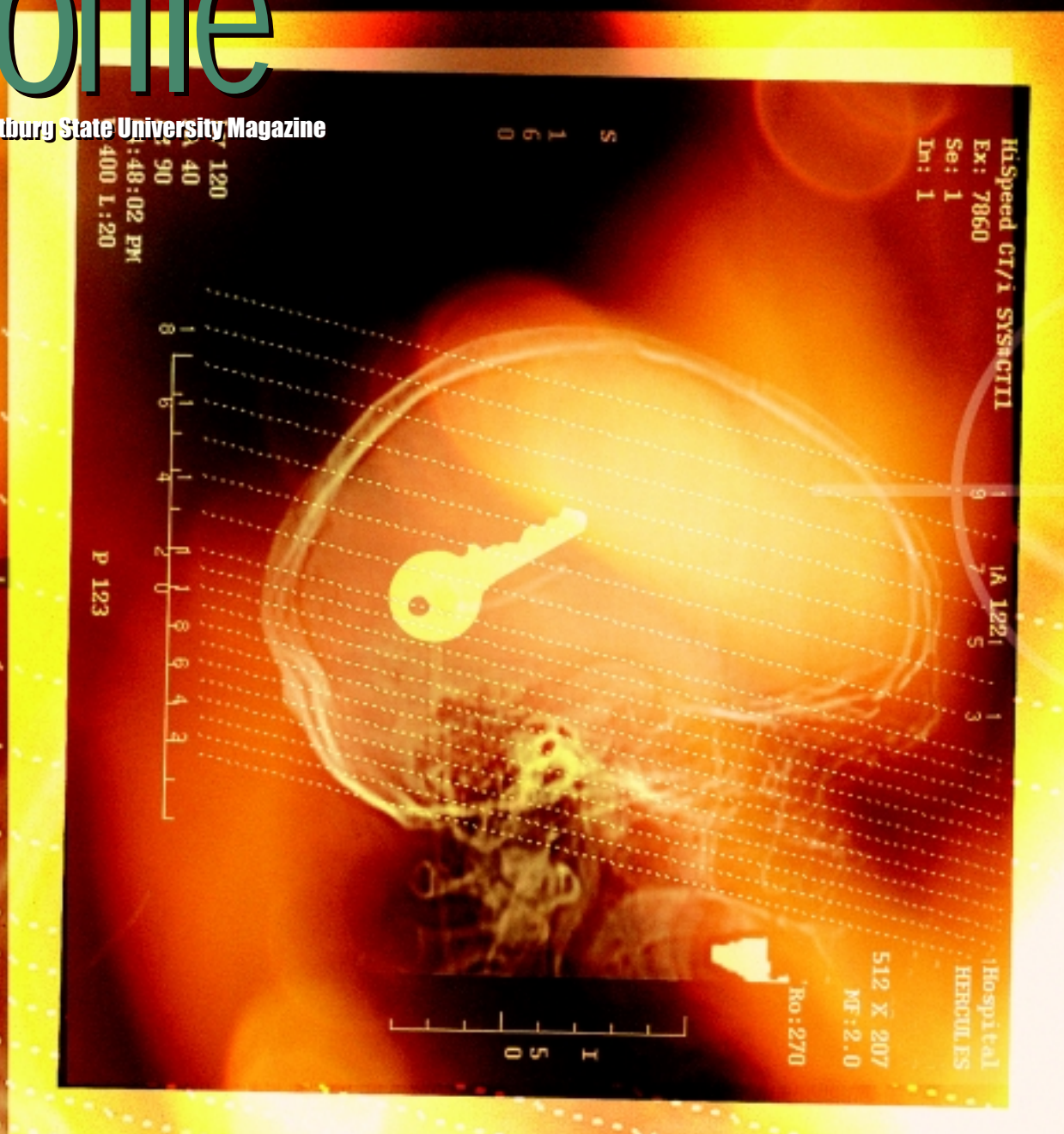


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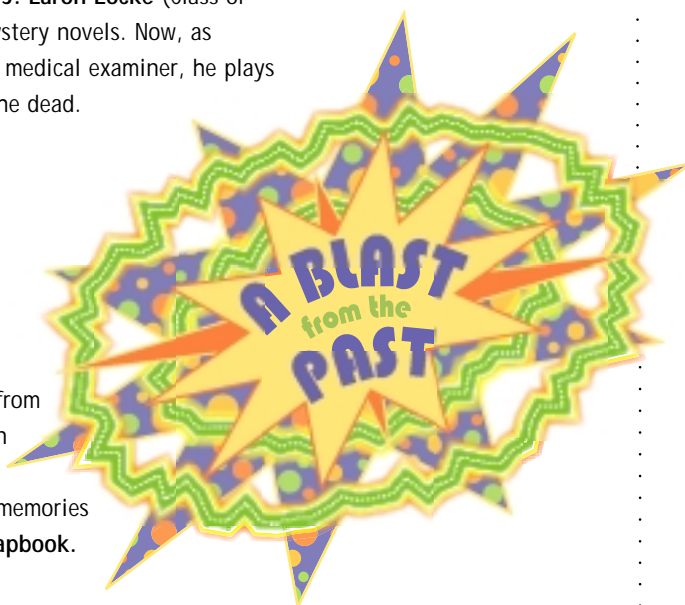


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Dear Friends,

Ordinarily, it would be with great pleasure that I write this introduction to our latest edition of *Profile*, a publication about which many of you have shared high praises. I note again the many accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students chronicled in this issue, but I must also note with sadness the passing in January of two beloved members of the University family, former president Nelson Guild and former professor James Hadra.

There is no one descriptor that can fully capture the fullness of Nelson Guild: educator, mentor, intellectual, community leader, music enthusiast, devoted husband and father are a few. I often teased him that he functioned in many respects as the informal "mayor" of Frostburg to whom the citizens turned for advice on all issues. I can think of no one more revered in this community.

As president of Frostburg State College from 1969 through 1985, Dr. Guild initiated and oversaw the transition of the institution from a former teachers college to a comprehensive liberal arts college, laying the foundation for its eventual development

into a university with a wide array of undergraduate and gradu-

ate programs. An ambitious building program during those years included new residence and dining halls, new classroom and administration buildings, a magnificent library, and a physical education center that continues to be the envy of many modern campuses. And through it all the number and quality of the faculty and student body grew apace. A witty and articulate spokesperson on behalf of the institution, Dr.

Guild established a legacy that remains crucial to the history of Frostburg State University. All who knew him—and generations of those who continue to benefit from his good work—are indebted to him beyond measure. We mourn his death and extend to his wife, Maggie, his partner in developing and realizing an exciting vision for Frostburg State, our sympathy, our gratitude and our love.

James Hadra (affectionately known as Jimmy to his friends) taught at Frostburg State for 24 years before officially retiring in 1996. A gifted linguist, he taught Russian, German, French, Spanish and world literature to generations of students. Following his retirement, he continued to pursue another of his passions, classical music, serving as a volunteer and classical music director for the campus radio station, WFWM. His mellifluous voice graced the airways, his own personal music collection enriched the programs, and his expertise guided students

seeking to learn about classical music and radio production.

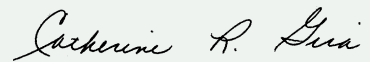
Within the community, Jimmy was a loyal patron of favorite restaurants and an avid supporter of local businesses. He starred in numerous community theatrical productions and could always be

positions because of lack of available funds, even as enrollments continue to grow. But I am, at heart, an optimist, confident that we will weather the current crisis as we did a decade ago and remain strong, unless the draconian erosion of our resources continues.

We hope that our friends and readers will do all that they can to persuade public decision makers that our enterprise is crucial and that we are managing our resources with integrity.

On a more positive note, please enjoy our stories about many of the wonderful things going on our campus, from student and faculty achievements to

the addition of our spectacular new Compton Science Center to news about our alumni and friends. And as you read these stories, remember the vital role that Dr. Guild and many of our faculty members like Professor Hadra played in bringing us to this exciting point in our history.



Catherine R. Gira
President, Frostburg State University



Nelson Guild and Catherine Gira

counted on to convey a hearty, pleasant greeting to all with whom he came in contact. With his death a valuable member of our family is lost, and we mourn that loss.

In a less personal way, these are somber times for Frostburg State University. As this issue goes to press, I am beginning to prepare my testimony to present to committees of the General Assembly in support of our budget. I will not belabor the difficulties we have faced during the past two years, in which our state appropriations have been reduced by nearly 30 percent, so that the per capita support for our students from the state is now lower than it was during the recession of the early 1990s. We have lost 46 staff positions and have been unable to fill 18 faculty

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Familiar Faces

...While reading the article on Compton Hall in the last issue ("Thanks for the Memories"), I noticed some familiar faces in the photo of students sitting in the auditorium. About half way back, there are three or four rows of my classmates from Valley High School. We must have come up for a college visit in 1958 or 1959. I was a member of the class of 1963 from FSC and several others from that class are also in the photo - Robert "Hank" Winner, Donna Carol Lewis and George Lauder. Thanks printing it.

Ruth (Fisher) Majek
Class of '63
Piscataway, N.J.

Remembering Aunt Verna

...Verna Miller Ternent featured in the last *Profile* ("Residential Scholarship Honors 'Coney Couple") was the sister of Florence Miller Conrad, my mother, who was also a graduate of Frostburg Normal School. Aunt Verna was also a Presbyterian Church choir director in Lonaconing for many years. Most remarkable was the fact that my aunt was hearing impaired and began wearing hearing aids as a young adult.

I realize I have followed in her footsteps as a teacher (now retired) and church choir director and organist. The article brought back many fond memories.

Maxine C. Sutherland
Class of '52
East Liverpool, Ohio

Closing the Frederick Center

...I read with a good deal of concern and consternation that FSU is closing its Center in Frederick ("FSU Frederick Center to Close"). I confess I don't have the statistics at my fingertips, but I believe that a substantial number of FSU students and alumni are from Frederick County. This makes it all the harder to understand why this administration has given up on us.

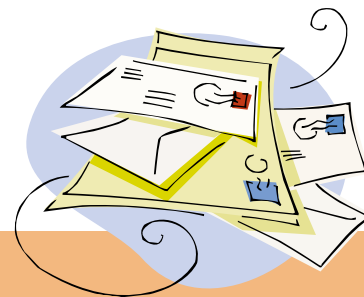
As an MBA candidate in the late 1980s and early '90s, I can tell you that the FSU Frederick Center was a name-only designation, as we were shuffled to and from several locations (Thomas Johnson High School, West Frederick Middle School, a private business college, Frederick High School, etc.). None of these locations were at all satisfactory for college-level learning. (They didn't even have adult-sized chairs!).

Then, wonder of all wonders, FSU announced that at long last, it had secured a dedicated facility, and that someone, somewhere was willing to invest a commitment to Frederick County students. Alas, even this commitment was half-hearted - four small classrooms and a Coke machine...

Now the self-fulfilling prophecy has come true - if you don't make the commitment of excellent facilities when you're reaching out to prospective students, those prospective students will go elsewhere. It's a real shame that FSU never really entered into a partnership with the Frederick County community, giving us access to quality educational services. But then, I guess we can always drive to Hagerstown when the new USM facility opens.

Bob Hess
Class of '91 - Frederick Center
Walkersville, Md.

(Letters have been edited for space. Views and opinions expressed by readers are not necessarily those of Frostburg State University or Profile Magazine.)



Generations

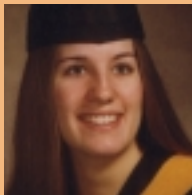
....Four generations of our family have attended Frostburg State University. My mother, Nellie (Thomas) Souders graduated from State Normal School in 1927 when it was a two-year program for teachers. I graduated in 1955 from Frostburg State Teachers College. Our daughter, Jennifer (Bugg) Hendershot, graduated in 1980 when it was Frostburg State College and now our grandson, Benjamin Hendershot, is a freshman at Frostburg State University.



Nellie (Thomas) Souders
'27



Jane (Souders) Bugg '55



Jennifer (Bugg)
Hendershot '80



Benjamin Hendershot '07

After graduating, my mother taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Hancock, Md., where she met my father. When they got married and were expecting their first child, mother lost her job, as pregnant teachers were frowned upon in those days. After getting my education degree, I taught in Prince Georges County for five and one-half years. I married and became a stay-at-home mom for our five children, and later gave piano lessons in my home. Jennifer, our oldest child, has been on the faculty of Bishop Walsh High School for over 20 years, teaching whatever subjects were assigned to her - mostly English. Now her oldest son, Ben, a graduate of Bishop Walsh, is beginning his "University" career.

Nellie passed away in 1979 at the age of 70 and she never got to know her great-grandson, Benjamin, but I know she'd be very proud that he is going to FSU. My husband and I created a scholarship at FSU and chose to name our award "The Nellie Thomas Souders Award" in honor of my mother who strongly believed in getting a good education.

I don't know how many fourth generation students you have had, but I thought our story might be of interest.

Jane Souders Bugg
Class of '55
Silver Spring, Md.

(Is a Frostburg State education a tradition in your home? Send your story about your family's "multi-generation" ties at Frostburg to Profile Editor, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, Md., 21532-

Hey Pork, Tank, Bubbles and Pudge - we're talking to you...

Did you earn a nickname during your time at Frostburg that has (fortunately or unfortunately) remained with you post-graduation? *Profile* wants to hear your stories. Please send us your real name, class year and a short explanation of how you got your long-lasting nickname. We'll print a collection in the next issue. Send submissions to Profile Editor, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, Md. 21532-1099 or e-mail tdemartino@frostburg.edu.

In Memoriam:

Nelson P. Guild, Former Frostburg President, Succumbs at Age 75

Dr. Nelson P. Guild, president of Frostburg State College from 1969-1985, died Jan. 5, 2004, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Cumberland, Md., after a lengthy illness. He was 75 years old.

Born in Keene, N.H., Dr. Guild was the youngest of five children. His father was a postal clerk and his mother was a professional pianist/organist. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1946-1949, earning the rank of staff sergeant. He received his bachelor's degree in government from the University of New Hampshire in 1953 and earned both a master's and doctoral degree in political science from Pennsylvania State University in 1955 and 1958 respectively. Guild was a professor of government at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., and named a congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association.

In 1966, he came to Frostburg State, where he would make his home, to serve as the dean of the college. After a national search, the Board of Trustees of Mary-



Dr. Nelson P. Guild

land State Universities and Colleges appointed Guild as president of the institution on July 1, 1969.

During his tenure, the college strengthened and expanded both graduate and undergraduate programs, constructed new residence halls, library and physical education center. Enrollment grew from 2,010 to 3,227 during his presidency and the annual budget increased from \$3.9 million to \$23.8 million. He stepped down as president in 1985 to take a position as interim executive director for the Board of Trustees of Maryland State Universities and Colleges. In 1986, the Nelson P. Guild Human Resources Center was dedicated on campus and in 1991 he was named president emeritus of FSU.

"I am grateful for the Guild legacy," Dr. Gira told *The Baltimore Sun* about her predecessor. "A lot of important and exciting

things happened during his tenure, and it is those things that we have continued to build upon."

To those who knew him, Guild had the knack of knowing everyone's name on campus and taking newly appointed faculty and administrators under his wing for tutelage and guidance. For Dr. Stephen Simpson, FSU provost, who arrived at Frostburg in 1978 to teach political science, Guild quickly became a mentor and friend.

"He was a tremendously warm person," Dr. Simpson told *The Sun*. "He made me feel like I was part of his family."

Guild was preceded in death by the younger of two sons, Matthew F. Guild, and by his parents and siblings. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret Graf Guild, whom he met in high school in Keene, by one son, Douglas P. Guild and family of Chapel Hill, N.C., and by Matthew's widow, Mary Lou Terry Guild and son, Nelson Lewis Guild, of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the FSU Foundation, N.P. Guild Scholarship Fund, The Frostburg United Methodist Church Restoration Fund or the donor's favorite charity.

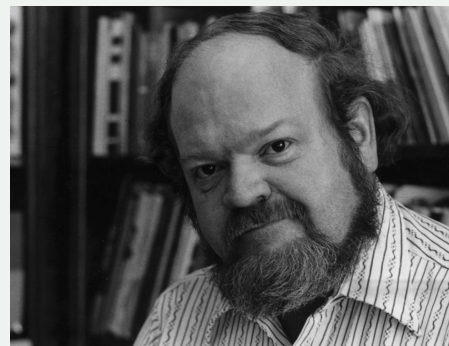
James Hadra, Former Professor of Foreign Languages, Dies

Professor James "Jimmy" Hadra, who taught in the foreign language department at Frostburg State from 1971 to 1996, died on Jan. 10 at his Frostburg residence at age 71.

Hadra was well known for strolling along Frostburg's Main Street, frequenting shops and restaurants on a daily basis. He volunteered for 13 years as the director of the Classic Radio Show at FSU's WFWM radio station for which he received a citation from the University in 2000 for his "tireless dedication."

"Jimmy was one of the station's most cherished and respected volunteers," said Dr. Catherine Gira, FSU president. "He was a beloved fixture in the Frostburg community who will be sorely missed."

Hadra was one of the founders, past president and former board member of the Allegany Arts Council. He was also a committee



James Hadra

member of the Frostburg Palace Theater, and active in local theater, where he directed and performed in many productions. For years, Hadra designed the promotional posters for Frostburg State's University Theatre productions.

