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## rocket man

# *This was an exciting year at Frostburg State University*



President Gibralter

that culminated with outstanding commencement exercises on May 16 where more than 600 graduate and undergraduate students received their diplomas. Commencement is my favorite event of the year; I get to shake the hands of hundreds of graduates who are looking forward to their lives and careers and soon after graduation are looking back on their years at Frostburg State University as alumni. I suspect all of our alumni reading this edition of *Profile* can remember back to the day you said goodbye to Frostburg and, as Henry David Thoreau said, “walked confidently in the direction of your dreams.”

Those dreams are embodied in every edition of *Profile*. In this issue, you will read about Ricky Arnold, who graduated in accounting and education and went on to be an astronaut as part of NASA's Space Shuttle program. You have read in previous editions about Broadway actors, Hollywood television writers, business people, teachers, scientists and many people who have walked across the stage

at Frostburg to enter into whatever possibilities the world may hold for them. In this edition, we introduce you to five young alumni, working in a variety of fields, who are worth watching in the years to come.

The graduates who walked the stage in May 2009 are entering a world of uncertainty. The jobs they may ultimately possess may not have even been created yet. This is a time in our history when we all face new challenges. We can hope that this new economy will be defined by great and creative leaders. As uncertain as this time may be, it is a time when Frostburg graduates have an opportunity to define our future as they have for many generations.



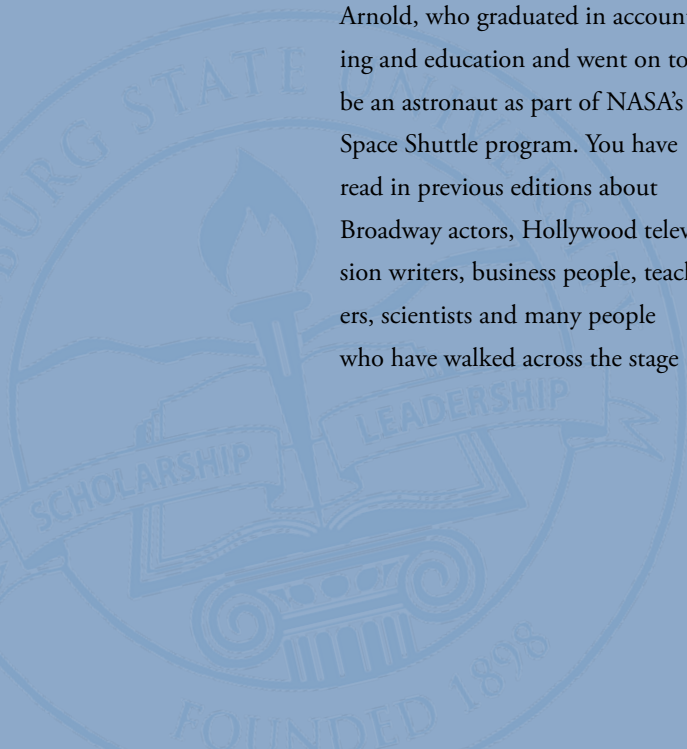
This is also a time when your alma mater needs your help, a time when I hope you will consider giving something back to assist our students with their financial burden so they, too, can graduate. Our comprehensive campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, is well under way, and we truly need your support. This isn't raising funds for the sake of raising money – this is raising funds that will forever impact our students' lives. This edition of *Profile* also features the stories of those who have stepped up and given generously. If you haven't already, I hope you will join them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan C. Gibralter".

**Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter**

President  
Frostburg State University





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Life’s Accomplishments Marked With Honorary Doctorate

Frostburg State University honored the lifetime of accomplishments and service of Cumberland, Md., native **Woodward D. Pealer** by granting him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at FSU’s 134th commencement ceremonies on May 16 during the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. The degree was approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

Pealer is a retired business leader and judge of the Maryland Tax Court who has served his community and country through a variety of positions and activities over the years. In Cumberland, his leadership roles have included being past potentate of Ali Ghan Shrine Temple, two-term director of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Sacred Heart Hospital and vice president of the Cumberland Lions Club. Pealer was also instrumental in organizing the area’s first County United Fund and has served as director of the Salvation Army and the Central YMCA and as chairman of the Brotherhood Dinner, National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Pealer has also served the United States with honor; he flew 55 combat missions with the 12th Air Force, which earned him a Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as an audience at the Vatican with Pope Pius XII. FSU dedicated the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center in his name to honor many of his accomplishments. — LDM



Honorary degree recipient Woodward Pealer, seated, is hooded by Provost Stephen Simpson, as President Jonathan Gibraltar and Bernard J. Davisson, II, vice president for University Advancement, applaud.

Pinnacle Award Bestowed on a Foundation “Founder”

The Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc., has honored **Leonard Schwab** with the Pinnacle Award, its highest honor, in recognition of the decades of counsel and spirit he has offered to the FSU Foundation. The awarded was granted in a banquet in his honor held at Bedford Springs Resort on Friday, March 20.

Schwab, only the fifth person to receive the Pinnacle Award, is a founding member of the FSU Foundation, one of the longest-serving members of the Board of Directors and a longtime leader on the Executive Board. Now an emeriti member, he has helped guide the organization through a number of important transitions in the mission and scope of the Foundation.

He and his wife Jane established the Leonard and Jane Schwab Theatre and Speech Scholarship for sophomore, junior or senior theatre majors in 1996, which has helped numerous students since then and supports the art form about which both Schwabs care so much.

“It is his service to Frostburg State University and its students, his leadership of the S. Schwab Company and his dedication to his community overall that has inspired the FSU Foundation to award him the Pinnacle Award,” said Bernard J. Davisson, II, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

“Your vision ensures that our institution can provide an exceptional education for our students and that the Foundation will continue to uphold its mission: to foster, encourage and promote the growth, progress and general welfare of Frostburg State University,” FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar said to Leonard Schwab at the dinner in his honor.

Created in 1993, the Pinnacle Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions of time, talent or treasures in support of the educational mission of Frostburg State University through the FSU Foundation. — LDM



Mark Bowling, left, joins Leonard and Jane Schwab at a dinner in Leonard’s honor. Bowling, who is a recipient of a theatre scholarship created by the Schwabs, presented the couple with a book of letters from other recipients.

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Frostburg Area Ambulance Service President Wayne Lewis ‘64, right, and FAAS volunteer Susi Jolley demonstrate the squad’s new blood-borne pathogen protective suits. They are joined by Bernard J. Davisson, II ‘81, center, FSU vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

FSU Helps Protect Local Ambulance Squad

Frostburg State University and the FSU Foundation, Inc., have donated a total of \$8,000 to pay for the purchase of blood-borne pathogen protective suits for members of the Frostburg Ambulance Service. FSU gave \$6,000, and the Foundation donated \$2,000.

The state requires these protective suits for emergency personnel, said Wayne Lewis ‘64, Frostburg Ambulance president. The suits must be custom-fitted to each volunteer squad member. Costing \$931 each, they were purchased in early 2008, and a community fund drive has been ongoing to pay for them and for suits for future volunteers.

The donation from the FSU Foundation put the fund drive over the top on its \$50,000 goal, according to Frostburg City Administrator John Kirby.

“FSU is one of the largest potential users of emergency services in the City of Frostburg. Should our faculty, staff and students require the assistance or rescue, we want to be assured that our community volunteers are equipped to protect themselves and our personnel,” said Stephen Spahr, FSU vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations. “This contribution is in direct support of the safety of our University community and our neighbors in the City of Frostburg.” — LDM



Fitness guru Scott Cole exercises with students and staff members in the Lane University Center as part of his “Martial Yoga Groove” event in March that combined martial arts with power yoga and cardio dance moves.

CHILL’s First Year Full of Progress

What a difference a year has made in the health and well-being of FSU students!

Guided by CHILL (“Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles”), a campuswide wellness initiative the University launched in September 2008 that is supported by a contribution from AstraZeneca, Bobcats have taken advantage of numerous opportunities to learn more about how to live wellness-centered lifestyles. Here are some highlights from CHILL’s first year:

- Five hundred and one students participated in free biomedical screenings that included body composition, blood pressure and lipid screenings. Students with readings that caused concern were contacted for a follow-up consultation at FSU’s Brady Health Center.
- Twenty-four student teams took part in FSU’s own version of a “Biggest Loser”-style competition, which challenged participants to work out, maintain nutrition diaries, donate blood and attend CHILL events through a point-based system. Some teams accumulated more than 350 points and lost a combined weight of more than 77 pounds as a result of their commitment.
- FSU hired a project coordinator for University Wellness, April Baer, and Registered Nurse Julie Miller to ensure CHILL’s success.
- FSU received a Worksite Innovation Award from the American Heart Association and was named a “Fit-Friendly Company” by AHA for its efforts to promote and foster an institutional culture of health and physical activity in the workplace.
- National wellness expert Scott Cole, a star of the top-selling “Abs of Steel” video series, visited FSU on several occasions to lead wellness workshops. On March 5, his “Martial Yoga Groove” event, a one-hour workout/movement session that combined martial arts with power yoga and cardio dance moves, drew 150 participants on campus.

Prognosis: CHILL is reaching the student body and ensuring it is a healthy one! Expect more fun events and activities in the upcoming year.

— BR



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The “Fantastic Four,” the first-place team in the “Are You the Biggest Loser on Campus?” contest, lost a combined total of 77 pounds. From left they are Shawna Spriggs, Vicki Pidich, Tiffany Reid and Jeremiah Boulware.

Two Local Sororities “Go National”

Two national sororities, **Alpha Sigma Alpha** and **Phi Mu**, will “colonize” two local FSU sororities starting this fall.

Phi Mu, the nation’s second oldest sorority, will be returning to Frostburg after an absence of about a decade, reopening its Phi Iota Chapter and absorbing Kappa Tau Epsilon, an FSU organization that values sisterhood, leadership, responsibility and philanthropic endeavors.

Alpha Sigma Alpha will establish a new chapter with Alpha Gamma, an active FSU group that was recently named Sorority Chapter of the Year at FSU’s annual Greek Stars of Excellence Banquet.

“We are so excited to recolonize our Phi Iota Chapter at Frostburg,” says Phi Mu National Vice President, Communication and Extension, Andie Burkett Kash. Many area alumnae have already expressed an interest in assisting with recruitment and volunteering as chapter advisers, she said. National President Robin White Fanning, as well as several national and area officers, will be visiting during recruitment.

Founded in 1852, Phi Mu is a women’s organization that provides personal and academic development, service to others, commitment to excellence and lifelong friendships through a shared tradition. Phi Mu promotes vibrant living, encouraging members to achieve their personal best.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was founded on Nov. 15, 1901, at the State Female Normal School, now Longwood University, in Farmville, Va. Alpha Sigma Alpha is a women’s organization that exists to promote high ideals and standards for its members throughout their lives by emphasizing balance among the four aims of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development. Nationally, Alpha Sigma Alpha has 72 collegiate chapters and 78 alumnae chapters. More than 67,000 members are committed to promoting sisterhood, heritage and leadership.

Jamie Winters, assistant director for Student Activities and Greek Life, is excited about what the next year holds for Greek life at Frostburg. “All of FSU’s recognized Greek organizations have been working really hard and promoting Greek pride and collaboration with each other,” she said.

Phi Mu and Kappa Tau Epsilon will hold an alumni brunch, which will include national representatives, to celebrate the merger of the two groups on Saturday during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend. (See schedule, page 24).



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The University Advancement staff now headquartered at the Lyric Building on Main Street are, from left, Bernard J. Davisson, II '81, Todd Moffett, Janelle Moffett, Leslie Reed, Laura Bowling '05, Barbara Filer, Robert Spahr, Becky Carrington, Carlisle Zoubek, Cherie Krug, Ann Buskirk '99/M'01, Alicia White '85 and Carolyn Brown. Missing from the photo are Shannon Gribble '98 and Lynn Ketterman.

## Lyric Building, FSU Main St. Presence Taking Shape

FSU is gaining more of a "face" on Main Street in Frostburg. Thanks to a \$250,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to the FSU Foundation and administered by FSU, most of the first floor of the historic Lyric Building, 16-24 E. Main St., has been adapted to FSU's use.

In September, the FSU Bookstore opened the Bobcat Store, selling Frostburg-branded shirts, hats, cups and other items. Then, in November, University Advancement moved its offices there, including the FSU Foundation and the Office of Alumni Programs. (Communications and Media Relations, which is also under University Advancement, has remained in Hitchens.) Now the space occupied by the former theatre is available for rent as a community entertainment and gathering venue.

The building's developer, Michael Joy, has renovated the space in the building that was nearly gutted by fire in 2004 and faced demolition without intervention by Joy, FSU and the City of Frostburg. Joy has also developed 11 apartments on the second and third floors.

— LDM

## FSU Renews Its Commitment to Sustainability With Earth Week 2009

This year, FSU responded to the growing need to increase awareness of climate change and sustainability by celebrating not just a single Earth Day, but a whole week's worth of activities dedicated to environmental education and dialogue.

