

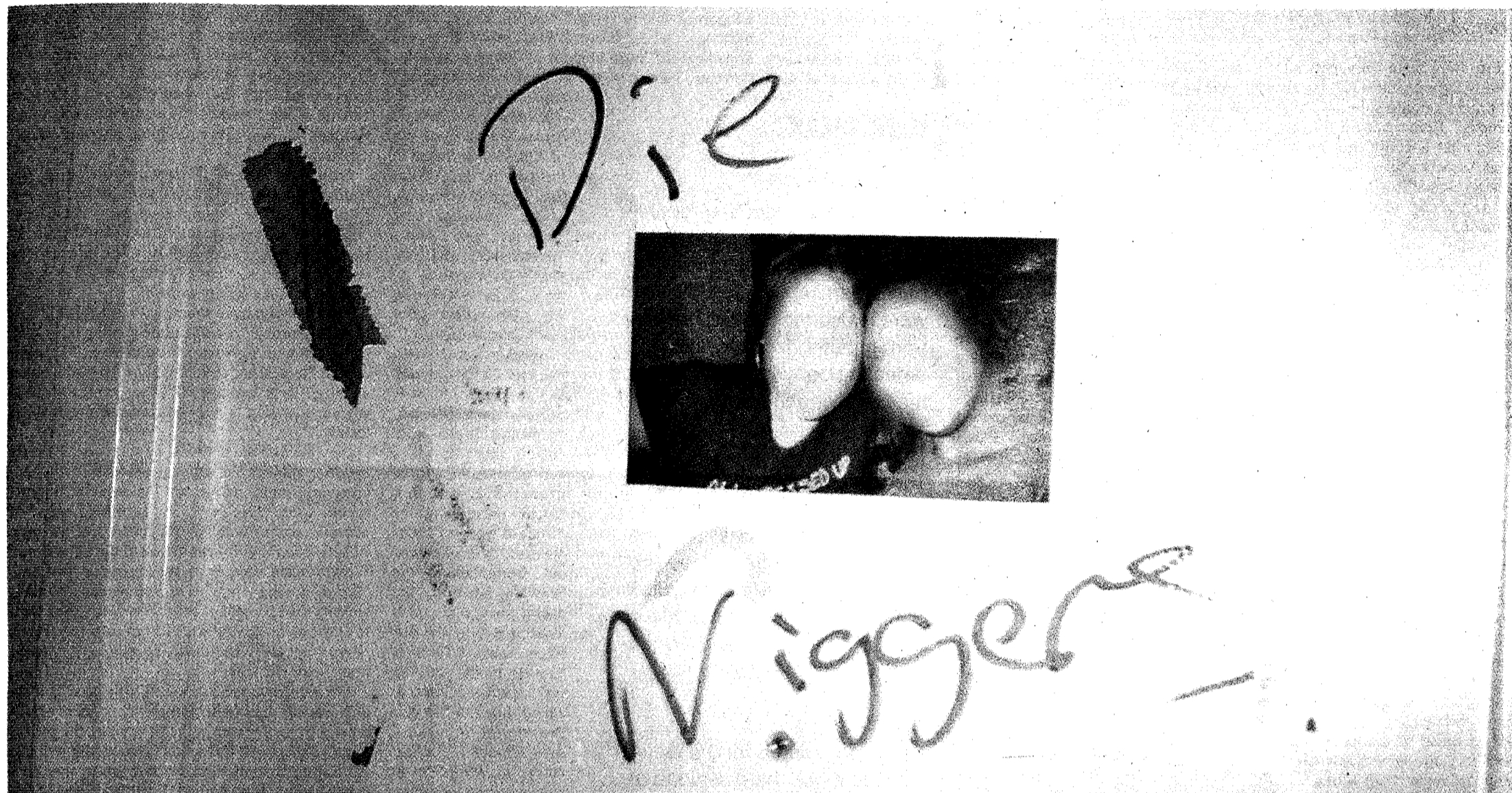
# The Bottom Line

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## MESSAGES

## HATE



**RACIALLY CHARGED** The dorm room door of two African American FSU students was just one of the many targets in Annapolis Hall. The vandal(s) have also defaced the Lewis J. Ort Library this past week. University Police warns students not to take these matters lightly, and are changing staffing patterns to deal with potential future incidents. No suspects' names have been released thus far.

**ELIZABETH BRATHWAITE**  
Staff Writer

At this point, it's no secret that Frostburg has had a string of vandalisms on campus. On both October 1st and October 7th, people who have yet to be identified left hate messages on student dry-erase boards and the walls of Annapolis Hall.

Some time during the night on September 30th, someone wrote sexual references, the "n" word, and swastikas on students' dry-erase boards in Annapolis Hall. The writing was discovered and reported by the RAs of the building. That same night, there was someone banging on the front doors of the building, and shortly after that someone was knocking on the door of a

female student. That student was able to give a physical description of the person.

The writing was cleaned up the next day and both residence life and University Police feel that the banging and the writing were done by the same person. They also suspect that alcohol was involved.

The second incident was overnight on October 7th. There were more sexual references and the "n" word, but this time it was on the walls and stairwells, making it seem like whoever committed this hate crime started on the upper floors of the building and worked their way down, and exited from a side door. University Police and Residence Life are fairly confident that neither of these crimes was done by someone who

resides in the building.

The more minor episode was in the Ort Library. On one of the men's room stall doors, someone wrote three racially discriminating words in pencil. After investigating it, University police wiped it off. Even though this wasn't as serious as the Annapolis Hall incidents, it's still offensive and will not be tolerated by the school.

At this time, it is still unknown how many people were involved in these crimes and what connection they have to FSU.

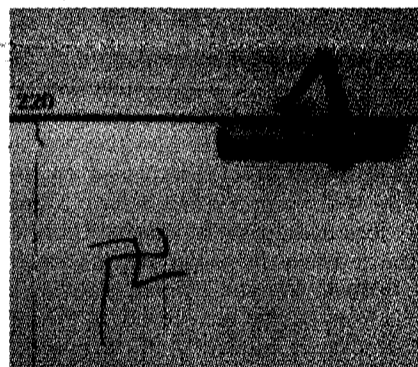
Since this began, University Police have been working everyday to find whoever did this. Dana Severance, Director of Residence Life, feels that who ever did this is most likely "trying to scare people". He also explained that

this is a perfect example of why the school takes the safety measures that it does, especially at night. All doors other than the front door lock at 11pm every night to keep things like this from happening.

When the person or people who committed these crimes are identified, they'll be subject to punishment from the University and the judicial system for committing a hate crime and vandalism. If and when an arrest is made, names will be released.

To try to prevent anything like this from happening again, University Police Officer Brain Shanley says there will be "changing in staffing patterns", and he is urging students to not take this occurrences lightly. He reminds students that this is not a joking matter

and we should do all we can to "have the community be together and not apart".



**ANTI-SEMITIC** messages, such as this swastika were also used in the defacement of Annapolis Hall.

## IN FULL FORCE

The Legendary Roots Crew bring the real thing to Frostburg State University, keeping both hardcore and potential fans in mind

**BRANDON BURTON**  
Staff Writer

Frostburg State University is hardly known outside the Maryland border. Our sports teams, for the most part, lack the skills to inspire school pride; our location is hundreds of miles away from civilization and our campus is in major need of a facelift. Those from the outside looking in, Frostburg seems two steps just above community college, but little do they know what lies within.

It's been some years since our campus was graced with a celebrity name big enough to give us bragging rights. In the '03-'04 school year, Cam'ron and the rest of the Dip Set came around; with that big name came big problems. During the fall of '04 the Doobie Brothers

came; big name, but hardly arouse a reaction in the community. Finally, a name worth the rights to brag, a name worth the wait, a name that could only generate this much buzz; The Roots.

With Shogunn on the tables, assisting in keeping the crowd patiently waiting and Boss Playa's opening up; the stage was set. Starting off at 8, Boss Playas came out with the right energy to warm the crowd up. New to J Records, these Memphis natives performed "Can you Dig," "Do you think I'm wrong," and "Who's ya Boi". Though Frostburg wasn't completely feeling the young duo, they did however tolerate their brief set and bid them a farewell with their closing song "Lights Out".

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**BLACK THOUGHT** launches into another trademark verbal barrage. The Roots are touring to support their most recent release, *Game Theory*.

Photos by Jimmy Davis

## Road Trip Nation Coming to Frostburg

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One freshman, Kim, was driving back to school on Sunday evening when she passed the curiously bright green Winnebago RV, but the encounter was not about to end there. Representatives from the PBS documentary, "Roadtrip Nation," rolled into Frostburg on Family Weekend to help spread the word to Kim and her peers. "Roadtrip Nation" is a documentary series that follows groups of students who travel around the country in a Green RV, interviewing men and women from all walks of life.

The basic idea evolved when "Roadtrip Nation" representative, Brian McAllister, and his two best friends realized that, even as they were about to graduate from college, none of them had any idea as to what they really wanted to do with their lives. In order to explore other career paths, they traveled around the nation for three months interviewing different individuals to learn how they got to where they are today and to discover a vocation that would excite their own passions in life.

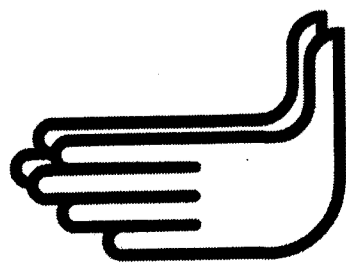
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# Ways around the Walls

FSU IT Department working on solution to the online gaming problems on campus

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Frostburg State University's Information Technology Department (ITD) is currently working on an online gaming solution for students living on campus. Rumors about the project began circulating after Karen Kerns, an IT Telecommunications Associate who manages the FSU Help Desk, sent an e-mail to all Help Desk staff on October 4th explaining what to tell students who call to complain about their personal computer's (PC) connection to the Internet.

"The Information Technology Department is investigating a resolution to the gaming problems in the dorms," wrote Kerns.

The ITD's motive for investigating the reported problems is, according to Brian Jenkins, a Network Administrator at FSU, "somewhat selfish."

"I started looking into a solution to save us some time," says Jenkins. "If we can find a solution then we don't have to respond to e-mails saying, 'We are sorry we can't open the firewall.'"

Jenkins also expressed concern about the operation of the current firewall. "The other reason we are looking into a solution is because we have been having some problems with our firewall. It's been rebooting and there was a bug in the software."

Due to the copyright infringements associated with peer-to-peer traffic, all student PCs are behind the firewall. "We were constantly getting warnings from the recording industry about the download of illegal content," says Jenkins.

Currently, many students are perplexed by the problems inherent to the FSU network. One major difference between FSU and other schools can be found in the manner in which FSU provides its students with Internet access. Many universities, rather than acting as ISPs for the students, contract a cable company to provide Internet access to their residence halls. "Some schools don't even provide Internet access to the students directly," says Jenkins. "They have them go through the cable company."

The ITD just recently passed a legislative security audit. During the audit, state officials visited Frostburg State University to inspect the security of the network. Due to the critical data that is stored on the university's servers, the auditors have required that certain precautions be taken. During the latest audit, however, Jenkins discussed the issue of online gaming:

"I asked the auditors how they felt about where the student's PCs were placed on the network. They said that they didn't have a problem with my idea because the student's PCs don't have any critical data as far as the state is concerned."

Jenkins' solution involves moving all student PCs from behind the firewall to the public space. Therefore, a student's PC connection will no longer have to travel through the campus firewall.

"Gaming should no longer be an issue," says Jenkins. This solution may make it easier for ITD staff to address continuing issues. "If gaming would be an issue, that's something the student would have to take up with the source of the game. Any problems with gaming would be on their end, not ours," says Jenkins.

Moving the student network out from behind the firewall is only part of the solution. Campus Manager, the current system that requires student's PCs to have updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed, will still play its part. "We will still keep Campus Manager... [it] will be moved with the student's PCs," explains Jenkins. Campus Manager will remain because it requires students to protect their PCs with the bare minimum anti-virus and anti-spyware software. When the student's PCs are no longer behind the firewall they will be more exposed to the Internet than before.

The future of Ruckus, the online service provided to students for the use of downloading digital media content, is still unknown. "I'm not sure how that's going to work yet. I have to speak with the people behind Ruckus," says Jenkins. Unlike Campus Manager, Ruckus would be sending and receiving connections from student PCs all semester. "Ideally, I'd like to move Ruckus to the other side of the network with the student's PCs. If it stays behind the firewall, then we just have more traffic through the firewall," explains Jenkins.

Another key component of Jenkins' plan comes in the form of a product called "Audible Magic." Audible Magic is a tool that will run on the university's server to help prevent the illegal download of copyrighted material. "It listens for copyrighted material and terminates the session if

someone is trying to download [and] it also sends a report of who is trying." Audible Magic will do what the current firewall does now: block the download of illegal content. "The gaming solution can't happen unless we can buy this product," explains Jenkins.

Audible Magic comes with a price tag of \$20,000. Included in the cost is the following: The Audible Magic software and hardware, one year's maintenance, and one year's subscription to the service. "Of course, we will renew after that," says Jenkins.

