

# The TigerScot

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## ***What Do Sandwiches, Smiles, and Cats Have in Common? Traditional Sexism.***

Opinion by Tenley Alderson

"Get back to the kitchen where you belong." Every woman's *dream* man says that, right? After all, doesn't every woman just adore the idea of being herded into a simple stereotype and being left with no chance of becoming her own person? After all, what is this supposed to be, a free and equal country?

Okay, sarcasm aside, that statement is nearly repulsive. Tossed around as a joke by all sorts of people, that phrase is an often used example of blatant sexism. Found *especially* on the Internet, this type of sexism is the frank, unabashed kind that might make readers do a double take. Other phrases that so simply display sexism include "Go make me a sandwich" and an infinite variety of catcalls such as "Hey! My girlfriend has that dress, but you wear it better!" and "Smile, beautiful!"

Now, if these phrases seem normal, I ask for you continue reading. Both the phrases "go back to the kitchen" and "go make me a sandwich" encourage the stereotype that women belong in the kitchen and at home, doing housework. It's sexist because it is used primarily toward women *because* they're women. If someone's big sister says "Go make me a sandwich," she's saying it because she thinks she has authority over that person, not because of their gender. When

someone says it to a, say, girlfriend, they're almost positively saying it because that she's a woman.

The other two might be a bit more difficult to understand. Both of these could be called "catcalls," defined popularly as "a shout or comment of sexual nature to a woman passing by." A catcall isn't something a person would say to their spouse or significant other, but rather a comment from a complete stranger on the street. Would you, personally, enjoy being awkwardly told to smile on your way home from a tough day at work? Likely not, and you're not alone. Along with that, sexual street harassment is something many women experience in the most unpleasant way. As shown in a viral YouTube video titled "10 Hours of Walking in NYC as a Woman," being called out in a sexual manner on your way home is embarrassing, uncomfortable, and dehumanizing. Yet, even now, many men think there's no issue with it.

The objectification and dehumanization of women has been around for centuries. Society has, from Cleopatra to Joan of Arc to Malala Yousafzai, belittled women's actions entirely because those actions were a woman's. It's not as if the personalities of men and women are different in the very basic sense. As children develop their personalities, they aren't biologically wired to like "girl things" if they're a girl or "boy things" if they're a boy. If they were, no one would push those boundaries, but they do. It's entirely because of the pressures of

society that we are pushed into these *gender roles* and shamed if we step out of them.



Is my intent here to say that men have no problems or face no sexism whatsoever? Absolutely not. I can emphasize on and admire how much I like dogs, but that doesn't imply that I don't like cats. Women face sexism in many aspects of their lives, which is what I'm emphasizing on right now. Consistently and repetitively redirecting attention to the sexism that men face when the topic is the sexism that women face is exactly what causes the progression in women's rights to be so slow.

Gender prejudice can't continue like it is. We owe it to the those who fought before us, we owe it to the generation after us, and we owe it to ourselves. Sexism cannot be tolerated.

## The Debate About Year-Round School

Opinion by Bryce Thul

Going to a year-round school would mean summer gets cut short, family vacation time would be limited and more teaching would take place in schools. More teaching means better education for the students. The real issue though is would the education be worth it? There's always those students who aren't planning on going to college so what's the point of bettering their education? Garrett Shell says, "I don't support the idea of year round school because I appreciate summertime."

There are some pros to going to school for a year. These include better academics for the students. The shorter breaks seem to keep kids away from the boredom that summer tends to bring, states care.com.

Something that's interesting is that students who go to year-long school actually go the same amount of days as students who go to a nine month school. The breaks are just broken up more in a year round school.

According to authors at dosomething.org, the average dropout rate for students who attend a nine month school is 7.4%. The average dropout rate for students who go year-round is 2%.

A con for year-round school is that some students really struggle with longer hours in the classroom. Their attention span starts to lack after being at school for so many hours a day.

I personally think that year-round school would be better than taking a couple of months off each year. The teachers wouldn't have to go back over everything they taught the students the previous school year. We could easily go for a few months straight then take off a certain amount of

days as one of our beaks throughout the year.

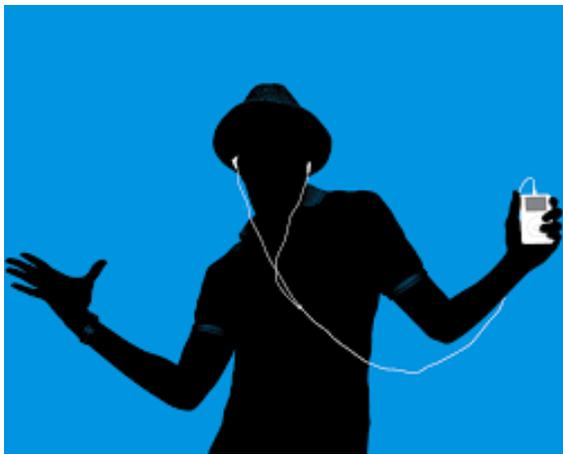
## **The Music Makes the Man**

By Dylan Cain

Many people assume what kind of personality you have depending on what kind of music you listen to. This is a subject many may be oblivious to, but there are no boundaries when it comes to social bias due to what type of music you enjoy.

