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## Oh! The Places You'll Go!

The Journey of a Lifetime Starts with FSU



# President's Message

## Dear Frostburg State University Alumni & Friends:

I want to personally welcome all of you to our spring edition of *Profile*. In this issue, we are highlighting the active engagement of our students in their education, in particular outside the classroom. And as our students interact with the world as students, you will also see our alumni continue that inclination forward toward destinations they may never have imagined.

It starts with our students being engaged by their faculty members, who encourage meaningful connections to the curriculum. This enthusiasm and interest might expand to off-campus opportunities, such as an internship in the U.S. Senate or Congress through the Beall Institute, an Engineering or Business co-op through CSX Transportation, or teacher candidates starting their careers in practicums with schools across Maryland.

It might also include doing research in local forests or studying the possible use of renewable sources of energy. It may be working with community service groups, where our students have been known to raise thousands of dollars and provide thousands of hours of service.

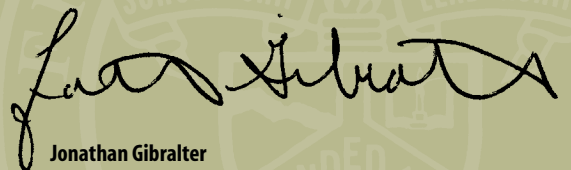
As your University continues to evolve, these opportunities for engagement outside the classroom are expanding, particularly in the area of international education. In October, I had the opportunity to travel to Limerick, Ireland, to visit Mary Immaculate College, where Frostburg State University students have been studying for years. I also visited Northumbria University in Newcastle, England, and Copenhagen Day and Evening College in Denmark. Officials from Northumbria and Copenhagen are visiting

FSU this spring to explore expanding our partnerships. These international collaborations deeply enhance our students' view of the world and their experience of the United States' position in the global economy.

As you read this issue of *Profile* you will be introduced to students and alumni who have "gone places" literally and figuratively — from a NASA astronaut who is scheduled to fly within the year to students on "road trips" and overseas — and other students and alumni who went further in one way or another than those around them. And you will see how their journeys all started with the decision to go to Frostburg.

As prospective students consider their choice for their collegiate experience, we want them to tell their peers proudly, "I am going to Frostburg State University - Where are *you* going?" All of you have been here and understand the enormous pride that comes with having graduated from FSU. I hope this helps you reflect on the journey that you began here at Frostburg.

Sincerely,



**Jonathan Gibraltar**  
President, Frostburg State University



Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

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What a Year We've Had

....we hosted Maryland's legislators in Annapolis, we went on the road to Tampa, we mentored FSU students at the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership and the Student Leadership Retreat, we partnered with community members around the state to construct Glories Happy Hats for seriously ill children, we celebrated with our 40-year and 50-year graduates, we shared an evening with fellow alumni at the Savage River Lodge, we welcomed our alumni at Homecoming 2007 and we celebrated our success during a dinner/theatre event and at the Chancellor's home.

As the FSU Alumni Association continues to grow, we strive to engage and reconnect with our alumni base. In order for us to be successful in this venture, it is important for you to understand what the Alumni Association is and who we are.

**Who Are We?** The FSU Alumni Association is a non-dues-based organization comprised of all graduates and former students (those who have successfully completed a minimum of one semester) of Frostburg State University, Frostburg State College, Frostburg State Teachers College and State Normal School #2 at Frostburg.

**What is the purpose of the FSU Alumni Association?** The purpose of the Association shall be to unite graduates, former students and friends of Frostburg for mutual benefit and to promote the welfare and advance the interests of Frostburg State University.

As you can see, we are a very large, diverse group of individuals who have one thing in common – our dedication and love for our University in Western Maryland. The alumni of Frostburg State University are compassionate, hard-working and competitive. Every day my mailbox is filled with news articles portraying yet another success story from one of my fellow Bobcats. We have a strong tradition of excellence at FSU, and I am proud to serve you.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact me at [slgribble@frostburg.edu](mailto:slgribble@frostburg.edu) or 301.687.4068.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Very truly yours,  
Shannon Gribble '98  
Director of Alumni Programs



Shannon Gribble '98

Where Are You Going? FROSTBURG!

"Where are you going?" For many students, that answer should be "Frostburg!"

Today's high school students – and tomorrow's Frostburg students – are vastly different from those of even 10 years ago. In many ways, Frostburg has adapted to those changes well with new programs and activities; in others, however, we have missed opportunities to tell our distinctive story. As students changed, the look and language of our recruitment materials and our outreach efforts to prospective students didn't change with them. While we continued to attract many wonderful students to Frostburg, a considerable number of others were going elsewhere. We were not reaching the right students with the right message in the right place at the right time.

In the fall of 2006, FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar formed a Marketing and Branding Task Force. Among the committee's tasks were to review University recruitment publications, gather data on current and potential students, examine how Frostburg is perceived in our selected markets and learn "a common institutional branding language." All this would lead to the development of a comprehensive communications plan that would be integrated into the University's strategic plan.

Among the discussions was how better to create and use messages that students want to receive so they can make Frostburg their college choice. Too often, colleges and universities focus on themselves, as if the number of campus buildings is important to a high school junior or senior. Frostburg's messages must focus on the student and challenge the student to imagine himself or herself on our campus.



Tim Kershner

This past semester, the first elements of an updated Frostburg State University identity began appearing in college fair and education guides. These publications begin a process of coordinating messages focused on student needs and interests, and how a Frostburg education and the overall Frostburg experience can help a student achieve his or her life's goals. This spring, those themes will be carried through with a new search piece and viewbook.

So what makes Frostburg State University distinctive? Our initial themes will focus on three broad areas: the process of **engagement**, whereby professors (through research, internships, co-ops) help students complement their classroom theory with activities that bring the theories to life; the **integration** of the Western Maryland geography and economy into unique programs (such as parks and recreation and ethnobotany) and activities (economic development and entrepreneurship programs); and the process of **discovery**, through which students challenge themselves to grow through leadership opportunities, group activities and other experiences.

It is important to note that these areas of engagement, integration and discovery are not new; they have been essential elements of the Frostburg experience since our founding more than a century ago. Our alumni have been sharing these stories for years as they travel throughout the region, nation and world. What IS new is that we are long past due for celebrating these distinctive elements of Frostburg State University in our messages to potential students, those future alums who will continue these stories for decades to come.

Timothy L. Kershner  
Vice President, Communications  
& Media Relations

Where are YOU going?  
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FSU Celebrates Largest-ever Freshman Class

With the largest freshman class in Frostburg State University history, a 32 percent increase in transfer students, and positive spring enrollment numbers, FSU officials are celebrating their continued success in reversing a recent downward trend in enrollment.

For fall, FSU welcomed 1,074 new freshmen, 51 students more than last year's class of 1,023 and 132 more than the 942 freshmen the year before. The previous high-water mark was reached in fall 2000 with 1,056 students. The number of transfer students increased dramatically, to 356, up 269 last year.

In the spring of 2008, FSU saw a 2.7 percent increase in the number of undergraduate students and a 1.8 increase in students overall from the same time in 2007. Total enrollment for spring stands at 4,667, up from 4,585 this time last year. The number of undergraduates was up by 107 students, to 4,038 from last year's 3,931.

"I am very proud of the efforts of the faculty and staff of Frostburg who have worked collaboratively to make increasing our enrollment a priority," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar.

Among the efforts undertaken to address the University's enrollment challenges, which 18 months ago included the smallest headcount of students in 17 years, were the creation of an Enrollment Management Committee to look at all aspects of recruitment and enrollment of new students and retention of current students. As a result, FSU has revamped some procedures in the Admissions Office, has made a concerted effort to solidify relationships with community colleges in Maryland and neighboring states, and has worked to ease those students' transition to Frostburg. FSU has also raised its regional profile and developed a student-centered enrollment marketing plan through the work of the new Division of Communications and Media Relations.

"It has truly been a team effort, spearheaded by the Enrollment Management Committee and by the Admissions staff, who spend much time with prospective students and their families," said Wray Blair, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. "And the Admissions staff will continue to emphasize the personal contact with students and their families that has become our hallmark."



College of Education Reaffirmed by NCATE

Frostburg's College of Education and its professional education unit has received continued accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The national accreditation, in which FSU met all standards, will be in force for the next seven years. The Maryland State Department of Education requires NCATE accreditation for an institution to be able to prepare teacher candidates for certification; MDSE has also granted continuing approval, according to Dr. Ken Witmer, Dean of the College of Education.

"NCATE accreditation is one of the most difficult and demanding accreditation processes in education today," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. "The faculty and staff at Frostburg State University did an outstanding job in developing their self-study document as well as conducting an enormously successful site visit. This accreditation speaks to the outstanding quality of the Frostburg State University College of Education and the quality of those faculty and staff."

"I've always known that we have a very good program and that we produce excellent teachers. It's nice to have a National Association affirm that," Witmer said. "Not only does NCATE accreditation strengthen our graduates' credentials, but, more importantly, it assures they have been prepared in a manner that will allow them to have a positive impact on the students they teach."

Five years ago, when FSU was accredited by NCATE for the first time since the 1980s, it was one of the first institutions nationally to achieve the then-new performance-based standards that have dramatically changed the way teacher education is evaluated.

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— FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar

As part of the NCATE process, FSU's various teacher certification programs had to achieve recognition from professional content associations, such as math and health education, as well as early childhood and elementary education. All of the programs whose final reviews have been completed have once again received that recognition.

FSU Working with School Systems on Alternative Teacher Preparation

A new partnership between FSU and two Maryland public school systems is working to help those systems fill teaching positions in critical shortage areas with qualified career changers and recent college graduates.

The **Secondary Education Alternative Preparation Program** allows prospective teachers to complete a paid, yearlong residency on the way to certification in the Frederick and Washington County public school systems.

Alternative Preparation candidates will work closely with an experienced teacher during a pre-residency internship and during the residency. They will also be required to take courses during pre-residency training offered by FSU at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.

This opportunity is open only to those planning to teach secondary school in critical shortage areas in the state of Maryland: math, physics, chemistry, earth science, English and foreign languages.

Successfully completing the alternative certification program will allow candidates to earn a Standard Professional Certificate. With some added coursework and the credit hours in the Alternative Preparation program, candidates can complete a master's degree. Candidates apply through the respective school systems.



Aspiring Artists Take a Closer Look at Society’s Problems in ‘We’ve Got Issues’

by Becca Ramspott  
Ask FSU freshman Francesca Pehr to tell you about the unique power of expression that visual art offers, and you’ll get a thoughtful and mature answer.

“Artwork can use words to express an idea, but unlike writing, you also have the benefit of line, color, shape, light, value, perspective, unity and other elements and principles that let you communicate ideas and feelings that words cannot always grasp,” she says.

Pehr had the opportunity to articulate her feelings about art and explore her potential as a professional artist while participating in FSU’s Fall 2007 **Art and Design Learning Community**, one of many such communities at FSU that group like-minded students together to brave introductory courses in their shared areas of academic interest. As a part of the Art and Design Learning Community, participants took field trips to area cultural landmarks like Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater in Pennsylvania and renowned art museums in Washington, D.C. They also created individual projects, wrote artist statements and organized publicity and marketing for their very own art show, “We’ve Got Issues” — on display in the Lane University Center in November. The show drew hundreds to its opening reception.

“By giving students the ‘real-life’ experience of planning an exhibit and creating the artwork, they can experience firsthand the life of a working artist and then decide for themselves based on their own reactions, and not on the opinions of others, whether they want to make the commitment to art and to the Bachelor of Fine Arts

degree,” says FSU instructor Trish Limbaugh, a key coordinator of the Art and Design Learning Community.

For “We’ve Got Issues,” each student selected a current topic or problem — Hurricane Katrina, depression, environmental destruction and the effect the military has on families were among the countless subjects that were explored in the show.

Pehr’s work focused on sexual abuse.

“Most rapes and cases of sexual abuse never make it to court, and the very few that do don’t get any results,” she says. “You can read an article about sexual abuse, but seeing it before you, actually having a visual, gives you a stronger connection to the problem.”

As serious as some of the content in “We’ve Got Issues” was, the title of the show itself was both literal and tongue-in-cheek.

“‘We’ve Got Issues’ perfectly sums everything up without taking ourselves too seriously,” says Alice Groesbeck, a student who created artwork that uses mushrooms to address body image.

“I read about how mushrooms can release spores into the air and contaminate everything around them, causing other plants to grow a sometimes poisonous fungus. I realized this could be a powerful metaphor for peer pressure and how one person’s negativity can easily influence another person’s thoughts,” Groesbeck says. “I hope that by drawing a mushroom infecting a flower to represent body image, the viewer will be affected by my piece and remember it later on.”



In “We’ve Got Issues,” students examined contemporary problems in their artwork. Francesca Pehr focused on sexual abuse.

Frostburg Seeks Designation as Arts and Entertainment District

Visitors to Frostburg’s downtown may eventually be greeted by interesting new shops, art galleries and more cultural venues if the City of Frostburg receives state designation for an arts and entertainment district.

FrostburgFirst, a community-driven program established to foster economic development and cultural growth in Frostburg, is spearheading an effort to prepare an application for the proposed district designation, which is due April 2008. FSU faculty and staff and local art advocates have formed an Arts & Entertainment Committee to direct the application’s completion.

“We have a ton of artistic talent in and around Frostburg,” said Dr. Evan Offstein, assistant professor of management at FSU, and a co-chair of the A&E Committee, noting that Frostburg’s cultural community boasts lots of musicians, writers, visual artists, actors and other creative professionals. “Forming an arts and entertainment district is one way to organize and showcase this talent to both locals and visitors.”

In addition to marketing the city’s existing cultural strengths, the designation could also play a key role in how the downtown continues to grow and thrive.

“By successfully establishing an arts and entertainment district, Frostburg can expand its use of the arts as a catalyst for economic development in the revitalization of Main Street,” said Stephen Spahr, FSU’s Vice President for Economic Development and Government Relations. “Getting this designation is also a way for the city to strengthen the sense of community around the arts, foster the relationship between FSU and the City of Frostburg, provide new and expanded opportunities for resident artists and develop a framework for the creation of new arts programming.”

The arts and entertainment designation opens doors to property tax credits for qualifying resident artists and art and entertainment enterprises, Spahr said. It also extends an invitation to local Frostburg artists to get involved with the process and offer their support to the project. The Arts & Entertainment Committee and FrostburgFirst have held several public forums to determine the geographic boundaries for the proposed district and to share ideas with Frostburg residents.

“I’ve most enjoyed the opportunities for creating and reaffirming community that this effort has created. Our public meetings have been well attended, and it’s been rewarding to see both longtime local residents and new arrivals come together to work toward achieving a common goal,” said Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas, co-chair of the A&E Committee and a resident folklorist and assistant professor in FSU’s sociology department.

Andy Vick, Executive Director of the Allegany Arts Council, and a key player in the successful establishment of an arts and entertainment district in nearby Cumberland, has offered his insight and guidance as the A&E Committee has worked on the state application for designation.

“Based on my previous experience with the A&E district concept, I think it will have a positive impact on the local economy, focus more attention on the value of the arts in our daily lives and strengthen the rich and varied artistic community that already exists within the City of Frostburg,” he said.

To learn more, contact Jerilyn Jackson, executive director of FrostburgFirst, at frostburgfirst@gmail.com or call 301.689.6900.

