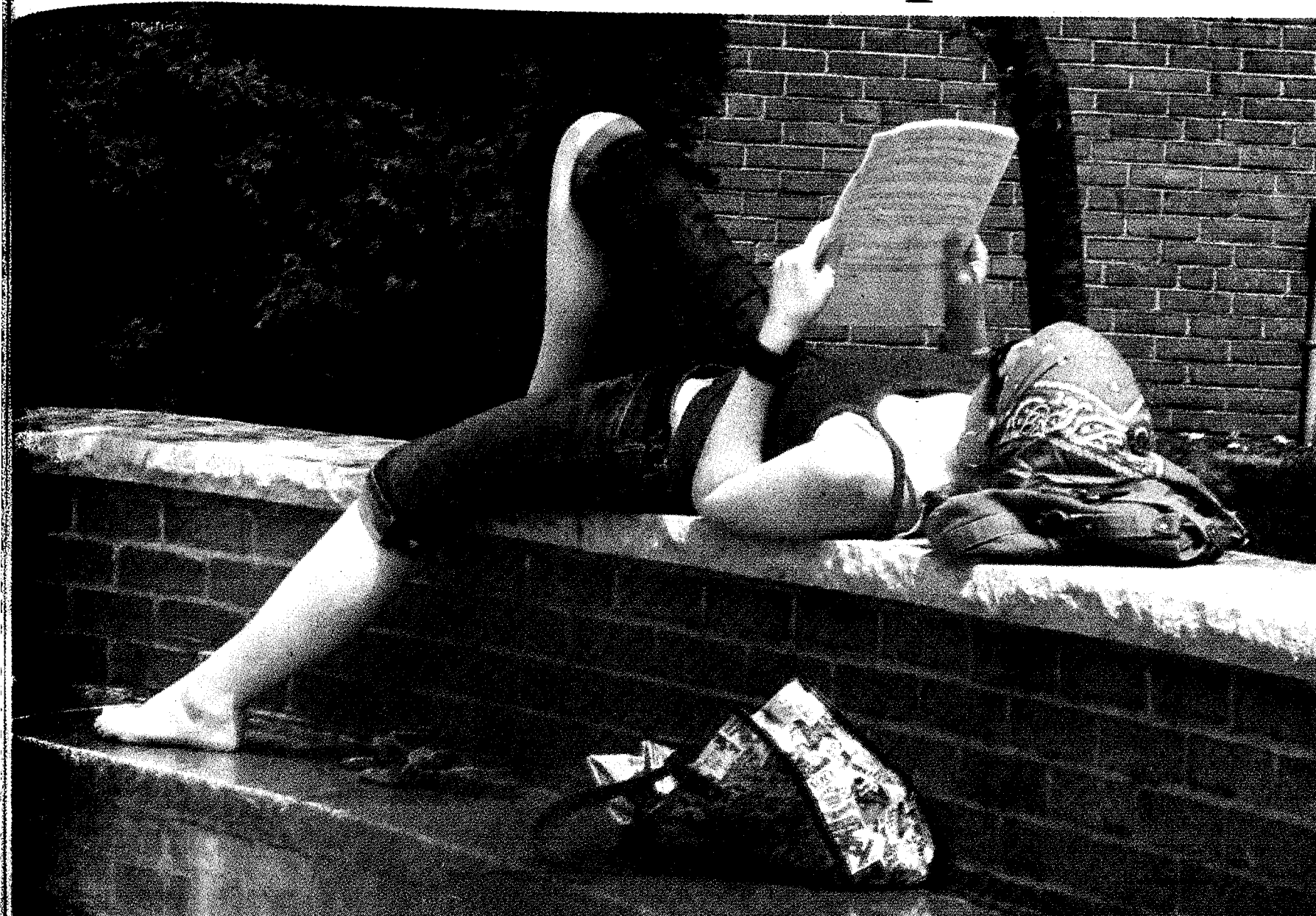


# The Bottom Line

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## End of Semester Preparations



TIME IS WINDING DOWN for the semester and students are getting more and more stressed as we look to finals week. With the nice weather, some students find places outside on campus to catch some rays of sunshine and study for those dreaded exams. As the semester ends, students should remember to get ample amounts of sleep, eat three good meals a day, study at a steady pace, and try to relax as much as possible. Once the semester is over we can look to summer to find peace and serenity in our everyday lives not worrying about that paper due in six hours.

### Shedding Some Light on the Subject is Becoming More Costly

#### Frostburg Utility Prices to Rise in the Near Future

BENJAMIN CHRISTENSEN  
News Editor

Next year, turn off the faucet and the lights. Water and electricity are becoming more expensive in the Frostburg region and the effects are likely going to be felt by University students living off campus.

Following disputes between Allegany County and the City of Frostburg, the Maryland Public Service Commission laid down a decision to lower water rates for out of town customers by almost two dollars per thousand gallons. Those who live in the area surrounding Frostburg, who purchase water from the municipal board of Frostburg, began disputing pricing, leading to the PSC's involvement.

In order to make up for the lost revenue, the city has been forced to raise the cost of water for out-of-town consumers in order to cover the costs of providing water to all of its customers, according to Lois Deasy, Leadership Team member of the University Neighbors, a Frostburg housing association, in a letter to *The Bottom Line*.

"They restructured the way you pay completely," said Deasy. "It's a complicated situation, but it's becoming commonplace."

Frostburg residents are expected to pay more for water in the upcoming quarter, as rates have raised almost a dollar per thousand gallons in the lower bracket of consumption, and over 5 dollars per thousand gallons in the higher brackets. Sewer usage rates have also increased.

Frostburg water is not the only utility anticipating an increase in rates. Allegheny Power, the electric provider for the city of Frostburg and the surrounding areas, is considering a rate increase in the near future. This increase is expected following the December 31st, 2008 expiration of a rate cap that has been in affect for five years; a jump estimated at around 72 percent.

In order to counteract this sizeable jump in rates following the rate cap expiration, Allegheny Power is proposing smaller, 15 percent, increases this year and again in 2008. This is being proposed to reduce the shock of a very dramatic increase in electricity prices, which currently stand at 4.065 cents per kilowatt hour.

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## World Café Proposes a More Unified Frostburg

ALLY PURCELL  
Staff Writer

With the end of a great year approaching, new ideas, new goals and new actions are taking place in our little old town, Frostburg. On Wednesday May 2, 2007, a "community conversation" was held directly relating to the World Café which took place this past March, where over 100 community members, students, staff and faculty assembled, bringing together their image of an ideal Frostburg.

With the first World Café gathering, participants were given the chance to share, listen and create new ideas for Frostburg as a community and Frostburg State University. Diverse perspectives, between different people were combined in hopes to create a new kind of relationship between those who are part of the community of Frostburg and those who are part of Frostburg through the

university.

The most recent café gathering, held last week, was the second step in creating and forming those relationships many hoped to develop. The event was sponsored by FSU Office of Student and Community Involvement, FSU Student Government Association, FSU Division of Student and Educational Services and the Inclusive Communities Citizens Group.

New topics were discussed on how to further develop relationships to become one unified community and what steps could be taken to strengthen Frostburg's community as a whole.

Communications teacher and coordinator of the Leadership Studies minor, Ruth Wallinger stated, "I think the World Café is great idea. The process however is just as important as the product. The idea of bringing people together is great; I have high hopes that steps will be

taken to create an overall product."

Positive and effective thoughts were designed at the 'community café' combining community and university members. Some ideas included a kid's day held on Frostburg State University campus; a day entirely dedicated to the kids of the community where volunteers, organizations and university members could take the chance to bond and further enhance a relationship with community members. Another significant idea brought to mind, was the idea of decorating the area of Frostburg during a particular holiday, such as Christmas. It was suggested that Frostburg students, organizations, faculty and staff work alongside community companies, organizations and residents to decorate the town of Frostburg and even create some sort of profit from showing off the town.

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## The Sins of Our Fathers

Discussing the Untapped Potential of *The Bottom Line*

"The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself."

-Ezekiel 18:20

#### To the campus:

The other day I had a peek at the graduation program for 2007 and was amused by the section detailing the merit tassels that adorn each student's graduation regalia (different colors and combinations of color designating a student's major and the organizations to which the student belonged). All the big organizations are represented—Black Student

Alliance, Student Government Association, several honor societies, etc.; all except *The Bottom Line*, that is.

The staff is rolling over this semester. We have a number of editors and columnists, including myself, that will be graduating, leaving the paper in the capable hands of our successors. We are student leaders in our own right, working hard every week to produce a publication representative of FSU, so why are we not recognized and decorated for our efforts?

Because *TBL* has been marginalized by the campus for the past decade.

Briefly, let me explain. Ten years ago, the newspaper was integrated into News and Media at FSU. There was a racially charged editorial published by the then editor and, in the

aftermath, the paper's paid advisor was fired and *TBL* was deemed entirely independent of the university by our former president, Dr. Gira.

The only faculty member that had the guts to take the advisor position (and who remains our advisor today) was Professor of Sculpture Dustin Davis. He has done what he can for us, especially in times of crisis. But, when it comes down to it, Dustin is a professor of art, not journalism, and he is consumed with his responsibilities in his own department.

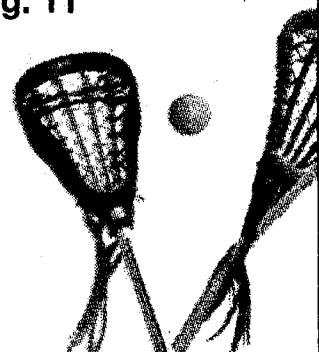
I've been with *TBL* for over three years now. During that time, editor after editor, including myself, has begged and pleaded for more academic support from the administration and the faculty, to no avail.

