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Locker Rooms LOCKED!

A Pro vs. Con Conversation

By Nicholas Telesco

PRO

A little while ago, the administration of Cathedral Prep decided that the locker room will now be locked at the beginning and end of the day. Many students disagree with this policy, but the policy should continue. Why? Many students do not have locks on their gym lockers, or they leave their stuff out of the locker. This makes it very easy for items such as money, wallets, or clothes to get stolen. Now that the locker room is locked during the school day, people will not have their items stolen. The purpose of this isn't to punish the student body, but to make sure that property does not get stolen.

By Brendan O'Leary

CON

The recent locking of the doors of the locker room in between classes has made many students upset. Approximately 77% of the student body, as questioned by The Current, does not like the idea of the locker room being locked. Many have claimed that they now have nowhere to change into their school uniform anymore. Others say that it causes P.E. classes to be behind schedule. In fact, since the locker room has been locked, gym classes start six minutes late. Not only does it cause students to be late to gym class, but it also causes them to be late to their other classes. They have to wait for the doors to be opened. There is just one question you have to ask yourself, does this new policy help solve problems, or just create new ones?

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Nigerian Schoolgirls Abducted

By Aidan Birth

Last month, on the night between April 14 and April 15, 276 Nigerian schoolgirls were abducted from their school by a Nigerian terrorist group called Boko Haram. The kidnappings took place at a school in Chibok, in Borno State, Nigeria.

Boko Haram is a terrorist group based in the Middle East that opposes the "Westernization" of Nigeria. Westernization is the process of adapting ideas, customs, and practices of world powers, such as the U.S. Educating females in the Middle East, including in Nigeria, is considered

"Westernization."

The abduction of the schoolgirls is far from the only problem. Originally, Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau made a video, stating that he wanted to sell the girls. He claimed that Allah had commanded him to do this. Among other things, it is reported that Boko Haram has tried to convert all the girls to Islam.

Recently, Boko Haram has made videos stating that they are willing to release the girls in exchange for arrested members of its group.

There has been a worldwide response to the abductions. World leaders and public figures such as Michelle Obama have responded. On Twitter #BringBackOurGirls has

been trending.

This has been far from the only instance of human trafficking recently. It is unfortunately an everyday occurrence. The human trafficking market grew around the time of the Super Bowl. Sometimes, it is very hard to see it going on. The human traffickers take advantage of certain large events and gatherings, in this case a school with Nigerian schoolgirls. Sometimes, in cases like this, it is very public. There are groups, even religious groups, such as the New York Coalition of Religious Congregations to Stop Trafficking in Persons that work to stop human trafficking. Multiple countries, even Nigeria itself, are working to find the schoolgirls. The U.S. contributed drones to the search. We only hope that the search ends peacefully.



"Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre."

What Are You Reading? *Stephen King's IT*

By Brian McCormack

While walking through the halls of Cathedral during the past few months, I was often spotted clutching a thick paperback book. After a glance at the cover, the usual response from a classmate would be, "Oh, is that the one with the clown?" I respond that *It* is in fact "the one with the clown," while understanding that they only know Pennywise the Dancing Clown from the 1990 film adaptation. Very rarely, however, had my classmates known that *It* was originally a novel released in 1986. *It* is widely regarded as King's magnum opus of horror. While the story is abundant with scares and chills, the dominant themes of this classic novel are the magic of childhood and the bond created by friendship.

The story encompasses the lives of seven adults who are drawn back to their hometown to confront the evil they faced when they were children. Since this evil entity is amorphous, the children refer to the evil as "It." It terrorizes the small town of Derry, Maine, every twenty seven years, murdering young children in gruesome fashion. The most well-known shape into which *It* morphs is Pennywise the Clown. However, the shape that *It* assumes depends upon one's deepest fear. The story is told in a split narrative style, flashing back and forth between the characters' lives as adults in 1986, and as children in 1958. Stephen King provides readers with a truly immersive reading experience, telling an in-depth back-

story for each of the seven characters. I was able to identify with many of the characters' fears and insecurities, increasing my sympathy for them in their situations. While the story is rife with moments that are genuinely chilling, *It's* themes of childhood and friendship are what truly made it a unique reading experience. In case any of you readers are brave enough to tackle a 1000 page book, I won't spoil anything. I will say that the grave danger that the children face is the driving force that unites them, and the power of their bond gives them a supernatural strength in their quest to destroy the ancient evil that has taken the lives of countless children.



We all float down here...

