

# NEWS

## Ink Assassins benefits from college business

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When entering Ink Assassins, the atmosphere is very chill with music on, and all the workers doing their own thing. As soon as they see you, someone will walk over to you and see what you want done. They have many books of the tattoos that they have already done. They also have the many awards that they have received over the past years. Anthony Orlando thinks the craze of getting tattoos in Erie has increased in the recent years; there are more kids who are from the ages of 18-25 getting tattoos. The number of people getting ink has increased, because it is more widely accepted, said tattoo artist Orlando.

Ink Assassins is located on the corner of Peach Street and West 26th Street and is one of the more popular tattoo places in Erie, with a variety of artists, who are very good at tattooing. "[This] is very reassuring for people who are getting tattoos," said Sophomore Hannah Burdette, 20. Orlando has been working at Ink Assassins for six years, and has received a college degree from Cleveland Art Institute for advertising.

The most common place for a girl to get a tattoo is the lower back, and for a guy would be the armband. Orlando said, "There really isn't a most common

place, but if there was the girls lower back, and for the guys the arm band." Orlando added, "most people come in are people who are just turning eighteen and they can do it, without their parents, but we do get a good amount of others too."

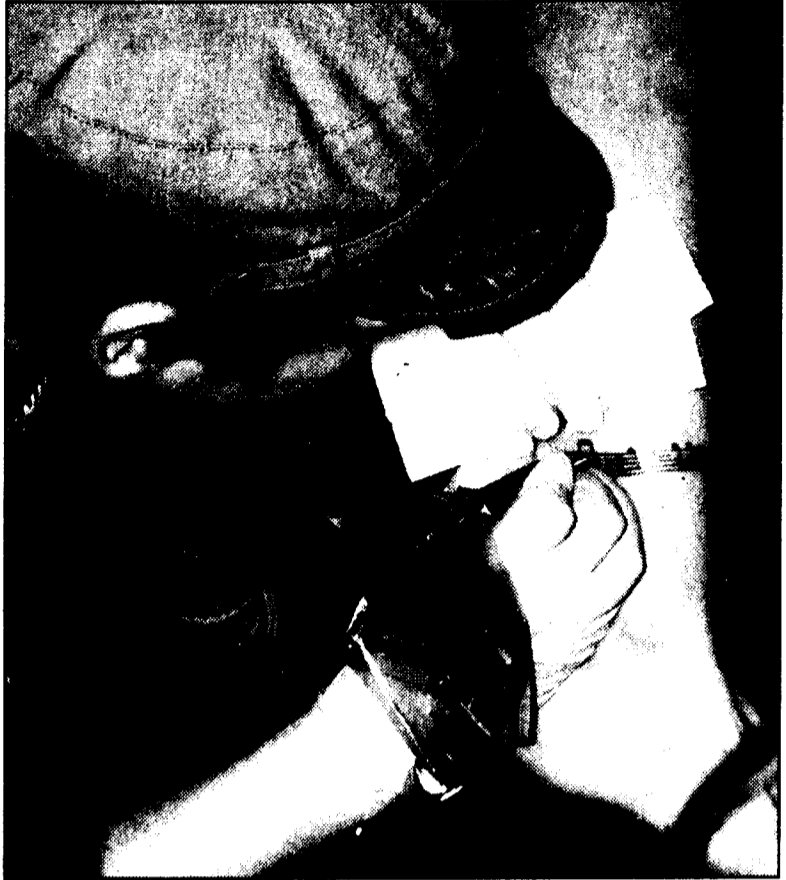
"There is no such thing as a common tattoo, everyone gets something different. Which sounds about right. People usually get tattoos that mean something to them at the time," Orlando laughs. "But when they do get tattoos the usual person comes and gets at least one more, within six years of the other one."

Discussing if one gender gets more tattoos than the other, Orlando said, "No I would have to say that it's pretty equal between girls and guys."

Ink Assassins has a reputation for being clean and strict and, is clear their reputation is valid. They also enforce the law that people must be at least 18 years of age to get a tattoo without a parent or guardian. "The people love what they do here, and we have amazing artists, who don't just do this

because it's their job, we do it because we want to." Burdette breathed a sigh of relieve and said, "Seeing this and the atmosphere that they are in makes you at ease, or as much as you can when you are getting a tattoo."

Ink Assassins is a very clean place that will not give you second thoughts about getting a tattoo. In addition to Ink Assassins tattoo services, they also offer various body piercings.



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Ink Assassins tattoo artist Anthony Orlando tattoos Behrend student Hannah Burdette.

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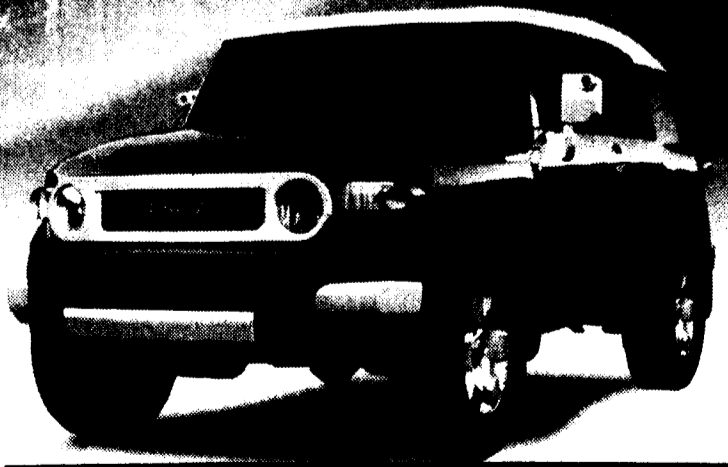
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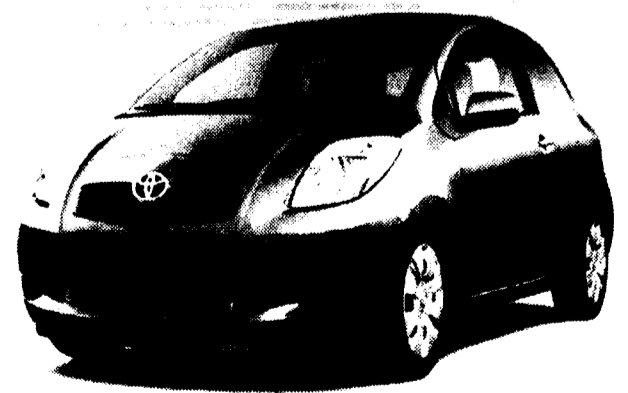
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