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From the President

In this issue of *Profile*, we celebrate the history of Frostburg, Md. The City of Frostburg is 200 years old this year, and Frostburg State University has been in this community for more than half of that time – more than a century. The history of the city and that of the University are intricately and inextricably woven together.

Frostburg State University became a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland in the 1980s, but the many friends

and alumni who believe in our institution have been unwavering for many generations. Our name has changed over the years, but we remain the same beacon in this community that has existed since 1898.

Interest in Frostburg's community comes from many people, including year-round residents, students, faculty, staff, civic leaders, business owners

and landlords. As you can see, there are many, many people who have an investment in how we can grow and work together in constructive ways as we face our future. Part of that future, now and always, has been to provide a safe environment for our students.

I am pleased to report that FSU has made significant progress in strengthening our community connections and communication this past year.

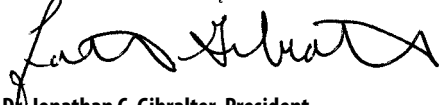
We have been receiving positive feedback on the collaborative agreement FSU and the City of Frostburg signed, allowing our respective police departments to share jurisdiction and patrol in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the campus. This agreement also provides funding from FSU to the city that will allow Frostburg to boost its police staffing and salaries, as well as support other safety measures. University police officers have been knocking on doors to familiarize residents with the new agreement and with resources that may be available to them.

Improved communication has been a key component of growing positive "town-gown" relations. Building on an increasingly cooperative spirit in Frostburg, FSU held a "Sustaining Campus and Community" Dialogue Series this past spring, with sessions held in downtown Frostburg and on the FSU campus. The discussions focused on collaborative problem-solving and coalition-building that support continuous communication across the campus and the surrounding community in support of improved communication, conflict management and violence prevention education.

Talking to one another in this way is crucial to moving forward. It is also about acknowledging our challenges and figuring out how we can grow beyond them in transformative ways that will benefit all of us, and uphold our shared goals as a community. I'm encouraged to report that, through funding from the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, we will be able to continue and build on these dialogues for the next two years.

We will continue to keep you updated on all that is going on with our University and our community. Thank you for your ongoing support of and interest in Frostburg State University.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jonathan C. Gibalter, President





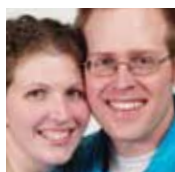
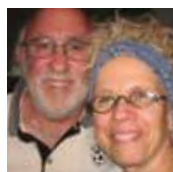
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Chuck Moore '94 switched to rugby after riding the bench for the Bobcat football team, a move that eventually allowed him to coach a team to a national title, and he brought a couple of other alums along for the ride, including **Bill Bush '98**, pictured.



WATCH COMMENCEMENT LIVE!

FSU's 141st commencement ceremonies will be streamed live over the Internet on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Look for the link on the FSU home page that day. (www.frostburg.edu)

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FSU to Offer Its First Doctorate

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership Builds on Strengths

FSU has received final approval to offer a **Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership**, with the first students to begin studies in the fall. This applied doctoral program is FSU's first, the culmination of more than three years of work by the FSU faculty and administration.

Approval for the Ed.D. was required from the FSU Faculty Senate, the University System of Maryland, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the agency that oversees the University's accreditation.

"I am thrilled that FSU has been able to take this important step forward, said President Gibraltar. "The trend nationally is for comprehensive regional universities to offer applied doctoral degrees. This development puts FSU in the same tier as those other universities nationally."

"Education professionals in this area have long requested a doctoral program," said FSU's provost, Dr. Stephen Simpson. "I am very pleased that FSU will be able to meet this crucial workforce development need. This is a significant landmark in the evolution of this institution."

The new degree will be an applied doctorate designed to provide a professional practitioner with a practical connection between theory and practice. The 60-credit program will be rooted in authentic experiences, case studies, problem-based learning activities and professional theory, as well as an integrated practicum.

The theme of leadership is woven throughout the program of study. Students will enter in a group, or cohort, and spend two years doing coursework and a third year in a practicum and producing a dissertation.

Students are expected to hold full-time professional positions, which will be the source of many of the course assessments. They should already hold a professional license if the area of study requires one, and they must have already earned a master's degree.

The first cohort of 25 students will be admitted at the Frostburg campus this fall, with another cohort of 25 students admitted to the FSU program at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown in fall of 2013. Cohorts will be admitted at each location in alternate years thereafter. ■



Relay for Life Raises Record Amount, Over \$59,000

In its most successful year to date, FSU's annual Relay for Life on April 27, raised more than \$59,000, making a total of more than \$300,000 raised for the American Cancer Society since FSU's Relay began 11 years ago.

More than 800 people and 61 teams – students, faculty and staff – had registered to walk by the time the relay began. The pre-medical society, What's Up Docs?, raised the most money at \$8,892. Relay for Life is the campus' largest single volunteer effort each year.

"I am incredibly proud of our University and especially of our students, who plan for this all year," said President Gibraltar, who also participated in the relay. "They work incredibly hard to make it happen, and you can see how seriously they take it and how successful they have been." (see related story, page 6) ■

New Cybersecurity Bachelor's Created

FSU has received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in secure computing and information assurance, a program unique to the Western Maryland region, which will help meet the regional, state and national shortage of cybersecurity professionals.

The program was approved by both the University System of Maryland Board of Regents and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

The program focuses on how to secure digital communications, information and access while being connected to the global community. Experiential education opportunities are available throughout the program. Examples can be found in courses such as "Cloud Computing and Security," "Hacking Exposed and Incident Response" and "Emerging Issues and Cyber Warfare."

"As the world progressively moves more of its business online, it is increasingly important to secure this information and protect it from attack and theft. FSU is proud to help meet this need and provide our students with instruction from highly skilled faculty with industry experience," said President Gibraltar. "Employers in our immediate region have been eager to hire graduates with these skills."

The program will prepare students for careers as information assurance specialists, cyber forensics analysts, incident response experts, information technology managers, corporate network managers, quality assurance specialists and other careers requiring a background in cybersecurity and information assurance. ■



Curb Appeal

FSU's "front yard" has a new look. New signage reflecting Frostburg's current logo has been installed at the corner of College Avenue and Center Street and in front of Lowndes Hall. This sign at Center Street replaced a black-and-white sign that was erected shortly after Frostburg gained university status in 1986.

FSU in Washington



Photo courtesy of AASCU

Gibraltar Testifies to Congressional Committee About Veterans' Education

President Gibraltar testified on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and FSU before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on May 16.

The subcommittee was reviewing President Obama's April 27 Executive Order on Veterans Education, which was designed to improve delivery of higher education opportunities to veterans taking advantage of the New G.I. Bill,

while simultaneously providing them with better consumer protection from predatory recruiting practices and diploma mills. AASCU, which represents more than 400 public institutions and university systems across the U.S., expressed support for the tenets of the executive order, while expressing some concerns about implementation that would create unnecessary burdens on schools.

"Frostburg State University and other AASCU institutions are eager to continue meeting the needs of our military members and veterans as well as their families," Gibraltar told the subcommittee. "Our experience is that these returning military become solid students and campus leaders."

Gibraltar also later published an editorial on *The Huffington Post* talking about FSU's experience with veterans as students, beginning with the original G.I. Bill after World War II, and with his and FSU's continued commitment to serving them.

"I can only hope that we can show our gratitude to our service members by doing everything we can to facilitate their participation in the educational process. It is our honor to serve them," he wrote.

To read his editorial, visit tinyurl.com/GibraltarVeterans. ■

White House Roundtable Includes Gibraltar

President Gibraltar was invited to the White House for a roundtable with Administration officials on college affordability and completion on March 23, one of about 25 presidents from American state colleges and universities invited by the White House Domestic Policy Council.

The meeting coincided with the AASCU Council of State Representatives meeting in Washington. Gibraltar is Maryland's representative to AASCU.

The invitation letter said the meeting would "serve as an opportunity for college and university presidents and chancellors to engage with Administration officials in a conversation on college access, affordability and completion."

Participants were asked to share perspectives and best practices on enhancing productivity, increasing access and attainment, and leading change at institutions of higher education, in efforts to ease the financial burden placed on students and advance strategies for more students to attend and graduate from college.

"I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to speak directly to the Administration on topics that are of utmost importance to our students and our institution," Gibraltar said. ■



U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.), a strong supporter of FSU's renewable energy efforts, speaks at the EXPO. In the foreground is a display on the construction of SERF.

FSU Renewable Energy Activities Exhibited at House of Representatives

FSU highlighted its renewable energy activities at the 15th Annual Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy-Efficiency EXPO and Forum on June 21 in Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Oguz Soysal and **Hilkat Soysal**, of FSU's Department of Physics and Engineering and co-directors of the Renewable Energy Center, exhibited information about the Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF), a completely off-grid green building that will generate its own electricity from solar and wind power. SERF is expected to be fully functional by late fall.

SERF will accommodate the FSU Renewable Energy Center for extended research, education and community outreach programs on renewable energy applications developed by FSU faculty and their project partners. The facility will also serve as an example of an energy-efficient sustainable building for individuals such as homeowners, farmers or entrepreneurs interested in harvesting renewable energy sources or seeking energy security in Western Maryland or similar geographic locations. ■



Dr. Gibralter and Dr. Barbara Ornstein

Ornstein Receives President's Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Barbara Ornstein, a professor in FSU's Department of Educational Professions and associate director of the FSU Children's Literature Centre, has received the first-ever President's Distinguished Faculty Award from President Gibralter.

Gibralter established the award to recognize and encourage those faculty members whose activities move FSU forward by advancing the University's mission and goals and its strategic planning initiatives. Ornstein received a monetary award and was given a medallion and recognition during the University's spring commencement ceremony.

"Dr. Ornstein consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to create meaningful experiences for her students, inspiring them as the champion of children's literacy and quality children's literature that she is," Gibralter said. "The activities of the Children's Literature Centre provide a valuable bridge to our community, both for educators and for children just discovering the love of reading."

A member of FSU's faculty since 1990, Ornstein's leadership and effort have contributed to the continued success of the Spring Festival of Children's Literature and the Summer Author Institute for educators and the Storybook Holiday and Pirate's Ahoy events for children and their parents, all of



Dr. Fritz Kessler



Dr. Greg Wood



Dr. Amit Shah

which connect FSU's education students with the community and raise FSU's profile as a leader in education and children's literacy.

She also coordinates the collaborative Adopt-a-School project and the environmental training program, Project Learning Tree, which recently celebrated its 50th workshop for elementary education teacher candidates at FSU. The Learning Tree workshops, held twice each semester on campus, annually train approximately 120 pre-service teachers in strategies and activities to encourage environmental awareness in elementary students.

Students and alumni alike credit her care and support for their learning and well-being, and for instilling a mindset of service characteristic of a career in education. Many of these students stay in contact with her and return after graduation to help out with the various events she organizes. Ornstein also serves as the advisor for the Frostburg Student Education Association.

The President's Distinguished Faculty Award is supported by gifts to the FSU Foundation.

2012 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored

Four outstanding faculty members were recognized at this spring's annual University Honors Convocation with faculty achievement awards: **Dr. Fritz C. Kessler**, Department of Geography, for Academic Accomplishment; **Dr. Gregory J. Wood**, Department of History, for Academic Accomplishment; **Dr. Amit J. Shah**, Department of Management, for Teaching; and **Dr. Amy C. Branam**, Department of English, for University and Community Service.

Since Kessler joined FSU in 1999, his dedication to the field of cartography, specifically map projections, has resulted in numerous conference presentations and publications, including an atlas, a cartography textbook

and peer-reviewed articles in major geography journals. He served as editor of *Cartographic Perspectives*, where he increased readership and expanded a student poster competition into the most important showcase of new cartographic talent and research in the country. Kessler, an associate professor of geography, is researching recent assessments of the lack of attention to geographic literacy and education in the United States. Kessler integrates his research into the curriculum to enhance student learning.

Wood, an assistant professor of history, recently published his research in a book, *Retiring Men: Manhood, Labor and Growing Old in America, 1900-1960*, which examines the preservation of masculinity and its influence on labor politics in the 20th century. He has authored several peer-reviewed journal articles, encyclopedia entries and book reviews. One of his articles received the prestigious James Soltow Award, and he has presented academic papers at conferences across the country. His labor studies research provides an expansion of our understanding of the combination of gender and labor through the lens of history. Wood is a model teacher and researcher: an individual who not only values research, but values the teaching of it to students to enhance their critical thinking skills.

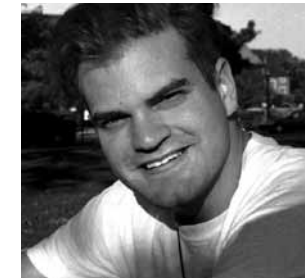
A professor of management, Shah receives high accolades for his teaching skills from his colleagues and students. He is known for being highly accessible to students and possessing a deep desire to have a positive impact on their academic lives. His teaching techniques result in high-quality learning and retention. He relies on a learning model of conversational and discussion-based learning, encouraging students to actively construct meanings from course materials. He provides extensive feedback to students to improve academic performance. Shah is the only faculty member in FSU history to have earned a Regents' Award and all three categories of Faculty Achievement Awards.



Dr. Amy Branam



Dr. Greg Latta



Robert Hein



Dr. Sunshine Brosi

Branam, an assistant professor of English, has shown profound dedication to FSU through her service to the University and surrounding community. She serves on numerous departmental and University committees and advises several student organizations. Her commitment to service is exemplified by her involvement in the Women's Studies and African-American Studies programs. As an advisor for V-Day (*see story, page 9*), she has taken a prominent role in organizing events such as the Clothesline Project, the Scarf Project, Take Back the Night and *The Vagina Monologues*. As a member of the African-American Studies steering committee, she has organized and secured grant funding for the Frostburg exhibition of *Hateful Things*, a traveling exhibit from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia.

