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# The Cistercian Awards

It's that time of year -- awards season!

Across the world, awards are being handed out to recognize outstanding individuals for everything from entertainment to sports. There are many such laudable people at Cistercian, so The Informer has decided to distribute some awards of our own.

(Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in the following list are solely those of a newspaper staff made primarily of high school seniors. They do not reflect the attitude of the school, the faculty, or any individual or group other than themselves.)

Here, without further ado, I present ... *The Cistercian Awards!*

The Best Dressed Monk: **Fr. Gregory**. Frequently frocked in stylish scarves that match his fiery personality, Fr. Greg stands out amongst the monks as the leading fashionisto.

Honorable mention: **Fr. Anthony's** socks. Wow. Just wow.

The Strongest Coach: **James Burk**. The Hawks' head football coach edged out 20-time winner Coach Bruce in this category. Coach Burk allegedly can squat 500 pounds. When bench pressing, he often runs out of plates and has to ask several first formers to hand on each side of the bending bar. Amazing.

The Best Sister School: **Budai Ciszterci Szent Imre Gimnázium**. Our sister school, located in Budapest, Hungary, is home to the most well-rounded girls in all of Europe.

Cistercian Athletics Play of the Year: **Joseph Watt vs. Greenhill**. The 220-pound senior defensive lineman picked off the dual threat of Greenhill's quarterback early in the Hawks' thrilling 21-20 victory. The Hornets attempted a screen pass that failed due to Watt's patience; rather than running past all of the offensive linemen and trying to take down the QB, he dissected the play and held his ground. As a result, the pass fell right into his waiting hands (a rare opportunity for a defensive lineman). Watt, remembering defensive coordinator Coach Bruce's instructions, ran the ball back roughly 60 yards, breaking tackles and getting pushed out of bounds at the 10 yard line. "D-line can move, too, you know!" Watt said reminiscing on the play. His interception was one of the many highlights in what was arguably the Hawks' best game of the season.

The Best College Recruiter: **Heather Robinson**. No surprise, University of Alabama wins again. Miss Robinson is remembered by juniors and seniors because of her lively meetings, filled with stories, jokes, and free merchandise. She shattered all the stereotypes of the Southern school, which she presented as a melting pot for people of all backgrounds. During the presentation, at least one senior is reported to have never melted, himself; but we won't name any names, Mr. "F-ing B."



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# TV & Movies: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly



## **Good:** *La La Land*

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, possibly the greatest onscreen couple of our age, star in this tribute to all passionate people. It doesn't matter where your interests lie; this movie will hit you on a personal level. The story revolves around an aspiring actress and a motivated jazz pianist who fall in love. It depicts the sometimes painful balance between work and love, and accepts the harsh reality that sometimes to chase a dream you have to give up another. Supplemented with whimsical singing and dancing, beautiful set and costume designs, and superb camera work, this

old-school musical tribute is not one you want to miss.

## **Bad:** *Zoolander 2*

Memes die out once they are no longer ironic. Jokes get stale. Even though *Zoolander* is one of the greatest comedies of all time, its sequel is not protected from this expiration of humor. While *Zoolander* was a unique, laugh-out-loud piece of comedic gold, *Zoolander 2* is an uninspired retread of what came before. Nothing in this movie defies the preset conventions and the actors give shallow reenactments of their old roles. Do yourself a favor and just watch the original.

## **Ugly:** *Batman v. Superman*

We could have had something great with this movie. *Batman v Superman* is one of the most debated superhero match ups of all time. Who wins? An alien with seemingly limitless power or a man with limitless resources and a plan for everything? This could have been the fight of the century. Instead we all we got was a brief scrap that ends with the two heroes discussing the fact that both of their mothers are named Martha. Really? That's it? Well, at least Wonder Woman was cool.

