

School News

Respect

By Lizzie Urban
News Editor

"Always respect other people's feelings, thoughts, opinions, decisions, and choices."

That quote although it is unknown who said it, who treat other is a piece of advice the world should follow.

Indirectly, the clothes we wear, the music and people we associate ourselves with all affect how people view us, and in turn how they treat us. And although that may not be right, it still happens.

We are so easily swayed by our peers, the media, and overall everything. When someone tells us that we should do something we automatically assume that that's the best choice for us. It's expected we listen to them because we respect them.

But what really is respect? Well we know it's a noun. Uh, it has seven letters. It's English too. Let's get a professional opinion.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines it as:

Respect, noun, ri-'spect

1. : a relation or reference to a particular thing or situation

2. : an act of giving particular attention : consideration

3. *a* : high or special regard : esteem

b : the quality or state of being esteemed

c : plural : expressions of high or special regard or deference

So it means two things: consideration and appreciation.

Well now that we have

that we have

that established, we

can move on to my actual

point.

Everyone wants respect. Whether you're young, old, or in between, you don't want to feel disregarded or dismissed by your elders or equals. We all want people to give us the appreciation we believe we

deserve.

But do we deserve it?

I mean, if we don't even respect ourselves enough to make our own choices, why would anyone respect us, just in general?

It's like how we are constantly degrading ourselves. We call ourselves stupid or fat or ugly and many other inappropriate and derogatory terms. We're willing to hurt ourselves, although we may not always think of it that way. But if we call ourselves those things, why do we

get offended when others do the same thing?

It's human nature. Just like it is human nature to want to be respected.

But again, if we can't respect ourselves, how can anyone actually expect to be respected, if they don't even note their own self-worth?

It's irony at its finest.

It's unhealthy to not respect ourselves. It creates poor self-image and

has us lacking in self-confidence, which can hurt your self-esteem. It's often very apparent if you don't, so other people think it is right, to not respect you either.

It can ruin your potential in life, because you don't think you're good enough to do something.

It hurts your chances of good relationships, because you don't know how to respect other people. You've never given yourself the courtesy, why expect others to do the same.

And most importantly, it's hypocritical. It's a double standard, and you can't have it both ways. Either, respect yourself, unconditionally, and have people return the favor. Or, you can live your life second guessing yourself, and tearing yourself down, and being overall not happy with your life as a result of how you don't respect yourself, and other people won't respect you. The choice is yours.

Bowling their guts out

Bowlers losing respect during big winter sports season

By: Kyle Soldan
News Editor

Walk into any bowling alley after school hours in winter and all will be silent. But a crowd can be seen. A pop and a roll can be heard faintly. Then the crowd jumps and cheers at the sight of wooden pins flying everywhere.

The beauty of bowling is something to behold, so it is hard to understand why bowling is such an unappreciated sport in Richmond.

Yes, bowling is a sport. Maybe it has been overshadowed by the powerful winter programs here at the school. Wrestling has won three straight state championships. The cheerleading team is fresh off a state championship after being runner-ups the previous year. Even the basketball team's popularity and prestige are reasons for attention.

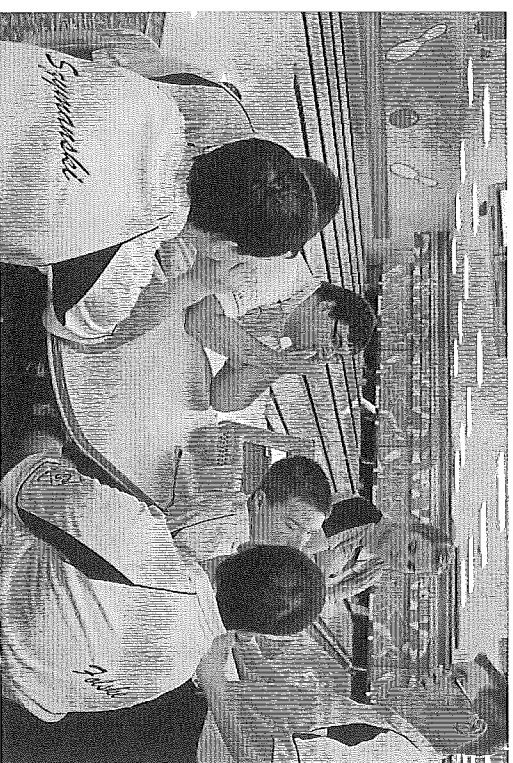
Yet bowling has dominated for years and deserves to be given more attention.