He is survived by one brother, Carl Hadra of Phoenix, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frostburg Public Library, the Frostburg Museum Association, the Frostburg Area Ambulance Service, the Palace Theater, Cumberland Theater or the Allegany Arts Council.



Guild in the 70s: In Dr. Guild's eulogy, colleague and good friend Dr. Kenneth Jablon fondly remembered him as the "king of plaid."



Dr. George Plitnik (right), the creator of the "Science of Harry Potter" honors seminar, clown around with CBS "Early Show" correspondent Tracy Smith. Plitnik's unique and quirky class gained international attention.

FSU in the News

With the help of Harry Potter, Spiro Agnew and some medicinal plants, Frostburg State University found itself in national headlines this past fall.

Global "Potter" Madness

Fans of the phenomenally popular children's book character Harry Potter turned to Frostburg this year when the University offered the honors seminar "The Science of Harry Potter." The course, which examines the magical events in J.K. Rowling's books and explains them through the basic principles of physical science, received international attention after the Associated Press printed the story. From there, reports of the FSU class appeared in newspapers and magazines across the nation and throughout Europe, Australia, Indonesia and China. Harry Potter fan sites on the Web posted announcements about FSU. Even the 24-hour news stations, such as CNN, FoxNews and MSNBC, ran information of the unusual class on their bottom-of-the-screen news crawls.

Media outlets, including the BBC, Radio Europe and various morning radio shows, hounded FSU Physics Professor George

Plitnik, the mastermind behind the Potter course. He even received international e-mails from Potter fans who wanted to take the class (including a woman in Romania).

The highlight of the coverage was a visit from CBS News correspondent Tracy Smith, who taped a story for "The Early Show."

When the three-minute segment aired on Oct. 3, FSU alumni called to say they saw their alma mater on the air. Later, that same CBS piece was broadcast on other stations, including MTV. The global attention was truly, dare we say, "magical."

"Beall" Rings Up Coverage

When Frostburg native George Beall, the prosecutor who led the investigation that resulted in the conviction and resig-

nation of U.S. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, gave a speech to the FSU community on Sept. 30, a crew from C-Span came out to cover the event.

In a rare public presentation, former U.S. Attorney for Maryland Beall discussed the events 30 years ago that put him in the national spotlight at the height of the Watergate scandal. Beall's investigations into kickbacks being paid to public officials led him to Agnew, who was Richard Nixon's vice president. Agnew previously served as the governor of Maryland and a Baltimore County executive. Investigations pointed to misconduct by Agnew as far back as 1964. Agnew resigned as Vice President on Oct. 10, 1973, pleading "no contest" to charges of tax evasion. Beall's personal papers concerning the Agnew investigation and resignation are now housed in the Beall Archives at FSU's Ort Library, which also has the papers of his

father, J. Glenn Beall, and his brother, J. Glenn Beall Jr., both of whom served in the U.S. Senate.

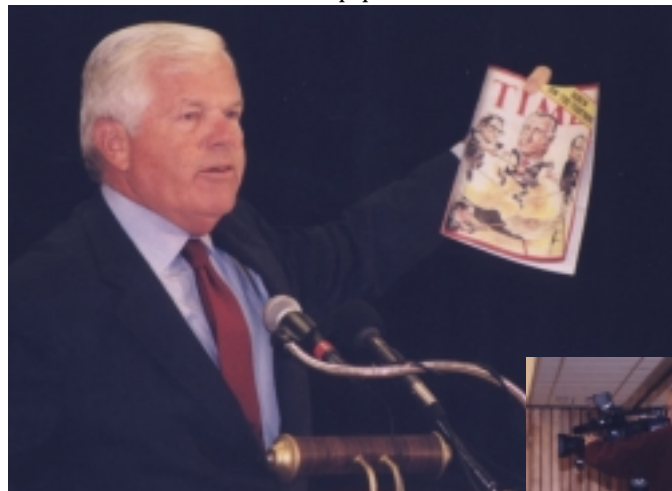
Beall's FSU's presentation was broadcast on C-Span in late December and copies are available for purchase on c-span.org.

The Dirt on Ethnobotany

After radio talk show personality Paul Harvey mentioned FSU's new Ethnobotany program, which examines the medicinal effects of wild plants in Appalachia, news outlets from across the nation woke up and smelled the... ginseng.

For over a year, WRC NBC 4 from Washington, D.C., planned to come to the hills of western Maryland and do a story on FSU's program. But due to ice, snow and breaking national news, their trip was postponed repeatedly. This past October, a camera crew, headed by News4 Health Reporter Doreen Gentzler, finally put on their hiking togs and combed Savage Woods with FSU ethnobotany experts. A five-minute segment with extensive interviews with FSU Ethnobotanist Linda Lyon and Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Joseph Hoffman aired in November.

— Ty DeMartino



George Beall holds up the Time magazine that featured Agnew's resignation as (inset) C-Span's camera looks on.



New Science Center Dedicated

FSU dedicated its new, \$33 million Compton Science Center on Oct. 16, 48 years after the original Compton Hall was dedicated in the same location.

Speaking to the crowd of FSU students, faculty and staff, community members and dignitaries gathered around the Foucault pendulum in the new building's atrium, Dr. Joseph Hoffman, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, recounted the oft-told story of the building's namesake, Frostburg State President Lillian Compton.

Compton, the college's first female president, was assigned to Frostburg State Teachers College in 1945 with the charge of closing down the college, where enrollment had dwindled to 62 students. However, with the help of some dedicated community members, Compton fought to keep Frostburg State open. By the time of her retirement, enrollment had grown to 500 students and the institution had flourished under her leadership.

By 1954, the then-new auditorium/gymnasium complex was named in her honor. Over the years, it had been adapted to a number of other uses, including

science, engineering and computer labs. The sciences at FSU, including the new disciplines of engineering and computer science, had long before outgrown Tawes Hall, built in 1969 for a top population of 3,500 students. Compton Hall was taken down in 2001 to make way for the new science center, also to be named in honor of Lillian Compton.

"Its facilities are truly state-of-the-art and feature the latest in scientific, audiovisual and telecommunications technology. Compton Science Center serves to connect the historic buildings of the past with the newer academic buildings of the present and future," said Hoffman, whom FSU President Catherine Gira called "the father of Compton Science Center" for his efforts in overseeing the "birth" of the new building.

Clifford M. Kendall, chair of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, called the building "the jewel of the University System."

"These classrooms, offices and labs would be the envy of any institution," said USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan. "It also shows the commitment from the surrounding community. One of the greatest strengths of Frostburg State University is the way it connects to the community."

Designed by Richter, Cornbrooks, and Gribble, the Compton Science Center



The Compton Science Center dedication took place in the building's atrium, which features a Foucault pendulum (see related story, pg. 36).

provides classrooms and laboratory spaces for the undergraduate

biology, chemistry, physics and engineering programs at FSU.

— Liz Douglas Medcalf

FSU-UM Collaborative Engineering Program Accredited

Frostburg State University's **mechanical and electrical engineering programs**, offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland College Park, have been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, a designation indicating that met ABET's standards and that graduates are prepared to begin professional practice or graduate study.

The two programs at Frostburg now join the nearly 4,000 accredited programs in engineering and technology in the United States.

The unique FSU-UM programs employ an innovative use of distance learning to provide new opportunities for engineering

education in a region in which this resource had previously been lacking. Students enrolled in these programs complete all course work on the FSU campus, with approximately 20 percent of the curriculum delivered from professors at the University of Maryland's acclaimed A. James Clark School of Engineering through the use of interactive video technology linking classrooms at FSU and UM.

The majority of the course work, however, including all design and laboratory courses, is taught by engineering faculty on-site at FSU.

Students receive UM degrees but are in residence at FSU for the duration of the program.

The accreditation is considered



FSU President Catherine Gira, center, and honored guests cut the ribbon at the Compton Science Center dedication.

retroactive to the beginning of the program, meaning all of the students who have graduated from the program since the first class in May of 2001 have degrees from an accredited program, a requirement of many graduate schools, government agencies and licensing boards. The first students enrolled in 1997.

Currently, there are nearly 100 students enrolled in the FSU program, with 40 percent coming from the tri-state region. Of those who have graduated, about a quarter have remained in the local workforce.

Students at FSU work closely with Dr. Oguz Soysal in electrical engineering and Dr. Chandrasekhar Thamire in mechanical engineering. Soysal specializes power electronics and power systems, while Thamire's area of specialty is bio-mechanics.

Both Soysal and Thamire said they enjoyed the benefits of being able to work more closely with students in a small university atmosphere. Numerous students have had the opportunity to make

presentations at international conferences, and two groups were award finalists.

"We both can be more independent," Soysal said. "Our class sizes average fewer than 15 students and teaching such small sections is just more enjoyable."

Dr. Joseph Hoffman, interim dean of FSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the regional economy will benefit from having engineering training available nearby. "The State of Maryland and the University System of Maryland invested heavily in this program and have recognized the benefits to local employers, providing a pool of qualified engineers for the region."

FSU's new \$30 million Compton Science Center will also be beneficial to the program. Facilities such as fluid mechanics, materials science, electrical engineering and robotics laboratories will benefit not only the students enrolled in the collaborative programs but may also be utilized by the local workforce for continuing education training, Hoffman said.

— LDM



On-Campus Apartment Complex Opens

A ribbon cutting was held during Family Weekend for Edgewood Commons Apartments, the new, privately run student residence complex on the campus of Frostburg State University. "This is not your mother's residence hall," said FSU President Catherine R. Gira at the complex's dedication. Each furnished apartment features a living room, dining area, kitchenette and laundry facilities. Edgewood Commons also has a game room, a workout room, a lounge with a fireplace and a number of study lounges. The complex of two- and four-bedroom garden-style apartments was designed to house as many as 400 students.

Student Wins National Leadership Award

The Black Engineer of the Year Conference selected **Emmanuel A. Cephas Jr.**, a senior at FSU, for its Student Leadership Award, an honor given to only one undergraduate student a year nationally who has demonstrated leadership in engineering through personal accomplishments and developments and has promoted science, technology and Black self-reliance.



Cephas

Cephas, a physics and computer science major, is also a member of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, named for the late Challenger astronaut, which is designed to assist first-generation, low-income college students in pursuing doctoral degrees. With the McNair program, Cephas spent last summer researching gravity theory at the point where Albert Einstein left off with theoretical physicist Dr. James Gates at the University of Maryland.

A Baltimore native, Cephas has also served internships for three consecutive summers with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, two summers at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt and last summer working on the Breakthrough Propulsion Physics Project at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Cephas says he finds the thought of winning this national award "exciting, overwhelming, but I've been so busy I can't really get my mind around it." He has been to the black-tie gala awards ceremony in the past as a conference participant, and he said he found it dazzling and "inspiring."

Cephas was no fan of math and knew little of physics before about 11th grade. It was an astronomy class at Lansdowne High School in Baltimore that gave his interest in science fiction some grounding in reality. "I learned how vast the universe is," he says.

He was interested in someday working for NASA to learn more about that universe. He found out that he would need physics for that, and, to do physics, he would need math, so he challenged himself to bring his C in math up to an A. "Whether or not I liked math wasn't the point. The problem needed a solution. Math was a necessary tool," he says.

Now Cephas is a mathematics minor at FSU and a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society.

He also has a minor in graphic arts. "I wanted to keep art with me. I didn't want to lose that skill." He sees a connection between science and art, sparked by the reading of an H.G. Wells story back in high school that explored ideas that Einstein wouldn't tackle until decades later.

"I told myself I have to do something in art and have to do something in science. Somehow I'm going to have a piece of one and a piece of the other in my life." He also dances and writes poetry and stories.

He tries to share his enthusiasm with others, serving as a tutor and mentor at FSU and speaking to students at his old high school. "I like the idea of showing someone else that a dream is attainable. The students see me: I'm closer to their age. I look like them. We have had similar challenges and struggles."

The Black Engineer of the Year Awards are sponsored by the Council of Engineering Deans of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Lockheed Martin Corp., DaimlerChrysler Corp. and *U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine.

— LDM

Noted Appointments

Arnold Named Dean of College of Business

FSU's new dean of the College of Business, veteran administrator **Dr. Danny Arnold**, has a mammoth task ahead of him, but he's already made great strides since he started at Frostburg in July.

His primary goal upon taking the helm is to guide the College of Business through the final years of accreditation by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, a task he joined late in the process.

The CoB has already completed part of the five-year accreditation process, most recently under Interim Dean **Connie Groer**, who has returned to her position as associate dean. Important deadlines are looming, however, and

the CoB faculty has hit high gear in its effort to achieve the goal.

Most recently, faculty members have agreed on revised

curricula for the undergraduate and Master's of Business Administration programs. It took FSU's faculty three months; at Arnold's previous posting, New Mexico State University, it took six years.

"That's remarkable," Arnold said. "The faculty want to get this place accredited. They responded to the challenge."

About 450 schools around the world have been accredited by AACSB, Arnold said. "They accredited excellence, not minimum standards."

The CoB has already developed a new strategic planning process

which has resulted in a new mission statement.

In a nutshell, the new CoB mission is "applied business." This means that the usual student projects – team or individual – will, if at all possible, feature real-world issues faced by individual regional businesses. By the time they graduate, most students will have completed about 10 of these projects.

"The ideas they have could be beneficial to businesses and educational to students," Arnold said.

The CoB has already had a meeting with some local business people and government officials to introduce them to the concept.

"This is something we are doing that is different from other schools – of any size, but especially our size," Arnold said.

Another initiative in the early stages of development is a two-course package on professional development, in which students will receive a list of general learning goals, such as communication, teamwork or leadership, and what they have to do to achieve each one. Each faculty member will use a standard method to evaluate progress. The second of the two courses would include formal evaluation of the tasks.

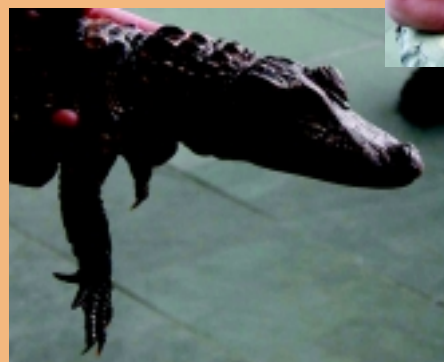
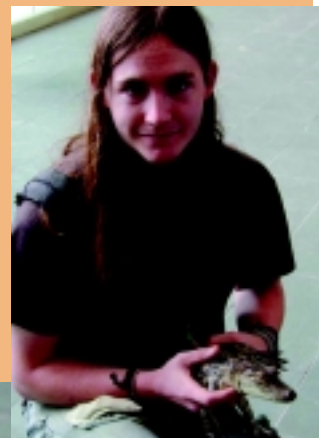
After a few months, Arnold is feeling encouraged in the move toward accreditation. "We needed to sit down, roll our sleeves up and get it done, and that's happening. I'm so pleased about our progress," he said.

He is also planning to reach out to CoB alumni and is considering increasing the size of the CoB's Advisory Council.

"In doing all these things, we have to do it and still remain student-focused," the new dean said.

Gator Aid

The only wildlife normally encountered in Sand Spring Run, the stream that flows through campus, is the occasional frog or crayfish, but last September, it was a temporary home to a critter of a very different type. **James Egan** (right), a philosophy major, cut across the stream on his way to class and spotted this scaly reptile happily settled in the water. He knew it didn't belong there, so he brought it to the Compton Science Center, where the scientists promptly pronounced, "Yep, it's an alligator." He's an American Alligator, to be more precise, about 18 inches long. Now named



"Chomper"

"Chomper," he was taken in by the Tri-State Zoological Park outside of Cumberland, where he's happily living on a diet of frozen rats and mice, with the occasional treat of some chicken, according to Zoo curator John Roberts.

Arnold, who says he enjoys the small-school environment, said he was attracted to FSU by its commitment to achieving accreditation, its strong president and provost and the quality of life afforded by Western Maryland.

"We loved the desert (in Las Cruces, N.M.), but we're looking forward to four distinct seasons."

Arnold brings to FSU a broad-based background in all areas of business, with degrees in accounting, finance and marketing, with minors in economics and management as well. He has also taught and published in all of those areas. He spent nine years as Dean and Professor of Marketing at New Mexico State University.

"I covered the waterfront," Arnold said.

FSU has also named **Dr. Joseph Hoffman** as interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, filling the position of Dean

Fred Yaffe, who accepted a position at University of La Verne in La Verne, Calif. Hoffman's position of associate dean is now filled by **Dr. Cindy Herzog**, former chair of the FSU Department of Psychology.

— LDM

Muth Takes Over as Interim Director of Hagerstown Center

Lewis F. Muth III, an engineer and university business instructor, has been named interim director of FSU's Hagerstown and Frederick centers, following the retirement of Director Dr. James W. Shaw.

Muth will direct the operations of the two FSU centers until the opening of the University System of Maryland Hagerstown Education Center in January 2005. At

press time, a search was underway for a director of the new USM center.

FSU's Frederick Center will close at the end of 2004, and the FSU Hagerstown Center's operations will be incorporated into the USM Center. "FSU's presence will continue in the new USM center," said FSU Provost Stephen J. Simpson.

