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Cathedral Prep has been around for almost a century. Ever since Bishop Gannon founded the school back in 1921, the school's goal was for educating people from all social classes, the poor, the rich, and the middle class. For the school to make such an outstanding education available to the students, a lot of money is needed to keep up the valuable education.

Alumni understand what Cathedral Prep is all about. It is about creating men of vision in spirit, mind, and body. No person that has Prep has walked out the same in those three areas. That is why Cathedral Prep is a one-of-a-kind school; it is where a brotherhood are established, faith is grown, and intelligence is tested. This school prepares all students who put forth effort for college, and are not disappointed. This great institution uses all tools necessary to advance student's education and take it to a whole different level. Ramblers are all about showing excellence in all that they do whether it is in athletics, faith, or academics.

The world is in a desperate state of need for better people, and those people are being built from head to toe at Prep. As soon as the students graduate high school, they start their next step into collage. After that, they are ready to take on the challenges the world has to offer, and over come them. They are capable of making the world a better place.

Without the great education that is being offered at Cathedral Prep, no student will be able to achieve what they could have achieved. This is a great school. It is where things start but never end. No other place can offer the same challenging classes, brotherhood, or athletic programs. It is an institution built to change the world.

NHL 2015 Early Season Power Rankings

The 2014-2015 NHL season is underway and has started with many early surprises. With two of the top prospects the NHL has seen in years with Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel, there could be a huge gap between the best and worst teams. The early power rankings are as follows:

30. Buffalo Sabres: After losing Ryan Miller last year, the Sabres don't possess the talent to have a top team. Hopefully they can secure a top pick in next years draft.

29. Carolina Hurricanes: They have the star power and scoring, just struggle defensively. Cam Ward hasn't been himself since their cup run in 2006.

28. Edmonton Oilers: Every year the Oilers seems to have the talent in young players, but can't seem to pull it together to win.

27. Winnipeg Jets: the Jets have not been able to pull it together to have a very successful team. They have good talent in players like Evander Kane and Dustin Byfuglien, but lack scoring depth.

26. Florida Panthers: The Panthers have been the worst team all around in recent years. They look slightly better this year after acquiring Willie Mitchel and Roberto Luongo, but don't have the chemistry or scoring to go deep.

25. Vancouver Canucks: The Canucks finally have a consistent starting goalie in Ryan Miller. But after the Sedin brothers, they don't have the depth.

24. Arizona Coyotes: The Coyotes enter the season with a very similar team to last year. They hope to be led by veteran captain Shane Doan and top:5 defenseman Oliver Ekman:Larsson.

23. Philadelphia Flyers: The Flyers have one of the better rosters in the NHL, having players like Claude Giroux and Wayne Simmonds, but lack the goaltending to stick around most games.

22. Toronto Maple Leafs: After choking away a thought to be sure playoff berth last year, it's hard to see the Leafs rebounding this year. If they can finish late in games, this season they could make a late run.

21. New Jersey Devils: The Devils enter the season with an exciting mix of young players and veterans. With Cory Schneider filling the void left by Martin Brodeur, this team could start clicking and become a threat to slip into the playoffs.

20. Calgary Flames: The Flames have been a disappointment to fans in recent years. They brought in the good players this year like Mason Raymond and if they get consistent goaltending could be tough to beat.

19. Columbus Blue Jackets: The Blue Jackets played very well last year, even making it to the playoffs. They added veteran player Scott Hartnell and continue to play behind great goaltending from Sergei Bobrovsky.

18. Colorado Avalanche: Nathan McKinnon was by far the most impressive rookie last year, and continues to carry it through this year. Patrick Roy is in his second year of head coaching and hopes to lead the team on a deep run. They lost forward Matt Duchene, but got veteran Jarome Iginla in his place.

17. Nashville Predators: The Predators hope to improve on a poor season last year, by adding players like James Neal and Olli Jokinen. Pekka Rinne needs to return to form in order for

this team to return to the playoffs.

16. Minnesota Wild: Led by Zach Parise and Ryan Suter, the Wild have one of the deepest teams in the league. If their goaltending comes to form they can be a real contender.

15. St. Louis Blues: With one of the best defensive front line in the league in Kevin Shattenkirk and Alex Pietrangelo, the Blues hope to finally have a break out year. They also picked up Paul Statsny to add much needed scoring depth.

