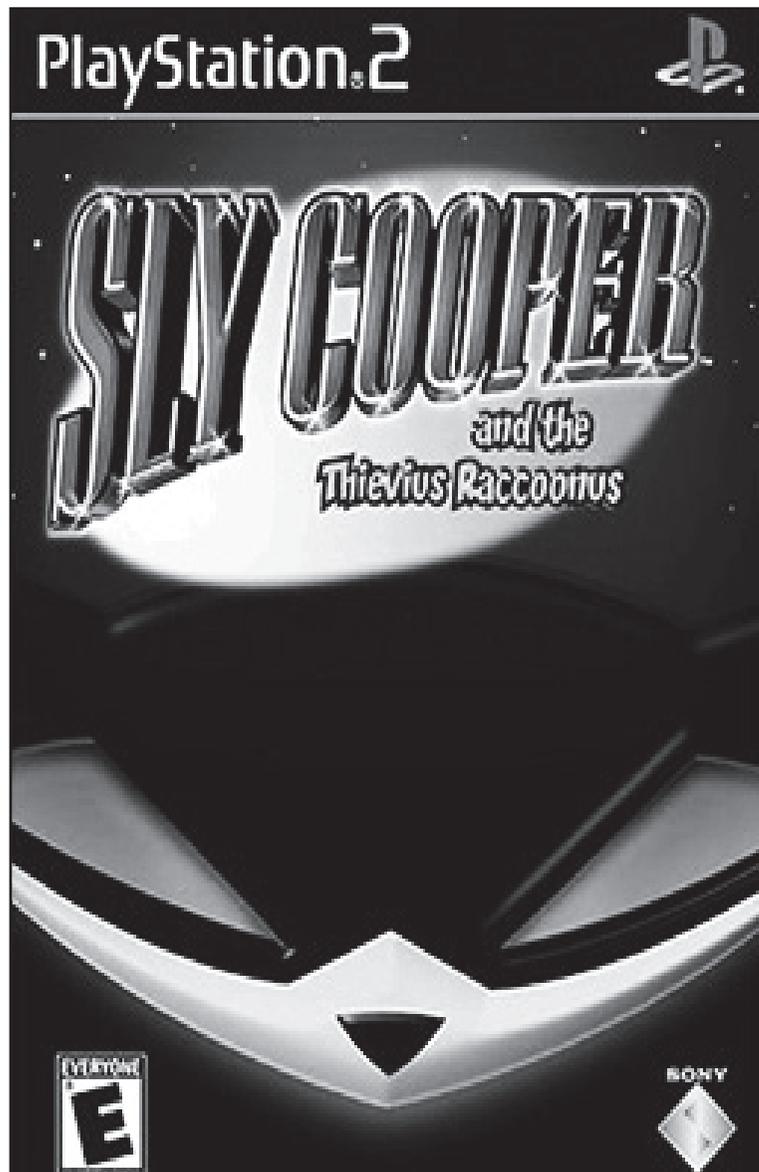


Sly Cooper and the Thievius Raccoonus:

Raiders of the Lost Book steal new gaming generation



Sly Cooper Pimp canes and stealth.

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Sly Cooper -- another candidate for the spot of Playstation mascot. Created by Sucker Punch Productions, Sly Cooper and the Thievius Raccoonus was created for the Playstation 2. That title almost sounds like an Indiana Jones movie, but it's not. The game is a platformer game about a raccoon master thief named Sly Cooper and his partners Bentley and Murray trying to steal the Thievius Raccoonus (a book of techniques from the raccoon generation) back from a band of thieves. To get it, he has to go through levels.

On the journey, Cooper and his partners will have to escape being ambushed by Inspector Carmelita Fox, who Sly has a slight crush on. (Cue the fanfics...)

One of the things I like about Sly Cooper is that it isn't a first-person-shooter (because I don't like those types of games. It's repeated every year. *cough

cough Call of Duty *cough cough*) Plus, the graphics are interesting.

What I don't like about it is that you can get hit once. Make your steps count. You can never be too careful, but trust me, I got many deaths thanks to the one hit kill gameplay.

Also, Sly's voice actor should be more expressive. He acts as if he's

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animatronic most of the time, and it bugs me that it's like that.

Players cannot skip the tutorial because unlike New Super Mario Bros Wii, this game isn't beginner friendly. The levels aren't repetitive, but they can get extremely difficult, especially in

the first 10 minutes.

You can purchase the game on Amazon.com or on the PlayStation3 with the HD collection. I give this game a 9.8/10. If it didn't have the one hit kill, the score would've been higher. Overall, this game is worth playing.

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Kesha's *Rainbow* album: A return to life and color

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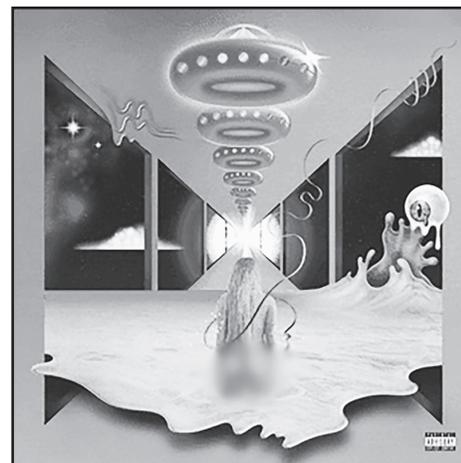
Artist Kesha released her album *Rainbow* Aug. 11 after almost five years of silence. The album was already popular before its release because of sympathy for the 30-year old singer/songwriter as she struggled through legal battles with producer Dr. Luke and a personal struggle with an eating disorder.

Kesha's song "Praying" gave hope to all as she poured her heart into telling her story through song. The song's powerful lyrics are uplifting and strong, giving Kesha a triumphant return to the world of music after a long absence.

Rainbow is true to Kesha's original style

of music because of the bouncy melodies and fun vibes, like "TiK ToK", but it also takes a more mature side as she composes serious songs, showcasing how she as a person grew and matured through her heartache. A few lines in the title track demonstrate these powerful lyrics as Kesha sings, "I used to live in the darkness/ dress in black, act so heartless, but now I see that colors are everything." *Rainbow* is all about Kesha's return to light, life and color. "But I'm falling right back in love with being alive/ dreaming in light, light, lights."

The album is not just for those like Kesha who have gone through a traumatizing experience, but for anyone who has gone through trying times. The beauty of the album is how everyone can interpret each song in his or her own way.



To listen to "Praying" from Kesha's *Rainbow* album, visit the school paper's website at www.ldhsswordandshield.com.

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