Another server tool that will be moved with the student's PCs is called a packet-shaper. A packet-shaper is a device that allows a network administrator to restrict network traffic by prioritizing the different types of Internet use. Once moved out from behind the firewall, however, the packet-shaper will assume a slightly different role. "There is another mode you can set a packet-shaper to called Internet Service Provider (ISP) mode," says Jenkins. "In ISP mode, we are going to take a percentage of the campus-network bandwidth and put it aside for student usage only." Currently, FSU runs on a digital signal three (DS3) connection, which is 44.736 Mb/s. The packet-shaper will divide the total amount of bandwidth allocated to the students by the number of users connected. "So if there are one-hundred users on, it's going to take the total bandwidth and divide it by one-hundred. That way everyone will have fair access," explains Jenkins.

The ITD's solution does not include wireless connections on-campus. However, students who live in Edgewood Commons, a student housing complex that is independent of Frostburg State University, will receive partial coverage. "Edge-

wood is unique," says Jenkins. "Networking services is the only thing we provide for them." Edgewood Commons provides both wired and wireless access points for their student residents. However, due to security issues with wireless connections, only the wired ports will be placed outside of the firewall. "If a student wants to do gaming, he will have to plug into the wall," explains Jenkins.

Frostburg State's ITD began working on the planned solution on October 9th. So far, no tests involving online gaming have been conducted. "If we can get things configured, we will do a little bit of testing," says Jenkins. "We may invite a student or two so they can plug in and do some gaming to make sure it works."

Students who have submitted Help Desk tickets regarding problems with online gaming have been contacted with information on testing. "I have a couple Help Desk tickets with complaints about gaming," says Jenkins. "I've responded to those student's saying, 'I may be contacting you about testing.'"

Even though the network solution most directly benefits student gamers, all students living on-campus should notice an increase in Internet access speed. However, the increased speed of access comes with a reduction of security. "That's one thing I want to talk to the SGA about. I don't want to just move everyone and say, 'We're moving you; you're unprotected.' What if seventy-five percent of the students say they want to stay behind the firewall for protection? That's why I want the SGA to take the idea to the student body," says Jenkins.

The implementation process will be a gradual one. Rather than switching all the residence halls outside of the firewall at the same time, the plan is to move them a few at a time. "After the individual testing is completed, we may move one residence hall out from behind the firewall, see how it goes, and, depending on the success of that test, we may or may not move another residence hall out," explains Jenkins. "Eventually, if everything goes well, all the residence halls will be outside of the firewall."

Students can expect the solution to begin its implementation as early as late November or early December of this year. However, depending on the success of the configuring and testing processes, the implementation could be as late as the spring semester of 2007. Factors such as final exams and end-of-the-semester stresses on the network make planning the implementation difficult. Despite these complications, however, the ITD is confident. "I think this is going to work... I don't think there is going to be a problem," says Jenkins. "If we get them outside the firewall, it saves us time and it gives the student's the freedom they want."

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Mr. McAllister and his friends pioneered a new path of self discovery and helped develop the "Roadtrip Nation" organization that sponsors other students to help them "define [their] own roads based on individuality, passion, and exploration". Their current mission lay in driving around to Universities, including Frostburg, in order to present some clips of the documentary and share the stories of the various "Roadtrip Nation" student groups, so that they might be able to impart some new knowledge, insight, and genuine inspiration to this next generation of students.

Dr. Thomas Bowling, the Transitional Vice President for Student and Educational Services, has been involved with the Orientation program since 1987 and has recently developed an interesting partnership with "Roadtrip Nation" through McAllister.

"Together we thought about the idea of using the inspiration from his experience, to have this University fund its own road trip," explained Dr. Bowling.

Frostburg did indeed have its own "Roadtrip Nation" experience last January, when four students flew to Los Angeles, California to interview Frostburg State Alumnae.

One of those four students, Desiree Lake, who is now a sophomore, was at the event and presented Frostburg's Road Trip documentary, in which they interviewed the director of the new hit TV series, "My Name is Earl," among several other FSU alumnae.

Lake had her own advice for Frostburg students who might be struggling to find a major

and their own vocation.

"Life is about finding your passion and you don't have to know all the answers yet. We're still young. College is about learning, but it's about having fun too. Honestly though, do really focus on your studies, because you really can't get anywhere without taking this time seriously as a learning opportunity. So learn, but just don't worry so much about getting it all planned out now, life will fall into place; it's okay to fail, because as long as you will learn from that; you will eventually get to where you want to be," said Lake.

Dr. Bowling announced that Frostburg would be holding its second annual Frostburg Road Trip this January, and that his department is now accepting applications. Frostburg is the only school in the nation to have truly taken the "Roadtrip Nation" idea to heart and to have actually put a group of students on the road.

Their hope is that the students will get to meet with people that really are passionate and excited about what they do and that those experiences will foster a new avenue of growth and learning within the University and inspire students to find a vocation that will inspire their own individual passions for life.

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## CAPS Offers Free Psychological Screening for Students

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Staff Writer

On Wednesday October 11, 2006, CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) offered their time and effort to come assist FSU students in a free depression screening. It lasted from early in the morning to late afternoon, and there were lines of students who were willing to take advantage of the services and opportunities associated with this. Depression Screening Day is a National occurrence among many colleges and universities, and its services are accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, along with the expertise of many Licensed Psychologists.

"This is the time of year when college students typically start experiencing some forms of depression, and we want to identify it as early as we can by having them engage in this test," replied Dr. Jay Coughlin, (Staff Psychologist) when asked about the test and what it entails. Dr. Coughlin along with Dr. Spencer Deakin and Patrick Deasy gave their assistance to as many students as they could in following through with the test and discussing many psychological issues. CAPS provided students with pamphlets describing the various symptoms of mental illnesses and how they can find assistance if needed throughout the college community. Depression was what the counselors were trying to discern. Since Depression is so common in young adults there could also be the possibility of

other illnesses evolving such as, Bipolar Disorder, suicidal tendencies, and possible drug and alcohol abuse.

Since Depression Screening Day is a National event and it takes place annually, students were compelled to take the test and just see where they stand mentally. With quality assistance from the Mental Health Professionals, students and faculty who were active participants in the screening were able to watch a video that effectively explains the symptoms of depression and the numerous ways that it can be treated. A written screening report on the different categories of depression was administered to the participants so that they could demonstrate their knowledge on depression and any personal issues that they have encountered psychologically.

With the involvement of many students and faculty members, CAPS' Depression Screening Day was a success as usual. Personal counseling and other forms of psychological assistance were offered to many students as a way for them to learn about the complex issues of mental health. The Mental Health Professionals here at FSU have taken every measure necessary to assure students that they can provide help in every element of mental instability, as well as, crisis intervention that is known to be a contributing factor in depression. Students can obtain information through counselors and other resources at Sand Spring Hall.

## The Voltage Gate

Jeremy Bruno

What if I told you that with all the structural complexity of our language—written and vocal—at its very base, is no different than communication between bacteria?

It is not too foreign of a concept, considering that the beginnings of life were in fact bacteria, which congregated into giant colonies, forming structures called stromatolites 3,500 million years ago. These stromatolites lined the salty, otherwise lifeless beaches of the planet, rising to heights of dozens of feet, monuments of a greater future under a new sun. Communication between these organisms was necessary for any attempt at joint effort.

Are we any different? Basically our bodies are nothing more than the result of the cooperation of tens of trillions cells passing information—genetic and chemical—to regulate the macro organism, the human being. Every cell is connected, streaming all sorts of vital information—regulation of nutrients, presence of outside stimuli, reaction measures and presence of alien substances.

Recent research exploring colonial bacteria has illustrated the level of linguistic complexity within these colonies. Modern theoretical linguistics has opened studies of communication in many fields, including biology, and given us a view of language as entirely structural; "words" (or

chemical signals analogous to words) have no inherent meaning, only the meaning that one applies to them.

From an evolutionary perspective, this rings true. There are myriad examples of one structure becoming useful in another function (exaptations): lungs becoming useful as swim bladders, sturdy fins become useful as walking legs, insulating feathers become useful in staying aloft, etc.

The same goes for biochemical elements. A molecule by itself has no inherent function until it is contextualized, placed in a functioning system.

Communication among bacterial colonies is incredibly complex. They exhibit the same basic social intelligence observed in human beings. (Social intelligence is a term applied to the functions of the mind outside of academic pursuits, specifically the exchange of information to organize in groups, and therefore exhibit a group identity.)

Experiments have exhibited specific examples of such behavior. The phenomenon of antibacterial resistance (a looming, potentially catastrophic problem in the future) has provided scientists with a chance to observe colonial propagation in the face of destruction. The bacteria resistant to the agent are able to exchange chemical information among the survivors, relaying their dire situation. The individuals respond in concert, immediately initiating conjugation. The colony begins replacing the lost

members with new, resistant ones.

They identify in this manner as one organism. Mass communication has allowed the United States and other information age nations to respond similarly to catastrophic events. September 11 comes to mind.

The complexity deepens. In starvation conditions, most bacteria are able to assume the form of spores (through sporulation). These spores are incredibly durable (many can survive the vacuum of space), and do not need to feed in order to persist. When conditions become favorable again, the bacteria can change back into a fully function individual. In colonial species, the bacteria can detect the nature of the environment (food or no food) and notify the rest of the colony by releasing biochemical messages. Each individual is able to receive the message, evaluate the circumstances and "vote" on whether or not the colony should sporulate.

Species-specific communication within the colony has to be fine tuned and complex since, in the natural world, colonies coexist with dozens of other colonies of other species, sending their own messages in their own languages.

Our mouths are a perfect example of this. At any given time, you have about 20 species of bacteria inhabiting the tissue of your gums, each trying to organize feeding and procreation (at least until the next time you brush).

Their messages need to be clear and purposed—as scant molecules among trillions—to extend the life of the colony.

These are just a few examples among dozens (among hundreds as more research is done). The entire story, however, cuts deeper, closer to home.

In each one of these cells lies the secret to our success: energy producing structures called mitochondria.

Mitochondria generate the flow of energy that makes everything possible, gleaming ions from the constant stream of nutrients into our mouths, absorbed through our digestive tract. They have made our lives as multicellular, eukaryotic organisms possible.

Mitochondria have their own genetic information, their own blueprint for life, distinct from the blueprint for our own body, making them the odd structure out in the plan of the cell. So odd, in fact, that scientists think that this is enough evidence to posit the mitochondria as a benefactor from the ancient past; in essence, the mitochondria is a separate entity in the cell, a life giving, incorporated bacterium in each of our cells.

We have not left our past behind. Our lives depend on it.

### ANCESTRAL LANGUAGE

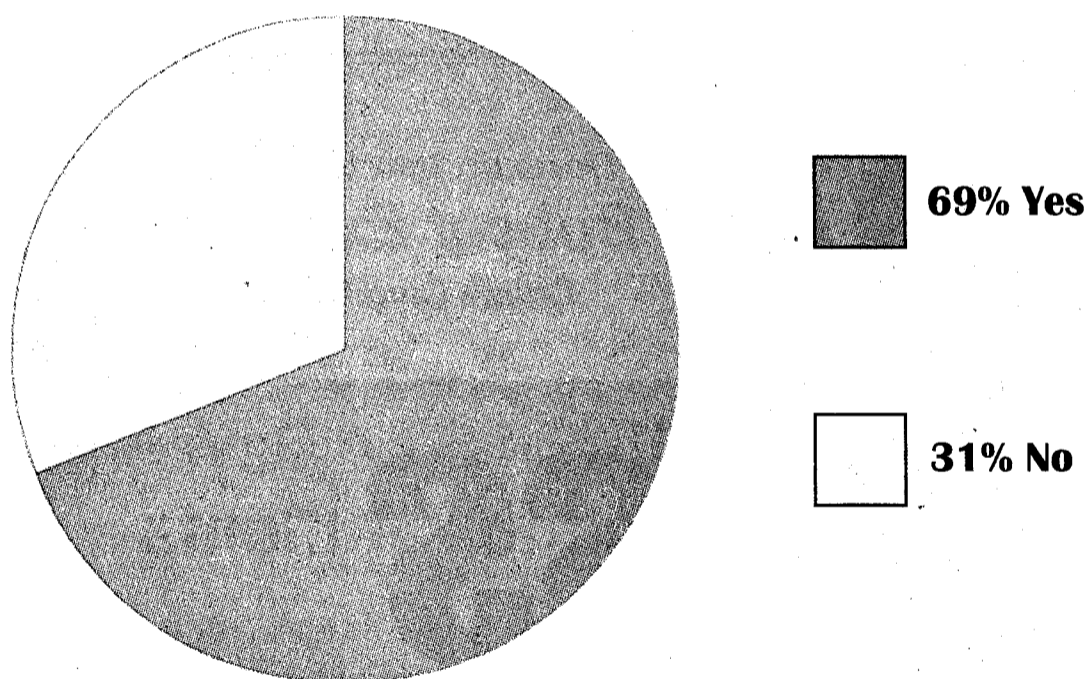
The roots of all language extend into ancient history, revealing a closer tie to the bacteria than previously thought.