14. New York Islanders: The Islanders have been a disappointment to fans, making the playoffs only once in the past seven seasons. They finally seem to have some good goaltending in Jarslov Halak, and with players like John Tavares anything can happen.

13. Detroit Red Wings: The Red Wings continue to make it to the playoffs every year. With veterans like Pavel Datsyuk and young players like Tomas Tatar, I don't see them missing it anytime soon.

12. New York Rangers: After a disappointing loss in the Stanley Cup Finals last year, the Rangers hope to have another impressive year. If Rick Nash and Martin St. Louis can form some chemistry up top, they're going to be hard to stop.

11. Washington Capitals: Washington finally made a step in the right direction by solidifying its blue line with players like Brooks Orpik and Matt Niskanen. If Braden Holtby gets back into form, Ovechkin should keep the offense rolling.

10. Boston Bruins: Every year the bruins seem to be a contender late in the year. They've come up short the past two years but with a team loaded with chemistry you never know when they'll heat up.

9. Dallas Stars: The Stars are coming off a great season, and added even more talent to already one of the best rosters in

the league, in Jason Spezza.

8. Ottawa Senators: The Senators have lost some great players in recent years in Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza. They have replaced them with talents like Bobby Ryan and David Legwand, and still have young talents like Kyle Turris and Erik Karlsson.

7. Tampa Bay Lightning: Steve Stamkos is coming off a short season last year after he broke his tibia. He hopes to bounce back and lead them to the playoffs, behind Ben Bishop who had 37 wins last year.

6. Chicago Blackhawks: The Blackhawks are always hanging around late in the playoffs. After signing Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews to big contracts, they hope to continue competing at a high level.

5. Pittsburgh Penguins: The Penguins continue to be one of the best regular season teams in the NHL. With a change in management and coaching, hopefully they can pull it together in the playoffs behind all-stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

4. San Jose Sharks: Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau continue to play at a high level at their high age. If they can stay consistent they should have no problem hanging around come May.

3. Anaheim Ducks: the Ducks are led by high scoring forwards Corey Perry and Ryan Getzlaf. They added big second line center Ryan Kesler and hope he can provide the scoring depth they've been missing in recent years.

2. Montreal Canadiens: The Canadiens were rolling in the playoffs, until the injury or Carey Price forced them to start inexperienced goaltender Dustin Tokarski. They have a hugely talented young players like P.K. Subban and Alex Galchenyuk to lead them.

1. Los Angeles Kings: After another impressive Stanley Cup win, the Kings head the power rankings for yet another year. With undeniable chemistry and outstanding goaltending in Jonathan Quick, they will remain at the top.

Recent drop in gas prices enjoyed by Prep students who drive

Gas has dropped drastically in the past couple weeks. This has affected the nation as a whole, but it also affects students at Cathedral Prep. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, gas has dropped approximately \$0.20 in the last two weeks, and more than \$0.50 since the middle of the summer. That is a review of the United States gas prices as a whole.

In the Erie, Pa. area, gas has dropped to as cheap as \$2.82 at the GetGo on Peach St. and the Delta Sonic on Peach St.. These gas stations are recent competitors and are directly off of Interstate 90. The common price of gas around town is around \$3.00.

The Rambler polled 25 students at Cathedral Prep who drive, asking them what type of vehicle they drive. Of that group, 48 percent drive a car and 52 percent drive an SUV. A car usually has a gas tank that holds around 12 gallons. An SUV gas tank holds anywhere from 16 to 20 gallons.

Prep senior Sean Reed, who drives a 1999 red Chevrolet Cavalier, said, "I filled up my car about a week ago and it cost me \$42.87." Gas was around \$3.15 when he filled up his

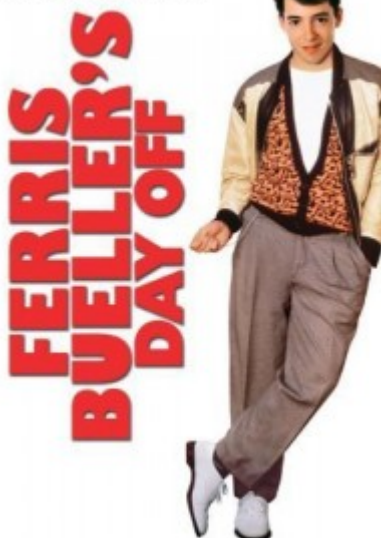
car. Ben Eliason who drives a 2004 Honda CRV, said, "I filled up my car last night and it cost me \$35 to fill up."

