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Making it Official

The Inauguration of Jonathan Gibraltar

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From mining for coal to reaching a collective goal, Frostburg State University has come along way since it's humble beginnings in 1898. And since that time there have only been 13 individuals to sit as president of the school that started out as a teacher's college built by the dedication and hope of those that mined the Allegany region. Wednesday April 18, 2007 marked a whole new chapter in FSU history when Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar was officially inaugurated as this institution's 14th president.

Since his arrival, eight months ago, Dr. Gibraltar has been changing things for the better on and off campus. To tackle the dropping enrollment issue, he established an Enrollment Management Task Force to brainstorm new methods of attracting top prospects to FSU. Another task force was established to handle the school's image. The Marketing and Branding Task Force was charged with analyzing the public's impression of the school and finding new ways to get the FSU story out to a wider audience. Overseeing these two forces are two new administrators, The Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and the Vice President of Communications and Media Relations.

Once thought to be a road to nowhere, The Allegany Business Center (ABC) project has seen more progress in the last six months than it has in six years, thanks to Gibraltar's efforts. If building goes as scheduled, the building could be operational by the end of the calendar year. "We're looking to bring in contemporary businesses that young people like today... There are a lot of vacant store fronts on Main St." Gibraltar also wants to revive the Main St. Business district not just for the benefit of FSU students but for the whole town as well.

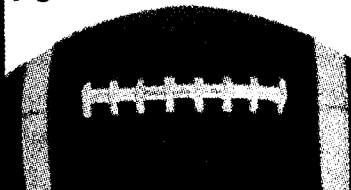
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Honor Will Prevail

The Massacre At Virginia Tech Is Now Part Of American History

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Pulse Editor

"Great tragedy has come to us, and we are meeting it with the best that is in our country, with courage and concern for others because this is America. This is who we are." It is with great respect that I quote our American President, Mr. George W. Bush in this time of sadness. As we watched every news channel cover the massacre that happened at Virginia Tech on Monday, April 16, 2007, we all wondered how this could happen.

When we think about this tragedy and how it affects other people around the country, it puts into perspective of how close we are with the institution. Having many Virginia residents on our campus here at Frostburg and being only a state away from Virginia, we have more than one connection. Our campus, as well as many others throughout our country have held various ceremonies to honor and support those who lost their lives at Virginia Tech, the students who must move on through life that were on that campus and the families of the victims. The candlelight walk through our campus on Friday night, was well attended by various fraternities, sororities, faculty, students, Dr. Gibraltar and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Neumark, Father Hendricks, local students who attend Virginia Tech and their families, and many others, who all came with the same purpose. As we stood holding our candles in the Arboretum, various individuals spoke about the tragedy that has changed our country forever and there was a silence among those who were there that emphasized the compassion each person exuded.

Though we all mourned the day of this massacre, there was more to be sad for in our own area. Only ten minutes away, a 75-foot wall collapsed beneath the rubble on Tuesday. It is events like these that make us all reflect on our own lives that we should never take for granted. The country music duo, "Sugarland," have a debut song entitled, "Want To," that has a very important message in the lyrics that tells us, "The whole world could change in a minute." We never know what's around the next corner, but what we must learn from this tragedy is to live the way we should, don't take things for granted, treat everyone with equal respect and value what's most important. Watching interviews of students who were in the buildings during the shootings, the families of the victims, and the events following the massacre at Virginia Tech, it is difficult to think how those individuals are coping with the whirlwind tour they've been through in only a few days.

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A Year-Round Dedication

FSU Presents "Reflections on Freedom": a celebration of the life and work of Martin Luther King

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Your calendar is not wrong. It is not a Monday in January, but it is as good a time as any to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King.

FSU had a presentation, "Reflections on Freedom", that did just that on Thursday, April 19th. It opened with President Gibraltar giving some background information on Dr. King's accomplishments.

King received his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, and went from there to Crozer Theological Seminary on the urging of his mentor, Benjamin Mays. He became the pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1953. He nonvio-

lently fought for equal civil rights, through actions like peaceful protests and educational information. He led the 382 day Montgomery Bus Boycott in Alabama, resulting in the bombing of his house.

In 1957, King started the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was organized to use the power of African American Churches to reform civil rights. In addition to working gain more rights for African Americans, he also fought for those in poverty. He worked to fix up poverty-stricken neighborhoods of Chicago, and was a leader in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in DC.

In April of 1968, Martin Luther King was shot a balcony of the Lor-

raine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1987, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation bought the motel and opened it as the National Civil Rights Museum in 1991.

Next, Dr. Robin Wynder, Director of the Diversity Center explained why FSU holds this celebration. The first one happened during the 1987-88 school year. At the time, FSU was experiencing a lot of racial tension, so Wynder's Husband, Dr. Bernard Wynder, decided this presentation was necessary to heal the wounds caused by this conflict. He wanted students to follow Dr. King's example of using "words and works to impact and motivate" people to bring about change.

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Earth Day Comes Early - and makes a big impact

Despite weather changes, FSU Holds very successful Earth Day

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The harsh winds, rain and snow can't stop FSU from doing anything! On Wednesday April 18th the Earth Day celebration was a grand success. The weather decided to be nice on the day of the event yet the festivities were brought inside Chesapeake Dining Hall where hundreds of students, faculty and community members joined in the celebration.

Chaired by Patrick O'Brien and Jeffery Sellers the event accomplished exactly what they had in mind. Numerous sponsors came out and supported Earth Day by involving themselves in the cause. The day began in the dining hall at 10:00 a.m. with opening remarks about the celebration and the day ahead. Starting off with Dr. Welsh, the first speaker of the day, a captivating speech was given about acid rain. The windmill initiative and mountain top removal were two other topics discussed in speeches by Dr.

Oguz, Ms. Soysal and Dr. Kara Rogers-Thomas. The musical styles of Dr. Latta with his hammered dulcimer was a nice pleasing portion to the morning activities.

This year's Earth Day celebration worked alongside President John C. Gibraltar's inauguration, which occurred on the same day.

"Gibraltar wanted to involve the students and community in his inauguration and had planned on having a barbeque as well" said O'Brien. "So we decided to work together to make one big event."

During the president's inauguration, Earth Day activities ceased and started up again shortly after the inauguration was over.

The afternoon celebrations were just as a successful as the morning activities.

"The food was good, the music was entertaining and it was nice seeing all the different organizations set up handing out different information sheets and packets" said Frostburg student Jessica Palumbo.

Iota Phi Theta started up the entertainment for the afternoon with their engaging step show. A small awards and recognition ceremony occurred before Dr. Latta started up with his hammered dulcimer once again. Two bands, "Fresh Country Scapple" and "The Motet," came out to entertain and help support earth day by performing in the evening when more students and community members came out for some dinner.

The theme of the day was supported and further promoted with the use of biodegradable and recyclable plates, cups and utensils set out for everyone to use. This is the fourth year Frostburg State University has celebrated Earth Day involving the community and all who attend or work at FSU.

"This is by far the nicest earth day we've had, the weather can't be controlled but it didn't seem to change or alter the celebration in any way at all," stated O'Brien.

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The Earth Day celebration works towards awareness and involvement of everyone in the Frostburg area.

"The big thing we're working on is getting the support of the students to help make the changes we're hoping to make here at Frostburg. This is one of those things where the more involvement we have the more aid and support we'll receive" said O'Brien.

The events celebrating and supporting Earth Day didn't stop after the celebration on April 18th. Friday, a "today's the day" campaign occurred in which members of the community, different organizations or any student helped support a day to talk to children about the use of drugs. On Saturday, April 21st an electronics recycling event occurred in which community members and students wishing to help recycle their electronics were encouraged to assist. An Arboretum clean-up also took place on Saturday where mostly students helped clean up Frostburg's Arboretum.

The official Earth Day was Monday, April 24th, 2007. The Sierra Club with the support of the faculty, organizations and the community walked their annual walk through Frostburg cleaning up the trash and debris left on the streets.

The committee who works for Earth Day thanks all who have sponsored, worked on, advised and spent their time helping with this event. "We begin planning at the beginning of each school year," O'Brien stated. So don't be shy, to lend a helping hand with the celebration next year!

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In closing, she spoke of an essay about racial inequality, "The Negro in the Constitution", that Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his junior year of high school. It was about the differences between the faith and values America is rooted in, and the increasing racial discrimination that most African Americans were experiencing.

Senior Benjamin Bernard read the essay of the injustice that Dr. King felt for singer Marion Anderson. She was a distinguished performer and resident of Philadelphia, but she wasn't allowed to fully embrace all the privileges that come with those honors because she was African American until the nation protested.

The presentation continued with Krystle Hutton singing "Oh, Freedom". Next, senior and SGA president Shavonne Shorter read Dr. King's "Give Us the Ballot" speech, which he delivered at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in DC on May 17th, 1954. It was to urge the national government to let Southern African Americans vote without any conflict or barriers from white citizens.

Next the FSU's Unified Voices Under God is Dominion Choral Group performed the songs "Lord You Are Good" and "An Incredible God Deserves Incredible Praise". Then junior Richard Scott Jr. read a portion of one of Martin Luther King's sermons "Remaining Awake Through a Revolution", where he called for African American citizens in his church and all over the nation to have a active role in breaking through the inequalities that African Americans were facing at the time, so that all Americans can truly be united.

