming year and sharing it with the people you love and care about. It gives it a hopeful beginning to a fresh start.

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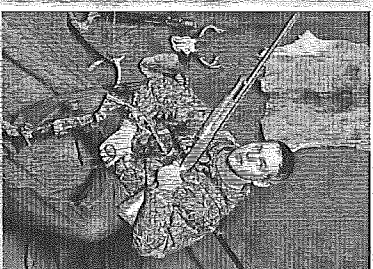
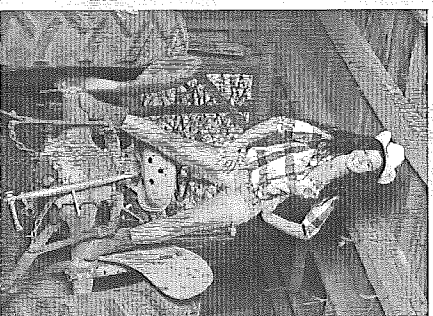


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A new life, a new culture

German exchange student Lena Mulsmann begins a new life in Richmond

By: Kyle Soldan
News editor

Three months can change a person. Ten months can change a mindset.

It was only three months ago that Richmond welcomed Lena Mulsmann to the school. Her time here has been brief so far, but after her ten month stay is over, she hopes to return to Germany with a new understanding of the American way.

Lena is like any other student. She enjoys playing volleyball and even joined the high school team. Spending time with family and friends and just having fun in general is important to her as well.

Her mother and father continue to live in her hometown of Hamburg, Germany. Lena's brother, Malte, is even going to school at university in Mannheim, a city in southern Germany.

The junior, though, has been adjusting to a very different lifestyle in comparison to the one she had back in Germany. In Hamburg, everything was smaller.

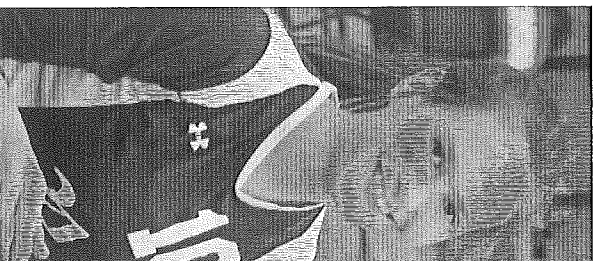
"The cars are smaller, the houses are smaller, everything is smaller," Lena said.

Along with smaller homes and cars, there is much more means of transportation in Hamburg than here. Traveling by bus, train, or bike is much more common back in Germany. Understandably, these means of travel are parts of life she misses and is trying to get used to.

Since there are little means of getting around in town, she finds herself more dependent on others to get around, especially to school. Back home, it was not necessary to have a driver's license at her age with all of the ways to travel in Germany.

Dependence is something else Lena is learning to accept. She said in Germany, most people are independent; they get around by themselves or work individually. In much of American society, mostly in schools, projects and assignments are generally worked on in groups.

School is noticeably different as well in Germany. Lena's school is actually separated into



Lena at her volleyball game. (Photo courtesy of RATS yearbook)

three different schools. She said there is one for kids who struggle, one for average students, and one for smart students. Lena added the smart school is generally for those students who want or are expected to do big things in life.

Testing and assignments are harder than those in Richmond. Lena said there are no multiple choice testing, only short answer and essay questions. The testing, therefore, is much harder.

"You have to study all week for a test," Lena said. Here at Richmond, however, Lena is finding high school much more enjoyable than back at her other school. She said classes here are easier. Her grades here do not count for anything when she goes back home in June.

Even her time for leisure and activities in America is greater than back home.

"There's not a lot of time for activities," Lena said. "Here, it is easier to relax."

Despite all these differences, Lena said teenagers back in Germany are very similar compared to those here in the U.S. The main similarity she sees is their attachment to technology. Their lives, she said, revolve around Facebook, texting, cell phones, iPods and other devices, much like students in America. Getting to America, though, was no easy feat.

There was a long process in applying for the foreign exchange student program back in Germany. Only a select few would be chosen for the experience, and Lena was one of them.

"I wanted to get to experience the way of American life," Lena said.

After coming over, Lena began living with senior Kristina Dunsmore and her family. She said that being with their family is quite different, but is definitely a neat experience.

One of the main differences, she added, is that Thanksgiving is not celebrated in Germany, so having to celebrate it with the Dunsmore family was an interesting experience for her. Sitting down to eat a large feast with family and friends is unusual during this time of year in Germany.

However, most of the other holidays like Christmas, Halloween and Easter are celebrated all over Germany, just not as mainstream as it is in America. She added that despite the similarity, holidays in America appear more business-oriented than they are on focusing on the actual holiday.

Along with experiencing a new way of living, Lena is beginning to enjoy the parts of life that she does not have in Germany. American food, for example, is one of her favorite parts of being in America. She is even enjoying school better in Richmond than she ever did back in Germany.

Living here in America, though, is something of a luxury to Lena. She said living here presents an easier way of life than in Germany. But beyond this, Lena said she has begun feeling more self-confident than she has ever felt before.

