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Playstation 3, Xbox 360 Compete

BY ASHLEY MURPHY
Contributing Writer

This winter, Sony's release of the anticipated Playstation 3 will compete in revenue and popularity against Microsoft's previous successful game system, the Xbox 360.

Released in November of last year, the Xbox 360 has received rave reviews and has been popular among many. Though currently considered to be the most sought after home game console, the Xbox 360's popularity may be short lived.

Sony is scheduled to launch its Playstation 3 in the United States on November 17, going head to head against the Xbox 360 for the affection of gamers everywhere.

The reputation of the Playstation 2 leaves many gamers waiting in anticipation for the release of its big brother.

Some gamers predict the outcome of the two consoles based on

the success of their predecessors, PlayStation 2 and Xbox.

"Graphically, the Xbox was better than the PS2 but the PS2 was better because they had more innovative game play and better companies backing them making their products," said Nick Sworenski, an avid gamer and student at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. "This time around, the PS3 will have better hardware and continue with better software, that means PS3 will win," he said.

Both consoles have phenomenal new features that will make this battle a gruesome one. The Xbox 360 has been praised for being the first home game system with a totally wireless controller. Equipped for the use of two controllers with a 30-foot range, Xbox 360 has been a hit with many consumers.

Sony, which has taken note of this successful feature, has equipped the Playstation 3 for the use of seven Bluetooth-powered wireless control-

lers. To gain the upper hand over Xbox, Sony has also equipped their controllers with multi axis motion sensing, which allow the gamer's body motion to control their actions during the game in real time.

Yet, there are mixed reviews about Playstation 3's controllers.

Gagan Tuli, a member of the Gamespot.com network is not a fan.

"I am very disappointed about this six axis controller. Sure it has motion sensors, but the vibration is gone."

Controllers, however, are not the only aspect of the competition between the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. More focus is being emphasized on a total entertainment experience, reaching outside of gaming alone.

Xbox 360 has taken this idea to create a complete multimedia system.

"Serving as a game console, Tivo, one-stop source for on-demand media (MP3s, movies, music), video chat service, the Xbox 360 seems far more versatile than the PS3," said Mark Bennington of GamePro.com, which provides news, reviews and downloads for the latest games. "Potentially drawing in a much more diverse audience."

While the Xbox 360 focuses a great deal on the multimedia aspect of the system, Playstation 3 put their energy toward graphics.



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Game players and technology experts examine the pros and cons of the Playstation 3 and the Xbox 360. The Playstation 3 will be released in the U.S. on Nov. 17.

See GAMES, A3

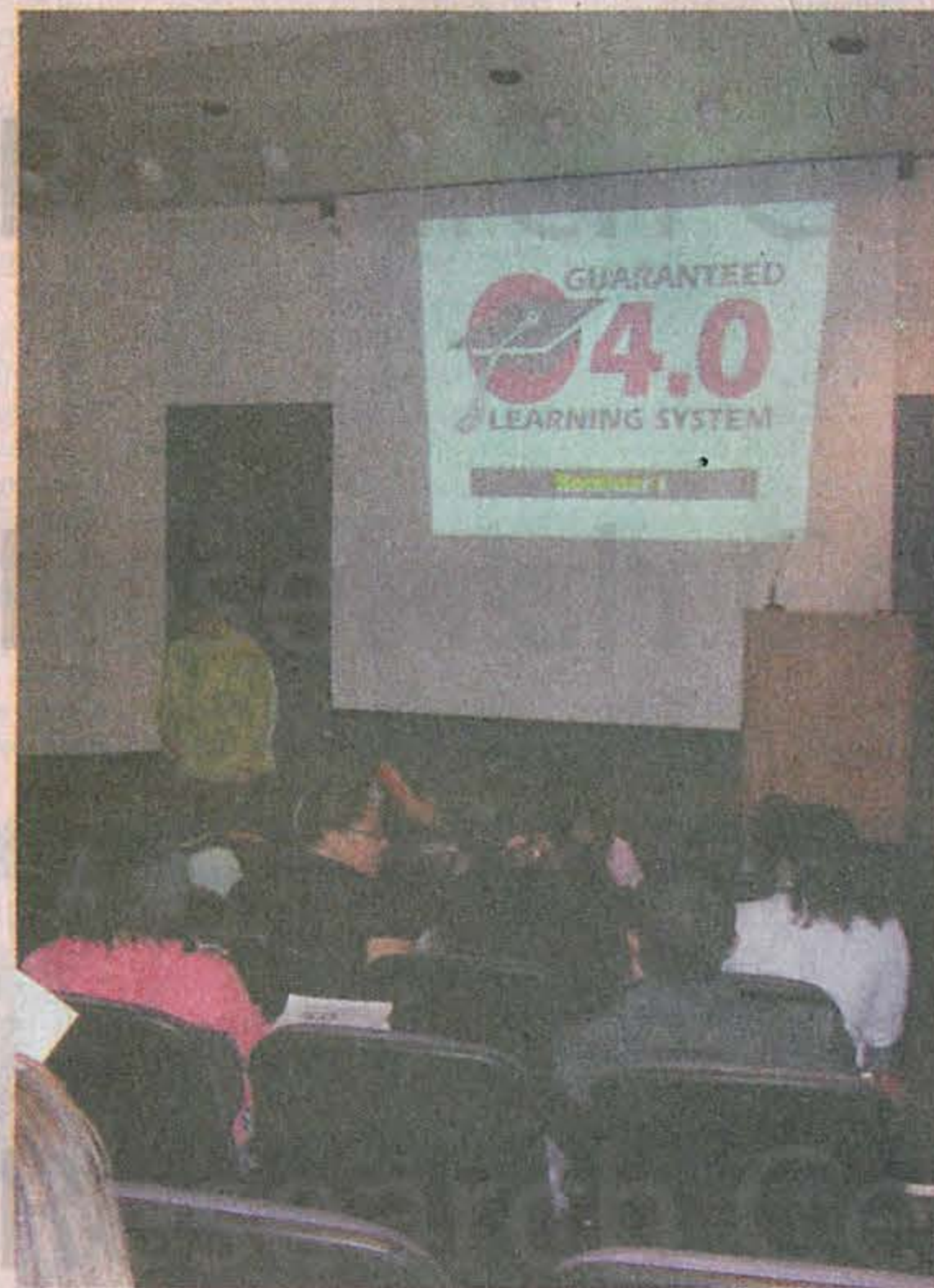


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Johnson Discusses "Guaranteed 4.0"

Tuesday night, UGSA sponsored a lecture titled "Guaranteed 4.0" in the School of Business auditorium, which guided students on how to earn a top GPA. Speaker Donna O. Johnson promoted her book of the same name as the forum, and gave students handouts on how to implement the 4.0 plan. The three-step learning system will pay a \$100 if a student does not obtain a 4.0. Since the lecture started late, Johnson raised the amount to \$200 if the desired 4.0 is not obtained.