"Our destiny is tied up with the destiny of America" said Scott.

The presentation ended with the FSU Chamber Choir performing the songs "Music Down in My Soul" and "I Dream a World". In between songs three of the singers read Dr. King's speech, "What is Courage?". It was about the courage and strength that he saw in Mother Pollard, his friend from the Ebenezer Baptist Church. She helped him to feel that he could accomplish his goal of racial equality at the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

So, it may be several months before we celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday again, but that doesn't mean we can't learn from his work and follow his example to simply respect one another and let everyone have opportunities all year long.

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Besides economic development and hiring new staffers, Gibraltar has shown a resolute commitment to environmental conservation on the FSU campus. "It's so important that we begin looking at a new economy that's based on renewable resources, and that we really value and treasure the resources we currently have," said Gibraltar when asked to comment on his mission to make FSU greener. The University was recently given a grant by the Department of Energy to fund a windmill and a solar panel on campus.

That being said, it was no coincidence that the Earth Day celebration was moved up a few days so it could coincide with the inauguration celebration. The Chesapeake Dining Hall served as the venue for all things Earth Day. Various student organizations had different tables covering different environmental issues including the pollution of the Chesapeake Bay, recycling, and the broader issue of global poverty. There was also a stage set up for speakers that gave talks on acid rain and the benefits of solar and wind energy.

The actual inauguration ceremony began at 2pm. The P.E. center was transformed into a grand hall. Students filled the bleachers while various dignitaries and VIPs filled 350 floor seats. Speakers included former senator Paul Sarbanes and Frostburg Mayor Aurthur Bond. Every speaker wished nothing but the best for Dr. Gibraltar and his plans for FSU. SGA president Shavonne Shorter's speech was probably the most touching, she told the audience about her first informal meeting with Dr. Gibraltar in the Lane Center and commented on his friendliness with the entire student body and his willingness to do whatever he can for his students.

Immediately following the inauguration ceremony, There was a barbeque in his honor hold at Chesapeake Hall. Students, community members, and faculty alike were all invited to celebrate and enjoy the free entertainment and food. FSU's own Dr. Latta was on hand to perform traditional folk music. Iota Phi Theta had a step show. "Fresh Country Scrapple" and "The Motet" were also featured performances. The day ended around 9 p.m. with a few final remarks and the closing of the Earth Day celebration.

"Basically Frostburg used to be this tiny little school that you were blessed to know about if you heard about it. But [Dr. Gibraltar] is taking this school international. I'm sorry I'm graduating now because he's going to make Frostburg a great place." Shavonne Shorter's comments on Gibraltar's current progress sum up what many on campus also think. These are new times at FSU. The winds of change continue to blow through the mountains of Allegany county and this University is caught in the eye of a storm of sweeping changes. The future looks bright for FSU. Hopefully all the excitement and enthusiasm from the inaugural celebration will stay with everyone in the FSU community for a long time to come.

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Q.U.E.S.T.

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

Chapter the Third: Destination

Jared and Alan sat in their cold prison cell. If only the readers had chosen to spare Certain Doom's life, they would still be gorging themselves on wieners in Cumberland. Thanks a lot, assholes; now we're in jail.

After a short while, a guard showed up and unlocked their cell. "Sorry for the mix-up, boys," he said. "You're free to go. He died of a heart attack before you 'killed' him."

Jared and Alan shrugged and continued on their journey. They left the prison, got to the street and realized that neither had of their respective packs. They were about to turn around and ask for their things, but they would have to go back up the steps. They decided against it. Surely, they would find something useful in the tower.

They walked for several hours before they were finally able to see the massive spire in the distance. Now standing in front of the threshold, Jared and Alan wished they had braved the steps back to the jail to retrieve their effects.

Just as Alan was about to head inside, Jared noticed something off to the side of the path. A set of overgrown chests lay in a thicket a few yards away. "Hold on a second," he said. Alan didn't listen. "Alan!" he said with enthusiasm. "I found spoils!"

Alan's head popped out from within the dark chamber. He darted swiftly to the bigger chest. "Dibs!" he shouted as he ran past Jared.

As they flipped open the lids, a ray of bright yellow light shone upward to the heavens. The music temporarily changed to a triumphant heraldry as Jared and Alan added the contents to their inventories.

"Oh man!" exclaimed Alan, his arms filled with junk. "I got all my stuff back!" He quickly donned his backpack of holding, equipping his crowbar in the process.

"That's a damn shame," said Jared, brandishing a sword, clearly better than his old machete. He showed off his new inventory to a fuming Alan.

Alan was jealous. He thought about offing Jared right then and there, but he still needed him alive...for now.

"Let's onward," Jared said, pointing his new sword in the direction of the tower.

Alan used his Lantern of Lighting to illuminate their path.

They ascended a winding staircase that seemed to go on forever (in reality, there were only about twelve steps). After countless seconds, they reached a landing. There was a door at the end of the hall. Etched backwards into the door were the words "Sudden Death".

"Well," said Alan. "It looks like we either face sudden death or turn around with our tail between our legs and scamper on home."

Jared knew what Alan wanted to do, but he also knew that if they ran away, they would live.

If they entered the door, they would certainly perish.

Jared and Alan were yet again at an impasse.

They decided to...

At that moment, the door opened and two young men in yellow shirts walked through. "Man, I thought Sudden Death was going to be waiting for us in here," one said to the other.

"Don't move!" Alan screamed, sick and tired of abstract concepts being personified. He drew his crowbar. "I just saw you come through the door labeled *Sudden Death*! You think you're soooo clever because you wrote it backwards? I know Power probably sent you to kill us and I, for one, am not just going to sit here and let it happen!"

"Are you serious?!" the short man shouted. "We even have permits for questing! Here, I'll show you." He reached into his pocket. Unfortunately for him, he moved a bit too quickly for Alan's taste. With one swing of his crowbar, Alan had put it right through the man's cerebellum. He died instantly.

"Oh my God!" screeched the tall one. "He was a member of my Questing Guild."

"Too bad," Jared said, shaking his head and advancing upon him.

The two heroes kicked the corpses out of the way and went through the door that the other questers had entered from. They were in a forked hallway. The door they had entered from

said *Sudden Death*. The other door, strangely enough, read *Obvious Safety*.

They went through the door labeled *Obvious Safety*. Inside was a large storeroom full of wonders and goodies. All things considered, this was the much better choice.

Suddenly, Alan and Jared heard a noise behind them and spun around. A woman was standing in the doorway. "I'm Fatal Attraction," she whispered to Alan. "Is there room for one more in your party?"

"No," Jared said defiantly.

"Aren't you getting sick of each other?" Fatal Attraction asked, more to Alan than Jared. "I mean, wouldn't it be easier if you had a partner that would follow your every whim?"

"Yes, very much," Alan stuttered.

"Then you should do something about your friend there."

"She's right!" Alan exclaimed. "I want to quest with Fatal Attraction instead!"

"But Alan," Jared pleaded. "Have you already forgotten the time we defeated Certain Doom? Or when we killed those pansies from the Yellow Guild?"

Alan, confused, looked at Fatal Attraction for an answer. She nodded. "Yes, I have," Alan replied.

Jared once again unsheathed his sword. Alan had broken the scared rule of "Bros before Hos".

Once again, Frostburg, this printed version is but a teaser of the true events that went down. To help Jared decide what to do (and to read the full account of what happened out there), go to <http://www.thebottomlineonline.org> and vote on the side poll.

Jared decided to...

- Try to reason with Alan.
- Give that moron what he deserves.

Counter Intelligence

By: Jack McCall



"C'mon Boss can I eat him please? I mean, By the time evolution makes my arms long enough to swing this bat he'll be dead anyway."

CRIMELINE

4/15 Destruction of Property. The windshield wiper was twisted off a vehicle parked in the Frost Lot.

4/14&15 False Fire Alarms. Five false alarms were sounded in Frederick Hall.

4/14 Traffic Violation/Alcohol Offense. Traffic citation and two alcohol citations issued after officer observed vehicle violate a "do not enter" restriction.

4/16 Destruction Of Property. An air vent was damaged in the Ort Library, possibly in a breaking and entering attempt.

4/20 False Fire Alarm. A false alarm was sounded in Frost Hall.

It's not possible to write commentary this week without referring to Virginia Tech. We're not always as eloquent as we might wish to be at University Police, but we all have had VT on our minds. And if need be, we will put ourselves at risk in the interest of your safety.

Frostburg State University has a crisis intervention plan in effect, but in light of the Virginia Tech tragedy, President Gibraltar has directed that the plan be reviewed, modified, updated, and drilled to deal specifically with a major situation of similar nature. To that end, an Emergency Planning Steering Committee has been established, and we will be examining specific issues such as emergency communications, "lockdown" procedures, campus access policies, and other aspects of safety on campus. The president has directed us to proceed as expeditiously as possible, and we have already begun our work. If you have any ideas, or areas of special concern, please let me know, or contact SGA.