The Tablet H.S. Press Awards

A day of friendly competition and press appreciation.

On Thursday, May 1st, the upper-classmen of The Current attended The Tablet H.S. Press Awards. Guest speaker Greg Shemitz, a freelance photographer for Catholic News Service, shared advice and some photos. Archbishop Molloy took top honors this year. The Current was recognized for continuing the great tradition of delivering high school news. Tablet editor Ed Wilkinson was particularly pleased to see Cathedral Prep attend the awards; he got his journalism start writing for The Current.



Photojournalist and guest speaker Greg Shemitz speaks with Current staffer Eric Lesser.

Reality Television: Bravo Network

By Tyler Flannery

Over the past few years, reality television has gained a rather negative persona. From *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* to *The Flavor of Love*, many reality shows and reality competition shows that have been broadcasted on television over the past few years have made a mockery of the lives of many. For example, *The Jersey Shore* has been accused of negating the reputation for Italian Americans and the people of New Jersey (as if *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* hasn't done enough). Bravo, known for releasing some of the lowest quality reality television shows of today's day and age, has completely transformed the prior ideas that the creators and owners of the network had in mind.

During the time of its creation, the Bravo Network was intended to focus on fine arts and film. Over the years, however, the network has managed to release numerous reality shows, attempting to pertain to females between the ages of 25 to 54. Located at the GE Building in New York City, Bravo has managed to reach the televisions in over 93 million homes. Just recently, Bravo announced the creation of fifteen new series. Of the fifteen, it came as a surprise to see that two of them are scripted comedies—*Odd Mom Out* and *Girlfriend's Guide to Divorce*—both of which are based off of books.



But not to worry, because although these two shows may have restored some sense of optimism for Bravo and its future, the network managed to release thirteen new reality series that will completely obliterate any sense of hope. For example, *Manzo'd with Children*, which is a spin off from *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* and the most controversial member of that show, Caroline Manzo. Also, *Jersey Belle*, which is a show about a typical New Jersey girl currently living in Alabama, trying to adapt to the environment but can't help "speaking her mind". As if it wasn't bad enough, they also created *Game of Crowns*, a competition show between six "pageant wives." (Who knew that was a thing anymore?)

As you can see, even after listing a few of Bravo's upcoming television series, the American television business isn't making any improvements in regards to reality television. But is this exactly a bad idea? By portraying these "idiotic television shows" for the American public to watch, it draws more attention to both their shows and their company, leading to more money being earned. Considering that Bravo is available on the televisions of over 85% of Americans homes, maybe it isn't such a bad idea for them to continuously release these mediocre shows.

Alternative Music

By Eric Lesser

The Alternative genre is one of the most complex musical genres. It is a combination of rock and independent, with a panoply of subgenres such as Indie Pop/Rock, Emo, Grunge and many others. It is characterized differently from Rock genre because of alternative devices like distorted guitar sound, transgressive lyrics, and a defiant attitude. Alternative music is rightly named, as its music is very versatile, and can fit into many other genres.

The early Alternative genre surfaced in the United States in the 1980s with popular bands like R.E.M in the 80s, and Nirvana in the 90s. Earlier Alternative music and subgenres leaned more to-

wards the rock side of the Alternative Spectrum in subgenres like Industrial, and Grunge.

Alternative music in the 2000s and 2010s is very different from early alternative music. Bands like Muse, My Chemical Romance, and Arctic Monkeys introduced more of a commercial, radio aspect to the genre which lead to the popularization of Alternative music. Today much of our Alternative music leans more towards the pop side in subgenres like Indie Pop, and Dream Pop. Modern Alternative is not directly influenced from Rock like earlier alternative music. It now incorporates many other genres like Hip-Hop, Electronic, and R&B/Soul. Artists like Mumford & Sons, HAIM, The xx, Lana Del Rey, and Sky Ferreira now lead the genre.



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*"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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Seniors defeat Faculty by 1 point to win Senior-Faculty Basketball Game. Congrats Class of 2014. #weletthemwin #airfaculty #cpsgreatness

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Sudoku

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SAT Question of the Day

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Can you answer it?

Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, **best** fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Ms. Fergusson's main criticism of the artist's rendering of the ancient mammal's physical appearance is that, unsupported by even a _____ of fossil evidence, the image is bound to be _____.

- (A) modicum . . . speculative
- (B) particle . . . supplemented
- (C) perusal . . . substantiated
- (D) fabrication . . . obsolete
- (E) recapitulation . . . exhausted