An ERROR in our society

by freshman Abby Lashbrook.

What is beauty? Is it the models on the magazine covers or the insecure teen girls?

The world is teaching us that the only way to live up to the standards regarding beauty is to have a model-like body and flawless skin.

It's not a coincidence that the pretty, popular girl in movies always has a skinny body and a perfect complexion, while the nerd is stuck with braces, glasses and a less than perfect complexion.

Mass media wants girls to think they have to look a certain way to be able to fit in. That doesn't make sense to me.

Everyone's different, so why is there a "pretty" and an "ugly"? Those categories are based strictly on opinion. I have my opinion about what kind of music I like. Does that make it the best music ever? No. That's just my opinion. So why are we letting the media's opinion decide who is pretty

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and who is ugly?

Maybe we should have less plastic surgeons and less make-over shows and more firefighters and doctors. Instead of fixing our faces and having liposuction, maybe we can help try to cure cancer.
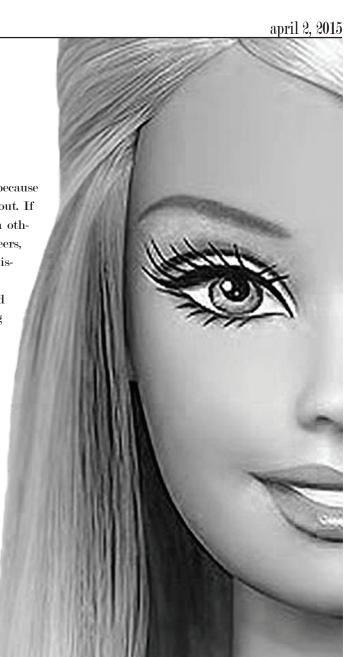
Today, people are too worried about their looks, and that's because of the image the media gives out. If we could start accepting each other instead of degrading our peers, then maybe we wouldn't have issues with ourselves.

Media should stop worrying about how we look and start worrying about the flaws in their system. Beauty isn't about having a pretty face or a perfect body. It's about having a bright mind, a pretty heart and a beautiful soul.

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FAKE

If I could be **anybody** or **anything**...

"I honestly just want to be a really **good mom** when I grow up."
-senior Maddie Tjaden

"I'd be **myself**. I wouldn't want to be anybody else."
-sophomore Ethan Griffith

Students should just be themselves

by freshman Katelyn Pint.

I see it happening everyday, everywhere. Boys, girls, it doesn't matter - it's happening. There are people walking the halls of the school, playing on sports teams and in the work place that are acting fake. That's right, I said fake. F-A-K-E.

You don't need to be anyone but yourself.

Just be the real you and let your personality shine through.

With having said that, there are girls going around from one friend group to the next acting like a completely different person in each group.

I'm not saying you can't have two, three or even ten friends, but when you are acting like a complete opposite person, that is just annoying.

Why be fake? Just so someone can like you? Well ladies, listen up. If a guy only likes the "fake" you, then you can never be yourself.

Boys, this goes for you too. Don't act different just so you can fit in with your friends or so a girl will like you.

If you're acting fake, then the people you're trying to impress don't like the true you because you aren't really being you. Be yourself. Stop being fake to fit in.

I know this problem is happening all the time because I see it constantly. So just be the real you. Don't be anyone else. Some people simply need to realize that there are others around them being fake. Be yourself, be YOUnique and let your personality shine through.