

Interview With a Pro: Kyle Cheney

This election season has been one of the most intriguing yet terrifying cycles in recent American history. The campaign trail has been a battlefield for candidates trying to spread their word and message, but often times candidates have clashed, attacking not only positions but each other's personas, appearance, and even their morals.

The media, in reporting these stories, have become incredibly biased and this has been clear to the American voter. Whether it is CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, or Fox News it is clear that these news channels, and their websites have a prerogative. This can be a good thing, but it also muddles stories and twists candidates words.

This is why alternate media outlets are needed to understand truly a candidate's message, his or her policies, or what they truly said at a rally and what they meant. Typically websites, these sources devote themselves to report, and show the substance and meaning behind a political move. Whether it be the passing of a piece of legislation, congressional horse trading, or a Presidential election these sources remain neutral.

Politico is one of those sources. It's a news outlet that publishes numerous stories every day covering a spectrum of politics from around the world. Kyle Cheney, a member of Politico's Campaign Pro team, is a journalist who has the task of tackling the beast that is the 2016 presidential campaign. Cheney has written on a variety of political issues, a lot of the time on health care. Mr. Cheney explained what it is like to be a reporter during the cycle.

When asked, what has reporting on this election season been

like, with unorthodox candidates such as Bernie Sanders and especially Donald Trump seeing widespread success?

“It’s simple to describe, really: We’re watching history happen in real time. There’s been a steady erosion of the public’s faith in its leaders and institutions – from the presidency to Congress to the press. It’s all culminated into this explosion of anger at political insiders. Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are very different candidates, but they’ve captured the same strain of frustration that the two parties have benefited from a corrupt system and are only interested in power.”

One thing I find particularly interesting about political reporting is the difficulty of hiding your own opinion. When asked this, Cheney responded that “The hardest thing to do as a political reporter is avoid becoming cynical. It’s too easy to view everything as corrupt or broken beyond repair. But the challenge is to remember why you got into this business – to try and shine a light on injustices and things that are broken, so they can be fixed. If you view politics as hopeless, then why cover it at all?”

When asked what the future of the country looks like after this upcoming election Cheney said, “And for the country as a whole, this election seems to have pushed the parties so far away from each other that we seem destined for more years of gridlock and an inability for Congress and the president to work together.”

It is clear from Cheney’s statements that as a country we are struggling to find who we are. Come November, after millions collectively vote to see who the next leader of our nation will be. With this election, it will reveal what the majority of the American population feels, and who they want to represent the country. But November is eight months away. Over 240 days away. 240 days of ads, of speeches, of rallies, and a new addition riots. The campaign is far from over, it is just

beginning, and the worst is yet to come.

Even with all of this negativity swirling around, Cheney remains optimistic “But if there’s anything this election season has taught me, it’s that the conventional wisdom has been wrong almost every time. So I think there’s reason to hope that no matter what the results of the election are, there are more uplifting times on the horizon.”

Though the next few months will be about as smooth as the city roads of Erie, hopefully after November 7th passes, the country finds a leader who unites the nation’s population rather than furthering the divide.

Senior staff writer earns first place in Northwestern Pennsylvania High School Journalism Competition



Recently the staff of *The Rambler* entered several of their articles from the 2015 calendar year to the annual Northwestern Pennsylvania High School Journalism Competition hosted by Edinboro University. The competition presents awards to individuals in four categories:

News, Features, Sports, and Opinion. Senior staff writer Dan Anthony received the coveted honor of first place in the opinion category, receiving the award for his article titled

[“A Review of Fiji Water.”](#)

The journalism program at Cathedral Prep has grown steadily over the past four years. While the quality of writing continues to improve, *The Rambler* has continued to find itself shut out of the state and local awards categories until now. Dan is the first staff writer of *The Rambler* to win an individual award. In his article Anthony expressed his highest regard towards the “wondrous gift of nature” Fiji Water. Such an article could not go unnoticed in the Cathedral Prep community, sparking a [response article](#) from senior Michael Buzas arguing Voss Water’s case as the best drinking water. Dan commented that he “most definitely” takes this award as recognition of a win in the heated argument.