In addition to managing day-to-day operations, part of Muth's role will be to facilitate the transition from the current centers. Muth, a resident of Hagerstown, will also continue as a part-time faculty member for FSU's College of Business, for which he has taught in Hagerstown for a number of years.

Muth's career has combined his engineering and business expertise as project leader for a variety of multifunctional projects, primarily for Grove Worldwide and its predecessor companies. He most recently worked with Waynesboro Design Services Inc., in Waynesboro, Pa.

Muth's academic degrees include a Master of Business Administration and bachelor of science degrees from FSU and associates degrees in Business Management and Engineering Science from Hagerstown Community College.

— LDM

Center Enrollments On the Rise Again

Enrollments at FSU's Center in Hagerstown have reached the third highest in the Center's history. The 422 students enrolled this semester are within five of the Center's peak enrollments reached in fall 1995. Last fall's 426 students were the second largest class.

These numbers show that the Hagerstown and Frederick Centers combined represent nearly 10 percent of Frostburg's total enrollment.

"We are more than pleased with this indicator of success," said Dr. James Shaw, former director of the Center, "especially during a period of high employment, when enrollment usually decreases." Shaw attributes the Center's success to a combination of society's growing demand for continuous upgrading of professional skills, coupled with Frostburg's responsiveness to the marketplace.

"Programs such as our Liberal Studies, or self-designed major, and our Master of Arts in Teaching, designed to certify adults to teach in the public schools, have combined to appeal to entirely new kinds of students," he pointed out.

Graduate students in business and education now account for some 66 percent of the Center's enrollment.

In a precursor to the arrival of the new University System of Maryland Hagerstown Education Center, the Frostburg Center also enrolls an additional 15 students in a Bachelor of Nursing Program offered by the University of Maryland.

The Hagerstown Center itself offers bachelor's programs in Accounting, Business, Administration, Law and Society (Justice Studies), Liberal Studies, and Sociology, as well as graduate programs in Business (MBA) and Education (MAT and M.Ed.).



Gladys Faherty (Class of '55; right), has been appointed the new president of the board of directors for the FSU Foundation, Inc., a position previously held by Joe Cunningham, Cumberland (left).

Foundation Reports Record Year

Faherty Named President of Board of Directors

The management of the FSU Foundation, Inc., reported a record year in several categories for the fiscal year 2003 ending June 30, 2003, at its annual meeting, held Nov. 13 on the FSU campus.

The annual audit report as conducted by Hohing & Lewis, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, reported a record year of revenues for FSUF in the amount of \$2,078,119. Of that amount, the management considers \$1,452,412 to be from charitable giving with \$518,168 recorded as direct contributions to the endowment and \$144,012 to the FSU Annual Fund. Gifts-in-kind and sponsored programs including summer camp programs are included in the revenue figures.

The FSU Foundation reported giving \$1,536,995 in direct support to the university including \$298,773 for student financial aid and \$103,742 in grants. It was noted the FSUF transferred to the University a piece of property adjacent to the FSU campus valued at over \$75,000. The FSUF endowment is valued at approximately \$6.8 million with total assets set at \$9.2 million.

In other board action, Gladys Faherty (Class of '55) began her

first term as president of the board of directors, replacing Joe Cunningham, who completed a three-year term. Lawrence McKenzie is vice-present; Ken Kennedy is treasurer; Leonard Schwab is secretary; Jim Frantz is the assistant treasurer and Jack Aylor, FSU, is the appointed executive director. Seymour Sallerson was introduced as the newest member of the board of directors.

Dr. Catherine Gira, FSU president, gave the board an update on University programs and current concerns dealing with the budget. She noted the opening of the Compton Science Center and Edgewood Commons, a new private residential hall on campus. James Antonio, vice president for Enrollment Management, reported on changes in student recruiting. He noted that FSU enrollment is up slightly this year and thanked the Foundation for its continued support for student financial aid programs. Colleen Peterson, vice president for University Advancement, reported on fund-raising and alumni activities.

The purpose of the FSU Foundation is to support the educational mission of Frostburg State

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Participants in this year's GOLD Reunion at FSU were (front row, from left) Anne Jun, Sean Pierce, Christina Loweth, Twila Mohammed, (second row, from left) Russ Friestat, Andrew Limbaugh, Kelly Weisner, Jolethia Rogers, Laura Bowling, (third row, from left) Chris Wilson, Craig McKee, Allyson Ruckstool, Nicole Horsch, (back row, from left) James Geibel III, Bill Moon, Sunni Diggs, Callie Cornelius, Derrick Jackson, Rusty Ficker, Mike Keller, Susie Iaquina, Julie Petr Tobiason and John Tobiason.

Pure "GOLD" at Homecoming

Homecoming 2003 held some "golden" memories for about 25 graduates of FSU's GOLD (Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development) program. GOLD was 10 years old in 2003, and it is continuing today to shape Frostburg freshmen into campus leaders.

During Homecoming last year, about 25 GOLD alumni, their families and the FSU staff they worked with got together, all thanks to the brainstorm of Sean Pierce (Class of '95 & '97), an early GOLD resident assistant and staff member. Pierce worked with Jesse Ketterman, FSU Residence Life associate director, and the Alumni Office to contact a decades worth of GOLD members and organize the event.

Pierce, who concedes "I was not a nugget," loved his time involved with GOLD and wanted to see those old friends again.

"I still have a picture of the '95-'96 staff and a plaque from the students on my desk," he said in an interview from his office at Florida Atlantic University. "This was an opportunity to see what it's become," he said.

GOLD students are freshmen being trained to take on leadership roles in the remainder of their college careers. "We have students from the GOLD program in every student organization on campus," Pierce said.

Ketterman said that several Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association presidents have been GOLD grads, including the current SGA president.

"It's amazing the amount of friendship and connections that come out of that program," Pierce adds. "It's amazing to see how many people keep in touch."

Pierce welcomes anyone interested in future GOLD reunions to e-mail him at spierce@fau.edu.

— LDM

University. The board of directors is comprised of 40 members representing alumni and friends of FSU. The FSUF provides many opportunities for charitable giving, including direct and deferred gift programs.

\$140,000 Goal Met by Annual Fund

The 2002-2003 FSU Annual Fund Campaign reached its initial goal of \$140,000 in gifts and payments of pledges, according to Chris Harmon, director of Annual Giving. Overall annual giving, including restricted and endowed gifts for the FSU Foundation Inc., reached over \$866,000. The ambitious 2003 fiscal year campaign had to overcome many fund-raising obstacles due to the aftermath of 9/11 and the Iraq War.

The Annual Fund Campaign, a targeted appeal to raise unrestricted gifts, begins in early fall and is directed to alumni, parents, businesses, faculty, staff and friends of FSU. Major efforts in-

clude direct mail, two phonathon campaigns, parents' campaign, faculty-staff campaign and the Senior Appeal.

Contacts were made to over 19,000 constituents, which resulted in over 2,800 pledges and gifts. A special campaign was developed to allow contributors of \$1,000 or more to have a named unrestricted scholarship to incoming freshman. This first-year effort has generated 26 new named Annual Fund Scholarships.

Proceeds for the Annual Fund are used to support a variety of FSU programs including the Alumni Association; scholarships; Faculty/Staff/Alumni Achievement Awards; faculty, staff and student development; student leadership programs; student work programs; Homecoming; reunions; and the Golden Anniversary program.

For more information on contributing to FSU and the Annual Fund, contact Harmon at fsufoundation@frostburg.edu or 301/687-4161.



Mentors

FSU alumni honored two professors with the Outstanding Mentor Awards for 2002 and 2003. Above, left, **John Jones**, Department of Mathematics, was given the FSU Outstanding Mentor Award by James Mason (Class of '75 & '87) at the Mathematics Freshman Honor Society induction this past April. Mike Lewis (right, Class of '86 & '94) presents **Dr. David Fell**, Educational Professions, with the University's Mentor Award during this year's Alumni Expo luncheon during Homecoming Weekend. Congratulations to both John and Dave!



Dr. Yoder in the greenhouse of the new Compton Science Center.

"Life" Behind Bars

Prisoners Experience Growth, Thanks to Professor's Program

When **Dr. Wayne Yoder**, a professor of biology at FSU, rapped up his final lesson at the Western Correctional Institution in Cumberland, inmates sprung to their feet with claps of reverence and voices of thanks.

Yoder had been volunteering at the prison every other Wednesday for three years, teaching the science of horticulture, which enabled a majority of the inmates to receive their Master Gardener Certificate during a graduation ceremony held at the correctional institution this past fall.

Yoder's work started when he felt the need to address the rehabilitative obstacles facing local inmates. "This area has placed so much attention on prisoners as an economic development. However, they were not doing enough to rehabilitate the inmates. I thought I could do something to help," said Yoder.

Yoder made a phone call that would eventually lead to his volunteering at the correctional center. It was a calling, he says, he could not ignore. Yoder first contacted the prison to see if there was anything volunteers could

do, intending on teaching subjects ranging from reading, math, science and basic writing skills.

"I went in thinking I was going to teach whatever would be helpful. My problem was that many of the inmates did not have any educational skills, so I asked myself how could I help prepare the inmates to function in society," he said.

Yoder's strong educational background made him a valuable volunteer. William C. Jewell, the center's volunteer activities coordinator, wasted no time inviting Yoder aboard for the intensive training session that lasted for 8 hours. The training session is required for all employees at the center, not volunteers. However Yoder felt the need to complete the training in order to maximize his knowledge of the correctional institution.

"Training was tremendously helpful, they covered every aspect from rules and restrictions, safety issues and inmate diseases," he said.

Jewell, whom Yoder described as "instrumental and encouraging," asked if Yoder would he be inter-

ested in teaching horticulture, a science that is all too familiar to Yoder. Cultivating fruits, vegetables and plants came easy for the professor, who spent years studying and maintaining vegetables and plants at home.

Yoder stepped into the classroom for the first time in the spring of 2001. Although Yoder had been teaching for 32 years, he never experienced teaching in a correctional facility. The transition was surprisingly easily.

"I never felt intimidated, scared or hesitant about being there," said Yoder. He described the tone of the classroom as "welcoming," when he walked in the first time.

A typical day consisted of an hour lecture, slides shown on an overhead projector, discussion and hands-on experience in the yard.

"The inmates were very receptive and interactive," said Yoder.

After teaching the course for a year, Yoder decided, along with prison advisors, to switch to the Master Gardener Program, which at the time, correctional facilities throughout Maryland began to adopt. The program turned out to be a success, with more than 20 to 30 inmates receiving a certified Master Gardener Certificate.

A self-described "spiritual man," Yoder said, "I get plain satisfaction by volunteering; it's a calling to help people who are in need."

Yoder admits how he fought back tears leading to the final moments before graduation, especially when describing what he has received out of the experience.

"There are good qualities in all human beings, even though we all make mistakes. It's very gratifying to know that I helped to make a difference in the lives of the inmates."

— Christopher Jack Hill

Children's Lit. Festival Benefits from Donors

Two gifts in support of FSU's Children's Literature Festival "couldn't come at a better time," says Dr. Bill Bingman, director of the Children's Literature Centre, which sponsors the Festival.

Verizon has donated \$15,000 that will pay for speakers and other incidentals, as well as provide scholarships to educators attending the conference. In addition, the Annetta H. and Lloyd M. Marshall Elementary Education Endowed Fund has recently been established, also benefiting Festival attendees through scholarships.

The Children's Literature Festival for the past 22 years has drawn 375 elementary school teachers, librarians, students and other children's literature advocates from across the eastern United States yearly. In addition to giving these educators the opportunity to hear from nationally known children's authors and illustrators, it includes a number of professional workshops relating to all aspects of literacy.

"Budgets are such that schools no longer can afford to send their teachers," Bingman said, but the gifts will not only allow the Festival organizers to hold the line on the price of registration despite rising costs, but it will also provide a number of scholarships to the conference.

In addition to the benefits for the adult participants, the R. Margaret Hamilton's Children's Hour provides free access to the authors to more than 200 children from the local region each year for a variety of age-appropriate workshops.

The Verizon gift to FSU's Children's Literature Centre, made through the Frostburg State University Foundation Inc., is part of a larger grant from the communications company to the institutions of the University System of Maryland.

— LDM





Joan DeVee Dixon (center) teaches the art of Japanese calligraphy to students.

For the Love of Asia

DeVee Dixon Shares Knowledge of Japanese Culture

Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, associate professor of music at FSU, attended a National Faculty Development Institute this past summer, held by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The program, "Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum," took place at San Diego State University.

"It was an honor to be chosen to participate in AASCU's Sasakawa Institute," Dixon said.

After a competitive selection process, the AASCU awarded Dixon a \$5,500 Sasakawa Fellowship to handle the program's cost. The program ran from June 2-27, 2003, and covered many issues related to Japan including its culture, language, history, art and education. Through the use of films, lectures, readings and cultural activities, the Institute presented its participants with a thorough knowledge of modern Japan.

Dixon used her experience in Japan to immerse herself in Japanese music. "I attended all of the

Sunday afternoon and Monday evening concerts in Balboa Park," she said. She took lessons on a koto, a Japanese stringed instrument. "I can now read the basic notation of a Japanese musical score. It is not at all like western musical notation." She not only had to learn the Japanese characters for numbers and letters, but also had to read from right to left.

In June and July of 2004, Dixon will be performing her second piano and organ concert tour of Japan. "I hope to visit the Yamaha piano factory in Japan. FSU has been a part of Yamaha's Institutional Loan program for the past three years, and Yamaha's Piano Technical Team visited FSU in August... It was really exciting to be able to introduce myself in Japanese."

Dixon added, "Several new Yamaha pianos in the Performing Arts Center [give students] the opportunity to explore new technologies and teaching materials."

Music was just one part of the Institute's program. There were several sessions on Japanese callig-

raphy to accompany the daily sessions on language. Japanese language classes have become very popular at FSU, and Dixon bought rice paper, brushes and ink for the students. They have been staying after class to learn calligraphy as well.

Dixon also enjoyed the presentations on Japanese traditional arts. They learned about flower arranging and tea ceremonies. The Institute took trips to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, and toured the Japanese Gardens and Mingei Museum at Balboa Park, giving the participants an in-depth look at Japanese culture. The Institute provided participants with a well-rounded picture of modern Japan to share with their campuses.

— Stephanie Kochis

Police Department Stacks Up Awards

The Law Enforcement Training Network (LETN) has honored 10 Frostburg State University Police Officers as part of its first-ever list of "Training Heroes." Seven of those officers ranked in the network's top 10 in the nation. The honorees were determined on the basis of the number of training courses taken and passed.

Officer **Timothy Stevens** completed 64 of the online courses, ranking fourth in the LETN top finishers. Officers **Robert Drees**, **Kevin Fearon**, **Louis Femi**, **Lynn Lewis**, **Cynthia Powers** and **John Ralston** each completed 63 courses, rounding out the LETN top 10. Officers **T. Scott Donahue** and **Jamie Winters**, who completed 62, and Officer **Krista Livengood**, who completed 61, were also recognized.

According to FSU Police Chief Brian Shanley, the online courses,

which the officers can complete at any time, have been more efficient than traditional continuing education, which requires officers to travel away from Frostburg. The LETN catalog also provides a larger selection of topics than those available regionally, with options often more appropriate for FSU's needs. LETN offers a whole series on campus policing, including a series on cold weather operations presented a member of the Halifax Police Department in Nova Scotia, Canada.

"It's befitting that an institution of higher education can take advantage of distance learning like this," Shanley said.

In other news, the University Police Department also received the Governor's Crime Prevention Award for the 14th straight year. FSU's campus police earned the award for category A, which covers overall crime prevention efforts.

To win the award for category A, the Police Department has implemented personal, residential and commercial security programs, as well as provided crime prevention training and public information/media activities, officer recognition for crime prevention and support for the national McGruff campaign.

— LDM & SK

Mathematical Finding Brings International Attention

Laxman Hegde, professor of mathematics, has recently seen a jump in interest in a paper he and co-author, Dayanand Naik of Old Dominion University, published in 1999 in the Proceedings of the SAS Users Group International (SUGI) Conference. The paper discusses a different type of data analysis used by ecological scientists who study species-environmental relationships, and readers are offered electronic

copies of the SAS (statistical analysis system) program code.

Word has finally gotten out, and, in the past several months, Hegde and his co-author have suddenly received dozens of requests for the paper and the program code from environmental scientists worldwide. It's particularly popular because the previous method of analyzing large amounts of environmental data was through the use of a commercial – and expensive – computer program.

Hegde and Naik are in the process of submitting the paper to "Ecology," a major journal.

The program has already assisted a number of FSU biology graduate students with their projects. It's helpful with interpreting results because it provides a geometric interpretation of their data.

— LDM

Historian Broadcasts "Local Moments in History"

Western Maryland Historian **Al Feldstein** (Class of '78) recently recorded 124 "Local Moments in History" segments, which air on WFWM, public radio from FSU.

The two-minute spots air nightly, Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m., and at various times throughout the day.

"School prayer, floods, horse racing, gun control, consolidation, and slots. One would think we're reading from today's local newspaper. But actually, these were our same local issues 30, 50, even 100 years ago," says Feldstein. "It's easy to see that the more things change, the more things stay the same."