Organized by the University's Learning Green, Living Green (LGLG) Committee, **Earth Week 2009**, which ran April 20 through 24, devoted each day of the week to a different aspect of environmental awareness: "A Day of Celebration," "A Day of Learning," "A Day of Action," "A Day of Appreciation" and "A Day of Service." Highlights included a lecture by keynote speaker Brian Tokar, a noted advocate, author and prominent voice on environmental issues since the 1970s; Focus Frostburg, a "Day of Learning" featuring presentations by FSU faculty, staff and community partners; a concert with earth-themed vocal and instrumental pieces by FSU's musical talent; and a "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse" poster contest, which invited people to vote for their favorite student-created Earth-themed posters in person and online at FSU's Earth Week 2009 Facebook group. Taking a holistic approach to sustainability, FSU also incorporated its annual Relay for Life fundraiser as part of Earth Week's "Day of Service." The event drew 818 participants divided among 59 teams and raised nearly \$44,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Following Earth Week 2009, FSU's LGLG team completed a working draft of the campus' Climate Action Plan and presented it to FSU's Executive Committee May 6. The Climate Action Plan, a requirement of FSU's membership in the American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), outlines comprehensive, specific strategies that will guide the University in reducing its carbon footprint. It will be submitted to ACUPCC in September.

For more information on Learning Green, Living Green and Earth Week 2009, visit [www.frostburg.edu/lglg](http://www.frostburg.edu/lglg) or look for "Earth Week 2009, Frostburg State University" on Facebook.

— BR



## Two Millennia of Service to FSU

Nearly 90 Frostburg State retirees gathered in June for a luncheon in their honor in the Compton Atrium. Representing more than 2,000 years of service to the institution, with some individuals starting at Frostburg as early as 1950, these retirees were given an update on FSU's current situation and future plans.



Godiva, a member of FSU's tamarin colony

**"There are very few colleges and universities in the country that give undergraduates the chance to study the behavior of nonhuman primates, so this is an especially exciting opportunity for FSU."**

## New Facility Offers Research Opportunity in Animal Behaviors

For the past year, FSU has been home to 12 cotton-top tamarins, who live in newly renovated space in the Guild Center. The tamarins, a very small monkey species found in the wild only in Colombia, were generously donated to FSU by the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in hopes of continuing the legacy of quality noninvasive behavioral research with this species that was begun by Dr. Charles T. Snowdon, his students and collaborators.

FSU students have a rare opportunity to work with the tiny members of this unique species, who weigh between 1 and 1.5 pounds and are called "cotton-top" because of the "Einstein-like" hair on their heads. FSU's tamarins were born in captivity and are housed in male-female pairs in large aviary-like enclosures that have been arranged with a variety of branches to simulate their natural habitat. Environmental enrichment is very important in the care of these animals, and each tamarin pair has toys, swings and foraging opportunities to keep them active. The care and well-being of these very special animals are of the utmost importance, and the colony is fortunate to have an excellent team of students and volunteers dedicated to their daily care.



Dr. Erica Kennedy and Zagnut

Dr. Erica Hoy Kennedy of the Psychology Department directs the tamarin colony and noninvasive student research involving the behavior and problem-solving abilities of these animals. Kennedy has spent more than eight years studying the intelligence of a variety of primate species. She believes that the tamarin colony will serve as a valuable opportunity for FSU students and area K-12 students to learn about animal behavior research. There are very few colleges and universities in the country that give undergraduates the chance to study the behavior of nonhuman primates, so this is an especially exciting opportunity for FSU. The addition of the tamarin colony has also allowed for the development of related courses. Kennedy is now teaching a new course titled "Animal Learning and Cognition," which involves students conducting behavioral observations of the tamarins as part of a course project.

Another important goal of FSU's tamarin colony is to increase students' knowledge of conservation issues. Cotton-top tamarins are an endangered species, and sadly there are very few of them left in the wild, where their natural habitat is being lost to deforestation. One of Kennedy's goals is to increase awareness of this species and of ways to help them in the wild. Conservation programs such as "Proyecto Titi" provide an avenue to assist cotton-top tamarins through education and financial contributions.

— Dr. Erica Kennedy



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faculty accolades



Shah

Shah Honored With USM's Highest Faculty Award for Public Service

The University System of Maryland recognized Dr. Amit Shah, professor of management, with a Regents' Faculty Award, one of only four faculty members statewide to receive the Regents' Award for Public Service in recognition of his contributions to his community and profession.

Shah has been involved as a project coordinator for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's AIDS administration grants, which are designed to build the capacity of Community Based Organizations in Maryland. More than 20 organizations have been helped by more than \$100,000 in grants in the last three years.

Shah also founded the FSU College of Business' Center for Community Partnership, which provides area businesses with skills development and management training. The organization, recently transformed into the Center for Leadership Development, offers workshops specific to organizational needs.

Shah has also contributed significant service to his profession during his 19 years at FSU. He has served on the editorial boards of three journals: AIMS International Journal of Management, The Coastal Business Journal and the Advanced Management Journal. Shah also has served leadership roles in the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute and the Southeastern Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

Faculty Honored for Achievements

Five faculty members were recognized with the 2009 Faculty Achievement Award this year, made possible through the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Megan E. Bradley, Psychology, recognized for academic accomplishment, is a primary recipient of a grant to redesign the introductory psychology course. She has been published in the British Journal of Educational Technology concerning students' participation in online discussions and is recognized for her expertise in online education. Most notable is the grant she won from the National Science Foundation to conduct research on the development of deception in children. Her preliminary findings appear in the NSF 2009 Highlights, which showcases "research of high caliber and strong public interest."

Dr. Richard L. Raesly, Biology, also recognized for academic accomplishment, focuses his research on systematics of freshwater fishes, biological monitoring, the ecology and evolution of introduced species and the biology of endangered species. He has been awarded over \$1 million in grants in his 20-year career at Frostburg, and nearly half that within the last three years. Raesly has co-authored 20 publications with colleagues and former (or current) students and has several manuscripts in press on freshwater fish.



Bradley



Hawk



Raesly



Li

Also recognized for academic accomplishment, Dr. Amit Shah, Management, has been a prolific writer and researcher, having presented 51 papers and workshops at various professional meetings. In the past five years he has published 21 journal articles, two of which have received the "Best Paper" awards. His co-authored textbook, Introduction to Business, sold over 7,000 copies in its first semester, and its applied approach is fast becoming a popular choice for professors. Recognizing the scarcity of literature on micro-entrepreneurial activity, Shah collaborated to examine the three western-most counties to determine the extent of micro-enterprises in Maryland.

Dr. Thomas F. Hawk, Management, recognized for teaching, has shown an energetic and passionate dedication to teaching recognized by his peers and students alike. He has won high praise for accommodating students' myriad learning styles. His use of a single complex case

for the entire semester has been his signature technique, with each case containing a number of interrelated issues faced by real managers in a real organization.

Dr. Hongqi Li, Biology, recognized for university and community service, has shown particular dedication to the promotion of cross-cultural awareness. He founded the Chinese Culture Club at FSU in 2007 and continues to serve as its adviser. His participation in the Chinese Initiative and his work with Chinese exchange students since their arrival in fall 2008 has been exemplary.



Offstein

Offstein Research on CEO Pay Lauded by International Journal

Research indicating a positive relationship between higher-paid CEOs and a company's competitiveness earned a paper co-authored by Dr. Evan Offstein, an assistant professor of management, recognition as Best Paper by the international journal Group & Organization Management, which focuses on organizational behavior, organization theory, business strategy and human resources.

The paper investigated how pay differences between a CEO and the rest of the members of the top management team influence a firm's competitive behavior, reflected in the observable and purposeful competitive moves launched by the firm. The authors used data from the U.S. pharmaceutical industry, finding a positive relationship between the CEO pay gap and the volume and complexity of firm competitive behavior.

"In essence, what we found was that higher-paid CEOs appear to drive a more competitive firm. More to the point, the greater the gap in pay between the CEO and the rest of the top management team, the more competitively active and aggressive the firm is," Offstein said.

Management Faculty Win "Best Paper" Award

Amit Shah, professor of management, and Michael Monahan, assistant professor of management at FSU, were recognized with a 2008 "Best Paper Award" from AIMS International, the Association of Indian Management Scholars, for their work titled "The Leadership Styles in Academia: Four Faces of University Presidents." ■

APPOINTMENTS



Tootoonchi

Interim Dean, College of Business

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, associate dean of the College of Business, has been named interim dean of the College of Business. Tootoonchi will replace Dr. Danny Arnold, who is now dean of the College of Business at Missouri State University. Tootoonchi joined the faculty in 1989 and chaired the Department of Management from 2003 to 2007. He received the University's Faculty Achievement Award in 1998 and 2003, is president of the International Academy of Business Disciplines and chief editor of the Journal of International Business Disciplines. He and Arnold co-authored 101 Leadership Tips.



Golden

Associate Dean, College of Education

Dr. Clarence Golden '72/M'74/M'78, a 40-year veteran in the field of education, has been appointed the associate dean for the College of Education at FSU. Golden previously served as the interim associate dean and chair of the Department of Educational Professions. In addition to his experience at the university level and in public schools, Golden twice authored a nationally recognized leadership program through the Educational Leadership Constituent Council of the National Policy Board for Educational Administration.



Smith

University Police Chief

FSU has chosen 22-year veteran of the Maryland State Police, retired MSP Lt. Col. Cynthia R. Smith, as the chief of University Police. Smith has spent a total of 26 years in law enforcement, including 16 years in a command capacity, including as chief, Special Programs for the State Police. Smith succeeds Acting Police Chief Clyde W. "Bill" Stewart M'78, a 34-year veteran of University Police, who retired in July, and Police Chief Brian Shanley, who served as chief since 1988 and who retired in October.



Stump

Associate Vice President for University Advancement

Colleen C. Stump has been named associate vice president for University Advancement, with responsibility for the communications and media relations component of the division. She has been designing and producing publications at FSU since 1982, serving as FSU's first-ever graphic designer and then as director of Publications.



Ketterman

Assistant Vice President for Student Services, Dean of Students

Dr. Jesse Ketterman M'98/M'01 has been appointed to the position of assistant vice president for Student Services and dean of students effective Aug. 15. Ketterman will coordinate FSU's student conduct system and will continue to serve as a liaison with the City of Frostburg and law enforcement officials in a continued effort to hold students accountable for their behavior in the community. He will also continue to serve a major role in providing leadership for the summer orientation program. ■



# the view from here



Richard R. "Ricky" Arnold II '85, accounting major, marine biologist, teacher, NASA astronaut and first Bobcat in Space, was prepared for everything — except for what he saw when he looked out the window.

By Liz Douglas Medcalf





Arnold flew on his first space shuttle mission in March, nearly 13 days in space in which he and his fellow crew members delivered solar panels and the truss assembly that holds them. These final pieces were required to fully power the International Space Station.

After five years of training, education, practice and simulations, there was little that happened on Space Shuttle Discovery or on the International Space Station that Arnold hadn't experienced or studied in one way or another, until ...

"Looking out the window, there's no way to prepare yourself for that," Arnold said.

Practically every move the astronauts made during the STS-119 mission had been rehearsed over and over on the ground. Even the sensation of walking in space had been reproduced in NASA's buoyancy lab, a big pool in Houston with a submerged mock-up of the Space Station.

With the intensive training and packed work schedule on the station, at one point Arnold thought, "Boy, I could really be in a simulator back in Houston right now," except that you might be hanging from the ceiling or your tools are floating by," he said. He decided it was important to glance out the window from time to time to remind himself that he wasn't in Texas anymore.

Arnold reported that life in space was a mixture of intense duties, discoveries and surreal moments. Something seemingly simple like learning to sleep in space was an interesting chal-

lenge, with no gravity to hold him onto a mattress or a pillow, which is what his body had come to expect.

"I used some bungee cords to hold myself to the wall or the floor and some Velcro straps to keep the pillow at my head," he said. "John Phillips, who had been on the space station before for months, just used a sleeping bag on a hook. ... It takes getting used to."

Arnold may have been more than 200 miles straight up, but he wasn't out of touch. He was able to carve a couple of opportunities out of the busy mission schedule to e-mail a few friends — including some fellow FSU alums — and to call his family using the ISS's Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) System, which was set up for the space station crew members who spend months away from earth. He and the other astronauts also got to speak to President Obama, who was joined by a group of school children at the White House for a video conference.

Each morning, the shuttle crew is awakened by Mission Control with a different song specific to one of the astronauts. Arnold's songs, chosen by his wife and two daughters, were "Bright Side of the Road" by Van Morrison and "In a Little While," which was performed by friends of his, a Houston-area group called Pilgrim and Trout. He enjoyed expanding the group's reach to an astronomical level.

The only low time was during several flight delays, which postponed takeoff by about a month. Each time a scheduled takeoff neared, all the astronauts had to



go into quarantine for four to five days before launch, as well as adjust their sleep schedules. The first launch was scheduled for early morning, so they had to adjust their internal clocks to wake up around 10 p.m. That process was repeated several times — with different wake-up times — before the actual launch.

"That's hard on your family," Arnold said. "But once you get into space, you forget all that."

The main goal of STS-119 was to deliver and install the final pair of power-generation solar array wings and the truss that would hold them to the station. Arnold performed two of the three spacewalks on the mission, where the view was even better than through the Space Station window.

"On the first space walk, we came out at night and saw the sun come up in the broad panorama through my visor," he said. "You're 200-some miles up, traveling 17,000 miles per hour." That perspective took some getting used to.