Dan was presented a certificate of recognition as well as a \$100 check. “I think they sell gallons of Fiji water I might be able to afford,” Dan said, in regards to his plans with the money. Although Dan was not anticipating winning he “lit up like a candle” when Mr. Hubert announced his award. “I was having an awful day, so it really turned my frown upside down,” Dan shared.

Journalism teacher and advisor for *The Rambler* Mr. Hubert spoke highly of Dan’s achievement. “Dan has been a prolific writer this year, and I was really proud that his hard work paid off,” he said. “We’ve had a lot of good writers over the years, and I hope his recognition is the first of many more to come.”

While Dan became the first individual *Rambler* writer to be honored, *The Rambler* has been recognized collectively in the past, earning third place recognition in the Website category of Edinboro’s contest in both 2014 and 2015. The website also received an honorable mention from the 2015 Student Keystone Press Awards.

In addition to Dan’s achievement, senior staff writer Brendan

Jubulis earned fifth place recognition in the print sports category for his [Fantasy Football: Week 5 Sit/Start](#) article.

Treasury Secretary announces currency redesign

Every few years or so, the banknotes of the U.S. dollar of denominations \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 undergo major design changes to improve both the looks of the banknotes and to increase the number of security features of the bills to help further reduce counterfeiting. Those who are old enough may remember the “greenback” series which were printed from 1963–1995. In 1996, the banknotes were redesigned to feature larger portraits and the addition of new security features to deter forgery. Furthermore, in 2004, the currency was redesigned again beginning with the \$20 note that year and concluding with the new redesigned \$100 bill that was released in 2013.

Now that twelve years have passed since the initial release of the current series of bills, the U.S. dollar banknotes are due for a makeover. On Wednesday April 20, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced that the designs for the next generation of United States banknotes will be released by 2020.



Abolitionist Harriet Tubman will become the new face of the \$20 bill.

The new currency designs are planned to host a vast variety of changes. The most notable of which will be on the \$20 bill, where seventh President of the United States Andrew Jackson will be replaced on the note's obverse with former slave and Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman, who is credited with leading hundreds of escaped slaves to freedom. Reports surfaced in June last year that a woman would be placed on the front of the \$10 bill, replacing the portrait of the First Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Hamilton. However, just recently, Secretary Lew changed his mind on the decision after watching the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical Hamilton, deciding instead to boot Jackson from the \$20 bill. The push to put a woman on the face of American currency comes as the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, will be celebrated in 2020.

Jackson is expected to still remain on the \$20 where he will receive a less prominent spot on the bill's reverse and will be incorporated into the White House portrait scene, possibly riding on horseback, as Secretary Lew explained.

The \$10 and \$5 banknotes will be redesigned as well. While the portraits of Secretary Hamilton and Sixteenth President

Abraham Lincoln will remain relatively unchanged on the obverse, the bills' reverses will receive significant makeovers. Instead of the current image of the Treasury Building, the reverse of the \$10 bill will depict the the story of the fight for women's suffrage and will contain portraits of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, and Alice Paul. On the \$5 bill, the image of the Lincoln Memorial on the reverse side will be recreated to depict various historic events that occurred at the monument such as opera singer Marian Anderson's 1939 concert and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech.

The \$1 will remain unchanged in the new series, as it has since 1963. The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 contains a clause that prohibits the use of Federal funds for the purpose of changing the design of the bill because it would require a significant programming change for vending machines to accept a bill different from the current design. In addition, due to its low denomination, the \$1 note is the least susceptible to counterfeiting and not worth the cost of adding new security features. There are currently no plans to redesign the lesser-used \$2 bill, in addition.

A 2006 federal court ruling also requires that the next generation of U.S. banknotes introduced must contain tactical features that make it easier for the visually impaired and blind to distinguish each bill from one another, a trait over 180 countries currently employ either through tiny perforations, raised numbering, or through varying bill sizes per each denomination.

The final designs for the new \$5, \$10, and \$20 banknotes will be unveiled in 2020 when the new \$10 notes are expected to be released. The new \$20 banknotes are not expected to enter circulation until 2030.