The awards are made possible through gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Latta, Hein Receive Maryland State Arts Council Awards

Two FSU faculty members, **Dr. Gregory Latta** of the Department of Physics and Engineering and **Robert Hein** of the Department of Visual Arts, have received the Maryland State Arts Council's Individual Artist Award, which recognizes artists who have made a unique contribution to the culture of the state.

Hein has been a professor of photography at FSU since 2007. He has an ongoing series of national and international exhibit entries as well as solo shows. The topics of Hein's work range from introspective expressions of dreams or memories to outward-looking imagery ranging from urban skyline views to children at play. Hein received his Individual Artist Award in photography for his creative endeavors and visual research required for the editing and processing of the final photographs of his collection.

Latta is not only a physics professor but a singer, songwriter and a multi-instrumentalist specializing in instruments such as the hammered dulcimer, banjo, guitar and concertina. He also performs a very eclectic mix of music ranging from contemporary folk to Irish to Broadway. Latta received the Individual Artist Award for a non-classical music solo performance. His recording for this award features traditional Irish music, traditional American music, contemporary American music, traditional Appalachian music and traditional country music.

Brosi Selected for AAUW American Fellowship

Dr. Sunshine L. Brosi, assistant professor of ethnobotany at FSU, has been selected by the American Association of University Women for a 2012-13 American Fellowship.



National Society for Economic Botany Comes to Frostburg

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the **Society for Economic Botany (SEB)** was held June 2 to 7 at FSU and Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland.

With a theme of Ethnobotany of Mountain Cultures, the meeting featured a range of activities, including workshops, entertainment, food celebrating Appalachian traditions and a farmers market. SEB brings together scholars, researchers, educators, practitioners, activists and students to learn all kinds of uses that various cultures have made of plants, from medicines to food to vessels.

There were 35 academic poster presentations, 82 oral presentations, as well as workshops, field trips and entertainment. FSU students were given the opportunity to attend the conference through the FSU Foundation's Presidential Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund. ■

student accolades



Left to right, first row – FSU Wildlife Society members Amanda Hayes, Sara Pesi, Brianne Freegard, Ryan Steiner, Judy Broadwater and Kayla Hartung; second row – Mike Johnson, Chris Polhemus, Sean Knox, Dr. Frank Ammer (advisor), Matt Tillett, Coby Blum and Christine Thurber. In front, Jesse Voigt holding bird trophy.

Frostburg Honored Again for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has honored FSU as a leader among institutions of higher education for their support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

FSU was admitted to the 2012 **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. FSU students' service, in particular, covers a wide range of volunteer activities, including tutoring children, helping with tax returns, cleaning streets and shoveling snow, raising money for numerous charities, helping rebuild New Orleans, performing environmental projects and, particularly, serving areas of need in the Western Maryland region.

"It makes me proud when I see the commitment to service among Frostburg's students, faculty and staff," said President Gibraltar. "For our students, their efforts not only enrich those they serve, but that experience will enhance their understanding of the society in which they live and their place in it."

FSU students collectively average more than 30,000 hours of service each year, through programs such as ECHOSTARS (Empowering Communities, Helping Others), a first-year, living-learning-serving experience for students committed to making a change in the community. Through this program, students become a part of a growing student service movement by providing volunteer service as reading tutors, youth mentors and more in the Frostburg area. Other programs include the VOICE (Volunteer Opportunities in the Community Environment) Clearinghouse program, which connects students, faculty and staff with volunteer opportunities in Western Maryland, and Relay for Life, FSU's best-

attended annual event that raised \$52,470 to support the American Cancer Society in 2011 and \$59,306 in 2012 (*see photo, page 2*).

FSU was a member of last year's Honor Roll, as well as in 2008, and in 2000, was awarded the first-ever Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service by the CNCS.

FSU Ranks in Nation's Top Fifth in RecycleMania

FSU came in among the top fifth of the 605 college campuses that participated in the 2012 **RecycleMania Tournament**, ranking 54th overall.

FSU ranked above most Maryland colleges and universities, including Johns Hopkins, Towson University, UMBC, Morgan State University and University of Maryland-College Park. In Maryland, the only school that ranked higher than FSU was Harford Community College.

FSU continued its strong showing in this event. FSU placed 109th for the per capita classic (the combined weight of the recyclables divided by the campus population), 33rd for paper recycled and 37th for bottles and cans recycled.

RecycleMania is an eight-week challenge that ignites classic college rivalries, rallying students, faculty and staff to increase on-campus recycling rates beyond their collegiate competitors. As a part of its pledge to the ACUPCC, FSU participates annually in the Waste Minimization component of the RecycleMania competition. In addition, FSU is committed to three waste reduction measures: establishing and continually improving the campus recycling program, replacing the promotion of paper products with online

alternatives and creating and promoting a system to report wasteful practices and offer suggestions for waste reduction.

Wildlife Society Has Active, Successful Year

In the midst of a very active year for the FSU chapter of **The Wildlife Society**, the group recently won first place at the 2012 Northeast Wildlife Conclave at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mount Pleasant, Pa.

The FSU chapter also attended the 2012 Southeast Wildlife Conclave at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville, Tenn., and the Maryland-Delaware state chapter of The Wildlife Society Spring Meeting at Redden State Forest, Del.

Along with their first place standing, 13 FSU students participated in various individual and team competitions at the Northeast Wildlife Conclave. The FSU quiz bowl team placed first, and individuals won awards in archery, photography and game bird identification. Participating universities included Penn State University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Massachusetts and the University of Maine.

At the Southeast Wildlife Conclave, 21 FSU students participated in various individual and team competitions and placed 13th out of 24 universities, in addition earning to several individual honors.

At the Maryland-Delaware state chapter of The Wildlife Society Spring Meeting, **Jeff Curry** and **Sara Rothamel** presented research posters. Rothamel won first place in the graduate poster session with her poster "Territoriality and Breeding Behavior of Cerulean Warbler Assemblages in Western Maryland."

appointments



Dr. Clarence Golden '72/M'74/M'78



Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell



Aaron Hoel

Golden Named Dean of College of Education

Following a national search, **Dr. Clarence Golden** has been named dean of FSU's College of Education by Provost Stephen Simpson. Golden has been interim dean for the past year.

Golden, a 44-year veteran in the field of education, is also a professor of educational leadership at FSU. He previously served as associate dean for the College of Education and chair of the Department of Educational Professions. In addition to his experience at the university level and in public schools, Golden authored a nationally recognized leadership program through the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) of the National Policy Board for Educational Administration.

"Dr. Golden has done an excellent job of managing the College in the challenging role of an interim appointment," Simpson said. "With the able assistance of Interim Associate Dean William Childs and others in the College of Education, he led the effort to finalize plans and secure approval for the Doctor of Education program, prepared for continued accreditation and improved relationships with regional school systems. Dr. Golden represents the best combination of proven leadership in the dean's role and knowledge of the College, its programs and personnel, and the evolving requirements applied to teacher preparation in Maryland."

"The College of Education will be looking at national models for colleges of education to ensure that we are best serving all of its programs, including those programs offered at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown," Golden said. "We will also be preparing for our upcoming reaffirmation of accreditation with NCATE (National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education)."

The College of Education encompasses

three departments: Educational Professions, Health and Physical Education and Recreation and Parks Management.

Golden also serves as national college program reviewer for ELCC and as an evaluator of principal/superintendent licensure assessments nationwide with Educational Testing Service.

Assistant Provost for Student Success and Retention Hired

Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell was appointed earlier this year as assistant provost for Student Success and Retention, in support of FSU's strategic planning priorities to improve retention and graduation rates and reach new levels of academic excellence.

"Dr. Massie-Burrell is an experienced and dynamic individual who will provide leadership and coordination for Universitywide programs and efforts that will support a higher degree of student success and retention," said Dr. Stephen Simpson, provost at FSU.

In her new role at FSU, Massie-Burrell will be responsible for a variety of critical initiatives, including developing and implementing an undergraduate retention and advising plan and programs to improve University retention and graduation rates. Massie-Burrell will also focus on assisting students in finding the appropriate staff and faculty resources to address issues that might challenge their ability to continue with their education.

"I have found that we have a very welcoming community at FSU, so I'm looking forward to building upon the strong institutional practices that currently exist," she said.

Prior to joining FSU, Massie-Burrell served as director and learning specialist at Towson University's Academic Achievement Center. She has a doctorate in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a master's degree in human

resources and behavioral management from Johns Hopkins University. She was the recipient of the 2010-2011 Outstanding Research in Developmental Education from the Maryland state affiliate of the National Association of Developmental Education.

New Director of Research and Sponsored Programs Joins FSU

Aaron Hoel has been named FSU's director of Research and Sponsored Programs, the office responsible for seeking and administering sources of external funding for FSU, such as that available through foundation and government grants.

"He is strongly committed to enhancing the services provided by our Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and to working with faculty, administrators and staff to increase extramural funding at the University in support of teaching, research and student and community programs," said Dr. John Bowman, vice provost at FSU.

Hoel was chosen following a national search.

Hoel has international work and travel experience and holds a number of certificates in financial management and federal appropriation law regulations. He has served as a grants and contracts manager for several years, most recently as a senior sponsored projects and performance manager at The J. Craig Venter Institute in Rockville, Md.

"I am looking forward to increasing the sponsored projects portfolio at FSU, to increase learning opportunities for students and research opportunities for faculty development," Hoel said, noting that some great areas of potential for the University include conservation, ecological development and green living, scientific research, education and the arts. ■

Multifaceted Efforts Improving Environment for All in Frostburg

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

“Town and gown” conflicts between universities and their host communities date back to the medieval institutions where the phrase began, with the push and pull of neighbors with varying levels of connection to the community and different ages, cultures and priorities.

In many ways, Frostburg is no different, but many unique qualities exist in the relationship between Frostburg and its university. More than a century ago, it was the local community that lobbied to place a state normal school for teachers in Frostburg, and then rallied for it in the 1940s when it nearly closed. Today, Frostburg State University has become the city’s economic powerhouse and one of the county’s largest employers. According the city’s comprehensive plan, the city population nearly doubles when FSU is in session.

With about half of FSU’s undergraduate students living in what had been a traditional family neighborhood immediately surrounding the University, conflicts naturally arise between a population that generally views Frostburg through the prism of their few years as students and the year-round residents who remember the neighborhood as it was.

A number of efforts are under way to build on the positives of this unique relationship and mitigate the negatives:

- FSU and Frostburg are six months into their agreement in which police officers from either department may patrol and respond first within the designated “University neighborhood.”
- Following the stabbing death of an FSU student outside an off-campus party in November, a series of mediated community dialogues was held, bringing together students, year-round residents and other interested parties, each event building on the progress made in the one before. Funding has been secured to support the dialogues for another two years.
- Community-based organizations, campus groups and individuals have stepped up to address specific topics of concern, all with a view toward a safer and happier community.

Kathy Powell, FSU associate professor of social work, is doing doctoral research on the unique qualities of university neighborhoods, with primary research in Frostburg. She should finish this spring, but she’s already seeing some interesting trends, some discouraging, but some encouraging as well.

She’s heard stories of elderly residents hiding in their homes in fear, malicious vandalism, public drunkenness and massive, noisy parties. But she also heard about students who shovel elderly neighbors’ walks and carry groceries; year-round residents who “adopt” their student neighbors, inviting them to barbecues and making friends with new students each year; and students who move into the neighborhood and become part of the fabric, befriending everyone on their block.

“I’m seeing a lot of empathy,” Powell said, with year-round residents and students each recognizing the struggles that the others are facing. “It would be good if this could be harnessed, used in a positive way,” she said.

Lois Deasy ’72/M’81, an original member of the community association University Neighbors, has lived near FSU for 26 years. She has seen the neighborhood change from houses with families and just a few student apartments to a nearly equal mix to today, where she is one of just a handful on her street surrounded by properties rented exclusively to students. After the balance tipped toward mostly student rentals, the neighborhood atmosphere began to change, but the real problems came in recent years when some houses became simply party houses, not living spaces, she said.

As a graduate and parent of graduates, Deasy is a big fan of FSU and has had plenty of positive interactions with students. But she shares the frustrations of residents who cope with vandalism, loud parties in the wee hours of the morning and behavior that goes well beyond “high jinks.”

President Gibraltar has hopes that continuing to advance communication among all the parties with an interest in Frostburg will help bridge gaps and ease the “clash of cultures and generations.”

“FSU is responsible for diversifying this com-



Frostburg unites for a community dialogue.

munity – in many ways,” Powell said. “It brings a diversity not only of class, race, ethnicity and religion, but also of religion and economic status” to a community that is otherwise relatively homogeneous.

“We would be naïve to think that differences won’t be a problem,” she said, but connections like the community dialogues can help. “Connection doesn’t always happen naturally. It sometimes needs to be facilitated.”

Deasy, who attended the dialogues, has seen a lot coming out of them that is good, but would like to see more of her neighbors, students and year-round residents, come out for future events.

“I hope this is something that is going to continue and expand,” she said.

That will happen, according to **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, chair of the Communication Studies Department, who has been spearheading the dialogue efforts. She said it will be important to build on the steps taken already: continue breaking down barriers, address issues with solutions in mind and get more people to the table.

Progress also extends to the relationship between the police departments. Both chiefs are pleased with how well the transition to shared jurisdiction has gone, but they credit that success to the past several years spent strengthening communications at multiple levels.

Frostburg Mayor **Robert Flanigan ’92** had a defining moment when a longtime, vocal critic of the city’s and University’s handling of student behavior approached him.

“I braced for more of the same, but she said, ‘I don’t know what you and he (Gibraltar) are doing, but it’s definitely working. This was the best spring in 20 years,’” Flanigan said.

Gibraltar sees a lot of work that must be done, but he considers these encouraging signs.

“Since the agreement has gone into place, residents in the local community responded extremely positively,” Gibraltar said. “They’re seeing a sense of renewed community for the first time in several years. This is a unique, textbook example of a university coming together with city government. We have begun to break down the barriers.”

“We all had to wake up as a community,” Flanigan said. ■

V-Day@FSU Marks Decade of Raising Awareness of Violence Against Women

When Frostburg Associate Professor **Nicole Mattis** first brought V-Day and *The Vagina Monologues* to FSU in 2002, she knew it would be a success, but she had no idea it would continue on for so long.

