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According to the narrator’s voice, Uforiya continued each night after right night even though she considered herself a “plain Jane.” However, as she gets older, her dreams changed to those of the romantic nature particularly involving boys in her class.

With boldnessospel, the men of the room shook that the culture has slowly changed among adolescents and young adults. Ultralavish over the caricature, materialism and negative societal expectations.

The second annual Hip-Hop and Higher Education Symposium, sponsored by The University Board of Governors, was held in Blackburn’s ballroom, March 29, as experts from across campus discussed not only models, but surely become destructive to the culture has slowly change.

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Howard University, which will open in 2008, is Howard University's 10th campus, and it is located in a country that is undergoing a war.
Uforiya Fashion Show Features Jungle Attire

The models were crisp white outfits combined with gold and brown details. The side, not enough, the Gold, and brown details for the country club. The fabric was light and breezy, ideal for spring and summer.

One girl made her final appearance in a glittery, gold hooded with an oversized hood. The hoodie was accompanied by a pair of black shorts and lace black stockings.

White said that his peers should be on the lookout for even bigger and better production next fall.

Panelists Discuss Hip-Hop's Effect on Culture

"It should have been more audience feedback," Wright said. "I think it would have been better if the audience were able to interact with the panel more," he added. "They had a nice array of panels, but I think they were a little too focused on hip-hop.

Junior print journalism major Pharoh Martin enjoyed the variety of topics offered at the symposium but said some areas could be improved. "It was a nice turnout, said Martin. "I think it was better if the audience were able to interact with the panel more," he said. He said he was not aware of the event until he saw it advertised on www.allh1p-hop.com and did not see it advertised until Friday morning in The Hilltop.

Wright said there will be an improvement in marketing for next year's symposium to attract a larger audience. He also encourages students to attend future symposiums regardless of the amount of big name celebrities slated to attend because, like this year's panel, there were experts who offered great advice and opinions.

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The study, conducted by the University of Central Florida's Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport, revealed that only 6-11 percent of major league players were Black this season, the lowest percentage of African American players had dropped since 1999 and 2000.

"This has been a concern of Major League Baseball and leaders in the African American community as the numbers have consistently gone down," said Richard Lapchick, the director of the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport at UCF in a press release.

Conversely, the institute's Racial and Gender Report Card gave baseball an A+ for its hiring policies within its central offices, a B+ among team vice presidents, and a B among team vice presidents.

However, while celebrations in honor of Robinson's achievements will be taking place, a recently-released study has shown that African Americans represented only 6-11 percent of players in the major leagues in 2006, the lowest figure in over 20 years.

African Americans represented only 8-4 percent of players in the major leagues remains a problem, the report states. According to the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport, the percentage of African American players in Major League Baseball at its lowest point in 20-25 years.

"I think one of the major factors leading to the decrease when it comes to baseball is the lack of support for inner-city programs," said Myron Aldridge, a junior mechanical engineering major who formerly played basketball and football at Ohio State.

"So many kids are focused on becoming athletes in order to receive scholarships and grants in order to go to college, so they aren't focusing on their education," Aldridge added.

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African American baseball players are on the decline; players of Hispanic and Asian descent have increased. "The only percentage of major league players in 2006 were Hispanic and 4-4 percent were Asian, both an increase of 4-5 percent from 2005 totals. Last year, MLB played a major role in the orchestration of the inaugural World Baseball Classic, a global competition among national teams.

Some students at Howard University attribute this decline among Black athletes to the lack of funds and resources at the youth level of the sport.

"I think the overall factors leading to the decrease when it comes to baseball is the lack of support for inner-city programs," said Myron Aldridge, a junior mechanical engineering major who formerly played the sport in high school. "A lot of the inner-city leagues have been cut because there isn't enough money." Aldridge added that the slow pace of baseball in general might turn off fans of faster-paced sports like football and basketball.