Prep students assist firefighters in local fire

Last Monday, April 11, was a decently routine school day at Cathedral Prep. The final bell rang at 2:53 p.m., as it always does, and the students left their respective 8th period classes, planning to do whatever it is that they choose to do during their after school hours. Upon exiting the building, however, something was different. A thick, bellowing cloud of grayish-black smoke began filling the skyline. It was an otherwise temperate day, with decently clear skies, mild winds, and an expected chilly climate. This quickly emerging, smoglike cloud was anything but expected.

Naturally, a decent number of Cathedral Prep's students, students' parents, and faculty/staff were concerned with what the source of this smoke might be. Some of the more curious Cathedral Prep seniors decided to investigate. "Holy smokes, there's smoke," senior David Rahner remembered thinking to himself upon noticing the cloud. "You know what a man of Prep would do in this situation? [He] Lends a helping hand," he concluded. Within no time, Rahner and a good bit of his Cathedral Prep classmates found themselves attempting to investigate what the source of the smoke might be.

Finally, the cause was discovered. A two-block-long warehouse located on 1336 W. 20th St. was engulfed in flames. According to Erie Fire Department chief fire inspector Guy Santone, the fire appeared to have started in a "hallway" area connecting a 20,046-square-foot building on the western edge of the property to other buildings, totaling roughly 53,000 square feet of property. The eastern buildings were completely floored by the fire, while the western buildings remained

somewhat less scathed from the disaster.

No one is yet aware of the causes of this fire was, but it is known that winds wading from the west, along with the contents of the factory—around 90 truck loads of mattresses—definitely enforced the flames' course. The mattresses filling these particular warehouse were the result of a failed transaction between two businesses as one of the business ironically went out of business. Guy Santone is planning to meet with Andy Zimmerman, Erie's manager of code enforcement, to discuss potentially tearing down the building.

Regardless, this fire, reported only seven minutes after dismissal did not spread to the neighboring residences in the area. Some of the neighboring houses' residents watered down the sides of their houses in order to protect the houses from the flames' heat. In the end, the Cathedral Prep students who helped to extinguish the fire succeeded. Taking the initiative to help as partners with Deputy Fire Chief Mike Balliey and his crew, the majority of flames were eventually extinguished. After this time, it was safe for the entire crew to leave the destination.

Interview With a Pro: Craig Smylie



Craig Smylie, WJET

Every newscast has one person that sets them apart and attracts a crowd unlike any they had seen before. For WJET news, that journalist is Craig Smylie. He is becoming one of the most beloved broadcast journalists in Erie, reporting on sports from the high school to professional level. He continues to bring news watchers in Erie quality, professional stories about athletic events happening in and around the community.

Smylie was born June 20, 1982, in Solon, Ohio, just outside of Cleveland. He attended Solon High School, where he got his original calling to become a journalist. During his time, he participated in drama and music courses and then realized these subjects mixed well into journalism.

After high school, Smylie went to Ohio University and got his degree in broadcast journalism with a minor in psychology. He worked in Lima, Ohio, as a news reporter for a year before going coming to Erie in August 2007 and remaining here still today.

Smylie has really found his home here in Erie. He gets to report to thousands of people throughout the community on one of his true loves, sports. He gets to have the privilege of getting close to the playing field in areas where people pay thousands of dollars in tickets for free. He loves being the play-by-play guy and attends as many sporting events as he

can.

Being a journalist can have its own stresses, however. Trying to decide what games to attend can be a daily struggle that he has to deal with. Getting quality game clips as well as adding commentary can be tough, especially on a time crunch. Delayed games as well as hard-nosed interviewees are just a few of the things Smylie has to work with. A lot of how he works through it is the experience he has gotten ever since he started working in Erie. Managing time is a huge part of it, but he has gotten used to it over the years.

Smylie was the first person in his family to get into the journalism business. He said a huge part of it is getting involved early on in his life. "Join all the clubs and other extracurriculars you can, also looking for internships and other jobs," he said.

