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## Where's the receipt? Wanted and unwanted gifts leave students waiting in gift return lines

By Bethany Brown  
THE BATTALION

Courtney Vogelsang, a junior speech communications major, received a package of Oreos and hot chocolate for Christmas from her aunt and uncle. She said the gift surprised her, because she had never really thought someone would give Oreos as a gift.

"The gift was so random," Vogelsang said. "I had been expecting money or something simple like that, but no, we got cookies."

Like most students, Vogelsang said she tried to be polite.

"I tried to smile and say thank you. I didn't want to hurt their feelings, because they were nice enough to give me a gift," Vogelsang said. "After they left, I just gave the gift to my dad to take on his hunting trip."

Every year on Christmas morning, students stumble out of bed and sleepily wander to their Christmas trees to discover what Santa Claus brought. Excitement builds as they begin to tear open packages, hoping to find the perfect gift.

Sadly, what some students find makes them sigh, force a smile and ask, "Where is the receipt?"

Scott Landfried, a junior speech communications major, said he is accustomed to getting bad Christmas gifts, especially from his grandmother.

Landfried said his grandmother likes to buy random trinkets for her grandchildren.

"The problem with my grandma is that she doesn't even bother asking my mom what I want for Christmas," Landfried said. "She just rushes to the nearest knickknack store and buys me something she thinks I would like."

Landfried said that he has dropped hints to his grandmother

about her presents.

"I thought that she would catch on after the tenth consecutive year of me asking for the receipts, but no, she continues with her bad gift tradition," Landfried said.

Ann Marie Riley, a junior community health major, said she was happy with one of her gifts at first.

"I had been wanting a nice sweat suit with a up jacket for a while, and I finally got it," Riley said. However, when she took a closer look at the pants Riley said she felt extreme disappointment.

"My sister and mom picked the outfit out for me, and they decided that I needed extra-long pants," Riley said. "The problem was, the pants were about two sizes too big for me."

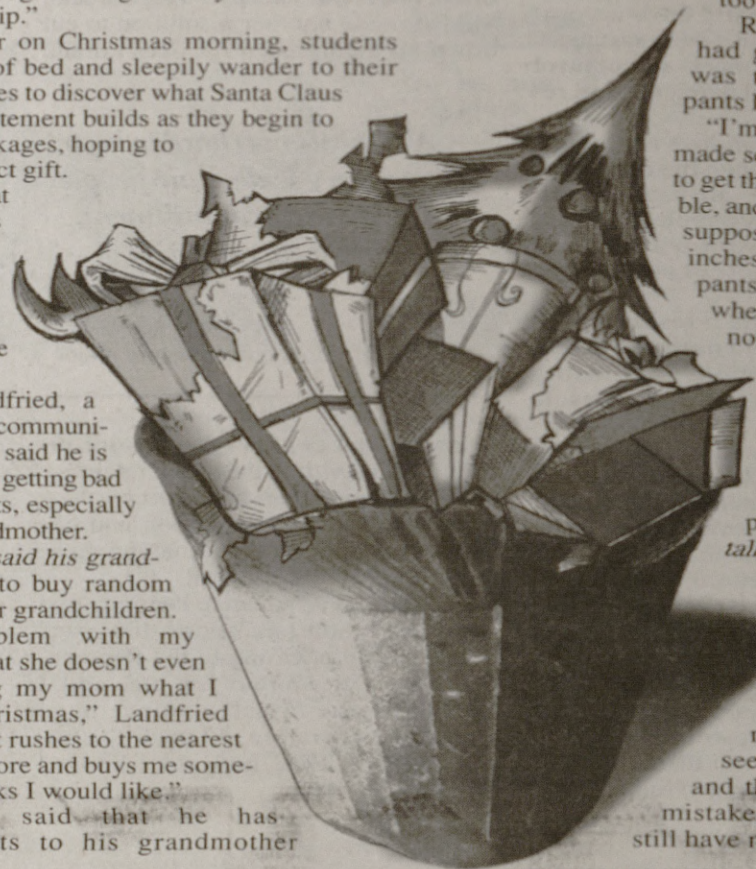
Riley said her family had good intentions, but she was trying to find the pants long.

"I'm a pretty tall girl, so it made sense that they would get the longest pants possible, and extra-large pants are supposed to be about 12 inches longer than large pants," Riley said. "When I looked at the pants, I noticed that the pants had cropped legs."

Riley said she wondered how much weight her family thought she had gained over the past semester.

Riley said she talked with her family and they confirmed that the pants were a mistake.

"My sister and mom assured me that they didn't see the cropped legs and that it was an honest mistake," Riley said. "I still have my doubts."



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