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FSU’s Green Campus Efforts Growing

If FSU could bottle its environmental advocates’ enthusiasm and dedication to developing a greener campus, it would probably have enough energy to sustain its facilities for several decades. Since April 2007, when FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar signed the American University and College



Presidents Climate Commitment, the University has rapidly enacted a variety of projects as part of its campus-wide sustainability initiative, “**Learning Green, Living Green.**”

“We’ve achieved much more in a short amount of time than I would have dreamed possible,” said Dr. Jim Limbaugh, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and the chair of the sustainability initiative’s committee. “To date, 67 members of the FSU community — faculty, staff and students — have volunteered to take on tasks as diverse as establishing a recycling program, researching alternative energy sources and forging community partnerships.”

FSU is also building new partnerships through its faculty’s environmental research efforts. Under the direction of Dr. Oguz Soysal, chair of the Department of Physics, the University hosted a Renewable Energy Symposium and Exposition Sept. 14 and 15 that drew area academics, industry representatives and researchers who presented papers and held discussions on a variety of topics relating to renewable energy. Soysal and his colleagues have also developed a certified training program for the practical installation of residential solar and wind generation systems, thanks to a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

FSU’s Sierra Student Coalition, which lobbied for a greener campus, continues to encourage the University community to take action. On Oct. 30 and Nov. 28, the group organized campus-wide “Blackout Days,” during which everyone was urged to turn off all electrical appliances from noon to

1 p.m. in offices, residences and classrooms. By comparing kilowatt consumption records, Ray Blank, Director of Facilities, calculated that during the Oct. 30 Blackout Day, energy consumption dropped by almost 1,500 kWh (kilowatt hours, or how much energy is used in one hour). Additionally, during fall 2007, the SSC’s president Jeff Sellers and vice president Patrick O’Brien joined a statewide organization, the Maryland Student Climate Coalition, a collaboration of student groups from across the University System of Maryland who advocated that all System institutions adopt a comprehensive carbon neutrality policy.

In January, the University joined with other colleges and universities across the country in Focus the Nation, a national teach-in for environmental sustainability that included 32 presentations – most by FSU faculty members – as well as four panel discussions, nine booth displays, a concert and a “Waste Not, Want Not” trash sculpture competition.

FSU is also participating in a pilot sustainability study of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and in RecycleMania, a 10-week national recycling competition for institutions of higher learning.

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On Jan. 31, FSU joined more than 1,500 other American colleges and universities in “Focus the Nation,” a nationwide “teach-in” on global warming. Activities included a “Waste Not, Want Not” trash sculpture competition.





From left are Erin Miller, Chris Beaston, Staci Grabill, Kelli Garner, Jessica Hartell and Rachel Harley.

## FSU Homecoming Court Raises \$12,900 for Charities

By Brandy Vinson

Five recognized Frostburg State University fraternities and sororities, along with the BURG Peer Education Network, raised an astounding \$12,900 for six different charities as part of FSU's Homecoming festivities this past weekend.

For the third year in a row, candidates for FSU's Homecoming King and Queen and the organizations they represented raised funds for charities as a way to earn the Homecoming crown. The money was raised within a 30-day time frame.

**Staci Grabill**, representing Delta Zeta, was crowned Homecoming Queen. Her organization raised more than \$7,700 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Alleghenies. **Chris Beaston**, representing Tau Kappa Epsilon, was crowned Homecoming King. His organization raised more than \$1,000 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Other candidates and their amounts:

- **Erin Miller**, representing Alpha Sigma Tau, raised nearly \$1,900 for Habitat for Humanity of Garrett County;
- **Rachel Harley**, representing Kappa Tau Epsilon, raised more than \$1,200 for American Cancer Society;
- **Kelli Garner**, representing the BURG Peer Education Network, raised more than \$740 for the Family Crisis Resource Center;
- **Jessica Hartell**, representing Alpha Phi Omega, raised nearly \$300 for the March of Dimes;

Finally, as has been a tradition at FSU for a number of years, students affiliated with a number of campus groups fanned out through the neighborhood adjoining the campus Sunday afternoon for the Big Event, a Frostburg City Clean Up. It was sponsored by the FSU Student Government Association.

## Business Resource Center Gives Entrepreneurs a Helping Hand

Local business owners and those needing assistance in establishing a business can now find resources through the **Business Resource Center** at FSU.

The Center, located on the ground floor of the Guild Center, provides access to software and reference materials to help entrepreneurs learn more about planning, managing and growing their businesses.

Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan, professor of Management in the College of Business and a director of the Trident Initiative for Entrepreneurs, says the Center is a valuable tool to help individuals learn more about operating and business. "Entrepreneurs are not born; they also learn," he said. "Most entrepreneurs are like most of us."

Through a grant from the Coleman Foundation, Frostburg has established a number of outreach programs through the Trident Initiative to encourage entrepreneurship and small business development in Western Maryland, including an annual academic conference and the creation of the Business Resource Center.

Among the reference materials available at the center are books on how to start various businesses, financial and market data and directories of where further information can be found. One piece of software includes a business simulation program in which using various scenarios, a user can follow the success or failure of an idea without risking any money. The center will also be used by FSU students, especially those in courses such as the Student Business Initiative, where students plan, organize and open their own businesses.

For more information, contact Poorsoltan at 301.687.7498.

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The former theatre section of the Lyric Building is being renovated into a performance space.

## FSU Adding Offices, Bookstore Branch on Main Street

FSU will soon have a face on Frostburg's Main Street when the renovation to the fire-damaged Lyric Building is complete sometime this summer. The historic building, which housed the popular Gandalf's restaurant until it was nearly gutted by fire in early 2004, is finally undergoing renovation.

Thanks to the FSU Foundation Inc., when renovations are complete, the Lyric Building will house a branch of the FSU bookstore that will primarily sell Frostburg and Bobcat memorabilia. The office of University Advancement, which encompasses the Foundation operations and the Office of Alumni Programs, will move its headquarters there. And the rear portion of the building that once housed a theatre will ring with music and drama again as a venue for a variety of FSU performing arts events.

"FSU takes its relationship with the community seriously and views this project as a step towards providing a connection to our students and neighbors in Frostburg," said Stephen Spahr, FSU vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations.

Bernard J. Davisson II '81 FSU vice president for University Advancement, expressed excitement about the pending move. "We are very pleased to be occupying this new space and hope that our presence and that of our visitors will add to the vibrancy of Main Street."



Dr. Robert Larivee, left, shows Dr. Barry Phillips '69, senior vice president for Bayer Material Science LLC, the installation in a Compton Science Center chemistry lab of some of the equipment donated to FSU from Bayer.

## Bayer Boosts Chemistry Labs with Gift of Equipment, Supplies

Dr. Robert Larivee, Chair of the Department of Chemistry, has been to most university science labs in Maryland, and he says Frostburg's Compton Science Center undergraduate science laboratories can stand up to or surpass most. Now, a recent series of gifts from Bayer Material Science, LLC, is about to give a further boost to Frostburg science students.

**Dr. Barry Phillips '69**, senior vice president with Bayer, was instrumental in helping Frostburg acquire equipment from Bayer's pharmaceutical laboratories.

"This will certainly augment our capabilities," Larivee said.

The equipment includes a high pressure chromatograph (used to separate and measure chemical compounds), a mass spectrometer (which measures particles by separating isotopes by charge and mass) and glassware used to store, quantify and process materials. The crates of equipment and supplies delivered from Bayer ran the length of the third-floor hallway in Tawes Hall, where the equipment is being unpacked and readied for installation. The first pieces were put into use in January.

Bernard J. Davisson II '81, vice president for Advancement at Frostburg, is not only excited about the gift from Bayer, but especially the involvement an alumnus had in making it possible. "This is another example of the close relationship our students forge with their professors and the University," he said. "These gifts are a sign of gratitude for an outstanding education, but more importantly, a declaration of confidence in our future."

Larivee added that the equipment will allow students to learn with the same technology used in places such as medical, forensic and industrial labs. "This equipment is very versatile" and will enhance faculty and student research in both chemistry and biology. He says that while the science faculty is anticipating great outcomes, there is some anxiety about how to fit all this equipment into existing spaces. "This is a good problem," Larivee said. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Frostburg, Phillips earned a doctorate in organic chemistry from West Virginia University. He joined Bayer in 1977 as a research chemist in the Polyurethane Research Department. In addition to holding several patents, he is also the author of a number of technical papers.

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— Bernard J. Davisson II, vice president for Advancement



### Frostburg's Regents

Frostburg's voice can be heard a little louder these days among the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, the governing body for 13 state institutions, including FSU. Two of the board's 17 members have ties to Frostburg: **Thomas G. Slater '66**, who joined the board in 2007, and **Richard Scott**, an FSU senior, who is the System's Student Regent for the school year. The two posed for a picture during a recent meeting of the Board.



### FSU Professors Santoro and Schlegel Recognized as Outstanding Mentors

Frostburg professors **Dr. Patricia Santoro**, a professor in the Department of Psychology, and **Dr. Keith Schlegel**, a professor emeritus in the Department of English, were recognized with the Outstanding Mentor Award, which was presented at the FSU Career Expo Luncheon on Homecoming Weekend.

To receive this award, a faculty member must be nominated by alumni who feel that person has made a significant contribution to the academic, personal and professional development of students.

"She is an amazing instructor who always found a way to make the material personal for her students," FSU alumna Dr. Keli Braitman said.

Alumna Dr. Sandy Eckard describes how Schlegel helped her though her college career: "[He] really challenged me to think before putting pen to paper. For me, that had been the one gift that is priceless."



# New Faces in University Advancement

FSU's Office of University Advancement is welcoming some new faces in 2008.

**Monica G. Reginio** is FSU's new Director of Annual Giving, with responsibility for leading the FSU Annual Fund. Reginio has most recently served as an Annual Funds and Special Gifts Officer at Mount Holyoke College, where she was a member of a team that brought that annual fund to its highest total ever of \$8.56 million last year. She has significant experience in soliciting leadership annual fund gifts up to \$10,000 and has effectively utilized a massive volunteer structure to achieve annual fund success. Reginio has garnered additional experience in development research and special event planning at Smith College.

**Todd R. Moffett** has been named the Director of Development Information Systems and Technologies. Moffett has worked in the development office at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, for approximately nine years as an Information Systems Engineer. In this role, he assisted the UMB Foundation Inc. and the development offices of six professional schools through database reporting, data loads and special projects. He is adept at developing effective information technology business processes, including procedures for data entry, record maintenance and database security and integrity. Moffett will assume a leadership role in making necessary improvements to the department's data systems.

**Cherie A. Krug**, who had previously done great work with FSU's Center for Volunteerism and National Service, has joined University Advancement as Director of Major Gifts. While Krug's work in the area of volunteerism and service is well known in the FSU community, her fundraising prowess is perhaps less known. A graduate of the Fund Raising School-Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, she has secured numerous grants during her tenure as well as support from private donors. She knows the FSU alumni base very well, and the "bottom line" approach to her work and her outgoing personality will continue to serve her well as she makes this transition. She will play a critically important role in assisting to secure major philanthropic commitments for the upcoming campaign.

Vice President for University Advancement Bernard J. Davisson II '81 says that these new members of the Advancement team and the expertise they bring represent a significant investment in the future of philanthropy at FSU at a particularly meaningful point in its history.

"This infusion of much-needed resources will allow us to enhance the institution's presence with our donors and active volunteers around the state and around the country," Davisson says. Advancement and alumni programs staffers will be on the road more in coming months to build better relationships and engage those who care about FSU more meaningfully in its philanthropic endeavors.

"We know that people's lives are incredibly busy, and this type of personalized attention is what Frostburg's educational product is known for. We view this approach to alumni and donor relations as a natural progression of an ongoing relationship," Davisson says.



Monica Reginio



Todd Moffett



Cherie Krug



Dr. Jem Spectar '89

## Alum Inaugurated as University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown President

**Dr. Jem Spectar '89** was inaugurated Sept. 28 as the fifth president of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

With an outstanding leadership record, Dr. Spectar has been provost at Western Oregon University; associate provost of academic affairs at the University of Scranton; director of studies at Princeton University; and assistant dean of students at the University of La Verne. In announcing Spectar's appointment, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg noted, "Dr. Spectar is a visionary leader and celebrated teacher with the skills and experience necessary to build effectively upon the strengths of our Johnstown campus and to enrich the lives of students, faculty, staff and administration."

Spectar, a native of Cameroon, West Africa, earned his MBA from Frostburg. He also holds degrees from the University of La Verne, The George Washington University, University of Maryland Law School and Claremont Graduate University. Spectar has published numerous articles on international law and made presentations focusing on the world's disadvantaged, international human rights and global health issues.

Special greetings from world leaders were shared at the inauguration, including a video message from Nobel Peace Prize Winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



FSU Research Center, the first building in ABC@FSU, is now occupied.

## ABC@FSU Welcomes First Business

The Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University, a technology business park on the south end of campus, welcomed its first occupant in February. The information technology company InfoSpherix will be the anchor tenant in this first building, known as FSU Research Center.

Academic Privatization of Maryland, the developer of the project, anticipates that the 52,000 square-foot facility will be fully leased by the time the rest of the structure is finished later this spring. Businesses that are currently in the Tawes Business Incubator, housed in the former science building on campus, are among those expected to move in.

The park has been funded by federal, state and local sources, including a \$2.5 million grant from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development to assist with site work and "grouting" — filling abandoned coal mines beneath the site.

"FSU, together with its state, county and private partners, is pleased to welcome the first tenant to the newly opened ABC@FSU. This important contribution to the regional economic picture will be the home to companies partnering with FSU students and faculty to benefit our community," said Stephen Spahr, FSU vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations.

Work now turns to developing the remaining sites in the Allegany County-operated business park. Businesses that locate in ABC@FSU have the opportunity to engage with faculty in collaborative research and testing, as well as to hire students as interns or employees.



## Together Again

Broadway star **Debra Monk '73** and her teacher, longtime FSU drama professor **David Press**, were reunited in New York City this summer on a visit backstage to her hit musical, "Curtains," in which she co-stars with Tony-winner David Hyde Pierce. Press, his wife, Carolyn, FSU President Jonathan Gibralter and his wife, Laurie, and other members of the FSU community were greeted by Monk and Hyde Pierce and treated to a backstage tour. The group also had dinner with another New York-area alum, Monk's classmate Gilbert Stafford. Press, who has kept close ties with his student over the years, presented Monk with a framed page from *The Nemaclin* featuring Monk's very first production on Frostburg's Compton stage.



Ty DeMartino '90

## DeMartino Named 'Best Playwright' by "City Paper"

**Ty DeMartino '90** was named the Best Playwright of 2007 by *The Baltimore City Paper* for "The Blessed Mothers of War," his drama presented as part of the Baltimore Playwrights Festival. The play, about the effects of war on two mothers, one American and one Middle Eastern, their sons and their community, ran for three weeks at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore.

DeMartino was inspired to write the play following the Abu Ghraib scandal, which had a profound impact on the Cumberland area, home to the military police company that was involved.

"I found it interesting to witness how others, especially the media, were so quick to turn on these implicated soldiers. Once heralded as heroes, they were instantly demonized with only their families left to defend them," DeMartino said. "While the story is backdropped on this international scandal, my play is a fictional account of two mothers who try to reach out to their sons who have been affected by the atrocities of war."

