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BIOSHOCK 2 Review by **SOME GAME OBSESSED-FREAK**

Aloha fellow gamers!

It's your generic source of most things gaming here to spread the word of our favorite underwater sequel Bioshock 2. As anyone who hasn't been living in their mother's basement for the last few years will tell you, Bioshock 1 has redefined FPS's. You play as the prototype Big Daddy, the first one in fact, and you roam rapture harvesting or in this case adopting little sisters. I know what you're thinking; there are no more little sisters left but these are actually captured from the surface. A woman called the Big Sister has put together her own armor similar to those of Big Daddies. Only sleek and much faster with her Adam harvesting needle attached. As I had mentioned, just as other Big Daddies have their own little sisters, you can "adopt" one from another Big Daddy (by killing him of course).

Afterwards, you can roam rapture with her while collecting Adam from dead bodies. But there's a catch, after you kill a certain number of Big Daddies the Big Sister will come after you. And you will have some time to set up traps to defend yourself.

Big Sister...is...tough.



The End of an Era By Darla Vance

The Highlanders have been around for a very long time; they have a long and amazing history that stretches back to 1958. The Hillcrest Highlanders Drum and Bugle Corps is a group of young girls whose main purpose is to come together to have fun, play loud, and entertain a crowd. The corps has had up to over 40 members, and sometimes less than a dozen. For 51 years they have been doing this and having a ball doing it, but it's all coming to an end.

The truth of it is that the Highlanders have been struggling for a couple of years now. For the last four years or so the number of girls has been decreasing steadily to where there are now only seven girls left in the corps. There are many reasons for why this has been happening. Starting about 25 years ago, when my father was in school, the Highlanders started to gain a questionable reputation for unladylike behavior; one that they still have today. Another contributing factor is that the Highlanders don't play actual sheet music. Instead, they play beats and rhythms, and because of this they have been the butt of the Blue Wave Band's jokes for years. "Most of the time we don't care what they think but it can get to you sometimes", said Trinity Ponder Majorette.

Hillcrest
Highlanders,
Darla Vance &
Niccy Loyd @
MSSU Talent
Show, 2009



(End of an Era cont'd)

Along with those issues, the main thing that is diminishing their numbers is the way that their school treats them.

Hillcrest treats the Highlanders with absolutely no respect. Every time we try to recruit new girls someone always has to say something to discourage them, making it to to where they don't want to try out. "It's true" stated Devon Johnson "I almost didn't try out because of the reputation that the Highlanders have."

With all of this weighing down on the girls shoulders they are beginning to feel a lot of pressure and are starting to realize that it is all coming to an end.

At the rate the numbers are dropping and the rate of the criticism is increasing there is a very good chance that this will be the last year for the Hillcrest Highlander all Girl Drum and Bugle Corps. There is a list of all the corps in Springfield that has been disbanded over the last three decades and by this time next year the Highlanders will be joining that list.

Short Story Corner

Once upon a time, a UB student wondered why they even signed up to take Physics. But, they got help from a student-tutor, and raised their grade to a B. The end.

THE DISH ON “DEUTSCH”

By: Justin Dinwiddie

German
Religions

The Religious demographics in Germany include: Christians include 35% Roman Catholic and 36% Protestant, Muslims of 2% and the remaining 25% are not officially affiliated with a religion.

From the past, each village’s ruler would choose a faith for their residents. To this day, the villages still reflect decision.

Today, the southern and western parts of Germany are predominantly Roman Catholic and the northern and eastern parts are mostly Protestant.

Language

Although the official language is German, the other two widely spoken languages are Bavarian and Halle and they write in English.

The German culture is best known for their sausage, beer and white wine.

One of the most famous Great Composers was

Johann Sebastian Bach who was born in Germany on March 21, 1685 and died on July 28, 1750.

Education

Germany has been recognized as having one of the best school systems. Kindergarten “children garden” was first started in Germany.

Sports

Germany’s national sport is soccer.