WFWM can be heard at 91.9 FM in the Frostburg area and 96.3 FM in the Oakland, Md., region. You can also access the station online at www.wfwm.org.

— TD

It's in the Bag:

New Learning Community Encourages Artists to Think "Outside the Box"

When members of FSU's first **Brush Strokes: Exploring the World of Visual Arts** learning community started to think outside the box, they ended up expressing themselves within the confines of a bag, a plastic, zippered sandwich bag. And it proved to be an expansive experience.

The Brush Strokes learning community is designed to introduce students to the concept of studio art, and especially to the requirements of the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The classes, which the students took as a group, included Orientation to Higher Education, Two Dimensional Design, English 101 and Art Appreciation, the latter taught by Trish Limbaugh.

Limbaugh's choice to take her class to the local Allegany Arts Council's Saville Gallery to learn about staging an art exhibition allowed her students to take advantage of a happy accident, according to AAC Executive Director Andy Vick. Vick had an unexpected weeklong hole in his gallery schedule and invited to students to make use of that time.

Vick's wife, artist Beth Piver, had learned of gallery in California that invited artists around the country to submit art for display, but art that had to be confined to a sandwich bag. Vick pitched the idea to Limbaugh's class, and they took on the challenge. Twenty-three students exhibited work at the show.

"They were just such a wonderful group of students," Vick said. "Enthusiastic, excited about art, ready to jump into the project. It was wonderful for me."

"We gave each kid a sandwich bag, and told them their piece had to be contained within the bag," Limbaugh said. "They were given no other direction. We got a huge variety of approaches."

The students' artistic media ranged from two-dimensional pieces featuring photography, painting or colored pencils to a sculpture made of plastic straws and Gummi Bears melted in a microwave. One student burned a hole in the bag, but that was as far "out of the bag" as anyone could go, Limbaugh said.

Student Dan Trader found that frustrating. "I'm used to working with big-scale canvas and sculpture. I usually don't have restrictions."

"I tried to emphasize that art is serious. It can be hard work," Limbaugh said. The students asked very pointed questions of Vick, she said, including her favorite, would the gallery charge a commission. (Vick



Shrapnel by Capri Rice

said the gallery, which normally charges commission, waived it for the learning community's show.) One student, Marie Drexler, sold her self-portrait, a tinted photo called "Self Contained" for \$35 to a couple she didn't know.

In addition to exhibiting their work, students were involved in all aspects of the exhibit, from promotion to deciding how it should be displayed to what refreshments and music to choose for the opening.

The class extended the "In the Bag" theme beyond the artwork. All the refreshments – cookies, grapes, cheese – were in individual plastic bags and displayed on a wall.

"They wanted a three-hour opening. I discouraged that, and they settled for two hours," Limbaugh said. "Being an artist is hard sometimes. They don't think about having to stand around at an opening when they're tired. It wasn't long before they were begging to leave. I wouldn't let them."

"I was surprised at how incredibly boring it became," said Tiffany Sweeney. "I mean, it started out interesting and exciting. I was nervous. But then you stand around for two hours in heels."

The students found the whole experience illuminating. Jennifer Berkow, who had participated in shows at home with the Carroll County Arts Council, learned more about the organization that goes on behind the scenes.

The students also had to write an artist's statement, to take "ownership" of their approach to art," Limbaugh said. True to the interdisciplinary nature of the learning community, the artist's statement was an English 101 assignment.

Berkow learned something about support. "I mainly learned that there are more people out there willing to support the arts than I thought. So many people came to the opening that we didn't even know. I even overheard people talking about it in line at the grocery store."

— LDM

"Hurd" Around the Nation

FSU English Professor **Barb Hurd**'s latest book of essays "Entering the Stone: On Caves and Feeling Through the Dark" received positive reviews this summer in both *The New York Times* and *The*

Baltimore Sun (which also ran a feature on Hurd, her writing and her marriage to Pulitzer Prize winning poet Stephen Dunn). Also, the *Los Angeles Times* featured Hurd's caving expeditions in a multi-page spread this past summer.

In September, Hurd released a book of poetry entitled "The Singer's Temple," published as a result of her winning a Bright Hill Poetry Prize.

In the past few years, Hurd has received national attention from her collection of essays, "Stirring the Mud: On Swamps, Bogs and Human Imagination." The book was named one of the best of the year by the *Los Angeles Times* and inspired an original dance presentation by Dance Alloy, which was performed last spring at FSU. "Stirrings" is now available in paperback.

Winters Wins Recognition

FSU Police Officer **Jamie Winters** was one of six staff members of the University System of Maryland who were honored at the University System Board of Regents meeting this past June. Winters was recognized for her outstanding service to students. She keeps an office in the Lane University Center, and advises student groups planning to hold dances or other late night events, helping them develop risk management plans to enhance security at the events. She has also presented a number of programs on drug and alcohol awareness and preventing sexual assaults.

The Regents' Staff Awards, now in its third year, represent the highest honor bestowed by the Board for achievements of employees of the USM institutions. FSU administrative assistant **Susan Eisel**, Physical Education, won last year for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution.

Making a Difference

On the annual Make a Difference Day over FSU's Homecoming weekend, 1,050 books were delivered to the Western Maryland Reading Center by A STAR! and HalIStars! AmeriCorps members, the results of the day's service project. Last year, FSU's program was noted in *USA Weekend* Sunday newspaper insert. The books were sorted by

content area and shelved also for the Reading Center. Thanks to all alumni who donated to this cause.



Alumni Giving Cited

Chris Harmon, FSU's director of Annual Giving, was featured in the *Development and Alumni Relations Report*, a newsletter of information, strategies and guidance for higher education professionals. Based on a concept by FSU Vice President for Advancement **Colleen Peterson**, Harmon discussed how FSU managed a successful Annual Fund drive despite war in the Middle East and stock market woes by adjusting fund-raising techniques in the midst of the drive.

Student Named UK Ambassador

FSU International Studies student **Tabu DeLucco** was one of 34 university students across the US selected by the British Council to serve as a student ambassador. British Council Student Ambassadors encourage study in the UK by promoting study abroad opportunities on their home campuses. Tabu spent spring semester 2003 studying at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England. She worked with FSU's Center for International Education this past semester to promote that program and other UK opportunities.

From Russia... With Llewellyn

Robert Llewellyn, professor in the Visual Arts Department, participated in an exhibition at the Gorohovaya Gallery in St. Petersburg, Russia. The celebration of international artists was held in honor of the 33-year anniversary of St. Petersburg. The International Artists Support Group based in Washington, D.C., sponsored the event. Llewellyn had two intaglio prints selected for the exhibit.

Serfass Receives First Young Alumni Award

Thomas Serfass, professor of biology, is the first recipient of the Pennsylvania State University's School of Forest Resources Outstanding Recent Alumni Award, created to honor alumni who have graduated in the previous 10 years. Serfass completed his doctoral degree in wildlife and fisheries science in 1994.



Tom Serfass

Student Spends Summers Helping Young Burn Victims

Severe third-degree burns don't stop children from enjoying summer camp activities. And FSU senior **Julie Cassidy-Rosine** makes sure the children enjoy their week at the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp.

For the past five years, Cassidy-Rosine, a recreation and parks major, has volunteered at MABC, facilitating activities and spending time with the children. The camp hosts a weeklong summer session as well as a winter camp. It gives children ages 8-17 with third degree burns an opportunity to experience summer camp in a supportive setting. The camp has canoeing, hiking, arts and crafts, sports and swimming. Older campers can also go hang gliding, rock climbing and caving.

Cassidy-Rosine first learned of the burn camp when she worked as a counselor with Camp Horizons, a residential youth camp. MABC spent a week at Horizons' site, located in the Shenandoah Mountains. She stayed for the week, setting tables, making sure the kids had enough water and spending time with them. After two years as a helper she became a full-time counselor.

"I get a lot from it. You can see the difference you're making and learn about yourself and what matters to you."

Cassidy-Rosine is one of only a few college students working at the camp. Most of the volunteers are firefighters, physical therapists and paramedics. "It was the first time I got so much reward out of just being there." Cassidy-Rosine comments.

Seeing how the children have developed and changed from year to year keeps her coming back. Many of the campers come from the inner city. Cassidy-Rosine

enjoys talking to them because, "You can give input and feel like you're making a difference. You can really contribute to their future."

Working with the same group for three years has given Cassidy-Rosine the chance to build relationships. She keeps in touch with one of the campers during the year via e-mail, encouraging her to do well with her schoolwork and sports. "She's really big into basketball. Sometimes I send her inspirational quotes."

Working with the kids at burn camp is similar to working with other children, according to Cassidy-Rosine. "They love to have fun and crack jokes." Most of them are capable of the same activities. The counselors don't focus on how the children got burned unless the campers bring it up first. "You take into consideration how lucky you are."

Cassidy-Rosine is an avid volunteer who also gives her time to the Special Olympics and Special Education, which she wouldn't be involved in if she had not volunteered at the burn camp. "Being involved with Mid Atlantic Burn Camp has shown another side of me where I want to reach inside and give back to others."

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Senior Julie Cassidy-Rosine works summers at the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp for children in Clarksville, Md.

B'OTTER-more Bound, Hon:

Otter Finds New Home at Zoo

An otter destined for the rivers of rural Pennsylvania has found herself a new home in inner city Baltimore.

Thomas Serfass, professor of biology at Frostburg, has worked with an otter reestablishment program to increase the otter population in parts of Pennsylvania. This past summer he received an older otter with dental injuries that was not suitable for release back into the wild. The black, 14-pound otter was in Frostburg for about three weeks. After caring for her with the help of his grad students, Serfass gave the otter to the Baltimore Zoo.

One of Serfass' grad students suggested the Baltimore Zoo to him. He commented that the Baltimore Zoo was a nice facility, and it was looking for more otters.

"The zoo is interested in using otters for educational purposes."



When it was time for this otter to "retire," her caregivers found a home at the Baltimore Zoo.

Serfass believed that releasing the otter to the Baltimore Zoo was the best choice because it would be providing education and be cared for by "very involved veterinarians."

Rescuing and finding homes for otters is nothing new for Serfass who has received international attention for his work with the otter reintroduction program, which has been ongoing since 1982 and has resulted in the release of 150 otters in north central and western Pennsylvania. The project involves live trapping



Compton Science Center weather cam

Frostburg Weather Station Online

FSU has launched its online weather station located in the Compton Science Center.

A digital display is located in the lobby of the new building. In addition, anyone can access the weather information online at www.aws.com by typing in the word "Frostburg" in the search box. The Web site provides information on wind chill, monthly rain and the current temperatures in the Frostburg area.

A camera has been mounted on the roof of the Compton Science Center broadcasting live video that is also accessible via the Web. The camera is controlled by the AWS Weather Net Web site. You can click on the "camera page" link from the weather information page.

Now you can relive your "cold days" of Frostburg from the warmth of your very own home!

healthy otters in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and evaluating their health. According to Serfass, this evaluation identifies and treats injuries and provides a quarantine to make sure there are no infectious diseases. The evaluation also improves their nutritional status and "fattens them up" before their release. The otters are then released into parts of Pennsylvania where the otter population has disappeared. In some parts of the state, otters have been gone for almost 100 years, due to unregulated trapping and water pollution.

Currently the project is beyond the reintroduction phase. "We are involved in a large effort to assess the status of the reintroduced populations and to develop methodologies that can be useful for long term monitoring of populations." Funding for the monitoring project is provided by the Pennsylvania Wild Resource Conservation Fund.

"The reintroduction project is one of the most popular wildlife projects ever initiated in Pennsylvania. Thousands of citizens have seen the release of these animals and many more have learned about it through hundreds of newspaper articles or viewing them on TV news shows."

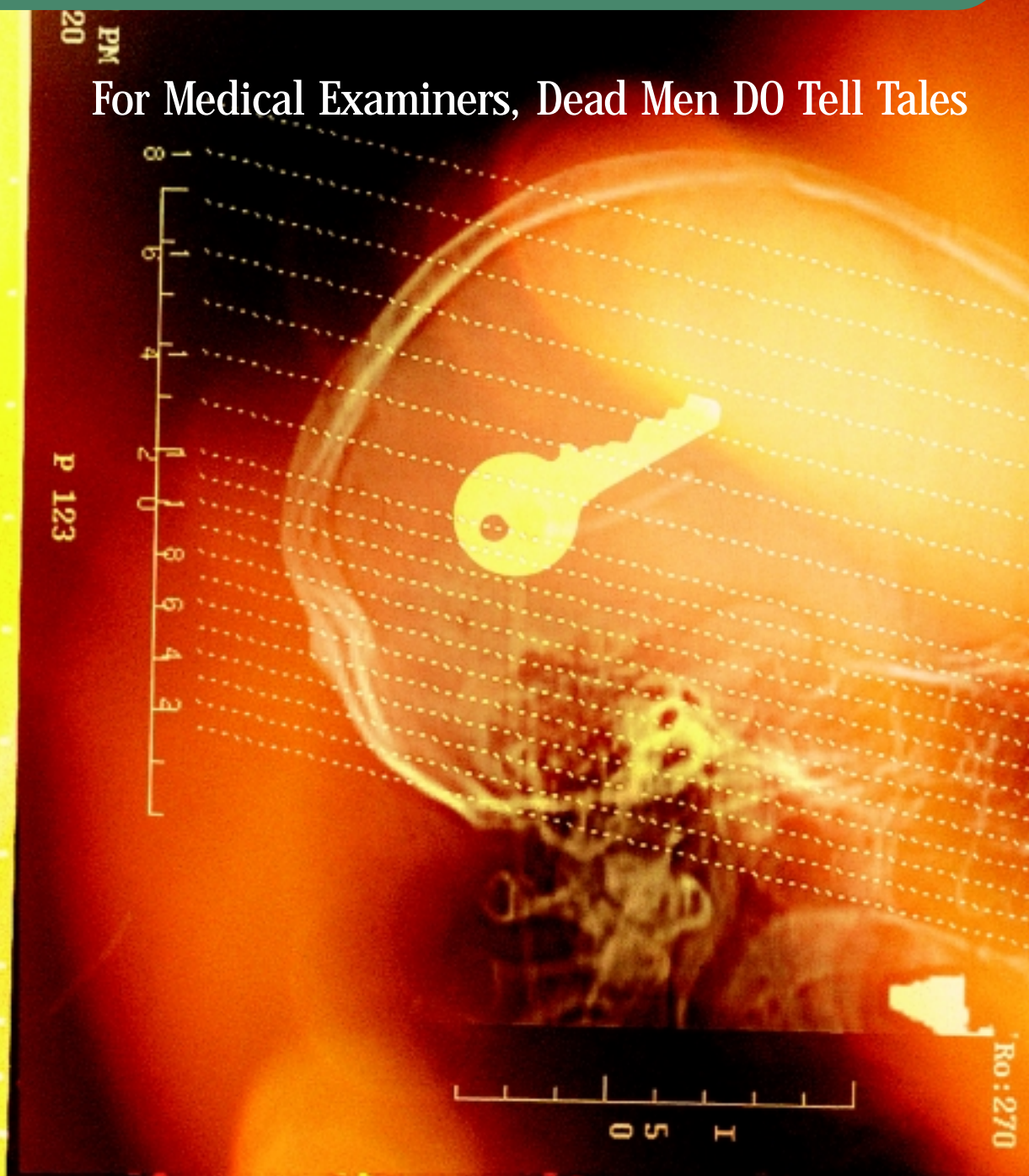
Through Serfass' notoriety and efforts, Frostburg State University will host the **IX International Otter Colloquium** in the summer of 2004. Serfass is the chair of the conference, where 40 countries will be represented. This conference has not been in the United States since 1985, when the University of California at Santa Cruz hosted it.

In the meantime, Serfass and his team will continue to monitor the reintroduced populations to make sure that the otters adjust to their new homes.

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Someone at Maryland's Forensic Medicine Center has a sense of humor.

In the lobby of the office building in downtown Baltimore, black and white photos of Maryland medical examiners are displayed on a wall. Smack dab in the middle of the photos is the mug of the most famous medical examiner of all time – TV's "Quincy."

Dr. J. Laron Locke, M.E. (Class of '82), chuckles about the shot of Jack Klugman, who portrayed the TV coroner/detective from 1976-83.