At its opening, *The City Paper* called the play "superb" and added, "DeMartino breaks ground as a dramatist." A portion of "The Blessed Mothers of War" was also performed at this year's Page to Stage Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

DeMartino has another entry in the Baltimore Playwrights Festival for 2008 — this one about a father and son coming to terms with the death of their wife/mother, called "Finding Fossils." It has passed the first hurdle, and DeMartino is awaiting word on whether it will be produced this summer.

Over the past five years, DeMartino's plays have been performed on stages from Connecticut to California. He has received two Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Awards for Playwriting. In 2004, he co-authored the political satire "He's No J.F.K.," which ran Off-Broadway in New York City. More recently he wrote the book for the original musical "Furry Tales," which premiered in Pittsburgh at the CLO Cabaret Theatre this past July. He is collaborating with the same partners on a new musical that is currently in the works. DeMartino is also a past editor of *Profile*.



# OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO...

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

## Starting Point Frostburg — Destination Anywhere

Frostburg alumni share a fond secret, one they know that most FSU students will learn. The secret is that the trip across the mountains to Frostburg State University is just the beginning. Once they arrive, the journey really starts.

Being a student at Frostburg State University is a grand voyage, one of self-discovery and growth — personal, spiritual, intellectual. The destination is often an astonishing surprise, not at all where those entering students imagined they might be after they've finished with books and exams. And for many, that destination is just the embarkation point for still another of life's grand voyages.

In this issue of *Profile*, FSU alumni and students talk about some of the journeys they have taken as a result of their Frostburg affiliation. While each has taken a physical journey, their personal transformations entail much more.

As you read these accounts, consider your own expeditions that began with your entrance to Frostburg. This is why Frostburg State University is working to make these experiences available to more and more students. And you'll understand why we now ask young people who are deciding their future to consider "Where are YOU going?" and answer, "Frostburg."

## International Education: Bringing the World to Frostburg, and Bringing Frostburg to the World

Around 20 years ago, Frostburg State University started a partnership with a teacher's college in Ireland. Mary Immaculate College, now part of the University of Limerick, has hosted scores of Frostburg students over those two decades, and dozens of Irish students have been introduced to the chill of Frostburg winters and the warmth of Frostburg's people.

Today, that steady relationship is the foundation for a new initiative within FSU, designed to dramatically increase both the opportunities for Frostburg students to venture overseas and the number of students from all over the world who will call Frostburg home for a semester, a year or their entire college career.

FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar and a handful of key FSU officials journeyed to Europe this past fall to renew relationships with three institutions that FSU had worked with in the past, including Mary Immaculate.

They were pleased to report that the face-to-face meetings not only rejuvenated current connections but also generated potential new areas for cooperation and options for program development.

"We went to Europe with the intent of rekindling existing student exchange agreements, but it turned out to be much more than what we originally anticipated," Gibraltar says. "We found many common goals and many ways that the institutions could support one another."

The journey's highlight came when Gibraltar and Dr. Peadar Cremin, president of Mary Immaculate, signed a new pact. They agreed to continue the educational exchange opportunities between the institutions and explore prospects to expand the connection in new ways.

In addition, the meetings held at Northumbria University in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and Copenhagen Day and Evening University College of Teacher Education in Denmark opened up possibilities for new areas for cooperation. Representatives from both

institutions plan to make the return trip this spring to further explore the topics broached in those meetings.

Northumbria, in the revitalized northern England city of Newcastle, has a successful international business internship program, a potential opportunity for Frostburg's students. As well, Northumbria's initiatives in economic development, leadership and public policy echo FSU's efforts in Western Maryland.

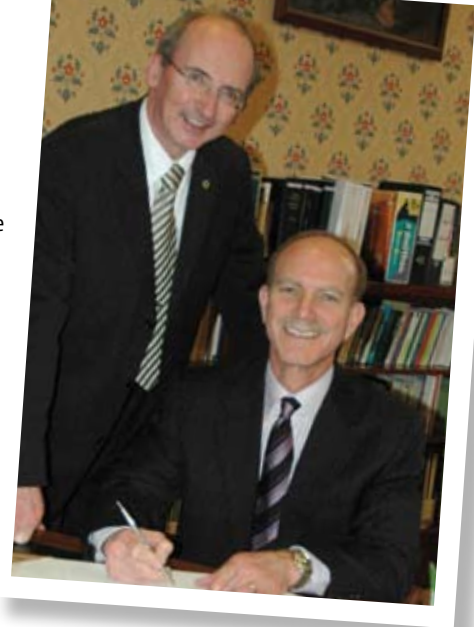
In Copenhagen, FSU officials learned that Danish higher education is undergoing an unprecedented transformation. Leadership on both sides hope broader opportunities with a newly realigned university will result.

The schools were also interested to learn more about advancement strategies, since many activities — such as fundraising, alumni relations and promotions — that have become standard among American universities are still new concepts in Europe, but ones needed in a new European Union atmosphere.

The Frostburg officials were pleased with how candid and wide-ranging the in-person discussions were, touching on topics that would not have been discovered otherwise.

"Our hosts pointed out how important it was to meet face to face — a lot of what we do is by phone calls or e-mail. But there's no substitute for actually seeing people and discussing where we have been and what our goals are," says FSU Vice Provost John Bowman.

While in Europe, President Jonathan Gibraltar met with Mary Immaculate College President Peadar Cremin in Ireland (right), Dr. Kaj Petersen, director of the Day and Evening University College of Teacher Education (bottom left) in Copenhagen, Denmark (bottom far right), and with Vice Chancellor Kel Fidler of the University of Northumbria in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England (bottom center).



### Looking to the World

Renewing European relationships is only the beginning of FSU's international initiative. Frostburg has launched a strategic effort to increase the number of international students studying in Western Maryland, as well as the number of study abroad possibilities for Frostburg students.

During the past five years, FSU has enrolled students from 50 countries, ranging from Argentina to Zimbabwe. During the 2006-2007 academic year, 31 international students were on campus. Likewise, nearly 50 FSU students each year study abroad, and that number will increase dramatically with new initiatives in the coming year, in particular the relationship with Hunan Normal University in China.

FSU's new association with HNU has produced two international opportunities for Frostburg students within the course of a few months. In January, FSU students observed teaching in the schools attached to HNU (see story, p. 12). In March, FSU's Chamber Choir will present a series of performances in Changsha, home of HNU, and Beijing.

FSU is also working to attract students to Frostburg from China and India, and applications are in the works.

### Where We Are — Where We're Going

"International education is a life-changing experience, enriching a student's education in a way that no classroom can," says Dr. Hank Bullamore, who just completed a stint as interim director of the Center for International Education. The new director, Lynn Neddo, started in February.

Gibraltar has committed to a significant expansion of international students at FSU.

"International understanding is such a crucial part of education in today's world, and I am strongly committed to increasing the opportunities for our students to expand their horizons, as well as to bring the world to Frostburg in the form of these young scholars," he says.





# Frostburg's Ireland Connection: Good Craic\* and So Much More

During a European visit to partner institutions last year, Frostburg State University officials met with FSU students attending Mary Immaculate College for the semester, as well as “Mary I” students who had spent previous semesters in Frostburg.

The main purpose of the meeting was to examine concerns and advantages as the two educational institutions, which have been exchanging students since the 1990s, move forward with their plans for future interactions. But it also gave the students a chance to talk about their common and differing experiences in this unique trans-Atlantic student connection, and to express what this international opportunity has meant to them. Here is some of what they had to say:



Above, some of the trans-Atlantic friends are, first row, from left, Laura Danaher (Mary I), Akili Akridge (FSU) and Emma Dwan (Mary I); second row, Nora Wilkinson (Mary I), Amanda Whipkey and Thomas Czeh (both FSU) and Caitriona Hughes (Mary I).

## FSU students:

**Akili Akridge**  
*Junior, criminal justice major, theatre minor*

- “I’m having the best time of my life.”
- Recently learned he has Irish roots.
- Played semi-pro rugby in the All Ireland League.

**Thomas Czeh**  
*Senior, computer science major*

- Regularly provided advice and car rides to the Irish students at Frostburg
- Followed in his brother Tony’s footsteps to Mary I, who also “had a blast.”
- First impression of Mary I campus “It’s so tiny, I spent 10 minutes walking around campus and I had done four laps.”

**Amanda Whipkey**  
*Junior, international studies major, English minor*

- Lived in Cambridge Hall, so already knew a lot of people from Mary I.
- First impression of Mary I campus: “It’s cute.”

Sarah Goodwin, right, a Mary I student who played the stepmother in the fall FSU musical, “Into the Woods” recommends that any foreign student take advantage of the wide variety of activities available. She also studied dance and took Introduction to Politics to prepare for a career in TV journalism.



**Mary I students:**

**Emma Dwan**  
*At FSU in fall 2006*

- Sang in University Chorale
- “I made so many friends. It was really brilliant.”
- First impression of FSU: “I was roasting.”

**Nora Wilkinson**  
*At FSU in spring 2007*

- On learning the FSU Mass Communication Department: “It’s way more hands-on.” She found frequent access to the equipment very valuable.
- First impression of FSU: “I was freezing.”
- Spent Spring Break in Daytona Beach

**Caitriona Hughes**  
*At FSU in spring 2007*

- On coming to Maryland: “I thought there was an off chance that I would meet John Waters.”
- Joined FSU Philosophy Club
- Spent Spring Break in Daytona Beach

**Laura Danaher**  
*At FSU in spring 2007*

- “There’s no language barrier . . . OK, there is a language barrier.”
- First impression of FSU: “The campus is really huge.”
- Says that at Thursday night Karaoke in a Frostburg watering hole, that staple of Irish sing-a-longs, “The Wild Rover,” ended each session.
- Spent Spring Break in Daytona Beach

\* Irish for “Good Time”



In January, students and faculty from FSU journeyed to China to study its educational system and culture. Pictured in front of the Hunan Normal University library, they are, front from left, Mindy Witt, Melissa Root, Christine Yurko, Amanda Henry and Lance Burke. In the back row from left are Alex Talios, Zach Bensley, Dr. Ken Witmer, Dr. Hank Bullamore and C.C. Williams.

## New Connections with China's Schools

With the upcoming Olympics and China's growing economic and cultural clout, the world is turning its sights toward earth's most populous nation. Frostburg State University is no different.

Starting last year, FSU has been forging ties with Hunan Normal University in the south-central Hunan Province. While much larger, HNU has plenty in common with FSU, including common roots in teacher education.

In January, that relationship advanced from meetings between officials to meetings between students. Eight students and two faculty members traveled to China during FSU's Intersession to learn more about that nation's educational system and culture.

“I know my eyes were really opened. I was deeply impressed and changed,” says Christine Yurko, a communications studies and English major at FSU. Yurko was struck by the friendliness of everyone they met, as well as their strong sense of history and pride.

The students started in Beijing, where in addition to visits to that city's main cultural sites, including the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall, they observed a high school English class.

The classroom's morning transition impressed Yurko: It began with a noisy, chaotic scene one might expect from any group of teenagers – com-



Mindy Witt with one of her new friends, “Ivy” Mogu, an English Major at HNU.

plete with music from “High School Musical.” As soon as the bell rang to signal the start of class, the students became suddenly silent, stood up, bowed to their teacher and wished her “good morning” in unison.

“It was amazing to see that respect,” says Mindy Witt, who is an elementary education major and a teacher candidate. Witt says felt that the observers made the Chinese students very nervous, unwilling to risk mispronouncing an English word in front of the Americans.

The bulk of their time was spent in Changsha, home of Hunan Normal University, where they met with fellow college students, learned about the Chinese educational system and teacher training, and observed more classrooms. All the classes they

observed were taught in English, and they were often called upon for pronunciation assistance, Witt and Yurko say.

At every turn, the students encountered a friendly welcome and a sense of helpfulness. “I was impressed by how kind, how sincere and how honest they were,” Witt says.

Yurko and Witt both said they would be perfectly content to live in China.

## The Art of Caring

It was just a piece of litter, but because Heather Prince picked it up, she gained a new perspective on the world, and a community in Ghana is healthier for it.

Prince was in her final year at Frostburg studying art and design. She was also going through a divorce. And like many steps on her transformational path to Nankese, Ghana, this one was laid right in front of her.

“It was a flier on the sidewalk for the Study Abroad Fair. I had already missed it,” Prince says. Nevertheless, she decided that going somewhere else might be good for her, so she visited the Center for International Education. There she learned about a program through North Carolina State University studying regional art at Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology.

“Something about Africa just hit me,” she says. She's not quite sure why. The native of neighboring Garrett County had not dreamed of Africa. But now, it just seemed like the place to go.



Prince taught art to community children last summer. Those students and her middle school students in Cumberland have built a pen-pal relationship.

“It broadened my perspective of universalism,” Yurko says. “Culture, religion and tradition don't separate the fact that we are all human beings. We learned that people are people wherever you go.”

Scenes from China, clockwise from top left: a kindergartner from the school affiliated with HNU, Melissa Root atop a stone horse at the entrance to the Ming Tomb, and Alex Talios in the Forbidden City.



“I felt some kind of strange connection to those people in that place,” she says. She could see how far along the facility was, so despite being a broke, recently divorced college student, “I thought, ‘We can do this.’”

And that began the next unexpected part of the journey. She returned home and started to raise money to complete the clinic. She sold custom-designed Christmas stockings and prints of paintings inspired by her journey to Ghana, each based on a different Ghanaian proverb. She pestered family and friends. And just as before, the pieces fell into place.

“Every time I started to think, ‘I don't know if I can do this,’ I would get a call from someone, and it would all work out. People just came out of the woodwork,” she says.

It took close to three years, but the money was raised, the clinic was completed, Ghana's government provided staff, and the people of Nankese are now being cared for.

Prince has stayed connected to Nankese. The community is raising money to build on-site housing for the clinic staff so that someone

could be nearby overnight in case of a medical emergency. Land has been donated, and Prince is working with Alfred Adi, the village chief's son and project coordinator in Ghana, to continue the progress.

Prince returned to Ghana this past summer for the dedication of the Nankese Community Health Post. In her speech at that dedication, she said, “I came to Ghana to study Art and Design in 2003. I left Ghana a changed person. The experiences I had here were so profound, they awakened my soul and humanity . . . How could anyone leave this place and not be moved into action?”

To view photos of Prince's visits and her artwork, visit [www.geocities.com/nankeseadi](http://www.geocities.com/nankeseadi).





# Retracing an Agonizing Journey

When Frostburg junior Seth Bruin set sail in the summer of 2007, he joined a crew that was retracing a voyage not taken willingly.

Bruin spent the summer on the Amistad America, the replica of the slave ship whose captives rebelled and took control of the schooner in 1839. The resulting court case made history when the Africans won their freedom in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The notorious incident and resulting court fight were depicted in Steven Spielberg's 1997 movie "Amistad."

"I've always wanted to sail somewhere. But more importantly I wanted to learn about history, and in particular, the African-American experience. ... More about the trans-Atlantic slave trade, stuff I never knew before," says Bruin, who is a geography major with a minor in African-American studies.

Bruin was urged to apply for the Amistad journey by Dwayne Williams, his instructor in Sociology of African Americans. Williams is also a faculty member for Amistad America.

Williams says Bruin showed a sensitivity, intellectual curiosity and sense of leadership in the class that drew his attention. "He isn't afraid to ask questions. He isn't afraid to dialogue."