Could human social intelligence turn out to be mere echoes our ancient past?

# LISTENING IN ON OUR ANCESTORS

**NEXT:** Bacterial communication has lead to the complex organization of our own bodies, something we will explore next week.

Would you look forward to and participate in future "Open Forums" held by FSU's President, Dr. Gibraltar?



## CRIMELINE

**10/4 Alcohol Violation:** Westminster Hall resident was issued an adult citation for underage possession.

**10/6 Alcohol Violation:** Juvenile at Beall High football game was issued a civil citation and released to parent.

**10/7 Alcohol Violation:** Traffic stop on University Drive resulted in non-student being charged with underage drinking.

**10/7 Burglary:** Cumberland Hall student reported the theft of a digital camera from her unlocked room.

**10/8 Alcohol Violation:** While on a traffic stop, investigating officer found the underage passenger of the vehicle to be in possession of alcohol.

**10/8 DWI:** Traffic stop on University Drive resulted in several citations.

**10/8 RRE:** Officers responded to Annapolis Hall and found unknown culprit had written various slurs as well as drawing obscenities on several walls with dry eraser marker.

**10/8 Alcohol Violation:** Police responded to Edgewood Commons for a noise complaint. Three citations issued for underage possession of alcohol.

**10/9 Burglary:** Westminster Hall student reported unknown subject entered her room and removed a cellular phone.

**10/9 Theft:** Annapolis Hall student reported her cellular phone taken from the Ort Library.

**10/10 Request for Officer:** Two Westminster Hall students reported a suspicious vehicle on University Drive. Complainants stated that the masked driver of the vehicle allegedly pointed what appeared to be a rifle at them. Additional investigation suggests that mask may have been paintball mask, and rifle may have been paintball gun.

**10/7 Burglary:** Cumberland Hall resident reported theft of a camera from her unlocked room.

**10/9 Destruction of Property:** Tires on two cars parked in Center Street Lot were damaged.

**10/10 Destruction of Property:** Guild Center employee reported someone attempted to gain entry to the Audio Lab on the 2nd floor. Investigating officer found only the door received damage and nothing was taken.

**10/11 Alcohol Violation:** Police were summoned to Annapolis Hall for a noise complaint. Four adult civil citations were issued for underage possession.

**10/12 CDS:** Police were summoned to Annapolis Hall for odor of marijuana. CDS paraphernalia, a small amount of suspected marijuana, firecrackers and chrome knuckles were seized.

**10/12 CDS:** Police responded to Westminster Hall for possible CDS violation. Investigating Officer found small amount of residue on the desk top.

**10/12 Harassment:** Cumberland Hall resident reported being harassed by a Potomac State College student via telephone.

**10/13 Alcohol Violation:** Underage citation issued in Westminster Hall.

There has been discussion lately about a number of rapes that have supposedly happened since the start of school. When someone makes a public statement about previously unknown crime, it's always hard to tell if it is pure rumor or if there is a basis in fact. These are the facts that I am aware of. Rape is an underreported crime, but neither the Frostburg Police nor the University Police have received any reports of rape this semester. Nor have we received any anonymous hospital reports, known as a "Jane Doe." It's our belief that the best thing a rape victim can do is report it to the police. We are trained to handle the case professionally and sensitively, and we get superb support from other law enforcement, the State's Attorney, the hospital, and victim service agencies. So, if you are a victim, call us and we will help you.

**Brian Shanley, Chief of Police**  
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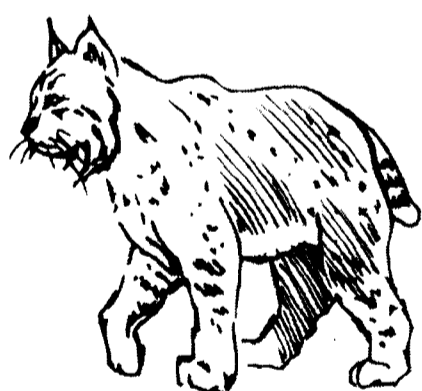
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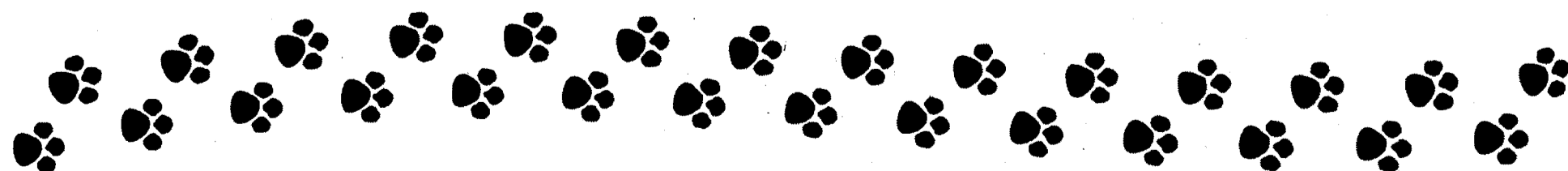
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### ON "FROSTBURG FALLS TO EASTERN MENNONITE"

Greg Bistany says:

I was at that game and I thought that the article is an accurate response/summary of what happened. Good Job.

### ON "BORN GAY?"

Dmitry Murashchik says:

When you live in a straight world, where everyone and the whole world is telling you that you and everyone else is straight, then yes, it does take some work to figure out WHY exactly you feel different. It would be like a blind black person living in a very white Vermont, were no one bothered to tell him he's black, figuring out that something is different based on how people act towards him. Only difference in the analogies is gays figure it out based on internal influences.

Penguins, like humans, can be bisexual, too. Just because some guy is in a relationship with another guy doesn't mean that guy has to have a complete lack of attraction for women. Also, lots of animals out there have gay relationships; not just penguins. Check out the book "Biological Exuberance"

Lastly, getting info on homosexuality from NARTH is like getting info on Christianity from the Taliban. NARTH's main purpose is to make money from donations by spreading fear and propaganda. They scare some people with the "evils" of homosexuality, and give others "false hope" that their by-now estranged family members can be cured. But everything they say has long since been proven false by all the major psychological, psychiatric, an pediatric organizations.

SexPress, herself. says:

I appreciate your response, but I think you misunderstood my intentions of this article. I only wanted to express, from the perspective of a hetero-oriented being, the surprise to how one may figure out that they are homo-oriented. I used the penguins as an example because many people are under the assumption that penguins find partners for life, and in the case I used, they obviously don't. They even switch genders. It's actually quite intriguing and I think it's something that everyone - no matter their orientation - should look into.

### ON "TALKING IT OUT"

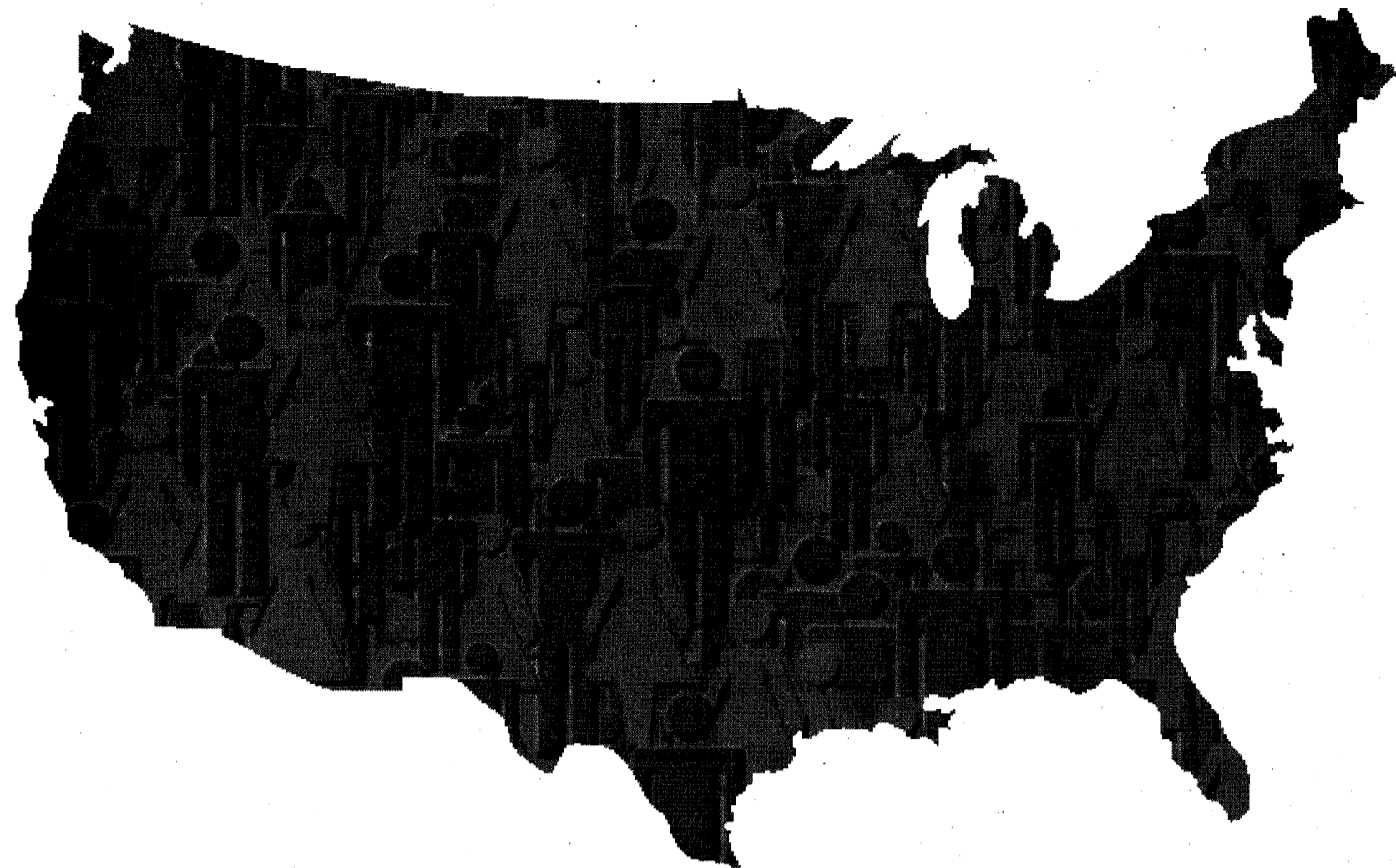
Ricky says:

The fact of the matter is that, even if the president is not the one who is organizing the increased police presence, it is he who has the biggest influence on how the police will treat students. His school is the biggest contributor to the local economy and the driving force behind this small town. If the students are discontent, it takes its toll on everyone and everything here. His voice alone is enough to change the way the police act; and if he's not willing to stand up for us, we need to do it ourselves.

Either the way the forum has been reported by The Bottom Line, or the way he worded his answers, sound too much like he is stepping around the fire.

Matt McGuinness says:

Read the opinion piece my friend. The report on the event itself was an objective account of what happened. He sounds like he's stepping around the fire? I really hope you're not the only one picking up on that.



# The Communal Inventor

## No Gods No Masters

Donovan Martin

Do we as humans create our own meaning? That is where last column left us. It is a question that

political and religious philosophers have debated for centuries. I think most people read a question like that and think it's too much to worry about or that it doesn't really matter.

These responses, while often natural, need to be second-guessed. Isn't it important whether we create our meaning or not? Think for a moment on the implications of that fact, should it turn out to be a fact.

If we create our own meaning than, for instance, Dr. Gibraltar can mean whatever he wants by "Zero Tolerance" if this is the case. He can mean anything from prohibition on campus to merely looking after the safety of those attending this institution.

Thankfully, the latter is what Gibraltar and the FSU administration has come to see Zero Tolerance as representing. But why? Why should they see it that way and not some other? Surely, as I said last week, "Zero Tolerance" has a harsh ring to it, the policy could, given the title, be far more restrictive than we are coming to realize.

I think this is because it is not the individual who ultimately decides on the meaning of words, or on the purpose or value of anything at all. One

side of the "create your own meaning" coin is individualist. This is, in a sense, Nietzsche's Überman, the person capable of forging and executing their own morality, their own ethical code.

As I have said, Nietzsche did not believe that nature provided a basis for a morality of equality. I tend to agree with him. In nature there may be balance but there is not equality.

There is no equality simply because of how amazingly diverse everything is. Equality cannot function in a system where the survival of one thing is dependent upon the death and exploitation of another. There can be balance, "fairness" if you will, but not abject equality.

Just as a regular student is not equal to Dr. Gibraltar in making policy proclamations. The President of the University carries a little more influence when it comes to defining policy, to creating it's meaning.

But, rejecting the individualist notion, Dr. Gibraltar is not himself the source of that meaning. Nor would any single student be if they were to suggest a definition.

The idea that an individual creates its own meaning is flawed because the individual itself has no use for meaning. Meaning, like language, is derivative of the social aspect of human experience. It comes from shared ideas, from communicating the perspectives of individuals between said individuals.