“It was never a goal (to keep it going), but it doesn’t surprise me. Every year there’s a new audience, and the monologues and issues involved always need to be repeated,” Mattis said.

Mattis had heard about V-Day from other universities and decided to start it up at FSU during her first year in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Mattis spoke with joy about how it took off right away.

“Everyone connected – even graduates. Everyone relates, whether they have been in a violent situation or not.”

The goal of V-Day and *The Vagina Monologues*, Eve Ensler’s 1996 off-Broadway play, is to raise awareness about and bring an end to violence against women. As one of its many events throughout the year to raise awareness about the issue of violence, V-Day@FSU presents the play each year with additional sponsorship from the FSU Women’s Studies Program and numerous other campus organizations. *The Vagina Monologues* has a different director each year, usually a student, and students, faculty, staff and community members are among those who present the individual stories.

V-Day has continued to grow at Frostburg, bringing hope and inspiration to the campus concerning the issue of violence against women. V-Day has reached far greater heights than anyone involved could have ever imagined.



Over the last decade at FSU, V-Day has raised more than \$50,000 through ticket sales and V-Day fundraisers. Proceeds benefit the Dove Center and the Family Crisis Resource Center, women’s shelters local to FSU that work to end gender-based violence in the community, as well as an annual “spotlight” designated by Eve Ensler’s V-Day. Past spotlights have included Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2010, **Dr. Amy Branam**, an assistant professor of English, and **Dr. Jennifer Flinn**, an assistant professor of psychology, took the reins from Mattis to serve as co-advisors for V-Day. As a survivor of intimate partner violence, Branam is determined to help the organization to spread awareness “now and always.”

In addition to *The Vagina Monologues*, V-Day@FSU also hosts awareness events such as the Take Back the Night march, the Clothesline Project (airing society’s dirty laundry), information festivals and presentations designed to enhance safety, as well as the Scarf Project, in which volunteers knit scarves to help raise money each year.

Regina Alderton M’09, who directed the 2011 *Vagina Monologues*, came up with the idea of the Scarf Project. It began in 2006 when she and three other faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature were simply knitting in her office. Suddenly, she thought of the idea to make and sell scarves to raise money for V-Day. After that spark, the idea took off.

“It’s taken on its own life,” Alderton said. “Maybe if we had been knitting hats, it would have been hats.”

V-Day is also strongly supported by local businesses, and numerous student organizations, academic groups and campus departments have participated in interdisciplinary collaborations.

To Alderton, the best part of being involved with *The Vagina Monologues* and V-Day are the women who participate.

“They ‘get’ a lot of it. They really connect,” she said. “I’ve gained a greater understanding of women’s issues. It also helps their voices be heard by other people and to get to know the



From left, Jessica O’Neil ’11, Imani Dunigan, Gabrieline Amankwaa ’11 and Dr. Amy Branam staff an information table as part of V-Day@FSU.

issues. It’s an all-around positive experience, and it feels good to be able to help.”

When asked to describe V-Day, Alderton said, “It’s like a garden, where you have all of these different flowers and plants; some of them are ugly, some are very beautiful, but they all must be tended to.”

Marina Byerly ’11, student coordinator of V-Day@FSU in 2010, ensured that the group became a recognized student organization. She has been involved with V-Day for three years, an experience she said was “eye-opening.” She decided to become involved after attending a group meeting, when she learned that the program was global. Byerly has been able to see all of the aspects of being involved and has been able to see everyone else’s jobs.

“One of the most gratifying parts of being a part of V-Day@FSU is the overwhelming support we receive from alumna of the organization,” Branam said. “For example, this year, one of our former V-Day members and 2004 co-director of *The Vagina Monologues*, **Kelly Vaden ’05**, donated scarves to help raise money. Each year, we also hear from former participants who give us advice on where to purchase merchandise, or who just want to encourage the current year’s group. I think that this continued involvement clearly demonstrates the powerful impact this organization has on its members and our community.”

For more information on V-Day@FSU, contact Branam at abranam@frostburg.edu, Flinn at jflinn@frostburg.edu or email the organization at fsuvday@gmail.com.

Rachel DeWoody ’12 contributed to this story. ■

Caring and Sharing: Frostburg's First Scholarship in Social Work

By Joan DeVee Dixon

A desire to encourage others in caring and sharing was the goal for **Dennis Baker '66** and **Emalie Gibbons-Baker** as they established Frostburg's first-ever scholarship in social work.

"I've volunteered throughout my life in organizations dedicated to the betterment of the human spirit, giving one, sometimes two hours for every hour on the job," Dennis said. He has worked as business manager for zoos in Washington, D.C., Atlanta and the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo in New York, but his volunteer energy was spent with Special Olympics and organizations such as the President's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped.

While in Atlanta, Dennis fittingly first met Emalie Gibbons at a volunteer event for the Atlanta Zoo. The sixth time he asked her out



Emalie Gibbons-Baker and Dennis Baker '66

and clinical resource manager at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Md.

"My pathway was challenging, and I did not have the money or the support at home to go to college," she said. "I want to make that different for a student who needs the help and wants to attend Frostburg."

The Bakers chose to support social work students because of their love for children and the experience they have had helping others.

"I trained to be a physical education teacher, always wanting to be a football coach," Dennis said. "I never made it to a formal classroom, though I've spent my entire career teaching. I have taught others to respect those around them, to be inclusive, regardless of the venue, and to see the worth that each human being brings to the table. In living that credo, I've reaped far more personal benefit than I ever expected or thought possible."

"For us to know that one person has breathed easier or that a social condition was remedied because we lived is to have succeeded in life."

— Emalie Gibbons-Baker

proved to be the charm; she finally agreed to go out with him because he had tickets for a Tracy Chapman concert. They quickly discovered much more in common than just their musical tastes.

Emalie's care for other people is where she found the energy and inspiration to pursue a career as a certified nurse midwife, laborist

In addition to a rigorous slate of academic coursework, FSU's social work majors must complete 450 hours in an unpaid internship in their final semester.

"Many of our students come to Frostburg without a lot of financial resources," said **Dr. Terry Russell**, chair of the Department of Social Work. "While social work can be a good

path to a secure job, anything that lessens the financial burden of our students is a huge help."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates that the need for social workers will grow by 25 percent by 2020, almost twice the average growth rate for all occupations.

"The thing I most appreciate is that we now have a fund to which others can contribute for the education of future social workers," Russell said. "Our graduates might not get rich in social work but they will make a difference. Our graduates work with everyone from troubled children to aging adults. When you get the privilege of watching a young child open the only real present he or she has ever received, it is hard not to think it is all worth it."

In addition to establishing an endowment, the Bakers donated a pass-through scholarship for the next four years, allowing the scholarship to be awarded for the current school year, while also allowing the endowment to gain interest and grow.

"The significance of this scholarship is the faith that we are touching a student who will touch others," Emalie said. "For us to know that one person has breathed easier or that a social condition was remedied because we lived is to have succeeded in life." ■

Well-Intended Gifts a Response to a Well- Rounded College Experience

By Becca Ramspott

As the first person in her family to go to college, **Jessica Masser '01** wasn't sure how many credits she should have each semester. She took as many as she could, and she ended up graduating in three and a half years.

Luckily, her future husband, **Brian Masser '02**, was part of that rigorous class schedule. After meeting their very first day at Frostburg, they found themselves in many of the same courses and labs after both chose to major in chemistry, a department that had awarded each of them scholarships.

"We loved that it was a small department," Jessica said. "Our professors were so nice, supportive, very friendly and excellent in terms of their knowledge and personality. They invited us to their houses, had us over for Thanksgiving. I didn't know anyone else at other schools that got that kind of attention."

To balance out her studies, Jessica started playing basketball and volleyball and running track for FSU.

"If I had only done class, I probably would have cracked," she said. "Playing with the girls, going on away trips and hanging out after practice ... that was where I learned the most about the person I wanted to be."

"Once you are on a team, you have 14 to 15 new friends right away," said Jody Pepple, who coached Jessica in basketball. "If you're having a bad day, coming to practice or having a game can improve your mood. Being a member of a team can increase self-esteem and confidence. ... I like to think that as coaches, we teach the fundamentals and strategies of the game but more important, we teach life skills."

Jessica and Brian got together two years after they met their freshmen year and eventually



Brian '02 and Jessica Masser '01 and their children Lance and Gwen

married, starting a family and settling in Johnstown, Pa. She's now a doctor, practicing family medicine in Johnstown, and he's a pharmacist at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center.

"When we were going through medical and pharmacy school, we keep thinking how nice it was that someone gave us money through our scholarships at FSU, because it really helped," Jessica said.

The Massers initially planned to give back to their alma mater as part of their five-year reunion, "but five years go by and we were still in school," Jessica said. "So we did the 10-year reunion!"

It was important to the couple that their philanthropy celebrate their support of FSU students who are excelling academically. But they wanted to make sure that their giving resonated with Jessica's positive experiences of balancing academics with a well-rounded array of activities outside the classroom. In the end, they realized setting up two different scholarships was the best way to go, and created the Lady Bobcat Basketball Endowment, which supports the Department of Athletics' areas of greatest need in a way that helps advance women's basketball.

"This endowment is Jessica's way of giving back to the sport she loves and also showing that basketball and academics together helped her build her goals and find success," said Pepple, who continues as head basketball coach and is senior woman administra-

tor for the Department of Athletics.

The Massers also established the Masser Family Chemistry and Healthcare Professional Scholarship, which is awarded to chemistry majors who intend to pursue graduate education leading to a career in medicine, pharmacy or other health care field.

"I wanted (the scholarship recipients) to be well-rounded; we wanted someone who was there to get an education but also learn life."

— Jessica Masser

"We wanted it definitely to be something from the two of us, as a family. It's from us and our kids and for everything that Frostburg gave to us," Jessica said. "My husband and I talked about a GPA cut-off point for the chemistry scholarship. A 3.0 showed me that someone was dedicated to their studies but involved in more than just school. I wanted them to be well-rounded; we wanted someone who was there to get an education but also learn life."

Today, the Massers and their two children return to the 'Burg twice a year so they can walk around campus and pay a visit to Frostburg's Mario's restaurant, their favorite place where they used to go for dates.

"The kids have been there ever since they were teeny tiny," Jessica said. "We keep joking with them that they have to go to Frostburg – we don't care where else they want to go. They love it and just assume that's the only place you go!" ■

Sharing the Chance at Transformation Motivates Hammond

By Margaret Hindman

“If I were rich I’d give more,” said **Rick Hammond ’96**, “but I’m not waiting!” Hammond has been consistent about giving away a percentage of his income, targeting organizations that he believes help people succeed. His motivation, he is quick to point out, is not at all selfless: “You reap what you sow. If you want to reap generosity, be generous.”

The first checks he wrote were to Frostburg’s track program.

“It changed my life, and I wanted that to happen for others,” he said. In 1997, he heard from **Coach Bob Lewis** that his was the largest single contribution ever to the program, so he sent a little more the next year. Eventually, he focused his annual support to FSU on student aid – first honoring a classmate who had struggled to pay for her education and then, in 2010, establishing the Hammond Pursuit of Excellence Scholarships in memory of his grandparents.

Now the owner of a martial arts academy in Baltimore, Hammond remembers his first visit to FSU. Despite the offer of a partial athletic scholarship at a larger university, he knew that this was where he wanted to be.

Coaches Lewis and **Charlie Hircock** became role models for the high school stand-out discus thrower; they helped him hone his skills in other events.

“Coach Hircock took pride in teaching anybody who wanted to learn,” Hammond said. “I remember one Saturday he was out there on the field in the snow to teach a 5-foot-10-inch boy with average skills to throw the javelin five feet farther. He is one of the biggest reasons I am who I am today.”

A double major in psychology and education, Hammond also was influenced by pro-



Rick Hammond '96

fessors **Lee Ross** and **Chrismarie Baxter**. He has vivid memories of Baxter’s research methods class and her practice of allowing students to revise papers as many times as they wanted.

“As long as you continued to work, she continued to work with you,” Hammond said. “You could eventually get an A,” but not until every last change was made. “There was something magical about her.”

The same values Hammond admired in his mentors at FSU were evident in the lives of his grandparents. Eleanor Hammond encouraged him to try new things and be tolerant. Dwight Hammond, who “more than anyone taught me to be a man,” valued showing up and working hard; he celebrated his 84th birthday by making an 84-mile bicycle trip with his grandson. Clarence Lowery taught Hammond to take care of his possessions and not be wasteful. Betty Jean Lowery, who showed him the importance of caring for others, “often would make difficult choices easy just by following her heart,” Hammond recalled.

Hammond today applies all of these lessons as a teacher, coach and entrepreneur. In his first job as a computer consultant, he enjoyed training others. After hours, he volunteered as a teacher at the Baltimore Elite Martial Arts Academy (BEMAA), where he regularly worked out. Hammond bought the business in 2006. While it meant a reduction in income, he said, it allowed him to do what he likes best – teaching others to work hard and succeed.

There were challenges, as he needed to revitalize the academy and foster a positive culture. Today, BEMAA is thriving, with programs for adults and children and a mission statement that reads, in part, “Our greatest responsibility is to instill in our students a sense of discipline and a code of ethics to inspire them to lead exemplary lives as leaders in the community.”



Both through BEMAA and his philanthropy, Hammond seeks out opportunities to help people help themselves. FSU students who receive a Hammond Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship award must be employed or self-supporting and demonstrate financial need. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Hammond is quick to point out that the awards are not large, relative to the cost of tuition. “So I just hope it helps,” he said. “If my giving has any impact at all, I take pride in that.”

Hammond also hopes that more alumni will decide to join him, giving whatever they can afford so that others can have the experiences they had as FSU students.

“Just do it,” he urged. “You reap what you sow.” ■

To add your support to any of these funds, or to learn about other ways to support FSU, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4161 or 1.866.241.3296, toll free.

