





Mayhem in Baltimore

Photoshooting our way through Otakon 2007 in a day.

By Angela Moseley

After our arrival in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, we unpacked our stuff and settled into our hotel rooms. No con is complete without hard core drinking and cosplay so we combined the two. Hilarious results ensued and some of us had hangovers before Otakon's opening ceremonies. Because of the said hangovers we missed the official opening ceremonies. Darn Drunks.

Instead we wandered aimlessly around Otakon. We were in search of folks in costume or cosplayers as well as convention attendees.



Aaron gets drunk and parades around in part of his costume. Photo taken by Angela Moseley.



A suitable body shape for Street Fighter's sumo wrestler, E. Honda. Photo taken by Bboyneko from the Otakon 2007 photos page.



The Final Fantasy fight menu never fails to gather willing fighters. Photo by Angela Moseley



Anime characters with huge swords must be compensating for something. Photo taken from AnimeJutsu.

We didn't have to travel far before finding some interesting suckers, er, we mean subjects to photograph. Everything and everyone from Street Fighter to BLEACH were on display. It was a video gaming/Japanphile/social outcast's dream gathering which took over Baltimore's Inner Harbor for four days. Were there lots of confused residents? Yes and we shamelessly (cosplaying as well) enjoyed every moment of it. We spent time in the dealers' room thumbing through DVDs, import games, and graphic novels to our heart's content. Occasionally we actually brought stuff too! Amazing.



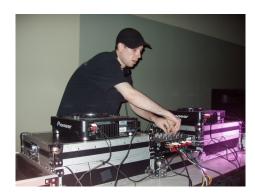
Neo and Scorpion in the dealer's room. The Matrix beats Mortal Kombat any day. Photo by Angela Moscley.

However the real fun was the random cosplay battles that broke out from time to time in the room. Actually the mock fights broke out as soon as cosplayers spotted our cameras. Forgot those celebrity photo ops, watching cosplayers pose for the cameras is much more exciting any day of the week. Unless it's Britney Spears high on stupidity, we could go for that any day.

That night there was a rave party which provided an interesting end to our night. We were treated to dancing geeks, glow sticks and break dancers who put everyone else to shame. Break dancers rule, hands down. We left our fond childhood memories behind and returned to our hotel room to get drunk and play video games.



Every Rave needs a schedule. Photo taken from AnimeJutsu.com.



Go DJ go! Pick that music! Photo taken from Anim Jutsu.com



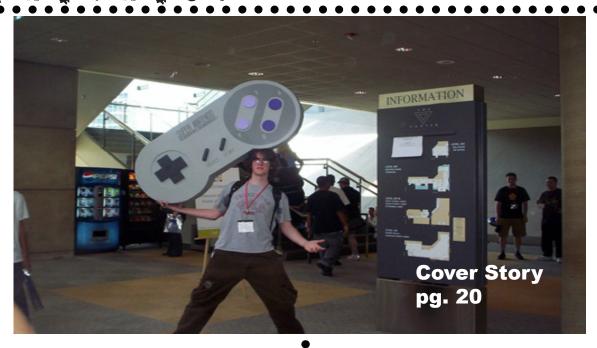
Dance little puppets, dance! Photo taken from Anime-Jutsu.com.



A break dancer gets his groove on at the rave party. Photo from AnimeJutsu.com.

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Fursuiters in a fur pile. Photo by Doug Muth.