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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF WINTER CLOTHING?



"Mittens. The good ones have the fleece inside, and they're soft and warm."
--Arlowyn Hauger, sophomore in landscape architecture



"A cute scarf. It's warm, and it can add something to your outfit."
--Monica Lamb, senior in psychology



"Ice skates, because you can play ice hockey. Or, a fishing pole. You can do outdoor things with them."
--Tuan Tran, senior in criminal justice and sociology



"My little beanie hat, because it's cute, and it keeps me warm."
--Audrey van Valkenburg, senior in psychology and sociology

Don't be the person who...

Makes jokes about yellow snow.

Gets arrested for tackling middle-aged woman for the last T.M.X. Elmo.

Sniffles the whole class period. Get a tissue, and blow your nose!

Dates online.

Sits around the fireplace discussing world peace while drinking a bottle of Boone's Farm.

Teaches using PowerPoint presentations and expects students to come to class while he/she reads the slides.

Wears flip-flops while walking in a snowstorm and tries not acting cold when everyone knows you are freezing.

Says, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!" while leaving a party.

Has memorized more than three responses to use when asked, "Why are you standing so close to me?"

Defines living life on the edge as sneaking a free lemonade refill at the gas station.

Sings the bean song. You know, "...the magical fruit, the more you eat the more you toot..."



Obvious Enlightenment

Thumbs down

People who still teepees places on or around campus. This was cool when you were about 10 years younger.

Thumbs up

To the annoying kid across the hall studying abroad next semester.

Thumbs Down

Another year of holiday gift shopping. Even worse? Trying to find gifts in Ames.

Thumbs Up

Having a job that pays you enormous amounts of money even if you get fired (Morgan) or you resign (McCarney).

Thumbs Down

Iowa State paying enormous amounts of money for employees who were under contract, but were fired or resigned.

Thumbs Up

Warm weather in winter. Iowa, you never cease to surprise us.

TOP 10

Top 10 things not to say when you open a Christmas present...

10.) Wow, I need to be careful what I ask for next time ...

9.) Grandma, what the hell is this?

8.) You still have the receipt for this, right?

7.) Finally, you gave me a good gift! It's the Christmas miracle!

6.) I didn't know Goodwill had my size.

5.) You made this yourself? Stick to your day job.

4.) Let's just say you couldn't be Santa's little helper.

3.) Oh, I didn't know we were doing gag gifts this year?

2.) I thought you loved me.

1.) Close — but close is for horseshoes and hand grenades. Thanks a lot.

STORIES [YOU WON'T SEE]

Iowa State Now Offering Political Science Majors Mudslinging 101

New Study: College Students Ending the Long Trend of Procrastination

Jamie Pollard Gearing Up for his "Best Christmas Ever" in Anticipation of Coaches Buying Awesome Gifts in Hopes of Keeping Their Jobs

Freshman Drops Out of College After Finding Drinking Games Too Challenging

Longtime "Facebooker" Being Charged With "Poking" Underage Girl