Once he became a journalist he knew he was happy with his career choice. One of the best moments for him was meeting Joe Tate, the voice of the Cleveland Cavaliers and one of his role models. Just getting to meet some of these incredible athletes makes it worth it for Craig, especially working in the Erie community and watching them grow.

Journalism has the potential to be an extremely stressful, tough job. Smylie, however, is able to use his extensive experience and knowledge to handle it. "There is nothing better than getting recognized for your hard work at the games and other athletic events," said Smylie. He continues to work tirelessly to bring sports news to the citizens in Erie.

Mamba, Get Out: Bryant's final game will be remembered

I've been watching sports with my dad since I was a little kid, and if there's one thing I've learned it is that there are two different types of fans when it comes to expressing emotion during the game. My dad is the expressive fan, whether it be yelling at the Steelers for a stupid play call or screaming "GO GO GO" as Antonio Brown burns his defender for a touchdown, my dad is a very vocal fan.

The other type of fan when it comes to expressing emotion, is the fan that watches intently and silently. I myself fall under this category. I stay quiet as my emotions rage inside. When I see a silly mistake that costs a team the game it burns me up, but I don't make that rage known to the room. When I see a highlight play I feel overjoyed; however, the most I'll say about either circumstance is, "Wow, that was dumb..." or "Whoa that was sick..."

As a fan of basketball there have only ever been two games, two specific instances, where I've let my emotion burst out into joyous screams. The first was Game 6 of the 2013 NBA Finals. The San Antonio Spurs were up 3-2 in the series against the Miami Heat. Up 94-89 with 28 seconds remaining the Spurs were close to leaving Miami as NBA Champions. LeBron James made a three with 20 seconds left to make the game 94-92. The Heat immediately fouled Kawhi Leonard after the inbound. After two attempts at the line Leonard made one, keeping it a one possession game at 95-92. James took what was believed to be the final shot of the game and missed a three. However, Chris Bosh grabbed the offensive rebound and passed it to Ray Allen in the corner. With 5.2 seconds left in the game the first specific instance that I verbally screamed in joy at the TV happened. Ray Allen pulled up and hit a three to tie the game and put it into OT and I lost my mind.

As a Boston Celtics fan the ONLY time I have rooted for the Los Angeles Lakers, specifically Kobe Bryant, to win is if it is against a team in the East, and will help the Celtics' playoff seeding. However on April 13, 2016, the Lakers played the Utah Jazz in Bryant's last game ever, and weirdly I found myself cheering for the villain that I loved to hate. The entire game was unbelievable.

At halftime I was thinking to myself, "Leave Kobe in and let him get 30." Once Kobe made a three to hit 35 points I remember thinking, "Wow, maybe he'll hit 40?" I didn't give him enough credit because 49 was too easy. With 1 minute and 45 seconds left Kobe made a contested layup to get to 51. At this point I was on the edge of my seat. Will Kobe bring the Lakers back and win his final game? Is it possible he gets 60? Pull up jumper with 1:27, 53. Pull up 3 with 1:00, 56, Jazz lead cut to 1 point. What would happen next was only the second time that I have ever yelled at the TV in excitement. After coming around a pick, Kobe hit a pull-up jumper, 58; it was his 4th straight make to put the Lakers up 1. I lost my mind when he made that jumper. At this point I'm screaming "NO WAY, WHAT IS HAPPENING?!" Two free throws to end the game would give Kobe his 60.

This isn't meant to be a recap of the two moments that I screamed at an inanimate object. Instead this article is to celebrate a legend. It has been almost two weeks since this game, but I find myself still thinking about it. With the first round of the playoffs in full swing I can't help but crave one last Kobe Bryant spectacle. One last dominant performance, one last time for me to hate the man I don't even know. It's weird to not see The Mighty Los Angeles Lakers in the playoffs, even weirder not to see Kobe Bryant in the playoffs.