In the meantime, with a tip of the hat to Drexel University's Public Safety Department, here is some sound advice to follow in a shooting incident:

If it is possible to do so safely, exit the building immediately when you become aware of an incident, moving away from the immediate path of danger, and take the following steps:

1. Notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building immediately.
2. Evacuate to a safe area away from the danger, and take protective cover.
3. Call University Police at 301-687-4222 (x4222), or call 911, providing each dispatcher with the following information:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Location of the incident (be as specific as possible)
 - c. Number of shooters (if known)
 - d. Identification or description of shooter(s)
 - e. Number of persons who may be involved
 - f. Your exact location
 - g. Injuries to anyone, if known

Individuals not immediately impacted by the situation are to take protective cover, staying away from windows and doors until notified otherwise.

If you are directly involved in an incident and exiting the building is not possible, the following actions are recommended:

1. Go to the nearest room or office.
2. Close and lock the door.
3. Turn off the lights
4. Seek protective cover.
5. Keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room.
6. Do not answer the door.
7. Call x4222 or 911 if it is safe to do so, providing the same information described above.
8. Wait for police to assist you out of the building.

Brian Shanley, Chief of Police
Frostburg State University



HIV/AIDS EDUCATIONAL WEEK

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

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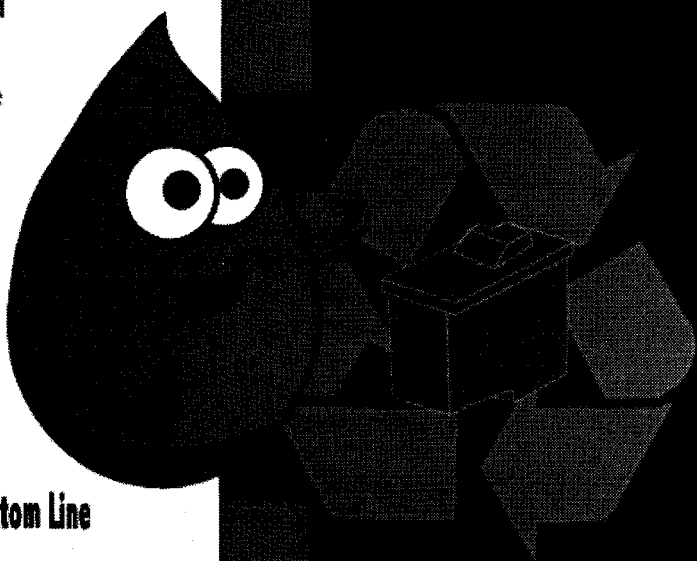
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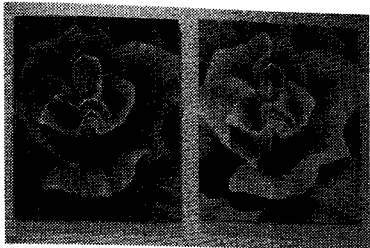
MARGO MITCHELL
Contributing Writer

Shock, fear and anger are a few of the emotions that most of us are experiencing as a result of this tragedy. Here is one perspective on how to deal with these emotions and reason to maintain faith in goodness of humanity.

As students of Frostburg State University, we feel a sense of relative closeness to the events at Virginia Tech.

The commonalities we share with the victims — being college students, living in a neighboring state, knowing Virginia Tech students, and even being a VT football fan bring this tragedy close to home. However, the tragedy lies not in the fact that these are strangers, but in the same person all senseless homicide is tragic.

Intentionally taking the lives of his own kind, this person demonstrated a sad capability of humanity. It is hard to believe, much less understand, how a person could commit such a crime, and one may question whether this person should be considered human at all. "A monster" some label the serial killer. But



Diptich by Sarah Stedman dedicated to the victims at VT. Titled, from left to right, "Reflection of Lives Lost", and "Promise of a New Beginning."

On display in the Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building until Wednesday, April 25th at 4:30pm.

disturbingly, he was in fact a human being like all of us, which makes us in turn question the goodness of humanity. While we are forced to recognize the potentially dark actions of humans, we should also put into perspective the fact that more often than not, people are benevolent and kind. We should consider the actions of Professor Liviu Librescu, a survivor of the holocaust who sacrificed his own life in the tragedy at Virginia Tech to give his students an opportunity to escape. His example is an attest to the fact that while humans can be cruel and senseless, they can also be good and selfless.

As citizens of the United States in the 21st century, we have a tendency to feel surrounded by a false sense of security. We are removed from the harsh realities being faced in other countries such as tyranny and starvation. We have advanced as a society since the time when people frequently died from plagues and the common cold. We have the predictability of sports to distract us from the unpredictability of life, and the comfort of advanced medicine along with the best military in the world to provide us a sense of invincibility.

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Politics and Cowardice

No Gods No Masters

Donovan Martin

Political correctness has sapped all of the boldness from politics and, quite frankly, all of the honesty as well. It is so that a politician cannot say what's really on his mind without drawing some kind of career ending fire from the media, commentators and their peers. Watching a political debate these days is like watching two eunuchs trying not to step on each other's toes.

This works only to the detriment of the voting population because no one knows precisely what it is they are voting for. Representation, which is never perfect anyway, becomes lost in a mire of double-speak and vague, non-threatening language. The result is a political bureaucracy occupied by a pack of manipulative cowards.

The worst aspect of such cowardice is that it bleeds over into their constituency. If the Democratic Party leaders cannot clearly express their platform, then no Democrat takes a solid stance on an issue. If Republicans are ambiguous about their precise economic policies over-seas then no Republican voter will be able to clearly stipulate their goals for foreign policy either.

Progressing in this fashion can only mean a deterioration of the American political system. It moves democracy, as Plato warned, toward tyranny by disenfranchising the population from knowledge of their representation. By keeping them in perpetual ignorance of what exactly their "representatives" mean, it allows for arbitrary execution of policies that in fact run counter to the collective will of the people.

Further, it destroys the collective will of the people. Without the knowledge of what policies they are voting for, with political dialogue hidden behind the façade of political correctness, how can anyone come to a consensus. No one knows what is being debated, let alone what they are agreeing upon.

The break down is perpetuated by a conscious decision on the part of governmental regimes to keep political language vague and arbitrary. Walter Lippman, chair of President Woodrow Wilson's Committee of Information, suggested that the prime function of a democratic government was to manufacture consent from its population. If the population failed to agree with a governmental policy, methods of intellectual coercion were to be implemented to secure for the regime the consent of the people. What was born was the modern propaganda

machine that filters intelligence to the populace.

Trust, then, is to be first won and then manipulated to achieve certain goals that are blatantly counter to the consensus of the people. Thus, representative government becomes a lie; the most ignoble lie. It is telling the people they will get what they want while force-feeding them on what they have explicitly rejected. It is the most underhanded sort of coercion.

There is no bravery in this abuse of power; it lacks the boldness of outright despotism while inwardly it reeks of tyranny and intellectual violence.

This is the policy of the Bush administration. That is how they got us into Iraq, how they continue to distract us from suffering all over the world in order to focus on an area that is more economically lucrative.

The only solution is to stop mincing words. Speak out; clearly and publicly announce what is desired and attempt to come to some form of definitive consensus about where this country should go. Freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of thought and action assure the avenues of dissent and public opinion are open.

Do not be coerced by the government, coerce it.

Letter to the Editor

The Inclusive Community Forum and the World Café

Dear Editor:

My name is Rodney Harrison. I am a senior here at Frostburg State University. I am writing on behalf of the Inclusive Community Forum and the World Café. The Inclusive Communities Forum and the World Café are big steps in the right direction for the future of Frostburg. Frostburg's attempt to become an inclusive community is a good thing and will positively affect the city's future.

The Inclusive Communities Forum was held at city place in Frostburg. The community sat down with Councilman Jim Hunt of Clarksburg, WV, and Mayor Kirk Wilson of Carlisle, PA. Both of these gentlemen were kind enough to come to Frostburg and share their experiences in watching their communities become inclusive. Frostburg's community came together along with the students of Frostburg State University to discuss the changes that should be made for Frostburg to become an inclusive community. Everyone was given the opportunity to ask questions concerning the inclusive community project. I felt as though everyone had similar reactions at this first meeting. Nobody was overly excited, nor were they dissatisfied with the project.

The World Café event was the very next day. The community came together once again with the students of Frostburg as we sat at round tables with three other people and discussed the strengths and weaknesses of our community. This gave everyone a better idea of what we can do to meet our goals. At the World Café, I learned a lot about the community of Frostburg, and at Frostburg State University. Everyone wants to be respected, the people of Frostburg want the students to come here and treat the town as if it was their own and the Frostburg students want to be treated like they are a part of the community. This World Café opened a lot of doors for people to come together and move in the right direction to make Frostburg a better community.

The Inclusive Community Forum and the World Café were both big steps in making Frostburg an inclusive community. This effort will take the help of students, faculty & staff and the community. Together, we can make Frostburg an Inclusive Community, and a place where anyone would love to raise a family. The next World Café will be held Wednesday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Frostburg Community Center on Water Street.