In today's society, it's almost as if you have to be a follower to be cool, whether it's the type of music you listen to or not. On the other hand, there are many teens who use music as a stress reliever, or just simply because they love it!

Believe it or not, music culture is a big deal in today's world. In fact, music and what we like, is important enough to determine what kind of person we may become. There are many things music can do for you.



We all know there are many different types of music these days ranging from old native drums to techno music otherwise known as dubstep. It seems as if the people of the world have created not a controversy, but a more a judgment concerning musical tastes.

For example if you see an African American kid that lives in the inner city, but loves country music, there's no doubt he might get shamed for it. Same thing for a kid in the countryside that likes Rap or R&B. That should not be accepted. Music should be an outlet of emotion, and feelings, a mood swinger. To judge someone on their stress reliever is a pretty messed up thing.

As an average high school student, music has helped me through majority of my problems. A big part of what I'm talking about is how the music culture affects you as a human being. There's no doubt, you hear some form of music every day, whether it is in commercials, movies, infomercials, ads, or just regular songs on Spotify.

Music even has the ability to change your mood. Even sad music has been proven to "lighten the mood" a bit. Music is basically an inexpensive non-invasive manner of therapy.

A recent review in the World Journal of Psychiatry found that music therapy can be an effective treatment for mood disorders related to neurological conditions, including Parkinson's disease, dementia, stroke, and multiple sclerosis. Not only does music help with chronic conditions, but just straight up stress as well.

This is why you see teenagers trapped in their rooms with a little music playing all the time—they're distressing! Or maybe they're just listening to some good music. It doesn't matter why they're listening—what matters is that music matters in their lives.



## Different Parenting Styles Can Have Different Effects on Children

Opinion by Erykah Barahona

Do you know a parent that doesn't treat their child or other people right? There's a possibility they inherited those behaviors from their parents due to how they were taught how to parent.

Parenting is more than just changing dirty diapers and making bottles; parents must emotionally and physically guide a child to a successful life. From the moment we are born, we slowly begin to learn from those who raise us. A parent-child relationship, whether it's good or bad, has a significant, long last effect on the child.

According to senior, Emmaline Irvine, her parents have influenced her in a positive way. "They taught me that education is important and of value, they have made me want to pursue higher education, and they've made me enjoy learning enough that I want to do it," she said. This is just an example what good parenting can lead to.

Parents must physically and emotionally aid their children. Having a parent physically there is important, but it's not always enough. It's what they do to provide their child. This includes supplying food on the dinner table, shelter and clothes, which are all basic necessities that need to be met.

Emotionally, parents need to teach their children right from wrong and pick them up when they are down. Every parent wants their child to feel comfortable with opening up to them. The way discipline is taught also affects

the child. Certain parents believe in spankings, and sending their child to their room, while others discipline more intensely.

There are many factors of the parent's parenting style that is important to the child's development. Just remember, to be a good influencer you do not have to be perfect, but you do have to be THERE.



## The History of the Black Plague

By Keree Graves

The Black Death was one of the most devastating pandemics in human history. Authors on History.com wrote an article about the Black Plague with many interesting but also some devastating facts, which are presented here.

The plague resulted in the deaths of 75 to 200 million individuals. Most people reference the plague that happened during the years 1346–1353, but it came and went regularly.

The disease was most likely carried by Oriental rat fleas living on the black rats that were passengers aboard merchant ships, thus

spreading throughout the Mediterranean and Europe.

Personal and community hygiene were neglected, and so by then the disease had already spread throughout the regions of Europe.

Symptoms of the plague included huge puss sores on any area and sometimes, people died within hours of getting the disease.

In those days, people could not understand why these kinds of disasters happened. Many believed it was a punishment from God for their sins. In the panic, healthy people did all they could to avoid the sick. Doctors refused to see patients; priests refused to administer last rites. Shopkeepers closed stores; many fled the cities for the countryside. However they could not escape the disease.