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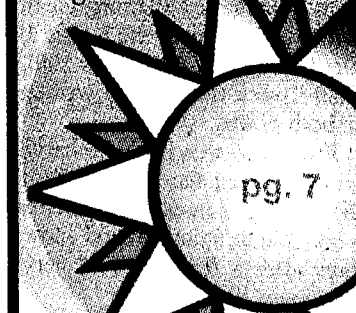
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## FSU Foundation Receives \$600,000 Donation from Ralph and Martha Race Estate

Press Release

The Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc., is the beneficiary of a gift of more than \$600,000, the second-largest single cash gift ever given to the University, from the estate of Frostburg residents and long-time champions of the University, Ralph and Martha Race.

The Ralph and Martha Race charitable remainder trust gift will benefit endowments for western history education students and a lecture series. "Ralph was one of the longest-serving members of the FSU Foundation and its first named Pinnacle Award recipient. He led by example and assisted the development effort in many ways," said Jack Aylor, director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. "He was able to use a charitable remainder trust arrangement during his lifetime and benefited future generations by naming the FSU Foundation as a beneficiary."

Ralph Race died in 2006. His wife passed away in 2000. The Races were both actively involved in Frostburg State University. Their connection to Frostburg State goes back to the beginning of their courtship, at a dance held in Old Main, Ralph Race said in an interview in 2001.

It was in 2001 that Ralph Race decided to honor his wife with a scholarship for the study of history, something they both held a keen interest in.

"History, as it has been carried down to us, is fascinating. There's no fiction that can touch it," Race said. The majority of the Races' donation will go toward scholarships and will provide awards to junior, senior or graduate students in the FSU College of Education.

"It is appropriate in light of their own long history with Frostburg State University that the Races' donation will benefit students of history," said FSU

President Jonathan Gibraltar. "The perspective gained by the study of the past adds a vital component to any educational experience."

Ralph Race took an active role with a group of city leaders who helped Frostburg State President Lillian Compton rescue the college from closure in the 1940s. He joined the FSU Foundation in 1976 and two years later became treasurer, a post he would hold for 12 years.

Ralph Race was president and chairman of the board of Fidelity Bank. His community commitments were countless, including a 73-year affiliation with the Rotary Club and many City of Frostburg and local civic committees.

Martha Race was deeply involved in community activities as well, including the drive to build a new library in downtown Frostburg.

"Ralph and Martha were mainstream supporters of Frostburg State University for many years," Aylor said. "Ralph was responsible for generating many of the FSU Foundation's scholarship endowments from alumni, friends and organizations. The legacy of the Race family name will continue in perpetuity with Frostburg State University."

The FSU Foundation is having a record-setting year for gifts in support of Frostburg State University with over \$2.3 million in gifts and pledge including \$200,000 to the FSUF Annual Fund.

"Planned gift and deferred gift programs provide attractive methods for individuals to make a significant and lasting impact on university programs," noted Aylor.

The FSUF manages assets exceeding \$14 million, providing over \$2 million of annual support for FSU students and programs. For more information contact the FSU Foundation at 301-687-4200 or via the web at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/).



photo from: FSU Website

**ROMANCE** Ralph Race is pictured in this photo in front of Old Main, where he and his wife, Martha, shown in inset, had their first date.

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All the ideas that were stormed, picked at and proposed came from those who honestly for a change or difference in the relationship between those in the community and those who simply the University. With the closing the "community conversation" of Frostburg State University's own students offered to take the next step," as it was called, by the ideas brought up and put them to action.

Laura Bowling, one of the coordinators said, "It was most definitely a success, we hope a committee will be created and changes occur that all will benefit from."

With an event such as the Café involving community members and university members, a understanding has been formed, successes from these past years have given many a new outlook on the little old town many of us call home.

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However, this increase will affect many of FSU students off campus, who will graduate this semester or next Fall or Spring. An option available to avoid the posal of the gradual increases in Public Service Commission is "opt-out" plan being offered Allegheny Power for those planning on not staying in the area by 2009. If the gradual rate increase approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission, customers expected to be allowed 20 days opt out of the increases.

"Realistically, unless you are planning on still being in Frostburg beyond January 1st, 2009, there is benefit in choosing to pay the 15 percent increases now and you should definitely choose to 'opt out' if Deasy. "Why pay more than you have to?"

Overall, renters are expected to see their costs rise, either in their monthly bills or in their overall rent. Utility prices are on the rise; and students are being caught up in the middle of it.

## 2006 - 2007 School Year, At a Glance

**MARIEL SIRNI**  
Staff Writer

The 2006-2007 school year has been an extremely eventful one for Frostburg. We have had many exciting things happen as well as some tragedies.

Frostburg changed administration this year, with the inauguration of a new president, Dr. Gibraltar. After some miscommunications with the students, he decided to have an open forum for students to express their opinions and for him to explain his actions and clear up rumors. There was a large turnout, and more open forums followed the first. Dr. Gibraltar had his inauguration on April 18th, a very exciting event for the university.

In September, there was an altercation between a Frostburg student and a local member of the community. The fight caused the man to be in critical care. Frostburg students had a Walk for Civility and a large number of students came, including several members of Greek organizations.

In October, Frostburg dealt with vandalism in the Lewis J. Ort library and Annapolis Hall. There were racial slurs written in both places.

Frostburg was hit by a harsh winter during the beginning of the spring semester. Students were able to enjoy several snow days after a few years of very little snow.

There has been much talk this year about several big changes for the university. Housing for Greeks has been discussed, and this may take place in coming years. There has also been talk about tearing down Tawes Hall and building a new building as well as expanding and improving the Lane Center. There has also been discussion of renovating or rebuilding several dorm buildings. There has also been talk of a name change to UMD at Frostburg.

The entire nation was struck on April 16, 2007 by the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Due to our close proximity, many of our students really felt the effects of this event. In order to remember those killed or injured in the incident, Jeremy Malnar had the idea to hold a vigil. Delta Chi and Student and Educational Services, with the help of Greek advisor Bethany Plummer hosted a Candlelight Vigil. Approximately 300 students attended to show their support for VT.

Frostburg once again hosted Relay for Life Friday, April 27th. There was a great turnout this year, and once again many organizations participated.

This year has been a transition year. We are getting used to our new president, and getting ready for all of the changes that will take place soon. We've been faced with tragedy, but we've also had some great things happen this year and Frostburg is doing better than ever.

## A Spicy Ending for Spring '07

**ELIZABETH BRATHWAITE**  
Staff Writer

If you live in Allen, Simpson, or Frost Hall you were probably woken up by music and the sounds of work going on in the Upper Quad on Saturday morning. Those were the sounds of Spring Fest 2007 getting underway.

With sponsorship from Edgewood, Aramark, SGA, Gianni's Pizza & Wings, and others, the day was a big success. Both students and people from the Frostburg community enjoyed the live music, raffles with door prizes, moon bounce games, a dunking booth, just to name a few of the attractions.

The musical performers included a group of FSU students that call themselves Key of Funk, Can't Hang, and Scratch Track from Kansas City, Missouri. All of

the acts were enthusiastic about being at FSU and made the day really enjoyable for all.

Food was donated to the event by Aramark, and was not only good, but it also fit the other criteria that every college student loves to hear: free. Guests enjoyed the funnel cakes, barbeque chicken, and slushies. Pi Lambda Phi also hosted a chili cook-off and beer garden for those registered ahead of time.

With the exception of the dunking booth, the whole event was free of charge. The dunking both cost a \$1.00 for 3 throws, and the profits went toward the Alumni Scholarship Foundation. The dunkers included Dr. Gibraltar and other members of the FSU faculty.

While Student Activities Director Tammy Wiley's goal of Spring Fest being a "day of fun" was reached, there were a few minor things that brought the mood

down a little bit. Once people really started arriving, the lines-especially for the food-were comparable in length and wait time to the lines for amusement park roller coasters. Some students did shy away from some things simply because the lines were long.

Then, around 3:30 or so, it started to rain. The temperature dropped and the sun got dark and dreary, making some students decide to cut the day short. Fortunately, most decided to just break out their jackets and umbrellas and go right on having a good time.

So, whether you showed up with your friends, you significant other, or your family, Spring Fest 2007 was an event with something for everyone. It wasn't the prettiest of days, but with less than 2 weeks until final exams, Spring Fest served as an excellent way for FSU students to get their side and have a little fun.

The Bottom Line Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

We'll See everyone next semester



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We are burdened by the memory of an offending regime long gone. Many of the faculty, staff and administration, hold a grudge against *TBL* apparently unaware that the staff tends to roll over every couple years. The staff and the publication is not nearly the same as it was two years ago, to mention ten. How is it possible to remain contemptuous of a publication when it is reborn every two years?

This consensus of contempt has created an environment where it is easy for professors to publicly bash the newspaper in their classrooms. Every week I have someone come into the office and tell me about the latest smear from the mouth of a faculty member. Would it be acceptable if other student organizations were bashed in this manner? Tri Beta? The Sierra Student Coalition? The Black Student Alliance?

I hope these professors feel big and important as they preen in front of their class, ridiculing the independent efforts of the students they teach. They aim to prepare us for the real world, and yet ignore the fact that employers want to see portfolios articles, photographs, graphics and other media in print, not a double-spaced Word printout on a matted black and white of a tree stump or a Photoshopped proof of an imaginary *Time* cover. That "93" circled in red ink won't make a damn bit of difference in the publishing world, and neither will your GPA, for that matter. It all comes down to proof of ability sans academic credit.

The funny thing is, when we take copies of *TBL* to national journalism conventions, we are consistently praised for our work, and the criticism we receive is constructive. The advisor we talked to even requested a number of copies of

*TBL* for ideas for her own staff. Amanda Baldwin, our hated sex columnist, has been selected by *ELLE* magazine columnist E. Jean Carroll as one of the 40 top sex columnists in the country and has been featured on Carroll's website.