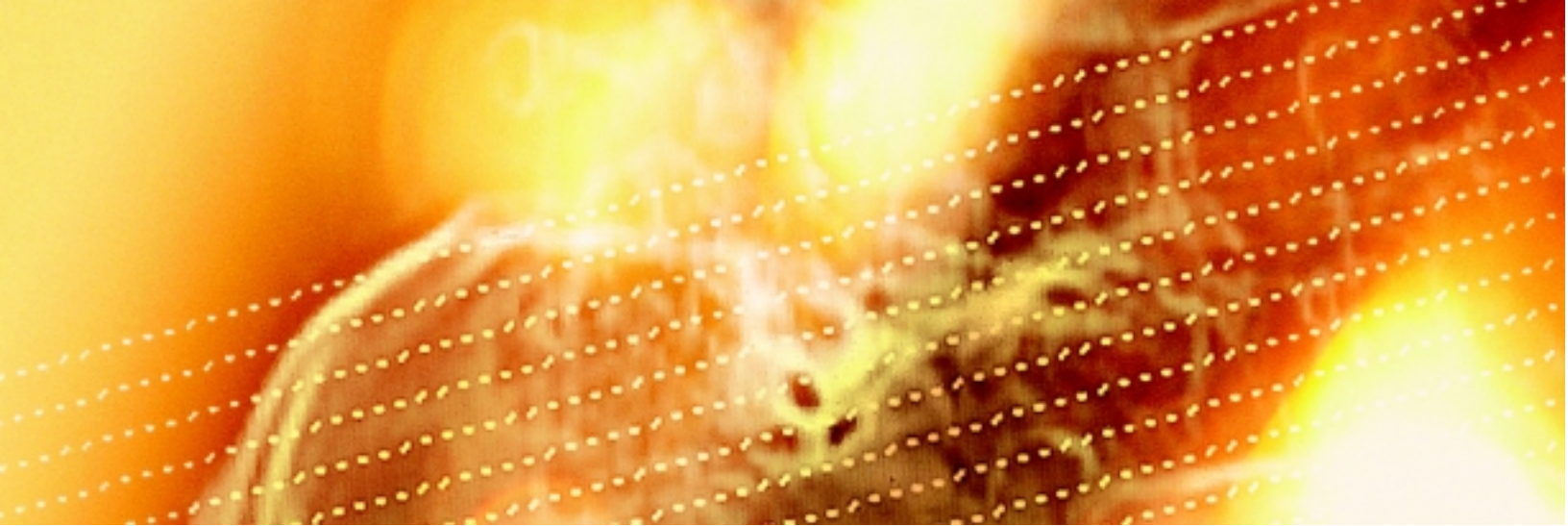
"If you remember 'Quincy,' you're telling your age," he says, with a laugh. "I'll give lectures to students and ask if anyone remembers that show. I just get blank stares."



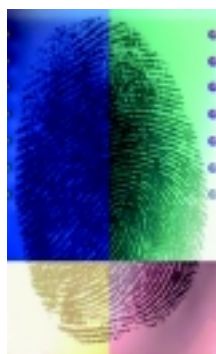
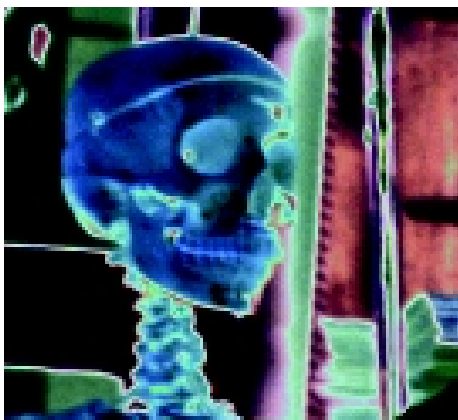
Dr. J. Laron Locke, (Class of '82), assistant state medical examiner.

That's nothing new for Locke who's used to playing to a "dead crowd" as assistant state medical examiner. In his corner office, he is surrounded by stacks of case files, slides of autopsies and photos of dead bodies he has examined over the years. This is clearly not a profession for those faint of heart. However, Locke is a man full of heart, with a passion for science and mysteries.

By Ty DeMartino



“When everyone thinks it’s a natural death, and suddenly it turns into a homicide – that’s what makes this all worthwhile.”



A “Hardy Boy” at Heart

Growing up in Baltimore, Locke was drawn to detective stories as a young child and spent time with his nose buried in classic “whodunit” books – “Encyclopedia Brown,” “The Hardy Boys” and “Nancy Drew” – or watching Alfred Hitchcock films and, of course, “Quincy.” When he graduated from Randallstown High School in 1977, he abandoned his love of mysteries to focus on a career in medicine.

“At that time, I didn’t put the two together – medicine and mystery. But that’s what medicine is – solving a mystery, with the body giving you the clues.”

Hearing about the school’s strong science program, Locke came to Frostburg State College, where he was a resident assistant in Frederick Hall and joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. When he graduated with a double major of biology and psychology in 1982, Locke applied to 10 medical schools in hopes of becoming, ironically, an OB/GYN.

“I thought the field was fascinating – the idea of bringing life into the world.”

He was accepted to Howard University in Washington and, in his sophomore year, sat in on a lecture by the District of Columbia’s Medical Examiner. The talk resurrected Locke’s childhood fascination.

“It brought back all of the old memories of reading mysteries and watching ‘Quincy,’” he says.

When he began his hospital rotation, Locke rethought his career path and the drawbacks to obstetrics, such as the long hours and malpractice risks. “I enjoyed it, but I asked myself, ‘Do I want to do this rest of my life?’ And my answer was, ‘Not really.’” That is when he shifted his focus to forensic pathology.

The switch from “life” to “death” was an easy transition, Locke says. He continued his hospital rotation, but moved downstairs to the morgue to assist in the autopsies of patients and the dissection of suspicious gall bladders, hearts and amputated limbs.

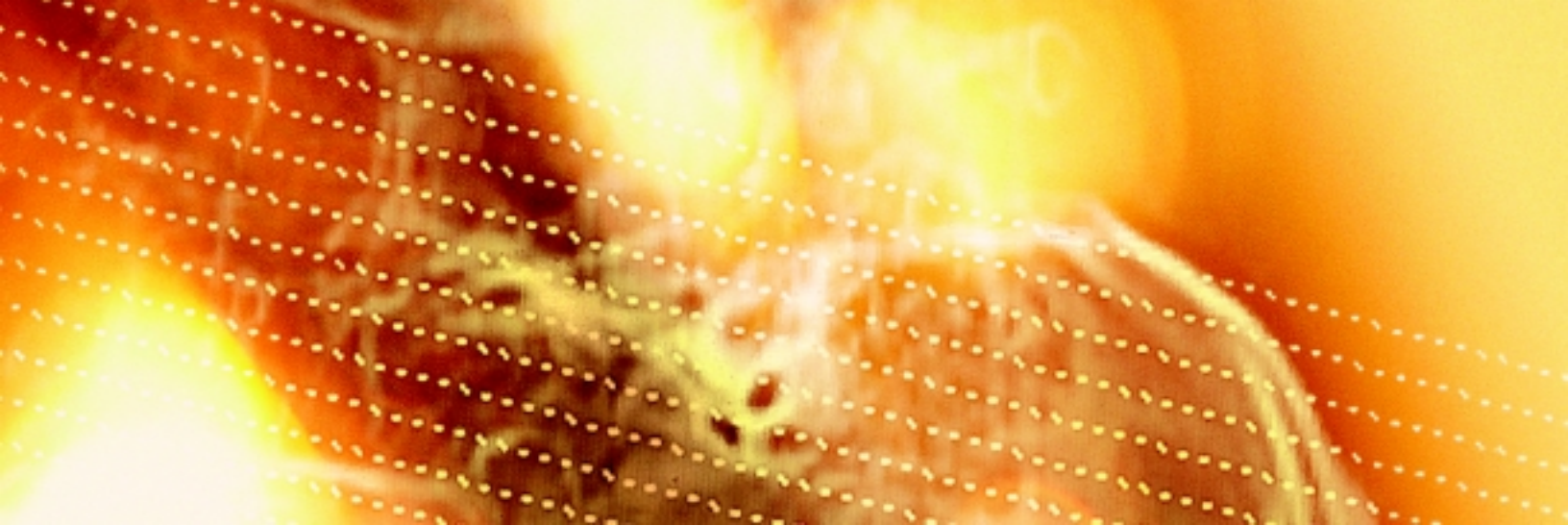
Locke started a placement with the D.C. Medical Examiner’s Office in his final year of med school. There, he witnessed his first crime scene. That single grisly event would prepare Locke for anything he would encounter later in his career.

Baptism of Fire

It was August with temperatures in the 90s, when the D.C. office got a call about a homicide in an abandoned apartment building. Locke, flashlight in hand, joined his supervisors in entering a dark room. The only thing they could make out was a single form – possibly a body – in the middle of floor. When the group directed their lights to the form, it was shimmering. As Locke stepped closer, he saw that the dead body was engorged in millions of tiny maggots. The victim had been there for weeks.

“After I saw that, I knew I could do forensics. Since then, I’ve been unfazed.”

With a cast-iron stomach and clear career goals, Locke performed his residency in forensics at Temple University and worked with the Philadelphia’s Medical Examiner Office. He became more acquainted with investigating homicides, which, he says, are the “bread-and-butter cases” of forensics.



When he finished his residency, Locke returned to Baltimore and secured his current position at the Maryland Medical Examiner's Office, where he has worked since 1991.

The office is charged by the State to investigate any case in which a Marylander dies in an unusual or suspicious manner or unattended by physician. The gamut can range from suicides to motor vehicle accidents to sudden deaths. It's business as usual, as Locke performing routine autopsies. However, he still gets excited about the possibility of unearthing some mystery.

"When everyone thinks it's a natural death, and suddenly it turns into a homicide – that's what makes this all worthwhile."



Locke and his "colleague"—George.

The Psychic Case

Locke recalls the most unusual case he has encountered over the past 13 years, which centers on a missing woman, a guilty family member and a dead-on psychic.

During a heated argument with his mother-in-law, a man took a hammer and struck her over her head, killing her. He then dismembered her and buried the remains next to a body of water. The woman's family filed a missing person's report with authorities. After the police produced no leads, the relatives hired a psychic to assist with the investigation. The clairvoyant met with the family, including the killer, and announced that the missing woman was dead and buried near water. Astounded, the son-in-law left the meeting, dug up the victim and buried her in another location. When police met with the psychic to investigate her supernatural insight, she glibly announced that the body "had been moved." Hearing this, the murderer cracked and immediately confessed to the crime.

"When we got the skeletons of the woman, you could still see the indentation of the hammer," Locke says. "That was clearly my most unusual case."

Saving Lives

Psychics and sick son-in-laws aside, Locke says the most difficult cases revolve around the deaths of children. With dance recital and school photos of his own children on his desk, Locke admits being that a father to two daughters, 16 and 11, has made this line of work difficult at times.

"The kids who are abused – those cases are really hard," he says. Locke admits that he's probably more protective than most fathers and believes his daughter would second that motion. "They'd probably say, 'My dad won't let me do anything.' I guess it's because I can foresee what *could* happen – like falling out of a tree and hitting their head."



Homicides...the "bread-and-butter cases" of forensics.



When Locke faces a delicate case involving children, he can trade off with his colleagues but most often tackles it professionally. "I have to look at it as a job that just has to be done. After it's over, you step back, go home and give your kids an extra hug."

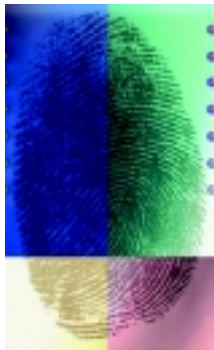
Locke believes that a passion for the profession has to sustain forensic scientists. Pats on the back and congratulations are a rarity.

"It can be thankless job," he says.

Locke did make one discovery that left an entire family grateful and alive. When a young man died at home of an apparent heart ailment, Locke performed the autopsy and discovered a defect in the man's heart that could be inherited. Locke called the man's next-of-kin, reported the discovery and encouraged the family members to see a cardiologist. Weeks later, Locke's phone rang.

"Everybody in the family had been checked for this ailment and two relatives were diagnosed with the same thing that killed this man and were being treated. The woman was crying on the phone. She was so thankful. When something like that happens, it's very gratifying."

Occasionally, Locke and his colleagues are needed at crime scenes, but mostly they wait for the bodies to come to them. He has testified in court for homicide cases between 300 and 400 times, he estimates.



When Locke puts down his scalpel at the end of the workday, he has a 30-mile commute to his residence outside of Washington, which he shares with his daughters and his wife, Stephanie, an anesthesiologist whom he met in med school at Howard. At home, he's far away, both physically and mentally, from the world of death and prefers to focus on living. He enjoys skiing, tinkering around the house and cooking Creole dishes for his family.

"Everything disappears during my commute home. On that side of the [Baltimore-Washington] Parkway, it's a different life," he says.

But Locke eagerly goes back day-after-day, faces another dead body and the mysteries it holds.

"I love doing autopsies," he says. "I'll stay here until I get tired of it. Or it gets tired of me."

Forensics Craze: Investigating the Dead is Alive and Well

From TV shows to newscasts to bookstore shelves, it seems as if forensic science is in the forefront of popular culture.

J. Laron Locke (Class of '82), assistant medical examiner for the State of Maryland, believes the recent advances in DNA have piqued the nation's interest.

"Ever since O.J. [Simpson trial], it has opened everyone's eyes," Locke says.

Universities across the nation are creating new forensic science programs to meet student demand. With the success of CBS TV's "C.S.I.," Hollywood is producing a slew of copycat forensic-based shows.

Locke is also noticing a change in the demographics of his profession.

"Sixty percent or more are now female," he estimates.

When Locke lectures to those interested in entering the field of forensic science (especially younger students), he is quick to point out the stark contrasts between the drama in real-life and the drama on the small screen.

"It's not as glamorous as it is on TV," he stresses. "And we don't solve our cases in an hour."

CBS-TV



The success of TV shows like CBS TV's "C.S.I.," has generated new interest in the world of forensic science.

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Saving Frostburg

The Town Committee that Rescued Frostburg from the Brink of Closure

By Amanda Godsey

In 1947, the Maryland Commission of Higher Education threatened to close the doors of Frostburg State Teacher's College, an institution that had been serving students for half a century. In the years that followed, then-president Lillian Compton has been given credit for single-handedly rescuing the school from the brink of closure. However, a small community committee, chaired by the Frostburg postmaster, worked closely with Miss Compton and served as the driving force that saved Frostburg State.

The Beginning of the End?

In the 1890s, a legislative bill had been passed naming Frostburg as the site for a new State Normal School. The General Assembly did not provide any funds to purchase a parcel of land, so the building of the school depended on the generosity of community members. The local people, primarily coal miners, donated money to buy Beall's Park, a two-acre site, for the location of the new school. According to Frostburg historian Betty Van Newkirk, education was a priority for people in the local area.

State Normal School No. 2 opened its doors in 1902 to 57 students, offering a two-year program of elementary school training. In 1935, State Normal School No. 2 changed its name to Frostburg State Teachers College and upgraded its curriculum to a four-year program offering a bachelor of science in elementary education.



Lillian Compton, FSU president from 1945-1954, was brought in to prepare the institution for closure, but soon fought to keep it open.

World War II brought hardships to the city of Frostburg. A town where "coal was king" lost its markets to the growing popularity of oil and electricity. Frostburg State Teachers College also fell on hard times.

"Men went into the service, and women took the good-paying jobs left by the men. Interest in teaching had dwindled," said Van Newkirk. A teacher shortage followed and high school graduates without proper credentials were offered jobs teaching in elementary schools.

In response to these events, the Maryland Commission of Higher Education, also known as the Marbury Commission, recommended closing Frostburg State, along with Coppin, Princess Anne and St. Mary's, due to their small enrollments and remote locations.

Power of the People

Concerned that FSTC might be shutting its doors permanently, a local committee was



Frostburg Postmaster Michael Byrnes led a committee that helped save Frostburg State from closure in the 1940s.

formed with Frostburg Postmaster Michael Byrnes as its chairman. According to Van Newkirk, Byrnes was a member of a well-reputed family that was active in politics and known for helping people during the Depression by granting lines of credit in their family grocery store.

Postmaster Byrnes' political connections and his service as a city council member made him a prominent name in the community.

"He was respected," states Byrnes' son, Paul (Class of '50). "People looked up to him as a leader."

Postmaster Byrnes worked closely with Frostburg's President Compton, who was originally hired to help prepare the institution for its inevitable closure. But like many,



Frostburg State Teachers College, 1949.

Compton became concerned about the college and its students. Byrnes and the committee protested the impending closure by writing letters and calling on Maryland legislators to spare Frostburg.

Byrnes used his contacts to meet with politicians "downstate." In an effort for the community to be both heard and seen, residents made two long trips to Annapolis, carpooling across the state. Byrnes' son Paul remembers his father and the other residents driving all night and returning home at four or five in the morning.

In addition to Byrnes, other Frostburg residents made notable contributions to save the school, including committee members Walter Mackey, Glenn Beall Sr., William Yates and Ralph Race. Meetings were held with town residents to give Byrnes and his committee members feedback on the progress being made. According to those who witnessed it, the idea of keeping the school open was sold to the state legislators by a combined effort of Compton, town residents and the community committee led by Byrnes.

In July of 1963, Frostburg State Teachers College became Frostburg State College, and then, in July of 1987, the institution was given university status and became Frostburg State University.

The Legacy Continues

Paul Byrnes, the postmaster's son who later went to work for the FBI and the U.S. State Department, knew how much his father, Michael, and so many other residents of Frostburg valued education. Today, he insists that the education given to him at Frostburg State is the reason he became successful in life, and this is thanks to the efforts of his father and others.

"This is an example of how town and gown have worked together for a common goal," adds Van Newkirk. "It's this type of cooperation that makes Frostburg such a pleasant community."



HOMECOMING SCRAPBOOK

It was a "BLAST FROM THE PAST" from Oct. 15 - 19, when FSU celebrated its 2003 Homecoming weekend! From the sporting events, concerts, plays, activities and socials, students, alumni and staff celebrated Frostburg's past, present and future.