Sincerely,
Rodney Harrison

The Darfur Crisis: Your help is Needed

DAN MILLER

Contributing Writer

Darfur is the western chunk of Sudan in Eastern Africa. Of the estimated 7.4 million people that once lived there, over 400,000-450,000 have been killed and 2.5 million have been forced to flee their homes since 2003 (SaveDarfur.org). That is about 40% of the entire population of the area that has been directly affected by this genocide in only four years.

Since the situation in Darfur is a true genocide, no one is exempt from the destruction. Children, even babies, are often shot, burned, tortured and killed. One Darfuri woman offers her personal experience with the Janjaweed militia and the Sudanese military.

"When the airplanes bombed us, anyone who breathed in the smoke could vomit and die. When Arab Janjaweed came, they slaughtered men with knives. Then the Janjaweed searched the kids. They'd pour boiling water on the babies." ("Darfur: A 21st Century Genocide", a production of New Media Mill, LLC).

Since nearly all refugees tell similar stories, it is more than safe to assume that these are the typical tactics of the military and Janjaweed military. They use a quick air strike to frighten the people and to scatter them and prevent them from organizing in any kind of resistance. Then the Janjaweed militia comes in and kills, tortures and rapes as brutally as they can. The effect that this

has on the people that survive is absolutely devastating. They immediately flee their villages that they have lived in for their entire lives and roam the country in search of refugee camps. Sometimes, this search leads them across national borders and into Chad.

The main reason for these brutal attacks goes back to 2003, when two Darfuri rebel groups launched an uprising in Sudan's capitol, Khartoum. Their goal was to point out how the government was neglecting their region of Sudan and to get the government's attention, of which they only accomplished the latter. The government's response to these groups was the genocide that is occurring right now. The logic behind this strategy is fairly solid. After all, how can a rebel group represent a people that no longer exist, let alone exist themselves? This strategy is not a new one, and can be seen throughout history, most notably in Colombia, where it is also being used on a much smaller scale.

The government armed and gave the green light to the Janjaweed, a group of nomadic Arabs that claim land in Darfur that the Darfurians actually own and use for agriculture. By arming the Janjaweed and allowing them to do most of the fighting, the government of Sudan is now able to point the finger at them and say that they themselves have nothing to do with it. However, the Sudanese military is not careful enough, and have been witnessed, even photographed using helicopters and heavy artillery against unarmed civilians. Even if the Janjaweed really were completely to

blame, that still is no excuse for not only the Sudanese government's inaction, but resistance to international aid and the proposed UN peacekeeping force of 17,000 troops from helping the people of Darfur. As of now, there are only 7,000 African Union troops in Darfur, and they are only allowed to observe. They are completely powerless to defend the people that they see die everyday because the Sudanese government refuses to allow them to do so. That alone should be incriminating enough to say that the government of Sudan is supporting the genocide.

So what can you do? You can contact Larry Neumark of the United Campus Ministry, who is head of the Darfur Crisis Committee, at 301-687-7490 or Dan Miller at djmiller0@frostburg.edu. This committee organizes on campus events to raise awareness and is currently obtaining signatures for a petition to pressure Bush and other officials to pressure the Sudanese government. The more people that sign, the more effective it will be. There will be a table set up in the Lane Center periodically to collect signatures. The petition is trying to get our government to press the U.N. for a no flying zone over Darfur to protect the people from air strikes, increase humanitarian aid, pressure the Sudanese government to allow a U.N. peacekeeping force and develop a military support for the humanitarian aid networks that are being threatened by the Janjaweed. Any students, departments, faculty, staff, groups or individuals are more than welcome to volunteer with us.

Repent The Rapture Is Nigh

Interviews with God Michael Weaver

I'm sleeping here, man. Why are you covered in frogs? I was having a dream where I was Henry Kissinger; it was the greatest feeling I've ever had.

GOD: Come with me! We're heading down to the cellar! It's the only place where there aren't a bunch of sick animals.

MW: We have a cellar? What house am I in? Why are all the first-born dying?

GOD: There's no time; let's go! *Mikey and God head down to the cellar hand-in-hand.*

MW: Alright! We're in the cellar. What now? Oh hey! The terror alert has been raised to blood red, and apparently the weather guy is calling for a 70 percent chance of Vengeful Wrath. I guess that means we're in danger, but I don't know what I should do besides become more fearful and gather duct tape.

GOD: Mikey! Wake up! Wake up! Ahhh! **MW:** What? Geez.

GOD: Good! You should be afraid! Fear terror! Fear God! FEAR WRATH AND FIRE AND BRIMSTONE! FEAR...

MW: God! You're being epic again. Look, why are you so scared? Doesn't the second coming mean your Son is coming back?

GOD: Yes, and he's gonna be pissed!

MW: You're right. Let's hide the porn.

GOD: No, he's going to be mad about other things...

MW: You mean all the war, violence and oppression that's been done in his name?

GOD: No. I mean I stole his car and ran off to Vegas with his girlfriend who is now pregnant. That's why he's doing the second coming gig early.

MW: So Jesus does drive a Hyundai.

GOD: Listen, Mikey. The Rapture is when all the righteous believers are ascended physically up to heaven, while all the sinful non-believers must remain on earth and endure all the horror happening here. The Chi-

nese and others who live on the opposite side of the planet will have to ascend downward since their up is our down, which means that drills will be installed by baby angels on their heads to carve through the earth thus going "up" to heaven. Of course, there won't be a lot of Chinese who are going to heaven. Let's face it; they are communist—sort of. Anyway, once every good person ascends, Jesus will set up his rule for 1000 years on earth.

MW: What will be happening in heaven?

GOD: Mostly pinball and safe-sex lectures. And there are some plumbing issues we have to work out.

MW: So then why does Jesus come down here to rule for 1000 years? Wouldn't that make his kingdom on earth full of wicked people? And wouldn't the righteous people in heaven be deprived of him?

GOD: They'd have me. *God smiles.*

MW: Yeah, I'm sure that will be a... real treat for them. Hey, God. Did you get a tattoo without telling me? I thought you said we'd discuss

things like that. What does "666" mean anyway?

GOD: Ahhhh! It's happening! The prophecy is unfolding...

MW: The only really unusual thing going on is that dragon who just showed up.

GOD: Now you're probably going to blame me for the rapture just because I started worshipping the dragon, and agreed to convince the world that he is the true God.

MW: Well if you repent now, Jesus will probably forgive you.

GOD: Probably not. You see, I kind of already cursed Jesus's name and sacrificed several virgins to the dragon, one of which might have been a relative of his.

Super Friends Narrator's Voice: Will Mikey and God escape the rapture? Will Jesus forgive them for their trespasses? Is it baffling that the book of Revelations found its way into the Bible? Find out the answer to these questions and others on the next installment of *Interviews with God!*

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TRAGEDY continued from front

Therefore, when an event such as the tragedy at Virginia Tech shatters this protective bubble we live in, it is more shocking and leaves us with a newfound sense of fear which we do not know how to deal with. The solution is not to cower in fear of death, but to embrace it. Our mortality is an unchanging and inevitable part of life. Every day we have the potential to die, and no person can ever say for certain they will be alive tomorrow. We should take our fears and turn them into inspiration to appreciate each day. And if we are successful in seizing every day and every opportunity to make ourselves happier and better people, is death really that bad? Worse than death, I believe, is ungratefulness and failure to take advantage of every opportunity we have to laugh, help others, and become better people.

As a human, it is natural to feel anger towards a person who made a very conscientious decision to rob others of their lives. It is difficult to empathize with someone whose actions are so far removed from anything we are capable of. If we attempt to put ourselves into this murderer's shoes, it is easy to say we would not have made the same actions. But the personal experiences that accumulate throughout our lives are what determine who we are and the decisions we make. We are not capable of putting ourselves in someone else's shoes without bringing with us our morals and rationality which have developed from these experiences. Because of this, no person is ever able to completely understand someone else. And without total understanding, we should not judge others for being inferior, but appreciate the traits we have that differentiate us from them. Instead of criticizing another person for being cowardly and cold hearted, we should be gracious for our positive experiences and influences that allow us to be brave and caring. Instead of resenting the misplaced hatred of another individual, we should be thankful that we ourselves are not strangers to love and decency. Instead of being angry because we do not understand a cold blooded murderer, we should be grateful that we cannot understand. Only by our own good fortune have we been blessed with rationality and a respect for human life. Let us all strive to not judge others but to think, "There by the grace of God goes I" (John Bradford). We should let the memories of these victims and their abruptly shortened lives be a reminder of our own mortality and give us inspiration to live our lives to the fullest.