Keep in mind that these perspectives can be radically different but

they are all perspectives on the same thing. Individuals very so tremendously it becomes difficult even to comprehend. But they are all experience the same concrete reality, all forming their idea of experience that are communal, that occur within social settings which can predetermine their significance.

This is why Dr. Gibraltar is leaning toward the "safety" definition of Zero Tolerance. It is because he is but one influence among a whole community of influence exerting themselves with and against him in a veritable web of influences. The tensions between the lines of this web create the structural framework for our cultural ideas and offer the pathways through which an individual functions within that framework.

The Aristotelian conception of society is as an organism and I don't think a better analogy has been made in the 2,300 years since that observation. Like cells combine to make up the whole of the human body, human individuals combine to make up the whole of society.

Similarly, just as certain types of cells become specialized and concentrated to perform a specific task for the body, individuals too become specialized and concentrated on performing a specific task within society. Hence people, in a cooperative effort, go together to make a system; a very real and functioning system.

Taken together, each individual cell depends on the rest of the cells to sustain it, indeed, one cell

becomes indistinguishable from another when the whole body is presented. So too do individual humans become indistinguishable when the whole social body is considered.

This is how to avoid the Nietzschean pitfall of moral subjectivity. By realizing that, for better or worse, we're really more the same person than different people, objectively speaking. This is not to take the extreme view and say that the individual does not exist, but it is to say that the individual does not exist in the manner that is typically assumed.

The individual exists in relation to the whole. Therefore, it is the whole that gives meaning, though not a meaning that is mere convention.

History, as we are told it, is an agreed upon fiction. But there is the objective history as people experienced it and that is not fiction. Like history, people can talk about and prescribe moral codes but those may turn out to be subjective whims.

The real moral code lies within the context of sustaining the organism, sustaining not only a society, but in the human race, and ultimately in the ecosystem and environment that supports humans and their counterparts in the natural world.

Ultimately, I think this means optimizing the success of the individuals who will, in turn, work better toward sustaining a system that has provided for them. Why do I think this? More on that next week.

# Threats and Challenges

PAUL GREALISH  
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## What I Can't See Can't Hurt Me.....

Prior to the First World War a wave of fear washed over the major powers; a fear of the spectre of Communism and Anarchism. As this fear grew, governments attempted to clamp down on anything associated with Communism/Anarchism and instilled a great dread of a 'Red' takeover. All this hysteria helped to divert attention away from the huge arms race which helped to fuel the outbreak of the Great War. One of humanity's most upsetting traits is that, in general, we don't see a problem until it blows up in our face. In our hysteria regarding the War on Terror, the Iraq War, the Taliban et al, we too may be ignoring matters of equal, or perhaps more importance.

**Iran:** Iran is lead by President Mahmoud Admadinejad, a man who has vowed to wipe Israel off the map, extend Iranian influence over the whole Middle East and develop nuclear capabilities. Iran also funds a number of terrorist organizations, such as the Hezbollah in Lebanon.

However, there is very little the West can do to counter Iran's bid for an Empire. With US and NATO troops bogged down in the quagmires of Iraq and Afghanistan, they can offer no military deterrent. Economic sanctions are also pointless against a nation with the second largest oil field on Earth.

As a major hotbed of Islamic fundamentalist thought, Iran is a veritable safe-haven for any one of a number of terrorist groups. The government there would also gladly do anything to harm or embarrass the USA and Israel. Soon enough they may even have WMD. Terrorism, a threat to world peace, and stockpiles of weapons; these are the things that were not found in Iraq, but Iran has in abundance. The threat posed by Iran to global security is massive, and there is nothing we can do about it.

**North Korea:** Under the rule of the borderline insane Kim-Jung Il, North Korea is a failed rogue state. The government there clings to outmoded and failing Communist economic policies and there is mass starvation and almost universal poverty. However, Kim-Jung Il is a former military man, and as such he has spent heavily, indeed excessively

on defence. On October 9th 2006, North Korea tested its first nuclear bomb. This creates two very disturbing possibilities; the first is that North Korea may actually use their nuclear weapons against their democratic neighbours to the south. The second is that they may sell these weapons to a terrorist organization.

Without US military power to deter these actions, it is difficult to see what can be done with North Korea. Once again the spectre of the Iraq War looms large.

**Russia:** Under Vladimir Putin, Russia has made huge strides forward. The nation has massive natural resources and a strong military. Putin himself is very much an authoritarian, bordering on fascist. He has centralized power in his own hands, and controls the media, big business and the state governors. His dictatorial style coupled with the potential for huge economic growth hasn't been seen in Russia since the time of Stalin. The West has largely ignored Putin and has stood idly by while he has destroyed democracy in Russia.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia was a joke. Putin has restored much of the Soviet-era pride in Mother Russia and ambivalence to the West. The horror of an East-West

standoff between Russia and the US may again become a possibility.

**China and India:** China and India do not pose any military threat. However, these two nations do pose a serious challenge to the current balance of world power. Within fifty years China and India may be the most dominant economic superpowers in the world. Both nations have massive populations, huge internal markets, and a steady supply of educated workers. They excel at producing things faster and cheaper than most Western nations. Soon, their GDP and economic growth figures may dwarf those of the USA and the European Union.

None of these things may actually happen, or perhaps they all will. The point is that while the headlines are dominated by talk of Iraq, Afghanistan and Al-Qaeda, Iran and Russia are growing in prestige and influence, while China is on its way to dominating the global economy. There are serious challenges ahead for the world community. However, while we all obsess over terrorism and border protection, we may very well be failing to see the forest for the trees.

# Letter from the President

To the student community:

First let me say how gratified I was by the number of students who attended and participated in the Open Dialogue held on Oct. 5. For those of you who were not able to attend that event, I would like to highlight some of my remarks here:

Since taking the role as the president of your university I have been focused on making those changes that I feel will create the best possible environment and experience for your education here. That has ranged from ordering a review of possible improvements to residential facilities to the planning of a new state of the art Communications and Information Technology building. All while setting in motion plans to increase the effective enrollment of the University and recover from several financial challenges presented by the current shortfall.

In the last few weeks I have made myself heard in the community on the topic of alcohol and its appropriate place in the university. I am aware that this has not been without some controversy. I believe once you have heard from me directly what my views are, we can have a productive discussion on that and other topics you may wish to discuss.

However, much has been said in recent weeks concerning issues of off-campus student behavior arising out of the unfortunate incident resulting in the injury of a community resident and the actions of law enforcement in the aftermath of that incident. I would like to take a few moments to address the implications of those events here at FSU, to clearly state my position on these issues and to dispel some rumors which have come to my attention surrounding these events.

Among the responsibilities of a university president is the setting forth of clearly stated expectations for student behavior. First and foremost, I want this to be a safe community. Safety is the lens through which I examine the conduct and attitudes of our students to the community and each other.

I also expect there to be civility both on the campus and in the neighborhoods surrounding the University. Finally, I expect students to treat each other and all the other residents of the City of Frostburg with respect. Any community, particularly an academic community, should expect no less from its members.

I have been contacted by a number of students who have made it clear that they appreciate my actions in moving to address issues of underage drinking and off campus behavior. These are students who value the reputation for academic excellence which accompanies their graduation from FSU. These are students who are concerned that a reputation as a "party school," undeserved though it may be, will adversely affect the value of their education in the world beyond these gates.

It seems clear to me that the great majority of students treat the issues surrounding alcohol use with respect and responsibility. And yet there are still those students who are less than abiding of the law and the rights of others when it comes to drinking. In the past decade no less than three FSU students have died as a direct result of alcohol or where alcohol was a significant contributing factor. So far this semester there have been 37 students cited for alcohol violations by University Police. Most unfortunate is the fact that

five students have been taken to the hospital so far this semester due to the effects of alcohol or drugs.

I do not maintain that this is a problem confined to the environs of FSU. The consequences of alcohol abuse nationwide include the death of over 1,400 students each year – primarily as the result of driving accidents. More than a half million students suffer unintentional injury while under the influence of alcohol. Another 600,000 students are assaulted by fellow students who are under the influence of alcohol.

Before going too much further, let me dispel some myths and rumors that have come to my attention.

There is a rumor that I requested the increased police presence within the City of Frostburg. Not true. For example, I was not aware of the police action regarding the party on Bowery Street until I saw the article describing it the Cumberland paper. I was neither informed or consulted – nor do I expect to be – of the pending action by law enforcement.

Another rumor I have heard is that now students will be suspended or expelled for a second alcohol offense. I have not asked those responsible for enforcing our Code of Student Conduct to change the manner in which panels decide on sanctions that are imposed on students found responsible for violating University policies. The primary purpose of our Code of Student Conduct is educational. It would be very unwise to use any kind of "formula" in deciding on sanctions.

There is at least one more untrue rumor out there relating to off-campus unrecognized groups and the belief that being a member of one of these groups will force student's expulsion from the University. While I have a great deal of concern about many of these groups, I also recognize that students have a right to freedom of association. Memberships in outside groups will not be cause for expulsion, but breaking the law or violating University policies could end your college career.

I recommend everyone review the section in Pathfinder regarding student conduct.

The final rumor that I would like to address is one that has existed long before my arrival. Apparently there are many students who still believe that the University cannot discipline students for behavior that takes place off-campus. That is not the case. Over the past several years, there have been many instances in which the University has suspended or expelled students for violating laws off-campus. We will continue to do so.

In order to make certain these rules are applied evenly and fairly, I am calling for a change in our current practices – which is not a change in our current policies. I am asking the administrative staff in the Division of Student and Educational Services to develop procedures that will enable the University to more consistently, and more comprehensively, respond to off-campus behavior. Previous practices spared underage students caught drinking off campus from the on-campus judicial system, even though they had to face the legal consequences through the district court. Now, as students who are underage and drinking in our residence halls are subject to action both by the campus judicial system and the district court, the same will apply to underage students who are drinking off-campus.

So the concept of "zero tolerance" was introduced to initiate a conversation about alcohol and to underline my concern about student safety. As I have said before the concept means to me that my tolerance for injury or death to any member of the FSU community because of alcohol abuse is, simply, Zero. However, my choice of the term "zero tolerance" to capture my concerns has, unfortunately, led to misperception that I intend to immediately impose prohibition-like restrictions on the campus at FSU. Such is not the case. I have and intend to continue to permit the use and availability of alcohol at campus events consistent with the rules which already exist and subject to all of the laws and regulations which apply. For any misconception created by early use of the term "zero-tolerance," I can only express my regret and explain my meaning here. Put yourself in your parents' shoes and imagine getting a late-night call from me informing you that your son or daughter has died because of alcohol. Now perhaps you understand that I will take all steps necessary to protect the safety, health and welfare of the students – you – whenever I believe they are at risk.

On another and no less serious issue, my concerns about student behavior on this campus are not restricted to alcohol. I have been very disturbed by a series of incidents that have come to my attention: On Sunday, a resident assistant in Annapolis Hall called the University Police to report malicious and hateful graffiti scrawled on the doors inside the residence hall. A week later, the malicious action was repeated, and there was another instance of hateful graffiti found in Ort Library. The graffiti was racist, sexist, homophobic and anti-Semitic. Although I do not view this in any way as representative of the overall campus climate that exists at this University, that in no way lessens my concern about this incident. The police and the staff in Annapolis Hall are continuing their investigation. I ask for your assistance in our efforts to identify the individuals responsible for this unacceptable behavior.

I would also like to address another issue that came up during the forum. After double-checking, we have learned that NO campus rapes have been reported in the Cumberland Times-News this semester, nor have any been reported to University Police or University officials. However, as Dr. Bowling stated, sexual assaults are the most underreported crime there is, and if there are victims out there, it is important that they report the crime in order to get the assistance they need and the attacker can be brought to justice. Sexual assaults should be reported to University Police, or you can go to the Counseling Center, the staff in the Residence Life Office or the Office of Student and Educational Services. All reports are treated confidentially.

On these and important other issues facing Frostburg State University, it is essential that we keep the lines of communications open. I intend to have more of these dialogues in the future, but in the meantime, I continue to want to hear from you. My door – and my e-mail inbox – are always open.

Jonathan Gibraltar, President  
Frostburg State University

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR Regarding the Front Page Photos

No doubt many are disturbed by the hateful images displayed on the front page of this issue. It is tragic that incidents like these persist in such a diverse community of people, in a time where we would like to think that racial and cultural slander is in the past.

The decision to publish these images was made with careful deliberation and genuine concern for the feelings of those involved and the feelings of our readers. Our intent is not to glorify the deplorable actions of the vandals, but to show the campus community the full extent of the vandalism of Annapolis Hall.

## The decision to publish these images was made with care- ful deliberation and genuine concern for the feelings of those involved and the feelings of our readers

These images plainly exhibit the fact that racism is still an issue in American society. I hope this stimulates a discussion on campus, giving all of us an opportunity to publically pinpoint the barriers to true cultural acceptance and unification. Diversity is something to be celebrated; it is one of the foundational elements of America.