#1: The Bobcat Cheerleaders prepare for a busy weekend. **#2:** The FSU Marching Band performs during half-time at the Homecoming game. **#3:** Face painting and balloon artistry continue to make the Campus Carnival a popular activity. **#4:** Homecoming headliner, REO Speedwagon, demonstrated their ageless rock & roll appeal to an appreciative audience. **#5A, 5B:** The Board of Directors of the FSU Alumni Association held its quarterly meeting during Homecoming weekend. **#6:** Dan Hill, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Nykidra Robinson, Delta Sigma Theta, were selected as the 2003 Homecoming royalty. **#7:** The NPHC Step Show is a perennial Homecoming favorite. **#8:** Student members of the University's Chemical Society provided a series of demonstrations as a part of the Carnival. **#9:** For the 4th consecutive year, the Black Student Alliance sponsored a gathering for alumni and students.



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classnotesclose-up

Frostburg's "Oldest Grad" Passes Away

Mary Martha Manley Maher (Class of '18), who for a number of years held the title of oldest living graduate of Frostburg State, died on New Year's Day at her home in Silver Spring, Md. She was 105.

Following her graduation from State Normal School #2, Maher spent her teaching career in the far corners of Allegany County, including Flintstone, Westernport and Midland. The duties of her first job, at Murley's Branch School in Flintstone, not only required the instruction of some 25 to 30 first- through eighth-grade girls, but also building fires, hauling water and cleaning the school.

From Flintstone, she moved to Westernport, teaching fourth grade at Hammond Street School. She filled out her career teaching fifth and sixth grades at Midland Elementary School. It was in this community south of Frostburg that she and her husband, James, raised their two daughters. Maher's daughters, Mary Catherine Monte and Elizabeth Lewis, continued their mother's Frostburg State tradition, graduating with the Classes of '57 and '60 respectively.

Maher moved to Springvale Terrace Retirement Community in Silver Spring in 1970 following her husband's death, where she remained active, regularly playing bridge, following the Baltimore Orioles and working *The New York Times* Crossword Puzzle.

She is survived by her two daughters, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



Maher

1967

Judy Mihalka retired from United Airlines in June 2003 after working from 1967-2003 as a flight attendant - chief purser international operation. She presently volunteers with the American Cancer Society.

1969

Charles Lamb enjoys looking at the *Profile* magazine and remembering the old days of the late '60s. He is a professor emeritus from Texas A & M University in College Station. He hosts two "classic" country radio shows in the Brazos Valley. He and his wife own a bed and breakfast and help with a newspaper in Calvert, Texas.

Dennis Jankiewicz, after teaching in the Baltimore County school system for 25 years and working as a financial advisor for AIG-VALIC for the past nine years says, "I have retired!" He is spending his leisure time "helping raise" his 11-year-old son, Andrew, and "annoying" his wife, Margaret.

1970

Pamela Jones-Morton spoke at the Employee Relocation Council (ERC) "Integrated HR Systems and Alignment to Expatriate Selection Processes" seminar in Atlanta this past October. She was appointed as a member of the Global Advisory Board for Cendant Mobility and was also in "Who's Who of American Women 2003."

1971

James McCarthy's book, "Ground Zero and Beyond: Osama bin Laden - Wanted: Dead or Alive," continues to receive attention. The book, a thriller about a forensic dentist who gets mixed up in the world of international terrorism after visiting the World Trade Center site post 9/11, is available at www.tworiverspublishing.com. You can also visit the site for contests, the latest on McCarthy's writing and his future media appearances and signings.

Kevin Murphy married Lori K. Parks on June 28, 2003. They are both employed with the Washington County Board of Education.

1952

Julia Brain Pepper and **Roy E. Pepper** (Class of '51) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2003.

1958

Sarah Slick Kilheffer moved home to Maryland after 38 years in Minnesota.

1959

John Horine was inducted into the Frederick County, Md., Sports Hall of Fame in February 2003. He was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame in 1981. In addition to other sports achievements, he started girls soccer at Middletown High School in Frederick County in 1983.

1962

Edward Root received the 2003 Outstanding Leader Award from the University of Maryland. This award was established to pay tribute to an exceptional alumnus who has attained wide recognition for leadership in educational policy and administration.

1965

Stephen Willhide has recently been recognized by Modern Healthcare as "one of the most powerful people in healthcare." He is the author of numerous articles about rural health and medical group management, and he has consulted in the majority of states with rural health providers.



Is it time
for your
reunion?

If you are a member of any class ending in "4" or "9," it's time to start planning your reunion.

What does it take to have a successful reunion?

First (and most importantly) it takes 5 to 10 class members who are enthusiastic, committed and interested in contacting classmates about the reunion. The Office of Alumni Programs arranges most of the logistics with your help and suggestions. However, we need **you** to bring the members of the class back for the celebration. Getting in touch with classmates by e-mail, phone and letters or developing phone trees are the primary responsibilities of a class reunion committee. Your hard work will culminate in a successful and fun reunion program. After all, what's a reunion without the right people?

The FSU Office of Alumni Programs will also assist alumni of any recognized student organization in planning a reunion for alumni members. Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Phi Alpha, BURG, GOLD and former football teams have all worked with the Office of Alumni Programs in bringing back alumni for reunions. Contact us at 301/687-4068 or e-mail at alumni@frostburg.edu for more information.

1972

Diane Booty Jones retired from teaching health and physical education and adapted physical education in Montgomery County Public Services after 30 years, in November 2002. She now works full-time as a licensed clinical social worker at an outpatient mental health clinic in Westminster, Md., having obtained her M.S.W. from Howard University in D.C., in May 1997.

1973

Kim Henson was named a master addiction counselor on March 31, 2003, by the NAADAC commission. This designation only goes to highly qualified, certified and licensed counselors. He has been employed as a therapist at Zealand Psychological Associates in Cumberland since receiving his clinical addictions license in 2000. He is also a guidance counselor in the Allegany County school system.

1974

Carol Middleton Gianiny is currently between jobs but most recently was a preschool teacher. Her son recently graduated from high school, and her daughter was married this past May. Both children are from her first marriage to Ed Foy.

Elaine Stonebraker is still in Southern Maryland teaching stained glass, silversmithing, leatherwork and other crafts to Merchant Marines. She is a big fan of Irish music and just returned from a week of Irish flute instruction in the Catskills.

1975

Rena Mignosa Shove was one of three to receive the "outstanding reading educator" from the Connecticut Reading Association at the 52nd annual conference in November. She has led the transformation in reading instruction at Middlebury Elementary School, due to her extensive knowledge of effective teaching techniques.

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Brotherly Love: Organ Donation Saves Sibling's Life

Diabetes slowly attacked his kidneys. During a visit to his physician, **John Davis**, (Class of '68), was given some of the most upsetting news. One of his kidneys had failed. John had two choices – life on dialysis or a kidney transplant.

While desperate for answers, John's younger brother, **Mike**, (Class of '69) made the decision for him and gave his big brother the ultimate gift. Mike donated his kidney to John on July 30 at the University of Maryland Medical Center, giving John a second chance at life.



Brothers John (Class of '68) and Mike Davis (Class of '69), post-surgery, at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

John, now 61, first began to struggle with diabetes as an undergraduate student at Frostburg State. He was diagnosed with the disease after a trip to Niagara Falls during his sophomore year of college.

"I noticed that I had to use the bathroom excessively, and my mouth became very dry," says John.

Diabetes is considered a metabolic disorder, often known for causing organs to malfunction. High numbers of organ transplants are required for diabetes patients every year.

With minor complications over the years and routine check-ups, John was able to stabilize the disease and continue practicing dentistry. Life was good for John until he received the devastating news. "I thought, 'Oh my God, either go on dialysis for the rest of my life, find a donor or die,'" he says.

While establishing the process of looking for a donor, John's younger brother, **Gary Davis**, (Class of '73), also a graduate of FSU, first opted to donate his kidney to John. Unfortunately, Gary was not a match.

"Lucky enough, my brother Mike was a match," said John, "I never even had to ask; he just told me that he would do it."

"I never thought twice about donating a kidney to my brother. He is my brother; I had it and he needed it," says Mike. "I considered it to be the only right thing to do."

The Davis brothers grew up in a modest home on the outskirts of Frostburg. Their father worked in the mines, while their mother took care of the boys.

"Our mother instilled in us lessons of morality and the importance of education as children. She was clearly the disciplinarian as well. Although we fought a lot, she also taught us to always stick together," says Mike, who now works as a certified public accountant.

These were lessons the boys kept, even until adulthood.

John chose the University of Maryland Medical Center for the site of the operation. Doctors immediately began to prepare Mike for surgery. He had only one concern.

"They put me through so many stress tests. However, the only thing I was worried about was failing the test... because if I failed, I would not be able to donate my kidney," says Mike.

Mike passed the intense testing and joined John along with family members the day before surgery. "We had a great time laughing and joking with family and friends before surgery. I was confident that it would go well," says Mike.

The surgery was a success and the brothers made a speedy recovery. "The first 2 weeks after surgery, I recovered so well that I went jogging," says Mike.

"The physicians and surgeons did an excellent job and I can't thank them enough," says John. "I really don't know how to thank my brother enough for donating his kidney to me. Throughout this experience I feel even closer to my brother. Some times I have taken things in life for granted. I don't take things for granted anymore, because life is much more important now," John adds.

— Christopher Jack Hill

Service Man

5 Questions with Alumnus Tony Washington



Tony Washington

Every Thanksgiving while he worked at Frostburg State University's Office of Volunteerism and Service, **Tony Washington** (Class of '99) delivered food baskets (donated by FSU's faculty and staff) to local families. After moving away to take a job as the volunteer coordinator for the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore, Washington still returns to Frostburg every November and volunteers his time to make sure folks have a hot meal. This year, over 20 baskets were delivered to needy families. Why such dedication? It's in his blood, he says.

Why do you serve?

As far back as I can remember, I have always liked helping people. My parents have been a very positive influence in my life. No matter how hard the times were, my parents always gave a helping hand to others. I feel I need to do the same.

You're from Baltimore. Why does Western Maryland have such a soft spot in your heart?

The people. I spent six years of my life in Western Maryland — three years as a student and three years as a staff member at FSU. I was very active on campus and in the community. The individuals I encountered were always friendly, giving and respectful to me. It is not really hard to have a soft spot in my heart for a place that gave me so much.

You come back to the area to personally deliver the Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need each year. Why is that so important to you?

It is my way of giving back to the community. There are families I see almost every year. When they see me come back, year after year, that gives them some hope that there are people out there who care. That means a lot to somebody who is going through tough times. A lot of people do not realize the need in Western Maryland. I am just trying to do my part. It's also good to come back and see those families who no longer need the baskets because they're back on their feet.

What would you say to other alumni who are thinking about performing service?

What are you waiting for? That is what a community is all about — helping and getting to know one another. If time is an issue, find a location where you can serve for an hour a week, until you are able to serve a little more. I challenge all alumni to give four hours a month to their communities. Find a place where you are doing something that you love or serve for a cause that is dear to your heart. Just serve — that's what's most important.

Will you come back next Thanksgiving?

Definitely.

We thank you.

1977



Ralph Verdiglione and **Jo-Ann Umstot-Verdiglione** (Class of '76) announce that their son, **Vincent**, is now a graduate of Frostburg State. He was a member and past president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was also Greek Man of the Year for 2003. He plans on teaching in New York City. "Life is great in New York - GO YANKEES!"

1978

Matt Cline was inducted into FSU's Bobcat Hall of Fame for his outstanding accomplishments in cross country and track and field.



Matt Cline

Theresa House Hamilton moved to the Gulf Coast of Florida.

1981

Linda Garrett received her M.S. degree in rehabilitation administration and services from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1987. She now lives in Annapolis, Md., and is employed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. To help relieve work-related stress, she enjoys long-distance cycling and sea kayaking. She would love to hear from her long-lost college friends; E-mail her at Ladyhawk5158@aol.com.



1982

Gary Parish recently received a promotion to Parole Officer II with the West Virginia Division of Corrections. He is currently completing course work in the M.Ed. program at FSU.

1984

Duane Monahan has been actively involved in the theater community of Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia since 1986.



Sophia (Norris) Lewis

Sophia (Norris) Lewis made one of her lifetime dreams a reality when she completed the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run. She placed 7th for women with a time of 21:51., running the fastest Masters women's time for a debut 100-miler at Western States. Sophia now lives in Mountain View, California.

1985

Ray Martin devoted two years to working on cancer research at Fort Detrick after his graduation from Frostburg. In 1987, he was hired by the Montgomery County Department of Police and is currently a patrol sergeant in the 6th District (Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village). He is married with four children and resides in Middletown, Md.

William Letrent and his wife, Tonia, welcomed the newest member of their family on July 26, 2003. Elizabeth Grace Letrent was born at 8:33 a.m. weighing in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

1986

Lawrence Sporer, a baseball standout, was inducted in the FSU Bobcat Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2003.



Larry Sporer

Scott Philbrook and his wife, Liz, are living in Houston, Texas, where they moved in 1997 to further their careers and escape the D.C. scene. He works for Shell Financial Services, an internal financial support contractor to Shell business entities. He is enjoying his new assignment at Shell WindEnergy, a subsidiary of Shell Renewables, provider of alternative energy and clean power. He is also a favorite dancer at "men of Le bare" women's club in Houston. They enjoy the mild weather and think of snow when drinking a margarita on the deck in December. They also like gardening, bluegrass music and Texas music, as well as playing soccer year round. Liz is employed by Hearst Corp. and is the manager of Health & Safety and Security at the *Houston Chronicle* newspaper. They have a two-year-old daughter. Scott says "hey" to all the Delta Beta Chi guys who are still "off campus."

1988

Edwin Dunn was one of 8,195 elementary and secondary school teachers nationwide who achieved National Board Certification in 2003, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and non-governmental organization that advances the quality of teaching and learning. National Board Certification is considered one of the highest credentials in the teaching profession and is achieved through performance-based assessment that takes between one and three years to complete. A resident of Frostburg, Ed has been teaching college prep biology at Allegany High School in Cumberland for the past 14 years. He received his biology, secondary education and masters in guidance and counseling degrees from FSU.

1989

John Jones has recently been promoted to operations manager at Bittner Vending Inc., where he has been employed since 1993. He resides in Bedford, Pa., with his wife, Karen, and 4-year-old son, Derick.

Michelle Best Pfeifer and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their second child, Samuel James Pfeifer, on June 24, 2003. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Samuel was welcomed home by his 4-year-old brother Luke. Michelle stays home with both boys and is home-schooling Luke this year.

1990

Richard Plaskon, division manager of Vector Marketing Corporation's Virginia Division in Fairfax, Va., has reached his \$27 million career milestone.

1991

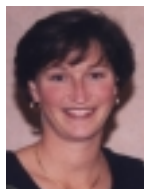
Kathy Park teaches science at Allegany High School in Cumberland, Md.

Melissa Vargas was married to Sean Eason by "Elvis" in Las Vegas. Sean is a videographer for National Instruments and plays guitar for his band, Jefferson Truett. Melissa is a board certified paralegal for Davis & Wilkerson in Austin, Texas, and practices construction litigation. They have a 5-year-old son, two dogs, one potbellied pig and one cat.

Yvette Miranian Pruett and her husband, Josh, announce the birth of their second son, Brady Avedis, born Dec. 30, 2002.

1992

Margaret Murphy Pike, lacrosse standout during her time at FSU, was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame over the 2003 Homecoming weekend.



Margaret Murphy Pike

Bernard Kahl married Jennifer Lynn Kennedy on May 24, 2003. He successfully passed his CPA in 1992 and is currently employed as a partner in the firm of Turnbull, Hoover and Koh, PA.

Darcee Doles continues to teach third grade in Maui - Downtown Lahaiha. Aloha! She traveled to Europe for 3 and 1/2 weeks in the summer of 2002.

Kimberly Pfeiffer Taylor serves as a guidance counselor at Beall Elementary School in Frostburg, Md.

Richard Stevens joined the faculty of Monroe Community College as an instructor of biology. He earned his Ph.D. in biology from the University of Memphis and his M.S. in biology from Tennessee Technological University.

Susan Kucharski is employed at the University of Pennsylvania Tobacco Use Research Center as a director of data management.

1993

Mark Liller married Angela Elaine Ware on June 22, 2002. He is employed at The Jefferson School in Cumberland, Md., as a special education teacher. He was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame during the 2003 Homecoming for his accomplishments in baseball.



Mark Liller

Billy Colbert held the art exhibit "Remembering Things That Never Happened" at FSU's Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery from Feb. 6 to 29. Colbert has showcased his work across the country. He is art focus coordinator for the Jefferson-Houston School for the Arts and Academics in Alexandria, Va., and a faculty member at the Corcoran College of Art & Design, in Washington, D.C.

Amy Reuter is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education, teaching special education at John Humbird School in Cumberland, Md.

Dustin Doyle married Teresa Jane Bricker Sept. 13, 2003. He is employed as a senior software engineer with DRS Electronics in Gaithersburg, Md.