Maybe it is the history of the program. Wrestling has been a staple here for decades, cheerleading is an amazing competition to behold and basketball has been part of the American pastime since the days of Wilf Chamberlain.

Bowling has created a history on its own despite being young, but the answer does not lie here.

Maybe it is tradition. As the wrestling program says, "Tradition never graduates." Cheerleading has already begun to establish a mainstay during the winter sport season and basketball continues to thrive under its fans' support.

Bowling? Tradition runs through the program's blood. There is even a banner that reads "Winning is earned, not given" at Strikers to remind Rich-



The boy's bowling team gathers before a match to discuss a game plan.

Grab a bowling ball, throw it and knock down pins. Bowling is pretty basic to the naked eye.

It is hard to respect a game that even an idiot can understand, many might say.

However, it is much more than this. It is a game of precision. One wrong move and the competition will crush all hope. Bowlers are

dedicated to what they love even if no one cares or supports them, much like athletes remain determined through adversity.

Yes, bowlers are, therefore, athletes.

Like any other sport, bowling can be exciting, too. However, no one seems to give it a chance.

Continued on page 8

**Mention this ad and
get a 10% discount!**

586-727-0963
68085 Main Street
Richmond, Michigan 48062

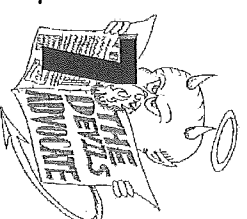
**CRIMSON
&
CLOVER**
Floral & Gifts

www.crimsonandclover.us

NEWS

January 18, 2013

In Our Opinion



Question of the Week:
What is your mid-term stress reliever?

Staff Editorial: The Stress of Mid-terms

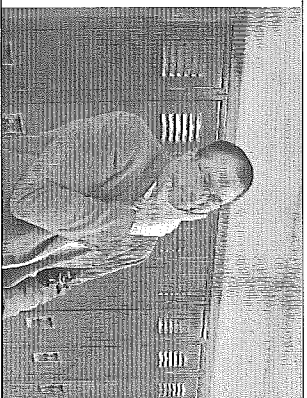
Blue Devils Advocate

Adviser:
Mr. Murphy
News Editor:
Kyle Soldan
Shelby Stewart
Lizzie Urban
Editorial Editor:
Logan Iskra
Caitlee Hawley
Sports Editors:
Adam Boyd
Jake Thomas
Features Editors:
Regan Blisset
Hunter Barjaktarovich
Advertising Manager:
Kelsey Williams
Coordinating Editor:
Olivia Kestler

Staff Writers:
Jacob Marlow
Kate Radzwin
Rosie Urban

Mission Statement
Richmond High School's student newspaper, The Blue Devils Advocate, strives to serve the student body and provide a public forum to make their ideas heard to the school and community. Our goal is to provide both accurate and balanced stories in order to heighten understanding, entertain, and inform.

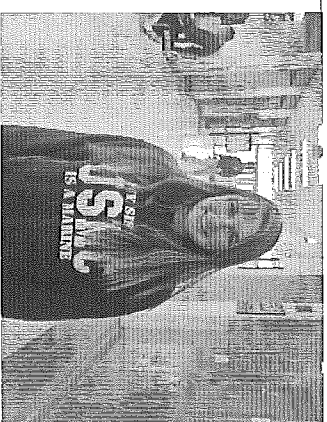
Letters
We invite readers to share their thoughts with us by writing to the Editor. See the drop off box in the library or you may email us at: mmurphy@richmond.k12.nj.us. Include your name, address, and grade level.



Mr. Rineer takes lots of breaks and talks with Mr. Brown to calm his nerves.



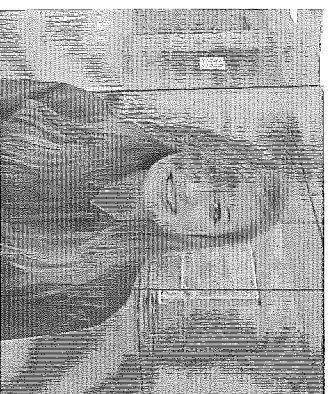
Senior Liz Eland rocks out with some music.