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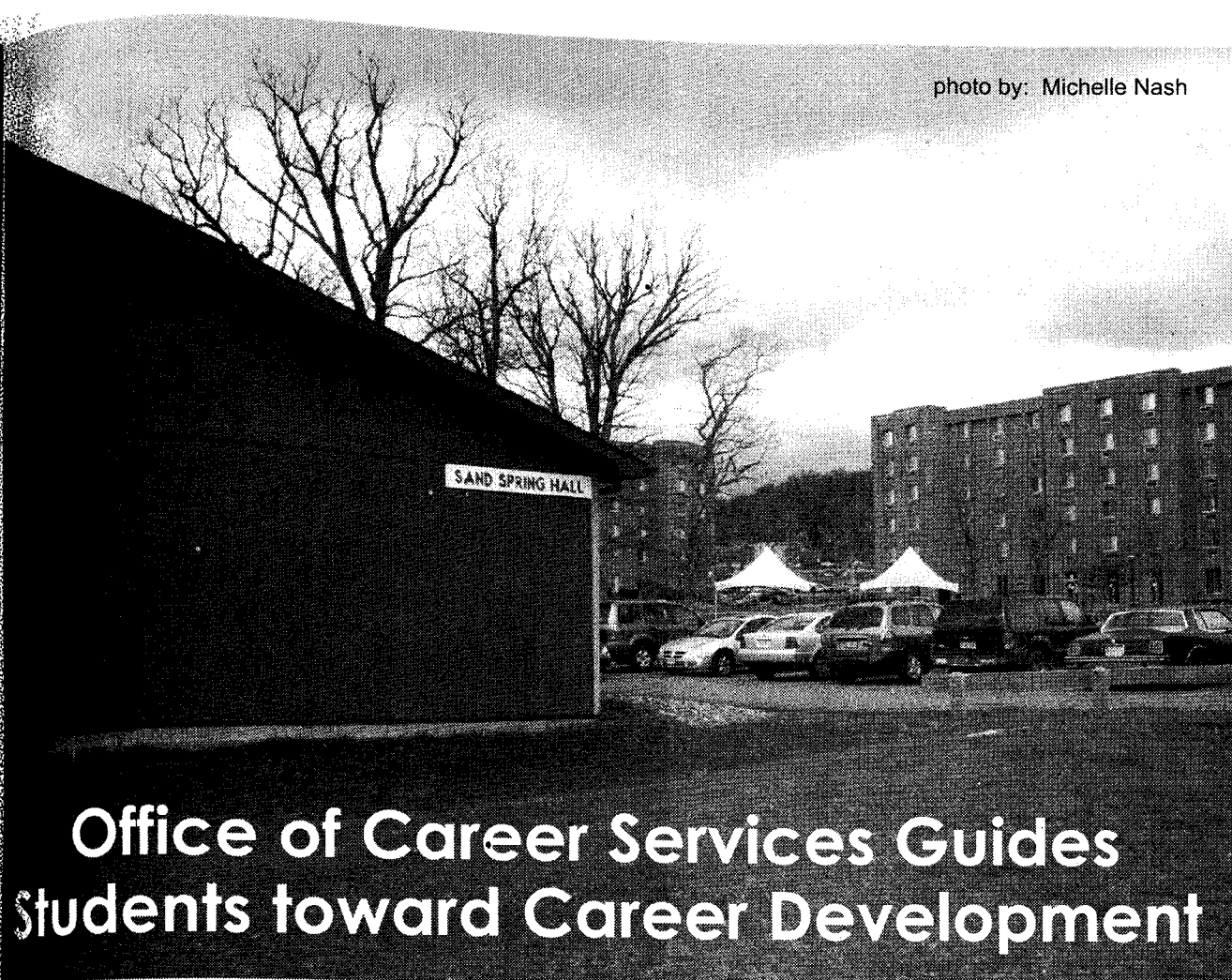
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Office of Career Services Guides Students toward Career Development

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Staff Writer

Ever needed help with your resume but didn't know where to go? Chances are you ended up at the Office of Career Services in Sand Spring Hall. The office offers many services including individual career counseling, job postings and searches, resource library, on-campus recruitment, mock interviews and career fairs.

The main thing the office is known for is helping students with their resumes. "We help students figure out what skills they have that will help them get a job, whether it's for the summer or more of an internship," stated Rachel Peterson.

What if someone needs help with resume-building but only has work experience at a McDonald's? "We use that experience and find out what 'transferable skills' they have that can help them. Employers look for more than just experience. They also look for people who have skills in the workplace like time management and good work ethic."

Rachel Peterson, a Graduate Assistant working at the Office of Career Services, says "All of our services are free, except for credential files, and those are \$20. These files hold a student's

resume, transcript, letters of recommendation and other notable accomplishments." These files can then be sent out from Career Services to employers, graduate schools and internships of the student's choosing.

Are there any events that would be beneficial for a student to go to? "There's the Career Expo in the fall. Students can go and talk to different FSU alumni that are out in the field. They can be either really recent or older alumni that have had a couple jobs. They talk about their major, their jobs and their experiences. We encourage students who are kind of exploring and testing the waters to go there and learn more about the alumni and what happens after graduating college." There is also a Spring Career and Internship Fair and an Education Job Fair that students can go to and learn and network with different employers and school systems.

Be careful with what you post on your Facebook and Myspace. "Employers are now looking at social networking sites to find potential employees. Some employers will not give students jobs because they have exaggerated something on their profiles or blogs, or they have incriminating information that conflicts with the goals and missions of the

company."

One of the new sites that students can check out is called the College Central Network (CCN). With this site, you can now upload and post your resume, view job and internship postings and even schedule interviews on campus and network with FSU alumni. If you want more information go to www.collegecentral.com/frostburg for more details.

"Check your email. I know students are bombarded with lots of emails, but our emails are marked with high importance to let students know that the material is important for them to know about." Career Services is also holding longer hours so they can help more students. Along with the normal business day hours of 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Friday, the office is also staying open until 7pm on Tuesdays and 6pm on Thursdays.

There's definitely a lot the Career Services can do for you if you need the help. As I left Sand Spring, I had enough pamphlets to start looking for a new summer job, revamp my resume and attend a couple job fairs. Trust me, you'll find plenty of information to fit all your career development needs.

Old Girls Gone Wild

Cheese, Wine, Sex Toys and Old Ladies

SexPress
Amanda Baldwin

A friend invited me to go to a sex toy party: cheese, wine, sex toys and old ladies. What a combination! First off, when did old ladies transform from uber-american prudes to the sexually-liberal swedes read about (or watched) in pornographic material?

The hostess gave out a pair of panties, controlled by a remote control. Whenever they buzzed, it meant that the toy she was talking about was on sale. Then the woman had to give the panties to someone else.

Why is this gross?

Well, first off, my panties are my panties. There's no sharing involved. Especially ones that are designed to trigger some sort of water fall or make me cream my pants.

Secondly, half these women were so old, they could not feel the vibrations or they just sat there enjoying it until the hostess asked if something was wrong with their vagina.

The hostess herself was rather annoying. In her attempt to become the next Ellen Degeneres or Ron White, she kept repeating the same thing over and over again, and in new ways. That's how you BS a paper, not how you sell a set of anal beads.

More repulsive than her comedy, were her stories. She explicitly described how her husband appreciates each and every item. And how these items transformed her from a

prudish little school girl to the most explorative sexual being on earth. All this while managing not to pop out of her shirt...thank God.

I understand that a prudish person just wouldn't make a good sales person in the sex toy industry, but does she have to encourage the sixty and over crew to talk about their sex life? Ladies talked about how they need the ben wall balls, because their vagina is getting loose and those k-muscles need work. Or that they need the super-sized rubber penis with the anal tickler and the extra lube because, well, their sex life is non-existent and why not jump into it, full throttle?

Lingerie, which you can find at Spencer's for a lower cost, ranges from \$35 to over \$100. If you're going to spend that much, you might as well rent a hotel room and jump into bed naked - it's less work for him after all.

Starter toys can be found at Spencer's too: love-directing lottery tickets, dice, fuzzy hand cuffs - you name it, that woman has it in a black suit case. But they're not worth it, you can do that stuff on your own, make it on your own or find your own new game. Why do what millions of people can find in a magazine?

The best form of sexual encounter is experimentation. Find out things on your own, not in a catalogue or through some saleswoman's experiences. Tickle your fancy your way - not some plastic toy's way. In the end, you'll get more out of it.

Deep Creek Lake on a Dime

KATIE CONROY
Staff Writer

A short but scenic 45 minute drive west from Frostburg will bring you to a place known as Deep Creek Lake, MD. Often thought of as merely a "playground for those who can afford it," Deep Creek doesn't seem to have anything to offer those who are low on cash.

Don't let the million dollar homes fool you; Deep Creek is a great place to visit regardless of how much you're willing to spend. From hiking to canoeing, the lake area is full of opportunities to have a great time with Mother Nature.

One of the most widely recommended stops on a trip to Deep Creek is Swallow Falls State Park. The Youghiogheny River winds through and over rocks creating impressive waterfalls and deep swimming holes. A highlight of Swallow Falls is the 53 foot waterfall known as Muddy Creek Falls, the highest waterfall in Maryland. The park also has ample hiking and biking trails for the more adventurous tourist. Entrance to the park is little more than a few dollars per person.

Located just miles from Swallow Falls State Park, is Deep Creek Lake state park. With a mile of shoreline on the lake, you're free to set your towel down on the beach and take in the scenery. Pavilions with grills are available to those who are interested in picnicking. Like Swallow Falls park, many trails of varying levels of difficulty and length are kept clear for bikers and hikers. The Discovery Center in the state park is an educational center for people of

all ages. The park staff runs hikes on most Saturdays. These hikes are usually one to two miles long and the leader points out important plant and wild life along the way. Currently under construction is the Forest Canopy Walkway. When completed, the walkway will enable visitors to get up close and personal with the animal and plant activity on roof of the forest. This is all available to visitors at no charge.