For high school students, gas money can be hard to come by and filling up your vehicle can break the bank. The change in gas prices is good news for everyone, especially for all the Ramblers who drive. Hopefully the prices are here to stay and continue to lower.

Reed's Movie Reel: Ferris Bueller's Day Off and The Sandlot

The temperatures get lower and the night's get longer this time of year, which means more time to stay inside and watch movies. While new movies can be hit or miss, there are some classics that never go out of style, such as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *The Sandlot*.

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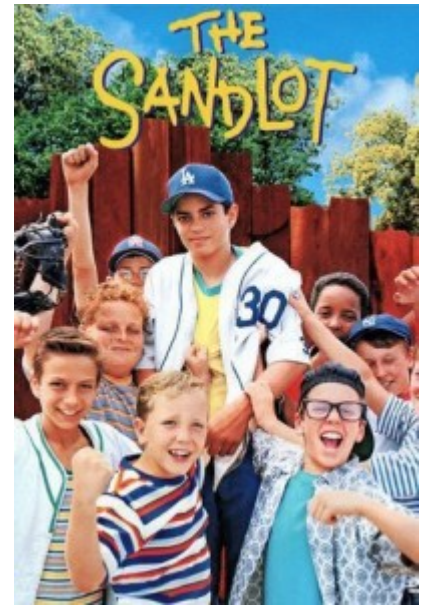


Ferris Bueller's Day Off is one of the best comedies movies of the last 50 years. It's about a high school senior, Ferris, who decides to ditch school with his friend, Cameron, and his girlfriend, Sloane. Ferris is a tricky fast talker, who can talk his way out of almost any situation throughout his adventure. They go to a baseball game, a five-star restaurant, video game arcade, etc. Throughout the movie, their principal does everything he can to catch Ferris and his

friends in the act of skipping school. Does Ferris get caught?

Watch and find out. I think that *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* is one of the best movies that I have seen in the past decade. I give it a four and half out of five stars.

The Sandlot is a classic teenage comedy movie perfect for someone who just wants a good plot with funny scenes throughout. It is about a geeky, new kid in the neighborhood, Smalls, who wants to try out baseball for the first time. He tries to play with a local team, but they all think he sucks and is a loser. Luckily, the leader of the team, Benny "the Jet", decides to not give up on Smalls and teaches them the game of baseball. Eventually, everyone likes Smalls, and he



begins to have the best summer of his life. But, one day, the team needs a baseball to play with, so Smalls steals his step-dad's Babe Ruth autographed baseball. Smalls hits a homer over the fence, which contains the scariest and biggest dog in the world. Does Smalls get the ball back? Watch and find out. I think that *The Sandlot* is one of my favorite childhood movies of all-time. I give it a four out of five stars.

To lock or not to lock? (That is the question)



Johnny Prichard (left) comforts a saddened Michael Spizarny (right) after he finds out the Audi doors are locked.

I appreciate the little things. As do most people. So this past Monday, as I walked down Prep's western staircase after theology on my way to physics and found the H. David Bowes Auditorium doors locked, I was all but ecstatic. I'd say irate would be the more appropriate term. But the following day as I made the same trip from the third floor to the second floor of the science wing, one thing was different: the auditorium doors were UN-locked. Feelings of immense relief ran through my body. Joy was spread and the students around me rejoiced in unison! This occurrence more than made up for the agony caused by the locking of the doors the previous day. (

Now don't get me wrong. This is in no way, shape, or form a new occurrence. Unfortunately, or fortunately if the doors are opened, this has happened all too often this school year. An inconsistency exists in the state of the Audi doors. Students never know whether or not luck will be in their favor this day, or if they'll be forced to take the depressing walk down through the basement. All we can do is hope.

With every student having at least one class, if not two, located in the Science Wing and with some students working as hall monitors constantly delivering passes to the science department, one would wonder why school officials don't permanently unlock the auditorium doors. It saves our time when it is of the essence. It saves our energy when we need it

most.

As many students may know, when the Audi doors are locked, we must go down another set of stairs to a hallway that runs underneath the stage and then back up more steps only to make it back to your intended destination, the Science Wing. When the doors aren't locked, students must only walk through the Audi to make it to this part of the building. The difference between the two pathways may seem minuscule to outsiders, but it truly feels astronomical. According to Cathedral Prep senior Sean Harris, "It's terrible! That fact that they close the doors ruins my day. We need to leave them open!" Well put, Mr. Harris, well put.