Head of Fortune 500 Company Joins Foundation Board, Named CoB’s Alumnus of the Year

By Becca Ramspott

Joseph Carrabba M’86, president and CEO of the Fortune 500 company, Cliffs Natural Resources, was honored by the FSU College of Business with its Alumnus of the Year designation. Carrabba then reciprocated the honor by joining the FSU Foundation Board of Directors.

The College of Business executive council cited Carrabba’s “outstanding personal and professional reputation” and his commitment to FSU and its students in their selection.

Cliffs Natural Resources, an international mining and natural resources company, was recognized in the 2012 *Fortune* 500 list of America’s largest companies. Carrabba became president and CEO of Cliffs in September 2006, and was elected chairman of the Cliffs Board of Directors in May 2007.

He was also named to the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, an opportunity that will keep him connected to his alma mater through leadership and involvement.

“We are thrilled with the knowledge and experience Mr. Carrabba will bring to our Foundation Board, as well as his commitment and connection to our students,” said Cherie Krug, interim executive director of the FSU Foundation. “This knowledge and his enthusiasm for his alma mater will be a valuable addition to the collective expertise of the board members as the Foundation charts its course forward.”

Carrabba, who earned his degree through Frostburg’s Hagerstown Center, returned to his alma mater this May to accept the Alumnus of the Year award and to spend time with FSU students and campus leaders.

“The College of Business has always been committed to giving its students opportunities to learn about what they need to succeed in their professional life after graduation,” said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business. “Inviting Mr. Carrabba to FSU



Joseph Carrabba M’86



MUSIC DEPARTMENT TAKES ITS SHOW ON THE ROAD

This spring, in an effort to give more people the opportunity to hear the talents of students in FSU’s Department of Music, the FSU Foundation hosted an honors recital at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Md. Performances by some of the department’s most outstanding students, including a number who had received scholarships, were featured in the April 1 presentation. Pictured from left are **Dr. Mark Gallagher**, chair of the Department of Music; Robert Wallace, who plays guitar; **Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon**, a professor in the Department of Music; **Sarah Galvin**, who plays clarinet; percussionist **Gregory Jaeger**; **Brent Mitchell ’12**, who plays alto saxophone; soprano **Laura Fehle ’12**; tenor **Justin Ternent ’12**; and **Ron Forrester ’67**, **Al Martin ’75** and **Ken Oldham ’98**, representing the FSU Foundation and Alumni Association boards. ■

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- Academic Technology Fund
- Tyrone Adams ’87 and Sandra Wyche Adams ’86 Scholarship
- Dennis S. Baker and Emalie J. Gibbons-Baker Social Work Scholarship
- Experiential Learning Fund
- Louise Goshorn and Barbara (Goshorn) Bruchey Presidential Merit Scholarship in English
- Captain James A. Graham ’63 Medal of Honor Memorial
- Kelly Dressler Heflin Foundation Scholarship
- Management Faculty Presidential Merit Scholarship
- Mass Communication Experiential Learning Fund
- Brian and Connie Mattingly Presidential Merit Scholarship
- Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship
- Derek Thomson Sheely Leadership Award
- STEM Education Development Fund
- Virgil C. and Mildred A. Walters Presidential Merit Chemistry Scholarship ■



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FROSTBURG!



TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO ...

Not far from Braddock's Road, a route carved out in the French and Indian War, Josiah Frost and his son, Meshach, set out building lots along the path of a new road designed to create a gateway to the west. That National Road reached the place that would become Frostburg in 1812.

Over the decades, through the ups and downs of the "way west," the rise and decline of the coal industry and the creation of State Normal School No. 2, which became Frostburg State University, the town on the mountain evolved along with the needs of its residents and visitors.

This year, Frostburg is celebrating its bicentennial with a series of activities the weekend of Sept. 14 to 16. Highlights include a Frostburg Festival Friday evening, featuring a variety of entertainment and the debut of a historical film by Micheal McAlexander, FSU assistant professor of Mass Communication. Saturday will kick off with a parade on Main Street, and FSU will host its annual Appalachian Festival on campus. A performance by Kathy Mattea will cap off the evening. On Sunday, the "Chorus of 200 Voices" will round out the weekend. Visit www.frostburg200.com for more information and event listings.

On the following pages, we'll lead you on a trip down memory lane of Frostburg then and now, including some favorite Bobcat hangouts.



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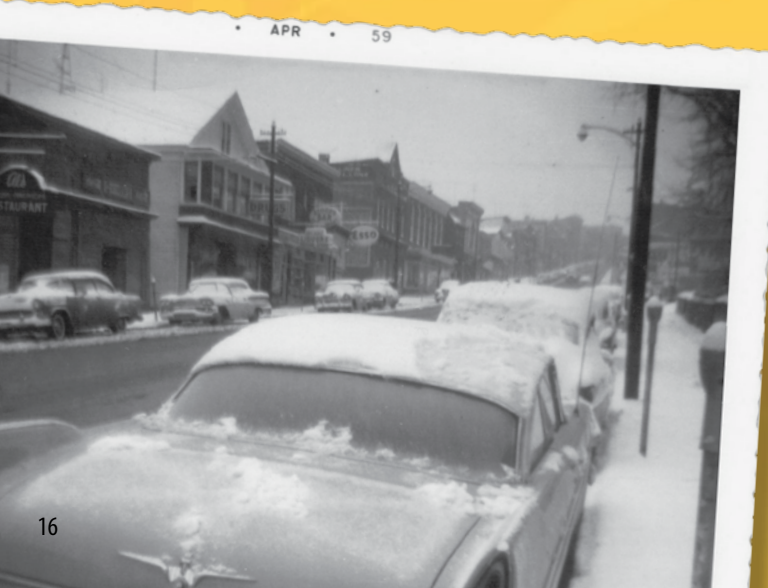
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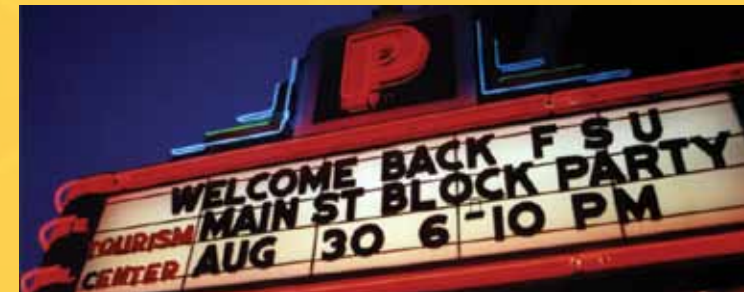
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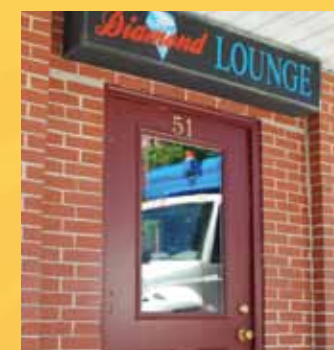
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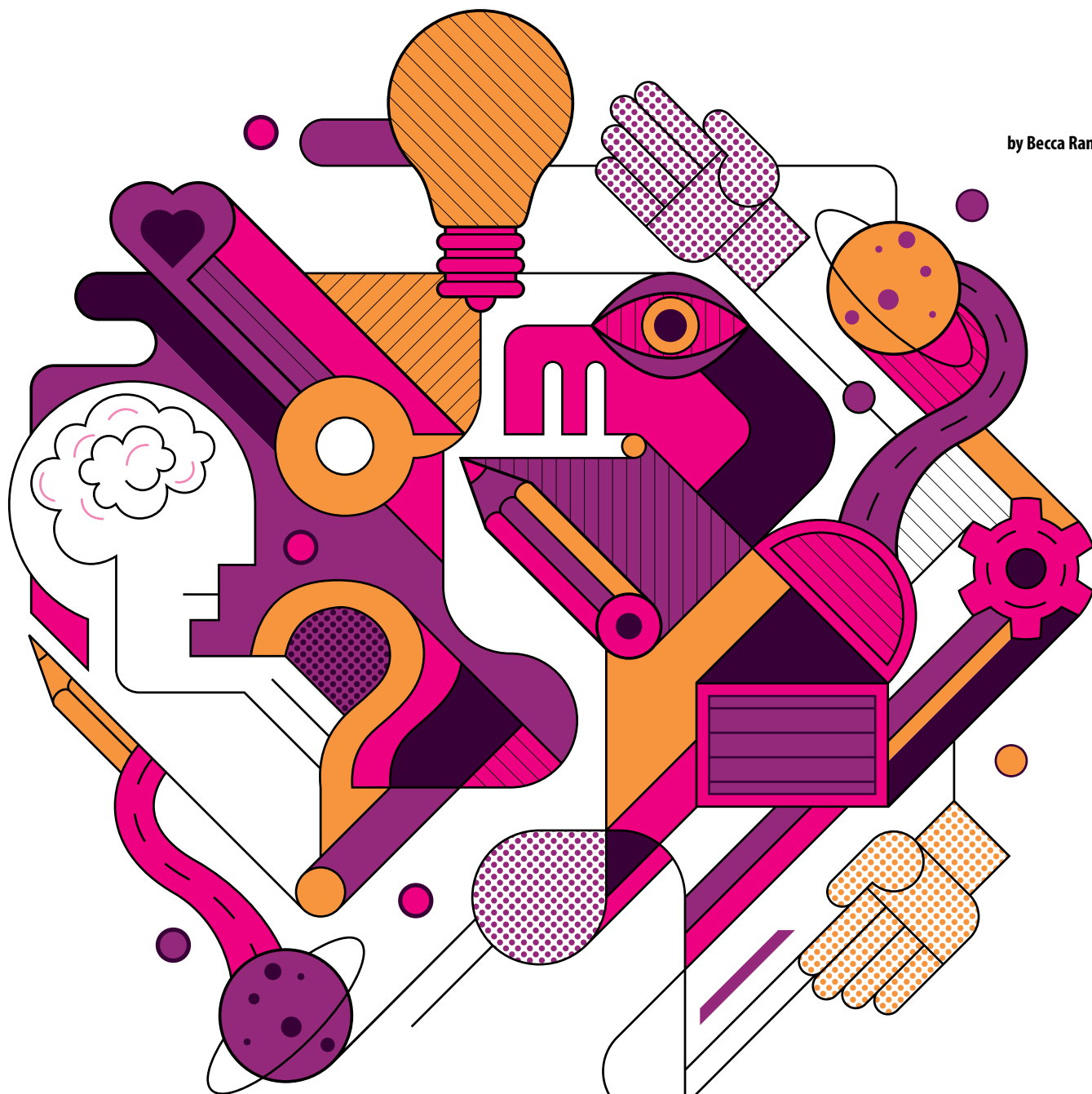
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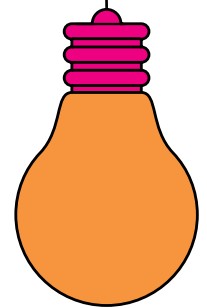
(RE)DESIGNED FOR SUCCESS

By Transforming How Some Entry-level Classes Are Taught, FSU Is Breaking Down Roadblocks for Students

by Becca Ramspott



Improving graduation rates. Making teaching more student-centered. Incorporating more instructional technology. It seems like every day, there's a new solution that surfaces in the sea change surging through higher education that aims to help institutions respond to today's world, keep costs in check and improve the educational experience.



Could course redesign help Frostburg State University navigate these uncertain waters? Here's a closer look at how FSU is taking a leadership role in making learning more effective, innovative and efficient for students and faculty.

In 2006, the University System of Maryland kicked off its Maryland Course Redesign Initiative, which issued a call to its member institutions to take at least one of their "bottleneck" courses – those introductory classes that tend to weed out freshmen early on – and revamp them so they better resonated with what former Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings' Commission on the Future of Higher Education recommended:

We urge states and institutions to establish course redesign programs using technology-based, learner-centered principles drawing upon the innovative work already being done by organizations such as the National Center for Academic Transformation.

USM was selected as the first-ever state system in higher education to put this recommendation into practice through a partnership with the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT), an organization with educational resources in place to help colleges and universities succeed. USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan first learned about course redesign in 2004 from Carol Twigg, then-executive director



Dr. Megan Bradley

of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Center for Academic Transformation and now president and CEO of NCAT. Kirwan realized that it had great potential to aid USM in improving effectiveness and efficiency. The USM's Course Redesign Initiative was his call to action to get the ball rolling on what he and the USM Board of Regents saw as a promising success strategy that could help students complete college in a more timely manner, as well as improve student learning and reduce costs.

Shortly after USM and NCAT launched the initiative, **Dr. Megan E. Bradley**, a psychology professor at FSU, found herself at a table with other Frostburg faculty mulling over the possibilities of course redesign. The class she was considering for USM's redesign initiative, General Psychology, wasn't stricken with a serious failure rate, a point that her colleagues made to her.

"As I told them, 'Let's take a strong course and make it stronger to be a model for others,'" Bradley said.

Various aspects of course redesign appealed to Bradley: its evidence-based approach and the opportunity for her department to take a leadership role in the course redesign effort. The principles outlined in NCAT's course redesign strategy, such as encouraging active learning, providing individualized assistance and building in ongoing assessment, were already strategies she saw as avenues of improvement for psychology courses. It was also a time of financial uncertainty, with faculty members retiring and no promise of refilling those empty positions. The Course Redesign Initiative, which included \$20,000 in funding allocated by USM and matched by FSU, seemed like a viable way to "take care of ourselves," she said.

Bradley and several of her colleagues went on to spearhead FSU's pilot course redesign effort, creating two pilot sections for the General Psychology course that placed a portion of the class' instruction online. The redesigned pilot sections shared a common syllabus with the traditional sections for measurable objectives. Bradley and her team developed online exercises that focused on mastery learning, which Bradley describes as being similar to what happens in an SAT prep course: students get self-guided online quizzes that allow them to test their knowledge over and over again, with different questions each time, until they master the material. They get immediate feedback on their performance through online assessment. The redesigned course sections also included more interactive activities and less time spent listening to lectures during the class. ►



Dr. Rochelle Smith displays boards that her department uses to help them visualize standardized course plans that are adapted to classes that meet two or three times weekly.