I also hope that the vandals are apprehended and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. As Officer Shanley stated, these kinds of incidents should not be taken lightly.

No one should have to live in fear because of another's cultural or racial prejudice. My deepest sympathy goes out to those referenced by these attacks.

Please feel free to e-mail your concerns to thebottomline[at]frostburg[dot]edu, or stop by our office in LUC 232. We are your voice at FSU.

Jeremy Bruno  
Editor in Chief

# Saluting Dr. James Hagan

What happened? That is what I find myself asking. The college lost in the spring of last semester one of the greatest things to ever happen to it: Dr. James Hagan. His words and memories of his classes pass through the lips of former students. When you would ask the average student in one of his classes what major he or she was the answer was never consistent and that is why you could tell the man was gravity itself. Students

instinctively flocked to the man because he was passionate and his style of teaching only shed light upon the world and carried with it no ill will. He knew where he stood on what he taught. He would break down in tears leaving you feeling heartbroken because he could broadcast empathy when telling a story. He had done many things and been well educated but one never thought him to be bragging only opening your eyes to

the world he had the fortune of seeing. I don't think the man had a single enemy and if he did he probably didn't know it because he had no use for hostilities. I hope to have even half the impact on the world he did. Has his message been heard? Has he changed you for the better?

Jeremy Graham

# Billion Year Old Vendettas

## Interviews with God

Michael Weaver

As Continued From Last Week...

**MW:** Yes, that's right. We have a very special guest this week. Please give a round of thunder claps for the big man himself. You

know who I'm talking about. That man in the clouds who watches all women, that dude who loves the throw lightning bolts when he's pissed, the bearded Greek sex machine you've heard so much about...

**GOD:** Haha. Thank you, thank you. But there's no need for this kind of introduction, Mikey. I'm here every week.

**MW:** I am of course talking about Zeus! The Greek god of thunder and the sky.

*Zeus enters looking angry and horny for mortal women. The smell of burbon and fire is on his breath.*

**Zeus:** God, is that you?

*A myriad of emotions enter Zeus' eyes, includ-*

*ing: Happiness, relief, indignation, and bigotry.*

**MW:** You know each other? From where?

**GOD:** It started when we were roommates in college. Zeus was always the popular one; he always had girls all over him (including my sister). I played a lot of Dungeons and Dragons, and was constantly envious of his popularity. I didn't start to gain fame and followers until later...

**MW:** So you guys are already friends! This is excellent. It will make answering questions from students that much easier.

**Zeus:** Friends! Bah! Aren't you conveniently leaving something out, God?

**GOD:** What are you talking about, Zeussy-Mal-oosey. I thought we were cool.

**Zeus:** Don't call me that anymore! We were friends... It was one April morning. I was off at the lightning club collecting donations in electricity form, God was re-instilling guilt in the masses - the idea of sperm hadn't been solidified yet, so Mikey, you certainly weren't born yet. Anyway, as I was returning to the room after leaving a club meeting earlier after a celebration on two years of

successful smiting. It was then that I saw God in bed with Hera!

**GOD:** Look, dude. I already apologized for that like a million times. I thought we could be cool now and get back to ultimate Frisbee like the good old days...

**Zeus:** You betrayed your best friend, roommate and business partner! Hera and I loved each other more than the Swedish like dreary days.

**GOD:** I thought you didn't even like her! You told me the night before you were planning on leaving her after you used her to get to her sister; you were constantly cheating on her. That's no way to treat a goddess like Hera.

**MW:** I can tell there's a lot of tension between you bearded old men. Zeus, if you really loved Hera then why would you cheat on her? And why would she cheat on you if she really loved you?

**Zeus:** You see, at this point, God was beginning to gain popularity and I was slowly becoming more obscure - like disco. If people stop believing in us gods, then we cease to be religious deities and must retire into the abyss that is mythology.

The same thing is happening to Dennis Miller. And who the f#\$! is going to believe mythology anyway. It's got the word myth right in the word!

**MW:** What does this all have to do with cheating?

**Zeus:** I tried petitioning to have more followers, but at an alarmingly gradual rate, people were just getting tired of polytheism with a bunch of promiscuous half-wits running around committing adultery, eating their own babies and incest. They wanted a pure and perfect God. Someone who would be compassionate enough to listen to their problems when they got dumped, but tough enough to get in people's faces too. I realized the only way to make my name live on as more than mere mythology would be to sire enough offspring so that they could carry on the family tradition of Greek mythology (and selling insurance).

**MW:** I can certainly tell from all this information, that there is definitely more to this plot to be unfolded later. I'll have to note this as important back story that may be referred to later \*wink\*.

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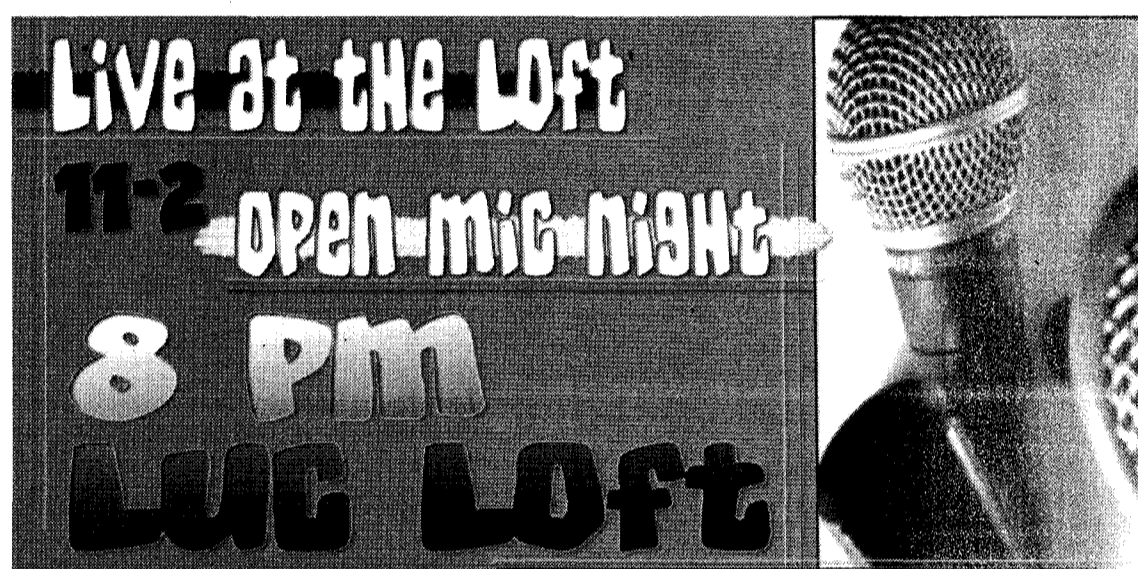
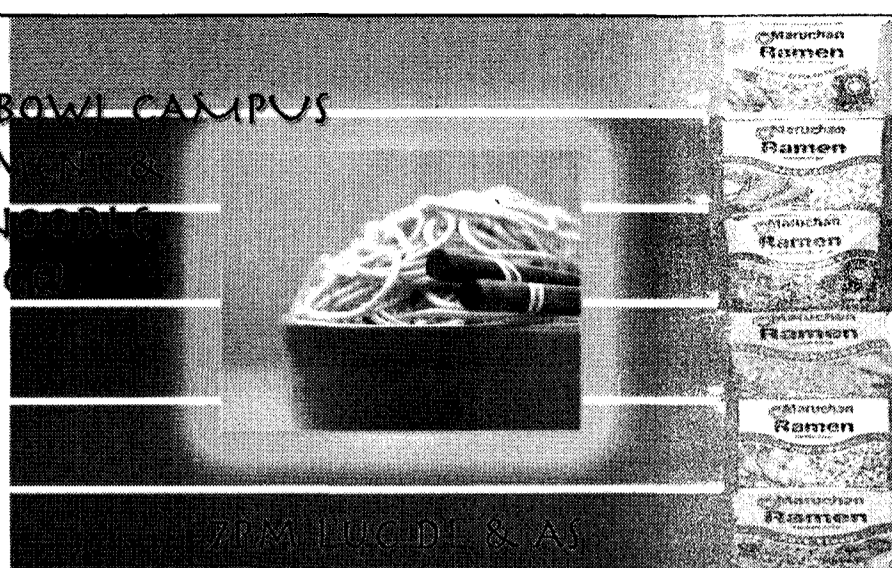
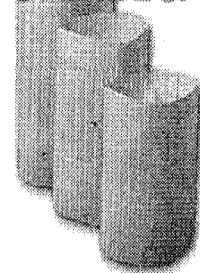
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## Western Maryland is the place to be for autumn festivities

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Picture this: you are surrounded by a field of eight-foot tall, lean, rough and crunchy monsters. They have multiple dull arms slapping you in the face and they only direct you to the next fellow monster. Their numerous "ears" hear your cries and bargains for escape. When, finally, in one last attempt, you plunge through the vegetated crops with a horrific expression and a feeling of accomplishment as the FINISH banner flaps over your head. As scary as it sounds, this Halloween tradition is in a town near you.

Local corn mazes, haunted houses and pumpkin patches are a dime-a-dozen in our rural and mountainous corner of the world.

If you like dark and scary places and being chased by chainsaws, you might wanna check out The Fright Farm, located north of Morgantown. Going towards Morgantown, but not quite there, take I-69 East to Cheat Lake (exit 10). At the end of the exit ramp,

turn left (Rt. 857). Take Rt. 857 8 miles North into Pennsylvania. Rich Farms will be on your left. Student night is Wednesdays for \$10. Check out their website at [www.frightfarm.com](http://www.frightfarm.com).

If you like getting lost in a moment of insanity and panic, with a little mix of fright and family fun, you might want to check out the local Cove Run corn maze in Garrett County. Going west-bound on I-68, merge onto US-219 S/ Garrett Hwy. via exit 14A toward Oakland. Turn right on E Cove Road and go North for 1.1 miles. Turn

Right on Griffith Rd. and go north for 0.7 miles. Admission is \$7 for adults; you can find them on the worldwide web at [www.coverunfarms.com](http://www.coverunfarms.com).

J&B Farms: a 7 acre Corn Maze in Twigg Town. Call (301) 478-5632 for more information.

If you opt for a more colorful, family-oriented experience, pumpkins can be found at our local Wal\*Mart, the Fruit Bowl in the Narrows or, if you prefer the more traditional approach, you can pick your own pumpkin. Follow directions to the Cove Run Corn

maze in Garrett County. Pass the Cove Run Farm on US-219 approximately 6-7 miles. Fratz Farm Pumpkin Patch is along the road on the right.

Don't forget to stock up on Reese's Cups, Tootsie Rolls and Blow Pops for the little witches and goblins begging for cavities. The little monsters will be on their warpaths on the 31st on Victoria Lane, Crestview Drive, Braddock Estates and in the on-campus dorms.

## Relationship Advice from the Garden of Eden

### SexPress

Amanda Baldwin

I went to church on Sunday (insert instant messenger shock face here). There was a deacon visiting and he probably had some of the best things to say about love and relationships. I figured I would share those words with you.

The deacon first explained that Adam and Eve were the luckiest couples ever because Adam never had to worry about all the guys Eve *could* have been with; and Eve never had to hear about his mother's cooking.

He led into his point with another joke: "In all the years you've been married, have you ever thought about divorce?" someone asked him. "No. Murder, yes. But not divorce." The deacon's point was that there are two things that keep a relationship strong: focus and communication. Combined, these two key elements can make any commitment everlasting.

When one begins to lose focus on the other, they forget to communicate. When a couple doesn't communicate, all focus is lost. It's a vicious cycle that you can actually see happening before your very eyes.

I almost think it's sad that people lose focus and don't recognize it. When a relationship blossoms, one person is so infatuated with the other that it takes up all of their focus (sometimes you can't even study!). Fortunately, it's not that hard to maintain that focus. There's a new and interesting thing to learn about a person everyday, it just takes a little work to find it (and it's often found through communication).

Recognizing the loss of focus can prevent a relationship from going on without the focus it deserves.

As you probably know, I've always been a big believer in communication. I think it's more of a respect thing. You should respect the person you're with enough to tell them if you want to be with them. And, if you love them, you should not hold back on letting them know, or even letting them know how you feel about them.

Now, if Adam and Eve would have discussed and COMMUNICATED with each other about the Serpent's word vs. God's, then we would be living in complete bliss right now!

If Eve hadn't convinced Adam to eat the fruit, then they never would have realized that they were naked and opened up a Pandora's Box of relationship issues. But I don't hate Eve for this; in fact, I love her even more.

Granted, there are times where I would love to live in complete bliss and not be forced to recognize the sight of some overexposed skin, but inside the Pandora's Box of relationship issues are the keys to an everlasting relationship. Thus, Eve is responsible for giving us this.

The ignorance of bliss allows us to get to know a person - to see every detail of their soul. This is why Adam and Eve were exposed when they ate the forbidden fruit. What is great about relationships today is that we never come to know every detail of a person's soul. We spend every opportunity we get trying to learn each new one. When someone gives up on learning more about a person is when the relationship fails and when its chance to remain everlasting has ended.

