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by Hunter Hall

Hockey is a violent sport of strategy, knowledge, awareness, and especially physicality. Recently, banning fighting from the NHL (National Hockey League) has been debated. People's opinions vary from yes to no. People who don't think fighting should be in the NHL believe that fighting causes serious injuries in hockey. While people who support fighting in hockey say that if fighting is banned, there will be more open ice hits, which are typically the reason behind more serious injuries. Open ice hits can cause broken tailbones, arms, collarbones and spines. For every pro to fighting in the NHL there is a con, this is why fighting has been debated so much.



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EDUCATION FOR HUMAN GREATNESS

by *Anonymous*

This is not an article advocating for the absence of homework, less hours of school, or the allowance of phones. This is a commentary on how we learn at our school based on the collection of opinions I have gathered from both sides of the story: both the student and the teacher.

I have come to believe that we, as a student body, have stopped learning. I have found it in myself and others that we have come to study for the grade to just barely get by. I have witnessed two people that I am very close to have meltdowns when they don't get the marks they need. They then get stressed out and burst into tears in front of me. I want to learn and grow here. I want to have something to say when my parents ask me what I learned at school. I want to leave this school a better person.

I am not proposing to change the educational system, no, that would be wishful and unrealistic. I am hoping that we change the following: Change the way New Brighton interprets education. Teachers, show us how to think, speak and form opinions and reason. Above all, teach us how to listen to each other, teach us how to hold an opinion without being so attached to it that we cannot see the possibility that perhaps the opposing idea is valid. Teach us how damaging our phones are. Show us how to create a future for ourselves. Teach us how to be in relationships and how important they are.

Students, be receptive and appreciative of the opportunities you have. Redefine the way you think about school. Redefine the way you think about grading. Grades should be a side effect of your interest in your own learning. Communicate with your teachers if you are struggling, and most of all students, be kind to people. Consciously be kind to people regardless of if they are deserving of it or not. Create safe spaces for people to grow and make mistakes and have their opinions be not only heard but listened to.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

by *Moises Flores*

So by now you probably know about the Australian bushfires, but not many people know about the aftermath of the fires and what the long and short term effects were. In the bushfires, about 30 people have died, an estimated 1,000,000,000 animals have died, and 2,800 houses have burned down. Also now instead of the fire, there are floods now in some parts of Australia that could be just as devastating as the fires. The fires destroyed a total of 18,000,000 hectares or about 69,500 square miles for reference Santa Cruz is only 15.83 square miles.

Australia's fire season is getting longer and even more dangerous because of the bushfires. Once the fires get put out the crisis won't be over even after that, all the debris that from the fire may end up polluting the freshwater sources and the marine life won't be able to survive well. Scientists fear that the fire will threaten the biodiversity in Australia, since many animals that live in Australia are exclusive to Australia; and because of this some of the ecosystems will be growing back differently. One of the worst things that the fires caused was that they spewed a ton of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere speeding up the global warming process.

NHL UNDER FIRE (CONT.)

by *Hunter Hall*

"At least one player punching or taking a swing at another player repeatedly, or players wrestling in a way that is difficult to break up" this is rule 46 in the official NHL rulebook, known as 'fisticuffs'. Fighting in hockey has been a tradition for about 100 years. While supporters want to keep this tradition going, people who disagree with fighting think it's time for a change. Since other sports such as football have made changes in their rules to help prevent injuries, such as concussions.

Although banning fighting in hockey sounds very debatable and extreme, changing the rules could be a good solution. If this long-standing tradition that has prevented many career ending injuries can stay entertaining while also being safer, then the league will have solved this pressing issue. For now, fighting remains in the NHL but with new safety precautions, will this tradition die out?