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PINETREE'S *Inbox*

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✧ Fluffy December, The Ghosts of Inbox Past, Present, and Future ✧



BY: CAROLYN MOON

We did not invent the term "fluffy December."

I know, it's pretty shocking that this is true. Well, not that shocking for those of you who were here last year, because you probably saw our last issue of Fluffy December, featuring such lists as "The Top Ten Teachers that Will Crush Your Soul." Fluffy December is a trademark of Caitlin Tang and Sophia Kim and all the other amazing senior editors from last year. I have to say, that I miss them. I never realized how much added stress it was to be the bad guy to poor little grade nines who just want to write, or to grade twelves, who are experts at procrastination and repeating, "Deadline? What deadline?" Never mind this, I still love Inbox. This paper started because it could be student-run, student designed, ideas for students, even when there were only two issues released in one year.

So this year, I really hope that you all love our version of Fluffy December. I hope that it warms your heart like a big cup of hot cocoa on a snowy night. I hope that after the stress

of exams, after the panic that is Christmas shopping, after probably getting your boob grazed in the crowded Starbucks, after putting your heart on the line to someone special, and getting rejected or accepted, you curl up with this issue of Inbox and laugh, cry, and most importantly, feel fluffy. You know that feeling, don't you? It's the feeling of butterflies in your stomach, and a sort of warming in your heart, and a general lightness. It's the feeling you get when you receive your first university acceptance letter, which I had the honour of last month. It's the feeling of dancing with that guy or girl who you've liked since...well, as long as is important, anyway. It's a pretty awesome feeling, and we really want to give it to everybody, because we all felt fluffy making it.

Now that you've all read this, I hope you will consider joining this amazing club next year. Is as much fun as you will ever have, and as much 11:59pm sending in your articles as you will ever have to deal with. Please keep fluffy December alive, and may your month be as fluffy as the fresh fallen snow.



How To Build A Snowman With Legs
By: Angela Galli and Alice Guo

1. Find a friend, snow, and a bench
2. Gather snow into a ball to make the head
3. Repeat step 2 for the body
4. Place the body on the bench and the head on top of the body
5. Start building the thigh of the leg by making a long tube shape (do this step twice)
6. Connect the tubes to the body at the front (left and right)
7. Make 2 smaller tubes for the calves
8. Place the tubes beneath the thighs (bend at the knee)
9. Decorate your snowman as desired
10. Name your attractive snowman
11. Go inside and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate!
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Christmas Recipes



Snickerdoodles

Despite their questionable name, these cookies are melt in your mouth delicious and are guaranteed not to last long!

2 3/4 cups all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature\
1 1/2 granulated white sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Coating:

1/3 cup granulated white sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

In a [large bowl](#) whisk together the flour, salt, and baking powder. In the bowl of your electric mixer (or with a hand mixer), beat the butter and sugar until smooth (about 2 to 3 minutes). Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Beat in the vanilla extract. Add the flour mixture and beat until you have a smooth dough. If the dough is soft, cover and refrigerate until firm enough to roll into balls (one to two hours). Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (190 degrees C) and place rack in the center of the oven. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Shape the dough into 1 inch (2.5 cm) round balls.

Coating: In a large shallow bowl mix together the sugar and cinnamon.

Roll the balls of dough in the cinnamon sugar and place on the prepared pan, spacing about 2 inches (5 cm) apart. Then, using the bottom of a glass, gently flatten each [cookie](#) to about 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) thick.

Bake the cookies for about 8 - 10 minutes, or until they are light golden brown around the edges. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool.

Can store in an airtight container, at room temperature, for about 10 - 14 days.

Makes about 6 dozen cookies.



Merry CHRISmas

By: Saghi Ahmadi

With Christmas approaching, everyone is scrambling to buy their gifts and add finishing touches to their decorations. Everything must be perfect: the Christmas tree, the lights, decorations set up around the house. While many people are rummaging to finish their preparations, fascists all around are making sure they have everything ready for their version of Christmas. For fascists, Christmas is taken to a whole new level. For one, instead of leaving cookies and milk for Santa on Christmas Eve, they leave chocolate and beer! On top of this, they do many things differently. For example, instead of putting an Angel atop the Christmas Tree, fascists put a mini figurine of Mussolini, with ornaments of guns and army tanks instead of icicles and candy canes. Along the mantle, they line up old army boots and stuff them with goodies such as photographs of Herr Hitler himself. Charitable acts such as donating money and gifts are completely out of the question. Instead, fascists walk the streets and steal money from the people who expect it the least! On Christmas Eve, the fascists gather with their families and listen to Techno around the fireplace, and before going to bed they make sure the presents (plastic guns) are all under the Christmas tree, so that in the morning they may wake up and terrorize the neighborhood!





