

OPINION

Taking a stand against hate

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Every hour someone is the victim of a hate crime.

Every day eight blacks, three whites, three gays, three Jews, and one Latino become victims. As you read this, someone could be victimized.

This hate is exactly what MTV is protesting. For 17½ hours, MTV broke away from its regular programming to honor the victims of hate crimes. A red box listed the names of hundreds of victims and ran continuously and without commercial interruptions.

The event was a part of "Fight for Your Rights: Take a Stand Against Discrimination," which was a 1999 Emmy-winning effort, and MTV will now adopt it for the next year.

The "Take a Stand" effort has sparked a new responsibility for MTV. MTV regains some faith from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation who recognizes MTV's efforts, and states MTV "has gotten back on track and taken responsibility for shaping the views of their audience with the new campaign."

Yet, isn't MTV the same network that promotes artists like Eminem, who more than once has commented, vulgarly, on his homophobia.

MTV has primarily been a source for teenagers to pick up the latest fashions, watch their favorite band's video, as the artists do that thing they do

that their fans find so amazing. How far will some fans go in order to become closer to their favorite artists?

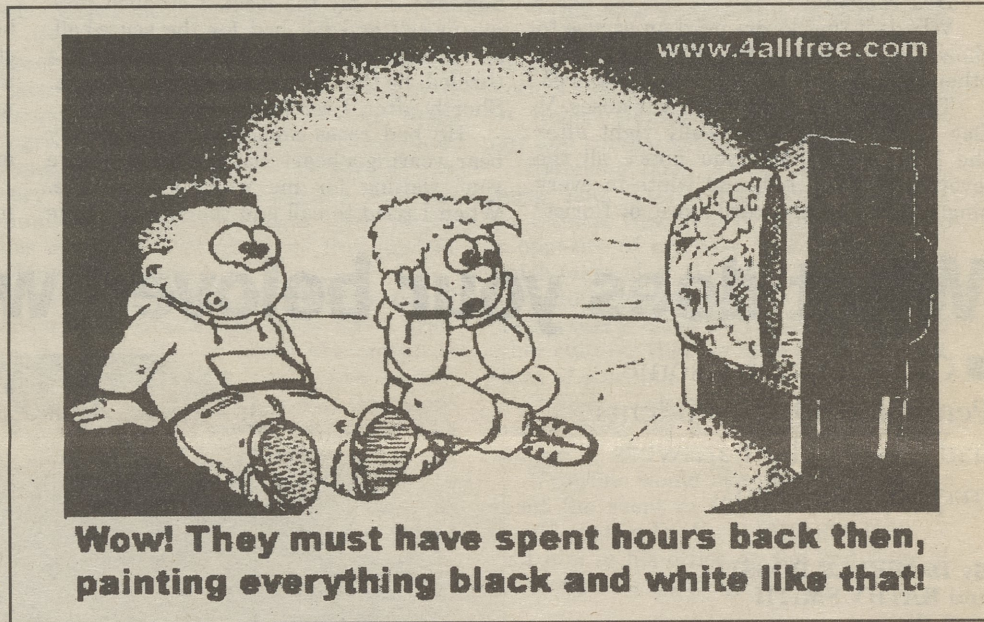
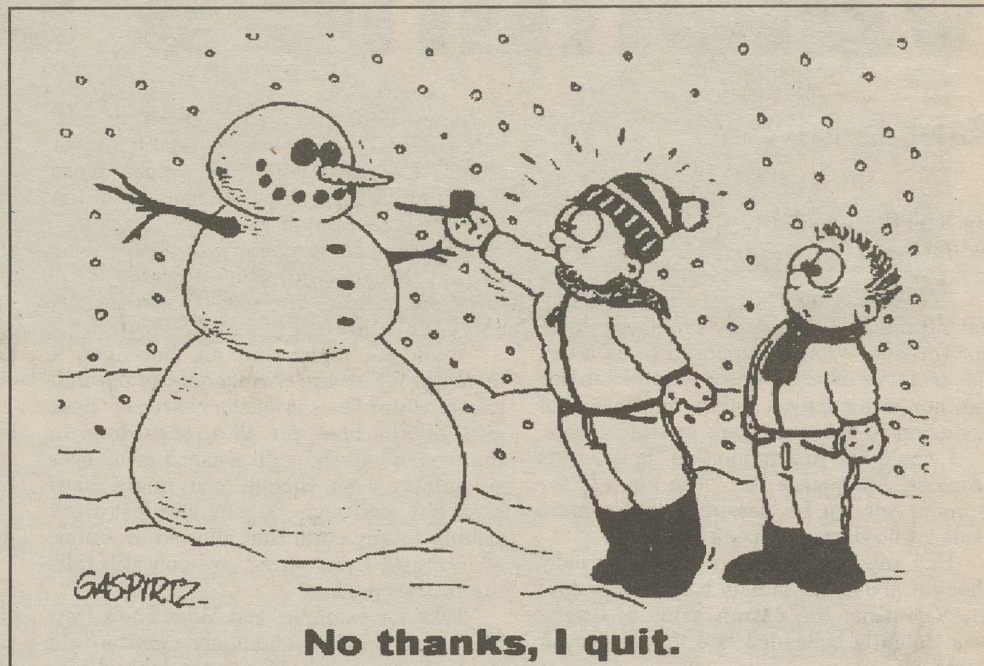
Everyday at three o'clock in the afternoon turn on MTV and you'll see a thousand swarming teenagers screaming, acting like rabid animals, in attempt to be on MTV's Total Request Live. The fans that cannot make it to New York City either place the call or vote online for their favorite video as MTV calculates who is at the top of the charts for the day. For all the interest and time MTV's audience puts into their programming, it's about time they take responsibility for the children they allow to act as complete rejects and culture them on something serious.