U.S. Shows Concern Over North Korea's Nuclear Testing Efforts

BY SHARELL FERGUSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Charles Krawthammer, in a recent op-editorial, made a comparison of the strategy President John F. Kennedy used during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 to the present nuclear situation in North Korea.

While JFK thought it best to put draconian punishment on countries supporting Cuba, namely the Soviet Union, political science professor Richard Seltzer said, "We don't have the ability to put more pressure on the sponsoring countries as JFK did because it is a very different context."

According to Seltzer, the Cuban Missile Crisis is one that is very different from the current situation in North Korea.

"You don't have the same sort of power that JFK had during the Cuban Missile Crisis now," Seltzer said.

"Firstly, Cuba was an island so it was easy to intercept ships going to that island. There is no way of easily intercepting what is going in and out of Korea," Seltzer said. "You are also dealing with a situation where most analysts believe that the North Koreans population is really much behind its leader."

He said that in the past, the United States had a lot of allies but now, this is not the

case. "The U.S. is not particularly well perceived in this area," he added.

According to the Associated Press (AP), China has taken a new approach to communist ally North Korea. It has agreed with the U.S. that the North must back away from nuclear confrontation and focus on improving the country's supply of hard currency. Chinese

banks have stopped financial transfers to North Korea under government orders.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has been in Asia working on getting support for UN Security Council sanctions on North Korea while China is siding with the U.S. in saying that North must back away from nuclear confrontation, according to Brookings Institute of Research.

Dr. John Davis, a professor of political science said, "North Korea is attempting to provide themselves with

defense against the Bush administration."

Davis said that the situation in North Korea does not resemble the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"Bush needs to put more pressure on the Chinese to cut off all military assistance to the North Koreans," he said. Davis added, "The Chinese are playing on both sides of the fence, saying that they support the fight against terrorism however, they view North Korea as an economic means."

According to recent



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In light of North Korea's nuclear testing efforts, the United States and China are seeking to strike the delicate balance between defensive measures and steady foreign relations.

reports, China, a longtime protector of North Korea, has been reluctant to use economic pressure for fear that Kim Jong Il's government might collapse.

"But Chinese leaders were stung when the North ignored their warnings not to test-fire missiles over the summer, and again when it defied China by detonating the underground blast this month."

Davis said, "One of the things that is missing is that Bush administration should be conducting direct talks. If not

our message to the North Koreans then becomes muzzled."

In regards to the U.S. cutting off all ties to North Korea, Davis said, "We will not cut off all economic assistance. They are paying the price regardless. My fear is the reaction of the South Koreans. The U.S. may want to put more pressure

work and it is unclear that any military alternative is available to us," he said.

Morris added, "There would be enemies with the country if we invaded Korea's militarily, and I doubt that we could do a very good job."

Morris said Clinton's administration was more successful than the current administration because he fostered open negotiations.

"The deed gives hope to the possibility that diplomatic negotiations, with some degree of willingness to open up to North Korea's best interest would lead to better results than what we have now," he said.

According to Morris, talking is always good in foreign relations.

"That doesn't prevent you from engaging in other actions but it certainly helps you to avoid the more hostile alternatives."

Some believe the underground test confirmed the North's claims of nuclear weapons capability and has heightened the fears of a potential war in Asia. Although it is an unlikely direct target, the U.S. is playing a central role in pushing the international demand that the North give up its weapons. Rice has said that President Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao want a peaceful diplomatic solution.

'Do The Right Thing': Dedication to Clubs and Groups

BY ALLEXTHEA CARTER
Contributing Writer

College life can be extremely tedious with such tasks as studying for tests to dealing with difficult professors.

Many students wonder what they can do to find an outlet. Many have found refuge in joining an organization. Unfortunately, joining an organization does not mean that everything will be simple.

Clubs and groups require time, effort or work, as each organization has an objective and a mission that members must dedicate themselves to in order to make them a reality.

A basic definition of dedication is the act of binding oneself to a course of action. To be dedicated, one must make the organization that he or she belongs to a top priority. There are those who join an organization for alternative motives.

"A small amount of people will volunteer for some-

thing even though they know they're not going to follow through. They just want the attention that the act of volunteering brings to them," said professor of psychology Jules Harrell.

"Even though people come, their actions are interruptive to progress," said former section leader of the Howard University Community Choir, Henri Apollon.

Apollon also said, "People say they're dedicated but when it comes crunch time, they don't do what they need to do."

Both Harrell and Apollon agree that if a student decides to join a group, then wholehearted participation is expected. Organization heads also expect student participation at related events and programs over viewing one's favorite nightly shows like America's Next Top Model. Dedication means giving up some of life's sweet pleasures.

Some people believe dedication requires commitment

and loyalty. Others often misjudge an organization's requirements and pull out.

"I think what some people do is that they give you a verbal statement and at the time they really are sincere about it, but they underestimate the amount of time and effort that's involved. And sometimes they just overestimate the amount of time and energy that they have," Harrell said.

"Organizations need bodies to make it strong. They need people who understand the broader picture, the importance of making a commitment to the betterment of the community. From dedication, you get a broader social sense by interacting with others," said sociology professor Claudette Bennett.

"Dedication is sacrifice," Apollon said. Harrell added, "One of the things that some people are scared of is that when they join something, then their options are narrowed. They are no longer a free agent and they think they lose some of their flex-

ibility and freedom. They don't realize that dedication can be a rewarding thing. Also, some people are just afraid to work."

A lot of people fail to recognize the benefits that come from being active.

Sophomore developmental psychology major Bosede Jegede said, "I enjoy it. It's liberating. When I participate, I feel like others benefit from it. Being active gets my mind [free] of stress," she said. "Besides, when you have a lot of free time on your hands, you tend to get involved with bad things."

People also frequently join an organization without considering their previous obligations. Many times, people don't take the time to evaluate personal availability.

Sophomore management major Curry Oglesb said, "You should think about your work load and [the] amount of dedication you're willing to give and if you have a job. Think about what you are willing to give up. Dedication



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Organizational fairs help students decide their interests.

is not necessarily giving all of yourself, but as much as you can give. Consider what you can do for it and what it can provide for you."