“One of the techniques that course redesign emphasizes is creating active learning in students,” Bradley said. “The traditional model is that, as a student, you sit in a large lecture hall and you sometimes take notes and your mind sometimes drifts. ... And the faculty member feels secure because they see students smiling and nodding their heads ... but they really don’t know if the student gets it. ... In active learning, students aren’t just sitting there taking notes; they have to be doing something.”

Bradley and her colleagues also took student peer-to-peer mentoring, an idea introduced by NCAT, a step further by developing it into a professional development opportunity for FSU psychology majors, complete with a Leadership in Psychology certificate program. The students, known as undergraduate learning assistants (ULAs), supervise small-group online activities, review their fellow students’ assignments in advance and offer feedback. ULAs are typically promising psychology majors selected by the department who must enroll in an upper-level course that helps them develop professional behavior in their peer-mentoring roles for General Psychology.

“It may be hard for some students to ask professors questions or to get help in front of their class,” said **Danielle Sheally**, a senior psychology major who, after enrolling in the redesigned course, went on to become a ULA. “Being able to ask students

who are closer to their own age may be more comforting.”

The results of General Psychology’s pilot course redesign effort? Students in the redesigned sections performed better on their final exams, with a mean test score of 75 percent, compared to 68 percent for the traditional sections. At the same time, the instructional technology component allowed the psychology department to reduce the number of instructors (full- and part-time) needed to teach the course and triple the capacity in class, reducing the cost-per-student by 71 percent, from \$89 to \$26. In other words, students performed better while the class cost the University less money.

“Results ... that’s what really convinces people,” Bradley said. “I think once they see and hear about other courses very similar to theirs or exactly like theirs going through course redesign and having success, that really helps. That’s how math got involved.”

IT ALL ADDS UP ...

FSU’s improvement with developmental math (DVMT), which began its pilot semester in spring 2011, is another success story. The program’s educators had relied on student instructors and instructional technology software for years, but changed their class format to better respond to student learning, combining the best practices of lecture instruction with computer-mediated practice. With the redesigned course format, participants attended a lecture once a week in a large setting, and then met twice weekly in smaller groups in a computer lab to work on online lessons.

The redesign initiative funding allowed the DVMT program to double its professional staff, including adding an instructional coordinator to cover challenging topics. This, in turn, freed up more student instructors to serve as lab assistants available to provide one-on-one assistance. The redesign team also added more content to help students pass their next math course. By spring 2012, DVMT saw a decrease by 50 percent in the number of students who had not successfully completed the course – by withdrawing, failing or otherwise not receiving credit. The redesigned course also eliminated the gap in achievement in which male students failed

at a higher rate than females, and it helped all the students do better in their subsequent math course.

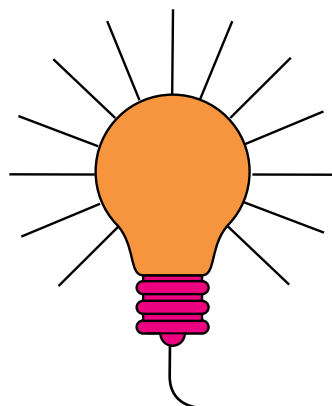
Developmental math, which at one point was the 11th most-failed class on campus, illustrates how course redesign helps more students make it to graduation, Bradley said. The math department is now in the stages of redesigning Math 102 (College Algebra), one of the math courses students take after completing developmental math.

“We’re using a technique that will get your child through college,” she said. “Your son won’t have to retake developmental math, which is a prerequisite for our other math courses like Math 102 and Math 106 (Algebra with Calculus for Business). If we redesign Math 102, then your son won’t fail that, right? And then he’s graduating on time. So you’re talking about how your children enroll in courses that are using evidence-based pedagogy (teaching techniques) with good assessment plans in place to know how to get students to really learn the material. That’s the big difference. It’s not just passing them. We’re not just changing the way we grade to make things easier. We are changing how we teach, and the students are learning more.”

FACULTY CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION

Developmental math isn’t the only critical skills course getting a redesign makeover.

“Writing is really the core of a liberal arts education,” said **Dr. Rochelle Smith**, professor of English at FSU who is leading the course redesign team for Freshman Composition. “If we can improve the way we



teach students to write through redesign, this will not only benefit the English Department but the University as a whole.”

Smith and her redesign team colleagues have been busy creating a standardized syllabus for the course that collects the best practices, and an online course repository that collects model units, sample lessons and course materials, all emphasizing student-centered, active learning.

“It’s been a wonderful collegial experience,” Smith said. “We’ve reviewed everything that has gone into the course repository very carefully and, as a result, all of the materials have improved because of the critical judgment of the six people on the redesign team. You put six minds together and you end up with something better than what you started with.”

A key part of the Freshman Composition redesign will be incorporating instructional technology to give students supplemental instruction through tutorials and self-directed practice.

“With writing, instructional technology is most valuable for what we call lower-level or sentence-level concerns. In other words, grammar and punctuation,” said Smith, who examined composition redesign efforts at other institutions to help her determine what would work best at FSU. “Moving some of the curriculum out of the classroom through instructional technology opens up the classroom for a greater focus on higher-level



Dr. Elesha Ruminski of the Department of Communication Studies demonstrates one way that an iPad can be used in the classroom.

concerns: thesis, organization, support – how to build an academic argument.”

Like psychology and math, English is also training a group of selected students who will enroll in a special course on how to teach writing. These learning mentors will be available to help their peers with sentence-level concerns and provide feedback on their writing drafts. In the end, they will be able to add an “Emphasis in the Teaching of Writing” to their degrees. Smith already has 12 learning mentors lined up for the fall, when the pilot redesigned course will begin.

“The students who have signed up are all very excited about this,” Smith said. “And it’s not just intended for students who are going into education. Writing is such a universally valued skill in any profession. Imagine, for example, a student going into business or engineering – just think how beneficial this knowledge and experience would be.”

THE FUTURE OF COURSE REDESIGN AT FSU

The benefits of course redesign?

“Once you get tenure, once people are set in their ways in their department, everyone drifts into their own subjects. ... Course redesign forces everyone to get together and talk about teaching,” said **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, chair of Communication Studies, whose department is redesigning CMST 102: Introduction to Human Communication. “It puts the focus on collaboration and creativity for teaching. ... Redesign really helped us recognize process.”

“We all use instructional technology, but course redesign has encouraged us to think about how to make better use of it,” Smith said. “Good educators are always looking at whatever resources are available and imagining making their courses better. Course redesign simply formalizes this process in a positive way.”

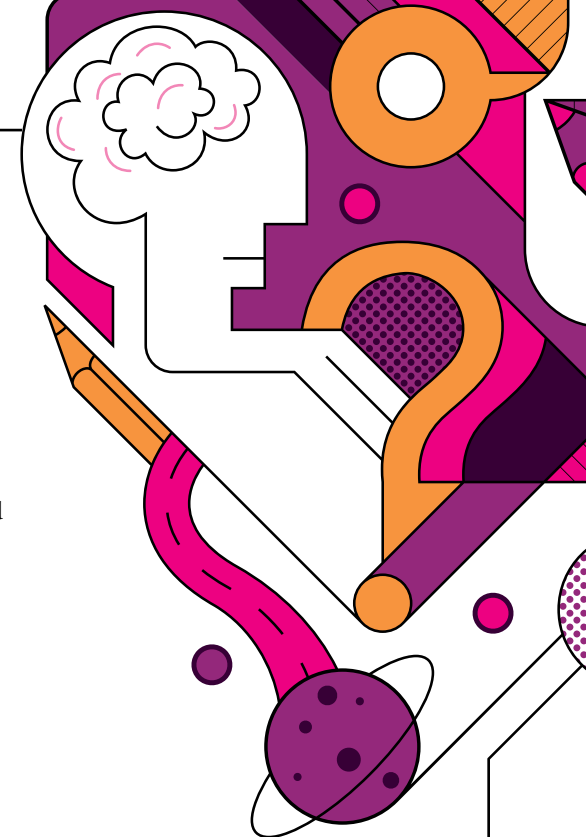
But such a far-reaching initiative with multi-faceted components is not without its challenges. Switching students over from passive learning to active learning is certainly an adjustment.

“Some of them are taking this very laid-back approach to their education. And we’re changing that and forcing them to be actively involved,” Bradley said. “When you’re engag-

ing in it, especially in a pilot semester where you have both traditional and redesigned sections, the students kind of complain initially because their friends in the traditional sections may be doing way less work. But at the end of the semester, they’ve learned more and appreciate it.”

Bradley is determined to improve and expand course redesign at FSU. She was recently named to a restructured position as course redesign specialist for Frostburg. She is now examining ways to create course redesign cohort experiences, where students would be grouped together and take redesigned courses as a learning community, with the focus being the link between academic performance and health and wellness.

“I think we are leading certainly within the University System of Maryland and I think nationally in several areas, such as the way the General Psychology redesign has developed our ULA program,” Bradley said. “I’d like this to continue.” ■



Leadership & Homecoming Weekend

October 18-21, 2012

Crisp autumn air, leaves in full glory, old college friends, fall sports, reunions – top this all off with a Saturday night dance party with Queen City Funk & Soul, and you have the perfect Leadership & Homecoming Weekend!!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 am - 5:30 pm, LUC
Connecting With Connections
 Student/Alumni Career Networking Event
 For more information, email alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068.

Noon, Atkinson Room, LUC
Retired Employee Luncheon
 By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5.

6:30 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Pep Rally
 Sponsored by Student Government Association

8:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Putting on the Hits
 FREE admission. Sponsored by Greek Council.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 am - Noon, Campuswide
Career Expo 2012
"When Opportunity Knocks ..."
 For more information, contact Donna Sivic in Career Services at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.

12:30 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Career Expo Luncheon
 By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5.
 No walk-ins admitted.

2:00 - 4:00 pm, Lyric Theatre
 20 E. Main St., Frostburg
Capt. James A. Graham Reception
 Light refreshments. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5.
 Co-sponsored by the Alumni Assn. & Greek Council

5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour, Induction Ceremony & Dinner
 Join us to welcome five new inductees, celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the 1972 Baseball Team.
 RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5. No walk-ins admitted.
 Cost: \$30/adult, \$15/children 12 and under

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC
Dance Concert Featuring FSU Students
 Cost: \$6/student, \$12/non-student

7:30 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Comedy Show
 Cost: FSU Students \$7, Non-Students \$12
 Sponsored by Black Student Alliance

8:00 pm, Pealer Recital Hall, PAC
All Campus Sing
 Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota
 Cost: \$3/person, \$2/if wearing recognized Greek letters



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 am, ARMAH, LUC
Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast
 Co-sponsored by Frostburg Baseball Alumni Assn.
 RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5. No walk-ins admitted.
 Cost: \$20/person, \$10/children 12 and under

9:00 am, Library Deck
Capt. James A. Graham Memorial Project Kick-Off
 Join the FSU Alumni Association as they announce a project to honor the late Capt. James A. Graham '63, Medal of Honor recipient.

9:00 am - 2:00 pm, LUC & Bobcat Stadium
Welcome Center
 Update your contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register for AWESOME FSU prizes!

10:00 am, St. John's Episcopal Church
 52 Broadway, Frostburg
Friends of Music Steering Committee Meeting & Brunch
 For more information on how to get involved, and to RSVP, contact Dr. Mark Gallagher at 301.687.4381.
 Email: mgallagher@frostburg.edu.

11:00 am, Upper Lobby, LUC
Campus Tour

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Volleyball Tri-Match
 Lady Bobcats, Salisbury University Seagulls & Carnegie Mellon Tartans. FREE admission.

11:00 am - 12:45 pm, Stadium Lot
 Continues one hour after game
Tailgating
 FREE parking on a first-come, first-served basis.
 For complete list of rules & regulations, visit our website at www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

11:00 am - 1:00 pm, South Addition, LUC
President's Leadership Circle Reunion
 By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 12.
 Email: calang@frostburg.edu, phone: 301.687.4210

11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Library Deck
Bobcat Athletic Reunion
All former FSU athletes are invited!
 RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 5. No walk-ins admitted.
 Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under
 Rainsite: Main Hallway, Cordts PE Center

Noon - 2:00 pm, Atkinson Room, LUC
The Black Student Alliance Mentoring and Networking Workshop
 Refreshments will be served. FREE admission.

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Bobcat Football vs. Buffalo State Bengals
 FREE admission

1:00 pm, Room 111, LUC
An Afternoon at the Movies
 Bring the family to enjoy a movie, popcorn and more!
 Movie to be announced. FREE admission.

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
INX Battle Lines (Part II)
 An exhibition of political pen and ink Illustrations
 FREE admission

4:00 pm, Outdoor Venue, Upper Quad
 (immediately following the Football Game)
Impromptu Alumni Step Show Presentation
 Co-sponsored by Frostburg Connections and FSU NPHC

5:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Bobcat Men's Soccer vs. Marymount University Saints
 FREE admission

5:00 pm, Maplehurst Country Club
1st Annual Children's Literature Centre Book Award Banquet
 Cash bar and complimentary appetizers.
 RSVP Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 20
 Email: clc@frostburg.edu
 Cost: \$50/person, \$75/couple

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC
Dance Concert Featuring FSU Students
 Cost: \$6/students, \$12/non-students

8:00 - 11:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Let's Dance Like It's Homecoming 2012! Featuring Queen City Funk & Soul
 Join alumni & friends and boogie to a great band!
 Cash ONLY bar and complimentary appetizers.
 \$10 cover charge. Advance tickets recommended.
 Email: alumni@frostburg.edu, call 301.687.4068, or visit www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

10:00 pm - 1:30 am, Lyric Theatre
 20 E. Main St. Frostburg
Club Connections Alumni Party
 Cash bar and complimentary appetizers.
 Sponsored by Frostburg Connections
 Cost: \$10/person, cash ONLY, pay at the door

10:00 pm - 2:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
BSA & SGA Mixer
 Cost: \$10/FSU students, \$15/non-students

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 am, Atkinson Room, LUC
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
 A motion will be made to adopt a new set of bylaws.
 To review, visit: www.frostburg.edu/alumni/BOD.