After the game, critics came out calling Kobe's performance "mediocre." In the end, does it really matter that he took 50 shots? Absolutely not. What matters is that an era of sheer

volume, prowess, and entertainment is over. As a Celtics fan, I can't remember Paul Pierce's last game in Boston. I wonder in 50 years, if I'll even remember Paul Pierce's last game in the league regardless of what team he plays for. One thing is for sure, though, I as well as everyone else that watched that "miracle on the hardwood" of a game, will never forget what that game was. Sadly, I can't even remember the Celtics winning an NBA championship in 2008. Even sadder I will never forget Kobe Bryant's last game. I could end this article with some sort of "Mamba Out" quote. To me though, it should be "Mamba get out." As glad as I am that he is gone I'm going to need to find somebody new to hate.

Mornings at McDonald's provide time for observation, reflection

Disclaimer: Opinions in this article are true and not satirical in any way, shape or form

A frequented hub for Cathedral Prep students in the afternoon on a warm spring day is the high quality, scrumptious restaurant of McDonald's. The restaurant provides succulent burgers, and deliciously greased French fries at affordable prices to the high school student. But Ramblers are not the only customers who visits this sanctuary.

Having first period off on Tuesdays and Thursday's (as part of the Gannon program) is a highly enjoyable amenity. Not only do I get a few extra minutes of sleep, but it also allows me the time to potentially have a nice breakfast at McDonald's. The taste of the not-so-homemade pancakes, accompanied with the

factory-produced syrup, and a splash of the orange concentrated Hi-C may sound unappealing to the average breakfast consumer, but to me it is highly enjoyable.

But I don't go to breakfast here only for the hot cakes (I have to say the title of hot cakes irks me a little, but alas, I digress), and the Hi-C, I go for the atmosphere and the community inside.

I wouldn't consider myself a member of this community, but I consider myself a gleeful observer of the community within.

Yes, they may not be the most financially successful individuals in the 814, but it is an interesting observation. As the elder men and women sit in the freshly refurbished booths and read the newspaper, they help each other with the crossword puzzles. Younger people sit perusing through job listings, searching to get some work. Walking in or out you may get to hear an interesting conversation between some men about last night's basketball game, or some classic family or neighborhood scuttlebutt.

On this day, the single booth next to the pop fountain contains two men and a woman discussing something relating to their business, or an upcoming meeting. But work is being done.

Or maybe, just maybe, you'll get the pleasure to start a conversation with someone you don't know. That's always interesting, because chances are you have a different background than that person, and maybe even a different look, but a lot of the time it will end in an enjoyable and potentially productive conversation.

There is so much going on at this McDonald's, located at 1115 Sassafras St., just a short walk around the corner away from Prep. It has its own ecosystem, and a vast array of race and culture. From the cooks, or cashiers in the back, to the different customers in the front who are kept busy always

taking care of the task at hand, there is not much rest that goes on at this business. The people here sojourned from their respective houses and came here for a purpose. The purpose may differ from person to person, but all had a purpose. Maybe it was simple as getting a small black coffee, potentially another had a job interview with a company here, who knows?

But I do know that the Mickey D's is not only white, not only black, not only Latino but is a melting pot of individuals.

It's a highly enjoyable melting pot if you choose to take part.

There really isn't any persuasion involved in this article, it is rather just me sharing my thoughts on an observation. In our world people are extremely rushed, myself included. I am an extremely busy individual, balancing multiple different sectors of my life. I typically don't have time to smell the roses; many others don't either. Instead they may take a peek at the flower but not truly appreciate what it stands for, or what it means, or even what it could teach you. But during my mornings at McDonald's I take a step back, press pause, and stop for a few minutes sit down, unwind and observe. You can get a taste of others' lives, and what others go through, the good and the bad. If you are rushed, you miss this sort of thing, and these tendencies breed ignorance for others. Open your eyes and your ears.

Whenever you have the opportunity, make time to smell the roses; you'll be "lovin' it."

Where to go?: The definitive guide to Prep's restrooms

Everybody poops. There's no shame in excreting waste. It proves that your body is effectively obtaining the nutrients from the foods you eat and expelling what is not needed. Why then, are we so ashamed to talk about it? This article will address a major part of the waste excreting process, the bathroom. Most people visit a bathroom, or restroom, or el baño (for our Spanish speakers) at least once a day. Some students prefer to "hold it" until they get home, but why do that when there are several bathrooms to use here at Cathedral Prep? This guide will help you make the best decision as to which bathroom to use.