One might argue that since the theatrical props and equipment are stored in the Audi when a show is being worked on, students shouldn't be able to travel through the area because they may damage said equipment. And I agree. During times when a musical or play is being practiced, the Audi should be locked, but when there are no upcoming theater productions, it seems nonsensical to lock the doors.

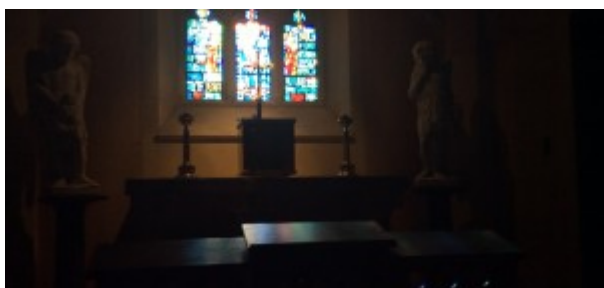
So let's unlock the Audi doors. It makes the daily lives of the students easier and let's be honest, we need every break we can get. Locking the doors only causes problems for the students. A safety measure at it's best; an inconvenience at it's worst. The H. David Bowes should leave its doors open. Because it's fact; we appreciate the little things.

Eerie Erie: Urban Legends of

Erie, Pa.

Spirits and ghosts are one of the most common fears found in humans. Although science says no, the experience and witness of people say yes. When *The Rambler* took a survey of several students at Prep, 38 students said yes, they do believe in ghosts, 26 claimed they did not believe in ghosts, while the remaining 12 were unsure of their existence. This translates to about 51 percent of the students at Prep believing in ghosts, 35 percent do not, and 14 percent are not sure.

Erie, Pa., is a pretty old city, and old typically translates into hauntings. What's one of the oldest buildings in Erie? Our very own Cathedral Prep. While surveying, I tried to capture some ghost stories from the students as well. Dominic Kramer claimed to have seen library books move by themselves. Davis Nies said he had experienced strange events in the music room, including voices and apparitions. While I cannot contribute to the credibility of those stories, the building is certainly spooky.



The crypt

I decided to head down to the crypt, the name of which already gives it a creepy vibe, as does the actual presence of corpses. I sat there for a moment, and then I saw a flash of light move across one of the statues. I felt fear and excitement, as I thought I just witnessed something paranormal, but I was disappointed as I realized it was just the reflection off of my iPad. Regardless of me not actually

finding anything, one does certainly feel a presence in the crypt. Whether it is the presence of God, or an old bishop passing by, the crypt is quite a mysterious place.



Vampire's Tomb

So perhaps Cathedral Prep is not haunted, at least not during the day. My crew and I wanted to do a nighttime investigation, but we were denied access. But there are many other haunted locations in Erie, the most famous being the Erie Cemetery. There are two areas in the cemetery that are surrounded by legend; the Vampire's Tomb and the Witches Circles. The real name of the Vampire's Tomb is the Brown Vault (not that much better).



Witches' Circle with two black tombstones visible

The source of the legend starts with the fact that the crypt does not have any visible name or dates on it. The granite it is constructed of has blackened, while none of the other granite mausoleums have changed. It has no windows, simply a locked iron gate. Some of the horror stories surrounding it include pagan rituals and, obviously, vampires. Basically to sum them up, there were pagan rituals at this tomb, and the smoke caused by them is what led to the blackening of the granite. Also, there is a seemingly vampire-like carving above the entrance, which is the only mark on the tomb, so legend says it contains a vampire. Once again, these stories have absolutely no credibility, but there is no evidence against them either. But something that is both scary and true is that the cemetery has no record of who is buried there.



Another Witches' Circle grave, consumed by nature

The other location that is allegedly cursed in that same cemetery is the Witches Circles. Two of the tombstones have blackened, just like the Vampire's Tomb. They say that the tombstones turned black when the devil visited earth to take

the souls of the two witches buried there.

Mid-season NFL report: several teams fighting for playoff spots

As all football fans know, the NFL regular season is halfway over and heading toward the playoffs. There are a bunch of teams that are doing not so well and a couple of others that are looking decent right now. There isn't any one team that right now looking like they can be the Super Bowl champions, but a few have looked better than others.