Amistad America is spending 16 months traveling 14,000 miles retracing the routes of the slave industry, from the U.S. East Coast to points in Europe, the Caribbean and West Africa. Bruin signed on for the first leg of the trip, starting in Amistad America's base of New Haven.

From New Haven, the ship, its crew and complement of eight college students journeyed up the coast to Halifax, spent a couple of weeks completing the outfitting of the ship for its extended journey, then set sail for England, with a stop at the Azores Islands in the middle of the North Atlantic. The program also included two weeks of land-based educational experiences to steep the students in the history of the Amistad.

While onboard, he and the other student crew members worked the ship, polishing brass, cleaning, striking sails and serving watch shifts. Watches were key to keeping the ship safe, a lesson he learned well one night when he looked in one direction and saw clear sky, then looked the other way and saw a wall of storm clouds bearing down on the ship. He woke the captain, then the crew set to dropping sails in the roaring wind.

But the time onboard was also instrumental to giving the students a deeper understanding of the hardships the Amistad rebels endured in particular and the evils of the slave trade in general.

"They gave us the information, but it's really up to the individual to put meaning to it. And a lot of the

times during our discussions – not the class discussions, just like the informal stuff, hanging out on deck and talking – we really made the connection," Bruin says. He knows that a bunk that felt cramped to him was spacious, clean and safe in comparison to the horrific conditions of slaves shackled in a ship's hold.

"I could not imagine what it would be like to spend months below deck all day, chained together with the smell of death surrounding you," he wrote in a blog on the Amistad America Web site while he was at sea.

"When you're actually on a boat and you're in the middle of the ocean, you think about those same kinds of

things, and it's a lot more powerful," he says.

He's still trying to assess just what impact this journey has had on his life and where it might take him from here.

"I think I might be able to answer that question a year from now, after I've had time to go back through and read some of this, process it, and learn more," he says.

— Becca Ramspott contributed reporting to this article.

## Frostburg Roadtrip Takes Some Surprising Turns

The PBS series "Roadtrip Nation" started with a handful of recent college graduates who came to the realization that they didn't know what their next step in life should be. Instead, they criss-crossed the country in a neon-green RV, talking to people from all walks of life. Then they turned their journey into a book, a documentary, a TV series and finally a movement to encourage others to explore the world outside their comfort zone.

Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student and Educational Services, discovered Roadtrip online and adopted the idea for Frostburg students. He saw it then mainly as a career-planning tool.

"It's so much more than that," says Bowling, who with Ty DeMartino '90, has now led three such journeys, called Frostburg Roadtrip. "It exceeded all of my expectations," Bowling says.

In Frostburg Roadtrip, students videotape interviews with FSU alums who are following their passions in life. The students then create a documentary of their experiences to share with the campus.

The 2006 Roadtrip went to Hollywood, where, from left, Carolyn Killkus, Ron Correa, Desire Lake and Ashli Mazer, interviewed alums in the entertainment industry.

"The individuals that we interviewed are excited to get up every day to go to work. This is what I want my job to be like," says Amanda Demler, one of the Florida/Puerto Rico Roadtrippers. "I understand that I most likely won't fall into place as easily as I would like, but it will all be worth it in the end."

DeMartino says he has witnessed a positive change in each of the students he accompanied.

"A lot of them are more targeted in what they want to do in life, while others are more relaxed and realize they don't have to make a decision



In 2007, from left, Bobby Bonser, Amanda Demler and Eric Bibbs went to Florida and Puerto Rico. Trident Health Resources CEO Ralph Jordan '68, also introduced them to non-FSU alums who had some great things to say about finding one's passion in life.

From left, Mark Bowling, Erinrose Sincevich and Ryan Alexander interviewed people in New York City, among them Broadway star Debra Monk '73.



right away," he says. "All are better as a result of having 'hit the road.'"

Each Roadtrip member is selected as a part of a complete team, with interview skills being a key requirement. And like the original Roadtrip crew, a sense of uncertainty is no hindrance. It may even help.

"We've had a few seniors go on the road trip with us, and they were on the brink of graduating and had no clear idea of what job to seek or what path to take," DeMartino says. "It was nice when alums would reassure these students that they would eventually find their passions."

The Roadtrippers found all of their interview subjects to be eager to talk, welcoming the students with open arms.

"I think a lot of them look at these students and are transported back to when they were a 20-year-old, uncertain about their path in life," DeMartino says. "And, of course, everyone asks us about the snow."

Ashli Mazer, a 2006 Roadtripper, says she thinks about her experience meeting California-based alums every day.

"Each person had so many insightful words and tidbits of knowledge," she says. "Greg Garcia ['92, executive producer of 'My Name is Earl'] said, 'Passion is what you think about when you fall asleep and what you wake up thinking about.' I respect those words."

FSU uses the interviews to help other students, especially in orientation classes. "Themes have emerged about the importance of taking risks, believing in themselves, overcoming adversity and following one's passion," Bowling says.

Former Roadtrippers agree that the experience has had a profound impact.

"The trip has definitely affected the way I make my decisions in life," says Carolyn Killkus, a first-year Roadtrippers. "When I sit down and watch the video every once in awhile, I step back and make sure I am still following my dreams and my goals."

### Look for Frostburg Roadtrip this Fall on PBS

The original Roadtrip Nation team, whom Dr. Tom Bowling contacted when the first Frostburg trip was considered, have provided plenty of advice and assistance to FSU over the years.

Now Frostburg's efforts may show up on the next season's "Roadtrip Nation" show. Producers have asked for footage from FSU's Florida/Puerto Rico Roadtrip to include in their upcoming season on PBS. Watch this space for more news.

# For FSU's Astronaut, It's Nearly His Time to Fly

Richard R. Arnold II '85 missed freshman orientation. Since he's living his childhood dream as a NASA astronaut and scheduled to make his first space flight later this year, no one would claim that omission hurt him.

When he first arrived at Frostburg, "I didn't know what I wanted to do. Introductory Accounting was one of the open classes," he says. "It was all about solving problems with numbers, and that appealed to me." He graduated from Frostburg with an accounting degree, but he didn't limit himself to ledger books.

He had also developed a fascination with science, born in a biology class that was one of his required courses. By the time he graduated, he had taken quite a few top-level biology classes as well, and after returning to Frostburg for his teacher certification, he taught middle school science. All of these experiences played their parts in his eventual space-bound career.

"Frostburg certainly played a huge role in getting me here," Arnold says.

He continued to pursue his interest in biology, earning a master's degree from the University of Maryland in marine and estuarine science. His study of marine sciences took him out to sea on an oceanographic vessel, but it was his return to teaching that took him around the world.

Curiosity and a newspaper ad led him and his wife to accept a two-year contract to teach in Morocco. "Seeing the world was something I always wanted to do," Arnold says.

Once they were there, they were hooked. "The experience of travel and the learning that goes with it is contagious," he says. "I don't even know if I could quantify all I learned while I was overseas."

His career path took another turn five years ago when he applied to become an Educator Astronaut. NASA's program requires a background in education and science. His excellent physical condition and his international experience – having also taught in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Romania – helped push him to the top of the list.

"International cooperation is a big part of what we (at NASA) do now," he says.

Arnold spent two years in training, then another two evaluating hardware destined for the International Space Station from the astronaut's perspective.

These days, all of his time is dedicated to getting ready for his mission, STS-119, tentatively scheduled to lift off in late autumn. Their mission will be to install the final pair of solar array wings and the connecting truss on the ISS.

Now that he's living a dream held since he was a youngster, it could be argued that his success comes from never settling for one thing or staying in one place. He thinks that fine, and not just for him.

"I guess the message is it's OK to not be sure what you want to do," he says. "There will be a time when you come to a fork in the road that leads you somewhere new."



Richard Arnold shows some bottom-of-the-ocean Bobcat pride during a recent training and research mission in an underwater habitat. He called the experience "a dream come true" for the former marine scientist. The mission, called NEEMO (NASA Extreme Environment Mission) simulated the level of gravity on the moon.



FSU junior Seth Bruin spent last summer aboard Amistad America, above, a replica of the slave ship whose captives made history by winning their freedom in court.





# Putting Their Money Where Their Hearts Are

By Becca Ramspott

Philanthropy offers a way for people to celebrate memories, loved ones and lifelong passions by providing much-needed support to an institution or organization. This story takes a closer look at how friends and alumni of FSU have created funds and endowments that reflect their values, dreams and love for others.

## Love of Learning Endures

When **Jimmy Hollis** was a child, his parents sent him outside—not just to school—to instill in him an insatiable love of learning.

As St. Mary's County schoolteachers, Jim and Mary Hollis often spent their summers off taking Jimmy and his sister, Colleen, camping, hunting, hiking and fishing around their cabin in Western Maryland, an area Jimmy would continue to enjoy years later as a student at FSU. It was out in the rustling woods where the plants and animals Jimmy read about on the pages of *Ranger Rick* and *Your Big Backyard* came to life, and his mom and dad were always ready with guidebooks on birds and insects to help him study the natural world around him.

"We enjoyed looking for salamanders and crayfish under rocks in streams ... the kids often took nature walks with park rangers—everything was hands-on learning," Mary says. "Science for Jimmy was just part of his environment."

Jimmy's wilderness adventures were supplemented by another kind of eye-opening education—watching his dad teach in the classroom and accompanying Jim when he took his students on field trips to the White House and museums in Washington, D.C.

"We used to take as many as 10 field trips a year," Jim says, remembering how much his classes loved having his son tag along with them. "We had a blast. ... All my kids would have given their lives for Jimmy, when he was a wee little guy."

Not surprisingly, when Jimmy got to college and it was time for him to pick a major at FSU, he chose elementary education. As a teaching intern, he used his experiences in the great outdoors to get his own students excited about learning. At Grantsville Elementary, he turned the celebration of Thanksgiving into a science project for his second graders, dressing up as Squanto, the Indian who helped the pilgrims learn to farm, and conducting a class experiment involving corn seedlings, sardines and egg cartons. The purpose was to teach kids about the indigenous practice of using fish as fertilizer, with corn seeds planted in egg cartons containing soil enriched with sardines. To keep the corn plants alive over the Thanksgiving break, Jimmy took them to his house near campus, where he could tend to them until school started again. During that break, he and his father took a hunting trip up on Savage Mountain in Garrett County, one of many they shared over the years. Realizing the corn plants had been neglected too long while he was away, Jimmy insisted he had to get back to town.

"So down the mountain we went for 40 minutes to water the little corn plants and make sure they didn't die, to make sure he had them on Monday for the kids," Jim laughed.

It was because of moments like these that the Hollises chose to set up a scholarship in Jimmy's memory when his life was tragically ended by a car accident in November 2000, just weeks before he would start a job as a teacher in St. Mary's County.



Jimmy Hollis

## Speaking Volumes through Philanthropy

The primary purpose of the Frostburg State University Foundation is to serve as the tax-exempt entity through which donors make charitable gifts to support a myriad of programs at the University. We strive to secure funds and diligently steward the endowed funds not merely for the sake of accumulating resources but to advance the mission of the University in meaningful ways.



Sam Griffith

Our staff colleagues and a host of other volunteers join us in the hard but rewarding work of securing philanthropic gifts for student enrichment, academic enrichment and regional and cultural enrichment initiatives. Resources garnered for student enrichment support critically important student scholarships, athletics, volunteerism and other programs. Funding priorities for academic enrichment include faculty salaries, faculty development funds and classroom technologies. The University's outreach to the region is mostly through our stellar musical, artistic and literary endeavors as well as a number of strategic economic development opportunities. The strategies we employ to encourage philanthropic giving are as numerous as the hours spent in visiting, calling and writing our alumni and friends.

Fundraising is hard but rewarding work. Booker T. Washington, in his book, *Raising Money*, said, "While the work of going from door to door and from office to office is hard, disagreeable and costly in bodily strength, yet it has some compensation. Such work gives one a rare opportunity to study human nature. It also has its compensations in giving one an opportunity to meet some of the best people in the world—to be more correct, I think I should say THE BEST people in the world. When one takes a broad survey of the country, he will find that the most useful and influential people in it are those who take a deeper interest in institutions that exist for the purpose of making the world better."

As you read about our philanthropic initiatives at the University, particularly Becca Ramspott's story, "Putting Their Money Where Their Hearts Are," you are going to become acquainted with some of FSU's "best people." These altruistic donors have found that philanthropy is a way to express their values; they recognize that a charitable gift is much more than just a tax deduction. I invite you to read their compelling stories and to consider for yourself what role your own philanthropy plays in your life and what it says about you.

**Sam Griffith, President**  
Frostburg State University Foundation Inc.



“Jimmy was so dedicated. He was born to teach. He absolutely relished it,” Mary says. “He once said to his dad, ‘I can’t believe they’re going to pay me to do this.’”

Over 1,200 people attended Jimmy’s viewing in St. Mary’s County, including a group of FSU faculty and staff who braved a terrible snowstorm to be there. “People were around the block and down the street at the funeral home,” Jim says. Witnessing the love people felt for their son and receiving generous donations in Jimmy’s memory convinced Jim they needed to do something to honor and celebrate Jimmy’s life.

Today, the Jimmy Hollis Education Scholarship helps FSU’s senior education majors with a concentration in science, particularly in the areas of biology, wildlife, environmental science or outdoor education. The Hollises often correspond with the scholarship recipients and tell them about Jimmy. They have received warm letters of thanks from students who have benefited.

“That fact that someone received the scholarship and takes time to let us know it’s appreciated is an amazing feeling. It’s a very *uplifting* feeling,” Mary says. “We know we did the right thing. We know this is what Jimmy would want. Because kids meant so much to him. ... We have found it has given us a whole lot of positive to look forward to, as opposed to just focusing on the loss and the negativity.”

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## A Longtime Mentor’s Legacy

**Jane Sloop** is another person who can appreciate the power of the positive in the aftermath of losing someone.

Her house is filled with tokens of love and kindness given to her by people who were lucky enough to know her husband, Dr. Richard Sloop, a beloved FSU professor who taught in the Educational Professions Department from 1961 to 1996 and who passed away in August 2007 (*see obituary, page 30*). On her coffee table rests a picture book commemorating the 40th Annual Crab Feast, a get-together that brings a bunch of FSU alumni to Westminster, Md., every summer. That group includes men Jane collectively refers to as “the boys,” all members of Tau Kappa Epsilon who knew Sloop when he was their fraternity advisor and professor. The album is filled with images of them laughing, smiling and enjoying time with their beloved mentor. She is also the proud owner of a beautiful memory quilt created by the boys’ wives and friends, on which a photograph of her smiling next to her husband is forever captured on fabric.

Jane is full of stories about how the TKEs were a part of the couple’s lives. During their time in college together, it wasn’t unusual for the boys to shovel snow from the Sloops’ walk, help them move furniture or get their girlfriends to babysit for the Sloops’ kids at no charge. But the friendships with Sloop and his family went much deeper than the common courtesy call or the boys’ good manners.

“Before many of them made big decisions about their life, their career, they would run things by him,” Jane says. She describes her husband as “a fantastic support system for the students” who received phone calls and visits from them long after they had graduated from FSU. “He could look at the big picture and help them find a path to travel.”

Bill Graves ’65 is one such former student who credits Sloop with giving him a sense of direction that has guided him throughout his career. Their friendship began the day Sloop invited him to stop by after class to talk.