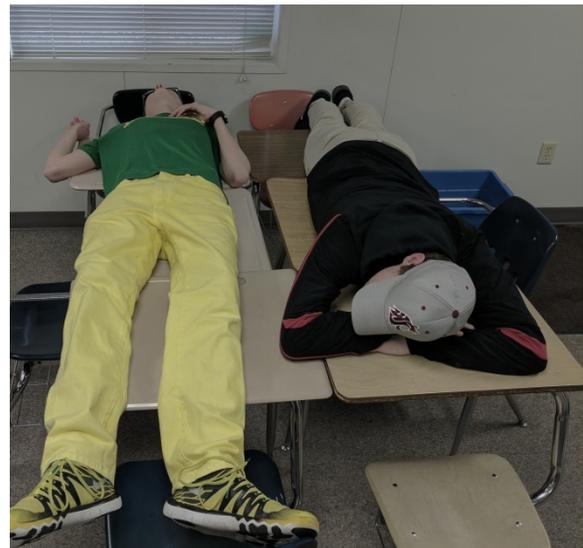
The very famous nursery rhyme *Ring Around the Rosie* was to be associated with the time period of the Black Death. According to an article called "The History of a Nursery Rhyme-- Ring Around the Rosie" the ring around the rosie is a reference to the black sores that would appear on your body symptoms that were part of the plague. Your "rosie" is around the center of the back of your hand. A pocketful of posies is a reference to people that were carrying posies which are a type of flower; around to not smell the sickening scent of dead bodies everywhere. Ashes Ashes represents the bodies being burned on pyres. Bodies couldn't be buried or else the infection would spread. We all fall down means death. Interestingly, experts don't agree on the dates of the rhyme.

The Black Death still lingers today. If contracted, it is easily spread. With the technology we have now, doctors are able to understand the

diseases, but not fully. An article in *The New York Times* states, "If treatment is not received within 24 hours of when the first symptoms occur, death may be the outcome."

People that do carry this illness are isolated from everyone, but without treatment in 24 hours, 50% of individuals die.

The plague was an epidemic that will never be forgotten throughout history. Courtney Cain, sophomore, says, "It was a disaster that left all of us today thankful we do not have to go through it."



Modern day plague victims?

## Why Giving is Important Throughout the Entire Year

By Krysta Calvert

Everyone loves to receive gifts of some sort, whether it's during Christmas, for a birthday, or just because. But, on the other side of receiving is giving.

Giving a gift to someone in need or just because, making people feel loved and

honored, is an awesome act of kindness. It makes the person getting the gift feel happy because they were being thought of. And, it makes the person giving the gift feel like they've done something amazing.



Krysta Calvert on the Mission to Mexico trip, Spring Break, 2016

Now, gifts don't always have to be a physical gift. Sometimes the best gift a person could receive is the time of another person. If someone takes time out of their personal schedule to help someone in need, give someone a phone call, or even just sitting with someone who needs another person around could be one of the best things that person could receive at that moment. It is kind and thoughtful, and that person will remember that you were there for them in a time of need.

Some people find giving to be very satisfying. Shawna Calvert said what giving meant to her: "I think giving makes the world a better place, makes people less selfish, and fills my cup and makes me happy." Another opinion is from Winston Churchill. A quote from him said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Churchill is absolutely right. Everything we get goes straight to help make our lives better. But when we give it makes us feel better about who we are as a person, just like Shawna Calvert stated.

Giving makes the world go round. It makes people happy, and just makes the world a less selfish place. If everyone gave a gift to someone else, the world wouldn't be so hateful, and more people would be so much happier.

## The Changing Face of Cell Phones

By Matthew Shafer

Cell phones haven't always been as high tech as they are today. According to the website Know Your Mobile, the first cell phone was big, clunky, and made of plastic. It had small screen at the top of the phone. The screen would only show the number a person is dialing and two messages which said whether the phone had a signal or not.

Along with the screen there was an antenna and some buttons. The phone could only make phone calls. It was created in 1983 and it was called Motorola DynaTAC 8000X. The phone battery didn't last long. It only had six hours of standby time then it would need to be charge.

In 1992 the first smartphone was released according to the website Time. It was called IBM Simon and cost \$899. The price would drop

to a more reasonable \$600 later. It had a calculator, notepad, email, fax, to do list, filer, address book, and it displayed the time. It had a horrible battery. It only lasted for an hour before it had to be charged.

But over the years, the smart phones became smaller and lighter. Some phones could even flip open but they still weren't as good as they are today.

Finally, in 2007, Apple made the leap to having better and more modern smartphone. Apple changed everything about smartphones.

According to cnet, Apple released the first of a long line of iPhones in 2007. Before iPhones, phones were pretty basic. There was only a few preloaded apps but no App Store. According to cnet the iPhone didn't have a keyboard, it was all touch screen. The screen size was three and a half inches.



Today's smart phones can do just about anything, it seems like. Mason Young, sophomore, said that a modern phone has helped him. "I don't have to get on the computer and I can get on Facebook

whenever I want to," he said.

Technology will continue to evolve and change as we grow older. Our children will one day look at our smartphones and laugh at them.

Just as we look at what our parents had and laugh.



## Calendar:

April 2: National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

April 13: National Scrabble Day

May 5: National Hoagie Day

May 14: National Dance Like a Chicken Day

May 29: National "Learn About Composting" Day