We have three departments that should be intimately involved with the production of *TBL*: Art, Mass Comm, and English. One or two credit classes could be offered for students in each department for different positions (much like Bittersweet). Graphic design and photography majors could build their skills with publishing software and actually have some production pieces in their portfolio. Mass communications majors could record news shorts—audio and video podcasts—for *TBL*'s website, conducting interviews and filming events on campus. It should be obvious how the English department is tied; we have a brand new journalism minor and the student newspaper has nothing to do with it. Sad.

However, I am hopeful for *TBL*'s future. Dr. Gibraltar has expressed a desire to build upon our existing communication programs, and I hope he will consider appointing a new manager of publications on campus, who would oversee and advise the production of *TBL*, *Bittersweet* and the rebirth of our yearbook (which was spearheaded by our Managing Editor, Erin Miller).

*TBL*'s potential is largely untapped. We have done what we could over the past year to raise the bar, but it cannot be lifted any further without more support from the university. FSU is at a crossroads. How much longer will *TBL* pay for the sins of its predecessors?

Thanks for your ear, FSU. Here's to the future.

Regards,

Jeremy Bruno  
Editor-in-Chief

# Q.U.E.S.T.

A Choose-Your-Own Adventure Starring Alan Carey and Jared Miller

## Chapter the Final: Finale

The readers had spoken. Alan and Jared were going to find the illustrious J.D. Power and stop him from extracting his revenge upon Jeremy Bruno for giving them the column that you, dear reader, have been so faithfully following since its inception. If they moved quickly, they could defeat Power before his plan had a chance to unfold.

They ran back through the woods and found the train tracks that led between Frostburg and Cumberland. Luckily, a train was passing by. "Which way is Power's hideout?" Jared asked.

Alan looked at the train. "This way." He reached out with his left hand and grabbed onto Jared's arm, holding the crowbar out with his right. It caught the handle of one of the cars on the train, and our heroes were swept off their feet as if Hermes himself had loaned them his sandals. Let me tell you, dear reader, if it was quite impressive. The camera lingered on the spot they just left and darkened for a scene change.

"Nice transition," Jared commented as they sat safely (albeit inexplicably) inside a boxcar. So where is J.D. Power's alleged lair anyway?

"We're in it. Fatal said it was on the 7:15 to Frostburg," Alan said smugly.

Before Jared could respond, there was a sudden loud noise that drowned out the sound of the train.

Knowing absolutely nothing of neither train functioning nor maintenance, Alan and Jared left to see what the problem was. Fully aware that it was a bad idea, they hopped from car to car until they reached the car from where the abominable clamor was emanating and dropped down through a hatch in the roof.

They had found J.D. Power. He was rattling around in a boxcar.

"Well, well, well," said J.D. Power, stealing Jared and Alan's catch phrase. "Jared and Alan. Nice of you to drop in." He turned to face them and Jared and Alan were finally able to look at the man who had been causing them strife since this article started. "You are in possession of an artifact that is of great value to me. Jeremy Bruno gave it to you before you left."

Jared checked his pants of holding. Indeed, he found the scorched envelope passed on to them by Jeremy Bruno. "Yes," said Jared. "Go ahead, take it. We never opened it anyway."

"Fools!" exclaimed J.D. Power. "It is now I who will be the ultimate quester!" He proceeded to open the envelope. A bright white light shone from within. "This lets the narration follow me!"

J.D. Power left the boxcar and pulled the lever that holding it to the train. Chuckling to himself, he climbed back up the ladder onto the top of a railcar containing hot molten sulfur. He gasped, shocked, when he saw Alan and Jared waiting for him. "How did you do that?" he demanded.

"You looked away," Jared pointed out. "Now we can do things that make little to no sense, like your associates."

Alan and Jared took defensive positions. When J.D. Power pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, he could tell through the power of omniscience that Alan and Jared had peed themselves in unison. "Whoa, calm down," Jared said quickly. "You're going to shoot us? Look, we really don't need to be in your story all that badly."

"Alan said take it!" Alan shouted, having trouble with the narration switch. Power raised the shotgun, planning to shoot him right betwixt the eyes.

The train suddenly lurched and Power, caught off balance, tripped and

fell, shooting his gun into the tank of sulfur. He was engulfed in hot, stinky steam. Bolts began to pop out as the pressure escaped and the car became unstable. "Power!" Jared shouted. "This thing's gonna blow! We need to jump!"

"What the hell are you doing? Let him die!" Alan shouted. "He wants to kill the chieftain!"

"I suppose we could..."

"Um, Jared? What's that?"

Jared put his hands to his mouth. "By Zeus, what is that?!"

Power only had enough time to hear Alan and Jared scream before the contents of the railcar shifted dramatically. Power knew too late that the narration was not in his favor.

When they arrived back on campus, Alan and Jared raced to the office of The Bottom Line and rushed inside to see if the Chieftain was alive.

Alas, they were too late. Fatal Attraction stood over a mortally wounded Jeremy Bruno. "Guys," he coughed weakly. "I tried to warn you...that around here...questing usually ends somewhat...tragi...cal...ly..."

Alan and Jared had lost him. Jared shook his head in disbelief. "Is this because of Alan? Did he break your heart or something?"

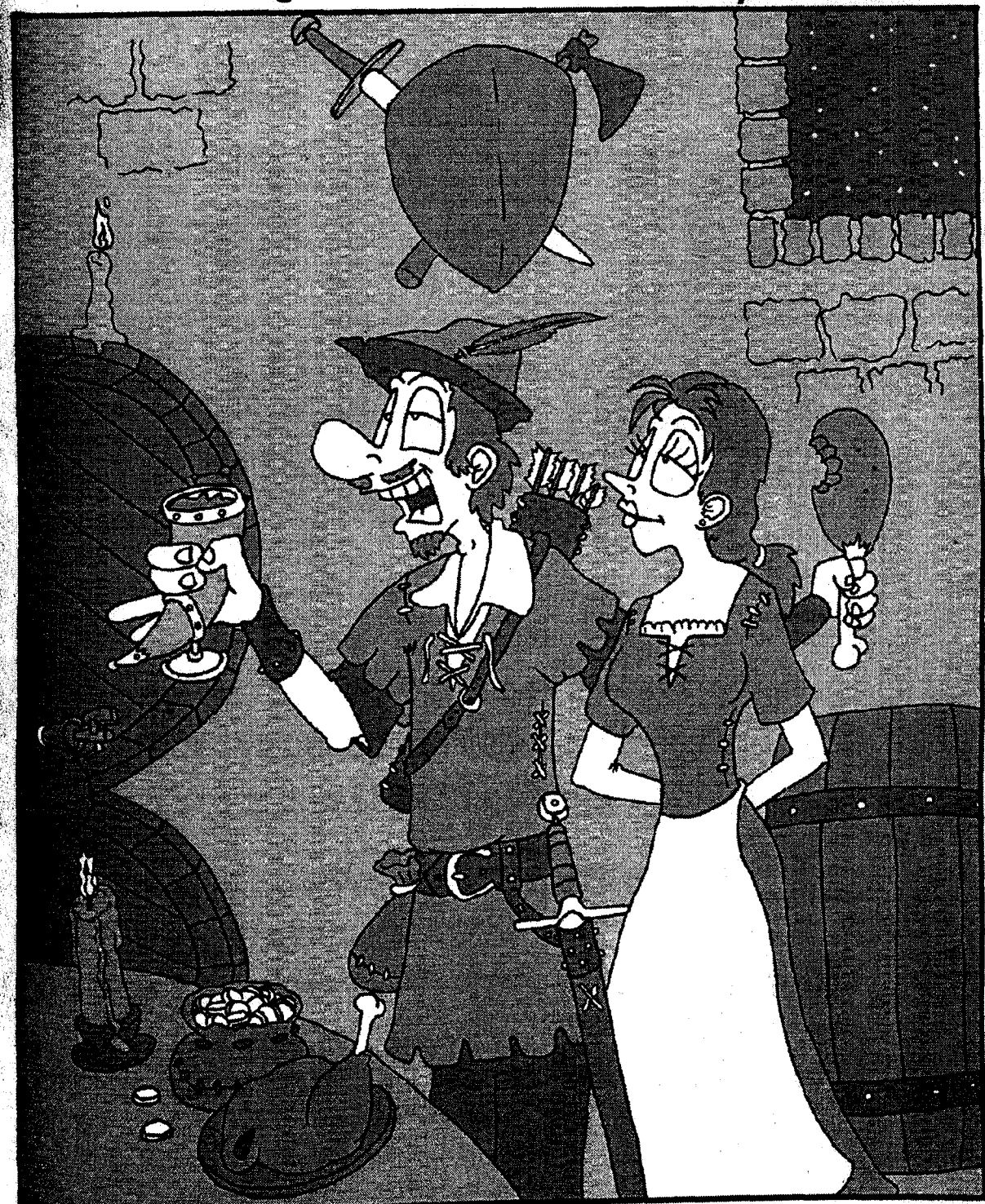
"He did," growled Fatal. "And now I'm pregnant."

Jared gasped. Fatal frowned. Alan couldn't afford a kid. Jeremy didn't move. The readers were astonished. Was this the end of Q.U.E.S.T.? What would become of Jared and Alan, and Alan and Fatal's love-child? Why would Jared and Alan write such an absurd ending? The readers, dear readers, would have to wait until the fall.

Thank you, Frostburg, for helping us with these difficult decisions. We could never have done it without you. Go to <http://www.thebottomlineonline.org> to read the full version of this epic final article. Prepare for our triumphant return next semester.

## Counter Intelligence

By: Jack McCall



Until Friar Tuck Warned him to knock it off, Robin Hood would rob from the rich and blow it all on the Nottingham night life.

## CRIMELINE

**4/26 Destruction of Property:** A window was broken in the laundry room in Annapolis Hall.

**4/26 Theft:** A Sowers Hall resident reported that his wallet was stolen after being left on a picnic table near Annapolis Hall.