“Here I am, a 19-year-old sophomore in college, and my professor was saying come over and have a cup of coffee,” Graves says. “That he would take the time to say ‘Let’s go chat about everything other than physical science’ ... he made me feel like I was a man when I was just a boy. And something that simple meant so much.”

The moment stayed with Graves long after he graduated and began his own career as a teacher and guidance counselor. “Someone who truly has an interest in the young people they’re working with – I always kept that in the forefront of whatever I did,” he says. “The one thing that helped me in my career more than anything else was that I always knew the names of my kids ... they look at you and say, ‘My God, this person knows my name and has taken a personal interest in me.’”

Jane Sloop displays a memory quilt created by friends and wives of “the boys.”



In 1996 when their beloved mentor retired, Graves and the other TKEs honored Sloop’s 35 years as a professor, advisor and friend by establishing the Sloop Leadership Endowment Fund. The fund laid the groundwork for FSU’s highly regarded Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, a comprehensive, value-based program for students with emphases in areas such as personal responsibility, creative thinking and collaborative learning. The Institute has become a sought-after opportunity for FSU’s most promising juniors and seniors and anchors several unique FSU programs that focus on leadership, including its leadership mastery certificate program. Graves envisions that the Institute can eventually become part of a larger, signature aspect of the FSU educational experience – its unique focus on fostering leadership. It’s a focus that he sees as a fitting tribute.

“I think anytime a great person is rewarded for what they’ve done or remembered for what they’ve done ... I think that’s very important,” he says. “When we all got a little older and a little smarter, we realized how much he had done for us.”

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Dr. Richard Sloop greets students at the annual weekend conference that culminates the Institute that bears his name.



Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon

## An Instrumental Need

Like the Sloop Leadership fund, **Joan DeVee Dixon’s** philanthropy with FSU expresses a personal passion and is connected to the loving memory of her late husband, who inspired her through his own giving.

As a successful touring pianist, international concert organist and an FSU music professor, Dixon knows firsthand what it is like to pursue a life’s passion, and she dreams of providing the same such experience for FSU music students. Through her late husband Dr. Alvin Broyle’s employer, Exxon Mobil Corp., she is able to meet needs for the Department of Music, such as supplying FSU facilities with new instruments.

“Exxon Mobil matches all employee contributions three to one, up to a total of \$7,500 per employee per year. In short, if I donate one piano per year, Exxon Mobil purchases three more,” she says, noting how thanks to the Exxon program, in 2007 she was able to supply FSU’s Performing Arts Center with new pianos.

Dixon is also the key organizer of Friends of Music at Frostburg (FMF), an organization she founded in 2006 that unites faculty, staff, friends and alumni to ensure the future of music programs at FSU. In its first year, FMF generated over \$200,000 that will help fund

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— Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon



resources such as new pianos, instrument repairs, funds for the choir and band and special performances.

“FMF is critical to our future since state funding continues to shrink,” Dixon says. “As many people know, the arts are usually the first to be cut. ... I hope that Friends of Music will be my legacy at FSU and that our students will never again go lacking the types of materials and instruments that are critical to their development. We owe our students the best education we can possibly provide.”

It’s a sentiment that parallels her late husband’s feelings about donating time and money to important causes.

“My husband was a great philanthropist and despite his occasional reservations about his own alma mater, he was faithful to a fault,” she says. “At one time I asked him, ‘Why do you continue to support them when they do this or that?’ His answer was simple: ‘I do it for the students.’”

## Hands-on Engagement

**Theresa Testoni ’85** also found a way to channel what she cares about most into something that will benefit FSU students now and for years to come.

“As I have gotten older, I have realized that my passion is not just being part of an organization, but really making a difference in someone’s life,” she says. “We all have areas of interest in our lives, and mine is volunteerism and philanthropy.”

Testoni distinguishes between those two areas of interest by being not just a key donor but also an active, hands-on advocate for FSU’s Center for Volunteerism & National Service. In addition to providing much-needed funds for FSU’s civic engagement initiatives (giving that is matched by Northrop Grumman, her employer), she works tirelessly at various alumni events, including rolling up her sleeves at annual service projects during Homecoming weekend. This past fall, she spent hours making whimsical, brightly colored hats for sick children during FSU’s Glories Happy Hats event.

“I am a strong believer in creating a balance between asking people for resources – toys, money, etc. – and asking them for their time,” she says. “When you give of your time, that is when you feel the real impact of touching someone’s life.”

Testoni’s time as a volunteer is well spent and spread out between a myriad of different organizations, including the Giving Circle of Hope, Project We Care, Special Olympics and Best Buddies, making her the ideal candidate to provide financial support to FSU’s Center for Volunteerism & National Service and its equally diverse projects.

“There are not enough words to explain how proud I am of the accomplishments of the FSU Center for Volunteerism & National Service,” she says. “The students and volunteers are making a tremendous impact in the communities of Western Maryland at fire houses, reading programs, food banks, environmental clean-ups, schools, women’s shelters and local neighborhoods.”

Testoni’s impact goes way beyond simple funding, says Cherie Krug, the former director of the Center who has recently joined FSU’s Advancement team (*see page 8*).

“As an FSU alumna, Theresa offers our students a role model that service is life-long – not just done while they are in college,” she says. “Her dedication to the University and to the Center helps our students understand their roles as future alumni of FSU.”

Testoni is now taking her enthusiasm and commitment to volunteering to a whole new level as Commissioner for Service and Volunteerism for Montgomery County, a state-level appointment. Krug has also been asked to serve as a commissioner representing Allegany County.

“We are blessed in many ways, and it’s important that we give in some way – time, treasure or talent,” Testoni says.

With philanthropists like Testoni, Dixon, the Hollises and Jane Sloop and the “boys” making meaningful contributions to FSU’s future, it’s clear the University is blessed in many ways, as well.

## FSU Foundation Board Welcomes Oldham

The Frostburg State University Foundation Inc. Board of Directors recently welcomed **Kenneth A. Oldham Jr. ’98** as its newest member. Oldham earned a Bachelor of Science degree from FSU in Music Administration with a minor in Business Administration. He is the President of the National Philharmonic in residence at the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Md., and brings a successful background in nonprofit financial management and fundraising.

Oldham is an active alumnus, serving on the Friends of Music at Frostburg Steering Committee. He was recently selected as a “Who’s FSU” recipient for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for his professional success (*see page 23*). In addition, he’s a member of the 2008 Class of Leadership Montgomery and still teaches guitar two nights a week.

“Frostburg is a very special place,” Oldham says. “I had great fun, I learned a huge amount about myself and my field of study, and I made close friends, both peers and teachers, who form my support structure today. I’m absolutely thrilled to give back to the University in any way I can, including active participation, leadership and financial support.”

Ken and his wife, Leilani, reside in Frederick, Md. –SG



## Alumni Leaders

**Al Martin ’75** and **Gladys Faherty ’55**, who are national co-chairs of the 2007-2008 FSU Annual Fund Campaign, look over some fundraising plans. Martin and Faherty are leading the way in encouraging their fellow FSU alumni to join them in making gifts to the annual fund especially leadership gifts of \$1,000 and more that are particularly important in advancing the University’s mission and can make an immediate impact.



## Chancellor’s Hospitality

Major donors and other friends of the FSU Foundation gathered at a reception last November at Hidden Waters, the historic, Baltimore-area home of University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. “Brit” Kirwan and his wife, Patty. The evening was an opportunity for President Jonathan Gibralter and FSUF leaders to recognize and thank some of FSU’s key philanthropists, while underscoring the critical role that private giving will play in the University’s future.



## Wall Stands in Memory of Loved Ones

The Frostburg State University Foundation can help you honor the memory of your loved one, right on the FSU campus. **The Memorial Wall**, made of black and red granite aggregate, stands in front of the Performing Arts Center and displays the names of many distinguished alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the University.

A \$500 donation to the FSU Foundation Inc. for each name submitted will be used to help beautify the campus. In addition, a “virtual wall” has been added to the FSU Web site that allows you to provide biographical information, pictures or any memory you wish to share. Click on the “Memorial Wall” link at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation).

For more information, please contact Shannon Gribble, Director of Alumni Programs, at [slgribble@frostburg.edu](mailto:slgribble@frostburg.edu) or call 301.687.4068.



Theresa Testoni has a passion for volunteerism and philanthropy.

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— Theresa Testoni ’85



# classnotes

ClassNotes listed are those received as of November 30, 2007

1952

**Frenis Hoffman** and his wife, Mabel (FSU Honorary Alumna), celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on July 15, 2007. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

1953

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1958

**A Golden Anniversary Reunion is being planned for June 7, 2008.**  
Watch your mail for more details.

1962

**Edward L. Root** was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of State Boards of Education.

1963

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1965

**Evan Mohler** has retired from the Loudoun County Public School System after serving 43 years. He has worked as a biology teacher, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, assistant principal at Blue Ridge and Seneca Ridge middle schools, director of facilities services, and most recently, assistant superintendent for support services.

1966

**Frank L. Hamons** was named Port Leader of the Year by the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce.

1968

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**Christine V. Waggoner** is principal of South Charlotte Middle School in Charlotte, N.C. She has taught in Tehran, Belgium and Brussels and brought the first Middle Years International Baccalaureate program to the United States.

1969

**Jenny L. Jacques Bennett** has retired from the Frederick County Board of Education after 26 years of service. She and her husband, Robert, have one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

1970

**Larry Kump**, as chapter president, accepted a certificate of special recognition and appreciation on behalf of the MCEA Public Safety Non-Custody Employees Chapter at the MCEA Annual Convention in Ocean City, Md., on Oct. 3, 2007.

**Timothy M. Martin** had his artwork featured at the Albany Center Gallery in Albany, N.Y., in October.

1973

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**Linda R. Hawk Atkinson** is the director of health and human services in the Center for Continuing Education at Allegany College of Maryland.

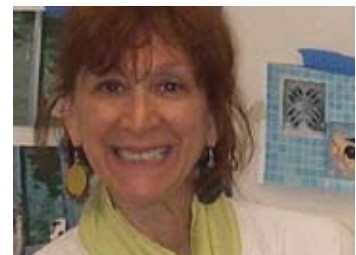
**Anita N. Nedzel Voelker** received her Ph.D. in December 2006 from the University of Maryland at College Park. She recently presented research findings at the American Educational Research Association's annual conference in Chicago and the National Research Conference in Austin, Texas.

1974

**Gregory M. Gill** is executive vice president and general counsel at Cassidy & Associates in Washington, D.C. He lobbies for appropriations and has served in several political positions.

**Kenneth Hoffman** was one of two FSU grads, both practicing at Venable LLP in Washington, D.C., to be named to the Best Lawyers in America annual legal rankings guide.

**Tony John Petrizzo** is presently in the logistics business and is an official for New Jersey high school football and baseball games. He previously taught health and coached three New Jersey state championship football games.



Ellen R. Rosenbush Orseck '74

**Ellen R. Rosenbush Orseck** had her paintings featured in two solo exhibitions in Houston.

1975

**Roy Samuel Cool** has been named a Friend of Transit by the Transportation Association of Maryland after 30 years of managing transportation issues for Allegany County government.

who's FSU

## College of Business Celebrates 20th Anniversary by Honoring 20 Notable Alums

FSU's **College of Business** celebrated its 20th anniversary with a "Who's FSU" Recognition Dinner Oct. 18 at Failinger's Hotel Gunter in Frostburg. The event, which drew graduates from all over the country, marked the beginning of a new tradition for the business school — honoring notable alumni by designating them as people who represent the best of "Who's FSU" and inviting them back to Frostburg to share their success stories with FSU students. The Business Who's FSU group, made up of 20 graduates in reflection of the College's 20 years, met with several FSU classes before joining fellow alums for festivities at the dinner later that evening.

"Each honoree was selected for professional accomplishment combined with a willingness to remain involved with FSU and the College of Business," said Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business. "These 20 alumni represent the culmination of what the College is focused on doing — preparing students to be well-rounded individuals and to have successful careers."

The College of Business' 20 inaugural Who's FSU honorees include: **Donald Battista '93**, president and chief executive officer of Garrett Memorial Hospital; **Renee Bone '96**, manager of Western Maryland Office, Department of Business & Economic Development; **Rick Brindle '82**, vice president - eSales & industry relations, Kraft North America Commercial; **Carolyn Brown '92**, director of Joseph D. Brandenburg Center & Potomac Center, Hagerstown; **William Buckley '84**, president of CGS Creative; **William Chesno '74**, Realtor, Long and Foster Companies; **Thomas Dowdell '93**, senior vice president, chief operating officer, Western Maryland Health System; **Michael Dreisbach '72**, founder and owner of Savage River Lodge; **Randy Fairbank '74**, vice president, sales development, World Fuel Services Corp.; **Mark Farris '90**, vice president and general counsel/chief financial officer, Carl Belt Inc.; **R. Patrick Friel '88**, partner and area coordinator of Washington, D.C., office of Heidrick & Struggles; **Robert Garver '92**, business development representative, Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development; **Terry Headlee '03**, executive editor, The Herald-Mail Co.; **Eugene Helbig '78**, senior vice president, CPA and CFP, First United Bank and Trust; **Royal Hines '94**, business unit operations planner, The Pepsi Bottling Group; **David C. Mathews '82**, business development coordinator/consultant, Standard Bank PaSB; **Chris McCarrick '88**, president and chief executive officer, Velocity Group, Inc.; **Timothy Michaels '83**, CPA, CVA, secretary and treasurer of Huber, Michaels & Co.; **David Oliver '02**, vice president, engineering and maintenance, NewPage Corp.; and **David Turnbull '85**, president of Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl, CPAs.

1978

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**Kevin R. Fitzgerald** is the new superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District in Delaware.

**Paul A. Gardner** is the police chief in Georgetown, Pa.

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From left, first row, are Royal Hines, Eugene Helbig, Mark Farris, Randy Fairbank, Renee Bone and Rick Brindle. In the second row are William Buckley, Thomas Dowdell, Carolyn Brown, Terry Headlee and Mike Dreisbach. Third row, David Oliver, Dave Mathews, Timothy Michaels and Chris McCarrick. Back row, Donald Battista, William Chesno, David Turnbull and Patrick Friel.



Alison Combes '93



Frank Cox '79



Kenneth Oldham '98

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Adds Three to Ranks of Who's FSU

In recognition of outstanding professional achievements, **Alison Combes**, **Frank Cox** and **Kenneth Oldham** are the most recent recipients of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Who's FSU Awards. Combes and Oldham were recognized at a September "Friends of Music" event in Frederick, Md., while Cox was presented his award during a visit to campus.

Since September 2006, Combes has served as executive director of the Cathedral Choral Society in Washington D.C. She is a member of Chorus America, the Recording Academy, the Friends of Music at Frostburg and participated on a Grammy award-winning album in 2000. Combes graduated cum laude from FSU in 1993, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Management and receiving Departmental Honors in General Education.

Cox has 21 years of pharmaceutical experience to his credit and currently serves as the president and general manager of Roche Carolina Inc. Since joining Roche in 1995, he has held various positions and been responsible for quality control, logistics, engineering, environmental, health and safety and purchasing. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from FSU and a Ph. D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of South Carolina.