Thomas Carey reports that during the summer of 2003, a group from FSU had their second annual "Sun & Surf" outing in Ocean City, Md. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Chuck Gibbons, **Kortney Gibbons** (Class of '98), Ashton Carey (future Class of '23), **Kristen Raykes** (Class of '93), Walker Landis Raykes (future Class of '24), **Jeff Raykes** (Class of '95), (back row) **David M. Chiavacci** (Class of '94), Laura Chiavacci, **Kimberly Carey** (Class of '92 and '95) and **Thomas Carey** (Class of '95).

alumni calendar of events

4/24/2004 - 4/25/2004

FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors Planning Retreat

Location: FSU Campus

Contact Number: 301/687-4068

For additional information contact Colleen Peterson at cpeterson@frostburg.edu

6/04/2004 - 6/05/2004

Golden Anniversary Reunion

(celebrating the classes of 1954 & before)

Location: FSU Campus

Contact Number: 301/687-4068

For additional information contact Becky Coleman at rcoleman@frostburg.edu

Preliminary plans are being made to host Frostburg with Pride events in Baltimore, Md., and Atlanta, Ga., during the spring months. Check our Web site on a regular basis for event updates.

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Alum Invents New ATV for Fun, Safety and Profit

For FSU MBA grad **Richard Duncan** (Class of '01), it was fear of injury that may have launched him to his next career.

Several years ago, Duncan, who also holds a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Maryland College Park, wanted an all-terrain vehicle to use on his family farm outside of Frederick. But he had no illusions.

"I'm a big enough fool to hurt myself using an ATV," Duncan says.

By this time, three-wheeled ATVs had been banned for safety reasons, but Duncan didn't trust the four-wheeled variety, either. Honda used to make a model called the Pilot, which was a one-seated cross between an ATV and a dune buggy, with a roll cage over the driver for extra protection. (Honda now has an SUV by the same name.) They were discontinued by 1991, however, and used ones were selling for up to \$10,000.

At some point, Duncan thought, "Wait. I have an engineering degree," and he decided to build one on his own. It's a two-seater, with all the safety features that made him feel secure, including the roll cage and a four-point safety harness.

"It's a much safer vehicle than a standard ATV, and just as much fun," he said.

Duncan was in the process of getting his Master of Business Administration degree from FSU's Frederick Center. When the assignment came around to do a business plan, he had a natural project.

"By the time the project was finished, the business plan was going as well," he said. He shopped his idea and his prototype around trying to find investors, but he could never come up with enough funding.

Last year, he and University of Maryland College Park student Adam Herbert entered the U-Md. Business Plan Competition, a joint program of U-Md's A. James Clark School of Engineering and Robert H. Smith School of Business, with an updated version of his FSU plan. Out of 43, they came in third.

Duncan was pleased they placed so well, since most of the other entries were much more high-tech and often had better advance funding as well.

The prize for third place was \$7,500, still not enough money to get them launched, but the new partners decided to strike out anyway with Castle Duncan Inc.

They have a manufacturing facility in Elkridge, Md., where they've already built 10 buggies. They have buyers for all of them. The components are all made by major manufacturers, so the Elkridge operation is primarily assembly.

Last fall, they attended the huge SEMA automotive specialty show in Las Vegas, where they generated more buzz, with nibbles from potential investors and dealers.

"Good stuff is happening, but nothing is signed," Duncan said. "The seed money is on my credit cards right now."

Meanwhile, he and Herbert are building more buggies. They hope to be producing 50 by summer. They retail for \$8,500 now, but that price could come down in the future as they are able to build more machines.

"We're not at the point where we can buy a thousand tires. That would lower the price."

He doesn't miss the day-in, day-out grind of his old engineering job.

"You can have the job where you go in, do what the boss tells you and get a paycheck every other Friday. I did that," Duncan said. "We're like little kids."

— Liz Douglas Medcalf



Rich Duncan (right, Class of '01), has teamed up with Adam Herbert, his partner in U-Md. Business Plan Competition, to produce their project, the Joker ATV, a safer version of the popular 4-wheeled off-road vehicle.



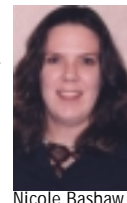
The 2-seater Joker ATV was inspired in part by Duncan's fear of hurting himself, so he included a roll cage and a four-point safety harness.

1995



Deborah Guinn Harbaugh spent five years in corporate with AllFirst Bank and left as an assistant vice president in 1999 when she was about to have her third daughter. Now that she has four girls, she's staying home for a while.

Nicole Bashaw was inducted into the FSU Bobcat Hall of Fame for her outstanding accomplishments on the basketball court.



Kay Kantner married Charles Robert Goodwin on May 3, 2003. She is employed as a utilization review coordinator with Sheppard Pratt Health System in Ellicott City, Md.

Kristine Adams Minner moved from Missouri to Florida in 1999. Her husband, Al (Class of '93), is a city manager and she is a teacher at the local high school. They have a 19-month-old daughter, Madelyn Grace. Al recently got his pilot's license, so they're flying every chance they get.

Laurie Jantz and two other Frostburg alums, **Jackie McGreevy Turk** (Class of '90) and **Dwain Thomas** (Class of '84) "found" each other on an Alaskan cruise on a Royal Caribbean ship in June 2003. They enjoyed swapping FSU stories. Jackie lives in Watkinsville, Ga., and earned the Alaskan cruise as an incentive trip through The Pampered Chef. Dwain lives in Greensboro, Md. His wife is also a consultant for The Pampered Chef, and he was a guest. Laurie's sister is a consultant too, and Laurie was her guest.

Sally Rochkind Warrenfeltz and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Matthew Warrenfeltz, Jr., born on Dec. 4, 2002. Sally is a stay-at-home mom, and Ryan Sr. graduated from University of Maryland law school and will be a JAG in the Air Force.



Jerren Scott Spencer

Scott Spencer and his wife, **Kathleen DeOre Spencer** (Class of '97) announce the new addition to their family, Jerren Scott, born on July 30, 2003. Scott is a project manager for federal facilities planning at Greenhorne & O'Mara Inc. He recently spent time in the Middle East in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. Kathleen is Human Resource Manager for Manheim's Baltimore Wash-

1994

Adam Lewis has been named director of the Thrasher Carriage Museum in Frostburg, Md. He has done extensive research on Western Maryland's history and has written several works about the area's industrial economic and immigration history.

Michele Poag Waddell and her husband, **Wade** (Class of '94) and their daughter, Zoe, announce the arrival of Ava Elizabeth, born on Jan. 24, 2003. Michele continues to enjoy her role as a stay-at-home mom. Wade continues his work as a non-profit fundraiser, having founded the Miracle League of Maryland, a youth baseball league for children with disabilities.

Tammy Lawson recently has been promoted from center manager to program director for HRDC's Adult Care Centers in George's Creek and Cumberland, Md.

Wendy O'Baker teaches math at Westmar High School in Lonaconing, Md.

William Scritchfield married Jennifer Fuller on April 19, 2003.

ington Auto Exchange. They reside in Ellicott City, Md.

Richard Reeves and his wife, **Andrea Holaus Reeves** (Class of '95) celebrated the birth of their second child, Tabitha, on June 16, 2003. Her older brother, Solomon (2 1/2 years), is happy with his little sister. Rich and Andrea have been married five years in July. After they both completed master's degrees from Towson University, they moved to N.Y. Rich works at Cornell University as a senior research and planning associate and is pursuing a Ph.D in statistics. Andrea is currently staying at home and is preparing to attend nursing school.

William Vogtman teaches math at Beall High School in Frostburg, Md.

1996

Batina Hedrick is a special education teacher at Braddock Middle School in Cumberland, Md.

John Wilson resigned his position as head football coach and health/PE teacher at Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland, Md., to take a position in Washington County, Md. He started the football program at Clear Spring High School and will be the school's first football coach.

Kelly O'Brien is beginning her eighth year of teaching English. She taught

for six years in Caroline County, Md., and is starting her second year in Worcester County, Md. All of her time has been spent in middle schools, and she is currently teaching eighth grade. Since graduation she has traveled extensively through Spain, England and Scotland. She lives in Hebron, Md., on the Eastern Shore and is currently pursuing a master's degree in secondary education at Salisbury University. All is well in her world. "Any of my classmates out there? I can be emailed at kelkello@yahoo.com."

Michael Seibert married Stacey Lynn Miller June 9, 2003. He is a teacher at Salisbury Elk Lick High School, Pa.

1997

Colleen Gratzner has a foreign language degree, but she actually pursued a B.F.A. degree in graphic design and a B.A. in foreign languages simultaneously. She had only a few classes (with the one degree after four years) immediately after graduation. It has been her profession ever since. She works a full-time job as well as now has her own company, Gratzner Graphics LLC. She created a Web site, <http://gratznergraphics.com>, to promote her business.

Jason Grahe married Dr. Jaime Jude Simon July 27, 2002. He teaches high school children with disabilities.

Jodi Nichols has been named the winner Maryland's "My Favorite Teacher" award, sponsored by the National Federation of Republican Women. She previously won the regional award of the same name. She is a teacher at Broad Ford Elementary School in Garrett County, Md.

Stefanie Moser married Michael Hasel on Aug. 3, 2002. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Archbishop Neale School in LaPlata, Md.

1998

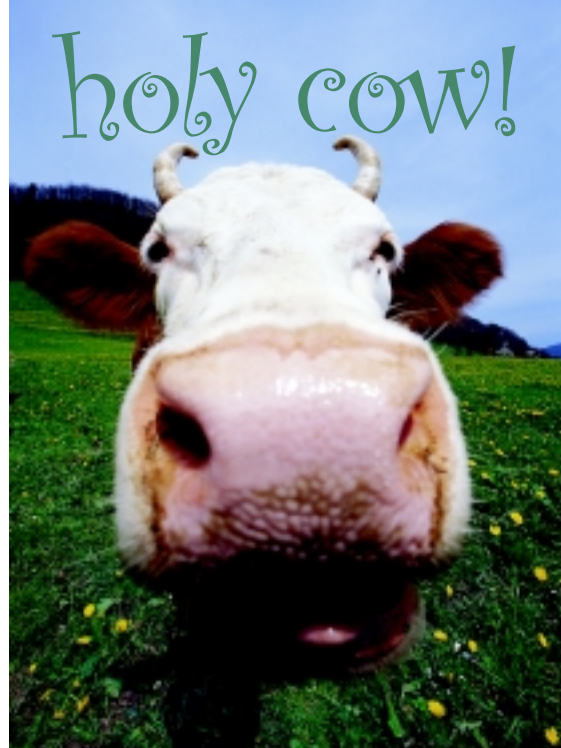
Ian Halikman and his wife, Shannon, celebrated their first anniversary on May 26, 2003. They were married in Sandy Spring, Md., and now live in Waldorf, where they bought a new house. Ian has been working at Verestar for almost four years and loves the job.

Jacquelyn Roland married Ronald Francis Komatz, Jr., on June 22, 2002. They are both employed with the Allegany County Board of Education.

John Mongan married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Moore on Nov. 2, 2002. He is employed as a video technician with Frederick County government in Frederick, Md.

Lawrence Lutes married fellow GOLD alum **Treva Kerns** (Class of

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Building Named for Roche

A new building at the Carroll County Agriculture Center in Westminster, Md., is being named in honor of the late **Ellen Marie Roche** (Class of '98), who died in 2001 following her participation as a healthy volunteer in an asthma study at Johns Hopkins University.

The building will be used by children to show rabbits at each summer's 4-H fair, as well as other shows throughout the year. Ellen Roche, who aspired to become a veterinarian, raised and showed rabbits year after year as a girl, according to a story in *The Baltimore Sun*.

In addition to caring for 100 rabbits at a time, her childhood menagerie included chickens, horses, guinea pigs, a goat and a lamb. Her father wanted her to be remembered for her love of animals during her life, according to the story, not for the tragic way she died. Her family has also established a number of scholarships in her name, including for students attending FSU.



Roche (Class of '98) loved animals, including her horse "Clown."

— Liz Douglas Medcalf

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Michael Shippen (Class of '03) shows off his miniature creation.

Pipe Dreams:

Former Student Creates Unique Mini-Pipe Organ

Pipe organs are usually massive structures that can take up whole rooms, but **Michael Shippen** (Class of '03) built one that's smaller than a piano — a little over 3 feet high and nearly 5 feet wide.

Under the supervision of FSU Physics Professor Dr. George Plitnik, Shippen studied how a regular pipe organ works, then spent the next five months building the complex instrument.

"It took some serious planning to get all the pieces to fit perfectly inside the frame," Shippen said.

Called a "Positive Pipe Organ" because it is freestanding, the instrument contains 73 pipes (49 wood and 24 made of a metal alloy). Other components are a blower that supplies air to the reservoir, a blower box to deaden the sound of the blower, the reservoir to keep the wind at a constant pressure, a keyboard with junction board and stops, a power supply and a wind chest.

"I never thought it would work until we turned it on and all the pipes played," Shippen said, who credits Plitnik's time, patience and materials for helping him complete the "dream" project.

— LDM

► classnotes

'97) in September 2000. Treva is a management analyst at U.S. Department of Education. Lawrence works for the Drug Enforcement Administration. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

Lisa Dunn married Kevin James Peterson April 26, 2003. She is employed at BioReliance Corporation in Rockville, Md.

1999

Shannon Williams married Steven Hollister in March of 2002 and moved to Mississippi. In April of 2003, they adopted two boys, Ray and Shea. She is now working at Mississippi State University as a program coordinator in the Cultural Diversity Center.

Emily Coyle Bivona and her husband, **Daniel Bivona** (Class of '98) announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah, born on Feb. 27, 2003. She was 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Sarah DeBaugh married Christopher Robin Redos on April 12, 2003. She is employed as the practice administrator of Comprehensive Women's Care.

2000

Dawn Heather Davis-Loveless received a master's degree in human resources management from Wilmington College in Wilmington, Del., in May 2003.

Laurie DuPont attended grad school at the University of Pittsburgh. She graduated in April 2003 with a master's degree in social work and a certificate in gerontology. She is employed by the VA hospital in Altoona, Pa.

Patrick Kallas married Christina L. Grapes on July 12, 2003. He is employed as a physical education teacher in Prince Georges County, Md.

2001

Carly Churchey started her own theatre company in D.C., Stealing Thunder Theatre Co., after spending two years on the road with national tours of musicals. Stealing Thunder is comprised of many FSU alumni and other D.C. professional actors. Their first production, a comedy she wrote called "Head Over Feet" was produced in Oct. 2003. She is also starring in a new production at the Kennedy Center entitled "Diamond In the Rough."

Jessica Walbert married Darren Brady Wagoner on June 22, 2002. She is employed by the city of Frederick in the Office of Special Events.

Laura Cosgrove has been a Washington Redskins Cheerleader since graduating in May 2001. This is her second year on the squad, and she has been able to do some amazing things such as travel to Bosnia, Kosovo, Austria, Germany, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Japan. While at FSU, she was in the dance company and graduated with a minor in dance and majored in mass communications. She is currently the community relations manager at Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

2002

Alexa Robertson married Darryl Wayne Keckler on June 21, 2003. She is employed as director of campus recreation at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

Brooke Perry teaches art at Braddock Middle School in Cumberland, Md.

Danielle Abernathy married Jeremy Lincoln Seib on July 2, 2002. She is employed in the accounting department at Carroll Manufacturing in Keyser, W.Va.

David Goad was named the parade marshal for the 54th annual Cumberland Halloween parade.

Jessica Kurtz was married to **Jason Sellman** on Sept. 6, 2003.

Sandra Baluch teaches science at Mount Savage School in Mount Savage, Md.

Sara Cook is a resource music teacher for the Allegany County Board of Education.

Scott McGann is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education and handles special education, interim station at Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, Md.

Tiffany Ebeling married Scott Andrew Snyder on Aug. 17, 2002. She is employed by FSU, and during the academic year she will also be employed by the Hampshire County Board of Education as a reading specialist.

2003

Amanda Jones is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education teaching first grade at South Penn Elementary School in Cumberland, Md.

Ann Workmeister will serve as guidance counselor at George's Creek and Westernport elementary schools.

Kara Gilpin married Albert Lankford on May 23, 2003. She is a family service counselor at Beverly Hill Memorial Gardens in Morgantown, W.Va.

Kari Goss is employed at the Allegany County Board of Education teaching fifth grade at Westernport Elementary School in Westernport, Md.

Sarah Williams Kalbaugh teaches special education at West Side Elementary School.