A little more than two weeks ago I turned on MTV, to get my afternoon dose of people acting like idiots. Instead what I saw was a red box, containing text on horrible violent acts people committed, for reasons of discrimination against race, sexual preference, or religious beliefs.

I thought this was awesome, for once MTV wasn't glorifying its usual crowd of rejects, but instead MTV made an attempt to educate them on the negative actions people make. This seriousness captivated me for more than two hours, and later inspired me to write this article.

If you have no idea what the "Fight for Your Rights" program is you can log on to www.MTV.com where the program will run all year long.

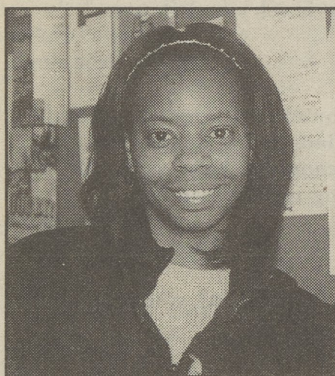
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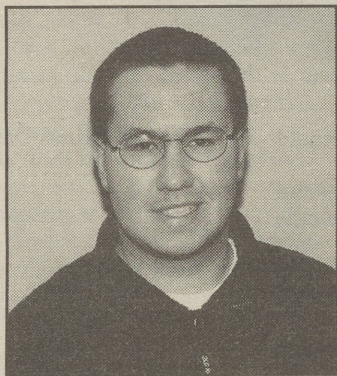
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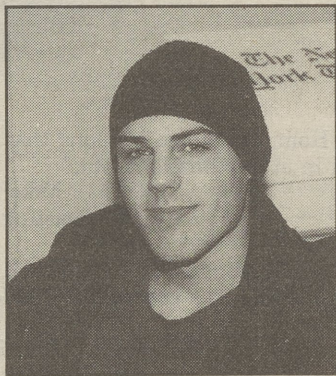
"Book [prices] are extremely too high."
Tennille Williams
HDFS, junior



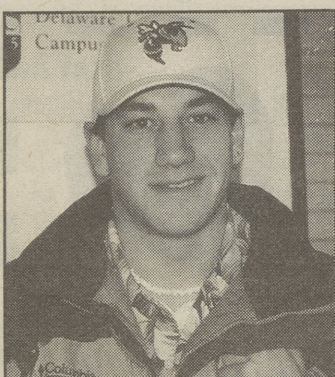
"[The] candy is good; their workers are nice."
Sheree Murphy
HDFS, junior



"I don't think it's their fault. If they bought the books back, they could lower prices."
Jason Sexton
Business, junior



"They could buyused book back more often."
Brian Base
Engineering, sophomore



"They should sell cigarettes, there's no where on campus to get them ... prices suck too."
Jared Lewis
Liberal Arts, freshman



"They're fair, [but] prices need to come down some - that's the main thing."
Faith Barnes
IST, Sophomore



"The service is good, since they get paid by Barnes and Noble."
Faith Santos
English, freshman



"The prices aren't that bad, really. You learn something [from the books] anyway."
Julie Uhlein
Elem. ED, sophomore

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