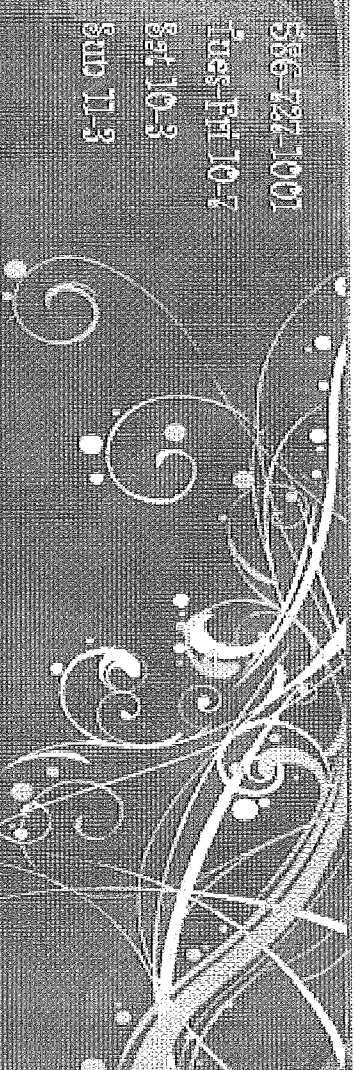
She added that even the people she has met in America have all been nice to her. For this reason and the fact she has made so many friends here, she said she would want to come back if she had the opportunity.

Despite her willingness to come back, though, she also wants to go out and experience life in another country. It is something she has wanted to do, to experience a different culture, and being in Richmond is only her first step in doing so.

One of Lena's goals was to learn to speak English better than she can now. Though she does speak German, English and even some French, she wants to better herself by studying more of the English language.

She said that her main goal in life is to become successful and be able to work at a well-respected job. When someone like her has traveled all around Europe from France, England, Switzerland and Turkey to Italy, Spain, Austria, and Greece, the bar should be set high.

Being here is a special opportunity to her as an individual. It is not every day that someone like her can come and experience a culture such as ours in Richmond.



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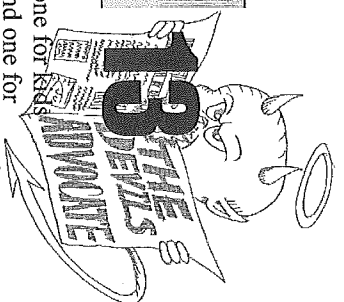
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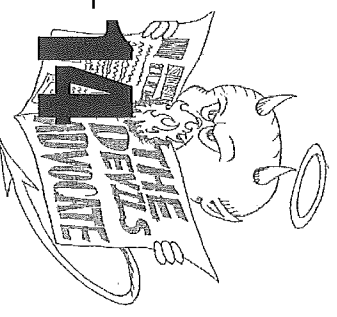
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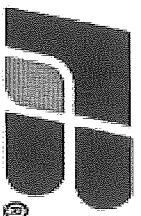


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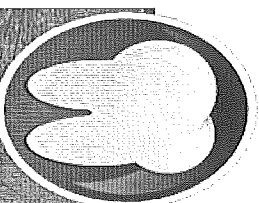
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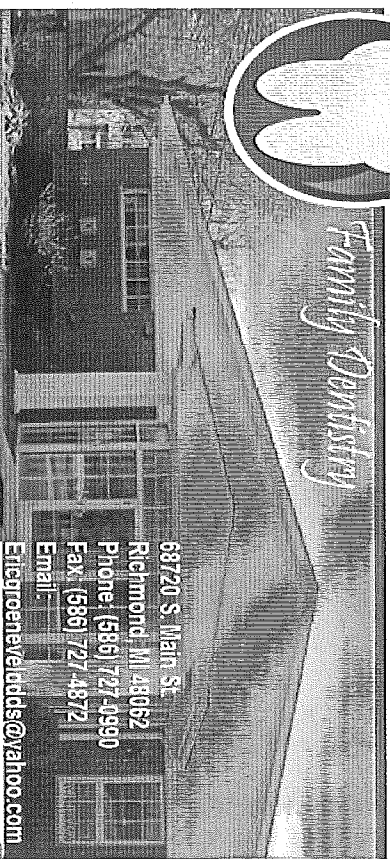
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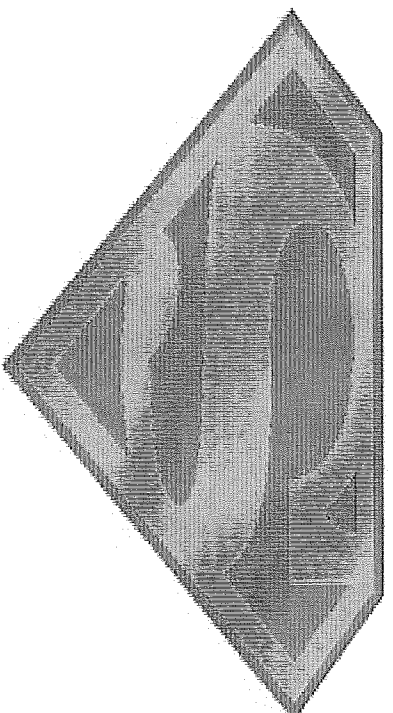
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