**4/27 Disturbing the Peace/Alcohol Violation:** A fight call in the Foundation Lot resulted in an Annapolis Hall resident being cited.

**5/2 Breaking & Entering/Theft:** Assistant baseball coach reported someone broke into the equipment area and stole a 5 gallon bucket of baseballs.

**5/3 Theft:** 14 bronze plaques were taken from the grounds between Sowers Hall and the Guild Center.

**5/4 Alcohol Violation:** An Annapolis Hall resident was cited.

Allegany County Crime Solvers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips. They do not use Caller-ID, and they can even deliver your money anonymously. Call them at 301-722-4300 if you have information about any of the thefts that occurred this week. You might even win their bronze medal.

Brian Shanley, Chief of Police  
Frostburg State University



## HIV/AIDS EDUCATIONAL WEEK

The Black Student Alliance of Frostburg State University will be having our 2nd annual Walk 4 Africa on May 12, 2007. We will be taking donations of money and or clothes to support women who have the disease as well as the children who are orphaned because of this grave epidemic.

May 7-10  
Table in LUC for Donations

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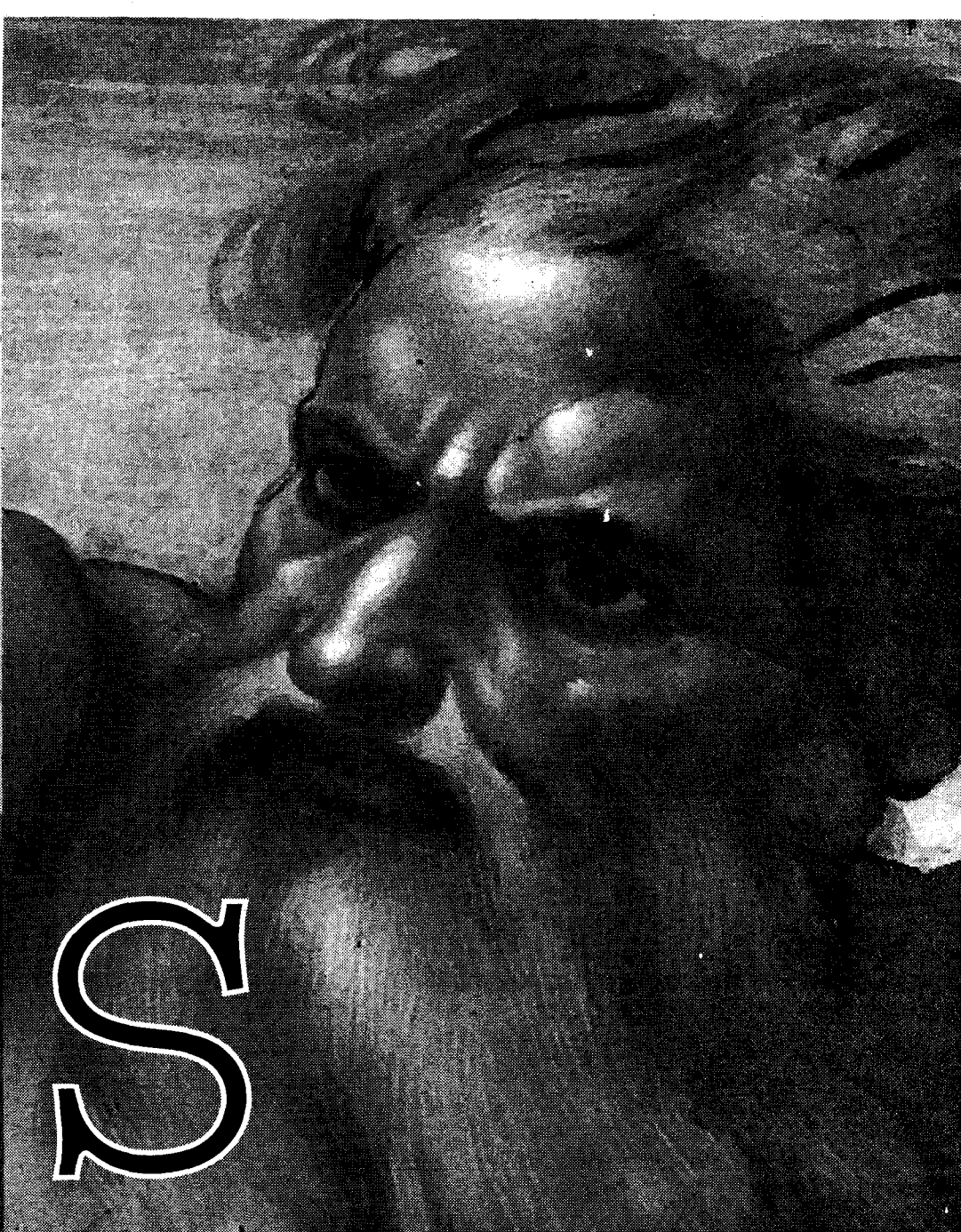
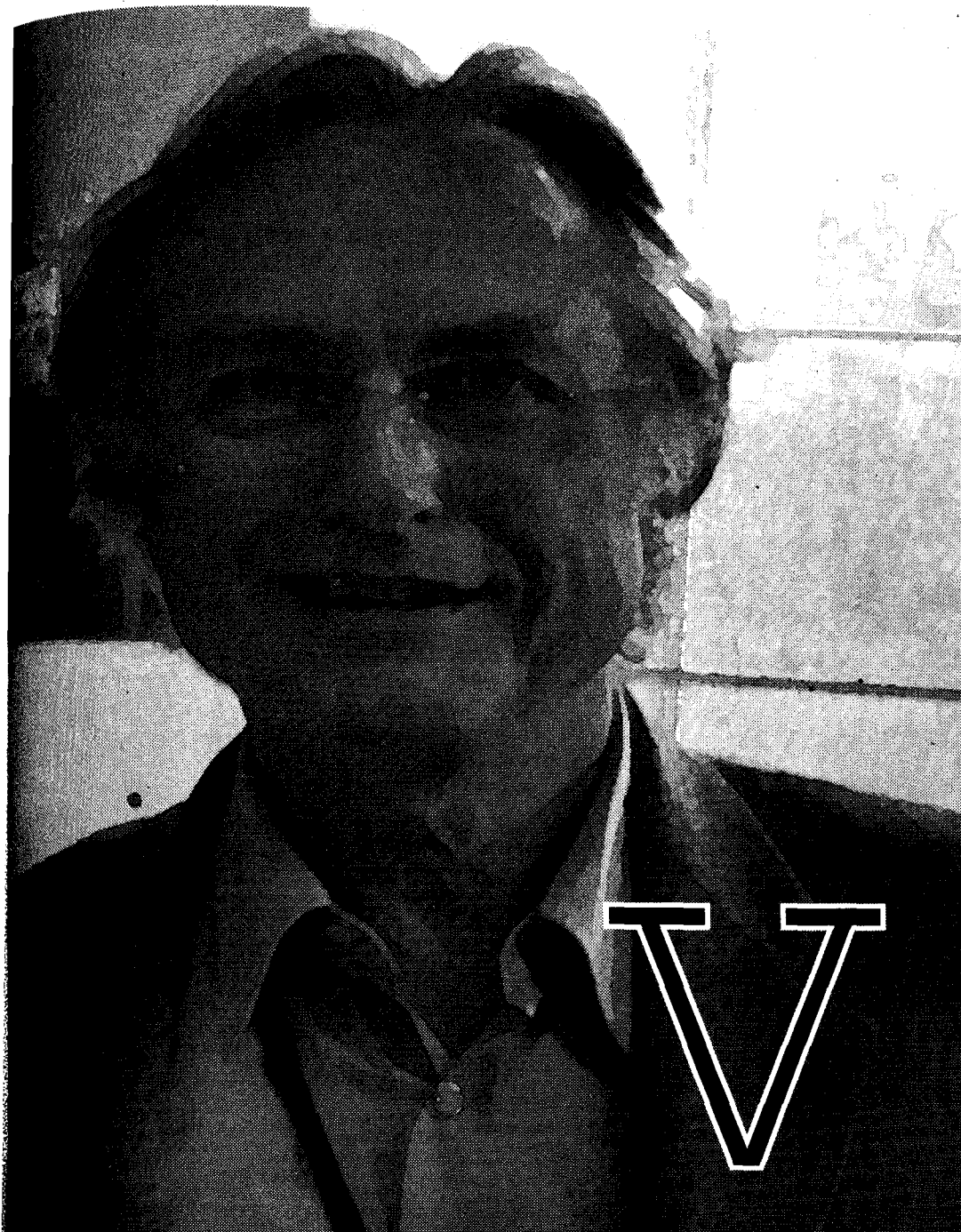
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## The Demon Named Dawkins

Interviews  
with God  
Michael Weaver

**MW:** Ever since our encounter with the dragon, the Fundamentalist Easter Bunny, the vengeful beavers, the polar bear, and all the other creatures who baffle us with our existence, I've felt that you've lost your touch on reality. Everything is like a fairy tale with you.

**GOD:** What are you talking about? I am reality. That's why I'm always insisting on keeping it real, thus rap-  
turing them when they are given words.

**MW:** The problem is you've lost your understanding of science and rational thought. I've asked someone to come by and try and fill in your gaps of insight with understanding so you won't be tempted to explain things like

giants and unicorns with supernatural causes.

**GOD:** I don't need any help! I'm totally in-tuned with reality. Now out of my way, as a Libra I have to watch out for danger this month.

**MW:** I'm not so sure about that. My friends and I have been worried that you've been suffering from delusions...

**GOD:** What friends! Ron Weasley has more friends than you and nobody likes him.

**RD:** You're forgetting me: ... Richard Dawkins.

**GOD:** Oh no! You brought Richard Dawkins!! The world's most famous atheist and evolutionary biologist!

**RD:** Yes, and I must inform you that you are not God.

**GOD:** Mikey, what's he talking about? Make him stop—his accent is so dainty. Tell him I'm God, Mikey. He'll listen to you.