Morgan Conner likes to wind down with a game of bowling and some good friends.



Thomas Biafore knows that he can't feel stress if he isn't conscious. A good nap works wonders.



Maryss Thompson enjoys a good meal and extra sleep.

It's the dreaded week that no student looks forward to.

Midterms. It's so stressful, or so we think. 4 ½ months of learning crammed into one test.

What we have never understood is why everybody thinks the midterms are so stressful.

It's just another test, right? Well, it's not that simple.

"Just another test" could be the deciding factor on whether or not a student passes English or their math class. "Just another test" is usually 20% of our final grades.

Because of this, this is why midterms are so stressful at RHS. Not to mention the weeks or countless hours of studying that some students put in to simply get a passing grade.

But this really matter as a high school student? For grades, yes. But why not think about midterms as an evaluation. After you graduate and get a job, it is likely that your boss will give you an evaluation on the work that you are doing. It's your midterm or final exam.

Not only is it stressful for students, but teachers are stressed over midterms as well. It's not like it used to be—teachers now have to fulfill many different requirements on their own midterms. Things like a reading and writing sections for every class, not just English.

Although teachers may not be as stressed as students before an exam, just think about all of the work that they have to do after.

The grading: not only for one class but for five. Making sure that everything is entered into PowerSchool correctly. Running scantrons into DataDirector. It all takes work. It all takes time.

We can't limit the stressful situations that face us in life. We have to be prepared in the "real world" for stress. It is never going to go away; it just all depends on how we handle the situation. It's obvious that comparing about it isn't going to get you anywhere. Instead, it is better to just grin and bear it and know that our high school midterms aren't the end of the world.

Instead of stressing, here are some things that you can do about your midterm instead.

Study!!! Your test will be a lot less stressful if you are prepared for what you are going to be tested on. By being prepared, your stress level will automatically be lowered.

Get a good night's sleep before exams. Yes, studying is great but only getting three hours of sleep the night before your math exam probably isn't the best idea.

Just these two things can help immensely.

The less stressed you are, the more you can achieve not only in high school, but in your entire life.

Outside book presentations in English!

Freshmen Cecily MacPherson and Stephanie Graham give their opinions on the books they read during the English presentation.



Bowling

Continued from page 7

A friend once said that if you can eat, drink, chat and horse around all at the same time, then something cannot be called a sport. He was probably referring to bowling.

That would be interesting to watch such impossible multi-tasking.

Yet bowling programs continue to try and fight off the stereotype that man has carelessly cast over the sport.

In spite of their struggle, bowling programs across the state have fallen victim because of a lack of interest in the sport.

Anchor Bay, for example, has several championship banners for the girls. Today, their program is about to disappear despite almost winning states last year because they do not have enough players. To compete, a team needs five.

New Haven had a champion once in their boys' team. Thanks to a lack of support, the

team disappeared into irrelevance.

This is what happens to a game that fails to amuse the common man.

Richmond's team is fighting through this adversity, but it can only slow the bleeding.

Despite the perfect seasons, the utter dominance of the girls' and boys' varsity teams, the constant regional championship runs and the almost-state champion seasons, there is no light

in sight. The program has somehow flown under the radar.

No one reading this probably remembers the 2009 boys' team, state runner-up is not too shabby. The girls' 2012 team is not all that different. They were state runner-ups, too.

These were great accomplishments, no doubt. But 2012 also had the wrestlers and cheerleaders win states. Not much the bowlers could do about that one.

Those 2009 boys' bowlers were different, though. There were no state champions that

year for the school, but the bowlers were one of the closest to getting one. Richmond had never seen a bowling team that good in their history.

In the four years since, the team remains as non-existent as it was then.

The girls' team has never lost the confidence in its history. Why, then, is the team approaching an end for good?

All that can be said is that the game has lost respect from the common man. Man is afraid to drift to try something new. Why risk leaving the comfort zone?

It is human nature and it is a hard habit to break. To the public, bowling is not part of normal life. Therefore, there has been an es-



The girls' Varsity bowling team pumps up before a match

ablished disrespect by the public for the sport.

