

**Announcements:**

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The Fourth Wall is seeking writers for all sections, including sports and arts & entertainment. We also need general writers on assignment and general article writers. There are openings for regular columns, such as a political column, humor column, advice column, and cartoons. All students are welcome regardless of major. Writers are not required to submit articles on a regular basis.

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**Mission Statement**

The Fourth Wall was established to provide a responsible forum for dialogue within the student community and for the free expression of considered ideas; to build community; to promote student involvement in activities and issues that have an impact on students' lives; and to disseminate information about campus activities, organizations and events. This is our chance, as students, to say what we really think.

**Penn State**

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themselves."

As a result of media frenzy, Jones and Maroclo both began to receive numerous calls and e-mails regarding the situation. Both Penn State students have acknowledged receiving comprehensive death threats stemming from their actions.

Jones told of one Virginia Tech student's threat that was received by Maroclo. The threat included an outline to run her, Maroclo, over with a bus, and then "put her teeth on the sidewalk and kick her head."

"I would not show my face on the Virginia Tech campus now. They might actually murder me. Apparently, violence is the answer" said Jones, further commenting on the personal attacks.

In response to these threats, Sgt. John Wilson of the State College Police Department acknowledged that any possible threat would be investigated and brought forward to the University's Judicial Affairs Office.

Jones recently spoke on the phone with a Roanoke, Virginia television station, WSLS. He alleged that the costume was not supposed to be funny but instead proceeded to answer, "...it's that we are notorious and infamous in

the state college, so we have to do things that push the envelope just for shock value."

After the interview with the television station, Jones claimed he was misconstrued and never understood the interview would be made public; if so, he would have been weighed his words more carefully about the subject.

His interviewer, Lindsey Henley, a reporter at the station and recent 2007 Virginia Tech graduate, responded with, "The first thing I said is that I'm recording this conversation," then added, "I don't know what part of that he didn't understand. I think that's a cop-out personally."

Amidst the anger and fallout of these actions, students have not been shy to respond. Penn State's The Collegian reported that Virginia Tech student Caitlin Beckett, said, "You would think that people, after what happened, would have more respect than that."

Beckett concluded that, "...even if it happened after five years, it wouldn't be OK."

Other Virginia Tech students have made such comments as, "...I and my fellow Hokies are insulted by these individuals' actions, I hope we can put things into perspective."

Another quoted, "I didn't think that would ever happen from any community. I didn't think anyone would make light of the subject."

Penn State students themselves are accusing their colleagues of making an ill decision and labeling the subject, "...not a thing to joke about."

One Penn State student even went far enough to say, "If I was at Virginia Tech, I would hate Penn State for life."

**Mont Alto**

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cold. Interviews with students, including those who live at the residences cited in the article, found them being disregarded by the article. The article states that the students could not be reached for comment.

The problem with that statement lies in two distinct issues. Penn State policy, as reported by Holly Cieri, does not allow the University to give out student names in issues like this. The other very possible reason is that the reporter did not want the opinions of students. Students were not even contacted, yet their addresses are listed, therefore the Public Opinion clearly knew where the students were and could be contacted.

In fact there were citizens that sided with the students, but their responses were not quoted in the

front page article of the Public Opinion's Sunday paper.

"Overreaction" is the general reply by most students to the torts of the community.

The student body must remain understanding. Whilst the article in the Public Opinion is fairly biased, so is the reaction of the students at large. Admittance to the problems stated in the article were prevalent among most of the students interviewed.

Parties with underage drinking occur on a large scale in campus communities, so is a small town like Mont Alto to blame for lacking a police force to enforce the mores? Can the Public Opinion be blamed for taking a stance, when there are few ramifications found?

The course taken by the University is to become more connected with Mont Alto, through a newly proposed committee by Chancellor Gnage that will be made up of administrators, faculty, students, and townspeople.

This type of organization, as found in many college towns, will hope to bridge the gap between the students and the community.

Nonetheless, any reader will be hard pressed to find that kind of positive press in the Public Opinion, especially not on the front page.

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