Boris Becker was the youngest unseeded player to win at Wimbledon and in a number of tournaments. Tennis has grown in popularity in Germany

?Unanswered Questions?



At our October D4C meeting, we asked you to write down questions for all of our presenters. Here are some questions that either didn’t get answered or were asked more than once.

1. Please explain ICE in more depth.



This is an acronym for "In Case of Emergency." It is to be a saved number in a cell phones list of contacts. Emergency personnel are trained to look into a

cell phone (of an injured person) for this as the number and information entered in the phone should be a "contact" person that the owner of the phone wants notified in case that owner is involved in an emergency. Most new phones already have a spot for this in the phone. If not, it is easy to include so it will come up at the first of the contact menu.

2. What do you do if you are alone and attacked at night?

First I would encourage every female student to take a woman's self defense class, similar to the MSU S.H.A.R.P class. (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention). At night, if attacked, you would want to fight off the attacker and run as quickly as possible to a well lit area, to a police department or officer, or someplace where there are a large number of people. The above classes stress how this is to be done. They also list what to observe for so the chances of being attacked are less. A person being attacked should yell and scream (make as much noise as possible). It is a good idea to carry a whistle and begin blowing the whistle... especially into the attacker’s ears.

3. What is an AU scholarship?

An automatic university scholarship is one that you do not have to apply for. The university determines your eligibility based on application date, ACT/SAT score and GPA/ class rank.

Here is a question from Kelli Nicci we thought MIGHT be a typo. “What do you do if a tomato is heading towards you and you are outside without shelter?”

4. Do you need to be an incoming freshman or a senior to start filing for applications of scholarships at colleges you find interesting?

Being a senior or incoming freshman are the same thing. If the student is an incoming freshman (i.e. starting semester is fall 2010), they are still a senior. They just need to make sure that they follow the instructions carefully for each scholarship and meet all deadlines required.

Talent & Technology



By
**Rory M.
Starkey**

If you are one of those creative bugs with talent and a taste for art and design, maybe you should consider graphic design. Graphics is a new phenomenon that is expanding and evolving. Many contemporary careers utilize the specialized skills of graphic in their cooperation and business. Perhaps, one may inquire, "What does it take to be a graphic designer and who would be a good candidate for the job?" There are some good tips in response to such questions.

If one enjoys art and computer technology, they are a ripe candidate for searching the career of a graphic designer. In addition, a person should have a gift of creatively piecing and placing images together. Along with creativity and being artistic, a candidate should possess a virtue of patience. The tasks and process involved can consume a lot of time and personal energy.

Along with personal creativity, employers expect an applicant to have a certificate representing a degree or training from a graphic design program. The degree affirms that one possesses knowledge and skills of the industry. In order to obtain a certificate, one may search for one of the many graphic design schools and colleges across North America, Europe and around the

globe. In regards to what one wants or desires to go, the options are broad in spectrum. There are programs in multimedia, visual communication, advertising, animation, web development, and so on. Within the graphic design network, there are diverse categories. A multimedia program for example may focus more on the television industry. Other programs may focus on print or website development. On many occasions, categories may be integrated for projects.

If one is searching for a particular program, short term certificate programs are a good place to start. A word of caution with a short term certificate, don't expect a "high end" job immediately. As a result of a short term certificate, one should expect an entry level position and progress level by level. Often, these programs are 1 to 2 years. In contrast, longer term programs, for example a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, are often 3 to 4 years. As a result of a one earning a BA degree, chances of obtaining a higher paying job are better.

During or after studies, short and long term programs generally offer a work placement into a related business. The work placement provides an opportunity for work experience which is important in obtaining a first job. In many cases, some students get hired from the place of their work practicum. Some students get real lucky and get hired prior to completing their program. In most situations, the school and local businesses are networked and work with the students for their job placements. When seeking a program, one needs to view the percentage of graduates and their hiring rate. If a low hire rate is visible, it is a reflection of a poor program.

