

Frostburg State University
University Programming Council

presents

"Make Me Laugh"
Writing Contest

UPC wants you to take part in our 1st annual "Make Me Laugh" Writing contest. This gives you, the student, a chance to write a comedic story that deals with Frostburg State University and its surrounding community. You have the chance to create a fiction or non-fiction short story that can enhance your educational experience and to show FSU just how funny you are.

All Participants of the "Make Me Laugh" Writing contest will have their entries put into a compilation book titled "Make Me Laugh FSU." There will be 3 top prizewinners for this contest. Third place winner will receive a \$25 check and one book from UPC's comedy book collection. Second place will receive a \$50 check and a book from UPC's comedy book collection. And finally the Grand prize winner will receive a \$75 check, a book from UPC's comedy book collection and their story printed in the Bottom Line. To appreciate and congratulate all participants and winners there will be a reading/listening party in their honor on December 5, 2005 at 7pm in Lane Center room 201.

The story should range from 300 words to 500 words. If using any profane language please use it only in dialogue. The story should be set at and/or around the surrounding FSU community. Each submitted short story will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Style
- Grammar
- Humor
- Adherence to the rules

The entries will be judged on a scale from 1- 10 by a blind review where a code will be placed on the entries and the judges will only see the title and the story. All stories must be original and follow FSU's standards of plagiarism.

See Attachement for the rules and regulations.

So writers take this opportunity to put the pen to the pad and make FSU laugh.

For more information, call the UPC office at 301-687-4192 or email dbarnett02@frostburg.edu.

Danielle Barnett
University Programming Council Comedy Chair

" You can't live life without laughter"

Rules & Regulations

- 1) Guidelines: The contestants will write a short story that is set at FSU or the surrounding FSU community. Students should make the story as funny as possible, yet in a tasteful manner. The story should be a minimum of 300 words and the maximum is 500. If using any profane language please use it only in dialogue.
- 2) Prizes: The third place winner will receive a \$ 25 check and one book from our comedy book collection. Second place will receive a \$50 check and a book from our comedy book collection. Grand prizewinner will receive a \$75 check, a book from our comedy collection and their story printed in the BottomLine. All participants will have their entries put into the compilation book entitled "Make Me Laugh FSU". To congratulate all participants and winners there will be a reading/listening party in their honor on December 5, 2005 at 7 pm in the Lane Center room 201.
- 3) Eligibility: Must be a Full time student enrolled for Fall 2005 at Frostburg State University.
- 4) Entries: All work submitted should have the following:
 - Detachable cover page with title of story, author's name, address, phone number and email address.

- Another cover page with just the title of the story attached to the story.
- Please submit an electronic submission of your work in Microsoft word to dbarnett02@frostburg.edu and one hard copy.
- Turn in all entries at the University Programming Council (UPC) office in the Lane University Center.
- One entry per person.
- No entry fee.
- Deadline for submission is November 28, 2005.
- Winner selection: The entries will be judged on a scale from 1-10 based on Originality, style, grammar, humor and if the guidelines were properly followed.

The judging will be done by blind review where a code will be placed on the entries and the judges will only see the title of the story. General Release: By entering the contest, you release your story to UPC and agree to allow it to be printed in the “Make Me Laugh FSU” short story book.

- 5) Conditions: UPC is not responsible for any late work.
- 6) Humor: Just have fun with it. You won't regret it.