Before joining an organization, one should really

consider personal limitations and the obligations of the organization. Students are urged not to join for popularity, but rather a common mission or personal interest.

A Day in the Life of...

a pre-pharmacy major



Photo Courtesy of Amanda Mark

Freshman pre-pharmacy major Amanda Mark, while balancing her eight classes and a job, still finds time to have a social life.

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

For freshman pre-pharmacy major Amanda Mark, it is not unusual for her to stumble into bed at three o'clock in the morning after a long chemistry or biology study session.

Mark knew what she was getting herself into when she decided to become a pre-pharmacy major, since her father, who works as pharmacist, inspired her.

"Growing up, I always wanted to follow in the footsteps of my father because he is very passionate about his job as a pharmacist. My father even held the position as the Interim Director of Pharmacy at Howard University Hospital," Mark said.

Three-hour long chemistry labs are what start Mark's Thursdays and biology labs start her Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.

"I go to bed really early in the morning and then I have to get up for three-hour labs. It is draining, but I manage to get through it because I really want to fulfill my goal of being accepted into a pharmacy school," Mark said.

Mark's school day ends in the

wee hours of the early morning and much of her time after is used for studying or making sure that she is on top of everything in her eight classes.

"Bio-lab and chem-lab are separate classes from biology and chemistry. I have a total of eight classes and it can become a little challenging trying to juggle them all," Mark said.

Her friends can contest to Mark's hard-work and constant studying.

"Amanda's room is on the fifth floor of the Annex, but I think she lives in the study room on the sixth floor," said Mark's fellow pre-pharmacy major friend Nivin Roy. "Every time I try and call her to see if she wants to hang out, she is in there."

Along with maintaining good grades, Mark also finds time to exercise so that she will never need to see a pharmacist.

"Staying healthy in school, especially college, is very important. I understand that if I don't exercise and eat healthy, all the studying I do will burn me out and I will not be able to function at all," Mark said.

Mark also works off campus to

earn some money in her down time and flex her independence.

"I was just hired as receptionist at a tattoo parlor so that I will not have to beg my parents for money."

Mark acknowledges that a job makes her already occupied schedule a little tighter.

"I realize I am going to have to do a little more juggling so that I can keep my job and earn some money."

Learning, exercising and working are not the only things Mark has to manage throughout her day. She also tries to find time for a social life.

"School work is my number one priority, but as a freshman, I am eager to get the entire Howard experience before I go on to pharmacy school, after my sophomore year. I make time to hang out with my friends during my study breaks because although learning is fun so is socializing," she said.

When Mark finally gets back into her dorm room at three in the morning, she takes a deep breath and acknowledges her hard work throughout day. The ringing of her alarm at seven in the morning starts her day all over again.

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Playstaion 3, Xbox Battle for Gamers' Attention

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"When comparing the graphics between the 360 and the PS3, the latter has graphics that are true to the phrase 'next-generation,' while the 360 seems more like a respectable upgrade from the original Xbox," Bennington said.

Both systems, however, have Ethernet and wireless capabilities, allowing for access to online gaming communities. With equal memory, 512 MB, both systems also allow players to save and re-access their games.

Gamers like senior marketing major Jason Wallace affirmed that he is a loyal fan of Playstation.

"I think a lot of people will love the Playstation 3 better than Xbox because of the

easy use of controls," he said. "I'm personally a Playstation person. I have a loyalty to the games it has like John Madden football and Tekken."

Wallace added, "The Xbox will probably be more superior in graphics but to me it's just a computer that plays video games." Wallace said the Playstation prevails when comparing the two game consoles.


"Playstation has a bit more to it...nothing beats a Playstation."

PlayStation 3 will be retailed for approximately \$500-600, and Xbox 360 for approximately \$300-400. The more economical system is clearly the Xbox 360. With the PlayStation 3's release just in time for Christmas and the growing availability of the Xbox 360, only time will tell who the victor will be.

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A Look Inside The Minds of Female Rapists

BY LENDORA WASHINGTON
Contributing Writer

On the evening of Aug. 25, 2006, a 30-year old man accused three women of raping him in Roodepoort, South Africa.

He claims that after guiding the women to a local hotel, the women drove him to a deserted spot, held him at gun-point and took turns having sexual intercourse with him.

When freed, he immediately contacted local police to report his alleged rape. According to Police Captain Paula Nothnagel, "a case of indecent assault had been opened."

As with many cases of female perpetrated sexual offenses, this case may be difficult to prove because of society's pre-occupation with the female victim.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, females constitute one percent of people arrested for rape. The drastically low percentage of arrests can be

attributed to the fact that female sex offending usually goes unnoticed, unreported or diverted from the criminal justice system.

Kia Elliot, sophomore biology major, said she believes that males shy away from reporting sex assaults for fear of appearing "victimized".

"[Males] can be victimized and raped, but its just society rules that put rape as male to female and male always as the aggressors."

Dr. Julia Hislop, a psychologist specializing in female sex offenses at Clinical Associates based in Norfolk, Va., said sexual assaults on males by females does happen more often than it is reported.

"However, the lack of men coming forward has everything to do with the way men are socialized," Hislop said.

When asked, several Howard males concurred that in a situation similar to the one involving the trio



Mary Kay Letourneau (left) and Pamela Turner (right) are two of the more famous cases of women who raped minors. Many cases involving female rapists occur with minors.

of women, they would not report that rape for fear of appearing emasculated.

"People would ask 'Why is he reporting that?' and it just wouldn't be manly," said Lawrence Robinson, a sophomore business management major.

Another factor that deters a male victim from reporting this type of assault is the common belief that it

is impossible to force a man to have sex with a woman because the man has to be aroused.

It is then largely reasoned that the male was partially willing.

Howard University student Obed Eugene begged to differ.

"He doesn't have to be willingly aroused," said Eugene, citing the possible

use of coercion. "Rape is rape. It's wrong."

According to Hislop, males may respond with physiological arousal under traumatic circumstances.

"Men are known to experience an erection under stressful circumstances," Hislop said. Male victims often become confused in these situations because they have been socialized to welcome sexual activities.

She urges people that support the notion that an erection means willful sex to flip the situation.

"There are women that experience physical arousal but that doesn't change the dynamics of the situation," Hislop said.

Most rapes perpetrated by women occur with a younger male victim, however "there are certainly documented cases where females forcibly rape males," Hislop said.