## Frostburg State University Hosts "Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life"

Press Release

Frostburg State University will host "Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life," a three-and-a-half-day conference on the history of baseball, kicking off Wednesday, Nov. 8, with a keynote address by Frank Deford, senior editor for "Sports Illustrated" and weekly sports commentator for National Public Radio.

Over the following three

days, 20 sessions will describe and evaluate the evolution of baseball from its creation in the 1840s to the present day. The speakers will include an unusual mix of distinguished historians, sports journalists, radio announcers, commentators, baseball professionals and informed baseball enthusiasts.

The conference will conclude on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11, with a description of significant changes in major


league baseball over the past half-century. The primary speaker for the conference wrap-up will be Clyde King, who began his 62 years in the majors as a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1944, then subsequently became a pitching coach for the Cincinnati Reds, manager for the San Francisco Giants, and general manager for the New York Yankees.

Frank Deford's talk will

begin at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Lane University Center. His keynote address will focus on John McGraw and Christy Mathewson, who figure prominently in Deford's recent book, *The Old Ball Game*.

The conference sessions are free and open to the public, and there will be an opportunity following each session for audience questions.

# 18TH ANNUAL SYNG KEE T-T-T T-T-T



**When: Thursday October 26th, 2006**  
**Where: Gordts Gymnasium**  
**Cost: \$5 in advance  
\$6 at the door**  
**Prizes: \$225 First place  
\$150 Second place  
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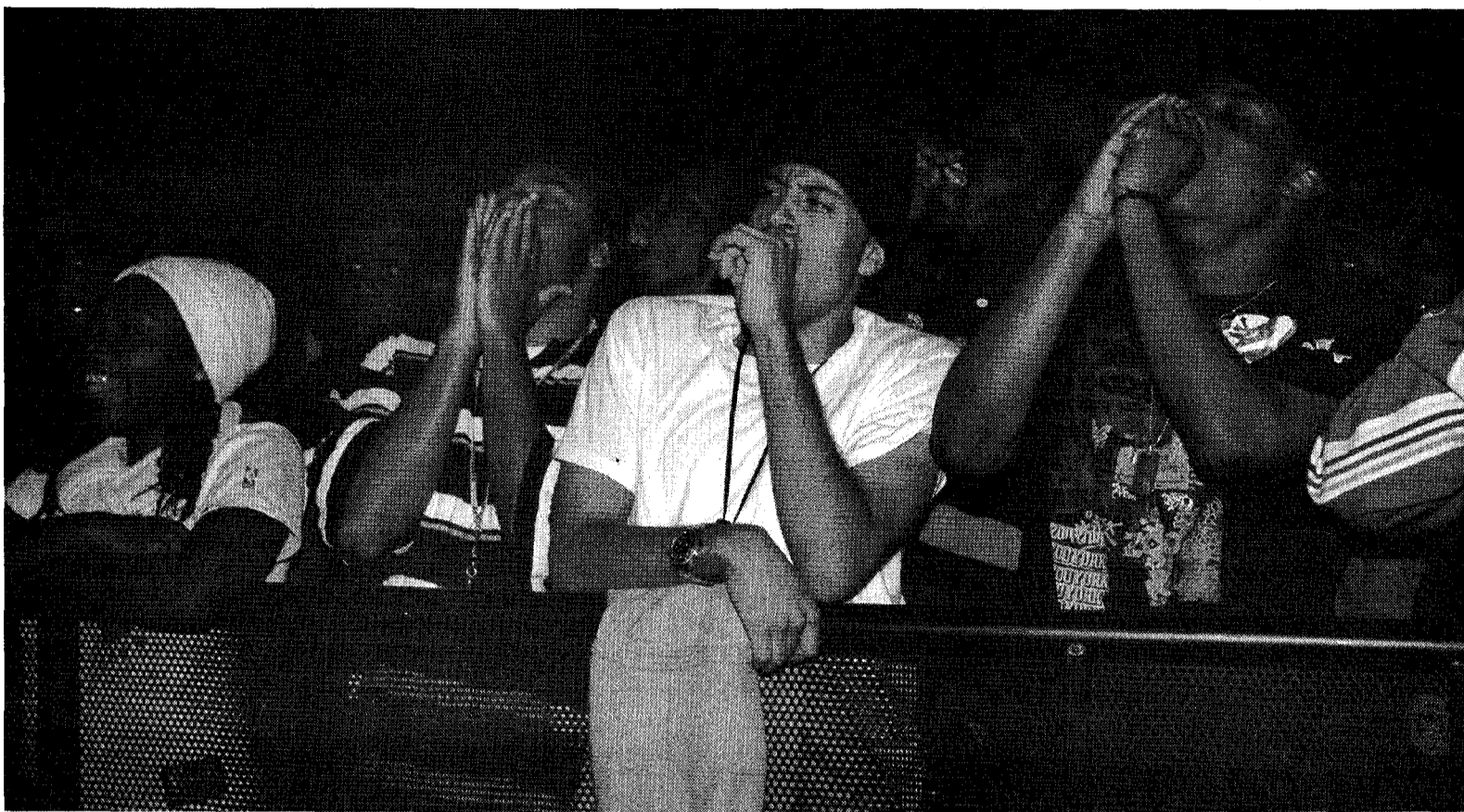
## Peanut Butter Wolf Chrome Children

BECKI MANUEL  
Staff Writer

Adult Swim and Stones Throw Records collaborate on an album with all-new tracks from MF DOOM and Madlib as Madvillain, J Dilla, Madlib (solo), Quasimoto, J Rocc of the World Famous Beat Junkies, Percee P and more. Stones Throw Records, who is one of hip-hop's most consistent indie labels, has collaborated with Cartoon Network's Adult Swim to compile one of the best underground compilations of 2006.

Reflecting the label's diversity, Chrome Children features innovative hip-hop with plenty of miscellaneous cuts that span the realms of funk, soul, and trip-hop. Super producer Madlib and the late, great J. Dilla are the dominant forces on this one, with Madlib producing a few tracks.

While presented by Adult Swim, Chrome Children is more of a Stones Throw mix tape than Cartoon Network promo; the artists are allowed to breathe and be themselves. Whether it's Guilty Simpson on "Clap Your Hands", MED "All I Know", Georgia Anne Muldrow's "Simply a Joy" or Aloe Blacc's "What Now", the compilation's greatest success is its ability to remain true to Adult Swim's sensibilities. Those who follow the independent scene know that J Dilla and Madlib can be trusted, but it's incredible to see them given freedom to roam on a project indirectly sponsored by Ted Turner. It's different to see a small label get big money backing without having to sell its soul. While it casts a wide net over the genre, like the Adult Swim shows, the mix manages to provide something for everyone without necessarily trying to aim for anyone in particular.



**NO HOLDIN' BACK** The audience went wild when The Roots made their way onto the stage Saturday night.

**ROOTS** *continued from front*

After a brief 15 minute interlude, the crowd was ready. The Roots came out in full force and gave the eager crowd just what they wanted. Starting off with tracks from their recent album, released on Def Jam records, *Game Theory*, The Roots went through songs like "Don't Feel Right", "Game Theory" and "Long Time", even without fellow Illadelph native, Peddi Peddi. With eight LP's under their belts, The Legendary's had more than enough songs to choose from. Dipping into

the more popular songs, "Seed 2.0" "You got me" and "Break you off", these Philly natives kept the potential fans happy, while going way back in time for those long time Okaypalyers by performing "Mellow my Man", "Next Movement" and "Love of my Life".

The performance elevated to unexpected heights during the solo's of each band member; Leonard Hubert on the bass, Captain Kirk on the guitar, Questlove and Knuckles on percussions and Kamal on the keys. Showing off their true artistic skills, Quest and Knuckles captivated all with their

attempt to out do one another. The hour and a half set came to an end after Kamal's creative keyboard solo, but that was hardly the end. While attempting to say their good byes, the crowd was in a frenzy and demanded more; repeatedly shouting "Roots, Roots..". Without hesitation The Legendary came back for one more round. Showing off their versatility by performing covers from different artists and genres, The Roots burned the house down. From Young Joc to Michael Jackson, these artists hardly missed a beat and the crowd ate it up. After 20 more minuets of

doing what they do best, it was finally time to end the night.

After the performance, each member hopped in the crowd and showed love to their dying fans. Questlove, Kamal and Captain Kirk signed several different items from their equipment and tossed them to the crowd.

I'm sure after this performance The Roots held on to their most loyal fans and surely grasp new ones. Frostburg finally got a great act u here in my lifetime, now lets hope we don't take another 3 year hiatus.

## CHIODOS IS GOING NUTS

STEPH THORNTON  
Music Editor

Their name might remind you of a cheesy snack, but it's actually an obscure term used in 80's horror films. From the start of Chiodos, they've been focused on creating something different. They have a lot of diverse influences, and they attempt to let them all shine through in their music. Their sound has been compared to The Blood Brothers, Saosin, Horse the Band and Anatomy of a Ghost. They can have heavy moments with screaming plus metal-core guitar riffs, and melodic moments with the keyboard and poppy vocals. "All we've ever wanted to do is play music that we want to listen to," said drummer Derrick Frost. "There're so many different aspects to it. From rock to rap...it's all fused together as one." The band members tend not to agree on what C.D. to pop in while they're traveling across the country. When asked about Chiodos's greatest influences,

Derrick explained that "[Our] greatest impact has been Saves the Day and Queen. Those are the only two that everyone can agree on. Everyone likes everything. From Darkest Hour to Jimi Hendrix. It's so vast."

Currently, Chiodos are opening up for From First to Last, Every Time I Die, and Ateyu. The tour recently kicked off and they are now making their way up the east coast. On October 21, they will be at the Sonar in Baltimore, Maryland. Their drummer, Derrick, feels that the tour has been awesome so far. "We know everyone on this tour and everyone's friends with each other which is really awesome," commented Derrick. "We're getting along with the other bands awesome. We toured with all of them individually." Chiodos already knows the other band members really well, and from the first day they've all been partying together. "We've definitely been living up to the rock 'n' roll expectations of being party animals and

going nuts," said Derrick.

As for the live performances, he has this to say: "I'm more judgmental because I play in a band myself. It's hard for me to get into a show. If a band can be entertaining and keep my attention, then they've done an awesome job." On their current tour, Derrick mentioned that the live shows are very intense, but because Every Time I Die is one of his favorite bands, he enjoys their performances the most. "I like Every Time I Die a lot because they're way old school for me," said Derrick. When Chiodos takes the stage, they just show that they're having a good time. "We get up there and have fun," said Derrick. They've been touring almost non-stop for the past couple years, but Derrick sees it as a good thing, "We like getting noticed for all of our hard work."

Chiodos has been on Equal Vision Records since late 2004. "They're like a dream record label come true," explained Derrick. "They've done so much for



us." Chiodos is expecting to record new material soon. Their debut on Equal Vision, *All's Well That Ends Well*, has been out for a year and a half, and right now they're concentrating on getting some new stuff

together. "We're excited about recording new stuff; after this tour we're going to get started on writing the new album. We're pretty stoked to get something new out," said Derrick.



## The Roots Game Theory

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Staff Writer

It would seem that Questlove looks at *Game Theory* as just another chapter in The Roots's story, and not as an album to be truly proud of, like *Things Fall Apart*. "As of this speaking, anything to do with the term 'game theory' is strictly past tense only...I'm working on [album] number 10 right now — I want to be the first rap artist to actually make a good 10th record, that's my goal. [We're already] four songs into the next project," said Questlove. This is a shame because *Game Theory* is one of the more solid releases they have made. I will have to say that *Game Theory* takes all the dead end experimentation contained on *Phrenology* and makes it focused. This way, the album seems to have more feeling behind it because the emotional energy is not hidden, but focused, to the point that the listener truly hears it. The Roots are also nodding their surroundings; with the song "Can't Stop This" they give an eight-and-a-half-minute tribute to the late J Dilla. Also, with the song "Atonement", they've sampled the song "You And Whose Army?" by Radiohead, a band that also pushes musical boundaries. *Game Theory* is excellently done, and recommended to any fan of The Roots or as a starting point to those who don't know them.



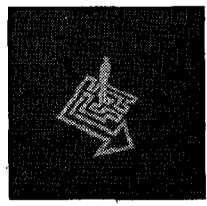
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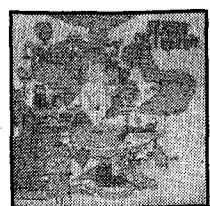
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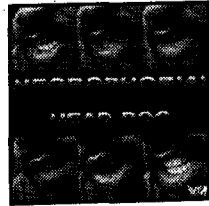
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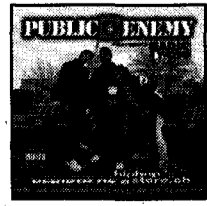
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# RIP IT

# Greek Corner by Marissa Kiple

I was watching the movie Ladder 49 last night. When a new fireman, a rookie, entered the firehouse, the fire company had a whole routine. They would take the rookie to the chief's office, who would be dressed in his boxers. Then they would take the catholic rookie to a fake confessional, one of the firemen would act like a priest, and they would subject the rookie to embarrassment. It was a joke, everyone laughed, but isn't it hazing?