Perceptive students can check out schools and colleges in their area. If a person would rather take a course from home, they could check out [The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division](#), or

[Westwood College online](#). In the near future, our Upward-Bound chapter may have a graphic designer as a special guest. If you would be interested in having such a guest,



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10 Things for High-School Students to Remember



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Paraphrased
by Rory Starkey

1. Take time to think about what you like to do; dream and imagine ideal careers.
2. Challenge yourself in high school, but don't overwhelm yourself.
3. Work, volunteer, or otherwise gain some experience.
4. Get as much education as you can.

5. Talk with as many adults as possible about careers and colleges.
6. Remember that everyone must follow his or her own path in life.
7. People change; don't feel locked into any college or career now.
8. Don't let anyone control your dreams and ambitions.
9. It's never too early or too late to get organized and begin making plans.
10. Never stop learning... read, grow, and expand your mind.



November 30th, is **St. Andrew's Day**. He is the official patron of Scotland, with his own official national day. The town of St. Andrew's is accepted worldwide as the "home of golf". Fore!

Ask April . . .



Welcome! I'm here to give you deep and insightful answers to your academic and study-related questions. And, if I don't know the answer, (which is sometimes the case) I'm not afraid to admit it. For example, I don't know the chemical make up of bleach, but I do know how to find out. (Shout out next month to whoever figures that one out first!)

But don't get the wrong idea. There are lots of things I do know. Today, I'm going to tell you how to take good notes. The key for success in any class is not just to know what the teacher is talking about, but remembering it days or weeks into the future. This means taking lots of readable and relevant notes!

So, do you need to write down everything the teacher says? No, but you do need to listen to it. Notes do not replace going to class. Borrowing notes from someone else may be helpful (if they write/type faster than you do) but only by going to class can you benefit from the explanations, examples, and discussions that take place in class.

Notes should be organized. You can use bullet points, dashes, in-



dentations, arrows, hearts . . . whatever. Bulleting certain points or terms will help you study by attracting your eye to the main topic of a set of notes. I like to underline the main point and use bullets for different ideas beneath that point. However you do it, have a system and stick to it.

Notes should be legible. What's the point if you can't read it? Also, pens works better than pencils. They don't fade and you can use different colors for different days or topics. Date your notes.

Notes can be outlines, summaries, a list of tips for the next test (Don't forget President Birthdays!), teacher vs. textbook definitions, questions. They are whatever you need. Notes are your personal roadmap to preparedness.

When in doubt, write it down.



Be Prepared

A message from
**John Elmore, Greene
 County CERT Director/
 Office of Emergency Man-
 agement**

Thank you for your interest in the Teen Certified Emergency Response Team program. Unfortunately, as of now there is no funding available to help with the program. However we do strive to keep the adult CERT program available to all teens that meet certain requirements. The membership of Greene County CERT shall be volunteers of the community who are over the age of (18) or age (14) if accompanied or appropriate waiver by a parent or legal guardian.

The next class availability will be in January 2010. All classes will be held at the Office of Emergency Management, 833 Boonville and will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30p-

9:30p starting on January 5 and ending on January 28. You may register for the classes by calling 417-869-6040, all classes are free of charge. The class consist of: Disaster Preparedness; Organization; Terrorism; Disaster Psychology; Basic Medical; Fire Suppression; Search and Rescue and a simulated Disaster Exercise.

All students must complete the entire course to receive their certificate of completion. If a particular portion of the class is missed, then the missed portion of the class may be made up at a later CERT class.



http://www.greencountymo.org/web/OEM/current_training.php

Ingredients of a Cell Phone

by
 Miranda Pettit

Have you ever wondered what all goes in to the making of your cell phone?

Well, I'm gonna tell ya!

The circuit board is made up of gold, coltan, zinc, copper, nickel, lead, and other metals.



drawing by J.A.

Coltan comes from Africa, and civil wars have been waged in the Congo over this desirable metal.