Female aggressors are the rare product of abandon-

ing society's notion of femininity.

Very little empirical research has been conducted with focus on the female sex offenders.

It has been found, though, that female sex offenders usually fit in one of the four typologies, which are psychopathic, neurotic, over-controlled, and normal criminal.

"About 75 percent of sex offenders have a severe history of childhood sexual abuse," Hislop said.

Often, males joke about male "rape," however, when considering the possibility of it actually happening it is slightly less of a laughing matter.

Russell Bailey, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, retained his humor but opted to preserve his masculinity in a similar situation, as well.

"I would rather tell people I raped three females than to tell people they raped me," Bailey said.



Howard Weighs In on Barack Obama: Should He Run For President?

BY TASHIRA J. WALKER
Hilltop Staff Writer

With his new book titled "Audacity of Hope," Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.), recently announced that he will consider possibly running for the 2008 presidency. Obama, who has pondered the possibility of running for president for the past several months, has spent his life dedicated to public service by being a civil rights attorney, community organizer and now the United States Senator for Illinois. As an advocate giving voice to the issues of senior citizens, crime, immigration, veterans, health care, education, homeland security and the environment, it appears that Sen. Obama is on the track to acknowledging what our country needs in terms of improvement and development. Does Sen. Obama have what it takes to be the United States 44th President? More importantly, can he actually be our very first black president? The Howard University community speaks out and shares their reflections:

"It's a hopeful step for black people, but it's a really long stretch. I do not think this country is ready for a black president or candidate. But we'll see what happens."

-Jessica Williams, senior, psychology

"Barack Obama is a good candidate because of his grass roots training and administrative background. He would definitely be for the people, and would serve our needs especially dealing with low-economic issues. But I do not think he should run for 2008, it is too soon for him to run without first acquiring the needed experience."

-Erika Wadlington, senior, political science

"He would make a good candidate; he is a very intelligent man. The northern states would be more for him, but the southern states, particularly dealing with older white Americans, are more set in their ways and may not be ready to handle a black person in high leadership. I honestly, think he can do it. Times have changed, and I have seen the progress with the advancement of our people. It's slow progress, but progress all the same."

-Anthony Laney, junior, broadcast journalism

"It is fairly ambitious, but yet ill advised for him to do so. If Obama is not certain, he should not make announcements until his decision is made. I believe he is the perfect candidate for our first black president, but the United States is not ready for that."

-Ine Ogagan, senior, political science

"I think he can run for president, but honestly he would be slaughtered if he decided to do so. He has not been challenged enough as far as presidential politics."

-Melvin Barrole, graduate student

"Barack Obama should run for president. I think he sets a good example for young black men and black people in general."

-Valerie Jones, senior, political science

"I think he should make more of an impact as a senator before he runs for the presidency. I also think that he still owes African-Americans around the nation explanation for his actions during the Gore/Bush election. However, he could be a good president, but I need to see more. The presidency is not supposed to be about controversy. We need the best person in office, and he doesn't have the experience."

-Christopher Bailey, senior, history

"Obama is a great candidate, but America is still America. While America is the melting pot, its policies and hegemonic practices are still grounded in racism, sexism, classism, ageism, heterosexism, etc. Obama and Hillary have two of the three multiple jeopardies still facing the masses, which say a lot about their chances of becoming the next executive leader of the 'Disunited States of America.'"

-Carla Brailley, African-American Professor

One-On-One: Diana Duarte On The Challenges of Fighting Genocide in Darfur, Sudan

Diana Duarte is the Program Associate for Policy Analysis and Communications of Africa Action. The national organization works to influence policy for the political, economic and social justice in Africa. Duarte has worked with the Global Youth Partnership for Africa to coordinate a women's program in Uganda. The graduate of Brown University has also lived in Africa for 16 years, spending time in Egypt, Mali, Guinea and Kenya.

Hilltop: After genocide occurred in Rwanda under the Clinton Administration, Secretary-General of the U.N. said, "The world failed Rwanda at that time of evil. The international community and the United Nations could not muster the political will to confront it." Has the world failed the Darfurians?

Duarte: Definitely. Madeline Albright, Kofi Annan and Bill Clinton did express regret towards the victims of Rwanda. But now in this situation, you can't claim you're unaware. You can't use ignorance because [the genocide] is blatantly clear. Human Rights organizations have done countless reports. So this is not a matter of ignorance, it's a lack of political will. Much like African affairs, Darfur is not on the top on the agenda. Unfortunately, it falls at the bottom of the list of things that concern the world, especially to people in the West. With issues like the war on terror, energy and oil, I think Darfur doesn't compare, in terms of the way the Administration is operating.

H: You mentioned Africa being at the bottom of the agenda. Lately with Madonna, Angelina Jolie and Bono you're seeing a lot of attention towards Africa. What do you make of that?

D: When you point out the fact that celebrities are bringing more attention to Africa, yes it is important in certain respects. If more people are talking about it, that's always a good thing. However, I think we need to make sure that it's not self-motivating attention. And that it doesn't become this 'Angelina Jolie Moment of the Day' sort of thing.

H: Do you think that the large oil investments that the U.S. has in Sudan, coupled with their provision terrorism intelligence, are causing the U.S. to be apprehensive about damaging an already fragile relationship with the Sudanese government?

D: I wouldn't characterize the relationship as fragile. In the mid '90s, there was a strong effort on the side of the U.S. to be tough with the Sudanese government because they were harboring members of al Qaeda. So yes, they have had this history of going back and forth. But we are the only country that has acknowledged it as genocide. And I believe that our advocacy and activism should reflect that.

H: Do you think the U.S. is totally responsible for the genocide in the sense that they are the police of the world?

D: I wouldn't say they are the police of the world. I don't think any of the human rights activists and organizations are asking it to be. I believe that I, as an American citizen, should push my government to be a leader on important issues. And right now we need to be working proactively to bring a U.N. peacekeeping force in Sudan.

H: How can the U.S. be involved after the Sudanese government has blocked U.N. peacekeeping troops?

D: Yes, that is very important and something that serves as a major block. However, I don't think that we should pack up our things and go home. We have a responsibility to keep acting, especially since we've labeled it genocide. We need to work with our partners in the U.N. and internationalize the pressure on the Sudanese government. The U.S. is still a major player on the world scene and we need to get other countries on members of the Security Council to apply pressure.

Interviews Conducted by Vanessa Mizell, Nation & World Editor



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Opinions Differ on PE Classes Offered at HU

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard students of all majors are required to take at least one physical education course of some sort during their time here at the University.