Christmas Lists

By: Vanessa Liu

TOP TEN CHRISTMAS MOVIES

1. Christmas with the Kranks
2. How the Grinch stole Christmas
3. A Charlie Brown Christmas
4. Home Alone
5. It 's a wonderful life
6. Holiday Inn
7. A Christmas story
8. The Santa Claus
9. Miracle on 34th Street
10. A Christmas carol

TOP TEN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

1. Do They Know It's Christmas
2. Jingle Bell Rock
3. Let it Snow! Lets it Snow! Let it Snow!
4. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
5. Winter Wonderland
6. Last Christmas
7. Have yourself a merry little Christmas
8. I saw mommy kidding Santa Claus
9. Rudolph, the red nose reindeer
10. Frosty the snowman

TOP TEN WAYS TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

1. Spend time with family and friends
2. Bake gingerbread cookies
3. Decorate your tree/ house with family
4. Volunteer or give back to your community
5. Sing carols
6. Watch a Christmas movie with your family
7. Spend a night writing Christmas cards to friends and family
8. If you don't have old traditions, try making new ones with your family and have fun!
9. Help prepare Christmas dinner with your family
10. Don't stress! Have fun!



New Years Resolution List

By **Troy Collins**

A few mere suggestions to those willing to improve themselves. We can all grow a bit and improve our lifestyles, so here are some general resolutions that I think are quite handy.

1. Choose one person every week to whom you give a hug. Except, this person cannot be somebody you would normally hug on a regular basis. Change the recipient each week.
2. Ask out that cute boy/girl sitting at the front of your class.
3. Read a book by somebody who was dead before your grandparents were born. Tip: Choose a novel well known to literary nerds so they can back you up when you try to educate your ignorant friends. Read one chapter per weekend.
4. Go sledding. Do it in a hardcore fashion in which you are bundled up not for warmth, but for padding. Race your friends to a jump, but the winner only *really* wins if they land the jump successfully.
5. Get a "Three Wolf Moon" shirt and watch "Three Wolf Moon" on Collegehumor.com
6. Go for an hour without judging those around you. Work your way up from an hour to a day, and then to a week. Spend the time and mental power you usually use to notice the faults of others by considering what mistakes *you* make, and how you can fix them. Be introspective once in a while.
7. Google "introspective".
8. Write a song, poem, or short story. Play music whenever you can. Make it a hobby and not a burden. Be creative in whatever ways you can. Paint, draw, animate, tell actual good jokes, or create a new way to be creative.
9. Smile. Not the kind of smile you used to get with your happy meal; smile *at* a person. You'll see that when they smile back at you, you'll have improved both your day and theirs. Project happiness and watch it grow.
10. Obtain the power of telekinesis. If you're lucky enough to have it already, develop it into a useful form.

10 MOST OVERLY HYPED THINGS OF 2009

By: **Rachel Rozanski and Jana Nickason**

1. Kanye West and Taylor Swift— Okay, so his outburst at the mmva's was uncalled for, but still, it's not like he committed a federal offense.
2. Stereos-- I know we all fell in love with their hit single summer girl, but really, the rest of their songs all sound the same. Its time to move on and cast aside another one-hit wonder.
3. iPhones and Macbook pros- I mean, the phones are pretty good, but seriously, people don't have to go nuts over them! As far as computers go, the macbook pro is possibly the best computer currently available. But lately people have been acting as if they have never seen a good computer in their lives!
4. Ripped Jeans- It's true I own a pair myself, but this year it seems like everyone owns a pair of ripper jeans and it starting to become pretty ridiculous. But, I guess that's just the age we live in, where, as our parents would say: "damn punks buying jeans already ripped!!!"
5. Sarah Palin- People seemed to be more fascinated with her than the presidential candidate she was partnered with
6. Justin Bieber- too young, too innocent. End of story.
7. New Moon-The twilight craze is pretty much over, but still somehow New Moon was able to set a new record for money earned in its opening weekend. This vampire based phenomenon might not end so soon after all. Leading to the next one.....
8. The Vampire Dairies- Just another way for the industry to take advantage of and suck the money out of the vampire craze. Some originality would be nice.
9. Fred- "HEY, IT'S FREDDDD!!!!!!" Aren't we all a little sick of hearing this by now?.....
10. Plaid- PLAID... enough said. MERRY CHRISTMAS

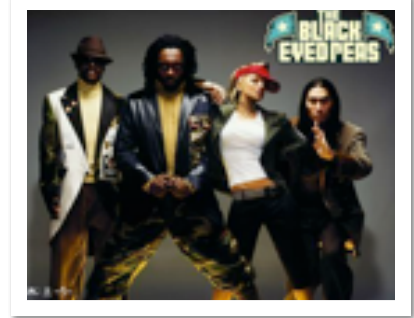
THE WORST SONG OF 2009

AKA. MUSICAL DIARRHEA

AKA. BOOM BOOM POW BY: THE BLACK EYED PEAS



*"I like that boom boom pow
Them chickens jackin' my style
They try copy my swagger
I'm on that next s**t now
I'm so 3008
You so 2000 and late
I got that boom boom boom
That future boom boom boom
Let me get it now"*