**RD:** Mikey told me your story and I think it's very sad that an old man such as yourself should be struck upon the head and wake up with amnesia thinking that he is God.

**MW:** And because we didn't know how to tell him he wasn't God, we just went along with it.

**GOD:** I'll show you I'm God. I'll strike you down with this lightning bolt! \*ZAP!\* ... Nothing? Nothing happened... but I was certain I at least saw that unicorn.

**RD:** Well you were right about that. But the unicorn came into being through a gradual process of evolution. It started with a horse who was stabbed by a goat—Actually, I stabbed the horse but that's a long story: bla bla science yada yada evicence bla...

**GOD:** This is so boring! Why won't he just leave me alone and let me believe that I'm God.

Mystery Voice (Brahmin): Don't be

deceived, God. It is not a man but a demon in disguise. They are trying to trick you in their old age. They are taking advantage of your senility to convince you to sign your inheritance over to them.

**RD:** Now that you understand the evolution of the unicorn, would you perhaps be so kind as to sign this document?

**GOD:** What is it?

**RD:** Oh it's just a paper that says that you now are certified to teach biology and speak with a British accent and...

**GOD:** This is a will! Brahmin was right; you are trying to steal all my powers.

**MW:** We think it's for the best, God. You've been abusing your powers for too long. We think that if the Oxford committee votes to see who will be next God, there won't be such an absurd abuse of power.

**GOD:** Is this about my using wind to blow ladies' skirts around? Or is it about the time I used magnetic energy to steal quarters from a blind beggar? Or maybe you're just trying to cut hairs and get pissed at me for giving parrots the ability to talk and the right to vote in Montana. Why would you be so angry at me unless you're really...

**RD:** That's right! It is I, BAAL. Muwahahaha! And once I am in control I will make a hell on earth! I will spread disease and famine across Africa, I will bring war and chaos to the Middle East, I will let numerous children starve and die! I will allow natural disasters to ravage your cities, I will bring about decay and destruction to your environment. It will be such a terrible world, many will doubt the existence of a benevolent creator and my work will be completed!

## Don't Be Angry with Me

No Gods  
No Masters  
Donovan Martin

Don't be angry with me because I don't have much hope in America. Or should I say the American system; what America has come to symbolize. The assumptions that America is based on are dangerous. They are assumption of exploitation, of authoritarianism, of greed. We are founded upon a genocide of nations. Founded upon the inalienable right of a white, propertyed majority over dark skinned brothers, over the animals and plants we encounter, indeed over the Earth. We have granted ourselves rights to these things without thinking of what that kind of empowerment entails. We have claimed what's ours without thinking of what we were claiming and from whom we had claimed it. Our religion told us that the world was a gift and we took that gift unto ourselves, proclaiming ourselves the arbiters of God's gifts. The question arises is how we can justify preventing others from subjecting us to the same

fate. If we have the ability to empower ourselves over others, what prevent others from empowering themselves over us? There is nothing. There is nothing preventing the construction of our downfall because it is in the precedent we set that the seed of destruction was sown. It sounds dramatic, like a contemporary Nostradamus predicting the downfall of a great empire. But, I a way, isn't that what we have become? The great capitalist empire. Our colonies are not territorial however, although we do have more naval bases worldwide than any other country in the world and more than any other country in history, edging out the Roman Empire by two bases. Our colonies are economic and we control them as violently as any Belgian landlord. The evil of imperialism lies in the fact that it is a handful of profiteers that come to dictate the course of U.S. foreign policy. I wrote last week about the American Oligarchy. Well, the legacy of that oligarchy is violence and oppression. And not only oppression of foreign people's, but the oppression of our freedoms at home in

order to ensure that our freedom does interfere with the exploitation carried out by a handful of businessmen who have funneled the nation's assets to the top of their financial pyramids. This top down structure has created a system of oppression. Men are pitted against one another in capitalist competition for goods and resources; women are pitted against one another in the same rat race and then doubly burdened with competition among themselves to be connected with the most prosperous male. Marriage has been made a social sacrament, though it was never a religious one. We are a nation of the confused, truly lost among the world without a place that feels like home. We have a place to call home but that is a hollow place that is used mostly to house all of our extravagant stuff. Stuff that cost so much but has little value. It is music that enriches our lives, not CDs. Art, not its reproductions. Though our literature makes us feel great, that feeling derives from the meaning of the words not the printed matter we circulate the meaning within. But we are losing our sense of that. People come into my room and mar-

vel at how many book I own, not what those books have said to me. People demand a list of what I have read and what I own, they are not interested that I can explicate Sartre's theories on nothingness or Freedom, or talk at length about the cultural effects of colonialism, or discern x from the knowledge of its relational variables. It is only the lightness of things that people care about and that lightness is blinding us to the weight of our actions. The lightness that we feel is a burden, please don't be angry with me for I share that burden with you. I cannot ignore it and if my actions prevent you from ignoring it, it is only because our actions carry the weight that is only felt as an absence within ourselves. That absence is the absence of our dream, once so clear and on the lips of a million Americans who thought they knew what freedom was all about. They thought they were free to give away her responsibility but they cannot. Don't be angry with me, I'm just trying to help.

## R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

What does it mean to you?

I am a graduate student at Frostburg pursuing my master's. Friday morning, May 4, I woke up to find my car keyed. Then I noticed my roommate's car was also keyed. The Frostburg City Police subsequently found several other cars keyed around my house on Bowery Street. I am upset and angry, but most importantly I am ashamed that somebody in this community would do something like this. I am ashamed that I am seen as part of this community, when I am trying so hard to diminish the bad image and reputation that Frostburg has received. Thanks for negating all my efforts along with the efforts of the new President!

I went to an undergraduate institution that had about 45,000 students, and these types of incidences never to rarely happened. And I even parked my car about 1 mile away from my dorm, what I thought now could have been a prime location for vandalism! That institution and all of its members - students, faculty, staff, and community members - all had something that I think some individuals in this area lack. RESPECT.

It is probably awful of me to say this, but I am placing blame on a student or several students who did not have any RESPECT. At my past university, students there had respect for themselves, respect for other students, respect for their professors and staff members, respect for being granted an opportunity to be at an institution for higher education, respect for whoever is paying for their education...the list can go on!

I know it was "Thirsty Thursday". I know it is possible to drink and have a good time without raining on someone else's parade. I also know this can happen to anyone. But what I don't know is where did RESPECT go? And can Justin Timberlake bring it back?

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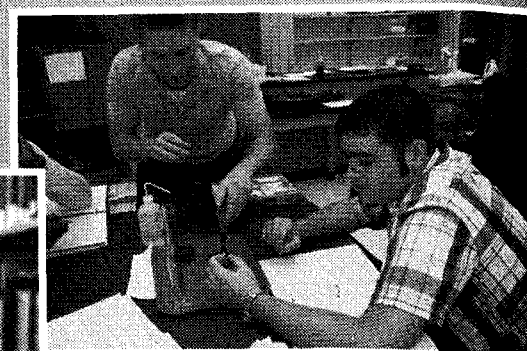
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## SAMM FRAZEE

Staff Writer

In the words of Kenny Chesney, "Summertime is finally here." Now it is that time to head to the shore and have fun in the Sun. Those snowy winter days are gone and finally those hot sunny days are almost here. With classes being over soon, students' summer plans are beginning to form. Students are studying for finals, but it is almost the time for them to have a good time with friends, traveling and working. Basically the student body is getting ready for fun, be it traveling to the Carolinas, California or heading overseas. Whatever you do this summer, remember to have fun, be safe, get a tan and use lots of sun screen. Here's what some of the student body is going to be doing over break:

## Sarah Sweet '10

"Just working and I'm going to the beach a couple times and attending a family friend's wedding."

## Megan Andrews, Freshman '10

"As soon as I get out I'm getting on a plane for Arizona and will be there for a month babysitting my new cousin. After that taking trips to the beach and relaxing by the pool."

# School's Out For the Summer

## Kymberly Kudla '09

"This summer I plan to work a lot. I'll be in Ocean City and Chincoteague, a possible trip to Jamaica as well. I'll also be getting a new car."

## Wendy Wilkinson '10

"I'm going to Ocean City for the whole summer and I will be working for Ed's Beach Service again and getting a second job at either Fracture Prune Donuts or the Kite Loft."

## Ryan Young '10

"I'm just going to work every day and try to save as much as I can."

## HAPPY CAMPERS

Tips for a worry-free weekend under the Stars

## KATIE CONRIY

Staff Writer

When weekends around the 'burg begin to feel somewhat repetitive, get out and try something different. When's the last time you went camping?

Frostburg's Appalachian location presents students with great camping opportunities. In between Washington, Allegany and Garrett County, there are 15 parks with campsites. Most parks have select sites with electricity, but if "rough-it" isn't your style, some of the parks, such as Herrington Manor state park, have cabins with electricity, showers, refrigerators, kitchens and fireplaces.

It's best to visit the websites of the parks before you visit. Different parks have different rules about reservations, pets, number of people, etc.

When camping, it's best to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature may bring. There are the obvious items such as a tent, sleeping bags, food and matches. It's also a good idea to bring a first aid kit, extra towels, sunscreen, bug repellent and the essential toilet paper.

Carefully plan what, and how much, food you will bring. Canned foods that can be easily prepared are a good idea. Also, depending on whether or not your campsite has a grill, charcoal and starter fluid are a necessity.

While it's improbable that bears are going to eat you alive, you could avoid enticing the animal life altogether. Make sure food is put away properly. Try to plan meals to avoid leftovers. Clean your cooking utensils well to avoid attracting animals. Camprecipes.com offers convenient recipes - especially for camping.