The first six-hour session, with astronaut Steve Swanson, helped to install the 16-ton, 45-foot-long truss and the two solar arrays — stretching 240 feet tip to tip — onto the orbital scientific complex. They guided the other astronauts who were maneuvering the truss with the station's robotic



Ricky Arnold '85, left, partially obscured by the International Space Station's robotic Canadarm2, participates in his second spacewalk during the STS-119 mission of Space Shuttle Discovery, a 13-day mission that lasted from March 15 to 28. Earth can be seen behind the station, more than 200 miles below.



arm, then they bolted the truss onto the station and hooked up everything. The arrays doubled the electric power available to the station's science laboratories.

On his second spacewalk with fellow educator astronaut Joe Acaba, the third for the mission, Arnold was the leader. "It was a pretty good deal for me on my first spaceflight and only my second spacewalk," he said.

That six-and-a-half-hour spacewalk involved moving and maintaining equipment, as well as making a second attempt to free a

mechanism that had gotten stuck while being deployed on the second of the three spacewalks.

"It was not going anywhere," he said. NASA engineers subsequently developed a tool to deal with the problem, which was fixed on a later shuttle mission, he said.

The first spacewalk was so packed with duties that Arnold didn't have much time to reflect, or even look around, but the second outing provided that opportunity, and one of the highlights of his flight.

"Joe was getting back in first. We were going over Newfoundland and Labrador and the sun was just going down. While I was waiting for him, I was able to look around, watch the sunset over the snow and ice," he said. "It was pretty amazing."

When they undocked from ISS, they had enough fuel to spare an opportunity to review their work and take scores of

photos as the shuttle circled the station at a distance of 400 feet. There's a practical purpose — the space station is bombarded constantly by tiny fragments of debris. The highly detailed photos are examined by NASA engineers looking for damage to the station.

"The bonus for the crew is we can take the pretty pictures that everyone else likes to look at," Arnold said of this mission highlight. "When you can see your work, it's pretty spectacular."

Speaking with an undercurrent of wonder — as a boy, he followed the Apollo missions, and as a man, he realized a lifelong dream — Arnold said he has been so busy since the mission that he hasn't really had time to sit and reflect on his experience. After all, he traveled more than 5 million miles in the course of 12 days, 19 hours, 29 minutes and 33 seconds.

"I just had to capture some mental snapshots to think about later." ■





By Becca Ramspott

They say age is just a number ... but as we watch the world change around us at what feels like a mile a minute, time becomes a precious commodity, and knowing there are people out there who are stepping up to the plate and making a difference at a relatively young age is reassuring. Here are five alumni, all under the age of 40, who share a formula for success that factors in several common denominators: commitment to their communities, support from friends and loved ones, an eye for opportunity, and perhaps most importantly, a strong sense of self. And it all adds up to a generation of Bobcats who, along with Frostburg's many other fantastic alums, will define the future.

# 20/20 WITH 5 UNDER 40

**"If there's any way to describe 2,000 10-year-olds screaming at the top of their lungs in applause after a rousing performance of Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture,' complete with bellowing cannon fire in a state-of-the-art, acoustically awesome Music Center at Strathmore, then that would be my quote. I will spend the rest of my life trying to attain that level of sheer delight, energy and enthusiasm."**

## KEN OLDHAM

Age: 32

FSU degree: B.S. in Music, 1998

Job: President of the National Philharmonic

**K**en Oldham's daily soundtrack might consist of everything from an orchestra premiering an original silent movie score for 1,200 schoolchildren in North Bethesda's Music Center at Strathmore to the rustle of applications he's going through as a volunteer for the Frederick Arts Council's Community Arts Grants Committee to the voice of his 17-month-old son, Landon.

Oldham "learned the role of an ii-V-I chord progression and how to read a balance sheet at the same time" while studying the basics of music and business at FSU. "Irrefutably, the core knowledge that I picked up at Frostburg not only helped define my notion of success, but also provided a paramount point in the right direction," he says.

That direction led him to helping the National Philharmonic uphold its mission of being an integral and indispensable community resource through music and music education. As president, he spends most of his time building important connections with arts advocates.

"What I enjoy most of all is the people who make it all happen," he says. "Musicians, board members, donors, ticket buyers, staff – they're fascinating people and their passion and enthusiastic support is contagious."

Oldham also cites his mentors as incredible influencers of the work he does today, including FSU's Joan DeVee Dixon, chair of the music department. "She continues to be one of my most trusted friends," he says.

Together with Dixon and fellow alum Alison Combes, executive director of Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C., Oldham has helped pioneer FSU's Friends of Music group. He's also a member of the FSU Foundation Board.

"It is our responsibility – not our luxury – to ensure that the University is there to provide a superior level of education to the next generations. If my son chooses to go to Frostburg in 2026, I'd like to see the University on the cutting edge of facility and technology," he says. "This is expensive, and I see it as my responsibility to help make it happen. I hope others, a whole lot of others, see it the same way."

Oldham's family remains a strong source of support and focus, particularly as he weighs different priorities following Landon's birth in March 2008.

"What were previously very specific professional goals are now much more personal and full of criteria that are much more difficult to quantify," he says. "Ultimately, it's my job to be the best father I can be. This means providing the best possible example."

It's no surprise that Landon's first word was "wow!"





## MAYSOON KAIBNI

Age: 30

FSU degree: B.S. in Business Administration, 2000

Job: Vice President of Business Development, Newsdesk Media, Inc.

**M**aysoon Kaibni juggles her personal and professional life in an around-the-world sort of way. As vice president of Business Development for the London-based publishing company Newsdesk Media, Kaibni is responsible for overall business development and client interaction, activities that entail frequent, extensive travel.

"I enjoy the diversity of it. Because our clients range from financial to defense to governments, I'm able to always learn and stay current with global issues," she

says, noting her job has allowed her to attend events with world leaders like former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, President Barack Obama and Asif Ali Zardari, president of Pakistan.

And as a first-generation Palestinian American, Kaibni is also very personally affected by global issues, something that inspires her to volunteer with organizations like Partners for Peace, a public platform for the voices of Israeli and Palestinian women working for a peaceful and just resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Playgrounds for Palestine.

"My family background and traditions are very much a part of me, so being involved in a few organizations, particularly those that involve women and children, is very important to me," she says.

In and around all of her activities, Kaibni has found time to purchase and maintain her own home for the past eight years—no small feat for a young professional in this economy. She also hopes to eventually visit her family in Ramallah, Palestine, a trip for which she is inspired to learn Arabic.

**"It's easy for people to provide their opinions; however, we don't have to be influenced by them. A lot of people have their own agendas, and if we aren't strong, then we might subject ourselves to unnecessary background noise and potentially miss out on a great opportunity."**

"There's a lot going on in today's world, and I'm not sure if people are that aware of everything that impacts us," she says. "The things we individually get involved with are usually personal to us, so it's unfortunate that there are so many issues we all have to face— young and old. I would hope we all would be able to step outside of our reality for a bit to be more sensitive to issues that may not impact us directly."

Age: 38

FSU degree: B.S. in Accounting, 1994

Job: Operations Planner for the Pepsi Bottling Group's Atlantic Business Unit

**R**oyal Hines is definitely a numbers guy for Pepsi Bottling Group, providing budget analysis and helpful reports on things like the company's selling and delivery and fleet and business unit functions. After he joined Pepsi in 2002, Hines soon became the "go-to" financial person through a series of promotions from business analyst to retail analyst to his current position.

"What I like most about my job is the ability to think analytically and provide my own perspective that will add value, help others make sound business decisions and ultimately, to grow the business," he says.

Along the way to his current success, Hines has never forgotten the importance of other value-added factors in his life, such as volunteerism and philanthropy. He is very active with his church and a board member of the Clarence "Du" Burns Memorial Fund, which serves as the living legacy of the late Baltimore mayor, that city's first African American mayor. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the FSU Foundation and the FSU Alumni Association, as well as a former president of the alumni group.

"It was an honor to be president of the Alumni Association . . . I was the first African American president of this association, which to me speaks volumes about the role FSU is playing in ensuring a diverse environment that is equal to all," he says.

Hines' interest in civic service and African American leadership is a natural continuation of his various activities at FSU. While in college, his busy schedule included membership in the Black Student Alliance, the campus chapter of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, an organization he continues to serve today as alumni brother and treasurer for the Xi Xi Lambda chapter in Frederick, Md.

"For most FSU students, college is probably the best opportunity you have to gain knowledge and expertise without the pressures of 'Corporate America,' family responsibilities and financial obligations," he says. "You should be like a sponge and just soak everything in . . . Be well-rounded and active, but don't let the extracurricular activities deter you from your ultimate goal of graduating with the highest G.P.A. possible."

## ROYAL HINES



**"The best is yet to come! Whatever you have accomplished or are going through is just the tip of the iceberg ... the future is much brighter than the present."**



# JOHN TOBIASON



To see some of the videos Tobiason has worked on, check out the U.S. Government Printing Office's YouTube Channel, [www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter](http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter).

Age: 29

FSU degree: B.F.A. in Art & Design, 2002

Job: Works in the U.S. Government Printing Office's Creative Services Department

John Tobiason has the type of career many artists only dream about – his designs reach millions of Americans every day, through everything from presidential inaugural materials, to U.S. passports to award-winning videos promoting different governmental initiatives.

The latter in particular has given him perhaps one of the greatest moments in his own professional history: In May 2008, as part of the U.S. Small Business Administration's celebration of Small Business Week, Tobiason created a short one-minute video ad that was displayed on the NASDAQ Tower in New York, and videos for the 26 HD monitors on the inside of the Tower.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime event, seeing my design work on an eight-story-tall screen in the middle of Times Square," he says.

Tobiason also found out in June 2009 that a video documentary he shot about the printing of the Official Photograph of President Barack Obama won a Stevie Award, which honors and recognizes the achievements and positive contributions of organizations and business people worldwide.

Tobiason's latest project is developing a comic book for the United States Navy about careers in science and math called "The Career Channel Hoppers." It features a young girl, Pam, who builds a robot for her school's science fair, and along with her brother and a friend, is suddenly transported to different sites like an aircraft carrier, an operating room and a sub, all the while learning about different careers in science and math available to them through the U.S. Navy.

"It's neat just knowing that it will be in the hands of thousands of students to help them focus on going to college and pursuing science and technology jobs," says Tobiason, who interviewed Navy personnel to develop the story.

Beyond work, Tobiason also reaches out to young people as a life-long member of the Boy Scouts of America. He has spent the past 12 years helping run the National Youth Leadership Training for the Baltimore Area Council. He and his wife, Julie Petr Tobiason '02, also maintain close ties with their alma mater, attending annual events like Leadership & Homecoming Weekend and the Sloop Leadership Institute so they can mentor the future leaders of the University.

"Frostburg afforded me some of the most formative years of my life and I think it is important to give back to the institution that gave me so much, the knowledge to do my job, the friendships that support me, and the wife I love," he says.

Age: 29

FSU degree: B.S. in Political Science, 2004

Job: Teaches and writes curriculum at the Princeton Review Taiwan

Following graduation from FSU, you might say that Holly Harrington made a decision to put her right foot forward – in the form of a tattoo that says the following: 我迷路了

"Literally, it means 'I'm lost,'" she says. "I can't predict what I'll be doing two years from now, but I'm comfortable with that. I wouldn't change a thing about the path I've taken. Being 'lost' has led me to have some amazing experiences that I would never trade for the certainty that comes with knowing your way."

A first-generation college student, Harrington completed her degree at FSU with a strong sense of

accomplishment, but wasn't sure what to do next. She had enjoyed campus activities like V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, and ended up signing on for a year of full-time AmeriCorps service at FSU's Center for Volunteerism and National Service.

Sensing an opportunity too good to pass up, Harrington eventually applied for and accepted a position teaching and writing curriculum at the Princeton Review Taiwan. Overseas, she has maintained strong ties to her mentors at FSU and the meaningful experiences she had in college. She has found an active V-Day organization in Taiwan with whom she performs the famous work, "The Vagina Monologues," to raise money to end violence against women.

"Taipei has become my home, much like Frostburg was for me, just with a few million extra neighbors," she laughs.

Her neighbors have opened her eyes to cultural knowledge that is gained firsthand from being lost in translation.

"Some of my favorite times in class are when we are reviewing future tenses of grammar, or the students are writing essays about the future, since I get to find out what they have planned for themselves," she says. "I also like that I get the chance to prepare these students for life outside of Taiwan. We talk about cultural differences often, and I think I learn as much from them as they do from me. ■"

**"Don't believe a word of what you're told about the world and the people in it until you see it with your own eyes. The images on a TV or computer screen cannot compare with the flesh and blood of real life."**

# HOLLY HARRINGTON





# STAKING OUR CLAIM THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG

Last October, FSU launched the public phase of a \$15 million fundraising campaign. Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg comes at a critical time in the history of the institution. A testament to the generosity of those who care about Frostburg, more than \$10.1 million had been pledged toward this goal as *Profile* was headed to press. In fact, fundraising for fiscal 2009 surpassed the \$2.1 million goal set for the year by nearly \$700,000.

The Campaign Steering Committee of Quincy Crawford '65, Carl Belt Jr., Mary Clapsaddle '83 and Kenneth Oldham '98 welcomed a new member, Russ Younkers '68, who will focus on fundraising for athletics, which must rely solely on student fees and private philanthropy. They are continuing to guide Staking Our Claim to support the strategic initiatives of the University, with three enrichment areas identified as the focus of this campaign: Student Enrichment, Academic Enrichment and Regional and Cultural Enrichment

In this issue of *Profile*, we will introduce you to some more of FSU's many friends, alumni and organizations who recognize that their own altruistic goals can be achieved by assisting FSU in its mission.