Blue Devil bowling is not an exception to this rule anymore. Actually, it may have never been one to begin with.

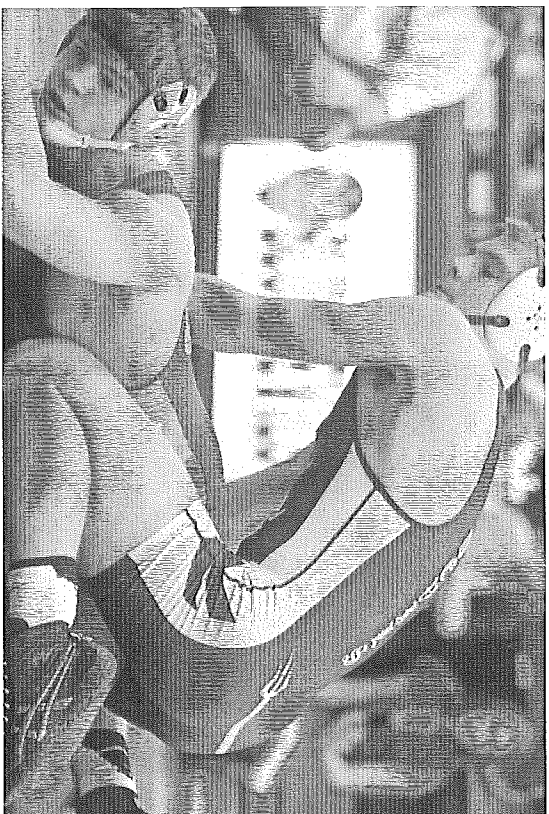
Bowlers continue bowling their guts out to stay relevant in a sports season dominated by big name programs. There might not be enough guts to spill if this current trend continues.

You Know You Like The Pictures In This Edition...

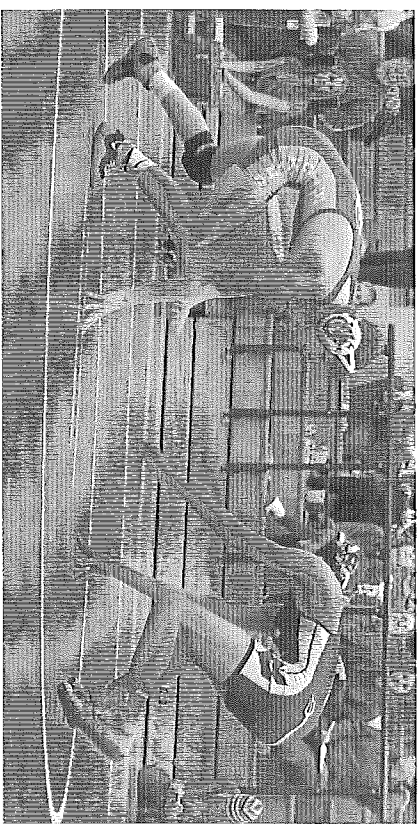
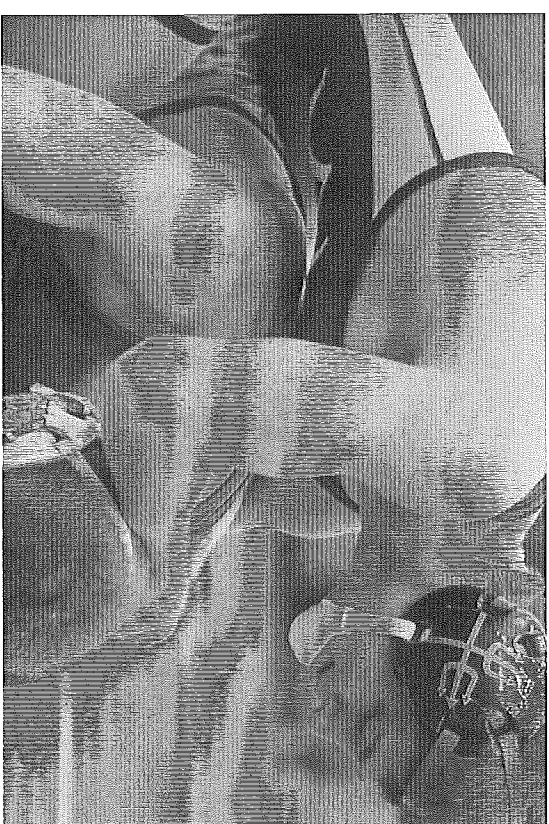
That's Why You NEED TO Buy A YEARBOOK.