Since Prep is an all boys school, and I attend this school, none of the women's restrooms have been rated. Ladies, please feel free to write in your preferred restroom in the comments section below.

Bathrooms are listed in order of worst to best:

Location: Gym locker room

Number of toilets: 1

Number of urinals: 3

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): It has a water fountain in it, for prime hydration purposes.

Worst Quality(s): The toilet is not quality. Not quality at all. Also, it's right next to the pool, causing the floor to be wet. Lastly, the whole locker room harbors unpleasant memories for any swimmer.

Location: First floor, outside Coach Mischler's office

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 4

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): Its location is key. Coach Mischler is a cool guy, so being outside his room gives this bathroom some legitimate street cred. There's a fire alarm and fire extinguisher right outside the door, making this the safest of all bathrooms. It's also about 20 feet away from a vending machine, and on many students' route to lunch, making it a nice hand washing station.

Worst Quality(s): As I entered, I was greeted with an unpleasant aroma. Numerous sources have confirmed for me that this scent is consistently there. Also, when the window is open, whoever is on the toilet can see the street and sidewalk very clearly. It's unlikely someone would look directly into the slight opening, but if they were to, they could see you on the toilet.

Location: The entrance to the Cathedral by the cafeteria

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 0

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): Privacy. Most students forget that this bathroom is there, so it is very unlikely that anyone will ever be in it, or even walk right by.

Worst Quality(s): The main sink is very close to the ground, forcing one to either hunch over or get on their knees to wash their hands. This is demeaning. The other sink is rusty.

Location: Second floor, next to the Math/English coaches

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 3

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): Being near the library makes this the ideal place to take a break from one's studies.

Worst Quality(s): Mainly, there are no soap dispensers. I, as an American, like washing my hands after I use the restroom. Why has this right been taken away from me? Also, the door to this bathroom often gets stuck, and is then left ajar, which

is not ideal for privacy purposes.

Location: Back of the cafeteria

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 3

Number of sinks: 1

Best Quality(s): Like the other cafeteria bathroom, many forget that it exists. This makes it very private. There's also a plunger in one of the stalls, just in case.

Worst Quality(s): One of the stalls has a big pipe running through it, making it cramped.

Location: Under the auditorium stage, by the wrestling room

Number of toilets: 1

Number of urinals: 1

Number of sinks: 1

Best Quality(s): The small number of urinals and toilets makes this bathroom feel like home, and less of a communal place. There is simply no place like home.

Worst Quality(s): This restroom is often locked, and therefore not readily available and practical for use.

Location: First floor of the science wing

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 2

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): The window has a nice view out over the faculty lot. The paper towel dispenser is no doubt a good thing for those who prefer paper towels over air dryers. Also noteworthy is the fact that if one is lucky enough to be in here at the right time, they can hear music coming from the music room. It serves to be quite entertaining.

Worst Quality(s): The big stall door must be jiggled/pushed to be locked. The worst thing about this restroom is that there is a small unidentifiable substance on the floor of the big stall near the vent that has been there for as long as anyone can remember. It's just a little smudge, but it should be cleaned up.

Location: Third Floor, next to Mrs. Slaby's room

Number of toilets: 2

Number of urinals: 3

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): This is just a good overall bathroom. It's delightfully average. It embodies the Prep experience; due to it being in the Theology wing, you can be sure that just about every student has used it.

Worst Quality(s): When I went to expect, there was gum in not one, but two of the urinals. Does this sort of thing happen all the time? Regardless, it was aesthetically displeasing. Also, for some unbeknownst reason to me, this bathroom seems to be locked fairly frequently. Strange.

Location: Second floor, across from Mr. Alexa's room

Number of toilets: 1

Number of urinals: 3

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): The window in the stall has a nice view out over the faculty parking lot. The teachers tend to keep their automobiles in good condition, so this is quite the view. Also, there is an "old-fashioned" paper towel dispenser in this bathroom. The majority of Prep's restrooms are equipped with air dryers, which work quite well, but some people prefer to dry their hands with a paper towel.