## Griffiths Give for the Good of the Region

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

**Sam Griffith, president of National Jet Co. in LaVale, Md., and his wife, Pam Griffith, were thinking of their own community when they decided to contribute \$25,000 to the FSU Foundation in support of Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg.**

"I recognize the impact of the University in our region," Sam Griffith said. "It's a force economically, culturally and educationally. I think it's important to keep this asset local."

"I've always been impressed by the caliber of the students I encounter at Frostburg," Pam Griffith said.

The insight Griffith gained from his role on two vital boards serving FSU helped guide his gift's distribution. In particular, as the president of the FSU Foundation's Board of Directors, he has come to learn of the crucial value of unrestricted gifts, so the bulk of this gift contributed toward the Staking Our Claim campaign was designated as such.

"Unrestricted (funds) give us the ability to put the money where it is needed immediately," Griffith said.

Money that is given with restrictions may only be used for the purposes for which it was designated, such as to a specific scholarship fund, but unrestricted contributions provide the institution

with the flexibility required to address the most pressing needs as they appear. Griffith was struck by the range and size of requests the Foundation received in 2008 when it made more than \$41,000 in unrestricted funds available for the first time to fund new educational projects at FSU. The board received nearly 50 requests seeking more than \$320,000.

"That really highlighted the need for more unrestricted money," Griffith said.

"You don't have to be a graduate of Frostburg to help the University," he said. "If you live in the region, you should recognize its value to this area. There's a real need for us to support it."



Sam and Pam Griffith



Carl and Jane Belt

Carl Belt, president of the Belt Group, is a member of the steering committee for Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg.

"We see the need for FSU to remain a healthy, growing institution and we want to help carry that legacy forward for others to benefit and enjoy," said Carl "Bucky" Belt. "We believe FSU is an important asset to our community because it offers first-class educational opportunities at a value to local and regional Maryland residents."

"As one of the larger employers in the area, FSU is a major economic engine and cultural center within our community," said Jane Belt.

More than half of the gift will

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— Carl "Bucky" Belt

## Belt Family, Belt Group Commit to Keeping FSU Healthy and Growing

**Carl and Jane Belt, along with the Belt Construction Group of Companies, have expressed their commitment to FSU through the FSU Foundation with a generous pledge that is among the most significant leadership gifts of the Staking Our Claim campaign thus far.**

go to support athletics. FSU has 21 Division III varsity athletic teams. Division III schools cannot grant scholarships based on athletic merit, so FSU's student-athletes must fund their education under the same terms as every other Frostburg student.

"Student-athletes, especially Division III athletes, participate in their sports truly for the love of the game," said Troy Dell, FSU's athletic director. "I see first hand how these students blossom, learning tremendous time-management skills. They're used to being held accountable, which translates into graduates with leadership abilities and a proven work ethic."

None of FSU's athletic programs can be funded with state funds, so all the money for athletics must come from private donations and student athletic fees, Dell said.

"I have known numerous people who have been introduced to and developed leadership skills, team-building techniques and family values through participation in athletic programs," Carl Belt said. "I was aware of FSU's athletic program funding shortfalls and felt inspired to help the professional leaders and student athletes in this program."

The rest of the Belts' gift will go to unrestricted funds, which provide

the institution with the flexibility required to address the most pressing needs as they appear.

"We would like others to think about the value FSU brings to our region and how it has touched their lives and others in our community, throughout Maryland and around the world," the Belts said. "We encourage them to support this campaign so that the FSU legacy passed to us might enrich the lives of others who will become our community leaders of tomorrow."

Carl Belt continued, "I have noticed that a significant number of graduates have become leaders and outstanding professionals in a variety of vocations that you would not imagine, since it was primarily a teacher education school until the mid-70s. This speaks to the fine basic education being offered at FSU and the passion and commitment of the faculty to transform lives, nourish excellence and promote personal development."

The Belt family and companies have a long history with FSU, including Bucky Belt's father, Carl Belt Sr., who was among the founding members of the FSU Foundation and whose company built many of the buildings on the campus during the 1960s and 1970s.

— LDM

## Campaign Progress

### CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$15 MILLION

\$10.1 MILLION  
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## “Little College” Offers Undreamed of Opportunity

**An opportunity of a lifetime more than 60 years ago, coupled with a change in tax laws today, has resulted in a valuable scholarship supporting education students at FSU.**

**Joseph Maley '50** grew up in Frostburg, but even though Frostburg State Teachers College was right in his backyard, nothing in his background or his schooling made him think that college was for him.

“I didn’t have any idea what I was going to do. I never thought I would go to college,” he said. Maley is the youngest of his siblings; none of them went to college, nor had anyone in his family before them.

He worked in a couple of local industries after high school, then was drafted into the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. After leaving the service, the then-new GI Bill made him think differently about his future.

“It was because the college was here that I went,” he said. “It was just a little college then, only about 150 students.” With the help of the GI Bill for his last two years, he earned an education degree from the “little college,” and went on to earn a master’s degree from Columbia Teachers College (now part of Columbia University) in New York.

Maley returned to Maryland and started working as an elementary school teacher in Frederick, and later in Harford County. It wasn’t long before he was made a principal, a post he held for 22 years.

“It was a good living. As my mother used to say, I knew where my next meal was coming from.”

A few years after retiring from the school system, Maley returned home to Frostburg to be nearer to family. He had long been wanting to make a gift to his alma mater, and a newspaper story about a scholarship established at FSU in the name of an old friend, Constance Spates, encouraged him to explore the issue further.

A recent change in tax laws determined that transferring his IRA to the FSU Foundation would be the best way to achieve that aim. This year as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, through the end of 2009, people older than 70 1/2 can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRAs to a charitable organization without having to pay taxes on that amount.

He decided to transfer the full eligible amount to the FSU Foundation to establish the **Joseph E. Maley Endowed Scholarship Fund** in support of junior or senior education majors, with a preference to those from Allegany County, providing the same opportunity for a new generation that he had years before.

“The college gave me the opportunity to make progress in my life. I’m grateful,” he said.

— LDM

## Naylor Family Gift Helps Grad Students With Special Education Focus

By Becca Ramspott

**Thanks to a generous gift from the Howard and Audrey Naylor Family Trust, FSU is making it possible for more graduate students in its education program to get the preparation they need to work with special needs children in the Appalachian region.**

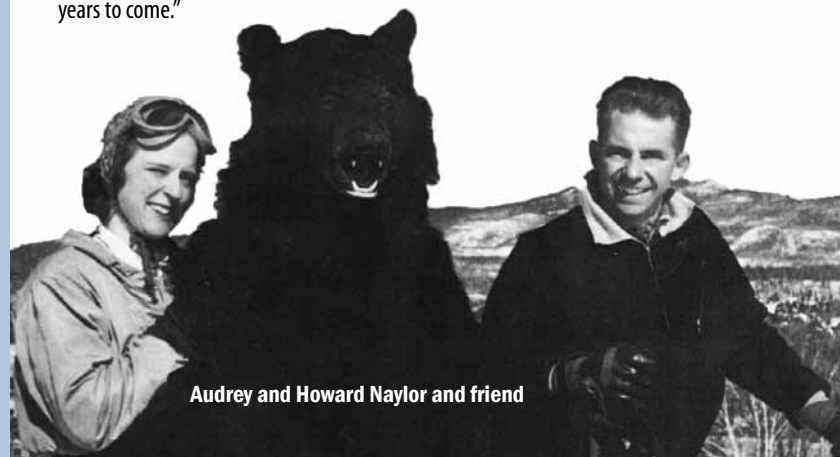
In December 2008, the FSU Foundation, Inc., received a generous contribution from the Trust, establishing the **Howard and Audrey Naylor Scholarship** (Naylor Scholars Program). Starting fall 2009, the new scholarship will be awarded annually to promising graduate students in FSU’s College of Education. Naylor Scholars will receive paid tuition and associated fees, books and in-state enrollment for one year and one summer at FSU. They will be selected based on their interest in teaching and working with children who have special needs. The scholarship also includes preferences for candidates who intend to teach in the Appalachian region, preferably close to Western Maryland, and who are able to conduct practical research related to facilitating students with special needs placed in traditional classrooms.

Howard and Audrey Naylor both passed away in 2006. The scholarship’s specifications reflect the Naylor family’s personal experiences with special needs children and their lifelong commitment to education. Both Howard and Audrey were teachers and advocates in the education community; Audrey served as a teacher in classrooms with special needs students well into her 80s. Additionally, one Naylor family member had both a daughter and a grandson with special education needs.

The Naylor family has deep roots in the Western Maryland area of Appalachia. In addition to the popular Naylor’s Ace Hardware store for which the family is known, Howard, an Oakland, Md., native, also filled a variety of important roles in the Garrett County community, including serving on the town council and as president of the Oakland Lions Club. He also loved skiing in Western Maryland and bought the ski tow equipment that led to the successful establishment of Western Maryland’s Wisp Ski Resort. Howard and Audrey enjoyed many years in Oakland, where they raised their five children.

The decision to fund a scholarship at FSU supports the Naylor Family Trust’s mission – the Trust is dedicated to organizations and institutions located in Appalachia that are education-focused.

“Howard and Audrey Naylor believed Frostburg has served a valuable role in generating first-class students and many graduates of Garrett County high schools attend FSU,” a representative of the Trust said. “We believe the need to train special needs teachers is clear, given the challenges and our evolving understanding of how to best address these unique students. We hope this scholarship will generate many innovative teachers for years to come.”



Audrey and Howard Naylor and friend

## Scholarship Honors Those Who Mattered Most During a Trying Time

**At some point, most people experience that transition of being not only the children, but also the caretakers of their parents. It’s during these moments that the everyday people often emerge as the ones who can help the most.**

Nurses are the everyday people who come to mind for **Lynn Ketterman**. Ketterman, FSU’s development research analyst and stewardship coordinator, watched her mother, Gi, succumb to lung cancer in 1999 and is in the process of helping her father, Roy Buckheit, deal with Parkinson’s Disease.

“My brother and I have been able to have a life because of nurses,” she says. “Nurses were able to make the time we’ve spent with our parents so positive, rather than remember all the negative things.”

Nurses also made it possible for Ketterman to find quality time for her children and her marriage – before putting her dad in assisted living, she often agonized about leaving him home alone for fear he

would hurt himself. Knowing her father had immediate, on site care freed her and her husband to do family activities together with their children.

Ketterman has also found tremendous support from her family of friends and colleagues at FSU – for example, when she had to leave for an extended period of time to take care of her mom, she was able to “come back and still have my job.” And when her husband, Jesse Ketterman, whom she met at the University, was away for a year for military service, her co-workers made sure she had emotional support.

Ketterman decided to honor all these different areas of kindness and love that have come into her life through one act of giv-

ing: This year, she and her brother, Charles, created the **Roy and Gi Buckheit Endowed Scholarship**, which helps fund promising FSU students who want to study nursing.

It’s a positive contribution that recognizes the nurses who have made it possible for Ketterman and her family to make it through an extremely difficult time and supports the University in a relatively new area of academic programming. FSU launched its R.N. to Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program in fall 2008, and Ketterman appreciated the idea of doing something that was both meaningful to her and supported the University’s efforts to foster the nursing workforce. She



Gi and Roy Buckheit

also liked the idea of doing something that reflected her parents and their lives.

“They gave a lot of time to different things – Masonic organizations, Boy Scouts, choir,” she says. “It also was about leaving a legacy for my parents. In some ways, this is like telling someone who they were. I want them to be remembered.”

— BR

## Herzog Turns Bad News on Its Head

**A scholarship with roots on a dark day in Dr. Cindy Herzog’s life has the potential to brighten the lives of students and those whose lives they touch.**

**The Herzog Family Scholarship** is named in honor of the parents and sister of FSU’s associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It was they who provided her with such complete support while she was undergoing treatment for breast cancer a few years ago.

Created with Herzog’s pledge of \$10,000, when it is endowed, the scholarship will benefit students from any major, either undergraduate or graduate, who have an interest in the campaign against cancer, whether it’s research, treatment, advocacy for patients and families or fundraising.

“April 7, 2005, I got the phone call that I was ‘cancer positive,’” she said. “Up until that point

I hadn’t had any major medical issues. All of a sudden I was hit with the c-word.”

Herzog was encouraged to become involved in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life held at FSU every spring, in which FSU students, faculty and staff raise tens of thousands of dollars each year to fight cancer and raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. She was so impressed by their effort that it planted a seed.

“I feel very blessed with my treatment and to be alive. I’ve also been very blessed to receive education and some scholarships along the way,” she said. “I wanted to give back to some students having need.”

It was the diversity of interests among the students involved in Relay for Life that also encouraged her broad-based

approach to the distribution of the scholarship. Each student had a different story and a different reason for being involved. Relay is about more than just raising money: It’s about giving hope, comfort and encouragement, and about raising the profile of cancer-related issues.

“I wanted to make it really open,” she said of the broad base of majors that can qualify for this scholarship. “I didn’t want it to be exclusive.”

Herzog also has made a bequest benefitting the Herzog Family Scholarship through the Old Main Society, a group for those who have decided to support FSU through their estate planning. If her estate is not needed to care for her parents or her sister, who are her first priority, she wanted to make sure it supported causes she cared about.