Crude oil is combined with natural gas and other chemicals to make the plastic part of a cell phone.

Cell phone batteries are made of nickel, lithium, lead acid, cobalt, zinc, cadmium, and copper.



The liquid crystalline display (LCD) is made of actual liquid crystal and is stuck between layers of glass or plastic, turning opaque when an electric current is passed thru it.

There are other strange, often toxic, chemicals that go into making a cell phone. So, if you only remember one thing, remember this; Do not put a cell phone in your mouth!

**THE
GRAD BOX**



“My advice to freshmen and sophomores is to take as many college course as you can in high school. It will save you time and money.” -Sarah Warner

“There’s not a whole lot new going on, just lots of work and homework. Thus, my being on Facebook (so often))-Brooke Iler

Life is good. I made it into Ford Institute for political science and the Honors Institute for Humanities. College is a blast, but I’m freezing up here!”-Kortney Driver

“Just tell everyone that I am doing great and LOVE college! I am having a ton of fun and we have just taken first in another basketball tournament!”-Jillian Gerkey

“College life is going great, lots of friends that you can lean on and that can support you while you’re having trouble. College is fast pace, and if you can’t keep up with the daily homework, it’s not for you. I plan to move out at the end of the year, once I get promoted at Wonders of Wildlife, and if I can find that one person who can live with me in an apartment until I get done at OTC. And then, I’m going out of state and not coming back. Haha! Have fun and be good everyone.” - Chris Nelson

“College is better than I ever expected it to be. I love all the new experiences, and all the people that I interact with everyday. The drama of high school seems so far in the past now. I am involved in CERT program (Certified Emergency Response Team), and start training in February, and later I’ll be going to Florida for more training (Project Hope). My minor is Comprehensive Crisis Response, and we are planning a trip to a 2-week international negotiation training camp in Macedonia, near Greece. In college, it’s so easy to get involved in things that interest you, and that give you a chance to make a difference in the world. College is a whole new world, and one in which it is fun to navigate. College rocks out loud!”-Melissa Searl

“I am just happy that the program is still going on.”-Abi Oudin

(Well, of course it is, Abi! We might invite some of our past graduates to upcoming D4Cs, and I already have volunteers. UB’ers are like that, don’t you know.)

Opinion Column:

“I Don’t Like Artichoke”

by **Billy Schroeder**



C’mon, no one really likes artichoke.

Sure, they might like foods with artichoke in it. For example, artichoke dip, with the artichoke finely minced, drowning in cream cheese. But that doesn’t count, does it? Most people probably thought those green flecks in the dip were spinach.

And what about stuffed artichokes? That’s just a neatly-shaped bowl that you put more pleasant tasting things into. Maybe later it’s used as an ashtray, or a place to stash crumpled dinner mint wrappers. Honestly, who’s eating the bowl? Nobody.

You might gag down a sliver of artichoke that’s tainting your, otherwise, yummy portabello and artichoke pasta. But, you didn’t really want to, and you only did so under duress, because it took Mom an hour to make, and she wouldn’t stop staring at you during dinner, desperate for you to tell her it was the best thing you’ve ever tasted.

Have you ever pushed artichoke into the corners of your plate, rearranging it to look like you’ve eaten some? Don’t answer. It’s rhetorical.

Artichoke italiano limoncello? This was reported to be Mussolini’s favorite, and that didn’t work out too well for the Albanians, did it?

How do you make a fork resent you? Use it in on artichoke.

Baked, boiled, fried, sautéed, or fondued, not even barbecue could make artichoke palatable. And that’s saying something, because I’d eat a lamp if it was barbecued.



Ever read the Dr. Seuss classic Green Eggs & Ham? He meant it as a metaphor for artichoke. True story.

Dieticians claim the artichoke has 16 essential nutrients. Artichokes are “nutrient dense”, they say. “Detoxify your liver, freshen your breath, be more popular, with artichoke, the miracle food,” they brag, on and on and on. Broccoli was once advertised the same way. Well, people started to riot. Some farmers left town. Several cows became confused. I think you get the point.