Worst Quality(s): Having a scarce number of toilets makes this bathroom unsuitable for the busier times of the day.

Location: Back of the auditorium

Number of toilets: 1

Number of urinals: 2

Number of sinks: 2

Best Quality(s): Located in the lobby area of the auditorium, it feels like you're getting a show. Mainly, this restroom is not frequently trafficked, so it tends to be very clean.

Worst Quality(s): It's typically not available during the school day. I like a bathroom that I can depend on.

Hopefully you are pleased with the rankings of the restrooms. Remember, it is not only permitted, but encouraged to offer your opinion in the comments section below.

Opinion: Why free college won't work

Feeling the Bern? You might want to check with a doctor to see if you're in the right state of mind to vote in this year's presidential election. If Bernie's messy hair and deep scratchy voice don't scare you enough, maybe hearing about his policies will do the job. One of this year's Democratic Presidential Candidates, Bernie Sanders, has great intentions, but he is empty when it comes to logical ways to enact his policies.

One of his great ideas that has drawn in so many young supporters is his idea of free college. As Americans, we all think that the best stuff is free stuff and the best education is free education. However, the best ideas often turn out to be the worst ideas in the end. This could not be more true about Bernie Sanders. With the large size and large cost to attend universities in America there is no logical way to make a public college like Penn State University free. The operating budget for Penn State for the 2015-2016 school year is 4.9 billion dollars. How in the world are you going to get that kind of money, Bernie? And may I add that Penn State is only one of the dozens of public colleges in Pennsylvania. A few to be named, among many others, are Temple, Slippery Rock, Edinboro, and Clarion. That is a lot of colleges to pay for. Bernie's vague solution to this policy is to tax Wall Street. I'm not sure about you, but I feel like this plan will back

fire and the taxpayers will be paying the highest taxes America has ever seen.

Bernie also mentions refinancing and government assistance to help pay for student loan debts. If people were really smart, they would go somewhere in-state or go to a college where they can go the cheapest for their major. Many students nowadays feel as if they have to move and go to a big college for the true “college experience.” I want to add that I do feel sorry for those who are burdened by student loan debt. But my advice for young people nowadays is to go somewhere cheap! It’s not bad to get an undergraduate degree from a smaller college! Go to the college most cost-efficient for you and make the most of it. Then you won’t have to worry so much about being weighed down by student loans.

Matt “Nadeshot” Haag starting his own professional eSports team

Ever since professional gaming rose to prominence, Optic Gaming has been one of the most lucrative and prominent teams on the pro circuit. It includes some of the most sought after players in all of gaming, and they’re sponsored by the likes of Red Bull, Astro, Scuf, and Gamma Labs.

Not only has Optic become a fan favorite, but over the course of history, the Green Wall has been one of the most successful pro teams as well. Placing highly in the *Call of Duty* championship seemingly every year and winning numerous LAN and online tournaments has helped them rise to fame alongside teams such as Rise Nation, Faze, and TK.

However, despite the incredible success that he saw as a player on the Optic roster, Matt "Nadeshot" Haag made a surprising move in 2015, stepping down from the pro circuit, focusing purely on being a content creator. He then continued his career as a YouTuber, uploading blogs, casual gameplays, and tournament play independent from the official Optic team.

This was all well and good, but as his YouTube progressed and gained a bigger and bigger following, it seems as if Matt missed the competition of the pro circuit. He would hint at the possibility of his return to "a" pro team, but he never disclosed which one he would be playing for. However, his return to competitive *Call of Duty* was so much different than anyone could have expected.

Recently, Nade announced that he had started his very own pro team, 100 Thieves. Made up of the players that took down Team Kaliber, Example, Royalty, Johnny, and Nelson will be the underdogs going into stage two of the COD World League. However, with the intelligence and professionalism of Optic Nadeshot himself, 100 Thieves should become an elite team in no time.