In less than 10 years since receiving his degree from FSU, Oldham has become the president of the National Philharmonic at Strathmore. He is a charter member of the Steering Committee of Friends of Music at Frostburg and coordinated the 2007 Gala. He is a member of the Frostburg State University Foundation Inc., the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and the Planning Committee for the Executive's Ball in Support of the Arts and Humanities in Montgomery County.

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Members of the Class of '57 who gathered for the Golden Anniversary weekend are, front row from left, Donald Blair, Shirley Kammauf Ayers, Ruth Schade Chapman, Margy Leader Pryor, Joyce Warnick Buser and June Mowbray Ruffo; and back row from left, Fred Downs, Robert Berry, Lee Pryor, Wray Blair, Leo Kotschenreuther, Anne Leonard Andrews, Betty Tyree Cover, Mary Eileen Powers, Louise Ewald Miller and Enordo "Moose" Arnone.

## 2007 a Golden Year for 1957 Grads

Members of the Class of 1957 returned to campus in June to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. They spent the day revisiting old memories, and a trip to Old Main, a luncheon and a campus tour brought them together to make new memories. The Class of 1958 will celebrate 50 years on June 7.





Have you advertised your alma mater around the world? **Heather Douglas Papp, '03, '06**, showed her true FSU colors in front of the Sydney Opera House during a recent journey to Australia.

We would love to see you wearing your Frostburg garb pictured with some of the world's most recognizable landmarks. Send photos (prints will be returned) with your name, address, class year and e-mail address to "World Pictures in Profile," Communications and Media Relations, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or e-mail [emedcalf@frostburg.edu](mailto:emedcalf@frostburg.edu).

## 1979

**Dennis J. Albright** was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Grant County Schools in West Virginia. He is enrolled in West Virginia University's Educational Leadership doctorate program.

**John R. Isaac** earned his third professional designation as a CASL (Chartered Advisor for Senior Living) from the American College at Wharton. He was honored at Northwestern Mutual's Annual Meeting for completing his "Best Year Ever" for the second year in a row. In addition, he has completed his fourth year as the varsity softball high school coach at Chapelgate Christian Academy in Marriottsville, Md. The team made it to the semifinals of the conference championship. Isaac was recently published in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association monthly newsletter.

**Kevin Shepherd** was one of two FSU grads, both practicing at Venable LLP in Washington, D.C., to be named to the Best Lawyers in America annual legal rankings guide.

## 1980

**Lloyd David Yavener** is Senior Vice President of Marketing for Clements International, headquartered in Washington, D.C., a leading global provider of insurance solutions for expatriates and international organizations. He is also a founding member of the region's premier Grateful Dead tribute band, Onthebus, which appeared at Wilderness Jam in September 2007 with Jefferson Starship.

**Michael C. Dawson** and his partner, Ken Peters, are restoring a house in North Carolina to its original 1960s condition. The house features many '60s era furniture and fixtures, including a flamingo-themed bathroom. The house was showcased in the Aventura West Neighborhood Association's Third Annual Home Tour in September.

## 1982

## 1983

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## 1985

**Lisa Bender** was honored with the Alumni Teacher of the Year Award by the University of Maryland's College of Education.

**Jennifer Hatt Windus** is the President of TRS International, a trade finance advisory service. She was awarded an MBA in International Banking and Finance from The George Washington University. She is married with three children and resides in Great Falls, Va.

**Debra A. Beck** married Kaj Larsson in July. Debbie is director for Corporate Communications for Constellation Energy in Baltimore. The couple resides in Annapolis, Md.

## 1986

## 1987

**Donald L. Amon** is teaching math at Cushing High School in Oklahoma.

**Todd D. Boward** is the head assistant men's lacrosse coach at Christopher Newport University in Virginia.

**David Morris** is the new head women's soccer coach at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

## 1988

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## 1990

**Martin E. Crump** is the supervisor for Professional Development for the Allegany County Board of Education. He previously served as the principal of Westmar Middle School. He and his wife, **Kathleen '82**, have two daughters, Erin (22) and Megan (19).

**Mary Beth Dishong Pirolozzi** was named to the city council in Cumberland, Md. She serves as the executive director for Allegany County United Way.

**Robin Lynn Summerfield** has been named Sen. Benjamin Cardin's Western Maryland representative.

**Brian Edward Lyons** married Ann Rowley on March 18, 2006. Brian is a senior account executive with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Virginia. The couple resides in Goochland County, Va.

**David Arlen Lantz II**, and wife, Shawn, announce the birth of David A. Lantz III on Aug. 3, 2006.



David Lantz and son

## 1991

**Megan Carole Hartman** married David Garrity on Sept. 16, 2006. They live in Denver.

**Steven Douglas Schleupner** and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of their third son, Grady James, on Nov. 19, 2007. Grady joins big brothers Gavin (5) and Grant (3).

## 1992

**Michael Ray Baylor** was named president of Fidelity Bank in Hagerstown, Md.

**Anita Claire Comfort** is the guidance counselor at Calvary Christian Academy in Cresaptown, Md.

**Melisa Marcelle Miner** started Skyeia Holistic Services LLC, a consortium of personal and professional transformation services, in Oakland, Md.

**Curtis P. Pietro** married Sarah Lashley on June 26, 2007, in the Virgin Islands. Curtis is a certified public accountant employed by Glessner Protective Services. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Md.

**Philip Lee Rodeheaver** is the Garrett County market president of First United Bank & Trust.

## 1993

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**Andrew Lowry Thomas** of the Army National Guard completed basic combat training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

## 1994

**Michael David Friend** married Shelley Baker on June 22, 2007.

**Kirk Patrick Gallion**, president of Octagon Research Solutions Inc., has been honored by *PharmaVOICE* as one of the most inspiring people in the life sciences and named a finalist in the 2007 American Business Awards for product development.

## 1995

**Jonathan Tal Alloy** is Product Manager with Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, Calif.

**Heather Elizabeth Golden** earned a Ph.D. in forest hydrology and watershed management at the State University of New York. She is working as a physical scientist/post-doctoral researcher with the U.S. EPA National Exposure Research Laboratory in Athens, Ga.

**Robin Lynn Graves** is the children's pastor at Good Shepherd Ministries in Hagerstown, Md.

**William Pfaff** married Jamie Kay Clark on Aug. 17, 2006. The couple lives in Cumberland, Md.

**Jennifer M. Drees** married Robert Ritchie on Oct. 2, 2004.

**Lori A. Hoover Spence** is administrative assistant to the president at Allegany College of Maryland.

## 1996

**Michael Lease** and **Brad Walker '04** are photographers and founders of the SameTime project. Without fail, when their cell phone alarms sound at 7:15 every evening, they take a photograph that reflects where they are or what they are doing at that precise moment. The photos are then posted at the project's Web site: [www.michaellease.com/sametime](http://www.michaellease.com/sametime).

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Some of the scores of volunteers who helped construct Glories Happy HATS at last fall's Homecoming pause for a group photo. During the year-long project, volunteers stitched a total of 169 hats that were given to children with life-threatening illnesses.

## Alumni Team Up Throughout Year to Bring Joy with Happy HATS

By Jeremy Layman

During Homecoming Weekend 2007, the Lane University Center's Atkinson Room was temporarily transformed into an assembly line complete with 50 volunteers, an abundance of brightly colored fabric, sewing machines, puff-balls and ribbons. The students, alumni, faculty and staff who participated were working on Glories Happy HATS destined for the University of Maryland Hospital for Children.

It was the second year that FSU alumni had gathered at Homecoming to make the floppy hats, working with the Northern Virginia-based organization for this unique hands-on service learning program. In 2006, FSU's Center for Volunteerism teamed up with the Alumni Association to seek a \$5,000 grant from the University System of Maryland Alumni Association-International Inc. for the yearlong project. In addition to the Homecoming weekend sessions, the FSU Alumni Association held workshops over the course of the year in Rockville, Annapolis and Hagerstown, stitching a total of 169 hats in the process.

Glories Happy HATS are designed in a variety of colors and patterns. They're shaped like a jester's hat and meant for exactly that — clowning around. Each one is personalized, containing a tag with the maker's name and a message of encouragement. Of the hats delivered most recently to UMHC, one read, "You are terrific"; another read, "I made this hat especially for you." When the children wear the Happy HATS, they are encouraged to "think happy thoughts."

"It becomes part of the healing process," says Shannon Joslin, Child Life Manager at UMHC.

"Happy HATS can now be seen all over the Pediatrics and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit," Joslin said following the delivery of the hats. "One of our cardiac surgeons, usually a very stoic man, promptly scooped up a hat as well and said he was going to wear it to surgery the next day."

Three FSU student members from the Center of Volunteerism, Joseph Ruiz, Whitney Young and T.J. Shabbott, accompanied the delivery of Happy HATS to UMHC. The hats were hauled in by a big red toy wagon and the students had the privilege of seeing one

child, who was being released from the hospital that day, take her Happy HAT home.

"Making the hats and actually seeing them on the heads of children is a very different feeling indeed," Ruiz said. "It's the difference between knowing your services are wanted and seeing that your help is needed."

Susan Khorshand, Glories director of Project Development and FSU's contact, was also present at UMHC. She said the impact of the Happy HATS is subtle, but it allows the children, who are often suffering from life-threatening illnesses, to be silly for a little while, "just kids" instead of "sick kids."

The Glories project is just one way that the FSU Alumni Association has continued the FSU tradition of serving its community.

"We will never sever the ties we've made with Glories," says Shannon Gribble, Director of Alumni Programs. "Over 120 FSU Alumni volunteers have worked with them. In the coming years we will continue to look for unique programs like Glories to unite the alumni and the community."

Happy Hats allow the children, who are often suffering from life-threatening illnesses, to be silly for a little while.







Megan and Lawrence Ashworth  
**Megan Kate Dorr** married Lawrence Ashworth on July 28, 2007 in Negril, Jamaica. They are both school administrators in Maryland.



Alexander Robert Jacobs  
**Melissa Kay Berzins Jacobs** and her husband, David Jacobs, announce the arrival of their first child, Alexander Robert, on May 1, 2007.

## 1997

**Amy Noel Kelsch Bielski** and **James Joseph Bielski '97**, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Jan. 17, 2008. They have two daughters, Maggie (8) and Rachel



### Alumni in Annapolis

Maryland State Sen. **Norman Stone**, left, talks with FSU classmates **Joe Adams '74** and **Harry Zacharko '74** at a reception held in Annapolis in February. Adams and Zacharko were two of the Annapolis-area alumni and Maryland lawmakers, including some alums serving in the General Assembly, who joined President Jonathan C. Gibraltar, the FSU Executive Committee and members of the Alumni Association for the gathering.

(6). Jim started a new job at Mitre, and Amy has owned her own company, Ripple Effect Communications Inc., for three years. The company has been doing business with the government for a year and a half and has booked a million dollar in sales.



Tyler Jacob and Carrie Gottesman  
**Seth Gottesman** and **Marcia Sefcik Gottesman '98** announce the birth of their son, Tyler Jacob, on Aug. 14, 2007. He joins big sister, Carrie (2).

**Joy Lynn Blankenship** is the college accountant in the finance and personnel area of Allegany College of Maryland.

**Barbara Jean Nelson Bolden** and husband Cobenn announce the birth of Amelia Jeanine on Aug. 14, 2007. Amelia joins big sister Mariah Brielle (5). Barbie is employed by the Mineral County Schools as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Elk Garden Primary School.

**Brian Kent Goodger** married Elizabeth Dean on May 5, 2007. They live in Bethesda, Md.

**Robert Hamilton** married **Kathryn Jean George** on July 29, 2006. Robert is a consultant for CACI International Inc. in Fairfax, Va. Kathryn is the vice president for marketing and communications for the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties in Herndon, Va. The couple resides in Fairfax, Va.

**Eric Ronald Holtzman** was elected to the Greencastle-Antrim School District Board in Pennsylvania.

**Gary Orvil Wolz** is the Assistant Administrator at New Dominion of Maryland, a long-term outdoor therapeutic program for adolescent boys in Oldtown, Md.

## 1998

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It's twins for Kimmie Kiesgen Edwards!  
**Kimmie E. Kiesgen Edwards** announces the birth of twins, Drew Steven and Jake Dean, on Oct. 30, 2007.

**Angela Lee O'Boyle** was named AmeriCorps VISTA project director for FSU's Center for Volunteerism and National Service.

**Jeremy Adam Taylor** married Nicole Conner on Sept. 2, 2007. He is employed by the federal government.

## 1999

**Jared A. Ball** is running for the Green Party's presidential nomination.

**Donald Andrew Rowe** has been named executive director of the Arc of Carroll County. The Arc provides services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

**Kathleen Ellen Cross** married Dr. Joseph Strozkykowski on July 29, 2006. She is a second-grade teacher at West Side Elementary School in Allegany County, Md.

**Cassandra Pearl Moser Weaver** is the senior administrative services and Human Resource director at Fahrney-Keedy Home and Village.



Brian Thomas Bivona  
**Emily Sue Coyle Bivona** and husband, **Dan Bivona '98**, announce the birth of Brian Thomas on Sept. 17, 2007. Brian joins big sister Hannah.

**Mende Ellen Martinez Potkay** has been hired as placement and clinical coordinator at San Mar Children's Home in Washington County. She is a licensed certified social worker.

**Erich Franz Muehleisen** Sergeant (E-7) of the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) will deploy for his third tour this summer.

## 2000

**Angela Dawn Muir** married Daniel Bowser on Sept. 15, 2006. Angela is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

**Stacey Renee Stakem** married Justin Brown on Oct. 14, 2006. She is employed at Shaffer Toyota, Chevrolet and Buick as the finance and insurance manager. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

**Tyson Wade Dunkelberger** is a public affairs officer for the Blue Angels. He is a marine captain assigned to Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 in Pensacola, Fla.

**Melissa Dawn Judy** married Wesley McKee on Oct. 16, 2004. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

**Jessica Erin Bajus Ormberg** and **Kurt S. Ormberg '02** announce the birth of Isaac Kurt on May 4, 2007. Kurt is working as a special agent for the FBI in Sacramento, Calif., while Jessica has left her job as the Database Coordinator for Jesuit High School in Carmichael, Calif., to care for Isaac.

**Gavin Dean Palumbo** married Meghan Simpson on Aug. 5, 2006. He is a physical edu-

cation teacher at Washington Middle School in Cumberland, Md. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

**Rebecca Lynn DeWitt** married Todd Robertson on June 24, 2006. Rebecca is a first-grade teacher in Hampshire County, W.Va.

## 2001

**Tori Lee Abbott** has been named marketing coordinator for Cannon Design, a nationally ranked architectural, engineering and planning firm.

**Jennifer Joyce Jackson** married Anthony Ferraro on March 4, 2006. Jennifer is a guidance counselor at Salisbury-Elk Lick School. The couple resides in Allegany County, Md.

**Daniel Matthew James** is the assistant prosecutor for Morgan County in W.Va.



Jessica Masser

**Jessica Lynn Yahnert Masser** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College. She is doing a internship and residency in family medicine at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

**Amber Dawn Morgan** married **Patrick Pennel** on Sept. 2, 2006. Amber is a clinical case coordinator at Georgetown Hospital and Patrick is a regional service manager with Continental Pools of Silver Spring. The couple resides in Rockville, Md.

**Michelle Christine Molz** married Richard Shulte III on Sept. 29, 2007. She is an international marketing representative for Europe with the Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The couple resides in Orlando, Fla.