Beverages are also vital to a memorable or, for that matter, unmemorable camping trip. First, have plenty of clean drinking water on your trip. If you're a drinker, beer favorites seem to be Keystone Light and Natural Light. These brands are great for camping; make sure to recycle all those cans so future camping generations may enjoy the same outdoors we do.

Lastly, have a good time! Don't forget your marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers because a hungry camper isn't a happy one.

# Frostburg Goes Full House... Dance: Play Your Cards Right

## JAIME FISHER

Staff Writer

I walked in and was immediately hit with the colored lights reflecting off the floor. The music was blaring and the room was packed with people dancing and mingling. Everyone was dressed to impress and the DJs were taking requests. I walked to the snack table and picked out a cookie. White chocolate chip, my favorite. The

room was decorated with giant cards on the walls with social norming facts like "81% of FSU Students Prefer Parties to be Drug-Free."

On Thursday, May 4, 2007, BURG sponsored this free event to FSU students from 7-11pm in the Alice R. Manicor Assembly Hall (ARMAH). There were a variety of card games along with free snacks and dancing. There was a group of tables on one side of the room, and the dance floor

was on the other side. There were tables set aside for each different card game. There were Atomic Warheads sour candy on the table where the "War" games were played, Sweethearts candy on the "Hearts" table and Swedish fish on the "Go Fish" table. There were also "Spades" and "Solitaire" tables, along with a "Poker" table complete with chips.

BURG is an on-campus organization that promotes healthy decisions

on campus. They put on programs to inform students about important issues: anything from alcohol and drugs to sleep deprivation and how to study for tests.

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5. Gandhi said, "I like your Christ but not your Christians, your Christians are so unlike your Christ." What do you think about Gandhi's statement?
6. Do Christians, with all of their faults, make a positive difference in this world? If not, how can they and how should they? What issues should they be concerned about?
7. Is there anything about Christianity or Christians that you dislike? Any other thoughts, comments, criticisms, compliments you may have about Christians, Christianity, or the church?



# Manchester Orchestra



## SURPASSING THEIR GOALS

STEPHANIE THORNTON  
Staff Writer

Hot out of Hot-lanta, Georgia, Manchester Orchestra is hitting the road for an east coast tour with pop-punk/emo greats, Saves the Day and Say Anything. Manchester Orchestra is excited to be touring with both bands. "This is a great opportunity," said bassist Jonathan Corley. "All the guys are really excited to share the stage with them."

Last Sunday, they rocked Rams Head Live! in Baltimore with Meg and Dia. They got the crowd warmed up before Say Anything and then Saves the Day. Jonathan said he appreciates "the energy and passion musicians are displaying on stage," and that's something Manchester Orchestra tries to display in their own live performance.

They've been doing their best to get their name out there by touring like crazy. After their tour with Saves the Day, Mewithoutyou and Piebald will be joining them for a month-long U.S. tour. "We want to get music out to as many people as possible," said Jonathan. "We set the goal to play at least 250 dates this year... we're going to surpass that," he said.

Manchester Orchestra has been in existence for three years with Andy Hull as the founding member. Manchester Orchestra features Andy Hull - vocals, Jonathan Corley - bass, Jeremiah Edmund - drums, Chris Freeman - keyboard, and Robert McDowell - guitar. Andy Hull home schooled himself during his senior year of high school in order to devote most of his time to creating music in the studio. Manchester Orchestra has had a total of 17 members come through the band. Their current line up has been working together for a year. Andy Hull and the rest of the musicians all started out at a very young age. The average age of the band is 19. The oldest member, Jeremiah, is 24. The youngest is Robert, 17.

Manchester Orchestra is from Atlanta, Georgia, but Jonathan admits, "We kind of

bypassed the Atlanta scene. We made it a point to start touring, not winning over our hometown." However, Atlanta has lately been producing some popular bands such as Dear Hunter and Mastadon. "Bands from Atlanta are doing awesome things," said Jonathan. "It's a really interesting mix," he explained. Atlanta is very well-known for its hip-hop and urban scene, but now hardcore, new wave dance/pop and indie rock have been showing up. Manchester Orchestra has even started their own label, Favorite Gentlemen, and they've been signing local Atlanta bands.

Their sound has been classified as indie rock. They've got softer tunes as well as dancey, upbeat riffs. Jonathan explains that they aren't striving for the indie rock sound, but "we're just playing music we all enjoy... if that sound fits into the indie rock label, that's fine with me." They're said to sound like Pedro the Lion, The Weakerthans and Neutral Milk Hotel. Jonathan said his influences include Modest Mouse, Dismemberment Plan, Radiohead, Nirvana and Refused. "I could go on and on," he said.

They've recently released their debut EP, *Like a Virgin Loosing a Child on Favorite Gentleman*. The title of the record simply means "loosing something you never had to begin with," explained Jonathan.

They're excited about getting back home after touring to record another album. Jonathan said of the recording process: "Andy brings in a somewhat structured song. He'll bring it to the table and play it for us... everyone just adds to it... changing and molding the song."

Their short term goals for the future include getting their music out to as many people as possible, but already they've accomplished a lot. "Someone out there is listening to our record, and it matters to them... that's really important to us."

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# Game Over, Man. Game Over!

AT Wire  
Derek Hideo

This will be my last column in The Bottom Line. I'm graduating this month after four years at Frostburg State and a little over two years writing for The Bottom Line. Because this is my last column, I'd like to cover a few issues that I think are important in the gaming world.

The correlation between video games and violence is slowly diminishing as a mainstream idea. Thanks to gamers and right-minded individuals, the playing of video games is becoming

less of negative idea and more of a positive one.

I had someone comment on one of my columns this semester saying that gamers are not part of a unique subculture, but rather they are merely a "market-base." Granted, we are a targeted demographic for a lot of products on the market, but to say we are nothing more than a market-base would be incorrect.

We gamers have our own unique style and code. To most people, this code may appear chaotic and sometimes barbaric in nature. We have our own unique tastes in music, sometimes

preferring video game soundtracks to mainstream bands, artists and genres. FFS, we even have our own unique and stylized way of speaking and writing that most cannot understand.

Just the other day in a mass communications class, we were talking about television going to the Internet. I told the professor about PurePwnage, the Internet series that parodies the life of a professional gamer, at [www.purepwnage.com](http://www.purepwnage.com). It took everyone in the class at least five minutes to grasp the concept that the word "pwnage" is pronounced the way "ownage" would be, but is popularly spelled beginning with

a "p" instead of an "o." This shows how unique we are in our subculture.

One argument against my gaming subculture belief is that because so many people play video games, there can't possibly be a subculture. However, when I refer to gaming as a subculture, I'm not talking about the dude who plays Madden '07 on the weekends with his football buddies. I'm not talking about the kid who sits down and plays two to three hours of games a week. The subculture can't be accessed nor understood by merely playing video games, because that is not what it is about - it is a lot more

than that.

Gaming is about interaction, despite the popular idea that gamers are socially awkward introverts who have a difficult time finding a girl and a suntan. This culture is greatly supported by online gaming, and if a gamer isn't immersed in it, they aren't part of the subculture.

There is a movement both subtle and progressive that is shifting some big ideas about video games for the better. And, like the Internet, there isn't anything anyone can do to stop it.

/Uninstall.



# MovieGuy

By Calvin Cajigal

As the school year comes to a close, there's nothing like sitting in a dark, cold theater watching some of the biggest summer blockbusters to ever hit the big screen in the same year. So here are a few that may just be worth your \$10.

## \*\*11 FILMS TO SEE THIS SUMMER\*\*



### Spider-Man 3 – May 4

"This could be the end of Spider-Man," is one of the lines in the trailer. But is it really? There has been talk about doing a fourth, but for now, the big buzz is on the third installment of one of the biggest grossing franchises in history. If it is indeed the last one, at least director Sam Raimi is going out with a bang. With three main villains (Sandman, Venom, and the New Goblin), Spidey turning Emo, and a two-and-a-half hour running time, the film has the task of tying up loose ends and topping the previous films. I don't see it having any problems doing that.



### Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End – May 25

As we last left our swashbuckling heroes, a sea creature ate Jack and the film sailed away with a \$136 million opening weekend (the biggest ever). Some, like me, criticized the second film to be bloated and without any real story. I am the kind of person that likes giving second chances, so with the promise of Chow Yun-Fat as an Asian pirate and the return of Geoffrey Rush, this might just redeem the high seas adventure after all.



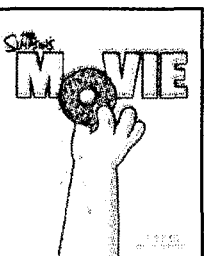
### Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix – July 13

With each successful film, Harry Potter gets more intense. In his fifth year, Harry goes up against his nemesis Voldemort and teenage angst. We finally get to see some wand action in fighting mode and oh yeah, a main character dies. We have seen these kids grow up in front of our eyes and with millions of adoring fans waiting to see how it all ends (the seventh and final book comes out a week later), there is no stopping the magic.



### Shrek The Third – May 18

With the king dying, Shrek is next in line, but not if he can do anything about it. So Shrek and his pals Donkey and Puss in Boots search for young Arthur in hopes for him to be the future king. This is a film for everyone and the box office numbers don't lie. With great side characters and funny pop culture references, we can start asking for the Fourth.



### The Simpsons Movie – July 27

Eighteen years after its premiere on TV, the first animated family finally hits the big screen. Why so long? Who cares? Long-time fans will flock to see what Homer and the gang have up their sleeve and if

they can regain the humor that was so prominent in the early years.



### Transformers – July 4

It seems my childhood is coming to the big screen finally. Remembering the old cartoon, I wondered if it was possible to see The Autobots and Decepticons fight for real. Now we get our chance and just because over-the-top director Michael Bay is directing, there is more than meets the eye.



mouth in the west are back for a third story takes them to France where an evil gang plans some trouble. It will be nice Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker bicker once

### Ocean's 13 – June 8

Without Julia Roberts, people would still see Danny Ocean and his gang of thieves plan another robbery. But with Julia's loss, we gain Al Pacino and we know how great he is.



### Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer – June 15

The first one was just average, but from the previews, Silver Surfer looks pretty darn cool. Let's hope they give more screen time to Jessica Alba, because last time, her character felt rather invisible.



### The Bourne Ultimatum – August 3

Matt Damon is the super spy Jason Bourne. He finally finds out and questions are answered.

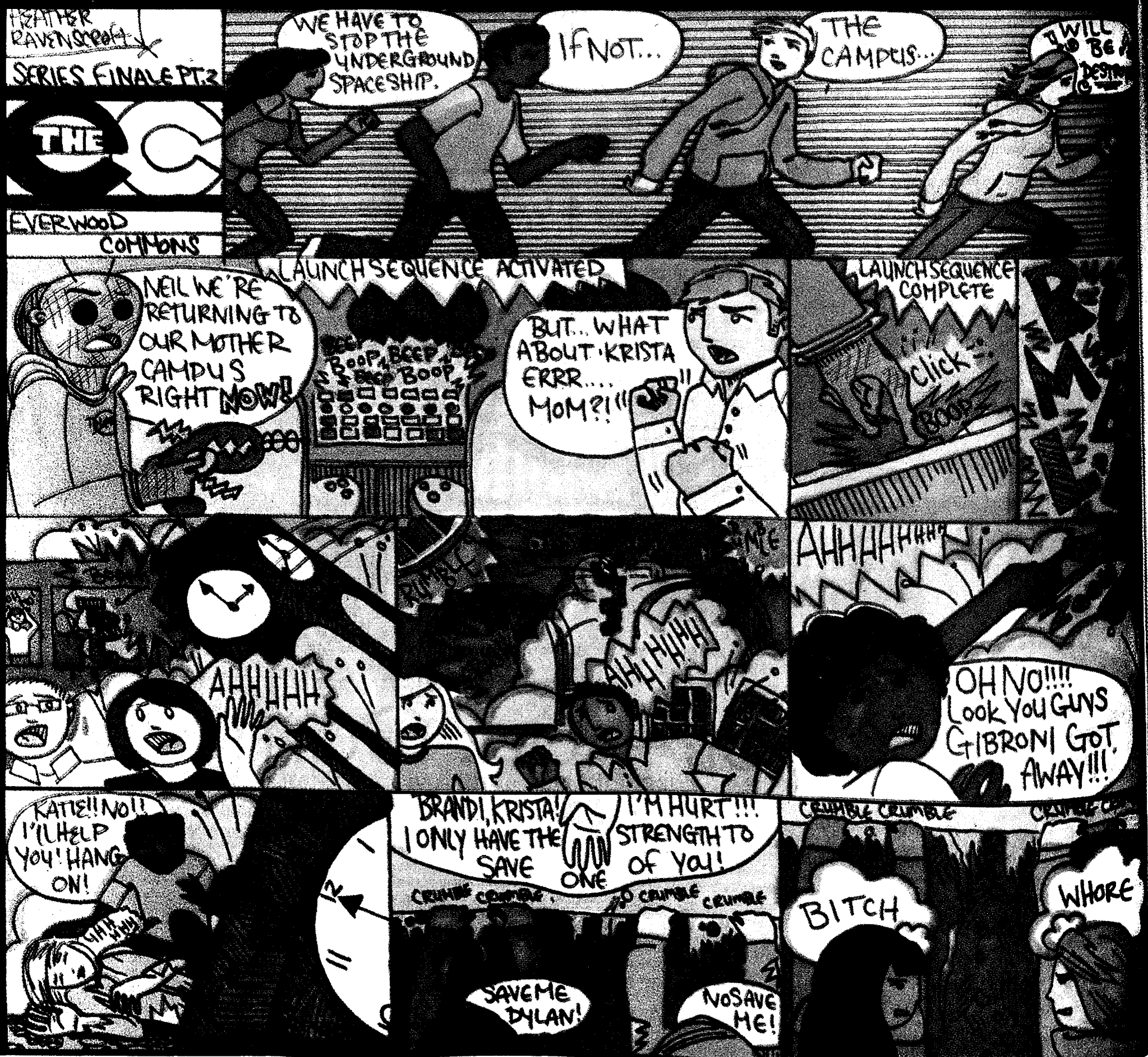


### Live Free or Die Hard – June 27

It's been 11 years since John McClane was in action. The world changed and we find hero battling Internet terrorists. As long as the Willis says his signature line, I am so there.

Thanks to all for reading and supporting the E.C. for the past two years. It's been... "Whack". -Heather

THE EC: EVERWOOD COMMONS Heather Ravenscroft





# Lacrosse Downs York 17-12, Ends Losing Skid

Press Release

FROSTBURG, MD. – Junior Carly Rihard (Hampstead, Md./North Carroll) scored four goals and handed out six assists as Frostburg State downed York, 17-12, in women's lacrosse action Wednesday afternoon at Bobcat Stadium.

FSU ended a four-game losing streak with the win and sits at 5-8 while York is now 6-10. The Bobcats trailed 10-8 two-and-a-half minutes into the second half, but they scored seven consecutive goals to take a decisive 15-10 advantage.

Rihard now leads the team with 32 goals on the season. Freshman Elisabeth Hildebrand (Frederick, Md./Walkersville) also scored four goals, including the final two of the game for FSU. Senior Ann Long (New Market, Md./Linganore) scored all three of her goals during the 7-0 Bobcat run early in the second half.

York, despite the loss, outshot Frostburg State 46-35 and was led in scoring by Brianna Yapps (four goals and one assist).

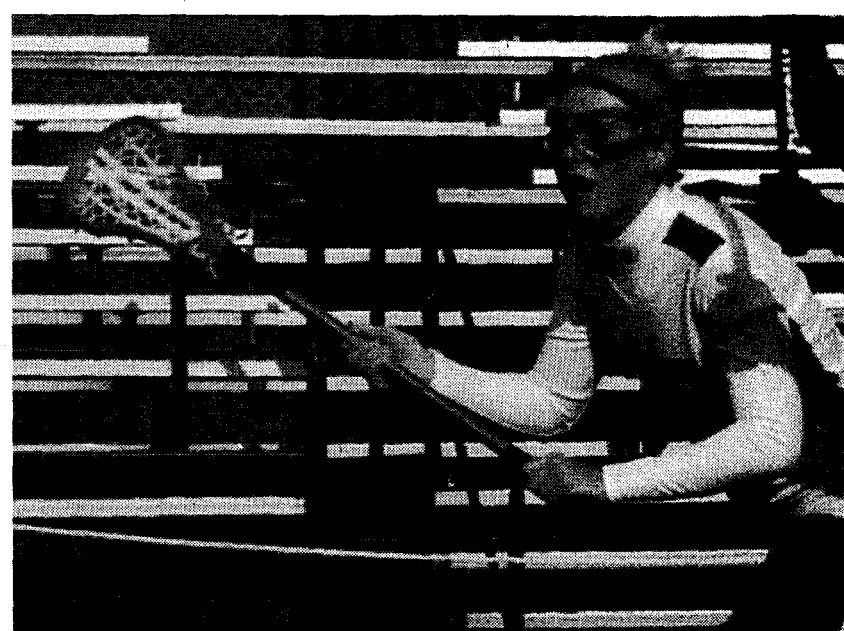
However, FSU senior netminder Rachel Lewis (Columbia, Md./Wilde Lake) held the Spartans to just 12 goals while making a career-high 27 saves. YC keeper Anne Fustle stopped nine shots and gave up 17 goals.

Frostburg State trailed until 11:16 in the opening frame when Rihard assisted a goal by senior Ashley Mattison (Pasadena, Md./Chesapeake) as FSU tied the contest at 4-4. Fifteen seconds later, freshman Katie Dannemann (Herndon, Va./Paul IV Catholic) gave the Bobcats a 5-4 lead on another assist from Rihard.

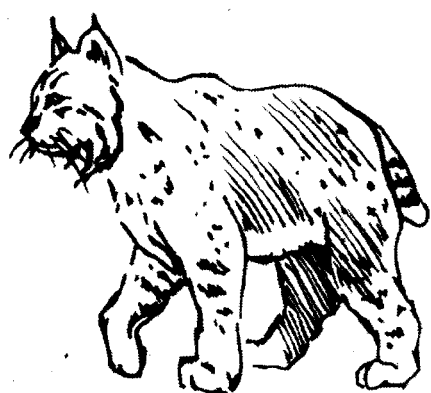
Rihard and Dannemann each tallied one goal for the hosts in the first half as FSU led at halftime 7-6.

York came out in the second half and scored four out of the first five goals to take a 10-8 lead setting up the seven-goal run by the Bobcats.

The Bobcats ended their season on a positive note with a 17-12 win over York. FSU finished 5-8 overall.