*Fielding Brown, '17, is feeling blue.*



## By The Numbers

# of *La La Land*  
Golden Globe  
nominations

7

# of *La La Land*  
Golden Globe  
wins

7

# of dollars you  
have to pay to  
go to the Oscars

750

# of dollars to  
get a 30 second  
ad during the  
Oscars

2 mil.

# of awards  
Meryl Streep  
has won

2  
MANY

# Fake News and Facebook

On November 17th, President Obama declared, “If we are not serious about facts and what’s true and what’s not ... if we can’t discriminate between serious arguments and propaganda, then we have problems.”

With the creation of the internet, democracy has been put into our hands in a new way. The internet ignores wealth, social position, and power. Anyone can write what they want and it can be seen by potentially hundreds of thousands of people. Although it has allowed you and I to speak louder, the internet has also allowed a bigot or fool to have the same power. In the recent election, this has reached unprecedented levels. The spread of misinformation reached such a high degree that some are even blaming Russia for propagating it. Others are claiming that it is what elected Trump.

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*Ben Fernandes, '17, is a man of few words.*

# SPORTS UPDATE

## Basketball 1-4 conf

## Soccer 6-0 conf

1/27/17: ESD 60-38 (L)

1/20/17: All Saints 40-59 (W)

1/17/17: Greenhill 80-50 (L)

1/13/17: FWCD 60-53 (L)

1/10/17: Oakridge 48-41 (L)

12/6/16: Ft. Worth Christian 44-34 (L)

12/3/16: Bishop Dunne 40-30 (L)

12/2/16: RL Turner 54-45 (L)

12/1/16: McKinney North 70-26 (L)

11/22/16: JPII 35-40 (W)

11/19/16: PoP 40-46 (W)

11/18/16: Woodlands

Christian 53-51 (L)

1/27/17: ESD 0-1 (W)

1/20/17: All Saints 1-2 (W)

1/17/17: Greenhill 0-4 (W)

1/13/17: FWCD 0-1 (W)

1/10/17: Oakridge 0-1 (W)

1/5/17: TVS 0-4 (W)

12/29/16: HSAA 1-4 (W)

12/27/16: Bishop Dunne 2-2 (T)

12/9/16: All Saints 1-2 (W)

12/2/16: Parish 0-1 (W)

11/28/16: JPII 1-4 (W)

11/21/16: Highlands 0-8 (W)

11/17/16: Dallas Lutheran 0-9 (W)

11/11/16: TCA 2-2 (T)

# Donald Trump's Cabinet

Considering all of the recent turmoil surrounding Donald Trump's inauguration, many people have forgotten about his Cabinet. However, even though Trump has already nominated all of the members of his Cabinet, many are still going through Senate hearings. For anyone wondering what steps a cabinet nominee needs to take before becoming a member, here's a summary. First, the president or president elect nominates someone to a cabinet position and present the nomination before a Senate committee. Next, if the Senate committee has enough votes for the candidate, the candidate is considered “voted out of committee”. Finally, once a date has been set, the nominee will face a hearing by the full Senate body in order to receive a final confirmation. Regardless of any opposition in the Senate or any controversies surrounding the nominees, no trouble is expected for any of Trump's cabinet members to be confirmed. This is partially due to the rule repealed by Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid in 2013 that stated that 60 votes were necessary to vote a candidate out of committee to face the final Senate hearing. So far, John Kelly (Homeland Security), James Mattis (Defense), Mike Pompeo (CIA), and Nikki Haley (U.N. Ambassador) have been officially confirmed. Rex. W Tillerson (State) is next in line to be officially confirmed since he has been voted out of committee. It could be well in to February before all of the cabinet members are confirmed, since the latest official hearing date is Feb. 2 for Andy Puzder (Labor). The Cabinet has an important role in the executive branch, advising the President on how to deal with the issues in their respective departments. The Cabinet was established in Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution, and includes, Vice President and the heads of 15 executive departments — the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, and the Attorney General.

*Alonso Medina, '18, cannot return from Medina.*