With the requirement of students to take these courses, the University tries to offer as many choices in physical education as possible. Some students however feel that like other campuses in the area, Howard should increase the number of health and physical education classes.

The University currently offers an array of courses in physical education such as swimming, golf, volleyball, and gymnastics, as well as some more non-traditional courses like badminton and judo.

"The variety of physical education classes has increased since I came here in 2003," said senior physical education major Shannon Carlisle.

On the other hand, some Howard students feel that the number of courses and the variety of courses could be greater.

"I know where I am from, at the

University of Houston, they offer a physical education class called childhood play," said Tiffany Francis, a junior political science major. "It seems like a fun course. You play games like dodgeball and capture the flag. All the stuff you did in PE as a kid."

Francis also mentioned that square dancing was another physical education course that is offered at other universities.

"Square dancing or something similar that is both physical and cultural could offer physical education, as well as add some diversity to our curriculum," she said. "I feel that as an asthmatic, there are limited options for me so the more courses to choose from, the better."

Physical education at Howard, also referred to as Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies, is important to the University's curriculum. Although there are many students that wish there were more choices in courses, most physical education majors feel the program offers a good number of choices and stands

up comparably to other programs.

"Howard's physical education program is decent," said sophomore physical education major Lonice Kenley. "For the most part, I am satisfied with the course variety and think that the courses are very detailed, as far as physical education is concerned."

Kenley felt that the physical education program is beneficial to most other students, but is especially beneficial for those whose focus is physical education. The selection is also considered good preparation for a career in physical education.

"We have a number of great physical education classes available to us," said Ben Steele, a senior physical education major at George Washington University. "There are a lot of choices in courses, but Crew seems to be a lot of people's favorite class to take, and all of the teachers are really interactive and involved in the courses they teach."

The George Washington University not only offers courses in physical education, but hosts trips

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Braylon Curry pumps iron at The Pulse, located in Burr Gymnasium. Weight training is one of the physical education courses offered by HU.

that specialize in physical education that are sponsored by the department of physical education and the office of student activities.

These trips, called Project Exploration trips, include weekend travel to various locations where students participate in physical activities such as rappelling, mountain biking, hiking and inflatable kayaking.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On October 25, 1990, Evander Holyfield knocks out James "Buster" Douglas in three rounds, winning the heavyweight boxing title.

Browns Offensive Coordinator Is Third to Leave Job This Year

Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon (shown right) resigned on Tuesday, becoming the third NFL offensive coordinator to leave his job in the middle of the season. Offensive line coach Jeff Davidson will take over as the Browns top offensive coach.

Carthon had been in charge of Cleveland's offense for the past two seasons. Prior to that, he served a stint as running backs coach for the New York Giants, where he played as a fullback.

The Browns were ranked last in the league in total offense this year and scored a league-low 232 points all of last season in Carthon's first year as offensive coordinator.

Carthon joins Jim Fassel, formerly of the Baltimore Ravens, and Keith Rowen, formerly of the Arizona Cardinals, as offensive coordinators to lose their jobs this year.

LSU Assistant Arrested for Setting Up Illegal Player-Agent Meetings

An assistant strength coach for the LSU football team was arrested for arranging for student-athletes to meet with an agent and suggesting they sign with the agent, said police at the Baton Rouge, La. school on Tuesday.

Around the Sports World



Photo Courtesy of sports.yahoo.com

26-year-old Travelle Ernest Gaines was accused of inviting LSU players to his house, where he introduced them to the agent. LSU officials said in a statement that the athletes involved did not know that an agent would be there and that the university will not suspend any athletes in the immediate future.

NFL to Play Two Regular Season Games per Year Internationally

NFL owners approved a plan proposed last month by Commissioner Roger Goodell to play regular season games in Mexico, Canada and Europe, beginning in 2007.

"This step comes in response to the tremendous and growing interest in the NFL around the world. The owners believe that hosting regular-season games outside the United States on a regular basis is in the best interests of the league and will help to

increase the fan base, build awareness of the NFL and grow the sport worldwide," Goodell told reporters Tuesday.

Under the proposed plan, teams would rotate over a 16-year period to play two games abroad, once as a visitor and once as the home team. Owners said their primary concern was losing a home game in this process, however the teams will be compensated when this happens.

No specific sites were chosen, but the league has tabbed Great Britain and Germany as the likely European hosts.