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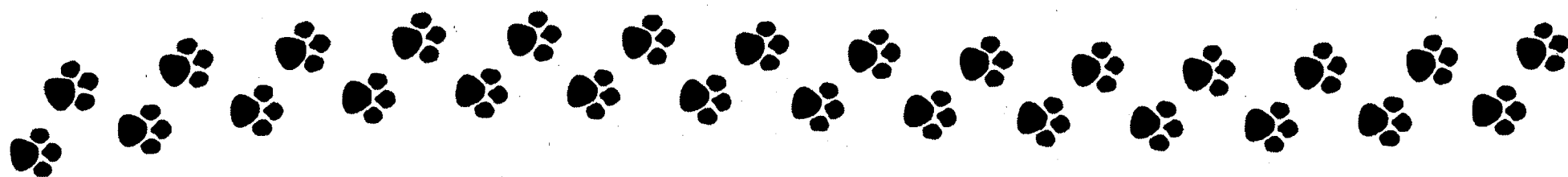


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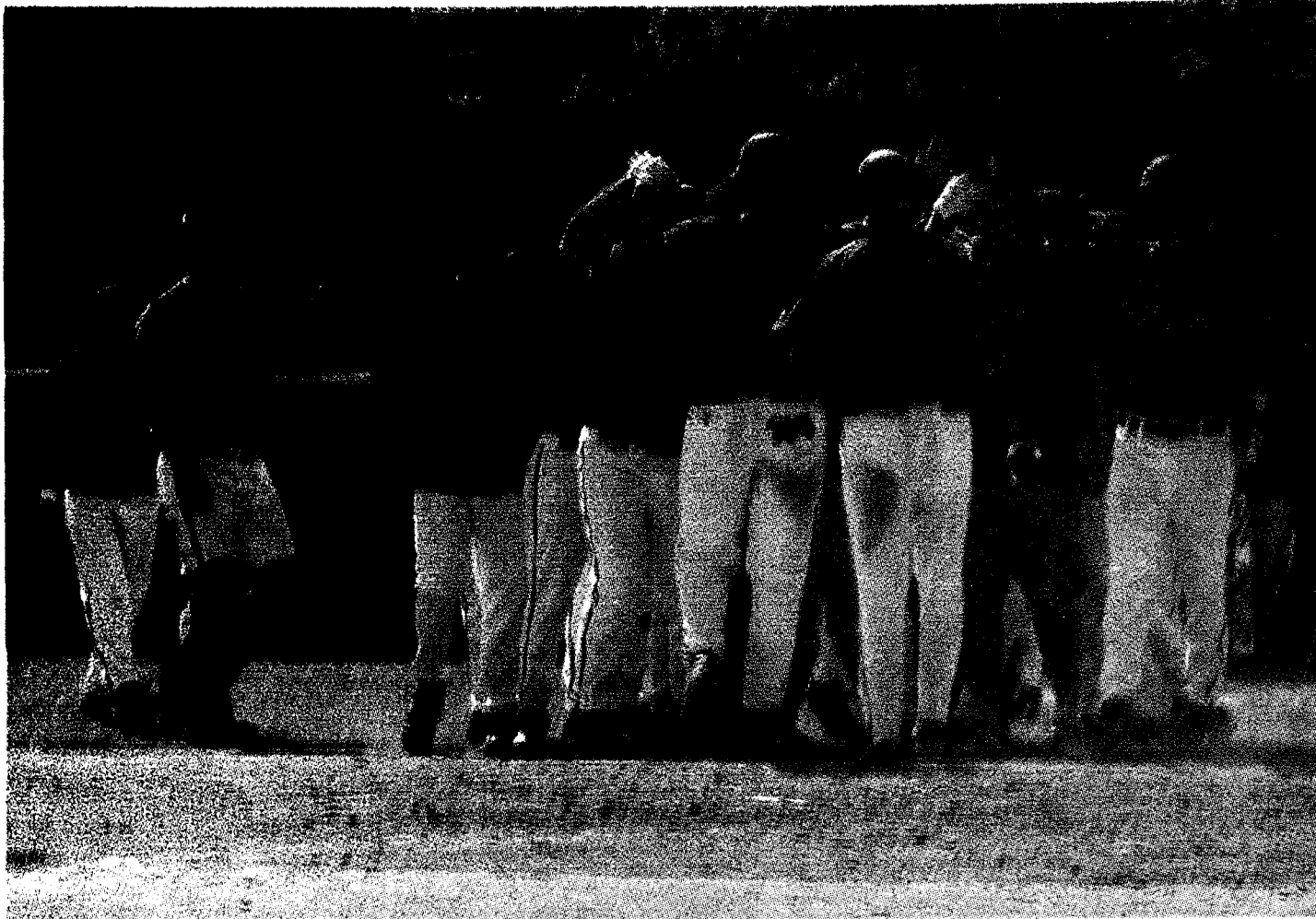
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## Baseball Earns No. 3 Seed In AMCC Tournament



### Press Release

FROSTBURG, Md. - The Frostburg State baseball team has earned the No. 3 seed in the 2007 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament despite finishing in a three-way tie for the regular-season championship with La Roche and Medaille.

Due to tiebreaker criteria such as head-to-head record, FSU (25-13, 13-5) snagged the third seed while LAR (23-15, 13-5) captured the title and will host the final round of the tournament May 11-13. This marks the third-straight season that Frostburg State has won or had a share of the AMCC regular-season title. MED (14-19, 13-5) earned the second seed and received a first-round bye.

FSU will start the defense of its 2006 tournament title by hosting No. 6 seed Pitt-

Greensburg on Saturday, in the opening round for a best-of-three series starting at 10:00 am. UPG (16-17, 10-8) missed the postseason last year after earning a spot in the tournament in 2005.

FSU/UPG split the regular-season meeting. Frostburg State lost game one 2-1, but rebounded for a 6-0 shutout in game two.

In the other first round matchup, No. 5 Pitt-Bradford will travel to No. 4 Penn State Behrend. The two squads split during the regular season as PSB won the opener 4-0 and lost the nightcap 5-4.

**2007 AMCC Baseball Tournament**  
First Round  
Saturday, May 5:  
10:00 am - No. 6 Pitt-Greensburg at No. 3 Frostburg State  
10:00 am - No. 5 Pitt-Bradford at No. 4 Penn State Behrend

Final Round - Hosted by La Roche  
Friday, May 11:  
9:00 am - Game 1: No. 1 La Roche vs. Winner No. 4/No. 5

Noon - Game 2: No. 2 Medaille vs. Winner No. 3/No. 6  
3:00 pm - Game 3: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2

Saturday, May 12:  
9:00 am - Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2  
Noon - Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4  
3:00 pm - Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5

Sunday, May 13:  
12:00 noon - Game 7: Same as Game 6

## So long, Frostburg

### A Farewell from the Armchair

**Armchair  
QB**  
Chris  
Schoenbauer

So the time has finally come. I never really thought it would get here, but it is finally time

to graduate from Frostburg.

College has been quite an experience to say the least. I have experienced, and learned more about life lessons in general than many college students do these days. A couple of years back, I was just a college sophomore looking for something to do on campus, and wound up getting a job covering football games for Frostburg.

During the second semester of my junior year, I finally got the chance to be the Sports Editor for The Bottom Line. It was more work for little pay, but it also came with great experience, made for a great resume builder, and led to some great friendships with the others that are in the office constantly during the week.

Over the past year and a half, I have done my best to try and keep the sports section to only deal with Frostburg State athletics. I have written a few columns outside of that, but usually never let me staff writers cover anything outside of Frostburg. I think that if you look at the great student newspapers around the country, the best ones cover what happens at their school and surrounding area only. My hope is that this has helped everyone care a little more about Frostburg athletics, and hope that my successor will continue to do the same.

I have had an opportunity to cover some great events here at Frostburg during my career. I was lucky enough my first year to be able to cover all of the football games and get my feet wet with sports reporting. I had the privilege (although it did not seem so at the time) of covering the field hockey scandal a few years back. What you find is that a lot of the students that come through Frostburg do not want to cover losses or shames of the athletic department. However, my job is to cover the news and what is newsworthy, whether it is good or bad and I feel as though I have been successful throughout my career at creating a sports section that does this well.

To the sports that feel slighted, and that they did not get enough coverage in our paper, I truly am sorry. Understand that it is very hard to run our sports section. At the beginning of this semester, my entire staff, minus one writer quit, and I had to fill in spots with people with no journalism experience just to try and keep the paper running. Also, when an event gets rained or snowed out, obviously that can't be put in the paper. Toward the end of this semester I also had a big problem getting anyone on my staff to do their assignments or turn in articles. This apology goes mainly to softball. Throughout the season I probably assigned someone to cover softball at least five times. I know two of them were cancelled due to weather, and the others, the reporter did not do their assignment. I am sorry to you all and wish there was

something more I could have done to get you in the

Something I have learned many times as the Sports Editor here, is that our athletic department's goal is not to win all championships but to bring students experience and winning second. Well I'm sorry I will never agree with that. As an athlete, I want to win. If I feel college doesn't care about winning and isn't doing it, get the best athletes and let it can, then why should we waste our time playing?

Something Frostburg has learned, is when to fire coaches. I don't care if we are Division III and I don't care if it's hard on coaches out here. Get ones who are worth paying, and pay them to win.

Before I finish this final column, I do need to send a personal blast to the athletic department for their atrocious management this semester. I bet the nets for the tennis court were put up about two weeks before our first match of the season, relegating us to practicing indoors on a gymnasium surface late at night. Attempts were made beforehand to get the nets and the athletic department continued to ignore requests for brushing our sport off because it isn't baseball.

The lights for the courts were turned on maybe a week or two ago. That's good, although the tennis season ended April 1. It's a good thing none of the home matches went long into the dark or that we didn't have to practice at 7 p.m.

Now, back to what I was originally saying. Don't get me wrong, I love the coaches here because they love what they do and most of them do a great job. But I want to see results on the field. I can only hope that the next Athletic Director who comes in does a much better job than what is happening right now.

As for me, it's off to the real world, where apparently journalism jobs in Maryland are hard to come by. Maybe I will go to grad school; maybe I will go get a real job. My options are open to anything right now. For those of you who told me you enjoyed my columns, and the sports section, thank you. For those of you who thought it could be better, I am sorry, and hopefully the next Sports Editor will continue to make improvements.

As for the athletic department, I wish nothing but the best in future. As an alum who was also an athlete, I hope to see great strides and even greater accomplishments in the future to make me proud of attending Frostburg State. Hopefully some big strides will be made in the next few years.

And now the time has come to say goodbye, and leave Frostburg. To the entire newspaper staff (especially the ones I see in the office everyday) I love you guys and I will never forget the time we wasted in that office. Good luck to everyone in the future, and good luck athletes in the upcoming fall season. Bobcats.



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