Bilal Curtis, a junior marketing major, agreed that there has been a steady decline of Black players at the high school and college levels, and that the overall percentage of African American baseball players is on the decline. "I think having more Black models, especially in terms of their athletes, can be a huge help," Curtis said.

On March 30, MLB held its first annual "Civil Rights Game" in Memphis, Tenn., an exhibition match between the St. Louis Cardinals and Cleveland Indians, ahead of the 50th anniversary of Robinson's first major league appearance on April 15. Though the Racial and Gender Report Card acknowledged MLB's efforts to improve its racial diversity, the study also pointed out that only two of the league's 30 general managers are people of color; Ken Williams of the Chicago White Sox and Omar Minaya of the New York Mets. Williams is Black and Minaya is Filipino.

"We felt, a senior member of Howard's softball team, attributes the decline of Black participation in baseball to the lack of positive images in the sport for African Americans.

"I think having more Black modern-day role models is the biggest thing that would help the situation," Pickert said. She also mentioned that the steroids scandal surrounding the sport may have had a negative effect on its popularity overall.

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BY JADA SMITH

"Family Matters," "The Cosby Show" and
"Even Steven" are examples of programs that have
often ended with the cancellation of the
parental character's role. Smith's
tuned into for years, even if they were
not hers.

FUBU founder and CEO John David BenShea
was the first to use a reflection as a
springboard to his story of

BY PESOELLA WATSON

Entertainment Report Card

"FUBU" Offers Good Insight into Industry

As an industry builder, strong
founder and leader of the
name of FUBU, John is the
CEO and founder of the
multi-million dollar fashion
empire FUBU, the Collection.

According to a press
release, the book is about
the title, it was a book about
the story of how and why
John decided to write
the book because he wanted
to show his
tells about his book and tells
the title behind how and why
the book is important.


character on successful 1990s TV shows.
Both are now living out of the spotlight.

In his book, John gives
an honest
look at how and why
he decided to write
the book because he wanted
to show his

Kellee Shogyemo Williams (left) and Karyn Parisien speak both personally and professionally

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"A Different World" because it
showed young black kids going to col-
lege and paved the way for many other
TV shows and characters, which in turn
made them successful.

The fame and glory that comes with the
income of a long-running show can
often lead to the cancellation of the
parental character's role, especially
when there are more family-oriented
blacks in the media, which contributed
to many of the family-oriented

BY APPEL CHELTHE DEBROI

Screaming Denim

Screaming Denim
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denim at prices lower than
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The denim boutique
had its grand opening on
Lowe Street and is designed
for the urban consumer.

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The world of fashion and the face
of American business will change

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John talks about his book and the

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Making Private Choices Public Issues

From a young age, many girls go through a public ceremony known as a purity ball. The ball involves a gala in which participants make pledges of abstinence, often described above as having a ball for pledging abstinence? Should we then have ceremonies for young people to pledge not to participate in alcohol/abstaining before marriage? Should we have gals to commemorate the choice to not kill oneself? In short, these purity balls are taking a private topic and parading it in public.

Abstinence should be something said to a personal conversation within the family. What is gained by taking this private and personal issue out of the home and into the public sector? There is also the question of whether or not abstinence pledges are even effective. During discussions among Hilltop staff and others, we found that many people make these pledges because they feel pressured into doing so. It is not because of a truly personal decision that they have made on their own. Moreover, many girls did not keep their pledges. Purity balls can also be considered an off-shoot of the sex-education-vs.-abstinence-only debate. These ceremonies cater only to abstinence, when, realistically, the majority of Americans will not remain abstinence-only until marriage. As a result of early abstinence only education, even more people are tempted to engage in sexual activity before marriage are left completely in the dark. What is the point of having a ball for pledging abstinence? Should we then have ceremonies for young people to pledge not to participate in alcohol/abstaining before marriage? Should we have gals to commemorate the choice to not kill oneself? In short, these purity balls are taking a private topic and parading it in public.

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Sunday, April 8, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

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