-Compiled by Elliott Jones, Sports Editor

Howard's Pearce Named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week

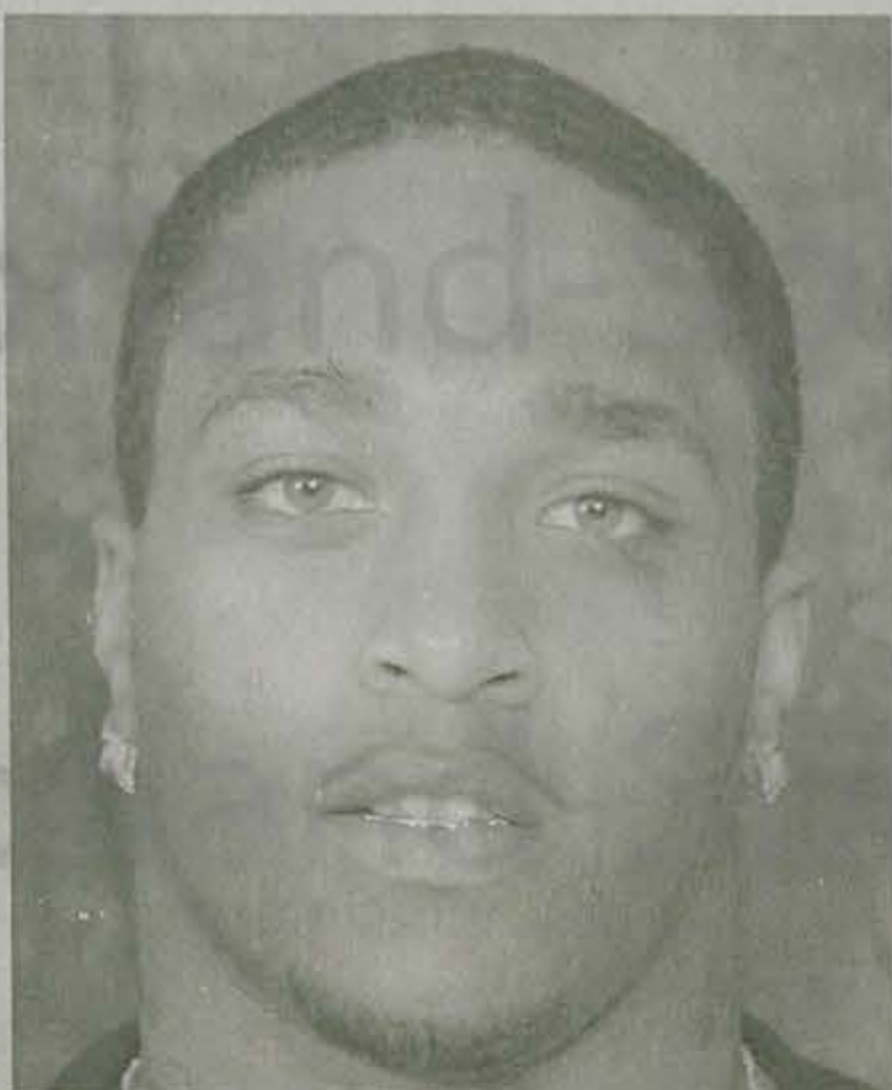


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Linebacker Danual Pearce was named the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week after his performance in this past Saturday's 26-0 shutout of North Carolina A&T. Pearce finished with 4 solo tackles, 4 assisted tackles, a sack and an interception. Pearce's play headlined a Bison defense that held the Aggies to 138 yards of total offense and just 50 rushing yards. On the season, he trails only teammate Timothy Lockett in tackles in the MEAC with 62.

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Music for the Soul



Hollister Speaks the Gospel with 'Book of David' Album

BY DANIELLE KWATENG
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many loyal R&B listeners are reminiscing about the good old days when Dave Hollister was a part of the famous R&B group, Blackstreet.

Now Hollister is back on the music scene with his new gospel album "The Book of David Vol 1: The Transition." The Hilltop sat down with Hollister to discuss the album.

TH: How long have you been in the music business?

DH: Oh wow...21 years... it's been a long time.

TH: You're in town to attend a scholarship concert. Out of all the other engagements you've been asked to perform at, why this?

DH: Anything that has to do with the quality of education, I'm all for it. I was actually on a scholarship for school. These days, a lot of people can't afford to go to college. So if I can help in any way, I will. And I know first hand how it is with two daughters in school.

TH: Are you surprised at the success of

your album and your old fans' response to you as a gospel artist?

DH: I am really, really, really surprised! This album had low promotion. On Ghetto Hymns, I had a single that was #10 on the Billboard charts. My second album, Chicago '85, went gold. I've never had a #1 album! I feel that God can do anything.

TH: What makes your sound unique from other gospel artists?

DH: I talk about things they don't talk about. They deal with [issues and problems], but don't talk about it. With my secular albums, I always kept it true to life and was honest and with my music now, I don't want to not do the same.

TH: From listening to your song "I've Changed," and knowing that the ministry provides a new image, are you worried about fitting into the gospel world?

DH: No, I don't. Like I said before, God can do anything. I really feel that a lot of the people buying my albums were church people. I would go to churches and the pastor and deacons would be like

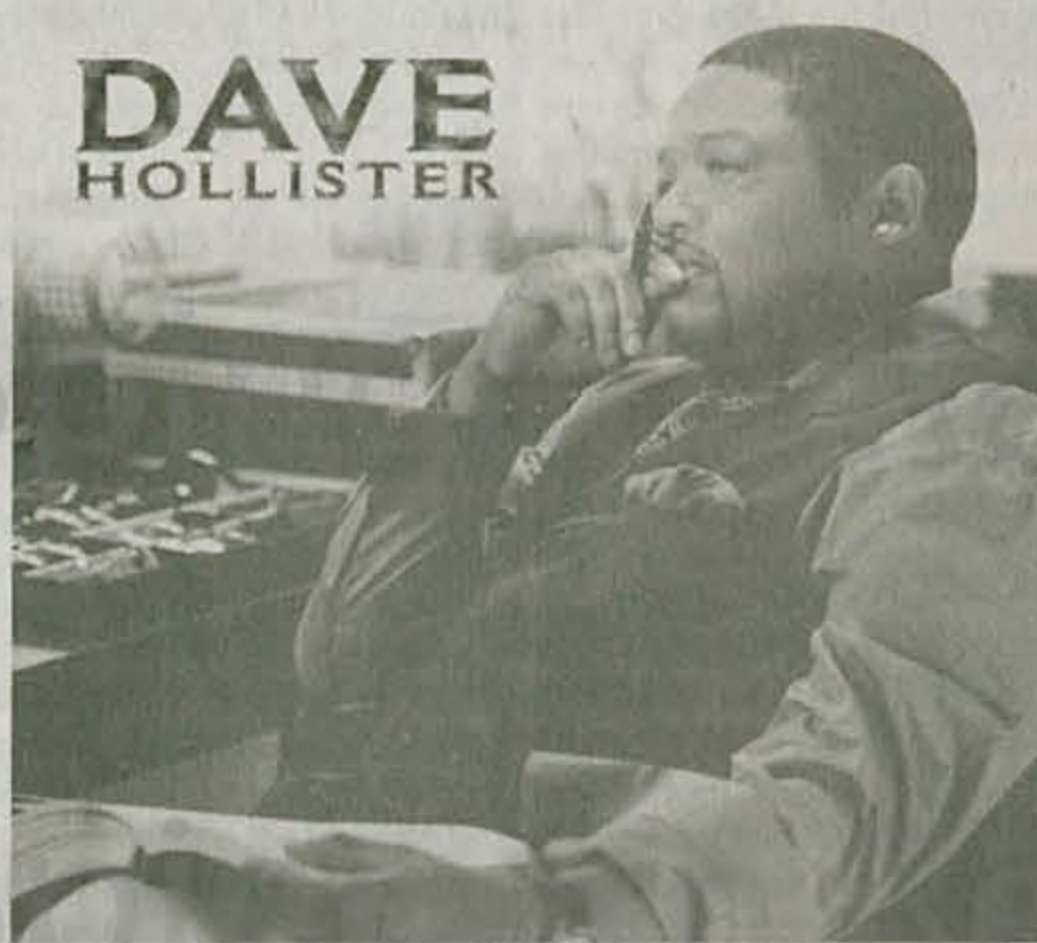


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R&B sensation turned gospel recording artist Dave Hollister is hoping his fans enjoy his new gospel sound.

'Aren't you Dave Hollister?' and they knew my music. It was a pleasant surprise.