\$80 Will Be Well Spent...

Devils take on the Kicking Mules



Junior Jake McKiernan tries to do a tilt on his opponent. The 189er ended up winning his match.



Above: Nick Burg works over his opponent.

Below: Sophomore XJ Nuckles sizes up his opponent.

Richmond Chiropractic Center

DR. RANDALL M. DUNKEL

Phone:

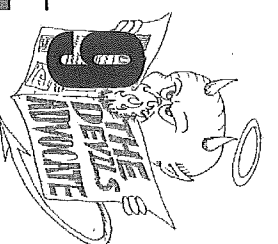
(586) 727-2111

Emergencies:
(810) 614-5937

68071 Main Street
Richmond, MI 48062

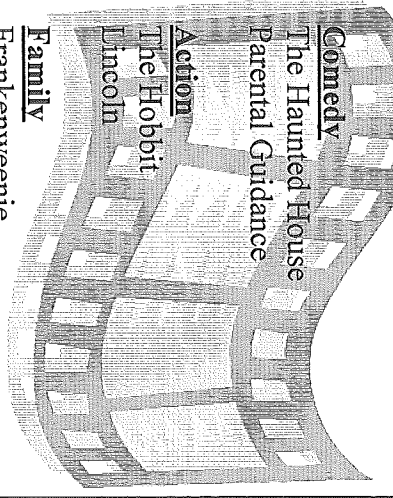
Editorials

January 18, 2013



**MONTHLY
"MUST-SEES"**

- Suspense**
Gangster Squad
Texas Chainsaw
- Comedy**
The Haunted House
Parental Guidance
- Action**
The Hobbit
Lincoln
- Family**
Frankenweenie
Rise of the Guardians



Source: www.movies.com

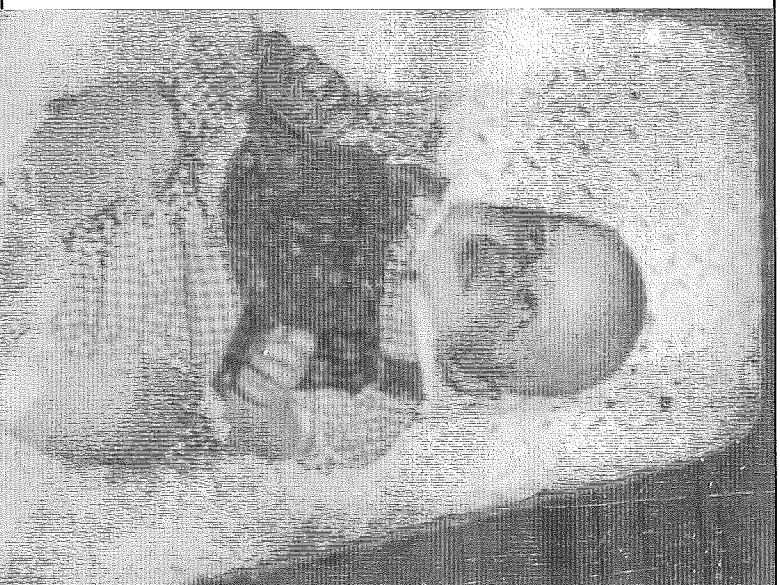
Would you rather?

Would you rather jump from the Empire State Building or get mauled by hammer head sharks?
Ric Gustafson, senior, said he would take on the sharks.
Would you rather pet a polar bear or swim with killer whales?
Kelly Fanale, junior, said she would rather pet the polar bear.
Would you rather have a rain day or snow day?
Adam Mayes, junior, said he would rather have a snow day because he likes to snowmole.

Guess Who? What RHS Teacher is this?

