From the Halls: A stressful end of the year

The school year is nearing its end, and most classroom whiteboards are now adorned with countdowns to the final bell of the 2014-2015 school year. Despite the enticement of summer vacation, it is easy to become stressed at the daunting idea of a final exam. No matter how much someone loves a class, final exams are frightening. For most courses at Colleton County High School, our exams will be at the end of school, but for the CNT sophomores taking History 102 and English 102 through USC Salkehatchie, our final exams are less than a month away. No matter how much I'd like to get to summer, I'm terrified for my final exams.

One of the courses that I love is English 102. Currently, we are starting our third writing portfolio that will be an argumentative essay about a topic of our choice. Even though this is twenty five percent of my final grade, I am very excited to work on this essay, and my classmates have spent days discussing their various topics. After going back and forth on possible topics, I decided to write my essay about the effect that toys such as Barbie and G.I. Joe have on a child's self-image.