The students of Cathedral Prep were asked about who they felt were playing well, who they think might make it to the playoffs, and who will be the Super Bowl champions. The responses varied from student to student, but the names of the teams students gave included the Broncos, Patriots, Eagles, Cowboys, Cardinals and the Lions.

The Broncos and Cardinals both only have one loss and the Cowboys, Eagles, Patriots and Lions have two losses. The Broncos been having good seasons ever since they got soon-to-be Hall Of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning, and so have the Patriots. But the other teams that are doing good right now usually doesn't start off good, so therefore this season might see two odd, unusual teams in the Super Bowl.

That would be nice seeing some teams who nobody thought would make it to the playoffs make it to the Super Bowl. Football experts think that the Broncos are going to take it this year. Some students at Cathedral Prep also agree with that because

of how they went to the Super Bowl last year, only to get blown out the water against Seattle. They think they are going to redeem themselves and not come out flat-footed like last year.

The Cowboys are a team who had 8 wins and 8 losses for like three or four seasons in a row, and this season they started off with 6 wins and 2 losses, better than they ever did in along time. The Eagles always have an OK season but never finish strong, and that's how the media is predicting this season to be for them.

The Patriots always seem to have great seasons; things just seems to never go their way in the playoffs lately. Other football experts are saying they might go to the Super Bowl. They have the potential. They just need things to go their way. Also, the Cardinals went to Super Bowl XLIII and lost to the Steelers, haven't had a good season since, but this has been a good season in Arizona so far. They might have a chance to make it. Last but not least are the Lions. They have been having decent seasons but never make it out the playoffs, and the media said they aren't going to get far with out Clavin Johnson and Reggie Bush.

Prep, McDowell soccer teams set to clash for the District 10 title

This Thursday will determine whether Prep can inch closer to the goal that everyone has in mind. The Ramblers will be facing the McDowell Trojans after tying them at Gus Andersen Field, followed by a victory by Prep at the CPEC. Both games

showed an outstanding effort by Prep. In the win over McDowell, a last minute goal was kicked in by the Ramblers right in front of the Trojans' net. Prep continued with a massive celebration with all the students that were cheering the squad on.

McDowell has not forgotten the bittersweet loss to the Ramblers just a few weeks ago. The Rambler soccer team and senior goalie Oliver Weisner is confident that they can finish this job. As an underclassman, Oliver played the field and had much success with it. With the loss of the outstanding goalie, Joe Bloomstine, the Ramblers were in need of someone to protect the net. Oliver has really stepped up as a leader and has helped this team with many shutout games.

The Rambler asked Oliver what the team has to do in order to get the win tomorrow and he replied, "We need to play as a team, stay calm, and work hard. If we do that, the win will come easily."

This Rambler team is very young, and when asked who he thinks is going to step up and make a difference, Oliver said, "Key players are superstar midfielder, Tommy Russo, delirious defender Keegan Farver and the secret off-the-bench weapon, Sean Reed."

Finally, when asked what he thinks the Ramblers can accomplish in their playoff run, he replied, "I think we're more than capable of winning D10 and even making a playoff run. We don't want to get too far ahead so we're only focusing on D10 for now, but I think we're capable of accomplishing much in the postseason, at least far greater than the past two seasons."

The Ramblers have shown much strength in the second half throughout this season. They are going to need support from their fellow classmates so they can continue their run in the post season. The games is at 7 p.m. tonight, so get out and cheer on the Ramblers!

Chivas USA shut down by MLS; plan to recreate team for 2017



When the MLS comes up in conversation, the first team that comes to mind for many is the Los Angeles Galaxy. LA has won championships, seemingly always plays well, and has had the big name players like Landon Donovan and David Beckham.

Another MLS franchise calls Los Angeles home as well. Well, they used to call it home.

The lesser-known club Chivas USA played its home matches in Los Angeles, on the same field as the Galaxy. The teams will no longer share a stadium, however, as Chivas USA has officially been shut down by the MLS. Following several sub-par years on the pitch and low attendance, the team has been shut down now that the current season has ended.

Chivas USA was created in 2004. They were originally created as a branch of their parent team, C.D. Guadalajara in Mexico. The team was placed in Los Angeles to try to get the large Latino population to come out for the games. This worked while the team was successful, reaching the playoffs in four consecutive years from 2006-2009 and winning the Western Conference regular season in 2007.