- A) Mrs. Vanham
- B) Mrs. Woodruff
- C) Mrs. Germain
- D) Mrs. Taylor

Answer on Page 11



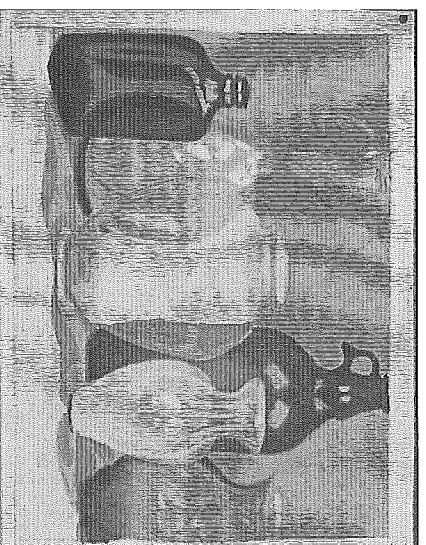
Show us your stuff!

TALENT SPOTLIGHT

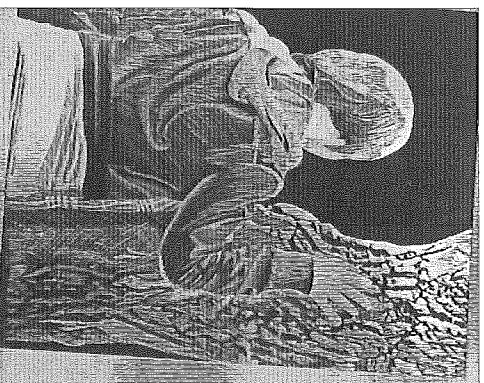
Ryan Ruff



Ryan Ruff, junior, has a talent of playing the guitar. "It helps me get emotions out that you can't speak verbally." He started playing the electric guitar seven years ago. His favorite song to play is "Gears Don't Fall" by Bullet for my Valentine.



Oil Pastel, by Madison Zarkowski, 10th grade

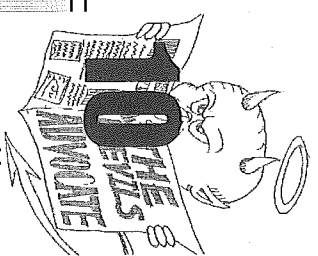


Scratchboard drawing, by Kaelyn Wilcox, 11th grade



Pencil, By Ashley Fanale, 12th grade

Features and News



The Good, the Bad, and the Funny

By: Shelby Stewart
News Editor

I love my new sweater, Grandma.....

At some point in everyone's life, they get a gift that they don't like. They smile and lie about how they love it, and then the next year, they put it in the white elephant gift exchange. Hopefully it doesn't go back to the same person.

Students at RHS are buzzing with talk of gifts from Moms, Dads and Grandparents. They can't believe Mom got them those new shoes, or Grandpa got them that great new video game. Either way, there were some great gifts given out this season.

But what about throughout their lives?

Have the gifts always been so great? "I've gotten candy, and don't get me wrong, I love candy, but it's gone in 60 seconds," said senior Haley Johnson.

So maybe candy isn't the best Christmas gift. What most high school girls look forward to when opening presents is cute clothes.

Most of the time they're cute, anyways.

"This year I got this hat that looked like someone stitched it together. Ugh, it was so ugly," said Kayde Hambaum, junior.

Freshman Sarah McNichol agreed with Hambaum on bad clothing for Christmas.



"One year: I got this really ugly sweater. You know the ones that Grandma always gives you? Yeah, it was bad," said McNichol.

Kayde Hambaum
(Photo courtesy of RHS yearbook)

Working from top to bottom, Alexa Dentai, sophomore, said that the worst gift she got was socks.

"I just don't like getting clothes for Christmas. And I especially don't like getting socks," said Dentai.

Sometimes presents can be bad. Remember that pair of home-made gloves you got a few years ago? They were ugly, weren't they?

Best. Present. Ever.

But Christmas gifts aren't all bad. Sometimes they are actually pretty great. Every year there is one thing under the tree that makes you smile for the rest of the day.

"One time when I was like 7, I got this Dancing Debbie doll. That was the best gift ever because it was all I had wanted that year," said Hambaum. "And this year me and my family went to church on Christmas and out to dinner.