As many know, the weather in Western Maryland can turn on a dime. If the blue skies turn to rain, quaint shops around the area can interest many. Cobblestone Alley and Schoolhouse Earth are two of many shopping spots around the lake. If shopping isn't your forte, also located on Rt. 219 is Traders Coffee House. Free high-speed internet and a chill atmosphere are available to anyone, free of charge. Right down the road is Garrett 8 Cinemas. On the weekend, a matinee movie will set you back only five dollars.

Nightlife at the lake can be spare at times. Most weekend visitors to the area enjoy free music put on by bands at area restaurants and bars. Located along 219 is the Honi-Honi which provides a live band almost every weekend. Other restaurants and bars which provide live outdoor music include the Black Bear, the Boardwalk, the Thirsty Crab and the Red Run Lodge.

Deep Creek Lake has many choices available to those looking for an adventurous and cheap day around the lake. For more information, go to www.deepcreektimes.com.

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For more information, please contact Jamie Hausman (301-777-0452), or Rita Keller (240-727-5439).

ATTENTION: Frostburg State University Students

I am inviting you to participate in a research project I am completing for an independent study in my master's program. The purpose of this study is to obtain information about how Web profiles (i.e., Facebook, MySpace, Friendster, Xanga, LiveJournal, WebShots, Blogger, etc.) may potentially be used in the employment screening process. Along with surveying you and other Frostburg State University students about opinions and behaviors, I will also be asking professors and employers to complete surveys about their practices, opinions and behaviors. The overall results will be compiled into an academic research paper that will not only include statistical analysis but also implications for higher education professionals. I also hope to share my results with the academic world by having them published in a scientific journal.

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Goo Goo Dolls

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STEPHANIE THORNTON
Music Editor

Apparently the Goo Goo Dolls are a big deal. The majority of those \$65, \$55, and \$36 floor seats were sold last Sunday night in the Cords Physical Education Center Main Arena. The gym was impressively transformed into a concert hall.

The reason the CES was charging so much for those tickets is now obvious – they could have away with it. There were about 15 empty seats in the whole arena by 9:00 p.m. when the Goo Goo Dolls went on. The majority of the floor seats were occupied by older adults and families from the Frostburg community, while the \$18 bleacher seats were full of Frostburg State University students.

At 7:30 p.m., everyone was already piling into the makeshift concert hall. People of all ages came out on a Sunday night to see one of the biggest bands Frostburg State University has ever had. Was the entire Frostburg community there?

When Copeland hit the stage at 15 past 8:00 p.m., fashionably late, it was hard to tell if the audience was really feeling it. The Florida-based quintet played some great tunes one might put on before heading to bed to assist in falling asleep. The entire audience remained seated throughout the emo, pop rock set. Maybe they didn't know Copeland would even be there and were anxious to get to the Goo Goo Dolls. Maybe Copeland's songs, all of them sounding just about the same, were putting the crowd to sleep. Copeland tried to keep theirs and the audience's spirits up by making awkward conversation and mentioning that the Goo Goo Dolls were up next. "How are those wooden chairs down there?" asked lead pianist/guitarist/vocalist, Aaron Marsh, "I was sitting in them earlier... how about those bleachers up there? Comfortable?" It was quite strange, but strange enough to be funny.

Copeland played their favorites off of their past three albums. They are now touring with the Goo Goo Dolls in support of their latest album, *Eat, Sleep, Repeat*. They make a good opener for the Goo Goo Dolls, finding themselves somewhere in the soft rock/alternative genre.

With thirty minutes in between sets, building suspense before the Goo Goo Dolls and giving the audience time to purchase a Pepsi in the lobby, the Goo Goo Dolls were set up and everyone finally stood up and screamed when the lights were dimmed. The Goo Goo Dolls came out and woke everyone up with their harder alternative rock.

The band is made up of lead singer/guitarist Johnny Rezeknik, bassist Robby Tackak, and drummer Mike Malinin. They formed in 1986 as a punk band, but ten years later they were a platinum selling pop rock radio success. On Sunday night they played favorites to the crowd, some of which were probably only there to hear those four songs, "Black Balloon," "Slide," "Iris," and "Name."

Before going into "Name" Rezeknik explained to the crowd that the song was twelve years old. "I can't believe this song is twelve years old," he said. "I can't believe you guys are here with me twelve years later." He went on to describe the way he felt writing this song and how surprised he was with the success. "I thought I was so cool having a song on the radio... then one day I was in the grocery store at 3:00 a.m. and I heard this song," he said before starting the song. Of course the audience was able to sing along at the points when he asked for their help. The audience interaction throughout the whole show was pretty great. Johnny Rezeknik seems like a laid-back, funny guy.

The Goo Goo Dolls did a great job kicking off the week. Rezeknik announced when first hitting the stage, "It doesn't even feel like a Sunday!"

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In times of adversity we must move forward and find ways to build lasting values in our own society that will enable us to help others with struggles like Seung-Hui Cho. Our campus has various counseling services and caring and trusting faculty that are here everyday to inspire us. Don't wait for inspiration and motivation to change things in our world, find it within yourself and inspire others.

We will never forget this tragic event and every time we wear the colors, orange and

maroon we all should remember the Hokie nation that must cope with the loss of fellow students, caring professors, and the calm spirit of their campus. As the country moves on, the Hokies of Virginia Tech have many things to cope with, but one thing that has not, and will not be lost, is their contagious Hokie honor and spirit that will prevail in the end. Frostburg State supports, and will always remember those lost and the students and community left to pick up the pieces. "One storm could come and blow it all away," Martina McBride.

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SMALL AND QUIET YET INSPIRATIONAL

SAMM FRAZEE
Staff Writer

On Friday evening in the Ort library there was the poetry reading by Susan Tichy. Susan Tichy presented readings from her new book *Bone Pagoda* which was published this past January and a few readings from the book that she is working on right now to a small intimate crowd of about twenty on the 4th floor. An introduction was presented by librarian Jeff Maehre, giving an introduction to Susan Tichy providing a background and providing the audience with an introduction to her poetry. This is the third reading event in a

series of four from the Ort Library. Susan Tichy is a graduate professor at George Mason University. She also has been awarded the pushcart prize and nominated for several other awards. She has written three books, *The Hands in Exile*, *A Smell of Burning Starts the Day* and *Bone Pagoda*. Susan Tichy is currently working on her fourth book, *Gallowglass*, which is going to be published in the near future. During the poetry reading the majority of the work that was read came from *Bone Pagoda*. The book's poems are about the Vietnam War, worded articulately with rhythm and provide

vivid imagery. The book was started in 2001 after her visit to Vietnam, both North and South in 2000 with her husband who was a Vietnam combat veteran. There were two events which changed the tone of the book, according to Tichy, and those were writing about war when the Iraq War was just beginning and the death of her husband. The poems which she read from this book were, "Desk & Chair", "Versari", "Persephone", "Nui Sam" and "Bridge Fight". Each poem creates the vivid image of being in war using sharp descriptions with articulated words to create an image for the reader to paint in their mind whether it is of bombings

or of torture. Some of her language and descriptions can be described as gruesome. In a few of her poems she quotes other war poets, especially Emily Dickinson. The poem "Nui Sam" is a short snapshot of soldiers in the west part of the delta of Vietnam, one of the most dangerous parts to be in. From her new upcoming book, *Gallowglass*, Susan Tichy read three more poems. These poems are not about the Vietnam War but more personal and about real people, the Iraq War, death and nature. In the last poem that she read to conclude the reading was in four parts and was extremely personal to her. It was the first time she had read

it to an audience. It includes rhyme repetition and is about the death of her late husband; in the poem it also includes depictions of nature and war as well. The poetry reading was a great way to spend an hour out of the busy day to listen to another person's story, thoughts and ideas. After the reading there was food and refreshments, allowing those who came to the reading to discuss and talk with Susan Tichy to find out more about her and her inspirations.

Cover to Cover

The Coming of Conan the Cimmerian

Title: The Coming of Conan the Cimmerian
Author: Robert E. Howard
Publisher: Del Ray, 2003

KARL FRIDEL
Staff Writer

"Hither came Conan, the Cimmerian, black-haired, sullen-eyed, sword in hand, a thief, a reaver, a slayer, with gigantic melancholies and gigantic mirth, to tread the jeweled thrones of the Earth under his sandalled feet."
- Robert E. Howard, The Phoenix on the Sword
Many of us have seen or at the very least are aware of Arnold Schwarzenegger's Hollywood rendition of Robert Howard's *Conan the Barbarian*, but how many of us know the real stories?