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Men's Basketball Alumni Game
 For more information, contact Coach Webb Hatch at whatch@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3093.

11:30 am, Cook Chapel
Worship Service - "God's Game Plan"
 Light lunch will follow service.

Let's Dance Like It's Homecoming 2012!
 SATURDAY • 8:00 - 11:00 PM, ARMAH, LUC

Boogie to Queen City Funk & Soul!
It's our party and we'll dance if we want to!
 Join alumni and friends for a fun, funky evening with a fabulous band! \$10 cover charge, with complimentary appetizers and cash ONLY bar. See details at left.

Noon, Bobcat Stadium
Bobcat Field Hockey vs. Salisbury University Seagulls
 FREE admission

Noon, Lower Lobby, LUC
SGA Big Event

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
INX Battle Lines (Part II)
 An exhibition of political pen and ink Illustrations
 FREE admission

To RSVP for any event listed:
 Please contact the Office of Alumni Programs, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu. To register online, go to www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

Don't forget to check out the Alumni Association website and the Alumni Association Facebook page, your main sources for information on the festivities.

LUC – Lane University Center
 ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall
 PAC – Performing Arts Center



Go Bobcats!

ClassNotes listed are those received as of May 31, 2012

1961

Leon C. Brumback M'67 was honored during the Doleman Black Heritage Museum's Celebration of Black History at the Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown, Md. Leon has been a longtime educator in the Washington Country public schools and is being honored for his service and for breaking down educational barriers.

1969

J. Ron Hennings retired after working 43 years in public education as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He will continue to teach for Northern Arizona University and Prescott College while living on the Colorado River Indian Reservation.

1970

Larry D. Kump won the 2012 West Virginia primary election for re-election to the West Virginia House of Delegates. Larry would like to hear from former classmates. Contact him at his website, www.larry-kump.us.

1974

Suzanne Regier Page celebrated her 38th year with the Maryland State Department of Education, serving as an assistant state superintendent in the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

1977

Dale Edwin Iman M'87 has been hired as the city manager for Winchester, Va. Dale most recently worked as city manager for Fayetteville, N.C.

HOW DO YOU DO, CLASS OF '62?



Members of the Class of '62 gathered at FSU on June 9 for a day of reminiscing and reviewing what has become of Frostburg State Teachers College since they graduated. Pictured are, front row, from left, **Dr. Edward Root, Harold "Pork" Vance, Ann Schwanebeck Moyer, Judy Ritchey Turley, Rev. Don Turley, Wayne Bruchey, Geoffrey Whitmore and Ann Delaney Walker**; second row, from left, **Judy Marshall McKenzie, Ann Baker Taylor, Katherine Cadle, Rita Benson Mohacsi, Christine Ditto Stenger, Elizabeth Elliott, Sally Layman Vann, Sherrie Penkusky Cameron, Penelope Caulkins Phelps, Laurel Bachetti Gombatz and Sally Kelly Stillwagon**; and back row, from left, **Robert Wiles, Dr. David Eyler, William Henaghan, John Kile, Dr. Marvin Vann, Bill Bruchey, Arthur Isom, Dr. Gerald Llewellyn and Ed Witt.** ■

1978

Stephen R. Kalaf was promoted to associate vice president, water resources consulting, at Dewberry, a professional services firm. Stephen is considered a national expert in the Coastal Barrier Resource System.

1983

Mark T. Gibson is running for the U.S. Congress as an independent from Virginia's 11th Congressional District. For more information, go to www.gibson4congress2012.com.

1986

Matthew Christopher Combs graduated with honors in computer science from the University of Illinois at Springfield with a Master of Science degree. Matthew works for Lorillard Tobacco Co. as a senior systems analyst in Greensboro, N.C.

1987

Dr. Kevin Twain Lowery received the 2012 Samuel L. Mayhugh Award for Scholarly Excellence from Olivet Nazarene University. He is a theology and philosophy professor at Olivet.

1989

Mary Hendershot Marrale has joined First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union as a manager of human resources and training.

1992

Dr. Gregory Klebanoff earned Master of Arts (1994) and Ph.D. (1998) degrees in philosophy from Northern Illinois University and University of Arkansas, respectively. Gregory taught philosophy at the University of Arkansas and briefly at FSU. In 2006, he earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas and is now a criminal defense attorney in Fayetteville, Ark. His website is www.klebanofflaw.com.

1993

Joyce Kay Lapp joined the board of directors for the Western Maryland Health System. Joyce previously served on the board of directors from 1998 until 2005. She resides in Cumberland with her husband, George.

Lecann Zlomek M'99 was honored as 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year for Allegany County by the Maryland State Board of Education. She is an algebra teacher at Mountain Ridge High School.

1999

Kathleen Louise Stanton, director of technical and regulatory affairs at the American Cleaning Institute in Washington, D.C., has been elected chair of the ASTM International Committee D12 on Soaps and Other Detergents, which oversees more than 50 standards, including materials entering into their manufacture.

2000

Sara-Beth James is now a senior research analyst in FSU's Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research. She was previously director of the Family Crisis Resource Center for two years.

2002

C.D. Linton was honored by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce with the HR Professional of the Year Award. C.D. is the human resources manager for the Essroc facility in Martinsburg, W.Va.

2003

Lisa Ann Frushour has been promoted to supervisor at Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, Pa. She has been with LSWG for nine years and serves as treasurer of the United Way of Frederick County.

2004

Stevyn Carmona has been selected for the lead role in the production of *Tecumseh!* presented by the Scioto Society in Chillicothe, Ohio. Stevyn is an eight-year veteran of the production and is the 19th Tecumseh as the production enters its 40th season. continued ►



Stevyn Carmona '04

Alumni in the Spotlight



Left, Tony Bridges '00; right, Nicole Kaufman Bridges '04



Doug Burkhardt '80

Alumni Pass Leadership Wisdom to Sloop Students

Seven outstanding alumni shared their leadership experience with FSU students at this spring's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, which had the theme of "The Five Practices of Exemplary Leaders." These alumni, who each focused on an area of leadership inspiration, made up the core of the programming for Sloop, which in previous years had used an outside facilitator.

Jason VanSickle '98, vice president of National Sales for PNC Bank Education Loans, presented "Inspire a Shared Vision"; **Doug Burkhardt '80**, principal with The Monticello Group, presented "Model the Way"; **Jessica Morgenstern '78**, senior business developer with SRA International, presented "Challenge the Process." Husband and wife alums **Tony '00** and **Nicole Kaufman Bridges '04** presented "Enable Others to Act." Tony is chief of staff for the Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and Nicole is chair of the Math Department at Windsor Mill Middle School. Finally, "Encourage the Heart" was presented by **Christa Floresca '98**, senior development officer for the Conquer Cancer Foundation as well as the president and founder of PINK JAMS!, a nonprofit organization that promotes breast cancer awareness among young adults.

The morning session led off with the traditional panel of alumni, which this year included **Sandy Day '67, Tom Creamer '82, Mary Clapsaddle '83** and **Jeff Fegan '76**.

Tracee Wilkins '97, a general assignment reporter for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., led off the weekend with her keynote address on being bold and not fearful of making mistakes or taking chances.

"Alumni presenters are truly the heart and soul of the Sloop experience, as it gives our students the opportunity to learn from the decades of experiences that our alumni possess, and it allows our alumni to see what high-quality students that Frostburg continues to recruit and nurture," said Doug Baer, director of FSU's Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning. "This Sloop Institute was simply amazing because of the many wonderful alumni presenters who really took the time to craft some very inspirational presentations for our students."

Couple Teaching English in China

Nicole Dupree '10 and **Christopher Murray '11** followed an interest in China that was nurtured at FSU all the way to the small city of Fuzhou, in Jiangxi Province, China. The couple now shares their first home together there, making their living as university English teachers.

As a freshman, Dupree took an immediate interest in the international community, and it was at FSU where she was first introduced to Chinese culture, thanks to the University's very active community of Chinese faculty and students. In addition to her Mandarin studies, she also completed extensive coursework in French, supplementing her education with two study-abroad sessions in China and Madagascar. Majoring in the International Studies program, she was active in organizations such as Amnesty International and the Chinese Culture Club and strove to promote cultural diversity on campus.

Murray entered Frostburg with varied interests, starting off as a computer science major, building on a childhood hobby. After a few semesters, however, he had a change of heart and decided on a major with the potential to take him around the world: English, with a concentration in professional writing. He was a contributor to *E=(LG)²*, the student-produced publication on sustainability and green living, as well an active Chinese Culture Club member and Mandarin student.

Last year, with dreams of seeing the world, the couple packed their bags and hopped a 14-hour flight to the People's Republic of China. There, they spend their days in the classroom, but this time on the other side of the desk. In addition to their routine classes, Dupree and Murray will occasionally host lectures or participate in English Corners. In their free time, they travel as much as possible and continue to study Mandarin. ■



Christopher Murray and Nicole Dupree met up with FSU Professor of Physics Hang Deng-Luzader in Beijing in January.

We'd like to see your name here.

If your class year ends in a 2 or a 7, 2012 is YOUR reunion year!

You can help your Alumni Association make it happen for your class as a member of a reunion planning committee. Join three or four classmates to help decide on a date and activities and to encourage others to attend.

If you're willing, please contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.



FSU Presents Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Counihan



Gene Counihan '63

Frostburg State University presented the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to former Maryland State Del. **Gene Counihan '63** at the 140th commencement ceremony on May 19.

Counihan, of Montgomery Village, Md., served three terms in the General Assembly, representing Montgomery County. Following his 30-year tenure with Montgomery County schools as a teacher and administrator and his terms in office, he served as a special assistant to Gov. Parris Glendening and then became the Maryland government relations officer for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

He has long been an active member of his Montgomery County community. He is a founding father and a board member of the Universities at Shady Grove, and he is a current member of the boards of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, "Vision 2030," Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, the Olney Theatre Center and the Foundation Board of the Montgomery County Chamber.

A founding brother of Sigma Tau Gamma at Frostburg State, he has been instrumental in keeping the men from his era connected throughout the years. He recently spearheaded the establishment of the Sigma Tau Gamma Scholarship.

In his address to his graduates, in which he urged them to give back to their alma mater, Counihan recounted a recent health challenge that had severely impeded his mobility for some months. He told them that the few steps from the stage to the podium were his first independent steps — taken without crutches or cane — since then. After a warm round of applause in response, Counihan told the graduates, "Remember, life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on FSU alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in their alma mater; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and/or educational background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

Finan Named Maryland Board of Education VP



Dr. Mary Kay Finan M'81

Dr. Mary Kay Finan M'81, professor emerita of education, was unanimously elected vice president of the Maryland State Board of Education in July.

Finan was a member of the faculty of the Department of Educational Professions from 1991 to 2010. At the time of her retirement, she was the coordinator of the Elementary and Early Childhood programs. Finan serves on the Maryland Council for Educator Effectiveness and is also a member of the Board of Examiners for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. She also served on

the Governor's Task Force for College and Career Readiness. Finan taught elementary school for 13 years in Allegany County before joining the faculty at Frostburg. She received her master's degree in reading from Frostburg and earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Maryland.

She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the FSU Foundation and, with her husband, Tom, established the Mary K. Finan Endowment for the Children's Literature Centre at FSU.

The Maryland State Board of Education is a 12-member body appointed by the governor. Members serve a maximum of two four-year terms. Finan, who is in her second four-year term on the board, was first appointed in 2007. ■

2005

Shawn Patrick Hershberger has been selected as economic development coordinator for the City of Cumberland, Md.

Leon B. Tucker is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia. He has been working in public health outreach since June 2010.

2007

Stephanie Marie Mallow was honored as the Allegany County Health Department's Employee of the Month for February 2012. Stephanie works on the co-ed adolescent cottage of the Lois E. Jackson Unit. ■

Alumni Connect as Colleagues

Paul Byrnes '50 and **Sheila Bender Miller '90/M'94** were

both a long way from their Western Maryland roots when they met in Sarasota, Fla., a couple of years ago, she the director of a supervised visitation program for court-ordered visits between children and their non-custodial parents and he a would-be volunteer supervisor for the program. It wasn't long into the process of Byrne's initial interview that they discovered their common roots and that they were both Bobcats.

Over the past two years, they have spent plenty of time reminiscing about their home and their college. Miller was a teacher and principal in Garrett County before moving to Florida. Byrnes had a career in the FBI and foreign service. His father was Michael Byrnes, the person chosen in 1947 by then-President Lillian Compton to establish and chair the committee of citizens whose lobbying efforts were vital to preventing the closure of the college. ■



Sheila Bender Miller '90/M'94 and Paul Byrnes '50



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As part of our efforts to give alums a view of how FSU graduates are doing with life after college, we invited **Lydia Valenta '12** to be a guest pinner for us with her very own board, "What's Lydia Up To?" It's all about her life after graduating from the 'Burg — what she's learning, discovering and enjoying as a new alum — professional development, recipes, fitness. Check it out at bit.ly/fsulydia.

Interested in pinning for your alma mater and helping us keep Frostburg's Pinterest account lively and chock-full of great resources? Email us at efrostburgcomm@frostburg.edu.



Lydia Valenta '12

Books by Alumni

The Compass to Caring and Sharing

Written by Nadine McDonald '05
Illustrated by Gabrielle Howell

This children's book written and illustrated by sisters McDonald and Howell features Tulla, a free-spirited soul who loves dancing and drawing, and Kits, a thinker and collector. Tulla and Kits are patch-worked, belly-buttoned, colorful little "lovelies" who are best friends learning lessons through their experiences and collecting mementos along the way. This is the first book of the series, *The Curious Collection of Tulla and Kits*. Available at www.lulu.com. ■



TEXAS HOSPITALITY



Brian '80 and **Marjorie Harrigan** hosted Bobcat alumni in their Dallas home this spring, the second such event in the Lone Star State. Pictured from left are **Pat '89** and **Molly Jones '90**, **Carol '76** and **Jeff Fegan '76**, **Richard Brett '78**, **Tom Watt '81**, **Betty Brett**, **Debbie McGowan '82**, the Harrigans, and **David '02** and **Lisa Storck**. ■

calendar of events

October 12-13, 2012

Class of 1967 – 45th Reunion
FSU Campus

October 18-21, 2012

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend
See page 24 for schedule of events.