TH: Have your trials become easier since being saved and, if not, what do you struggle with?

DH: Salvation is a process. I believe when you become saved as a Christian, you have more problems. There's a lot of things you

can't do. And when you think about it, Satan is fun! He's constantly trying to bring you out of your new life by enticing you. You just have to stay secure in your faith.

TH: With everything you've been through and learned, do you regret anything from your past?

DH: There are a lot of things I would change as

far as management. But it allowed me to learn and become stronger. You know, my trails made me who I am today. God allowed me to go through all that to get me to where I am now.

TH: How have you changed from the way you were 10 years ago?

DH: I've changed a whole lot. Especially when thinking about my first marriage and how I want things to go if I marry again. I would say 97 percent of the blame was on me, as far as my first marriage ending. With growth, you can recognize your faults and improve. I can definitely say that I see things different now.

TH: There are rumors about you owning a church. What are your future plans?

DH: To be honest, I really don't try to look at the future. I let God handle that. I seek God in everything and what he brings my way, I take. Now that I'm on the path he originally wanted me on, I'm not trying to get off. I spent a long time trying to get to this point in my life. Any wrong moves mean set backs and I've been set back too long.

Who is Dave Hollister?

-Former member of Blackstreet from 1994 and went solo shortly after.

-Sang the lead in the song "Before I Let Go."

-From the West side of Chicago.

-The son of two preachers, with 11 siblings.

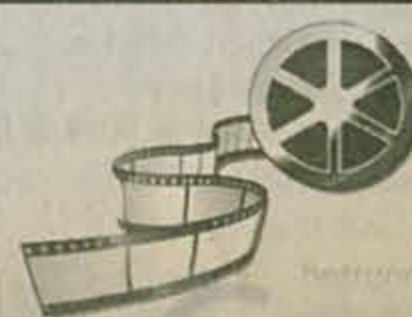
-No longer performs his R&B songs at concerts.

-His newest album, "The Book of David Vol. 1: The Transition", was his first album to reach #1 Soundscans gospel chart.

-Has recorded five albums and starred in five plays, including his most recent "Issues: We All Got 'Em."



Entertainment Report Card



Oddisee 'In the Door' With New Sound

BY CARLA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

There aren't many producer-turned-MCs who successfully make the transition. Neptune's producer Pharrell Williams is close, but according to his CD sales, it seems like more people like him when he is molding artists and not when he becomes the artist.

Amir "Oddisee" Mohamed is an underground producer-turned-MC who emerged onto the hip-hop scene in 2002. Oddisee has produced hits for Talib Kweli, Little Brother, J-Live, Freddie Foxxx, The UN, Grap Luva and Asheru.

"Foot in the Door," mixed by DJ Jazzy Jeff, is a unique sound of a producer trying to defy the odds of successfully making the transition from hit-maker to MC.

Born in the District, but residing in Largo, Md., Oddisee hastily decided that the Art Institute of Philadelphia was not for him. Instead of majoring in graphic design, Oddisee used his creativity on mics and drum machines.

Oddisee started out with a plan to put the District on the map as having respectable artists, rather than being only known as a city which samples songs, makes a new beat and then calls it 'go-go.' He started with his Low Budget crew of



Photo Courtesy of myspace.com

Hip hop producer and emcee Amir "Oddisee" Mohamed raps of his experiences living in Washington, D.C.

artists and producers such as Kev Brown, Kenn Starr and Cy Young. After becoming a hit in the local area, he started his own record company called Halftooth Records.

Catching the attention of DJ Jazzy Jeff, Oddisee had his first big break with Musik Lounge on Jazzy Jeff's "The Magnificent" album.

"Foot in the Door" is a compilation of old unreleased and new music. Oddisee spends much of the album talking about his life in the District.

On "Gentrification," Oddisee states that he could rap about some generic problems but why, when there are real issues? The song also talks about how his city doesn't look the same. "Gentrification on the rise, they like pay up. It's no surprise when white people be moving/ in because they have the funds to pay and the time to pursue the trends. Mom and pop stores replaced by couture," said Oddisee as he laments about the changes in his city.

Oddisee flows over innovative beats that sound like a mixture of old school and new hip-hop, with a twist of D.C. flavor, giving his music a much broader appeal. On "Once Again," Oddisee pairs up with rapper, Freddie Foxxx and produces a song that can easily be played in cars traveling from NYC to D.C. Showing versatility, Oddisee hooks up with UK rapper Tranquill for "Propa," where Oddisee talks about how he is happy to be back in the District and that he is the best dressed on this side of the Mississippi.

"Foot in the Door" covers social, political and economical topics without being prudent. Oddisee has learned how to balance issues that need to be addressed without sounding preachy, by pairing the socially conscience songs with innovative sounds and street anthems.

Check him out at: <http://www.myspace.com/oddisee720>.

Grade: B+

Listeners 'Free to Worship' With Fred Hammond

BY CARLA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

Fred Hammond's new album entitled "Free To Worship" includes much of his live performance at T.D. Jakes' Potter's House Church in Dallas, last April, plus some very special brand-new studio recordings. Some say that with "Free to Worship," Hammond is back and he has received some divine inspiration with this album.

Hammond's new CD is a clear expression of heart-filled praise, filled with life the experiences of a Christian. The 14 tracks are inspirational and God's presence is felt with every song.

"Free to Worship" marks the 25th anniversary of Hammond's career as a recording artist. It's obvious why Hammond has had such a long and successful career.

His lyrics are singular and he describes everyday struggles in a particular way so that one can get lost in the spirit, and feel God's energy in their car or living room. This project is innovative and it clearly shows Hammond as the front-runner in urban praise and worship.

His song, "He'll Do It," affirms how having faith in God and letting Him do all the worrying. Hammond preaches that God will do it as long as believers have faith.

"Free to Worship" con-

tinues to preach the gospel with every track. On "Lord Your Grace," Hammond thanks God for love and his refinement. This CD is a testament to how thankful Hammond is to God, and again he speaks of everyday difficulties while having faith in a higher being to take the pain away.

No longer is gospel music passé. It's hip, familiar and the beats bring people to their feet. These songs are full of love, hope and happiness while Hammond states that believers are not alone with issues or struggles.

"Just Thank God" is the message in "Thank You (I Won't Complain)."

Hammond sings, "Lord, you've been good to me/ you make a way/ I could not see/ your love

came in and lifted me and I won't complain/ through the years/ you've been there to dry my tears/ there is not a closer friend and I won't complain."