**\*\*Disclaimer:** This article in no way means that I am against, or in favor of, hazing; I'm simply asking questions. Any comment made about my own new member experience (and believe me, they'll be few and far between) does not implicate that hazing took place nor disprove it; however, I will say that this is a very different Greek Community than the one I entered (but I think that's a good thing). \*\*

When I was a "new member" and called home to tell my parents I'd be "going through new member education," my Dad, a retired Air Force

major, said, "anything they make you do will be easy compared to basic."

This is a man who went through basic training and, according to stereotype, was called a maggot and anything else his superior officer wanted to call him. He went through survival training where water is rationed and men learn how to eat dirt to survive. He didn't care if a group of girls wanted to be snotty and yell at me (hypothetically speaking).

My only question is: "Why is it illegal for fraternities and sororities to haze in any way, but the military, police academy, fire department and many others openly speak about basic training and how it breaks down a man and builds a soldier or brother?" If I joined the military I would be told when to eat, when to go to sleep and wake up, and even when to go to the bathroom; but instead I joined a sorority.

I'm sure by now even the freshmen have heard the hazing rumors (those "such and such an organization makes you do this to get in" sort of rumors). I heard one the other night

about Alpha Sigma Tau. Apparently we need to go down on our bigs and get them off in order to get into the sorority. I must have missed that activity...sorry Big. I'm sure people have heard about girls squatting on cones or guys being paddled to the point where their butts are nothing more than scabs. Who knows what's the truth and what are lies? (The going down thing, def. a LIE! I mean, ewww.) This behavior is wrong, and not something I would ever do/want to make someone do.

I don't want to make girls drink or eat rotting food. I don't want to make girls stay awake for entire weeks or not shower for days (Who wants smelly girls in their house?). Personally, I'm not even going to be mad if you don't know what my nickname is. But do library hours really count as hazing? Library hours must be optional in order to be included in a new member education program. Otherwise you are forcing a girl to do something against her will, and, thus, hazing her. If the new members are doing an activity, then the sisters must

be doing it too. Our newest pledge class, Alpha Nu, made a pledge class song to Justin Timberlake's "Sexy-Back" (good job girls), and performed it for the sorority. We had done an event before that where we sang sorority songs, and they wanted to show us the newest pledge class song. While I loved their song (they even made up a dance to it - completely their own idea, not Alpha Sigma Tau's), I couldn't help but think "Is this hazing?"

Should there have been sisters showing the song and dance too? We didn't even know the song or dance. If we have four new members attending library hours then should we have to have four or more sisters attending too, even though they're optional hours? If a new member is driving and it's raining and she offers me a ride, should I just keep walking home in the rain because having a new member drive you somewhere can be considered hazing? Should new members be able to drink? If it's a dry pledge program for their own protection, but not allowing drinking is

changing the behavior they would normally do, are we hazing them? These are the questions that run through my mind at new member activities. I see other people's pledges running down the street dressed in black with backpacks on or girls singing songs about penises and vaginas and it seems strange to me that that behavior is illegal, but the government can make you eat dirt?

Whether hazing is legal or illegal, it's not something we should be doing in Frostburg, and it's something I've seen disappearing since my early Greek Life days. I'm starting to see a more mature Frostburg...or at least one more afraid of that whole zero tolerance policy. But I still see new members in the library...are all those hours optional?

Until next time...There's more to Greek Life than bake sales and keg stands.

## GREEK NEWS:

Congrats to Sigma Tau Gamma's 211th Pledge class at FSU!

# FSU ON THE RAGGEDY EDGE OF A NETWORK REVOLUTION

AT Wire  
Derek Hidey

Since I started my first semester at Frostburg State University, I always thought about living on campus. My friends and I had even discussed the possibility of rooming at Edgewood. My mornings usually consist of waking up around seven o'clock and then commuting to campus. The drive is usually about twenty minutes, depending on whether or not the state is destroying a three-year old section of highway, only to repave it a few days later.

When students sit down with their parents and look for a suitable institution of higher learning, they tend to look at several key things: the name of the school, the school's location in relation to their home, the cost of tuition and the cost of on-campus housing. Then, after they have gone through the motions and decided that a particular university is right for them, they look more closely at what is provided. Dormitories usually come in quad form with a shared bathroom and kitchen. To me, these details are irrelevant. I grew up never having my own room and the idea of sharing something like a bathroom and kitchen never

bothered me.

What *did* get my attention were the rumors I had heard about the provided Internet connection. People had told me that if you live on campus, you can't play online games! Well, I decided to just commute my first couple semesters to play it safe.

After I had my footing at FSU and I started making friends with people living in the dormitories, I realized just how lucky I was to be at home. The Internet connection on campus is protected by too much to allow consistent smooth online gaming. It was because of this fact that I made the ultimate decision to remain a commuter student.

Ironically, this is the first semester of my senior year and Frostburg State University officials are finally doing something about the poor Internet connection for on-campus student housing. It may be a little too late for me, but maybe not for you!

With the recent news provided by Brian Jenkins of the ITD department of FSU, the students can expect smooth online gaming sometime soon. The only issue that arises from this solution has to be resolved by the students. In order to give the

students more direct access to the Internet, the university must move the student's PCs outside of the protected network. How badly do you want to play online games or stream music at smooth rates? Are you willing to sacrifice your security for more freedom?

Imagine a see-saw. On one end sits "Security" and on the other end sits "Freedom." In the context of FSU's current network setup, in relation to the student's PCs, "Freedom" is taking a dirt-nap. With a firewall and packet-shaper currently between the students and the outside world, there isn't a whole lot that can be accomplished.

When balancing something this sensitive, you will rarely find them to be at equilibrium. In most cases, one side will be slightly higher (more dominating) than the other. After the Information Technology Department's (ITD) plan has been implemented, we are going to see a drastic shift in the see-saw example. With the firewall no longer standing between the students and the Internet, FSU's network will be more similar to an ordinary Internet Service Provider (ISP). Suddenly, "Freedom" will be touching the peak of Mount Olympus and "Security" will be somewhere close to Dante's Third Circle of Hell.

Students shouldn't be alarmed by the change because of the reality of the situation. Your personal computer will never be completely safe from viruses and spy-ware. You could load your computer with all the anti-virus software in the world and someday, somewhere, someone will develop a new type of virus that none of those programs detect. Depending on who provides your Internet access, chances are that when you are at home, your family's computers are just as susceptible to attack as the student's PCs will be after the implementation. Protecting your computer from viruses is a lot like trying to prevent people from cheating at online games. You can be very careful and concentrated and take every precaution to prevent it, but eventually someone will find a way around whatever you thought up.

In conclusion, the new plan that the ITD cooking up should prove to be beneficial to students, gamers and non-gamers alike. You can expect faster download rates all across the board. Yes, we may be a little bit more exposed than we may like, but that's life. "[H]ere is us, on the raggedy edge."

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THE EC: EVERWOOD COMMONS Heather Ravenscroft



# HAIL MARY

**Armchair  
Q.B.**  
Chris Schoebauer

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Did that make anyone feel uncomfortable? Would that make you feel uncomfortable if a team you were a part of said the Hail Mary prayer before competitions, even if you were not forced to take part in the prayer? Does religion have any place in sports, or should it simply be not allowed?

There are plenty of schools and professional sports teams in the country that do take part in these actions. The most obvious of them is Notre Dame, which has a priest come before kickoff and say the Hail Mary with the team. In Joe Gibbs' first tenure, his teams used to say the Lord's Prayer after each game. So is there really a problem with asking everyone on the team to take part in a simple prayer, or is that inappropriate?

If a player on a team does not feel comfortable performing a prayer then he or she is usually not forced to take part. However, is the prayer worth saying if some members of the team may feel like outcasts? Does that not defeat the purpose and the definition of team? All members are supposed to be united in whatever they do. If a person is not partaking in the prayer with the rest of the team, regardless of whether it is because of a difference of religion or a non-belief, should that prayer even occur if it may cause team dissension?

However, a problem that may arise is if the team does not have a prayer, it may be awkward for the teammates that do want to pray before the competition to huddle together and do so by themselves. But many times that is not what administrators and officials look at. They never think of the players who do want to pray being outcast because of the need to not offend people. Of course, for those teammates who really are religious, they probably do not care if the entire team wants to be a part of the prayer. Those who really want to join in will and those who do not will not be forced to.

Another interesting side to the arguments is that a coach who has his team pray together is showing good leadership. The coach is having the team do something constructive together. Maybe the entire team does not believe in the prayer, but they are all doing it together.

So what is the final verdict? Does making players with a religion pray alone instead of as a team really bother those players? It is a known fact that there have been people against having teams pray together before events, especially at a public school. However, I have also been a part of sports teams that pray together before the competition. No one is forcing you to pray. If you do not want to pray, than you are not forced to.

Prayer before sporting events as a team should be allowed if the coach deems it feasible. Players usually are not forced to actually take part in the prayer. This does not mean that the players cannot all kneel together in the prayer even if they are not taking part in it. Taking a knee with the rest of the team still shows unity without believing in the actual prayer, and that is the important part. Amen.

## Men's Soccer Loses AMCC Matchup to Penn State Behrend, 2-0

Press Release

FROSTBURG, Md. — DJ Craven and Eric Murillo each scored a goal for Penn State Behrend as it defeated Frostburg State 2-0, in Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference action Sunday afternoon at Bobcat Stadium. PSB (6-7-2, 4-2-1) had the momentum early on in the first half taking five out of the game's first six shots.

FSU (4-9-1, 2-3-1) had its best chance firing back-to-back shots late in the period. Senior Jeff Bisker (Fallston, Md./Fallston) had a header and sophomore Gregg Laskow (Plainsboro, N.J./WWP-North) ripped a shot towards the

left side of the net, but both were saved by Lion keeper Thomas Rhiener.

Penn State Behrend got on the board with less than a minute until halftime, when Craven scored to give the visitor's a 1-0 lead.

Despite losing at the break, Frostburg State had four excellent chances to tie the game early in the second stanza. Junior Kenny Dotter (Baltimore, Md./Sparrows Point) had three shots during that stretch, including one that got past the keeper but hit the right post.

Just before the midway point of the second half, Murillo took a pass from Josh Serafini and slipped it past diving Bobcat keeper Jay Heford (Crofton, Md./South

River) for the second goal of the contest.

FSU would register just two shots the rest of the way as the game came to an end.

PSB outshot FSU 13-11 for the contest, but the Bobcats held the second half edge, 7-5.

Senior Derek Richardson (New Windsor, Md./Linganore) started the game in net for Frostburg State making two saves allowing one goal while Herford played the second half stopping three shots allowing one score. Rhiener played the entire game for Penn State Behrend making six saves.

Frostburg State returns to action on Wednesday, October 18 when it travels to Mt. Aloysius at 4:00 pm.

## Cross Country Men and Women 11th at Gettysburg Invitational

Press Release

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Both the men's and women's cross country teams captured 11th place as Frostburg State ran in the Gettysburg College Invitational, Saturday.

The top five runners on the men's side all had personal best times, led by sophomore Curt Ruble (Mineral Wells, W.Va./Parkersburg South). He continued his stellar season with a third-place finish in the 8,00-meter race in 26:00.12.

Junior Zach Gaudette (Queenstown, Md./Kent Island) was second on the team and 61st overall in 28:03.54 followed by sopho-

more Brian Leiter (New Windsor, Md./Francis Scott Key) who came in 70th with a time of 28:09.64.

Senior Andrew Parker (Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook) crossed the line in 77th (28:17.88) and junior Chris Mead (Woodbine, Md./Century) was 86th (28:28.31).

Two of the top five runners on the women's side set personal records as well.

Junior Kara Wastler (Sharpsburg, Md./Boonsboro (Hagerstown CC)) was the top finisher for the ladies, running the 6,000-meter course in a personal best 24:42.69 and coming in 39th place.

Sophomore Jennifer Patton (Barton, Md./Westmar) was 47th overall and third on the team (25:01.58) and freshman Gwen Massey (Thorofare, N.J./West Deptford) was 63rd in 25:26.74.

Freshman Christina Aumand (Chesapeake Beach, Md./Huntingtown) was 72nd with a personal best time of 25:48.32.

Sophomore Megan Patton (Barton, Md./Westmar) rounded out the top five, coming in 142nd in 29:13.08.

Frostburg State returns to action Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships at Lake Erie.