**David Eric St. Clair** has completed the requirements to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He works at Smith Elliott Kearns & Co.

**Emily Ann Carey** married Matthew Widder on July 8, 2006. Emily is a second-grade teacher at Clear Spring Elementary School in Clear Spring, Md.

## 2002

**Anne Elizabeth Duffus** is teaching eighth-grade physical science at Springfield Middle School in Washington County, Md.

**Julie Marie Weil Hall** is married and works for Towson University in their financial services department.

**Lisa Marie Gaumer** married Dale Jones on Sept. 30, 2006. She is the director of social services for the Frostburg Village Nursing Home. The couple resides in Garrett County, Md.

**Michael Joseph Maginnis** showcased his artwork in a solo exhibition at the Washington County Arts Council Gallery in August. He serves as a fine arts and science teacher at Antietam Academy in Hagerstown, Md.



Leann and Robert Mongelluzzo

**Leann Elizabeth Behrend** married Robert Mongelluzzo on July 27, 2007. The couple resides in Montgomery County, Md.

**Lori Lynn Vibostok** married Michael Moore on Oct. 21, 2006. She is the assistant manager of Christopher & Banks. The couple resides in Westminster, Md.

**Amy Elizabeth Wescott** graduated from Wilmington College with a 4.0 GPA, receiving a Master of Education with a concentration in school counseling. Amy is a Pre-K teacher for at-risk students at Collingswood Public Schools in New Jersey.



Amy Wescott

## 2003

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**Jennifer Lee Baker** married **Nathan Ramsey '02, '07** on July 15, 2006. Jennifer is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education and Nathan works for CSX Transportation. Jennifer recently appeared in the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad's Murder Mystery Train featuring "The Monster Mash." The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

### FSU's men in black



From left, Bobcats and FBI Special Agents **Kevin McShane**, **John Roberts** and **Jay Stone**.

## Philly's FBI Special Agents also Have a Special Tie to Frostburg

At least one Federal Bureau of Investigation office can now boast a trio of Frostburg grads: **Kevin McShane '89**, **John Roberts '85** and **Joseph (Jay) Stone '85** serve in the FSU's Philadelphia Division.

McShane came to the FBI from the Baltimore County Police Department. In Philadelphia, he works bank robbery, kidnapping and violent fugitive investigations, as well as serving on the Philly SWAT Team and the National Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Team.

Roberts, who is also a CPA, started in the FBI's Memphis Division in 1987. Now a supervisory special agent, he has investigated government corruption, currently supervising the Philly Public Corruption Squad.

Stone worked white collar crimes and narcotics investigations and was a member of the division SWAT team, then was transferred to FBI Headquarters as a supervisory special agent. He returned to Philadelphia in 2005 to lead a health care fraud squad. Last year he became supervisor of the Philly Special Operations Group. —TK



### New Schaidt Scholarship

**Patty Stroup Alexander '84**, chair of the Schaidt Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland, Md., presents a check for \$10,000 to **FSU President Jonathan C. Gibraltar** and **Bernard J. Davison II '81**, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation Inc. The funds will establish the Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Pass-Through Scholarship Via St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which will provide scholarships to Allegany County students attending FSU who demonstrate financial need.



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**Angela D. Burns** was awarded a Master of Science degree in wildlife and fisheries at West Virginia University in May 2007. She has accepted a position at FSU as the assistant director of the Regional Math & Science Center.

**Edward J DeWitt** has purchased Clark’s Camera Centre in Cumberland, Md., and reopened it as DeWitt Camera Centre.

Kenneth and Tiffany Fowler

**Tiffany Lannea Nelson** married **Kenneth Edward Fowler ’02** on June 30, 2007. Tiffany is a first-grade teacher at Hilltop Elementary in Glen Burnie, Md. Kenneth is a physical education teacher and assistant football coach at Annapolis High School.

**Rebecca Marie Kercheval** married Bradley Grosskreutz on July 7, 2007. She is a teacher at Potomac Heights Elementary School. The couple resides in Greencastle, Pa.

**Erica Megan Jolley** is a fourth-grade teacher at Calvary Christian Academy in Cresaptown, Md.

**2004**  
**Patrick Sean Geraghty** married Tasha Ogden on Aug. 12, 2006. Patrick is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

**Holly Ellen Harrington** has been working and studying Chinese in Taipei, Taiwan. She is co-hosting syndicated daily radio shows for three English learning magazines, as well as instructing high school and college students on the SAT and TOEFL exams. She has also been fundraising with V-DAY Taipei and has appeared twice in “The Vagina Monologues.”

**Christopher J. Hill** ran for the Baltimore City Council in the 2007 election.

**Anthony Aden Long** is the girls’ varsity basketball coach at Heritage High School in Virginia.

**John Clark Mayden** received a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, on May 14, 2007.

**Carley J. Smith** married **David McGann ’04** on July 8, 2006. Carley is teaching fourth grade at Beall Elementary School, and David is a computer programmer for Sycamore. US in Frederick, Md. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

**Sarah M. Bittner** married **John O’Neal ’96, ’00** on July 16, 2006. Both Sarah and John are employed by the Allegany County Board of Education.

**Jack Allen Pifer** married **Nicole Marie Michael ’03** on July 9, 2005. Son Caden Michael was born Dec. 4, 2006.

**Dana Jo Braskey** married Jeffrey Reinhardt on July 8, 2006. Dana is a third-grade teacher at George’s Creek Elementary. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

**2005**  
**David Wayne Barnhart** is a part-time videographer for the *Herald-Mail* in Hagerstown, Md., shooting sporting events in the Tri-State area.

**Michelle Diane Perrin** married **Matthew Crawford ’06** on July 7, 2007. They live in Pittsburgh.

**Kathleen Taylor Goff** is the new residence hall coordinator of human resources for the Office of Residential Education at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

**Jacqueline M. McKenzie** married Don Parsons III on June 17, 2006. Jacque is employed by the Garrett County Board of Education. The couple resides in Accident, Md.

**Sarah Lynne Appel** married **Matthew Miller ’05** on July 29, 2006. Sarah is a fourth-grade teacher at Strathmore Elementary School in Silver Spring and Matthew is employed as an actuary with GEICO in Chevy Chase. The couple resides in Rockville, Md.

**Matthew Brian Veillette** married Kelly Wagner on May 26, 2007. He is a senior IT specialist at NASA headquarters.

**2006**  
**Katie Ann Bennett** was presented the Woman’s Civic Club of Cumberland Nursing/ Dental Hygiene Scholarship by Allegany College of Maryland.

**George Albert Fockler** is employed with the U.S. State Department and is working in Kabul, Afghanistan. He is retired from the Maryland State Police and the Maryland Army National Guard.

**Shannon Sturtz** is the Maryland Cooperative Extension educator in 4-H youth development in Washington County.

**Michael J. Burt** was nominated for Best Poet for the 2007 African American Literary Awards. He has edited a book titled *Step Up to the Mic: A Poetic Explosion* published by Poetic Press/ XY Publishing. Michael hosts the “Poetry Cafe Radio Show” ([www.artistfirst.com](http://www.artistfirst.com)) and has been featured in *Essence* magazine.

**Michael Bryan George** is the author of *Mystic Kingdoms: The Crumbling Towers*, a fantasy book similar to *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings*. George is a native of Garrett County and resides in Bedford, Pa.

**Carrie Lee Keller** married Jay Hartley on June 27, 2007 in Bermuda. Carrie is an assistant branch manager for Bulldog Federal Credit Union. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Md.

**Julia Kaye Gladhill** married Mark McGee on June 16, 2007. Julia is a fifth-grade teacher in Washington County. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Md.

**Jayson Daniel Ohler** married Jeannie Powell on Aug. 19, 2006. Jayson is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Roanoke, Va.

**Jerilyn Ann Jackson** has been appointed to the Frostburg Main Street Board of Directors.

**Sheila R. Kurtz** joined the personal training staff of Total Fitness Specialists Inc. in Maryland.

**Samuel Francis Livingston** is attending medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

**Bryn Y. Varhol** is the assistant coach for the men’s soccer team at Mount Union College.

**Jessica Ann Wessell** is working in Loudoun County Public Schools as a technology assistant. She has also been working as a consultant for a non-profit environmental group called Our Task.

## New look coming to ClassNotes

In the next issue of *Profile*, ClassNotes will have a new look, with new sections making it easier to find announcements for births and adoptions, as well as for the announcement of marriages and other commitment ceremonies. As our number of alumni grows, we hope you will continue to keep us informed of the momentous events in your life.

One consequence, however, of the increasing volume of information we receive is we will no longer be able to publish wedding or baby photos. We will still consider other alumni-related photos, so please keep us in mind.

## Friends of the University

**Rexann M. Dubiel** is a third-grade teacher in Sunset Beach, Hawaii. She has created the stuffed animal Surf Dog, with whom she and her husband travel around the U.S. to promote literacy and kindness.

**Scott Michael Feller** is the first baseman for the Ra’anana Express baseball team in Israel.

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ClassNotes listed are those received as of November 30, 2007

## Earl’s not the only one with a list

**Editor’s note:** In a previous issue of *Profile*, we solicited alumni for their *My Name is Earl*-style lists, either things they loved about their time here (small classes, snow, friendships, faculty) or behaviors (over-imbibing, “borrowing” cafeteria trays for sledding, pranks) that may have adversely affected their “karma.” The response was so big that they couldn’t all fit in one issue. Here are some more responses. Again, lists were edited for length, repetition, good taste or unexpired statutes of limitation.

### What’s “on my list” from my time at Frostburg:

- Stole potatoes from an old man’s garden.
- Sold spots on my cable TV splitter to fellow students that lived in my apartment building.
- We ran up a tab on my speech teacher’s account at Bogie’s Bar & Grill.
- Ran up \$300 in parking tickets my father had to pay before I could graduate.

**Henry J. Ford ’87**

*“Karma caught up with me eventually.”*

- Fell asleep in Lane Center and missed one of Mama Mills classes.
- Did not experience a beer blast until my junior year.
- Showed up the first day of senior year in dark glasses. (See previous item.)

**Diane Duckworth Dean ’80**

- Played Sega instead of going to class.
- Forgot to do homework a few times.
- Stole beer from next door neighbor (they did it to me).
- Put together a very bad intramural b-ball team.

**Erik Goldberg ’95**

- Fighting with my freshman roommate because we couldn’t talk things out.
- Forgetting that I had archery for a class and running to take the final with only 10 minutes left.

**Sandi Poole ’87**

- Gave a negative evaluation to a professor who was really a great mentor.
- Despised a professor for giving me a B due to attendance policy while I scored all As.
- Attended a party with a Jello-fighting ring on Spring Street.
- Spent too many hours working at the Tombstone Cafe and not studying.
- Dressed like an idiot at times.

**Laura Beeman ’99**

### What I loved about my time at Frostburg:

- The library on Thursday nights.
- Lunchtime wiffle-ball tournaments.
- Quarts at Highway pizza.
- Snow in October.

**Clint Malone ’00**

- Living so cheaply.
- Movies were cheap at the LaVale mall and they’d even show free movies on campus.
- Free campus activities. I remember seeing a circus performance in the gym.
- I never have had so many friends within close perimeters at one time.
- I was in better shape while at FSU, with all of those hills to climb.

**Nancy Ruddle ’94**

- All the assistance for registration at semester time — Customer service was No. 1.
- All the professor assistance.
- Evening classes after my day of work.
- Weekend computer lab privileges.

**Leda L. Fischer ’00**

- Working for Dustin Davis as gallery attendant and secretary’s assistant.
- Hanging out in the Lane Canter
- I have had some really great instructors and classes ... especially in my major, art.

**Pattysue (Geary) Winters ’86**

- Becoming homecoming queen, senator of the year, RHA executive board member of the year.
- Being able to encourage my students to go to FSU.
- Love I received from my roommates - the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta.
- West Hall - the Best Hall Ever.
- Allowing a city girl to love the mountains.

**Lisa V. Byrd ’94**

*“ I can never look back upon my college days at FSU with any regret. I miss the ‘Burg. I love the ‘Burg. The ‘Burg helped me become the professional and woman I am.”*

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In Memoriam

**Dr. Richard Sloop**, who died Aug. 17, 2007, was a member of the faculty from 1961 to 1996, teaching subjects ranging from physical science and research methods to an array of professional education courses. He was both a member and adviser to Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership was established at FSU in 1998 as a tribute to him, something he considered to be his greatest honor.



“He was willing to stay in his office at night and help anyone who needed help ... he just had lots and lots of patience,” said his wife, Jane, who with her husband welcomed scores of his students into their home over the years. *(See story, page 10.)*

**Dr. Melvin L. Brown**, who died Dec. 7, 2007, was a member of the Biology Department faculty for a number of years, including serving as department chair in the 1970s. According to his colleague, Dr. Amy Harman, he was instrumental in bringing the Appalachian Laboratory to the Frostburg campus and building its affiliation with FSU, and the taxonomy books he co-authored, *Woody Plants of Maryland* and *Herbaceous Plants of Maryland*, are still key reference works for anyone involved in botany. Harman said that many of the trees that grace the campus today were planted as the result of his efforts, often donated from his private arboretum.

**Dr. Chrismarie Baxter**, who died Jan. 28, 2008, served as a member of the psychology faculty from 1979 until her retirement in 2005, the same year she was awarded Outstanding Mentor recognition. She developed the research methods sequence of courses that remains the cornerstone of FSU’s psychology major, and she shared her passion for learning and research with her students, many of whom presented their projects at regional conferences. Several of her former students have achieved placement in master’s programs and doctoral programs in psychology and other fields of study. The Psychology Department established a Web site in her memory: [www.frostburg.edu/dept/psyc/chrismarie.html](http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/psyc/chrismarie.html). One former student wrote simply, “She was a great educator, scientist, mentor and friend.”

Alumni

<b>1925 Chauncey M. Friend</b> Nov. 26, 2007	<b>1952 Robert T. Thomas</b> Sept. 28, 2007
<b>1938 Alex Densmore</b> April 29, 2007	<b>1953 Drummond Orr</b> March 28, 2007
<b>Wilbur Scott Hoopengardner</b> April 10, 2007	<b>1961 Charlotte Sigler</b> Nov. 25, 2007
<b>1939 James M. Cross</b> June 13, 2007	<b>1965 Marion H. Trevaskis</b> June 25, 2007
<b>1942 Dorothy Conrad</b> Aug. 19, 2007	<b>1969 Mary M. McLane Powers</b> Sept. 2, 2007
<b>1950 Donald L. DeVore</b> June 21, 2007	<b>1971 Corbyn W. Hickie</b> July 8, 2007
	<b>Mary Jane Beckman Rice</b> Nov. 8, 2007

<b>1973 Mary A. Kelly</b> Aug. 5, 2007
<b>1975 Edward J. Eichhorn</b> March 13, 2007
<b>Walter L. Moore</b> Oct. 3, 2007
<b>1976 David R. Kinsley</b> April 12, 2007
<b>1978 Robert Carroll Hesson</b> Nov. 23, 2007
<b>1979 Douglas Ray Oxford</b> June 11, 2007
<b>1985 Tamara J. Brode Bradley</b> Sept. 1, 2007
<b>1986 Calvin Duvain Harbaugh</b> Aug. 16, 2007
<b>2004 Katherine Ann Clifton</b> July 3, 2007

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<b>Chrismarie Baxter</b> Jan. 28, 2008
<b>Kenneth Michael Berry</b> May 7, 2007
<b>Robert S. Bianco</b> Oct. 16, 2007
<b>Melvin L. Brown</b> Dec. 7, 2007
<b>Jacqueline E. Clarke</b> May 26, 2007
<b>Eleanor Drake-Lewis</b> May 31, 2007
<b>Elizabeth L. Hayek</b> Dec. 28, 2006
<b>Howard E. Hughes</b> Nov. 21, 2007
<b>Mary A. Leptic</b> July 14, 2007
<b>Richard Francis Mayo</b> July 11, 2007
<b>Cora Prosser Myers</b> Oct. 28, 2006
<b>Walter R. Rice</b> May 31, 2007
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Homecoming Scrapbook



Becoming the head football coach at a college or university is a rare and difficult enough experience for most. But even more challenges were piled onto Gallaudet University head coach **Ed Hottle '99, '01**, who both played and coached at Frostburg State University. Hottle and his team responded with the kind of success that the school hadn't seen in decades.