Make it Snappy A New Era in Communication

By: Logan Iskra
Opinion Editor

Teenagers everywhere are downloading the newly popular photo messaging app, Snapchat. Snapchat is a smartphone app that allows people to take a picture, add a caption, and send it to your friends.

So what? How is this different from simply sending a picture message over a text?

Well, there is one critical point that gives this app an appeal over traditional picture messaging. The message is temporary.

That's right.

The sender may pick the duration of the message, ranging from one to ten seconds.

Once this time limit is up, the photo is erased from both devices forever. This is what the creator of Snapchat, Evan Spiegel, intended the main appeal of the app to be.

Evan Spiegel said the app was created to al-

low people to communicate in a more human way without having to worry about maintaining your permanent online image that has "taken all of the fun out of communicating."

Morgan Conner, a junior, said, "Snapchat is fun and easy to use. It's great to have for those times when you are bored and can't think of anything else to do."

Many people will merely text their friends when they are bored.

However, Snapchat seems to have something unique to add to the conversation.

"You can really see the emotion in the message. It makes things more personal," said Conner.

Concerns have arisen over the messages automatically deleting themselves. Some people think that the app may provide a false sense of security and give their teens the confidence to make poor decisions, like bullying or cheating.

It was nice to spend time with all of them." Gifts aren't always material possessions, though. Sometimes time with others is all a person wants

Ugly sweaters aren't all bad, right?

As long as you have a great gift to counter it. "My mom got me books. I love my books," said McNichol. "And my boyfriend got me a necklace. And then on Christmas day, I went to my aunt's house and hung out with my family." Knowledge is the best gift.

"This year, I got a really pretty necklace from my boyfriend. It was so beautiful! I love it," said Dentai. "And then I went to my aunt's house. It was a nice family Christmas.

The hills look like White Elephants.

White Elephant gift exchanges are when you re-gift something that you don't like. Sometimes people get extremely hilarious gifts through this particular gift exchange.

"This past year, my family and I had a white elephant gift exchange where we gave each other gag-gifts. All of them were from the movie 'A Christmas Story'. It was awesome," said McNichol.

Fragile. Must be French. From one movie to another, Dentai got a funny gift worthy of Willy Wonka.

"I got this huge chocolate bar one year. It was huge. And then it was really heavy, too," said Dentai. "And then, the socks I got, well they were fuzzy and I was wearing them and I slipped and fell in the kitchen. My family thought that was funny. I didn't."

Dentai said her least favorite gift ever was socks, well Johnson finds her sock gift funny.

"My funniest gift was one sock. Just one. My parents figured that since I miss match my socks anyways that I only needed one sock for Christmas," said Johnson.

The Good, the bad, and the funny. Christmas gifts can be any of these categories. Either way you love the person that gave it to you, that's all that matters.

And who knows? Maybe next year you can re-gift that ugly sweater to someone who will like it.

low people to communicate in a more human way without having to worry about maintaining your permanent online image that has "taken all of the fun out of communicating."

Morgan Conner, a junior, said, "Snapchat is fun and easy to use. It's great to have for those times when you are bored and can't think of anything else to do."

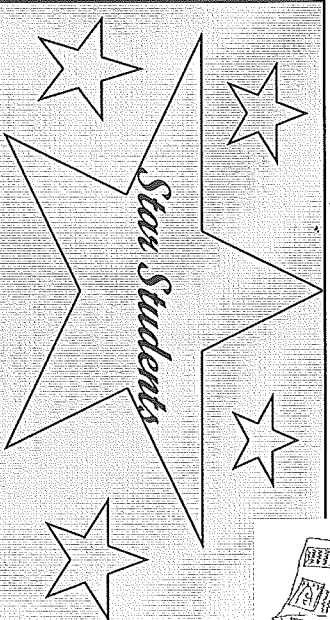
Many people will merely text their friends when they are bored.

However, Snapchat seems to have something unique to add to the conversation.

"You can really see the emotion in the message. It makes things more personal," said Conner.

Concerns have arisen over the messages automatically deleting themselves. Some people think that the app may provide a false sense of security and give their teens the confidence to make poor decisions, like bullying or cheating.

Continued on Page 11.



Alex Andanoff

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Padd

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A doctor



Asleigh Reece

Favorite Movie: Hair Spray

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Murphy

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Something in the medical field