— LDM



Dr. Cindy Herzog



# “Gentle Giant’s” Legacy of Kindness Continues

For Mary Jane Gülck’s late brother, **Walter Moore**, the chance to attend FSU was a dream come true for a child who had fought a number of serious physical difficulties since birth and whose family was told he was unlikely to even finish high school.

Walter’s legacy will now live on in the **Walter Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund** through the FSU Foundation, benefiting political science majors at FSU who have financial need. Gülck said her brother was a kind and giving man, so she and her other brothers, John Victor and Michael, and friends, added \$7,500 to \$2,500 left from a special bequest of Walter’s to help out future FSU students.

“He was a kind and gentle soul who always had a ‘hello’ and ‘God bless you’ and ‘may the force be with you’ for everyone he met,” Gülck said. “He was just a delight – so kind to everybody,” she said.

Walter dealt all his life with coordination, speech and vision problems, but encouraging teachers and counselors throughout his schooling recognized his ability and worked tirelessly with him, Gülck said. He graduated high school and came to Frostburg for college, where he found more helping hands, she said.

“He lucked out with John Bambacus and John Wiseman,” she said of his two favorite FSU professors. He had a longtime love of the political scene and history, and he graduated as a political science major with honors.

“Walter was certainly one of those unforgettable and memorable characters that grace the classroom,” Bambacus said. “He was intelligent, well-read, and possessed a sense of certainty about himself, as well as wry humor, that endeared him to all. But he was more. Walter embraced his education at FSU far beyond the classroom and always kept in touch with professors and those who mattered to him.”

Wiseman recalled frequent, fervent but good-natured arguments about politics and monarchy, which was a particular interest of Walter’s. “He was always willing to argue, and he would hold his ground,” Wiseman said. “He was just very upbeat and eager to learn, a very lovable guy.”

He spent most of his career working for Social Security in Baltimore, retiring early as a quality review technician when he developed a vision problem. His sister said they had to turn people away from his retirement party, he was so popular.

Walter loved Allegany County, where Gülck lives, and had always wanted to return. After retiring, he took that opportunity, moving with his mother to Westernport, near his sister. He cared for his mother until her death.

To Gülck’s horror and sorrow, just two weeks later in October of 2007, her brother was dead, too, after complaining of nothing more serious than a dizzy spell the day before. He was 57.

Gülck was devastated that her “gentle giant” of a brother was gone, and so soon after losing her mother. As time has passed, her grief has turned into reflection.

“Now I have to look at the blessing he was in my life,” she said, hoping his scholarship might be a blessing to others.

True to form, among Walter’s bequests was money he left to a friend with instructions to throw a wonderful party for his friends and family. The event, which his sister described as a “joyous occasion,” was held in early spring of this year in the Baltimore area. The \$2,500 left from that event was the seed money for the scholarship in his honor.

— LDM

## CREATING LEGACIES OF LIFETIMES

# Everything Is New Again With Old Main Society

As director of Major Gifts for FSU, **Cherie Krug** is endlessly busy with meetings, appointments, phone calls and trips. But there is one part of her day when she feels like time just stops – when she’s helping FSU friends and alums figure out ways they can remember the University in their planned giving.

“When I work with them and see how much they care about FSU and how generous they are about the programs they love ... I get lost in the moment, learning about the history of the University, and what these friends and alumni did. ... It’s probably the favorite part of my job,” she says. “It’s intensely personal and meaningful work.”

These conversations are part of Krug’s ongoing efforts to infuse the FSU Foundation’s **Old Main Society** with new growth and involvement, a renaissance she is spearheading with Bernard J. Davisson, II ’81, vice president for University Advancement and FSUF’s executive director. The Society, established in 1996, is a group for FSU friends and alums who have identified a gift in their estate plans to FSU through the Foundation.

“The Old Main Society recognizes donors who make a significant impact at Frostburg, and that will make a difference for years to come,” says Davisson. “It’s an effort to help people create legacies that last long after their lifetimes – and one that includes tax benefits, too,” Davisson said.

Bequests are simple, and there are several options, including designating a portion of your estate, making a gift of a specific amount or asset, or creating a testamentary trust that will provide for a loved one first.

“Most of us will make our most transformative gifts in our wills,” Krug says.

Krug and Davisson are working with the society’s campaign volunteer committee: Mel Malchenson M’81/M’93, chair; John Reger ’90; Narmeen Reger ’90; Dr. Cindy Herzog, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sharon Robinson, professor of accounting; Theresa Testoni ’85; Jim Mason ’75/M’87; Gary Love, who founded the society; and Jason Sweitzer. They serve as regional resources to increase the society’s membership and visibility. This year alone, 13 new members joined, and FSU received more than \$1.7 million in estate gifts from FSU friends and alumni from 2007 to 2009.

There are new communication efforts, too, like *The Compass*, a newsletter that demonstrates concrete ideas for “taking that next step.”

Henry Smith ’75 is a long-time member who sees his participation “as the perfect ways to give something back to Frostburg State in recognition of the extraordinary opportunities, and thousands of small – and large – kindnesses I received during my four years at Frostburg,” he said. “I hope that my gifts can contribute to one or more Frostburg students having a Frostburg experience as valuable and enjoyable as was mine.”

To learn more, contact Krug at [ckrug@frostburg.edu](mailto:ckrug@frostburg.edu) or Davisson at [bjdavisson@frostburg.edu](mailto:bjdavisson@frostburg.edu), call 301.687.4161 or visit <http://frostburg.plannedgifts.org>.

— BR



Cheri Krug



## STUDENTS LOOKING AFTER OTHER STUDENTS

FSU students are known for their dedication to service and volunteerism – now they’re using those experiences to empower themselves as advocates and fundraisers for the University. In early April 2009, Frostburg kicked off the **Student Gift Campaign**, which invites students to get involved in their peers’ future by making contributions to the University’s Annual Fund. This new fundraising effort, led by a student committee and advisers from the FSU Foundation, includes strategic e-mails to the FSU student body, a new University Web page and a Facebook group (“Student Gift Campaign at Frostburg State University”), and has brought in over \$400 so far. To learn more, visit [www.frostburg.edu/studentcampaign](http://www.frostburg.edu/studentcampaign).



## LYSISTRATA EVENT CELEBRATES PROGRESS

More than 100 friends and supporters celebrated philanthropic progress and enjoyed a night of entertainment April 18, when the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Foundation organized a special reception followed by an attendance of University Theatre’s production of the lively Greek comedy, *Lysistrata*. During the reception, FSU Alumni Association Board member **Estelle Martin ’77**, left, presented a check for \$4,000 to Board President **Ron Forrester ’67**, right, that will allow the FSU Alumni Association to hire a student to research and record data on FSU alumni’s involvement in activities to improve future planning and reunion events. The contribution was presented on behalf of the University System of Maryland Alumni Association International, an organization of which Martin is a representative.



## THERE’S ROOM IN THE INN

**Days Inn of Frostburg** owner David Patel, left, is thanked by FSU Athletic Director Troy Dell for the support the hotel has offered to FSU athletics over the past year in the form of scores of free and discounted rooms for visitors to Frostburg, serving visiting teams as well as Bobcat parents and fans. This in-kind gift to the Bobcat Club is in support of Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. Contributions to the Bobcat Club support FSU athletics, which receives no state or tuition funding and is only supported by student fees and private donations.

## FSU HELPS BUILD CHARACTER THE “RIPKEN WAY”

FSU has spent the past year teaching character lessons to local children thanks to a grant from the **Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation**.

The Healthy Choices, Healthy Children sessions, four each semester, with two lessons per session, focused on teaching

children to make good choices. Topics included sportsmanship, leadership, taking responsibility, communication and the value of hard work, said FSU softball coach Wes Landrum, who coordinated the program.

A number of Landrum’s softball players, who are teacher candidates, as well as a handful of teacher candidates on the Bobcat baseball team, worked with the children, who ranged in age from 8 to 14. Children were recruited from the local community through the Cumberland Salvation Army, a partner in the program, which was offered free of charge.

The Ripken Foundation committed nearly \$15,000 to the program, with a third of that coming in the form of equipment to be used by the children.

The program, part of the Ripken Foundation’s Badges for Baseball, was developed as a character education plan that uses the philosophies that Cal Ripken Sr. practiced on the playing field to teach youths how to live off the field.

FSU and Salisbury University were the first educational institutions to offer Healthy Choices, Healthy Children, Landrum said. The program had previously been implemented by youth-serving organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, recreation departments, after-school programs and police athletic leagues.

— LDM



Walter Moore



# LEADERSHIP & HOMECOMING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 16-18, 2009

That time of year is nearly upon us. Pack up the car, grab your family and friends and head back to the mountains of Western Maryland as Frostburg State University celebrates Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2009! Take some time to enjoy a little camaraderie, friendship and the BOBCAT SPIRIT. Please join us to celebrate our student-athletes and our former athletes, grab a hotdog with President Gibraltar and enjoy the talents of our students.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

9:00 am - Noon Campus wide	<b>Career Expo "Explore Your Potential"</b> The Office of Career Services invites successful alumni from numerous professional fields and graduation eras to share their life experiences with our students. This is an amazing opportunity for alumni to reconnect with today's students. Contact Donna Sivic - dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.
Noon ARMAH, LUC	<b>Career Expo Luncheon</b> By Invitation Only
5:00 - 6:00 pm Hall of Fame Hallway Cordts PE Center	<b>Bobcat Club Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour</b> Reservations to Hall of Fame dinner required to attend (See below)
6:00 - 8:30 pm Main Arena Cordts PE Center	<b>Bobcat Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony &amp; Dinner</b> FSU will induct five alumni to the Hall of Fame: Ariel "A.J." Bell '95, Kimberly (Creighton) Heierling '90, Evan O'Rourke '89, Ray Pietras '73 and Craig Rotruck '92. Cost: \$30 per person, \$15 for children 12 and younger. RSVP is required by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.
7:00 pm Roper Gallery Fine Arts Building	<b>Maryland Printmakers Exhibition</b> Admission is FREE.
8:00 pm Pealer Recital Hall PAC	<b>All Campus Sing - Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota</b> If you think <i>American Idol</i> and <i>America's Got Talent</i> are exciting, wait until you see what FSU students have come up with! Join us to cheer on the campus' newfound talent. Cost: \$3 per person, \$2 for anyone wearing Greek letters.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

8:00 am Main Arena Cordts PE Center	<b>Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast</b> Bobcat baseball alumni gather to celebrate the success of past and current teams, to celebrate each other's life successes and to remember their teammate and friend, Jim Anderson, who died of leukemia. Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP by Friday, October 9, to Susan Eisel at 301.689.8780 or seisel1@verizon.net.
9:00 am Atkinson Room Room 201, LUC	<b>Seventh Annual Track &amp; Cross Country Alumni Breakfast</b> Grab your running shoes and join fellow alumni as they discuss the past and plan for the future of track and field and cross country! Cost: \$13 per person, \$6 for children 12 and younger. Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.
9:00 am Pearl F. Ort Room Lewis J. Ort Library	<b>Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting</b> Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.
10:00 - 11:00 am Library 237	<b>Alumni Brunch - Phi Mu &amp; Kappa Tau Epsilon</b> Drop by to celebrate with Phi Mu national representatives and members of local sorority Kappa Tau Epsilon on the merger of the two organizations during the 2009-2010 academic year.
11:00 am - 12:45 pm And 1 hr. after game Stadium Lot	<b>Tailgating</b> FREE parking on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete list of tailgating rules and regulations, visit the Web at <a href="http://alumni.frostburg.edu">http://alumni.frostburg.edu</a> and click on "Leadership & Homecoming Weekend."



11:30 am Deck Lewis J. Ort Library	<b>Pre-Game Picnic - A Celebration of Men's Lacrosse</b> Help celebrate the return of men's lacrosse to FSU as a varsity sport — and meet head coach Thomas Pearce! Enjoy the fresh mountain air and grab a bite to eat before the football game. Hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob and cold drinks are the fare, and a cash bar is available. Cost: \$11 per person, \$6 children 12 and younger. Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.
Noon Tent Bobcat Stadium	<b>Student Government Association Pre-Game Social</b> Join current students before the football game for a spirit rally and FREE food!
1:00 pm Bobcat Stadium	<b>Bobcat Football vs. Ithaca College</b> Show your spirit by wearing your RED and BLACK and cheer on the FSU football team! Admission is FREE.
1:00 - 4:00 pm Roper Gallery Fine Arts Building	<b>Maryland Printmakers Exhibition</b> Admission is FREE.
3:30 - 5:30 pm Atkinson Room Room 201, LUC	<b>Making Connections and Networking Workshop &amp; Reception</b> Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
5:30 pm	<b>Leadership Donor Gala</b> By Invitation Only

6:00 pm Main Arena Cordts PE Center	<b>National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show</b> This dance program is an annual highlight.
10:00 pm - 2:00 am Main Arena Cordts PE Center	<b>Dance Party</b> Co-sponsored by Student Government Association and Black Student Alliance

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

Noon ARMAH, LUC	<b>Student Government Association Big Event</b> Alumni teams welcome. Gather in the Lane University Center, then fan out to help us clean up the streets of Frostburg.
1:00 - 4:00 pm Roper Gallery Fine Arts Building	<b>Maryland Printmakers Exhibition</b> Admission is FREE.
<b>To register for events online or for more information, please visit the Web site:</b> <a href="http://alumni.frostburg.edu">alumni.frostburg.edu</a> or contact the Office of University Advancement at 301.687.4068, E-mail <a href="mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu">alumni@frostburg.edu</a> .	