The praise in "Free To Worship" is so strong and amazing. The power in his songs can help with battles because Hammond sings as if he is speaking one's mind.

Hammond's music lives within one's soul and can continue to live within the lives of God's people long after Hammond has written, sung and played his last note.

Hammond is a multi-instrumentalist, producer and vocalist. With "Free to Worship", the listener is free to do just that.

Grade: A



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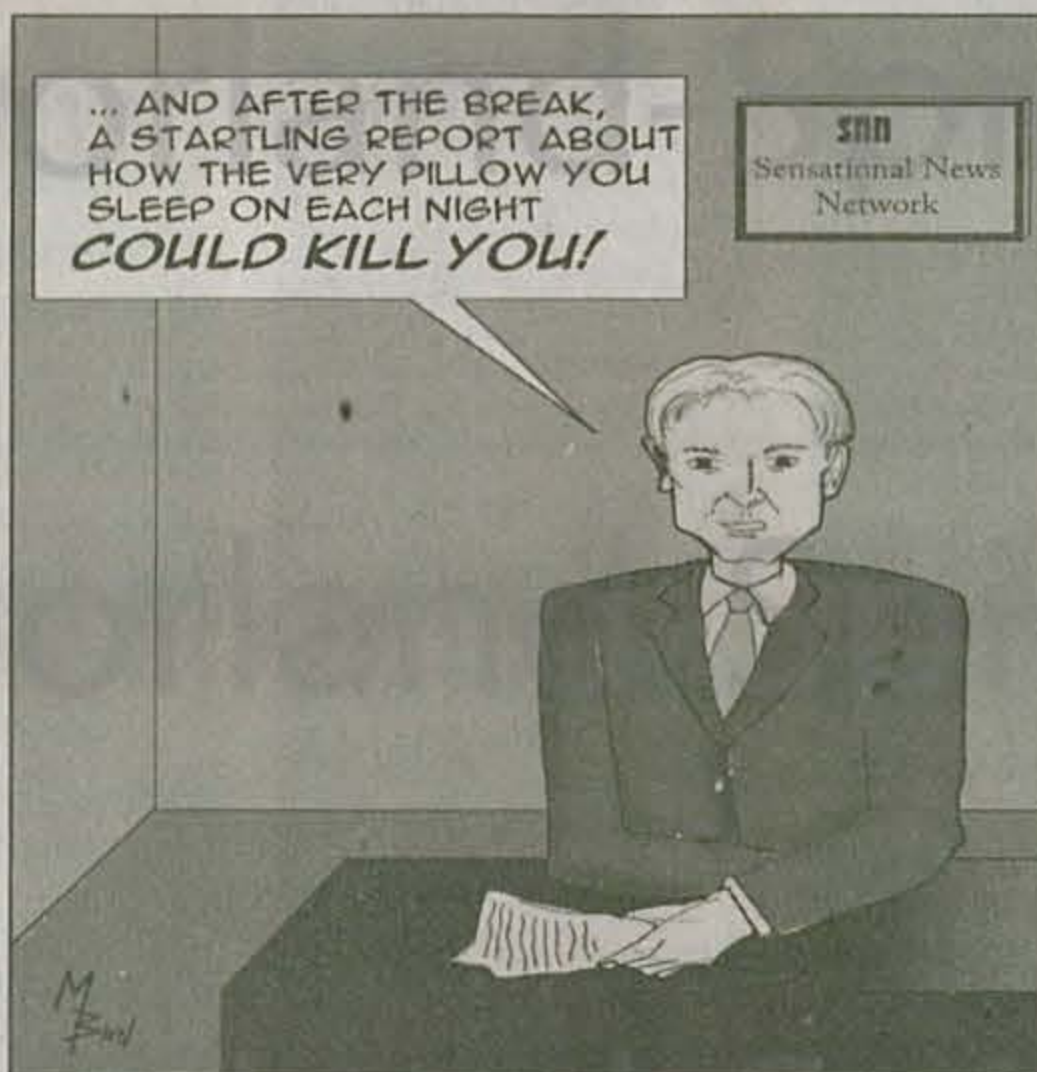
Fred Hammond's latest gospel album, "Free to Worship," was released on October 3rd of this year.

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We've all seen the local evening news advertise dramatic stories to get viewers to tune in. Broadcast news has always been a more sensational form of journalism and we just want to take this opportunity to remind students to expand their news-gathering beyond the tube.

The reality is that broadcast news is a business and as one staff member pointed out, networks are only responding to a public that is drawn to drama.

The drive for high ratings doesn't make it right for broadcasters to stretch important stories across an hour just to keep people tuned in. Knowing that information is key should encourage us all to not let the television be the only place we get our news and not buy into the hype they sometimes feed.

CNN is the prominent source of world news, but is not immune to the temptation to sensationalize.

Though it may have been clever and easy to use the phrase 'Foley Fall-out' constantly to describe a congressman sexually harassing male Congressional pages on

Capitol Hill, it comes off a bit sing-songy for a serious matter.

If we are training to become leaders for America and this whole global community, we have to be as thorough as possible. There is nothing more frustrating for any of us than being in the middle of a

We at *The Hilltop* aren't above wanting to maximize impact by the words we choose. However, recognizing the harm sensational news can cause is crucial to better serving our audience.

This summer, news organizations had a field day when John Mark Carr confessed to killing JonBenet Ramsey — some even calling him a killer — only to find out he wasn't even in the state when she was killed. Though the confession didn't shed any light on who killed the JonBenet, it did show how dramatic

our news sources can be when they smell blood.

You can just look at any newsstand overflowing with celebrity tabloids to know that in some respects, we as a society, have gotten away from caring about the things in life that really matter. We have to re-evaluate what constitutes news. News organizations should follow Time Magazine's reorganization to no longer be a mirror to society, but a guiding light.

But when the evening news' first female anchor Katie Couric's big story on her first day is Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' baby pictures, we have to get started now.

Our View:
Students must recognize broadcast news is dramatic for effect, and to be informed citizens, we have to check out other sources.

class discussion and the passionate person with the most to say is the least informed. That takes the fun out of the debate.

Let's all review our sources, beef up on journals and actually visit Founder's stacks, because CNN isn't going to do the job alone.

Sensationalizing news is dangerous. If you label Howard Dean a screaming catastrophe and label the War in Iraq in the same manner, then the power behind the words lose their power. So when something really big happens viewers can't differentiate what really is news — 'yeah, gas prices are down' or 'yeah, Britney Spears is losing the baby weight.'

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