Artichoke is also believed to be a powerful diuretic. This, I believe, for as sure as the wind blows and the sun shines, artichoke does make me want to run to the bathroom; to gag.

On the other hand, I do like asparagus.

Cracker Barrel Bound

What's so great about the Cracker Barrel? Is it a mystery, kind of like why does Porky Pig wear only a vest, and was Son of Mask really necessary?

Whatever it is, maybe it's time we went public with our love for the Cracker Barrel. After all, we seem to go there quite often. The Irregular asked several Upward Bounders what it is they like about The Cracker Barrel.

"The food just appears, and it's real food, not processed."-Grant Mroz

"The store, of course! They have so many things that you just can't buy at other places. Like, Razzles. Razzles are my favorite candy, and Cracker Barrel always has them in stock!"-Cassie Walters

"The catfish is the bomb, and I love the gift store."-Caitlyn Mizell-Shultz

"The staff is friendly and pleasant, and the food is great!" -Dianna Ruedlinger

"The fact that it is a store AND a restaurant." -Tyler Bueno

"It feels like a hometown corner diner, with all your friends present."- Mia Searl

"It's just fun to go!"-Jessica Sharp

"The hashbrown casserole thingy."-Susan Koepke

"Duh! The checkers they let you play before you get your seat. Oh, and the candy."-Alysia Chenault

"Being together with you guys. I miss you people!"-Adrienne Stockwell

"The food."-Rose Stockwell

"I just love the outstanding, delicious, cold root-beer."-Josh Radosavlevici

"I've never been to Cracker Barrel."-Bethany Hicks

"It's got a good Grandma feel about it."-Ms. Lord

And there you have it. Real answers from Real Upward Bounders.



**There's No
Business Like
Bueno Business**



The Irregular brings you brief blurbs from busy, Broadway-bound, Tyler Bueno, who perfectly played the perpetually pleasant pachyderm, Horton, in the Hillcrest high school production of *Seussical the Musical*.

How many weeks did you practice for this play?

"We started practicing the last week of September, and continued up until the start of the first show."

Did you forget any lines during the performance?

"Nope. I had to sing a lot, and actually, singing lines are even easier to remember."

What was your favorite song in show?

"Alone in the Universe; the song I sing to the clover. The lyrics have good meaning."

What was the hardest part to learn?

"I couldn't use my normal voice, so, I had to learn a new one. It was hard not to just use my choir voice, but I wanted to use something different, something distinctive."

What was your favorite moment?

"When the egg hatches, and the elephant bird pops out. And, I like the duet I sing with Gertrude McFuzz."

Did you learn anything new?

"Yeah, the director of play let me direct some myself. I liked it."

What motivates you?

"Getting experience, supporting our school, and encouraging others to try-out. I'm just a regular guy!"

(Bueno Business Cont'd)

What's your favorite story by Dr. Seuss?

"I like *Horton Hears a Who*, but my favorite is probably *The Cat in the Hat*."

What is your 3 favorite musicals?

"*Guys & Dolls*, *Seussical the Musical*, and

The Newsies."

What's next for Bueno?

"Check, Please. Take 3. I've been in 1 & 2, and I've played a

straight guy, a gay guy, and a polygamist. This time, I want to play the movie announcer with a deep voice."



Knock, Knock! Who's There? Summer Who! Summer Who Who? The Summer Who Mini-Interview!

Hillcrest's Summer Marsh played a Who, a fish, and a Hunch, in *Suessical the Musical*. She did an outstanding job, and she had this to say:



"This was my first play as a highschooler, and I was very nervous that I wouldn't make it. I was so excited, when I got the part. The people I've met have become close friends, and I'm happy to be a part of the drama family at Hillcrest high school. It was so much fun to act like someone I'm not, but I still got to put a little of me into the characters. It was a great experience and I can't wait to do it again!"