

## FASHION: First ladies encompass unique traits, talents and passions

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and perception is everything! The slightest slip of the tongue, wardrobe malfunction or off-the-wall facial expression can change the public's opinion at the drop of a time and the lasting effects could be detrimental.

Altogether, crafting the "perfect" image is an ongoing process, as campaign image consultants tailor hemlines and mannerisms to meet the expectations of the masses. Both Cindy and Michelle face an enormous amount of pressure to maintain a "perfect" image, especially because they are seen as a two-for-one deal. (If Senator McCain ends up in the White House, will Cindy McCain step up to the plate and be her own woman or just another

yes woman?)

Overall, both ladies have a few hurdles to overcome in order to woo the people such as presenting a sense of naturalness and recommitting to a wider level of public service. In Cindy McCain's case, she has to prove she can connect with people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and emphasize a friendly, freethinking spirit to debunk the Stepford wife persona. Michelle has to be mindful to monitor her language and avoid any inside jokes or generational



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Cindy McCain with husband and presidential candidate Senator John McCain.

slang that might be misinterpreted. (She may want to pass that reminder to Senator Biden as well.) In the end, a person's image may be communicated through visuals, but the image is also enhanced through words. It is important for each woman to create a positive connection with Americans.

Nevertheless, both women are highly active behind the scenes (and in front of the camera) in their husband's campaigns. Both Cindy and Michelle

attend rallies, provide emotional support, give speeches, televised interviews and attend various charities and events. Although America does not vote for the first ladies, their images are just as important to citizens and people across the world.

Ultimately, women want to see a first lady representative of all women in America, with a passion for community service, a sense of self and dedicated to making a difference in the world, a woman who can stand, tall and proud, not just a copilot, but a woman who takes direction into her own hands. As they say, behind every good man is a good woman and that is one incredible image.

## COLLEGES: The good, the bad and the ugly

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allow students to design their own curriculum, in which no grades are given.

**Most Intolerant:** University of Mississippi (Oxford, Mississippi), acceptance rate 84 percent, four-year graduation rate 33 percent, total cost per year \$16,484. Old habits die hard as this university proved.

"Racism is a big issue for this school as proven when the first black student step on to the campus they honored him with a riot that resulted in two deaths and 300 injured," says Radar Magazine.

According to Radar Magazine the most stoned: UC Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, California), acceptance rate 80 percent, four-year graduation rate 48 percent. For only \$24,796 per year it is expected minimal work form the students with a large portion of pass/fail course.

"This campus is forever covered with clouds of smoke because of it liberal marijuana polices," says Radar Magazine.

According to Radar Magazine the most closeted school is Deep Springs College (Deep Springs, California), acceptance rate 65 percent, and total cost is free. This all male two-year experimental college will give any male looking for the ultimate Brokeback fantasy a full scholarship in

return for working the land.

"Guys look forward to silly traditions like the yearly 'naked lunch' followed by a game of naked Frisbee and sand-dune sliding," says one student.

**Most Insufferable:** Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, Pennsylvania), the utter lack of peppiness will show student looking for a school, how much it is every ones' first choice to go there.

"Students earn the best education that money can buy.... this school is bullshit," says one student. "The school encourages a culture that glorifies overwork, obsessions, and has a fixation on impossible ideals," says Radar Magazine.

**Most Ironically Named Christian College:** Liberty University (Lynchburg, Virginia), acceptance rate, 96 percent, four-year graduation rate 36 percent and the total cost is \$26,000.

"Because of the strictly enforced school wide ban on alcohol, tobacco, gambling, R-rated movies, and horseplay, students at this ironically named college don't seem to enjoy much of a social life," says Radar Magazine.

**The Most Radioactive:** New Mexico State University (Carlsbad, New Mexico) "the acceptance rate is 100 percent total cost is 13,084 dollars this school is located 26 miles from a nuclear waste

facility," says Radar Magazine.

**Whatabout Penn State Harrisburg?** Senior Jadrian Klinger says it is a good school; there are small class sizes so you get to know your professors and professors know who you are. "The campus is nice and the renovations added make it better", said Klinger.

Freshman Dirk Diggler says he enjoys living on campus and being away from home. "You do not have to spend all day sitting through bullshit classes," said Diggler. "The only thing I wish was on campus is a co-ed hot tub because there is a lot of good-looking women."

He says that he has found the lower the expectation of a school translates into sexier women that are not smart there for easier to convince them to get into a proposed hot tub.

Freshman Mandy Gallo said that the campus is better for commuters because it is not a long distance to drive. The professors are good and willing to work with you and help you out, but she says "there is not a lot that goes on in the campus."

Joseph Matvia, senior says that Penn State Harrisburg has good academics and is well organized. He says the teaching styles are good, "but it couldn't hurt if Penn State Harrisburg was on the list as the worst college it will tell the administration to help us out."

## Legend entertains PSH



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Anyone who missed the guest speaker in the Gallery Lounge on Monday, Oct. 20 missed quite a show. This semester's first Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture Series guest speaker was Grenoldo Frazier, an extremely talented actor and composer. A piano student since age two, Frazier is a very accomplished musician. He started out on Broadway, playing Barnaby Tucker in Pearl Bailey's version of 'Hello Dolly!' in 1975. He went on to help write the music for "Mama, I Want to Sing!", the longest running gospel musical, and had various other Broadway experiences. Frazier also mentioned that he used to baby-sit for a little girl named Alicia Keys. Frazier sat behind the piano in the Gallery Lounge and covered roughly 1,000 years African American music in less than two hours; simultaneously explaining

its impact on other types of music and how it evolved through the ages. He played jazz, early rock and roll, gospel, ragtime, bebop, Motown, blues, double entendre, Broadway music and more. Frazier played an old railroad worker's song from the 1800's and then broke it apart to show the audience how it influenced modern music. "That's how people got stuff done in the old times," said Frazier, on railroad worker songs, "before people had iPods."

Frazier's visit to Penn State Harrisburg was as educational as it was entertaining. He encouraged the audience to go out and listen to as much music as they could, to try to find the specific song or melody or beat that speaks to them on a spiritual level. He explained how all of the genres of music we have today evolved from older styles, and commented about how the next new style is surely just around the corner. "Music is timeless," said Frazier, "It really is."