Recently, however, the team has struggled. Since 2010 they have not reached the MLS playoffs. Due to the team's poor

play, attendance began to fall. The team has been at the bottom of the Western Conference table and hadn't shown any signs of getting much better.

At the beginning of the 2014 season MLS purchased the team from Guadalajara's owner Jorge Vergara in order to recreate the team. MLS also planned to sell to team to new management. Throughout this season Chivas continued losing many games but did have a star appear through the rainclouds in Erick "Cubo" Torres. Torres is on loan from the parent club C.D. Guadalajara and the 21-year-old showed his future promise, scoring 15 goals for Chivas USA in the 2014 season.

MLS planned on revamping the club in preparation for the 2015 season. On October 27, 2014 they announced that Chivas USA would be shut down. They plan on making a new Los Angeles expansion team that will join the MLS for the 2017 season, and they say that the team will have its own stadium in downtown L.A.

The erasing of Chivas USA left just eight teams in the MLS Western Conference. For next season MLS plans to add the Houston Dynamo and Sporting Kansas City to the Western Conference. Their spots in the Eastern Conference will be taken by the new expansion team NYC FC and the USL Pro team Orlando City SC that will move up to MLS.

Should the Washington Redskins change their team

name?

The Washington Redskins have undergone much scrutiny in recent years over whether or not their team name is racist. The franchise began in Boston as the Braves in 1932. In 1937, they moved to Washington, D.C. and changed their name to the Redskins. The racism in the name has been talked about on and off since 1971, with the latest revival begun in 2013. Native American protests seem to be the most direct opposition to the name while the majority of those in favor of keeping the name are not of Native American descent. Arguments can be made towards either side.

The argument for keeping the name:

The name of the Redskins has been around for 77 years. When people hear "Washington Redskins" they don't think of the the Indians but more of the franchise. Announcers and commentators don't use the term as a way to sneak in hidden racism. They use it on behalf of addressing the team on how it has been addressed for years. It has built up a legacy of excellent football for years and should continue to build that legacy under its long held name.

Redskins president and general manager Bruce Allen said in a letter to the senate that the name is respectful towards Native Americans. It shows respect to their culture and their influence in the history of America. The franchise should not be looked at for its name but more in the way it plays the game. If people get hung up on the name because it can be seen as offensive to some cultures, they get away from the actual sport itself.

Another major issue with the name change would be all the merchandise that was sold while they were under the Redskins name would become useless. If they banned the use of the name Redskins, would they also ban the wearing of apparel to games?

But how can they justify allowing apparel one game then banning it the next? If Washington is forced to change its name, it opens up a whole new section of issues.

By keeping the name, the NFL allows the fans to continue rooting for a team it has been rooting for their whole lives. If they change the name, they are accepting that it has been used as a form of racism for 77 years.

The argument for changing the name:

Some things are outdated. That once state-of-the-art Envy 2, the neighbor's beat up 1990 Chevy Cavalier, those year-old pudding cups in the cupboard. Some things just don't belong in today's day and age. They need to be removed from society. Not only is this in reference to actual physical items we see with our very own two eyes, but also other things that possess no physical being. Derogatory language, racism, insensitivity, and something that involves all three of these: the name of the Washington Redskins.

The professional football team located in Washington, D.C. has been called the Washington R***** for the greater part of the past hundred years. Despite their legacy, the name, or even just the figure represented by the team, the name has to go. We as a country have decimated the Native American population, their tribes, and what may very well have been the worst of all, their Indian identity.

How are the Washington R***** able to use a name that is in fact derogatory towards the Native America people after all the injustice and troubles we have put on them? The simple answer is that they shouldn't. And to capitalize off of and generate more wealth for their organization solely off of their name is all the worse.

The name Redskins is a direct comment at the color of the Native American people, and if we label them as such, we are only putting their existence at a lower level than ours. Many

would take offense at a football team named the "Whiteskins" or the "Blackskins" so why is it okay when we use the "Redskins"? Just because their population size is not as great as many other ethnicities does not make it acceptable to use the name.

The Washington R***** need change. Whether it comes from a renaming of the franchise to a changing of the logo, something needs to happen. To take advantage of a certain ethnicity's name is unjust as it is taking advantage of that ethnicity as well. The name is racist and demeaning and though it has existed for nearly 80 years, the times have changed what may have been acceptable then may not be acceptable now. Some things are just outdated.