PAC - Performing Arts Center  
ARMAH - Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

LUC - Lane University Center

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Go Bobcats! 



classnotes

ClassNotes listed are those received as of May 31, 2009

1940
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1956
Robert Miller M'69 was honored with the Richard A. Johnson Environmental Education Award, presented by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory. The award honors local citizens for their outstanding contributions to environmental education. Robert is a retiree of the Allegany County School System.

1960
The Golden Anniversary Reunion, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1960, is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010. Please contact the Office of University Advancement at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068 for more information.



Golden Memories

On Saturday, June 6, 34 classmates from the Class of 1959 returned to their alma mater to celebrate their 50th reunion for the Golden Anniversary Reunion hosted by the FSU Alumni Association. In all, more than 65 alumni from the Class of 1959 and earlier celebrated together. Pictured in the front row are Frances Weimer Blocher, Patsy Kerns, Mae Rice Opie, Joann Tomlinson Horine, Virginia Davis, Dorothy Elrick Appleman, Catherine Reagan Rhoads, Joanne Fiery Scarcelli, Joy Swett McClure, Peg Buterbaugh Marr, Toby Morrissey Feddis, Norma McLuckie Delaney, Anne Creggan Schlereth and Mary Ann Hesson Kriner. In the second row are Jack Walker, Bill Fair, Joan Luttrell Goodwin, Mary Jo Rowan Dougherty, Louise Grahame VanMeter, Sabra Hast Isom, Joan Sweeney Harvey, Mary Frances DeLuca Kelly, Jim Kelly and Tom Shaffer. In the back row are Oliver Wittig, Bill Preston, John Horine, Danny Pfeiffer, Russ Heyde, Bob Humphrey, Stan Wilson, Judy Snyder, Gerry Null and Thomas Richards.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, June 5, 2010, when we celebrate the Class of 1960.

1965
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1966
Doug Martin will be inducted posthumously into the inaugural class of the Montgomery Blair High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He was a 1961 graduate of Montgomery Blair High School. Doug was killed in action in Vietnam in 1968; he was awarded the Bronze and Silver stars.

1969
Dennis Jankiewicz M'74 would love to hear from his Sigma Tau Gamma brothers and friends from his FSC days. Call him at 443.935.3372.



Taus at the Beach

For more than a decade now, a group of Sigma Tau Gamma brothers from the 1960s has been gathering for the "Taus at the Beach" weekend in Ocean City, Md. According to Gene Counihan '60 (standing, second from left), the Tau brothers "gather at a beachfront hotel penthouse for a weekend of playing poker, watching basketball, golfing and retelling the tales of our Frostburg days nearly 50 years ago." Pictured at the 11th annual gathering are, seated from left, Bill Buttrill '64, John Miller '65 and Gene Kirk '65; and standing from left, John Nussear '63/M'69, Counihan, Mike Parsons '63, Charlie Whitman, Rich Worley '66 and Jack Patterson '64.

1970
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Larry Kump has been ordained as a High Priest in the Hedgesville, W.Va., Ward (Congregation) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Visit his blog at kumpster.blogspot.com or his Web site: www.indy-nerds.com/larry.

1975
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Patricia Herr won the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Loudoun County, Va. This award is given by The Washington Post. Patricia teaches eighth-grade science at Smart's Mill Middle School.

Steven Potts M'80 served as the grand marshal for the 2008 Paw Paw Memorial Day Parade.

1977
The Honorable Dan Dwyer was appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to a judgeship on the Circuit Court for Washington County, Md., on March 12, 2009.

Donald Fry was appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to head the commission that will distribute slots licenses in Maryland.

1980
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Jill Hanrahan Burk has been teaching first grade for five years. She was chosen as Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year for Estes Hills Elementary School in Chapel Hill, N.C.

1982
David Zawodniak and his two sons, Grant (11) and Garrett (8), toured all 38 Maryland state parks in the course of 2008. The "Z-men," as the three call themselves, had their "38 in '08" project featured in a newspaper article in The View.



The "Z-men," Garrett, David '82 and Grant Zawodniak, in Rosaryville State Park in Upper Marlboro, part of their 2008 project to visit all of Maryland's state parks.

1985
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1990
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Jill Beal earned a diploma in professional nursing from the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences on July 18, 2008. She is employed as a registered nurse at the Rehabilitation Center at Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, Pa.

1993
Sheila Powell M'97 was named Mineral County Teacher of the Year. She is a business and computer instructor at Keyser Primary-Middle School in West Virginia.

1994
James Wilkinson was appointed to the Berwyn Heights Town Council in Maryland.

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Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Bestowed on Crawford



Quincy Crawford '65

Quincy Crawford '65 of Annapolis, Md., a leader in the financial services field, founder of First Financial Group and fervent supporter of FSU, was given the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at the May College of Business and College of Education commencement ceremony.

Crawford graduated from Frostburg State with a degree in mathematics and went on to enter the financial services field, becoming a general manager in Maryland for a national firm in 1971. In 1977, he founded First Financial Group, which has grown to 250 professionals and staff, generating approximately \$20 million per year in annual revenue as the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. Prior to retirement, Crawford led First Financial Group to success as the firm's sole owner, president and CEO.

Active in industry affairs, Crawford has served as president of the Prince George's Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Baltimore Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Baltimore Society of Financial Services Professionals. His work has earned him numerous awards, and the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (MAIFA) has placed him in the MAIFA Hall of Fame.

Crawford remains a dedicated leader and supporter of FSU. He serves on the advisory board for the College of Business, the board of directors of the FSU Foundation and is campaign chair of Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. He also represents FSU's interests on the University System of Maryland Foundation Board. He and his wife, Eugenia "Genie" Zorn Crawford '67, established a scholarship at FSU for students interested in leadership studies.

Martin Honored as Business Alum of the Year

FSU's College of Business has named Estelle M. Martin '77, director of the Acquisition and Facilities Management Division of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, as its Alumna of the Year.

Martin, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a concentration in accounting, has been employed by the federal government since 1978. She has been employed by the Department of Transportation; the Air Force Plant Representative at Westinghouse; Depot Systems Command; the Internal Revenue Service; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In her more than 31 years in federal service, mainly in the contracting field, she has served in a number of roles: price analyst, contract negotiator, procurement analyst, contracting office, chief of contracting, chief of acquisition policy, chief of acquisition and property management, bureau chief procurement officer and head of contracting activity.

She has been an active FSU alumna. She serves on the Alumni Association board and is FSU's representative on the Alumni Association — International. Martin established the Ira and Paula Martin Endowed Scholarship Fund, which benefits FSU business majors.

She was honored at a campus event that also recognized College of Business students and faculty members for outstanding achievements.



Estelle Martin '77





## Fans Celebrate Bob at Birthday Bash

FSU’s **Bob E. Cat** organized a celebration of appreciation for his friends and fans during Bob’s Birthday Bash April 1 in the FSU Lane University Center. Partygoers got to have Bob’s birthday cake and eat it, too, sign Bob’s birthday card and take their pictures with FSU’s longest-attending student and growing online celebrity.

As part of the entertainment, Bob also showed videos from the past year and debuted “What’s in a Name?,” a man-on-the-street documentary in which people around campus were asked what the “E” should stand for in “Bob E. Cat.”

Viewers were then invited to vote for the top middle-name contenders online through a poll on Bob’s Facebook page.

On May 1, fans officially dubbed Bob “Bob Elvis Cat,” following 55 votes and much Facebook banter. Long live the King!

To learn more about Bob E. Cat, visit him on Facebook (“Bob E. Cat”) and YouTube (“BobECat5”).



## Motivation

**Diane Carter Richardson ’80**, the keynote speaker for the 10th Annual Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, addresses the audience during her motivational presentation. More than 40 juniors and seniors from FSU are selected to receive an advanced level of leadership training and interaction with FSU alumni at the weekend event that was held at Bedford Springs Resort & Spa in March.

## 1995

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**Cheryl Edmands** is a senior accountant at McLean, Koehler, Sparks & Hammond in Frederick, Md.

**Heather F. Perfetti** is the vice president of instructional affairs for Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md.

## 1997

**Amy (Kelsch) Bielski** and **Jim Bielski ’97** have purchased a Paint-Your-Own-Pottery studio located in Mount Airy, Md., called Firehouse Pottery ([www.firehousepottery.net](http://www.firehousepottery.net)). Amy continues to run her management consulting business called Ripple Effect Communications, which provides strategic planning support to federal government clients. Jim is a senior consultant for Mitre Corp. and is pursuing his MBA at Loyola University. They have two daughters, Maggie (9) and Rachel (8).

**Frank E. Bittinger** has a story, “Lead Me Into Temptation,” included in the horror anthology *Sinister Landscapes*. It has been reviewed as “the most polished and effective [in the anthology], a gem that serves as emphatic punctuation to the book. An exclamation point.” The anthology has been nominated for Anthology of the Year on the Preditors & Editors Web site. You can vote at [www.critters.org/predpoll/antho.shtml](http://www.critters.org/predpoll/antho.shtml).

## 2000

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## 2001

**Brandy Noel Lamont**, a licensed massage therapist, has her own private practice, Brandy Noel Swedish Massage LLC, in Annapolis, Md.

## 2003

**Terry Headlee M’03** is managing editor of the *Frederick News-Post* in Frederick, Md.

## 2004

**Brian Grim M’06** was elected to the Cumberland, Md., City Council in November 2008.

**Nicole Lapera-Holler** is the youngest-ever president of the Frederick County Association of Realtors in Maryland.

## 2005

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## Marriages

## 1990

**Mark Farris** married Summer Nicol on Nov. 15, 2008. Mark is vice president/chief financial officer and general counsel for Carl Belt, Inc., and the Belt Group of Companies of Cumberland. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

## 1993

**Melissa Lashley** married Nicholas Ganey on Sept. 29, 2007. Melissa is a residential rehabilitation manager for Humanim, a non-profit organization in Columbia, Md. The couple resides in Finksburg, Md.

## 1996

**Beverly Richardson** married Robert Kolch on Oct. 27, 2007. The couple lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

## 1997

**Denise Sandridge** married Al Lorraine on May 22, 2009. The couple resides with her 12-year-old son, Bailey, in Bryans Road, Md.

## 1998

**Kevin McPherson** married Tamika E. Shockley on Feb. 6, 2009, at the Sandals Halcyon Beach Resort in St. Lucia. Kevin is a security specialist for the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Bowie, Md.

## 2001

**Richard Sharpless** married Jennifer Pannone on Nov. 8, 2008. Richard is a marketing manager for Coldwell Banker Commercial in Vienna, Va. The couple resides in Baltimore, Md.

## 2002

**Tricia Kitzmiller M’08** married **Kenny Emerick ’98** on July 27, 2008. Tricia is a mathematics teacher at Mountain Ridge High School, and Kenny is the textbook manager for FSU. The couple resides in Cresaptown, Md.

**Kenneth C. Odom** married Satoko Fuwa in her home city of Ichinomiya, Japan, on Sept. 2, 2008. Kenneth has been touring with Blast!, the Emmy- and Tony-award-winning company, since graduation.

## 2004

**Megan Simonds** married Eric Rexrode on Sept. 22, 2007. She is a third-grade teacher in Allegany County. The couple resides in Garrett County, Md.

## 2006

**Autumn Smith** married Aaron Becker on Sept. 30, 2007. Autumn works for Huber, Michaels and Co., and Aaron works for Mid Atlantic Medical as an independent orthopedic representative. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

**Christopher Kessler** married Brandy Robinson on Sept. 22, 2007.

## 2008

**Jessica Hartell** married Stephen Griffith on Oct. 10, 2008. Jessica is attending Florida State University for her Master of Social Work degree.

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## Bobcat Bunch

**Jackie Wetzel Mulvey ’90** (back row, second from right) sent in this photo of the “Bobcat Bunch” at Northern Middle School in Calvert County, where about a quarter of the school’s teaching staff are Frostburg alumni. Shown in the back row from left are **Judy Rhine Haines ’75**; **Lynda Emerson Ciardiello**, who attended from 1992 to ’95; **Pat Buzzerd ’67**; **Kim Dempsey Merkle ’92**; **Kathryn Gray Dwyer ’91**; **Mulvey**; and **Tom Thompson ’06**. In front from left are **Katy Brooks Lynch ’00**, **Bryan Kelsey ’95** and **Josh Dawson ’07/M’08**, as well as their very own bobcat.

“I thought it would be fun to acknowledge our special connection and share the moment!” Mulvey said. “We all moved from one Bobcat den, at Frostburg, to another Bobcat den, at Northern Middle.”



Send us your ClassNotes and we’ll call off Undershirt Boy.