Set in a pre-medieval Europe that never was, taking place in the mythical time, "between the years when the oceans drank Atlantis and the gleaming cities, and the years of the rise of the sons of Aryas," *The Coming of Conan* gives us a collection of the first thirteen Conan adventures. From seizing the bloody crown of the great nation of Aquilonia and ruling as its king, to fighting wizards and demons, leading armies, pillaging the coasts as a pirate, and just kicking a generally large amount of ass, the adventures of Conan are as varied as his stories. It is quite apparent that little thought or preparation went into many of the stories that Robert Howard penned, as they seem to simply spill out onto the page with the same rage and feral animosity that the barbarian himself displays. Howard himself has said that he did

not invent that many stories of Conan, he merely chronicled what Conan himself had told him. The stories themselves are actually both well written and fairly entertaining. Filled with the images of scantily clad seductresses, various drug cultures, furious fight scenes, well-developed characters, elaborate conspiracies, humorous dialog, and good old fashion head chopping action, many of Conan's tales are akin to what many might expect Quentin Tarantino movie. However, much like a Quentin Tarantino movie, Conan does seem to become oversaturated in a quagmire of his own bloody mess. While the violence and blood of the writing does seem to drag the quality of the stories down a notch, the real problem lays in the chronological randomness of the stories. Again, attesting to a could only have been a lack of organization when he wrote them, Howard's

stories do not follow any kind of line, skipping from Conan as an aging days as a young pirate. Luckily the short stories keeps this from becoming a problem as they simply are the variety of a man who seems to have done everything. If you are a fan of epic and ancient as *300* or *The Lord of the Rings*, might just be what you are looking for, however, prepare to be assaulted by a page of gratuitous sex and violence. The real purpose save that of portraying being really, really angry about everything.

RATING: ★★★★★

Only Gamers go on Shooting Rampages, Right?

Explaining the ridiculousness in the correlation between video games and violence.

AT Wire
Derek Hidey

Well, if there is one thing that the Virginia Tech shooting did for sure, it was remind everyone about how terrible

video games are. For gamers, this is no surprise at all, and most of our initial reactions to the shooting included wondering how long it would take before the media and crazy nuts out there blamed it on video games.

One of the biggest advocates for banning violent video games is Jack Thompson, "Ace Video Game Attorney," according to G4TV. As soon as the VA Tech shooting was over, Thompson was making appearances on cable news networks furthering his anti-gaming agenda. What was really great to see, however, was some hesitation on the part of the media to blame video games entirely.

According to GamePolitics.com, a blog presented by the Entertainment Consumers Association, MSNBC's Chris Matthews featured Thompson on Hardball and "pointed out the flaws in the controversial attorney's argument."

The following is an excerpt from the transcript:

MATTHEWS: Do you know what [Cho] was doing?

THOMPSON: We know...

(LAUGHTER)

MATTHEWS: Do you know whether Cho, the shooter...

THOMPSON: No. We don't know, but I will tell you...

MATTHEWS: ... was involved with "Counter-Strike" at Virginia Tech the last four years?

Matthews said that he thought Thompson was "projecting other cases onto this case," and that he was "projecting what [Cho] was doing four or five years ago onto what he was doing this weekend." While Matthews appeared to be resistant to Thompson's claims during the discussion, he concluded by stating that he wasn't for or

against any theories about the correlation between video games and violence until they are proven true or false.

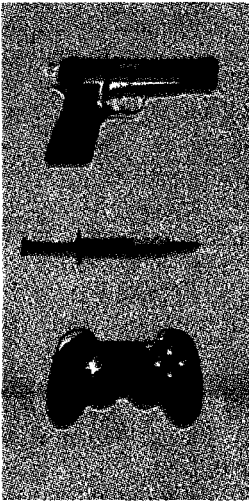
Even Rush Limbaugh discounted the VA Tech tragedy's correlation to playing violent video games. According to GamePolitics.com, during Limbaugh's radio show, one caller said: "I'll bet my last dollar in my pocket that this shooter will be found to have been a compulsive video gamer, and when people are living that kind of lifestyle - and college students do this a lot."

Limbaugh opposed the caller's theory by stating: "Not every video gamer goes out and murders 33 people on the college campus though. There's more to this than that... it may desensitize people, but it doesn't turn everybody into mass murderers..."

Here is the problem: the current

adult generation, for the most part, doesn't play video games. Therefore, they don't understand video games. It has been through history that we are always afraid of things we don't understand. Younger generations have been exposed to video games and getting into positions of power, we are going to face a generation that has made time and time again. Jack Thompson's of our youth, there is still hope is shown through progressive change in society's beliefs. These changes are evident through the opinions of people such as Chris Matthews. Rush Limbaugh, two people who didn't grow up with video games but are resistant to the popularity of violent video games violence.

"Find out everything they know about these... Super Brothers. Okay, Mario, Princess Toadstool. I mean, so special about them anyway obviously just a mob front." G4TV's Jack Thompson featuring Kevin Pereira



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FSU Football Ready for the Fall

Seniors Vow Not to Repeat 2006 Season

the season on a streak with at least one reception in 21-straight games. Hopefully Howze can improve these already great statistics as the Bobcats return to dominance.

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The dedication of this Bobcat squad should never be questioned. With two workouts a day, one starting at 5:45AM, there are not many who would be willing to tough it out. Nearly every sport present at Frostburg trains as a Division I program despite not getting monetary supplements to play.

It is clear that Frostburg has the "can do" attitude going into this season and that another season like last fall is not only unlikely, but unacceptable. Coming back after such a bad season and training even harder shows the commitment and dedication expected from a true Frostburg Bobcat. The Bobcats will square off with their first opponent next fall and should have both the respect and support of the fans.

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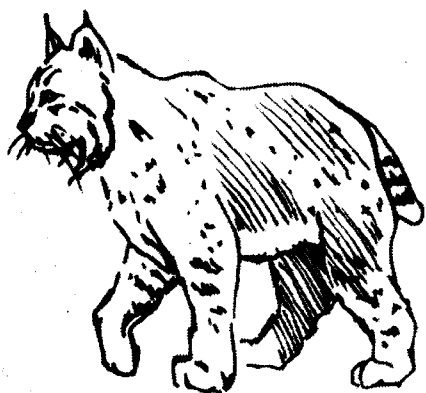
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A Split between the Two

Frostburg Baseball Doubleheader v. Medaille

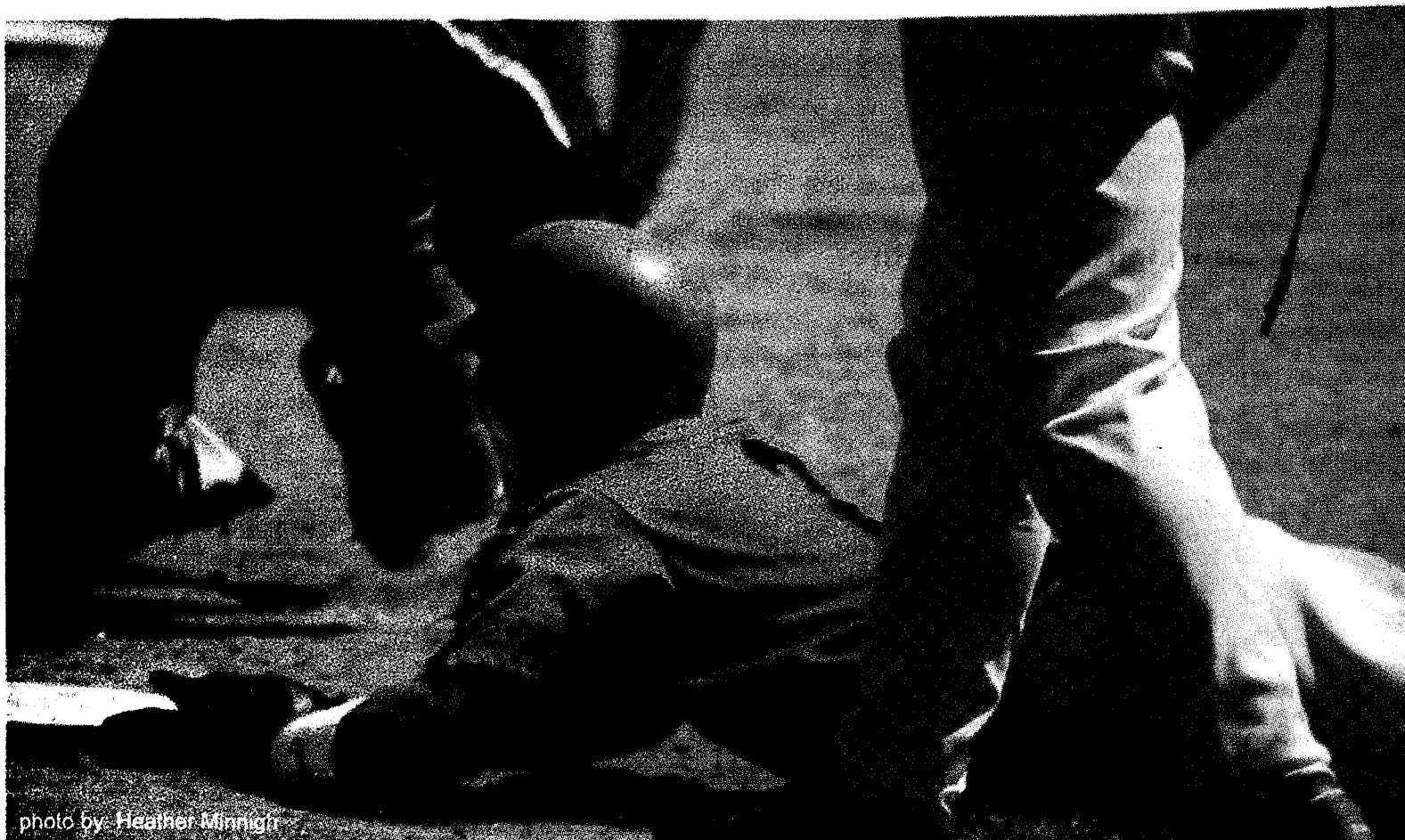


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JUAN CABALLERO
Staff Writer

The Frostburg Bobcats baseball team played against Medaille this past Saturday. Both teams gained a win on their record with the Bobcats taking the first game with a 13-2 win and dropping the second losing 6-4. Senior Ryan Webb went three-for-three, with three home runs, and eight RBI's.