By: Leo Chan

The song "Boom Boom Pow" by the Black Eyed Peas epitomizes everything that's wrong with the music industry today. To be succinct, all that the song amounts to is musical diarrhea. It is disgusting, loose, vapid and unappealing. Not only is it lyrically nonsensical, the song is devoid of any beat or groove. Essentially, the song is crap in the form of a 3 minute pop track. Unfortunately in this day and age, this type of music can pass as not only acceptable, but chart topping.

Songwriting, for most artists, is a laborious process. Most musicians enter the profession with the intention of expressing themselves creatively by revealing their problems and passions to the world through song. This is clearly not the case for the Black Eyed Peas. Not only is "Boom Boom Pow" filled with testaments to illiteracy such as "Y'all getting' hit with the boom boom" and "I'm so 3008 you so 2000 and late.", it is further filled with some complete nonsense like "'Beats so big I'm steppin' on leprauchans". What. The. Heck!?

And it gets worse: There are two lines which go "I like that boom boom pow, those chickens jackin' my style". My god, the degree of pathetic songwriting just leaks from these lines. Fergie, if chickens can jack your "style", it's either incredibly weak or incredibly lame. If that isn't so, learn how to use a better metaphor.

Musically, the song doesn't fare any better. In fact, it fares much, much worse. There is no backbeat or driving rhythm. The only musical aspect of this song is a E minor bass note played over each instance of the word "boom". Well, that and the horrendous Auto-Tuned vocals.

When considering how many talented musicians there are waiting for their big break, it seems ridiculous how trash like "Boom Boom Pow" can become hit tracks. Why is a lack of talent being rewarded with mainstream success while many genuine artists can't get a break?

Don't get me wrong, I used to like the Black Eyed Peas. I still remember when they were a new and genuine musical group way back in 2004. Back when they still sung and rapped about relevant issues and made great music. In fact, when listening to the 'Peas old material, their current situation is quite ironic. For a group who once sung about musicians who don't sing from their heart to record such a terrible track is nothing but hypocrisy.

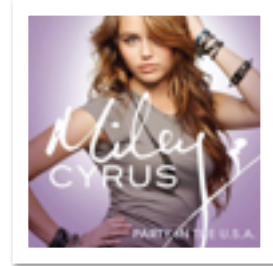
This just furthers the notion that artists "sell out" after commercial success...sigh.

The Most Annoying, Overplayed Songs of 2009

By: Courtney Sung and Leo Chan

1.) Party In The USA – Miley Cyrus

Shaking my hips like yeah....more like shaking our heads like NO!

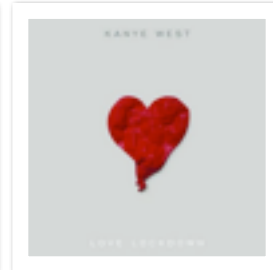
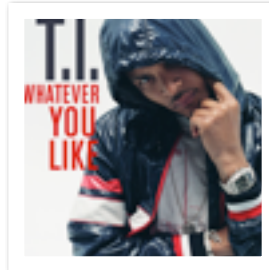


2.) Sexy B*tch – David Guetta Ft. Akon

Lyrics translated into ENGLISH: (Insert Generic Intensifier) Female, you is a very appealing malicious person, a very appealing, malicious person. "...without trying to be disrespectful" uh, try again David.

3.) Love Lockdown – Kanye West

Auto Tuned Vocals and 808 Programmed drums....ugh.

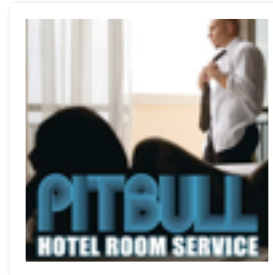


4.) Whatever You Like – TI

"You want it? I got it" Thanks, but no thanks.

5.) Obsessed – Mariah Carey

"It's confusing yo, you're confused you know" – Yes, we know. We're confused.



6.) Body Language – Jesse McCartney

"You're banging like a speakerbox" – Thank you? I think...

7.) Tik Tok – Keisha

"Tick tock on the clock/ But the party don't stop, no" – Tik Tok, this song don't rock, make it stop.

8.) Meet Me Halfway – Black Eyed Peas

"Can you meet me halfway? Right at the borderline that's where I'm gonna wait for you. I'll be looking out night and day" – Don't hold your breath...

9.) Hotel Room Service – Pitbull

"2 + 2, i'm gonna undress you" – no, actually, the answer is 4.

10.) Yes – LMFAO

"Yes it's on and poppin" Um, how about No.