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Sunday, August 30, 2009  
**Master of Arts in Teaching  
Elementary Education  
10th Anniversary Reunion**  
*Hagerstown Suns vs. Delmarva Shorebirds*  
Hagerstown Municipal Stadium  
Picnic: 1:00 p.m.  
Game time: 2:05 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 2009  
**FSU's Day on the Bay**  
Cambridge Yacht Club  
Cambridge, Maryland  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16 -  
Sunday, October 18, 2009  
**Leadership &  
Homecoming Weekend**  
FSU Campus  
*(Full schedule of events on page 24)*

You may have noticed that last year's and this year's schedule had fewer activities for this special weekend. This is because the Alumni Association is reviewing the quality of our programs and working to assess what type of activities will attract alumni and friends back to the 'Burg. You will see results of these efforts in 2010, as we are making plans to launch a new reunion program designed to reconnect our alumni with those that they shared interests with as students. We are extremely excited about these efforts and can't wait to share them with you. . . . more to come!

For full event details and information on other upcoming events, please visit our Web site at <http://alumni.frostburg.edu> or contact us at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or 301.687.4068.

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**Leadership &  
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Births

**1996**  
**Beverly Richardson Kolch** and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline, on Feb. 4, 2009. The family lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

**2000**  
**Crystal (Laurie) Frantz** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a son, Micah, on Dec. 16, 2008.

**Jeremy McCumber** and his wife, Keri, announce the birth of a daughter, Audrey Louise, on April 26, 2009.

**Tara Parker-Johnson** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their second son, Riley Edward, on Oct. 7, 2008.

**2001**  
**Kristina Miller** and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of a daughter, Kasey Renee, on Sept. 26, 2008. Kasey joins big brother Luke (3). Kristina, a certified financial planner, is a financial consultant at

Foreman Financial Group in Cumberland, Md.

**Pamela Entwistle Mock** and **Jeff Mock '01** announce the birth of their first child, Kyle Benjamin, on Dec. 15, 2008. Jeff completed his Master of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in May 2008. The family resides in Augusta, Ga.

**2002**  
**Danielle Foote** and **Wesley Landrum '00/M'02** announce the birth of a daughter, Presley Anne Landrum, on Jan. 9, 2009. ■



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Have you shown your Bobcat pride?

**Joe Short '67** attended a taping of **Regis and Kelly Live** and proudly wore his FSU sweatshirt.

We would love to see you showing your Bobcat pride wherever you've been. Send photos (prints will be returned) with your name, address, class year and e-mail address to "World Pictures in Profile," Communications and Media Relations, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or e-mail [emedcalf@frostburg.edu](mailto:emedcalf@frostburg.edu).

# Back to the 'BURG

## SCAVENGER HUNT

**Do you consider yourself connected to your alma mater?**  
If so, you might have what it takes to play **BACK TO THE 'BURG**, FSU's first-ever online scavenger hunt that will lead you back to your alma mater for **Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2009**.

Follow the leader, BOB E. CAT, and flaunt your FSU social media I.Q. by solving different clues.

To get started, search "Frostburg State University Alumni Association" on Facebook and become a fan, and we'll send you everything you need to play, including your first clue!

**GRAND PRIZE:**  
**Leadership & Homecoming 2010 Weekend Package**

- 3 day/2 night hotel gift certificate (for Leadership & Homecoming Weekend)
- A "date" with Bob E. Cat
- FSU flash drive
- CyberBob glasses
- Hand warmers

**FIRST PRIZE:**

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- Hand warmers

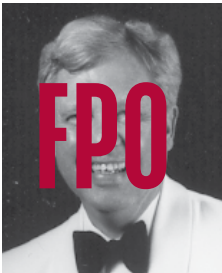
**SECOND PRIZE:**

- \$25 iTunes gift certificate
- Custom photo album for Homecoming memories
- FSU flash drive
- CyberBob glasses
- Hand warmers

*Fire up your computers and may the best Bobcat win!*

In Memoriam

**Dr. Jon W. Bauman**, who died on May 31, 2009, was an accomplished composer and educator who served on the faculty from 1970 until his retirement in 2003. He taught classes in theory and composition and directed the Jazz Ensemble. He also taught at the Conservatorio Statale di Musica in Adria, Italy, for several years, and established a student exchange between the Conservatorio and FSU. Over the course of his career, he composed more than 100 musical works, many of which were commissioned, that have been performed locally, regionally and internationally, including seven symphonies, an opera and a wide range of individual compositions. He was the recipient of FSU's first-ever Outstanding Mentor Award. He is survived by his wife, Carole Folk Bauman.



Dr. Jon Bauman

**Mary V. Zimmerman**, who died on Feb. 9, 2009, was a librarian at Frostburg State's library for 24 years, from 1959 to 1985. During her tenure, she served as a cataloger, head of technical processing and as associate director. She served several terms on Faculty Senate and was a state officer for the Maryland League of Women Voters and active in the local chapter. She was married to FSC Library Director John Zimmerman, who preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons, Matthew, Andrew and Joseph.



Alumni

- 1927** **Ida B. Reckner**  
Nov. 25, 2008
- 1932** **Dorothy T. Beall**  
Jan. 11, 2009  
**Bertha Mae Rodamer**  
March 12, 2009
- 1934** **Mary E. Meyers**  
Dec. 29, 2008
- 1936** **Lenore M. Humberson**  
Dec. 20, 2008
- 1940** **Katherine Meese Sanders**  
July 21, 2008
- 1943** **Mary Elizabeth McKenzie**  
March 21, 2008
- 1944** **Rachel G. Donahue**  
Feb. 25, 2009
- 1945** **Frances G. Wells**  
Feb. 1, 2009
- 1950** **Ruth Leone Rephan**  
Feb. 1, 2009
- 1954** **John Patrick Kelly**  
Jan. 29, 2009
- 1957** **Warren Gregory O'Toole**  
Feb. 26, 2009  
**Margaret Pryor**  
Nov. 12, 2008
- 1961** **John Harmon Chappell**  
Nov. 24, 2008
- 1962** **Heidi Goss**  
Sept. 22, 2007
- 1965** **Dr. E. James Sigler, Jr.**  
Nov. 17, 2008  
**Klaus William Miller**  
Feb. 1, 2009
- 1966** **Jacqueline A. Folk**  
Jan. 22, 2009
- 1968** **Timothy L. Martin**  
March 10, 2009
- 1969** **Ray P. Kline**  
July 7, 2008
- 1972** **John D. Shytle**  
Dec. 27, 2008

- 1973** **James K. Mann**  
Oct. 10, 2008
- 1975** **Eva L. Jones**  
Feb. 2, 2009
- 1977** **David M. Abercrombie, Jr.**  
Jan. 16, 2009  
**Mary V. Zimmerman**  
Feb. 9, 2009  
*(see separate story; left)*
- 1980** **Rosemarie A. Horn**  
May 9, 2009
- 1982** **Gary M. Mower**  
Feb. 4, 2009
- 1983** **Carin A. McAfee**  
April 17, 2009
- 1987** **Henry J. Ford**  
Nov. 22, 2008
- 1988** **William Earl Benner, Jr.**  
Jan. 25, 2009  
**Jerry Douglas Borrer**  
April 23, 2009  
**Michael J. Eagen**  
March 28, 2009
- 1990** **Ronald Joseph Stevens**  
Jan. 23, 2007
- 1992** **Mary Catherine Foltz-Needy**  
May 20, 2009
- 1993** **Ranine Shalessa Talbert**  
March 22, 2009
- 1995** **Shawn Michael Hager**  
Feb. 1, 2009
- 1996** **Margaret Rose Gregory**  
Feb. 1, 2009
- 1998** **Paul Matthew Gaither**  
April 16, 2009  
**Kirby A. McLaughlin**  
Feb. 6, 2009  
**Kimberly Ray O'Baker**  
Nov. 21, 2008
- 2005** **Alejandro Javier Gutierrez**  
May 10, 2009

- Friends of the University**  
**Jon Bauman**  
May 31, 2009  
*(see separate story; left)*
- Fannie Bond**  
March 27, 2009
- Walter Capel**  
Jan. 18, 2009
- John R. Diamond**  
Feb. 23, 2009
- Rachel (Groter) Donahue**  
Feb. 25, 2009
- W. Bruce Douglas**  
March 13, 2009
- Anna Eisentrout**  
Oct. 10, 2008
- Huber Ellingsworth**  
Feb. 9, 2009
- Mae Harriman**  
May 22, 2009
- Catharine "Kay" Hoye**  
April 7, 2009
- Kurt Humbertson**  
Dec. 12, 2008
- John "Jack" Patrick Kelly**  
Jan. 29, 2009
- Madeline Kirby**  
May 5, 2009
- Hazel Kroll**  
Dec. 17, 2008
- Paul Malchenson**  
Jan. 29, 2009
- Giovanni "Doc" Mastrangelo**  
April 17, 2009
- John Miller**  
Feb. 17, 2009
- Doris Pressman**  
May 6, 2009
- David Roberson**  
Feb. 21, 2009
- Delores Spitznas**  
Jan. 25, 2009
- Betty Wheeler**  
Nov. 30, 2008 ■



## Bobcats Join the Capital Athletic Conference

Frostburg State University has accepted an invitation to become a member of the **Capital Athletic Conference** effective July 1, 2010, with athletic competition to begin with the 2010 fall semester.

"The Capital Athletic Conference Board of Directors is thrilled to offer CAC membership to Frostburg State University, an institution that not only fits our philosophical makeup but also offers a highly competitive array of intercollegiate athletic teams," said CAC President Sean Sullivan. "The Bobcats joining CAC competition is a winning situation. The CAC further enhances its level of play on the field with yet another successful program, and FSU is able to join a like-minded athletic conference which frequently makes waves at the national level. It's a fantastic match!"

FSU will join the eight other members of the CAC, including fellow Maryland state institutions Salisbury University and St. Mary's College, as well as Hood College and Stevenson University in Maryland, York College in Pennsylvania, Marymount University and University of Mary Washington in Virginia and Wesley College in Delaware.


Frostburg State University is currently a member of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, which encompasses schools primarily from western Pennsylvania and western New York. FSU will remain in AMCC for the 2009-10 athletic year.

"Entry into the CAC represents a new era for Frostburg State Athletics that will improve our competitiveness and expand our range of sports," Gibraltar said. "In addition, the schools that represent the CAC are in our recruitment area, making it easier for FSU to attract student-athletes and for their families to watch their sons and daughters participate in intercollegiate athletics.

"We will miss the AMCC. It is an outstanding, competitive conference, but this is best for our students," Gibraltar said.

The Bobcats compete in 13 of the AMCC's 14 championship sports, but will compete in 18 of 19 sports in the CAC. That includes three Frostburg teams – field hockey, women's lacrosse and its renewed men's lacrosse team – that will find a conference after having to compete as independents. Frostburg fields 21 NCAA Division III varsity sports teams.

"Spirited competition has always been a hallmark of the CAC, and Frostburg State's programs will be an excellent addition to our conference," said CAC Commissioner Tom Byrnes. "Under the leadership of President Gibraltar and Director of Athletics Troy Dell, we look forward to the Bobcats' program being a challenger in the already strong Capital Athletic Conference."

For more information, visit [www.cacsports.com](http://www.cacsports.com). 



## FSU Adds Men's Lacrosse

Frostburg State University will be adding men's lacrosse as a varsity sport, with competition scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011, and Thomas Pearce has been hired to start the new era of men's lacrosse at the University.

Frostburg offered men's lacrosse from 1970 to 1978. The women's lacrosse team has been active since the 1960s.

"Not only is lacrosse an incredibly competitive sport for our students, but it is a great recruitment tool," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. "The state of Maryland has a strong tradition in lacrosse, and adding men's lacrosse to our athletic lineup will allow us to tap into a pool of students who would not otherwise consider Frostburg."

Men's lacrosse is currently sponsored by 149 NCAA Division III institutions, including seven in the state of Maryland: Hood, Stevenson, Salisbury, McDaniel, St. Mary's, Goucher and Washington. The sport has seen significant growth.

Pearce comes to FSU from Gettysburg College, where he served as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator for the men's lacrosse team for the last four seasons, and where he was a two-time All American as a student.

A native of Chestertown, Md., Pearce helped Gettysburg to an incredible run during his time with the Bullets. The team won the Centennial Conference Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of those four seasons, including a national runner-up finish this spring. Gettysburg collected an overall record of 66-12 and was consistently ranked in the top 10 in the nation, including a No. 5 ranking at the end of this past season.

Pearce, who earned the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association 2008 Division III Outstanding Assistant Coach award, helped recruit and coach 20 All-Americans while at Gettysburg, including six in 2009.

The team will play its home games at Bobcat Stadium.

## Five to Join Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame

Frostburg State University will induct five new members representing four different sports into the 39th class of the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame at its annual dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, Oct. 16, as part of the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend festivities. With the addition of these five individuals, FSU's Hall of Fame now has 160 members. The inductees will also be recognized at halftime of the Homecoming football game against Ithaca on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m.



A.J. Bell '95



Kim Creighton '90



Ray Pietras '73



Evan O'Rourke '89



Craig Rotruck '92

**Ariel "A.J." Bell**, the 156th inductee, was one of the top kick return specialists to play for the Frostburg football program throughout its 47-year history. A First Team All-American as a senior, Bell helped the Bobcats to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance and victory in 1993 with a school-record 10 wins, as well as an ECAC Southeast Championship ('91) and an ECAC Southwest runner-up finish ('94).


**Kim Creighton**, the 157th inductee, was a two-time All-American for the FSU field hockey team while helping the team to three appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Creighton, who earned All-American status as both a senior and sophomore, helped the Bobcats to a 49-20-3 overall record during her four years, one of the highest win totals during any four-year stretch in school history.