The Bobcats showed excellence in game one starting off with a 2-0 lead, with Ryan Webb getting his first of three home runs. The second was scoreless for both teams, but in the third, the Bobcats scored four more runs giving them a 6-0 lead. After Bryan Burke's and Mike Gitzen's singles, and a stolen base with an RBI, Speights set up the scene for Ryan Webb's second home run of the game and also tying the school home run record in a single game. Webb this time hit a 3 run home run over the fence giving the Bobcats a 6-0 lead. The Mavericks

would respond with two runs, yet those were the only two runs they would score. Frostburg responded back, in the bottom of the fourth with three more runs boosting their lead up to seven runs. Burke started the inning off bombing a solo home run. Todd Holmes and Allen Peake would account for the three runs as well with both getting an RBI to give the Bobcats a 9-2 lead over the Mavericks. Throughout the fifth inning, the Bobcats made small progression getting their men on base through singles. Mitchell started the fifth off with a single, following a Gitzen single, and Speights' single led Mitchell home as Frostburg State led with a 10-2 advantage.

Ryan Webb had to be the "man of the hour" with the crowd watching him as he tied the school record with his third home run of the game. Giving the Bobcats a 13-2 lead. Medaille's next two innings would not be effective ending the game giving the Bobcats their 18th win of the season.

The second game was not as an easy as many expected. The nightcap would put them at a record of 18-12; losing in their nightcap. The Bobcats would take a 3-1 lead Mike Gitzen and Andrew Speights accounting for their three runs. Gitzen knocked a two run home run over the fence and Andrew Speights made it to home on an infield error. Medaille College would rally from this lead giving them the 5-3 advantage, and ending the game with a 6-4 loss. Gitzen went 1 for 4 with his two run home run being the only hit he made. Brian Burke suffered the loss after pitching two innings putting the Bobcats 6 games over .500.

As of right now Frostburg stands in 6th place in the AMCC with a record of 6-4 in the conference. Being one game behind the 5th place team, Medaille, and 7 games behind the first place team LaRoche. The AMCC Tournament is within weeks away. The Frostburg Bobcats repetition of this championship is still in their reach.

Some Perspective

Armchair QB
Chris Schoenbauer

Monday, April 16, 2007
Students were murdered on campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. What were your thoughts at that moment you saw on the news that this was happening? Numbers increased from 20, to 33, what was crossing through your mind? Odds are you were not thinking 'Oh well, their damn football team anyway. At least it didn't happen to Miami.'

It is something that maybe we forget. After 9/11, we swore that our lives were put in perspective now. We all said we would never take so seriously again. It doesn't matter if you are a Virginia fan, a Miami fan, a Maryland fan or a Virginia Tech school's rival fan. When you saw the news last Monday, you weren't thinking about the next football season.

We were thinking, 'How does someone live in an academic building with two handguns and live?' We wondered if we would have what Liviu Librescu had in him? Could we, 76 years after a survivor of the holocaust, stand in front of a building and die at the hands of a deranged man? How young students could escape and continue their lives with promise?

Our first thoughts were not even about whether or not a big time athlete was injured. Our thoughts were in the right place, wondering how could something like this happen at a place where as students, we all supposed to be safe.

We still have life in perspective 6 years after this tragic event. We all grieve for those at Virginia Tech and there is no doubt. The school has taken the right steps, giving students the chance to take off the rest of the semester and receive the current grades they have in their class as a final grade.

Just like before, sports will provide our release from this tragic event. Last Tuesday the Washington Nationals played their game that night with Virginia Tech baseball caps on. Last Saturday it was the Virginia Tech football game. These were the same orange and white shirts would be bought. These were the same shirts that spell out VT across two sections.

As the time moves on, sports will be there always, to help take our mind off things and ease our pain. Our sports continue, and the world does not move over one man's senseless act. That would be letting him win.

The baseball games will continue and the football games will start as scheduled. We will all pray for Virginia Tech. Next fall, just like always, the Virginia Tech football team will take the field. And on September 1st they will take the field at Lane Stadium where they host East Carolina. Surely there will be a moment of silence for those who have fallen. Then, the world will continue to spin, and Virginia Tech will move on and carry on with everyday life, not letting an incident keep them from living out their normal lives.

Softball Sweeps Hilbert in AMCC Action

Press Release

HAMBURG, N.Y. - The Frostburg State softball team manufactured 18 total runs in two games sweeping the doubleheader from Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference opponent Hilbert, Saturday afternoon.

FSU (12-14, 9-3) won game one 10-4 and then out HC (3-25, 1-13) 8-0 in six innings.

Senior Lori Potts (Purcellville, Va./Loudoun Valley) went the distance in game one, striking out 10 and allowing just one earned run.

The Bobcats jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first and then put up another three runs in the second inning, before being shut out in the third. The team rallied, tallying one run in each of the second and third innings, bringing the score to 6-2 through the third innings of action.

Frostburg State put the game out of reach, with runs in the fifth, while Hilbert tacked on just two runs in the sixth.

Junior Lindsay Seal (Mt. Airy, Md./Lindsey (Frederick CC)) and Potts each went 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored, while freshman Alex Macintosh (Point of Rocks, Md./Brunswick) went 2-for-2 and classmate Samantha Quirin (Loversburg, Va./Loudoun Valley) went 2-for-3.

In the second game, freshman Katelyn Goss (Middletown, Md./Middletown) pitched a one-hitter in 6.0 innings of action.

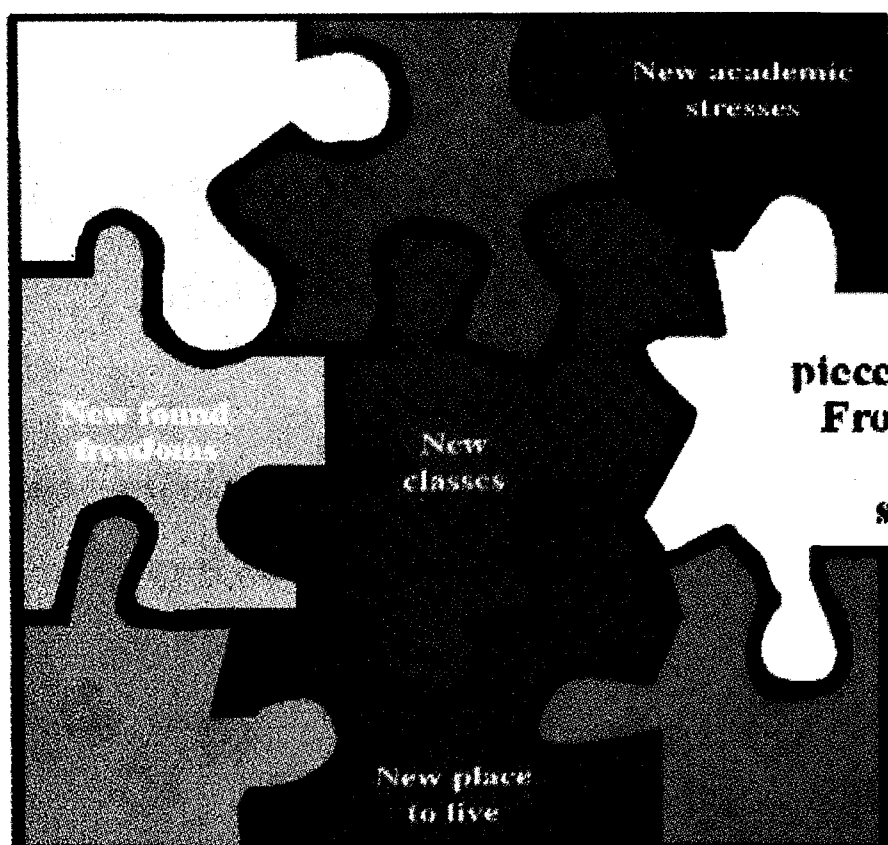
FSU would again take an early lead, tacking on two runs in the first, followed by one run in the second.

In the fifth, Frostburg State scored two more runs, then add another three runs in the bottom of the sixth to end the game early, in favor of the Bobcats 8-0.

Junior Amanda Baldwin (Baltimore, Md./Anne Arundel County) went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and three RBIs, while senior Amanda Gray (Rockville, Md./Magruder) was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Macintosh went 2-for-4.

The Bobcats return to the field on April 25 at 3:00 pm for a doubleheader.

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