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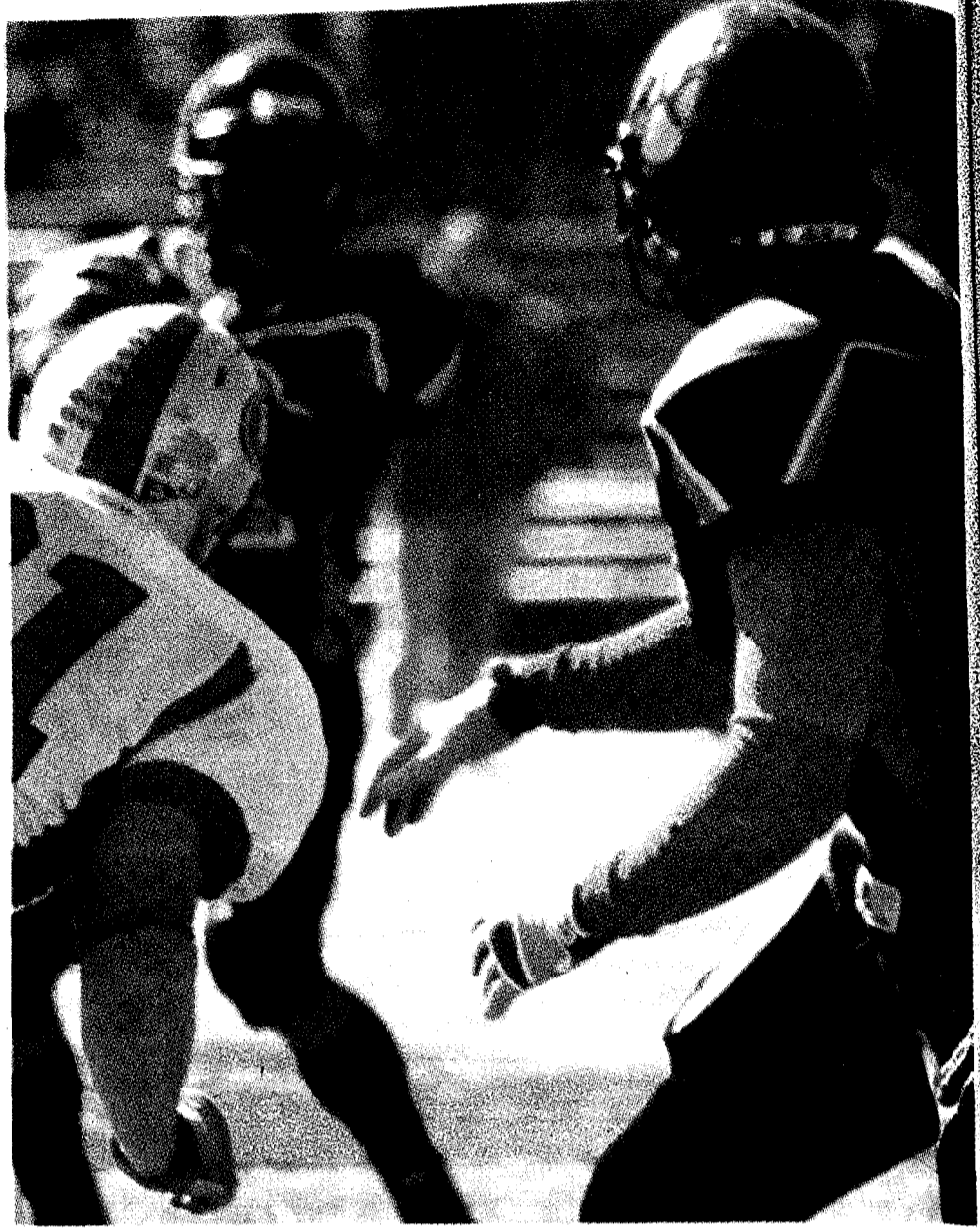
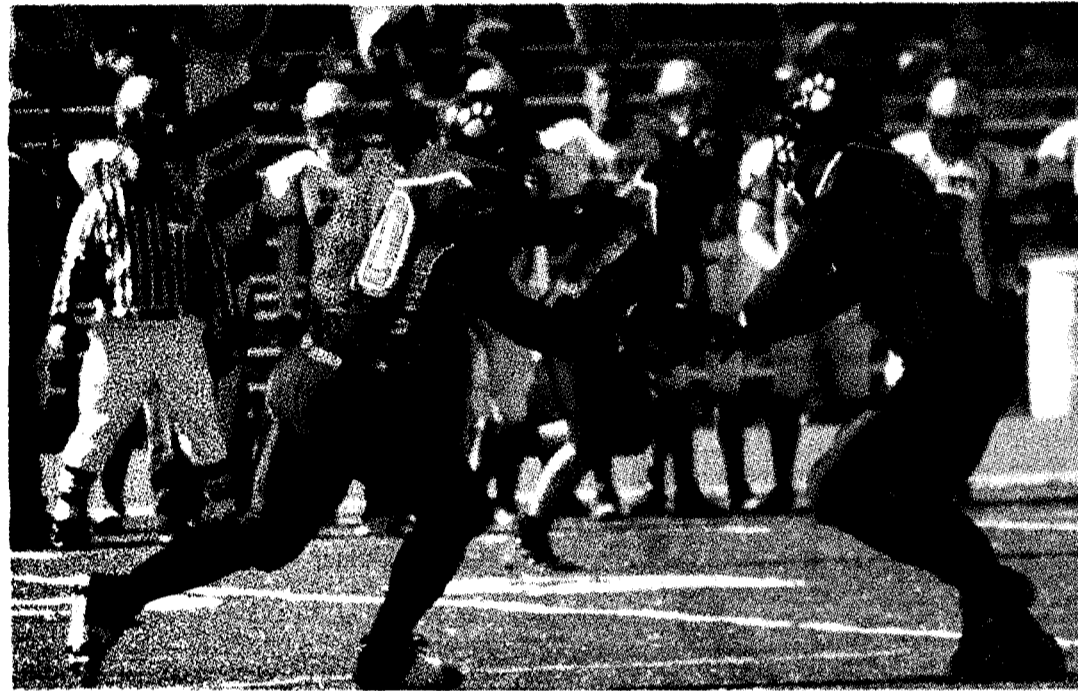
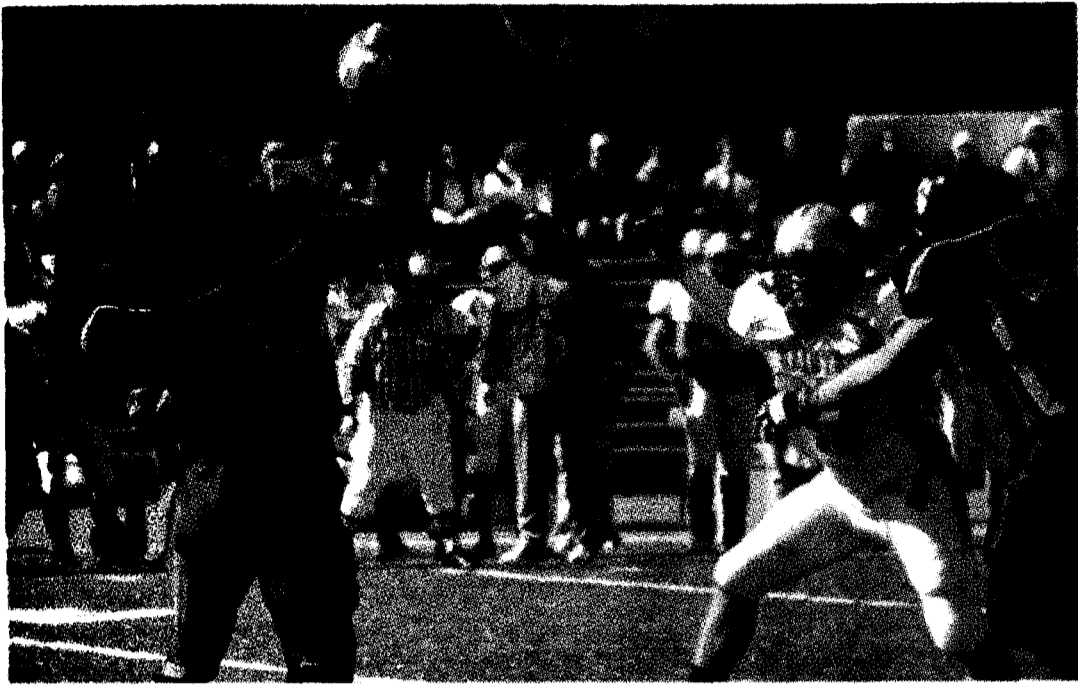
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## Despite Good Defense, Bobcats Drop to 0-5



### HUSTLIN' FLOW

(left top) Andre Dixon attempts a pass to a receiver.

(left bottom) QB Andre Dixon (12) hands the ball to RB Shanorm Young (20).

(right) Antoine Lewis (7) waits for a pass from Andre Dixon (12).

RAY IRVINE  
Staff Writer

The Frostburg State football team fell to 0-5 Saturday, clinching a losing season. The Bobcats lost by a score of 13-7 in a game that saw no second-half scoring. But the Bobcats did finally see a lead for the first time this season, jumping out to an early seven point lead.

Junior quarterback Andre Dixon scored on a 17-yard run just minutes into the 4th quarter, putting the Bobcats on top early by a score of 7-0. Frostburg did a lot of good things in this game, but again the lack of an offense that can

put points on the board was their undoing.

Shanorm Young had a nice game after playing sparingly the week before, rushing for 119 yards on 30 carries. Dixon finished up 10-18 for only 78 yards and 1 interception in the passing game.

The offense marched into Thomas More territory a fair number of times, but could never finish the drive like they did in the 1st quarter. Every time they crossed the 50 they turned it over, whether on downs or a fumble or interception.

Once again the defense turned in a strong performance, but it's hard to win games with an offense that can't score. In 5 games the offense

has scored a total of 31 points, which averages out to less than a touchdown a game.

The Bobcats' special teams showed up this week, blocking two punts in the fourth quarter to give the offense a short field. But in the end it all came down to the team who made less mistakes on the offensive side of the ball.

Junior defensive end Gabe Ellis played a great game for the Bobcats, turning in eight tackles including a sack and a blocked punt. The team was led in tackles by sophomore defensive lineman Collin Clifford, who recorded 10 on the day.

Frostburg will return to action Saturday as

they travel to Union for a 1:30 game and look to finally notch that first win of the season. The team returns to Bobcat stadium for the Homecoming game on Saturday, October 28th against Westminster at 1:00pm.

The team has shown resiliency this season, if nothing else continuing to fight through what has been an extremely tough season. With four games remaining, it's time to get some momentum going heading into the looming Regents cup game in November.

Photos by Matt Gold

## One Last Goal for Lindsay

AARON SCANLON  
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The Frostburg State Women's soccer team is in the hunt for yet another AMCC Title this season. A good part of the reason for that is the stellar play of senior Forward Lindsay Hoffman. Lindsay leads the Lady Bobcats in assists and points, and is tied for the most goals on the team with six.

Lindsay hails from Frederick, Maryland, where she earned two letters on the women's soccer team at Thomas Johnson High School. At Thomas Johnson, Lindsay helped her team win the Class 4A State Championship in her junior year, and Region final game the following year. She also earned sev-

eral individual honors such as second team All-CCMC and Frederick News-Post All Mid-Maryland as a junior, as well as First-Team All Central Maryland Conference and Frederick News-Post First Team All Mid-Maryland as a senior.

After a successful career at Thomas Johnson, Lindsay attended Division I East Tennessee State on a partial athletic scholarship for two years.

"I didn't like the way the soccer program was run there," said Hoffman, when asked why she left ETSU.

Then she transferred to Frostburg State. Lindsay started every game last season, while also finishing second on the team in assists (5) and points (17) and third on the team in goals (6).

"This season I really want to win another Conference Championship and go to the NCAA tournament," said Hoffman when asked about her goals for this season. "I'd also like to be selected to the All-Conference Team."

Even though this is Lindsay's last year of athletic eligibility, she will be attending Frostburg again next year to finish her degree. She majors in Mass Communication holding a 3.0 GPA, and hopes to go into advertising after her time here at FSU.

You can still catch Lindsay and the rest of the Lady Bobcats in action as they still have two home games this season on October 24th and 26th, as well as the AMCC Tournament beginning on October 28th.

## Field Hockey Falls to #14 Juniata

KIRA NEAL  
Staff Writer

The Lady Bobcats fought hard to maintain a win over No. 14 Juniata College. Unfortunately, their efforts came up short. Junior Michelle Frost paved the way for Frostburg early on, scoring the first and only goal within the first ten minutes of the game.

Frost's goal was assisted by freshman Kelly Filipowicz during a penalty corner. Just as the Bobcats had taken the lead, Juniata answered with a goal by Heather Hassinger during a penalty corner as well. With the game tied, the Bobcats matched the Eagles step for step. Frostburg refused to surrender.

Juniata took the lead when Leslie Brown scored in the 31st minute. The Eagles added two more goals later on to give them a 4-1 lead.

Sophomore Aly Erickson had one shot on goal while Frost had two, giving the Bobcats three total shots on goal. Junior Amanda Runion had two saves while sophomore Jessica Brittingham had one. After a hard-fought game, the Bobcats fell to 10-4.

Frostburg is looking to rebound on Tuesday, October 17 when they face Notre Dame at Notre Dame.

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