December 19, 2012

Commencement

Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award
2:00 p.m.
Cordts PE Center

March 8-9, 2012

Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership
Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa

May 18, 2013

Commencement

Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award
9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Cordts PE Center

October 24-27, 2013

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2013

For more information, contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068. You can also visit us online at alumni.frostburg.edu or join our Facebook page to get further details. ■

McCauley Honored for Environmental Education Efforts

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Appalachian Laboratory has selected **Dr. Dana Delbene McCauley '89/M'98** to receive the 2012 Richard A. Johnson Environmental Education Award for outstanding contributions to environmental education.

As principal of Crellin Elementary School in Oakland, Md., McCauley leads and coordinates an instructional program that guides students to achieve and sustain academic success, including greater awareness of their impact on the environment.

"Dr. McCauley has set a new high water mark when it comes to engaging others about the need to conserve and protect our natural resources," said Dr. Robert Gardner, director of the Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg. "She has led the creation of unique opportunities for her students to learn about the environment, from a Community Corps of Discovery to an outdoors education laboratory."

McCauley led the community in building a history-themed school playground while also coordinating a stream restoration project. She also organized the Crellin Community Corps of Discovery, a group of school staff, students, community members and representatives of local agencies and organizations that seeks to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities.

Its efforts have resulted in the creation of the Crellin Environmental Education Laboratory, a five-and-a-half-acre outdoor classroom. For this effort, the Environmental Protection Agency awarded the school the President's Environmental Youth Award in 2006. In addition, the Maryland Association of Environmental Outdoor Education named Crellin Elementary a Maryland Green School in 2005 and 2009.

In 2009, McCauley was named a National Distinguished Principal. The Richard A. Johnson Environmental Education Award provides \$1,500 to support further environmental education activities. The FSU Foundation is among this year's sponsors of the award.

Llewellyn Named Distinguished Principal

Gary R. Llewellyn '72/M'79 was named Maryland's 2012 National Distinguished Principal in April. He has been principal of Mt. Savage Elementary School in Mt. Savage, Md., since 1999.

Llewellyn's students and staff surprised him with an assembly and the announcement of the award on April 16. He was nominated by **Sharon Morgan '79/M'85**, a fellow Allegany County principal.

"Gary Llewellyn is an advocate for all children. Each decision is based upon what is best for children," Morgan said. "He is a consummate professional and I am so proud to have worked with him as a teacher and an administrator."

Mt. Savage Elementary has been recognized for demonstrating dramatic improvement in the Maryland School Assessments over the past three years in a school with at least 40 percent of its students being economically disadvantaged.

The National Distinguished Principals Program, sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, recognizes excellence in elementary and middle school leaders who have set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character and climate for the students, families and staffs of their schools. ■



Dr. Dana Delbene McCauley '89/M'98

milestones

Marriages

1982

Bill and **Kathy Hardy Marinelli '82** tied the knot two weeks after graduation. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 28, 2012.

2008

Amanda Michelle Baldwin and **Matt Kremnitzer '08** were married on Oct. 21, 2011. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

2010

Sara Nicole DeVore married Zachary Thomas Drysdale on May 21, 2011. Sara is the leader of the Family Readiness Group. The couple resides in Killeen, Texas.

Births

1998

Susan Stafford Risinger and her husband, Gerald, announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Marie, on Oct. 25, 2011. Susan is employed at Smith & Downey.

2000

Jeremy Adam McCumber and his wife, Keri, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Grier, on Dec. 29, 2011. Andrew joins older sister, Audrey.

2002

Catina Marie Femi and her fiancé, Jeff Bowling, announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Carolyn Bowling, on April 20, 2012. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

2003

Jonathan S. Wickert M'06 and his wife, Sinead, welcomed Sean Alan on April 16, 2012.

2004

Helene Duncan Bernard M'08 and her husband welcomed twins, Myla and Eva. Helene is an elementary school teacher.

2005

Tiffany Myers Franc and her husband, **Kevin '05**, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Paige, on Jan. 12, 2012. She joins older sister, Raeanne.

2006

Jamie Sue McGreevy welcomed her first child, Fiona Ty Youngblood, on April 26, 2012. Jamie received her Master of Fine Arts degree in choreography from Jacksonville University on May 5, 2012.

2007

Ann O. Long Keys and **Daryl Keys '06** welcomed their first child, Olivia Riley Keys, born May 26, 2011.

Retirements

(April to August 2012)

Kathleen Elder, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, joined FSU in 1991.

Dr. Mary Gartner, associate provost, joined FSU in 1989.

Marilyn Jewell, supervisor in ID Services, joined FSU in 1999.

Elizabeth Keller, librarian, Ort Library, joined FSU in 2007.

Ron Ross, associate professor in the Department of Accounting, joined FSU in 1982.

Mike Rubeck, electrical trades chief, joined FSU in 1993.

Dr. Fred Surgent, professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education, joined FSU in 1967.

Bert Thiel, associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, joined FSU in 1970.

Dr. Steve Wilkinson, professor of Marketing and Finance, joined FSU in 1987. ■

in memoriam

Alumni

- 1928 Marjorie J. Smith**
March 29, 2012
- 1929 Helen Folk Wenrich**
Nov. 4, 2011
- 1932 Alice Rosalee Howard**
Feb. 6, 2012
- 1935 Florence Castle Hartle**
Feb. 29, 2012
- 1936 Frances Duckworth Goetten**
March 15, 2012
- 1938 Marion Irene Bowser**
March 14, 2012
- 1942 Edith Lorraine Skidmore Sullivan**
Feb. 27, 2012
- 1946 Helen Cooke Billingslea**
May 13, 2012
- Helen Timney Miller**
March 13, 2010
- 1947 Rev. William J. Moody**
Jan. 16, 2012
- 1950 William Herman Kroll**
April 27, 2012
- Anna Drucilla Schriener M'65**
Jan. 14, 2012



Friends Remember Stephanie Roper

The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center was founded 30 years ago in response to the murder of Frostburg senior Stephanie Ann Roper near her Prince George's County hometown and to her family's subsequent odyssey through the criminal justice system. Stephanie's parents, Roberta and Vincent Roper, founded the nonprofit organization, originally called the Stephanie Roper Committee & Foundation, to spare other crime victims and their families a second victimization at the hands of the system. In memory of Stephanie and in commemoration of the center's anniversary, a selection of Stephanie's artwork was exhibited at University of Maryland, University College in April. From left are **Renee Warnick Mason '91**, a recipient of the Roper Scholarship, and Stephanie's classmates, **Kelly Moran '82** and **Jessica McCormick '83**, in front of Stephanie's self-portrait. ■

- 1954 John E. Kesner, Jr.**
March 19, 2012
- Patricia A. Halloran Wilson**
March 2, 2012
- 1955 Dolores Jean Ross**
Jan. 31, 2012
- 1956 Michael A. Smith**
Jan. 19, 2012
- 1965 James E. Antal, Sr.**
March 5, 2012
- 1968 Mary M. Logsdon Abendshein**
March 9, 2012
- Dorothy J. Crawford**
July 26, 2011
- 1969 Harry Anderson Fuller, Jr.**
Feb. 10, 2012
- Jane Babb Stallings-Delaney**
Feb. 3, 2012
- 1974 Esther Louise Bender**
Nov. 10, 2011
- James Daniel Neilson**
March 17, 2012
- 1977 Diane Smith Kownacki**
April 15, 2012

- Bernard Lee Loar M'97**
May 14, 2012
- 1978 Stephanie A. Johnson-Cox**
July 19, 2011
- 1979 Lawrence Lee Logan**
Feb. 16, 2012
- 1981 Kenneth J. Breen**
Dec. 19, 2011
- 1984 David R. Kamauf**
Feb. 11, 2012
- 1987 David Earl Athey**
March 18, 2012
- Lucille R. Heavner Schell**
April 26, 2012
- 1989 James Edward Brenneman**
Sept. 20, 2011
- 1991 Kimberly Ann Dickinson Jarvis**
Sept. 20, 2010
- 2001 Diane Elizabeth Petty Gittings**
March 8, 2012
- 2007 Karl Erich Friedl**
March 12, 2010
- 2010 Steven Alan Schrader, Jr.**
Feb. 27, 2012

Friends of the University

- Michael Alston**
July 9, 2011
- Mary Virginia Amos**
March 28, 2012
- Terri Lynn Brumage**
March 9, 2012
- Roy Buckheit**
May 29, 2012
- Dennis M. Callahan**
Feb. 8, 2012
- Joseph James Feeley III**
Feb. 27, 2012
- Dr. Thomas E. Florestano**
March 31, 2012
- Walter G. Graham**
May 11, 2012
- Brian Ward Hudson**
March 31, 2012
- Judith Jane Hutcheson**
Feb. 16, 2012
- Virginia N. Judy**
Nov. 7, 2011
- John Robert Kellam**
May 2, 2010
- Dr. Rocco C. Musso**
Jan. 19, 2012
- Dr. Jeanne Addison Roberts**
April 3, 2012
- Mary A. Salles Tamburrino**
May 27, 2012
- Michael Joseph Thomas**
April 29, 2012
- Ronald Owen Winters**
Jan. 23, 2012
- Wilton Jenkins Young**
April 18, 2010 ■



Dr. Michael A. Machado, professor emeritus of philosophy, who died April 15, 2012, was instrumental in establishing the FSU philosophy major. His role as a faculty member from 1970 to 1993 was his second vocation; from 1945 to 1967, he was a Catholic priest, first in his native India, and later in Pittsburgh, where he also earned his graduate degrees at Duquesne University, with a specialty in existential philosophy. His colleague, Dr. Angelo Bucchino, remembered Machado, who served for many years as department chair, as an "intelligent gentleman" and a man of integrity. "He had a wonderful rapport with students: challenging them to stretch their minds in the pursuit of knowledge, never belittling them for their views or personhood and earning their admiration and affection by his character and intellect," he said. Machado is survived by his wife, Maria; two sons, Michael and Timothy; and a daughter, Christine.

FSU Alum Coaches Maryland Club to National Rugby Title

By David Driver

Chuck Moore '94 may just owe his opportunity to coach his rugby team to a national title to his time riding the bench during his freshman year on the Bobcat football team.

Moore played football at Mount Hebron High in Howard County, Md., and joined the team at FSU as a freshman in 1990. As a lineman, he didn't see any action in games for the Bobcats, so he left the football team in the middle of the season and joined up with the campus rugby club.

"My dad played in college at North Carolina Wesleyan. He suggested that I try rugby, and I gave it a shot. I fell in love with it," Moore said.

Moore played rugby throughout his time at FSU and continued after graduating with a degree in political science and criminal justice. After college he joined the Rocky Gorge Rugby Club, which plays its home matches in Columbia, Md., and practices in nearby Laurel.

He stopped playing at a high level in 2007 but this past June 3 he was the head coach as Rocky Gorge beat a team from Wisconsin, 37-26, for the national title at Infinity Park in Glendale, Colo.

"It was my first national title at the men's club level. It was an amazing experience," said Moore, who lives in the Federal Hill area of Baltimore with his wife, where he owns RNR Wealth Management Solutions.

"We were down 14-0 some 30 minutes in the game. We came roaring back." A run late in the game gave the Maryland team a 31-23 lead. "After that, we knew we had taken a lot out of them (Wisconsin) when we saw them walking back to their zone after the score," Moore told www.rugbymag.com after the game.

As a head coach in rugby, Moore said that when the game starts, he does not have the same role as a football coach, who has to call every play. Instead, he said, it is preparation that is important in rugby.

"Getting the players mentally ready in a short amount of time" is a key, said Moore, who added the altitude near Denver made preparing for the national event a challenge.

Other FSU grads played on the championship team, **Bill Bush '98** and **John Long '03**.

"We have a lot of guys who can make an impact," said Bush, who also played club rugby at FSU. As for Moore, "he does a great



Chuck Moore



Chuck Moore '94, Bill Bush '98 and John Long '03

Photos courtesy of Ryan Lappen

job of getting players into the game," Bush said.

Professions of the players include a physical therapist, police officers, fire fighters and those in finance. Twenty-eight players made the trip to Colorado.

The team raised about \$50,000 in three weeks to assist in costs for the post-season run, which included airfare to Colorado. The team won local and regional events to qualify for the national contest.

Moore played club rugby at FSU for four years. "In 1992 our team started getting really good and in 1993 we were excellent," he said. FSU's rugby club continues and is the most active club sport on campus.

So what about rugby appealed to Moore? "In football I was a lineman, a defensive lineman. In rugby you have to do everything. Everyone gets the glory. In football it is the quarterback, running back and wide receiver" who get noticed, he said.

And winning a national title doesn't hurt either. 🐾



Carpenter '98



Cooper '01



Taye '01



Terrell '87



Yarnall '98

Five to Join Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame

Five new members will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame class at the annual dinner and ceremony on Oct. 19 as part of the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend festivities, bringing the Hall to 175 members.

The Bobcat track & field program leads the class of 2012 with four inductees and now has 46 former athletes in the Hall of Fame. This year's track & field inductees combined to earn 28 All-American honors and five national championships during their careers.

The fifth member of the class represents the Bobcat football program and is the 39th member from that sport.

Karen Carpenter '98 was a three-time All-American for the cross country and track & field programs. She holds FSU outdoor records in the 5,000- (17:33.86) and 10,000-meter runs (36:39.28), is a two-time conference champion in cross country, nine-time Mason-Dixon Conference Champion (track & field) and 19-time All-Mason-Dixon Conference selection (track & field).