**Evan O'Rourke**, the 158th inductee, established himself as one of the top scorers in the history of the Frostburg men's basketball program. He holds several top-five career records, including

the second spot all-time in FSU history with 687 field goals made. He is also fourth in both points (1,662) and free-throw percentage (75.7 percent) and fifth in field-goal percentage (52.7 percent). O'Rourke, who started 97 of 110 games during his career, powered the Bobcats to an ECAC South Region Final and was an ESAC All-Conference First Team selection as a senior in 1998-89.

**Ray Pietras**, the 159th inductee, helped the Bobcat men's basketball team to 62 wins over his four years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, including a school-record 24 wins during the 1970-71 season. Often regarded as the team's best defensive player, Pietras helped his Bobcat teams set several school records. The 1970-71 team holds the school

mark for allowing the fewest points per game during a season (53.4), while the 1971-72 and 1969-70 squads are ranked second and third, respectively.

**Craig Rotruck**, the 160th inductee, was one of the top power hitters in Frostburg baseball history. He is third all-time in Bobcat history with 24 career home runs and fourth in a single-season with 10 home runs as a senior. Rotruck, an NCAA All-South Region and All-American honorable mention selection, hit .344 as a senior with a .753 slugging percentage, good for 10th in school history in a single-season. 

## Riggleman Takes Reins at Washington Nationals



**Jim Riggleman '72**, right, was named interim manager of the Washington Nationals baseball team over the All-Star break, placing the Bobcat Athletics Hall-of-Famer in a similar position to last year, when he took over the helm of the Seattle Mariners midseason. In addition to the Mariners, Riggleman has managed the San Diego Padres (1992-94) and the Chicago Cubs (1995-99). Acting Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said Riggleman "will be a candidate to be the long-term answer" as manager.

Riggleman won't have to look far for some Bobcat support. **John Philbin '79**, left, is the team's strength and conditioning coach. The pair posed for this photo during spring training.

## THE BOBCAT FILE



## Zaloga Inducted Into MATA Hall of Fame

FSU head athletic trainer **Tony Zaloga** was recently inducted into the Maryland Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame for his 30-plus years of service to the University and surrounding community.

Zaloga has been the head athletic trainer for FSU since 1978; he established and has been the driving force behind the school's athletic training education program.

The second member of the MATA 2009 class, Zaloga has been instrumental in the placement of graduate assistant athletic trainers in local high schools in Allegany County. He developed a vocational program through FSU called the High School Athletic Training Completer Program, for high school students interested in athletic training as a career.

A past-president, regional representative and participant in MPSSAA championship events, Zaloga works primarily with the Bobcat football and baseball programs while overseeing two full-time assistants and dozens of student assistants.

## Did you know?

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sports wrap-up



Busha Koffa and Brian Anderson

Men’s Basketball

**Record:** 17-10 overall, 13-5 AMCC

**Highlight:** AMCC Tournament Semifinals

**Recap:** The men’s basketball team shook off a sluggish start (3-6) with 14 wins in their final 18 games, including a pair of five-game winning streaks to capture the fourth seed in the 2009 AMCC Tournament. The Bobcats, who hosted their first AMCC Tournament contest since 2003-04, defeated Penn State Altoona 63-49 in the opening round for their third victory over the Lions during the season. Sophomore Brian Anderson finished as one of the conference’s top scorers and earned All-AMCC First Team honors.

**Next Season:** FSU returns experience at the core as its returning junior class combined for 73 starts in 2008-09.



Elizabeth Carrington and Jamie Morningstar

Women’s Basketball

**Record:** 16-10 overall, 13-5 AMCC

**Highlight:** AMCC Tournament

**Recap:** The women’s basketball team opened the season with just three wins in its first eight games, but rebounded to win 13 of its final 18 contests. The Bobcats earned a spot in the 2009 AMCC Tournament but were upset on a last-second buzzer-beater by La Roche. Juniors Brittany James and Caryn Wright each took home All-AMCC honors, and both will return next season as FSU will once again look to be one of the top teams in the league.

Women’s Indoor Track & Field

**Highlight:** Women captured third at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championship meet

**Recap:** Senior Sumer Rohrs capped yet another impressive indoor season for the women’s track & field program as she was named the Female Track Athlete of the Meet for the NCAA Championships after winning her third-straight national title in the 55-meter hurdles, setting an NCAA record in the process. The Bobcats earned a total of 17 All-Mason-Dixon Conference honors, while sophomore Emily Furr was named the Field Athlete of the Meet.

**Next Season:** Frostburg returns a ton of young talent for the 2009-10 indoor season as the team tries for a Mason-Dixon Conference championship.

Men’s Indoor Track & Field

**Highlight:** Men earned fifth place at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championship meet

**Recap:** Senior Brian Leiter earned victories in the 800-meter run at the ECAC Championships and the one-mile run at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships to highlight the men’s indoor season. The Bobcat men’s team totaled 13 All-Mason-Dixon Conference selections and will return all but two of those honorees next season.

Women’s Swimming & Diving

**Highlight:** Women finished second at AMCC Championships

**Recap:** The Bobcats finished the season strong with a second-place showing, just six points behind champion Penn State Behrend at the AMCC championship meet. FSU captured an impressive 25 All-AMCC honors and nearly swept the postseason awards. Frostburg head coach Kaymee Kelly took home Coach of the Year honors, while junior Thirza Roberto was named Co-Swimmer of the Year and freshman Arielle Harding was selected as the league’s Newcomer of the Year.

**Next Season:** Frostburg returns 20 of those 25 All-AMCC selections next season.



Thirza Roberto

Men’s Swimming & Diving

**Highlight:** Finished third at AMCC Championships

**Recap:** The Frostburg men’s swimming & diving team ended its regular season on a positive note with a 154-32 trouncing of Bethany (W.Va.) before finishing in third place at the AMCC Championships. Seven FSU student-athletes were selected to the all-conference teams.

Baseball

**Record:** 25-16 overall, 15-3 AMCC

**Highlight:** ECAC South Regional Championship

**Recap:** The baseball team recorded its eighth consecutive 20-win season and 11th in the last 12 years. The Bobcats also earned a trip to the postseason for the third time in the last four seasons as they were selected as the No. 4 seed in the 2009 ECAC South Regional Tournament. Junior Andrew Derr and sophomore pitcher Trevor Conner were both named ECAC All-Stars, while Conner was also named to the Mid-Atlantic All-Region Third Team. Six Bobcats earned All-AMCC honors.

**Next Season:** FSU returns its top four hitters as it tries to recapture the AMCC Title, which it held in both 2006 and 2007.



Trevor Conner

Women’s Lacrosse

**Record:** 7-9 overall

**Highlight:** Joanna McIntire’s 10-game goal streak

**Recap:** The FSU women’s lacrosse team posted the fourth-highest goal-scoring total (187) in school history as it was led by a trio of scorers this past season. Junior Elisabeth Hildebrand led the way with 42 goals, while freshmen Rachel Frank and Joanna McIntire each chipped in 30 in their first year in a Frostburg uniform.

**Next Season:** The Bobcats ended the spring season with a 5-2 record over their final seven contests and will look to carry that momentum into the 2010 season.



Elisabeth Hildebrand

Men’s Tennis

**Record:** 7-7 overall, 5-3 AMCC

**Highlight:** Third at AMCC Championships

**Recap:** After a 2-5 start to the spring, the Bobcats caught fire in early April and posted a 5-1 record with a pair of shutouts of Pitt-Greensburg to finish the regular season. Mike Stevenson won No. 2 singles while Ryan Miller and Tyler Forster combined to earn a victory in No. 2 doubles at the AMCC Championships.

**Next Season:** The Bobcats ended the spring season with a 5-2 record over their final seven contests and will look to carry that momentum into the 2010 season.



Brooke Tapman

Softball

**Record:** 26-18 overall, 10-8 AMCC

**Highlight:** ECAC South Regional Championship

**Recap:** The softball team capped its season in stellar fashion as it made a run to the AMCC Tournament Championship for the second straight year. The Bobcats also made just their second-ever trip to the postseason as they were selected to the 2009 ECAC South Regional Championship. FSU set several single-season school records, most notably wins (26), home runs (25) and shutouts (8). Sophomore Brooke Tapman led the offensive attack for FSU as she set school records in runs (42), hits (58), home runs (15), RBIs, (43), extra base hits (26), total bases (118) and slugging percentage (.901). Tapman was named to the NFCA All-Region First Team and the ECAC First Team. Three Bobcats earned All-AMCC honors.

**Next Season:** The Bobcats look to continue their upward trend as they have increased their win totals by five wins per season over the last three years. Coach Landrum needs just one more win for 100 career victories.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field

**Highlight:** Women finished ninth at NCAA Outdoor Championships

**Recap:** Senior Sumer Rohrs set a school record with five National Championships after capturing two more in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Championships, while sophomore Emily Furr finished seventh in the high jump and became FSU’s first-ever All-American in that event during the outdoor season. The duo

helped Frostburg finish ninth at the outdoor championships, the school’s highest finish since 1987. The Bobcats won the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships and earned a total of 26 all-conference honors.

**Next Season:** Most of last year’s roster returns, including All-American Emily Furr, for a chance to capture the Mason-Dixon Conference title for a second-straight year.



Sumer Rohrs

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field

**Highlight:** Men placed fifth at Mason-Dixon Conference Championships; Leiter earned two All-American awards at NCAA Championships

**Recap:** Senior Brian Leiter set an FSU record as the school’s first-ever All-American in the 1,500-meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. He also earned All-American honors in the 800-meter run and finishes his career with three All-American awards, the most in school history in mid-distance events. The Bobcats earned 20 All-Mason Dixon Conference awards.

**Next Season:** FSU graduates just one student-athlete (Leiter) and will return all 20 all-conference performers from the outdoor season. 🐾



Brian Leiter



Mason-Dixon Championships Returns to FSU

The Mason-Dixon Conference Track & Field Championships made a return to FSU on May 1 and 2 as a total of 10 schools competed. This championship was last held at FSU in 2000.

The Bobcat women used a second-place finish in the meet’s final event, the 4x400-meter relay, to earn a one-point victory over Christopher Newport (123-122) and claim the 2009 title. Penn State Behrend finished third while Salisbury and Gwynedd-Mercy tied for fourth.

The Bobcat men’s team finished in fifth place, just three points shy of fourth-place Methodist. Salisbury won the title, followed by Christopher Newport and Penn State Behrend.

FSU head coach **Dale Luy** captured Coach of the Year honors after helping the women improve from a third-place finish the year before. Sophomore **Emily Furr**, the championship’s most versatile student-athlete, took home Field Athlete of the Meet honors.

Bobcat Track & Field Shines as Team and Individually

It was a strong year for the **Bobcat Track & Field** teams, with the women’s team selected as a 2009 U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic team, and two graduating seniors knocking down school and conference records almost faster than they could be recorded.

The Bobcat women had a cumulative team grade point average of 3.199, joining a group of 100 Division III institutions that earned all-academic honors this year. Sophomore **Anne Patron** led the women’s team with a 3.953 GPA followed by classmate **Jessica O’Neil** with a 3.632 while hurdler **Sumer Rohrs**, who graduated in May, was third on the team with a 3.601. Ten FSU student-athletes on the women’s team carry a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

**Rohrs** was also named the 2009 USTFCCCA NCAA Division III Outdoor Track Scholar Athlete of the Year and earned 2009 College Sports Information Directors of America/ *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District College Division honors. Rohrs successfully defended her 100-meter hurdle National Championship and added a National Title in the 400-meter hurdles to her list of accolades. With her two titles, Rohrs set a new school record with six National Championships. She now has a total of nine All-American awards and is tied for third all-time in FSU history on the women’s side. She was earlier named 2009 Female Track Athlete of the Meet for the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

**Brian Leiter** led the men’s team, setting a record of his own as he became the school’s first-ever 1,500-meter All-American after finishing third in the event with a time of 3:53.68. He later earned All-American honors for the second straight year after finishing sixth in the 800-meter run in 1:51.85. He finishes his career with the Bobcats with three outdoor All-American awards, the most in school history in mid-distance events. He knocked down two long-standing school records, a 26-year-old mark in the 800-meter run during the Jim Taylor Invitational, and a 31-year-old record in the 1,500-meter run during the Bison Outdoor Classic. In all, he has five school records. He finished his career with a combined four All-American awards, the most overall in FSU history in mid-distance events. A nine-time All-ECAC selection and a 12-time All-Mason-Dixon Conference selection, he is a seven-time ECAC champion, including three 1,500-meter run titles.



## I fell in love with Frostburg a long time ago.

I fell in love with the campus, (believe it or not) the weather, the close-knit student body, the professors and faculty and their attitudes that they are always willing to help in any way they can. I feel as if I am not just another student walking the halls of Frostburg, but instead I am loved, noticed, appreciated, and I am taken seriously on this campus. To me, that is something that I feel I never would have gotten had I gone to any other institution. ...

In my sophomore year, when I started winning and being recruited by Division I schools that were placing so much emphasis on athletics, I felt like I needed to stay put at Frostburg where I could grow as a student-athlete – in that order! – and as a person and be able to do many things. I had my hand in a lot of things at Frostburg and immensely enjoyed all of it. I know if I had transferred, I would have lost out on all of those opportunities.

– Sumer Rohrs '09  
speaking to the USM Board of Regents  
June 19, 2009



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