# Alum Leads Gallaudet Back into Varsity-Level Football

Former FSU coach takes on challenges of learning sign language, rebuilding program

By Noah Becker

Gallaudet, the world's only liberal arts university that designs all its programs to accommodate the deaf and hearing impaired, has had a football team since 1883, but the sport had languished in recent years, dropping from varsity to club status in the 1990s.

When Gallaudet decided to bring its varsity football program back up to full varsity from the depths of club status, there were numerous hurdles to cross. The Bison hadn't seen that level of competition in nearly 13 years and hadn't had a winning season since 1930.

Hottle, who was hired in 2005 at age 32 to lead the program back to NCAA Division III status, had two of his own challenges to overcome. He didn't know any sign language, and it was his first head coaching gig.

"I had been at the collegiate level before as an assistant and after talking with family, I decided to apply for the position and see what happened," Hottle says. "I enjoy the college game a little more than the high school level because it's more intense, and I love the recruiting aspect."

His resume included stints as an assistant at Frostburg, Denison and Wesley before becoming a high school head coach at nearby Calvert Hall prep school.

As for the sign language, then-athletic director Jim DeStefano enlisted Hottle in a two-hour daily sign language tutorial that July.

"We relied on the players to get through the communication problems at the beginning," Hottle says. "Even now, I feel comfortable to ask a player about sign language or how to sign a word. Most coaches are set in their ways and would never rely on a player for help and advice. Here at Gallaudet, the coaches and players have an open trust because of the communication barriers."

Hottle had just two years to revitalize a program that had suffered since becoming a club

team in 1994. Student-athletes typically aren't interested in playing for a club program at the university level, plus the school hadn't funded the program well, nor had it employed a full-time head coach, he says.

"Despite having just 21 guys show up for my first meeting with the team, we turned in a 15-2 record in the two seasons at the club level, so the guys know what it's like to win."

Just over two years after his arrival at Gallaudet, Hottle completed the return by taking his team on the road to St. Vincent (Pa.) for the school's first game in over a decade as an NCAA team. They won, 32-12.



Before Hottle learned sign language, he would count on his players to help him communicate.



Ed Hottle

Matthew Kohashi

To the casual football fan, the game's score didn't mean much, but to Gallaudet and the deaf community as a whole, the victory was enormous. It also ended losing streak against NCAA Division II teams – 34 games – that had remained intact since the last time the team competed at the varsity status.

"Going into St. Vincent and getting that first win was huge for the program. That afternoon was truly special as our president and the administration were there watching. It was a great atmosphere and great game," Hottle says.

Bob Colbert, the opposing coach in that first varsity game, had coached at Gallaudet in 1970-71, so he brought a unique perspective to his observation of Hottle and his team.

"Ed has the dedication and commitment to make Gallaudet competitive as a Division III football team. He understands his players and they respond to him," Colbert says. "I appreciated the effort that goes into developing a team at the school. It takes patience and leadership. Ed appears to have both of those qualities."

Gallaudet followed up that win against St. Vincent with another a week later to start the season 2-0. The Bison pummeled Walter Reed 44-0 behind 526 yards of total offense – all by a team that was in just its second varsity-level game.

Gallaudet would suffer losses in its next four games against Greensboro, Denison, Case Western and Becker, but Hottle was still pleased with his team's performance.

"In the games against Greensboro and Case Western, we played well in the first half and hung tough; we just came out on the wrong end of the score. Case Western advanced to the NCAA Tournament second round, so it was nice to see our guys keep up with them," he says.

In week seven, the Bison collected their third win of the season. Gallaudet downed Williamson Trade 40-26 on Homecoming in front 2,577 fans. The Bison fell behind 19-12 but scored 28 consecutive points to rally for the win.

Gallaudet would end the season dropping two of its final three games. In its second-to-last contest of the fall season, the Bison earned their fourth and final win of the year, a 28-13 victory over Maritime.

"It was pretty good stepping back into Division III," says Hottle. "We won two (NCAA) Division III games and ended a 34-game losing streak in the process. We are very excited about the future."

At the conclusion of the season, the Bison also learned that two of the players finished in the top 10 statistically for the first time ever.

"The players learned a lot about what Division III football is all about," Hottle adds. "It's a high



bobcat hall of fame

## All-female class inducted into Bobcat Hall of Fame

Pictured from left, track and field alums **Betty Barnes '91** and **Gina Bowman '90** and former field hockey coach **Christine Lottes** were inducted into the 37th class of the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame on Homecoming Weekend. Bowman, inductee number 147, holds five school records and was one of the most successful athletes in team history. Barnes, the 148th inductee, was a four-time All-American sprinter. And Lottes, the 149th inductee, guided her field hockey teams to more than 100 wins in nine years.

level of competition, and until the guys experienced it first hand, they never really knew what to expect. After the year we had prior to coming into the season with the protests (when students unhappy with the choice of Gallaudet's new president shut down the college), we are glad everything turned out the way it did."

St. Vincent's Colbert credits the players' heart with their success, but he also believes Hottle has what it takes to bring out their best.

"Gallaudet is one of the most unique football programs in the country," Colbert says. "The players want nothing more than the opportunity to compete on a level playing field against the hearing teams they must play. They play with passion and enthusiasm. They give fanatical effort during the games. Ed will succeed at Gallaudet because he cares about his players and knows how to relate to them."

Hottle agrees with Colbert's assessment of his players. "Most teams come to play us and think that we can't compete or challenge them because we are a handicapped school. Our guys have the

same drive and spirit, and they want to prove that they aren't any different — they just can't hear as well as most people. I get a kick out of watching the team try and prove that they can play with anyone."

After a 4-6 season as a varsity level program, Hottle and his players head into the offseason with an extra sense of incentive and motivation. The players want to prove that their four wins weren't a fluke and that they belong on the same level as the teams on their schedule.

Hottle has a group of core players coming back for the 2008 season, so the future looks bright for Gallaudet.

"We expect to win every game of the season but we are OK with a 4-6 finish in the first season. We are approaching next season with guarded optimism," he says. "We aspire to be in the NCAA Playoffs but we have to take baby steps to get where we want to be as a team."



# sports wrap-up



Senior quarterback **Andre Dixon** was one of nine Bobcats to earn All-ACFC honors.

## Fall '07

### Men's Cross Country

Seventh-year head coach Randy Lowe and his men's squad battled through a tough season this fall. It was one of the youngest teams in recent memory as the Bobcats had only two seniors and one junior. The Frostburg runners captured a pair of runner-up finishes at the Ursinus College Invitational and the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships. The men also finished 19th out of 41 teams at the NCAA Mid-east Regional Championships. Junior Brian Leiter powered the men's team throughout the season with a first-place finish at the Ursinus meet (27:45) and a second-place finish the AMCC Championships (28:12). At the conclusion of the season, Leiter, senior Chris Mead and sophomore Cory Smith all took home all-conference honors.

### Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team faced the same problems as the men's squad. The women's team was without a senior on the '07 roster and had just two juniors. The Bobcats' best finish of the fall campaign came in a third-place showing at

the AMCC Championships. FSU also finished fourth at the Shippensburg Alumni Open in the season-opening meet. Junior Jennifer Patton and sophomores Gwen Massey and Christina Aumand earned All-AMCC honors after their efforts during the conference championships meet.

### Field Hockey

Frostburg began a new era in 2007 as Melissa Grosman was named the 13th coach in the program's history. She wasted little time getting used to Frostburg as she guided the Bobcats to an 11-6 overall record, turning around a team that won just six games in 2006. FSU's winning percentage (0.647) is the best for a team since the 1999 squad posted a 13-5 overall record and a 0.722 winning percentage. This fall, the Bobcats ended their season with wins in six of their final seven games. FSU also enjoyed the friendly confines of Bobcat Stadium as the field hockey team enjoyed a 5-2 record at home.

### Football

The Bobcat football team suffered a 2-7 overall record and an 0-4 Atlantic Central Football Conference mark in 2007. The Bobcats posted

wins over only Randolph Macon and Union (Ky.). In the win over RMC, FSU scored 13 unanswered points to rally for a 20-13 win. The Bobcats rushed for a season-high 281 yards and three touchdowns. Frostburg earned its second win of the season over Union, 28-7, on Homecoming. The Bobcats posted their second-best rushing output of the season with 224 yards on the ground and three scores. FSU also managed a touchdown through the air on its second possession. At the end of the season, nine Bobcats captured All-ACFC honors led by Nicholas Payne, a first-team selection. Payne was also named to the D3football.com All-South Region Third Team.

### Golf

The golf squad had an up-and-down fall season but ended the year on a solid note with a third-place finish at the Centenary Invitational. FSU also added a runner-up finish at its own tournament, the Frostburg State Invitational, at the beginning of October. Individually, Sean Buenger had an outstanding season with a pair of wins, a second- and third-place finish. His two wins came at the ECAC Championships and the Mt. Aloysius Invitational. At the ECAC's, Buenger fired a two-day total of 155, good for 11 over par. Buenger was also the lone Bobcat on the 2007 All-AMCC team, taking home first-team honors.

### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team earned yet another trip to the postseason with its second-straight trip to the ECAC Championship. The Bobcats were 16-5-1 overall and 8-1 in the AMCC, tying for the



Freshman defender **Heather Fleishell** was part of the Women's Soccer Team tour of Costa Rica (see page 1).

second-most wins in the program's history. After starting the season 0-2, FSU posted 11 wins in the next 12 games. The only non-win during the streak was a 1-1 tie against Catholic. After a 1-0 setback to rival Penn State Behrend, FSU closed out the regular season with three wins, including a 13-0 blowout of Mt. Aloysius. Frostburg earned a bye in the opening round of the AMCC Tournament and defeated Penn State Altoona (4-1) in the semifinals before falling to Behrend in the championship (2-1). In the opening round of the ECAC's, FSU defeated Carnegie Mellon 1-0 at Bobcat Stadium before being eliminated from postseason play by Swarthmore (3-0). The Bobcats landed seven student-athletes on the All-AMCC team, led by Lauren Russell, who was named the conference's Newcomer of the Year. Russell and senior Jen Naylor earned Second Team status in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America NCAA Division III Women All-Great Lakes Region. It is the first time in the school's history that two women's soccer players were selected to an all-region team.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team accented the 2007 season with a run to the 2007 ECAC South Region Championship. While the Bobcats fell in the title game to Swarthmore (3-2), FSU posted an opening round win over Carnegie Mellon (3-2) and a semifinal victory over Penn State Altoona (2-1). The Bobcats finished 12-9-1 overall and posted a 5-3 AMCC slate. FSU managed a four-game winning streak over the final three regular-season games and the first game of the AMCC Tournament. During that run, Frostburg posted a 16-0 win over Mt. Aloysius, a school record for goals. The Bobcats earned a spot in the AMCC Tournament semifinals for the sixth-consecutive year after downing La Roche, 1-0, in the tournament's first round. Six players were named to the All-AMCC soccer team, led by Adam Gracia, a first-team selection.

### Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team endured a 2-13 overall record this fall. The Bobcats, 1-4 in the AMCC, posted wins over Bethany (4-1) and Penn State Altoona (6-3). In the season-ending Goucher Invitational, Sarah Eisel led FSU with a third-place finish at the No. 1 singles competition and Caroline Shedd finished sixth at No. 2 singles.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team resumed its seat atop the AMCC with its eighth conference crown in the league's 11-year existence. The Bobcats posted a 21-11 overall record and a 8-1 AMCC mark. Despite being upset in the regular season by Lake Erie, Frostburg earned the top seed and right to host the league's tournament at home in Bobcat Arena. The Bobcats avenged their earlier loss to Lake Erie with a 3-0 shutout win over the Storm in the tournament semifinals and captured the title with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Penn State Altoona. In the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, the Bobcats fell 3-0 to No. 1 ranked Wittenberg.

Throughout the season, FSU posted 14 3-0 victories. The Bobcats also gathered a runner-up finish at the Garnett Classic and three wins at the season opening EMU Invitational.

Four Bobcats earned All-AMCC honors, highlighted by head coach Peter Letourneau and player Brooke Winterling. Letourneau earned Co-Coach of the Year honors, his first award in his four years with FSU, while Winterling was named the league's Player of the Year.

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From left, freshman **Jamie Thomas** and **Leslie Brown** were part of the team that went to the NCAA tournament.



## Volleyball Standout Sarah Stephens 'Digs' Frostburg

To most people, **Sarah Stephens** is a fine student-athlete on the Frostburg volleyball team, but to those in her backyard of Western Maryland, she is a multi-sport athlete with worlds of talent who could finish her FSU career as one of the best volleyball players in the program's history.

After a senior year at Southern Garrett High School that included numerous awards — Sports Shoppe Volleyball Player of the Year, WMIL Conference and All-Area Player of the Year award in both basketball and volleyball and state finalist in the high hurdles at the 1A level in track and field — most student-athletes would have a hard time deciding what sport — or sports — to pursue in college.

However, for Stephens, the decision was easy.

"I chose Frostburg because it is close to home and the demand for my (volleyball) position both on offense and defense was there," Stephens says.

And what a year she had, helping the team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2004.

The FSU coaching staff also helped Stephens make the decision. The Letourneaus, head coach Peter and assistant coach Barbara, have been married for four years and provide a stability seldom seen on collegiate coaching staffs.

"It was nice playing for the coaches this year. They are very knowledgeable about the game, and their marriage provides a balanced staff that helped me make a nice transition into the college game," she says.

As every good athlete, Stephens is excited for the '08 season and ready to see how good the Bobcats can become. This season's squad consisted of 16 freshmen or sophomores

"The future for the team is very good, considering we are so young," Stephens says. "We have a lot of youth that is willing to work hard and improve all the time."



# the last word



## Some things never change.

Snowball fights, tray-sledding, sweaters and boots have been fixtures at Frostburg since the earliest days. By the time they graduate, all FSU students have been told that Frostburg was not named for its weather, but for a real fellow named Frost. But being able to laugh in the face of a Frostburg winter becomes a badge of honor at The 'Burg, and the weather is what they remember as alums. As chilly as the weather can get, plenty of FSU memories are warm ones.

**Amber Wolfe**, seated and pictured amid a cloud of flying snow, bears the brunt of an ambush on **Gary Wolfe II** and her from **April Tritsch**, left, and an unidentified attacker. Photo courtesy of FSU student J.J. Fox.