As a senior, Carpenter earned All-American honors in cross country after finishing fourth at the national championships. She was also cross country champion of the NCAA South/Southeast Region, Mason-Dixon Conference and Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championships and was the Mason-Dixon champion in both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs. She was voted FSU's Most Outstanding Female Senior Athlete and Track & Field Most Valuable Athlete.

Greg Cooper '01 was a two-time All-Atlantic Central Football Conference (ACFC) selection, 1999 ACFC Co-Player of the Year and holds numerous school records in Bobcat football. Cooper helped the Bobcats to 30 wins, two appearances in Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Bowl Games and an ACFC Championship.

Cooper holds receiving records in receptions (181), yards (2,680) and touchdowns (23) in a

career, touchdowns in a single season (10) and receptions in a single game (16).

Michael Taye '01 was a three-time NCAA national champion and 11-time All-American for the Bobcat cross country and track & field programs. He is one of Frostburg's most highly decorated student-athletes: He is one of just five All-Americans for the men's cross country program, one of just three indoor national champions and one of just three athletes to collect 10 or more All-American honors for the men's track & field program.

As a senior, Taye won a national championship in the 5,000-meter run during the outdoor season. He received All-American honors in the 5,000 during both the indoor and outdoor seasons and in the 10,000-meter run at the outdoor championships.

Angie Terrell '87 was a two-time national champion, nine-time All-American and was a crucial part of some of the top relay teams in the history of the women's track & field program. She earned at least two All-American honors in each of her four years, including three as a senior in 1987. She is tied for second

all-time in the history of the women's program with her nine All-American honors.

Terrell is a member of five school-record relay teams; she and her teammates hold school marks in the 4x400 (indoor), 4x100 (outdoor), 4x200 (outdoor), 4x400 (outdoor) and the sprint medley relay (outdoor). Terrell won a pair of national titles in the 4x100-meter relays, in indoor and outdoor.

Jennifer Yarnall '98 was a five-time All-American hurdler for the Bobcat women's track & field program. Yarnall earned All-American honors in each of her four years, including a pair of awards as a senior in 1998. She was a 17-time All-Mason-Dixon Conference selection and was a two-time conference champion.

As a senior in 1998, Yarnall earned both indoor and outdoor All-American honors after finishing fifth in the 55-meter hurdles (indoor) and third in the 100-meter hurdles (outdoor) at the NCAA Championships.

To register to attend the Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, email alumni@frostburg.edu, visit alumni.frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068 by Oct. 5. 🐾

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TITLE IX

In the 40 years since Title IX was enacted to prohibit discrimination based on gender at educational institutions receiving federal money, the United States — including Frostburg State University — has seen a sea change in women's sports. The 1972 *Nemacolin* lists three women's sports, basketball, field hockey and lacrosse. Today, FSU women can compete in 10 NCAA varsity programs, adding cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field and volleyball to the mix, and Bobcat women's teams have boasted numerous All-Americans, conference champions and even some national NCAA champions.

This important anniversary will be recognized during the Leadership & Homecoming Weekend Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, Oct. 19. In addition, the FSU Foundation has established the **Lady Bobcats Title IX Fund** to raise \$40,000 for renovations to women's locker room facilities. To support the fund, call 301.687.4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift.



NAIA WORLD SERIES 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



It was 40 years ago when Frostburg State's Bobcat baseball team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district title, then the area championship and advanced to the NAIA World Series. This stellar team came in fifth against teams from across the nation and ended the season with a 31-11 record overall. The 1972 team will be honored as part of the Bobcat Hall of Fame Celebration on Friday, Oct. 19.



Winter Women's Basketball

Record: 5-20, 3-13 Capital Athletic Conference

Highlight: Two players finished in the top 12 in scoring in the CAC.

Recap: The women's basketball team won three games during the early part of the season before finishing 2011-12 with a total of five victories, including three in CAC action. The Bobcats, who finished eighth in the CAC, had two players average over 10 points per game, and both finished in the top 12 in the conference in scoring. Sophomore Elaina Hummel led the team and was 10th in the CAC in scoring (12.0 points per game), while junior Steph Straka was 12th in the conference and second for FSU at 10.6 points per game.

Next Season: The backcourt tandem of Hummel and Straka started a combined 49 games and should power the Bobcats during the 2012-13 season.

Men's Basketball

Record: 13-13, 10-6 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats finished in a three-way tie for third in the CAC regular-season standings.

Recap: The FSU men's basketball team had an exciting season in 2011-12 and capped the year with the fifth seed in the CAC Tournament. The Bobcats posted last-second wins over league-leader Mary Washington and rival Salisbury and led the CAC in scoring (72.4). Seniors Maurice Williams and Troy Dockett garnered All-CAC honors following the season. Williams earned first-team honors after finishing second in the league in scoring (16.7), while Dockett was a

second-team honoree after leading the team and finishing second nationally in three-point field-goal percentage (50.0). Dockett led both the Bobcats and CAC with 68 three-pointers.

Next Season: The Bobcats will have the challenge of replacing five seniors and four starters from the 2011-12 team.

Men's Swimming

Record: 3-9, 0-6 CAC

Highlight: The Bobcats posted wins over Gallaudet, Davis & Elkins and Bethany.

Recap: Junior Caleb Stair led the way with eight wins on the season for the Frostburg State men's team. The Bobcats posted three non-conference wins and finished seventh at the CAC Championships. Sophomore Jesse Gregory was second on the roster with six wins.

Next Season: The Bobcats return a solid core of swimmers without the loss of a senior from the 2011-12 roster.

Women's Swimming

Record: 3-10, 0-6 CAC

Highlight: FSU earned wins over Pitt-Bradford, Davis & Elkins and Gallaudet.

Recap: Freshman Hannah Edler burst on the scene for the Bobcats and was one of the CAC's top swimmers. She finished the season with 17 wins, was third at the CAC Championships in both the 50- (24.1) and 100-yard freestyles (54.82) and capped the season at the ECAC Championships by competing against primarily NCAA Division I competition. Edler also set school records in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyles. Senior Erica Minor and junior Jessica Rice finished second on the team with three wins each.

Next Season: With Minor being the team's only senior, the Bobcats have a young and



talented roster to build upon for a CAC title run in 2012-13.

Men's Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: The team finishes as runner-up at the inaugural CAC Indoor Championships; five compete at the ECAC Championships.

Recap: Six Bobcats earned All-CAC honors and head coach Dale Luy was named the Coach of the Year after guiding the team to a runner-up showing at the inaugural CAC Indoor Championships in February. Senior Wes Jacobs and junior Chauncey Manson combined for four first-team all-conference honors. To cap the indoor season, the duo led a group of five Bobcats at the ECAC Indoor Championships. Jacobs finished seventh in the 400-meter dash at the ECACs as he improved his own school record to 49.44.

Next Season: The Bobcats will have to replace several seniors, but a roster loaded with young talent will be ready to contend for a CAC Indoor Title.

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: Sophomore Samantha Taylor won the CAC pole vault title and tied a school record in the process.

▲ I to r, Troy Dockett, Hannah Edler, Malory Brunett
◀ Dan Dowd

Recap: Sophomore Samantha Taylor captured first place and tied a school record (10 ft., 6 in.) in the pole vault at the inaugural CAC Indoor Championships in February. Taylor also represented FSU at the ECAC Championships, taking 24th in the pole vault. As a team, the Bobcats captured fourth at the CAC Championships behind five top-five finishes.

Next Season: Taylor and a host of other young student-athletes will help FSU improve on its finish at the CAC Championships.

Spring Baseball

Record: 22-20, 10-8 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats advanced to the CAC Tournament and won 20 games for the 12th-consecutive season.

Recap: The FSU baseball team advanced to the CAC Tournament for the second straight season and finished in third place in the regular-season standings. The Bobcats upset top-seed and nationally ranked Salisbury in the second round of the league tournament. A trio of Bobcat seniors earned All-CAC honors as Zach O'Dell was named to the first team, while Torian Cyrus and John Barrett were placed on the second team.

Next Season: Despite graduating nine seniors, the Bobcats have the talent and depth to make another run at the CAC Title and NCAA Tournament.

Softball

Record: 23-18, 8-4 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats advanced to the CAC Championship game for the second straight season.

Recap: For the second consecutive year, Frostburg caught fire down the stretch and used that momentum to advance to the CAC Championship game. The Bobcats posted wins over York, Stevenson and Mary Washington to earn a spot in the championship game against top seed and nationally ranked Salisbury. Juniors Taylor Vandegrift and Shari Beavers, sophomore Caitlin Lovend and freshman Amanda Hennessee were selected All-CAC. Lovend also garnered NFCA First Team All-Region honors and became the program's first Capital One Academic All-American (see related story).

Next Season: The Bobcats return all but one starter next season as they try for a CAC title and NCAA tournament berth.

status was plagued by injuries, but the team battled throughout the season. The Bobcats posted wins over Shenandoah (14-6) and Washington & Jefferson (8-6) and suffered several close losses to Wesley, Hood (OT), Greensboro (OT), Neumann and Goucher. Senior Dan Dowd finished second on the team in scoring (26 pts.) in 2012, but he ascended to fourth all-time in scoring (77 pts.) despite playing for just two years for the Bobcats.

Next Season: With a roster comprised of mainly underclassman, Frostburg should continue to improve its standing in the CAC.

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Bobcats take fourth at the CAC Championships; eight compete at the ECAC Championships.

Recap: Behind four All-CAC performers, Frostburg grabbed fourth place at the CAC Championships in early May, hosted at Bobcat Stadium. Senior Patrick Pinchinat darted his way to the league title in the 100-meter dash (10.93). A total of eight athletes competed for FSU at the ECAC Championships, while freshman Chris Rickell led the way with a 10th place finish in the high jump.

Next Season: The Bobcats have a young, talented team and with the return of three All-CAC honorees, they should improve on their finish at the CAC Outdoor Championships.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Sophomores Morgan Carroll and Samantha Taylor earn CAC Titles.

Recap: FSU earned fourth place at the CAC Outdoor Championships, thanks in large part to wins from sophomores Morgan Carroll and

◀ Shari Beavers

Samantha Taylor. Carroll earned a league title in the 400-meter dash (58.69), while Taylor won the pole vault at 3.20 meters. Taylor's win gives her both the indoor and outdoor pole vault trophies, while the duo earned First Team All-CAC honors for their victories.

Next Season: Carroll and Taylor lead the group of returning women in the outdoor season as the Bobcats look for the next step and compete at the NCAA Championships.

Men's Tennis

Record: 11-9, 3-4 CAC

Highlight: The Bobcats earned fifth seed in the CAC Tournament for the second straight year.

Recap: The Bobcats opened the fall portion of their schedule with a tournament trophy at the Thiel Invitational in early October. In the spring season, the Bobcats captured several key league victories en route to their second straight fifth seed in the CAC Tournament. Senior Ramon Gutierrez led the team with 13 singles wins, while classmate Mike Stevenson posted 12 singles wins and 14 doubles victories.

Next Season: The Bobcats lost five seniors and will have to quickly reload if they want to earn a third straight trip to the CAC Tournament.

Women's Tennis

Record: 6-10, 3-4 CAC

Highlight: The team defeated York in the CAC Tournament's first round.

Recap: For the second straight season, the Bobcats traveled to York (Pa.) College for the opening round of the CAC Tournament. This year, however, was a different story as the Bobcats turned late season momentum into an opening round win (6-3) over the Spartans. Frostburg eventually lost to nationally ranked and top-seed Mary Washington in the semifinals.

Next Season: With the loss of just two seniors and the return of several key players, the Bobcats will look for a third consecutive trip to the CAC Tournament.

— Noah Becker M'06

Lovend, Edwards Named to Academic All-America Teams

Junior field hockey goalkeeper **Maggie Edwards** and softball sophomore **Caitlin Lovend** have been honored for their combined achievements on the field and in the classroom. Lovend was selected for the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America Division III Softball Third Team, while Edwards was selected for the same honor on the Women's At-Large Third Team.

Edwards has emerged as one of the nation's elite goalkeepers. She led the country and the Capital Athletic Conference with 294 saves in 2011 and she finished second among all NCAA D-III keepers in saves per game (14.60). A

2011 Second Team All-CAC honoree, Edwards made 20 or more saves in five games last fall, including a school record 33 against Drew University.

Edwards finished in the top 10 in the country in saves in 2010 and is the career saves leader among active D-III players.

She boasts a 4.0 GPA in psychology. Edwards was named to the 2011 CAC All-Academic team and the 2011 Gladiator by SGI/National Field Hockey Coaches Association collegiate national academic squad.

Lovend had a standout season for the Bobcats and was ranked nationally in many offensive categories. A 2012 All-CAC First Team selection, she led the league in batting average (.496), RBIs (49), home runs (13), total bases (109), on-base percentage (.573) and slugging percentage (.886).

She was the 2011 CAC Rookie of the Year and First Team All-CAC

honoree. Nationally, she is sixth in the NCAA D-III in home runs, fifth in on-base percentage, seventh in slugging and ninth in home runs per game (0.32) and batting average. She is FSU's all-time leader in career batting average (.453) and slugging percentage (.804).

She carries a 3.82 GPA in athletic training, is a member of FSU's honors program and the athletic training club.

Only five other Bobcats have been recognized with the Academic All-America honor, a program of the College Sports Information Directors of America. 🐾



Edwards



Lovend

the last ~~word~~ hug



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Wednesday, Oct. 24 • 7:30 PM

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Thursday, Feb. 28 • 7:30 PM

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Thanks to a Foundation Opportunity Grant, FSU chemistry students Sarah Russell '12, Ryley McBride (*left*) and Emmett Kitchen, led by Dr. Benjamin Norris '04, have studied ways to create new solvents, necessary components of chemical processes, out of renewable and biodegradable plant materials instead of fossil fuels.

All three students had the opportunity to formally present their research to their peers on campus. The grant also supported the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Sarah (*right*) to describe their efforts at the American Chemical Society's national meeting in San Diego.



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