► Edited by Stephanie Kochis

In Memoriam

Alumni

1931 Ralph L. Buckel
Sept. 1, 2003

1936 Barbara Warrenfeltz
Aug. 27, 2003

1939 Lois Williams Hedrick
Oct. 7, 2003

1941 Angela Hannon Dupont
August 25, 2003

1944 Sue Sweitzer Pagenhardt
Oct. 11, 2003

1946 Genevieve Stumbaugh Beck July 16, 2003	1970 Craig A. Patton July 17, 2003	Cleland Method July 10, 2003
1950 Edward Langan Oct. 11, 2003	1972 Linda C. Byer Croft July 21, 2003	John Suter Kegg Sept. 10, 2002
1951 Gwendolyn Pierce Price April 30, 2003	1973 Irvin Johnson Aug. 29, 2001	Richard Rando July 16, 2003
Ralph Koontz Aug. 13, 2003	1976 Jonathan Eckhart Aug. 7, 2003	Robert A. Brown Nov. 5, 2002
1954 Ralph L. Dyer June 14, 2003	1978 Marion P. McCauley Feb. 17, 2003	Robert Lee Taylor July 31, 2003
1957 Howard Curtis Andrews Aug. 16, 2003	Homer Fritz Blakey III Nov. 1, 2003	Rosann P. Langhans June 8, 2003
1958 Frances Ann Davis May 16, 2003	1986 Cheryl J. Lindner Sept. 14, 2003	Thomas Wesley Woodie June 2, 2003
1963 Kenneth Charles Smith Jan. 24, 2002	1993 Thomas W. Mayo June 15, 2003	William A. Whitehead Oct. 3, 2003
1964 Carolyn Baucom Cook-Boileau April 29, 2003	1997 Lewis Alexander Brown July 7, 2003	Paul E. Barry July 3, 2003
1966 Rosella Niner July 11, 2003	Friends of FSU Albert Winner June 22, 2003	Suzanne McGrath Dale Oct. 25, 2003 ▲
Robert Engelmeyer August 2003	Anna R. Goldsworthy Aug. 25, 2003	
1969 Edward G. Kerman Sept. 15, 2003		

You're Invited!

Annual Alumni Association Meeting

This annual meeting is the forum in which alumni determine the leadership of the Frostburg State University Alumni Association. On Sunday, April 25, 2004, several alumni will be elected to the board of directors of the Association in the capacities of officers and directors.

Per the by-laws of the FSU Alumni Association, all graduates and former students of Frostburg State University, Frostburg State College, Frostburg State Teachers College and Frostburg State Normal School are eligible to vote. All members of the FSU Alumni Association are encouraged to exercise their voting privileges. In the event that a member chooses to vote but is unable to attend the annual meeting, a mail or e-mail ballot may be used.

To request candidate information, please contact Colleen Peterson in the Office of Alumni Programs at 301-687-4068 or e-mail alumni@frostburg.edu by April 2. Upon your request, we will forward the appropriate candidate information, as well as a meeting agenda to you. The slate of candidates is also available online at www.frostburg.edu. Click on Alumni & Friends/Alumni Association/Board of Directors.



Some things require an explanation...

Is this a Frostburg winter fashion statement?

Are they getting ready to "rustle up" some grub?

Are they members of the Frostburg State Hunt/Golf/Ski/Windshield Scrapers Club?

Can you explain this photo from a page in Frostburg State's history? If you're the first person to e-mail with the correct information, you'll win an FSU T-shirt. Just send:

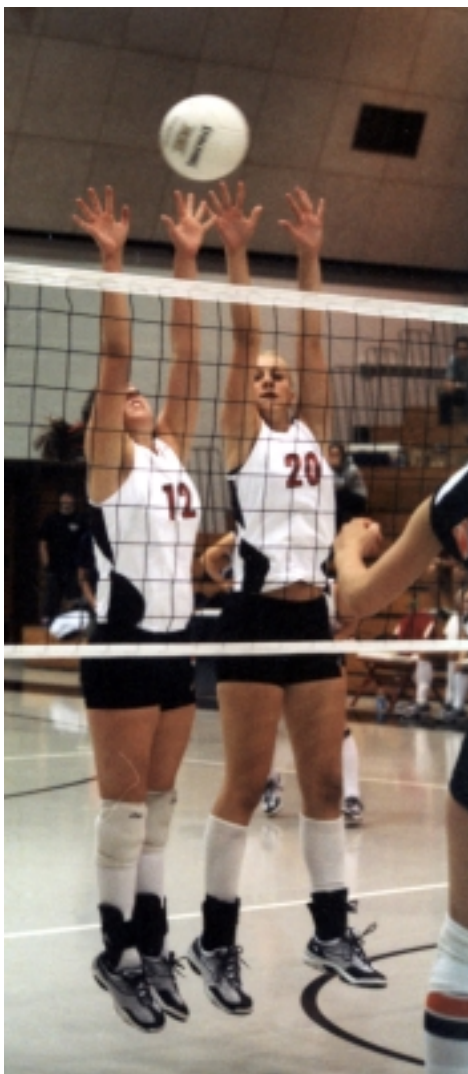
1) Who, what or where is this group? — and WHY are they dressed like this?

2) Identify AT LEAST two of the faces in the crowd.

You will also receive the glory of seeing your name in print in our next issue of *Profile*. Hurry! E-mail those entries to:

tdemartino@frostburg.edu (and specify your shirt size!)

what the heck?



Left: Kelly May, (#20) a freshman standout on the volleyball team, finished the season with 73 blocks and 144 kills.

Entering the season, the Bobcats were expected to again reign as conference champions and looked like a team that could make a run deep into the NCAA Tournament. However, May didn't initially think she would play such a big role in the squad's success.

"I thought it would be very difficult to get playing time this season," said May, a 6-1 middle blocker. "I was glad that I could contribute to the team as I got to start a lot of games this season. The team was very supportive all year in helping me adjust to a very different style of play."

Coming out of high school, where she was named MVP of many tournaments and recognized locally for her outstanding career, May found out quickly that she needed to continue to work hard to improve her own game, which in turn would help lift her team's performance.

"I am always worried and nervous about messing up when I am competing, so when I arrived at FSU, Coach [Jeff Billington] worked with me on my defensive game, including blocking, which needed a lot of work," said May. "The game is so much faster in college and is more defense-oriented compared to the

who has the ability to play multiple positions if we need her to, and as our core of juniors graduate she will be one of our team's featured players."

When the 2003 season began, May's playing time was somewhat limited, but she made the most of her opportunities. Through FSU's first three matches, she played in just three games and recorded three kills, two blocks and a dig. However, May's effective play and work in practice paid off, as she earned her first start at Ithaca. She responded with eight kills, five digs and four blocks in a hard-fought 3-2 win.

May continued to improve throughout the season, and she put together a great three-match run with 19 kills, 11 blocks and eight digs in a combined nine games against Lake Erie, Penn State Behrend and Grove City. During the first of FSU's two 14-match winning streaks on the year, May was instrumental in the team's success as she recorded 50 kills, 27 blocks, 22 digs and 12 service aces.

"Our team really hit a groove early in the season, and it was obvious that Kelly played a huge factor in the success we had," said Billington. "No one really expected her to play as well as she did. Even though her stats were not among the top on the team, she was very important in changing the opponents' strategy and giving us the advantage."

From Rookie to Veteran... in one season

Freshman **Kelly May** went from rookie to veteran in her very first season as a member of the Frostburg State University volleyball team. May, of Cumberland, helped guide the Bobcats to both the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year. Her impact was immediate, as she finished second on the team in blocks with 73 and fifth in kills with 144.



Kelly May

offensive style of game I played in high school."

As May gained confidence in her own game, the team looked to her to solidify a middle attack as she teamed with All-AMCC first team junior transfer Jodi Carpenter. However, unlike Carpenter, it is May that will be part of the next generation of Bobcats after the core of juniors Lauren Petrick, Carrie Ness, Sam Seyfferth and Carpenter graduate in 2005.

"Kelly is very important to our program not only next season but over the next three years," said Billington. "She is a solid player

"I was very happy as the season went on because my hitting percentage continued to climb and my defensive play got much stronger," said May. "Along with my stats improving, I seemed to be more confident with myself, knowing that every little mistake could be fixed and was only one point."

Over FSU's second 14-match winning streak, May exceeded even her own expectations as she recorded 73 kills, 41 blocks, 32 digs and 11 service aces.

"Kelly continued to gain confidence toward the end of the season and it showed in her performance as we made a run through the AMCC and into the NCAA Tournament," said Billington.

After wrapping up another AMCC title, the Bobcats earned a second-straight trip to the

NCAA Tournament, where they swept Rutgers-Newark in the first round. May recorded seven kills, three blocks and two digs in the 3-0 victory.

In the region semifinals, FSU came face-to-face with powerhouse Juniata, then 30-0 and ranked No. 1 in the nation. The four-time national runner-up overpowered the Bobcats in three games, with May contributing one kill and one dig.

"I was really nervous, a lot more than in the AMCC Tournament because I didn't know what to expect," said May. "The tension kept building over the last couple weeks of the season as we knew we would probably face Juniata sooner or later. It was a good experience, a little different than I have ever experienced, but I would love to get another chance."

May looks forward to next season as she and the veteran Bobcats look to win the AMCC Tournament and earn the league's first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. In addition to its conference slate and regional tournaments, FSU will travel out west to play some of the top teams in the country as it continues to establish itself as a nationally recognized program.

"I hope to keep my starting position and contribute by improving on my hitting per-

centage and defensive play," said May about her future goals. "We are heading out west to play some great competition, and I hope we cannot only hold our own but show that 'East Coast girls' can play too. Of course, I really want to face Juniata again and hand it to them."

"I really think Kelly will play a huge role in the next couple of years as we look to continue to move farther into the NCAA Tournament with our ultimate goal the NCAA finals," said Billington. "She can and probably will set many records here at FSU as she continues to grow and compete."

—Kevin Alcox

Kayaker Paddles Her Way to International Competition

If you've never heard of FSU student **Shanna Powell**, you're probably not alone. The Garrett County native is your typical 24-year-old college coed. She lives with her parents, likes adventure and being outside and secretly sings tracks from "The Sound of Music" in her head when she needs to relax.

But if you're a big fan of aquatic sports, specifically freestyle kayaking, in which athletes perform tricks by using the water to maneuver themselves around, then you may want to keep your eye on this female phenomenon. In January, Powell represented the United States in the 2004 Pre-World Kayak Freestyle Championship in Australia.

At the national freestyle competition in Rock Island, Tenn., in October, Powell placed fourth in U.S. team tryouts, which came as a shock to the Long Stretch rookie, who didn't even pick up a paddle until the summer of 2001.

"I've always liked adventure and being outside, but I never spent much time in the water," she said. "I just kind of popped out of the woodwork with this."

Powell's finish meant she was only one spot away from making the United States team. In an unexpected turn of events, one of the top three female qualifiers was unable to compete, and Powell was asked to replace her. She joined Daren Eddy of Knoxville, Tenn., and Devon Barker of McCall, Idaho, on the United States Women's Freestyle Team at the Pre-World Championship.

"It's a big surprise to everyone that I came out of nowhere and did so well," she said. "I definitely didn't expect this. I don't know how it happened, but I don't mind it."



FSU student Shanna Powell's work on the rapids gained her international attention.

Powell's first run on the water came when she was offered a position as a raft guide at FSU. Her first time in a kayak was in the facility's pool. "I like that you can (freestyle) by yourself; you're not really affected by anyone else," she said. "For the most part, it's just you and Mother Nature."

Powell signed up for her first competition through Garrett College, where she graduated from the Adventure Sports Institute last spring. Since then, she

has competed in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina. She's even run the blue-green waters of Ecuador in her spare time.

Powell said she tries to train as often as she can, but weather conditions and schoolwork have kept her on shore for much of the past season. The FSU senior, who's majoring in recreation and parks management, said she was confident she would do well at the championships, even though she rarely trains with her other two teammates.

"The nice thing about freestyle is you don't really have to practice together too much," she said. "Everybody has their own style."

The Pre-World Competition took place in Penrith Valley. Powell didn't perform as well as she would have liked, but found the experience invaluable and is anxious to get back on the rapids.

"It was my first international competition. I have a great new experience under my belt and now know the stress that is involved with competing at this level," she said. "I had a great time and met many folks from all over the world. I also found a few good connections."

Despite the pressure of competition, Powell said kayaking is a relaxing experience as long as she remembers to enjoy herself.

"I prefer paddling just for fun; I don't like the stress," she said. "A lot of the time people go into a competition with a routine. For me, I just get in and try to relax. When you have a routine, it's no longer a flow. Rather than working with the water, you work against the water."

—Tai Shadrick (From *The Cumberland Times-News*. Reprinted with permission.)

Making the Grade

In addition to winning five conference championships, FSU fall sports student-athletes also achieved high honors in the classroom. The Bobcat women's volleyball and women's soccer teams each earned national recognition for their academic achievements. The volleyball team was one of only 26 Division III programs to receive the prestigious American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for 2002-03. The award honors college and high school teams that maintain at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average.

The FSU women's soccer team earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America College Team Academic Award for the first time ever. The Bobcats boast a team GPA of 3.10.

Juniors **Lauren Petrick** (top) and **Karen Kotofski** (bottom) earned individual academic honors.

Petrick was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District II Volleyball first team. She is an accounting major carrying a 3.935 GPA.

Kotofski earned 2003 Verizon/CoSida Academic All-District II second team honors for the second straight year. Kotofski is an early childhood elementary education major carrying a 3.776 GPA.



The Bobcats celebrating after winning four out of five Regents' Cup Tournaments against Salisbury University.

Should We Find a Permanent Spot for the Cup?

The Bobcats defeated the Salisbury Seagulls (yet again) to claim an exciting 15-14 victory in the Fifth Annual Regents' Cup Game in front of 3,300 fans at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium. FSU, which won the Regents' Cup for the fourth time in the game's five years, stopped Salisbury on a fourth-and-four play from the Bobcat 36 with 55 seconds remaining on the clock. The Bobcats have defeated the Seagulls 13 times in the last 15 meetings.

fall recaps

The 2003-04 Frostburg State athletic year got off to an impressive start as five Bobcat fall sports teams captured conference championships.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team (31-4, 12-0 AMCC), under the guidance of third-year head coach Jeff Billington (Class of '84), continued its domination of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, winning the league title for the second consecutive year and the sixth time in the conference's seven-year existence. The Bobcats earned their fourth NCAA Tournament berth in five years, where they defeated Rutgers-Newark (3-0) in the first round before falling to Juniata, then 30-0 and ranked No. 1 in the nation, in the regional semifinals.

FSU posted two 14-match winning streaks, and 26 of their victories came by 3-0 scores. The Bobcats also won the First Annual Maryland State Division III Tournament, sweeping all five of their opponents. Junior Lauren Petrick was voted the AMCC Player of the Year after sharing the honor as a sophomore and also earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-District II Volleyball Team honors with her 3.935 GPA as an accounting major. Juniors Carrie Ness (first team), Jodi Carpenter (second team) and Sam Seyfferth (honorable mention) also took home All-AMCC honors, while Billington was selected the AMCC Coach of the Year for the second straight year.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team (16-5, 6-0 AMCC) enjoyed an equally stellar year under second-year head coach Brian Parker (Class of '92). The Bobcats won their first-ever AMCC regular-season title, captured their third straight AMCC Tournament crown and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third year in a row. FSU hosted its first-ever NCAA Tournament match and edged Westminster in a thrilling 3-2 contest for its first-ever NCAA Tournament victory. The Bobcats took a school-record 12-game winning streak into

their regional semifinal match against Scranton, then 20-0-1 and No. 2 in the nation, and held their own before falling in a 1-0 heart-breaker.

FSU swept the AMCC post-season honors, as junior Karen Kotofski was voted the AMCC Player of the Year, freshman Danielle Carter was selected the AMCC Newcomer of the Year and Parker was chosen the AMCC Coach of the Year.

Kotofski set single-season school records with 24 goals and 53 points (topping her former marks of 21 goals and 49 points she set in 2001) and also became FSU's all-time leader with 62 career goals and 138 career points. In addition, Kotofski became the first Bobcat to earn National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III Great Lakes Regional All-America first-team honors and was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District II second team.

Football

The Bobcat football team (4-5, 3-0 Atlantic Central Football Conference) enjoyed another solid season under fourth-year head coach Rubin Stevenson. Playing the 13th-toughest schedule in Division III (four opponents were ranked in the top 25 during the season), FSU won its second straight ACFC title (and third in five years) and a third straight Regents' Cup crown (thanks to an exciting 15-14 win over rival Salisbury). The Bobcats were honored with 17 All-ACFC selections, including senior quarterback Grant Burrough (ACFC Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season), junior defensive end Kevin Culbert (Co-Defensive Player of the Year) and Stevenson (Co-Coach of the Year). Culbert was also named to the Don Hansen Football Gazette NCAA Division III All-America third team, the Don Hansen Football Gazette All-South Region first team and the ECAC Southwest



Sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Cousin earned STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association First Team honors in 2003.

All-Star first team, while senior tight end Roy Olson was selected to the Football Gazette All-South Region second team and the ECAC Southwest All-Star first team, and he played for Team USA against Mexico in the Aztec Bowl held in Cancun.

Cross Country

The Bobcat men's and women's cross country teams capped strong seasons by winning their sixth AMCC titles in the conference's seven-year existence. The FSU men had five All-AMCC selections, led by sophomore Ed May, who won the individual title and was voted AMCC Men's Runner of the Year. Senior Beth Sauder, who won the women's crown, was one of four Bobcat women to take home All-AMCC honors. Head Coach Randy Lowe was named AMCC Men's Coach of the Year.

At the NCAA Mid-East Regional Championship, the FSU men placed 18th out of 35 teams, while the women finished 24th out of 38 squads.

Men's Soccer

The FSU men's soccer team took impressive strides under second-year head coach Keith Byrnes. After a disappointing 8-9-2 (3-3 AMCC) campaign in 2002, the Bobcats finished 10-7-2 overall (5-1 AMCC) and earned a berth in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Mid-Atlantic Tournament. FSU opened the year with three hard-fought, one-goal losses before going on a 9-1-2 tear, which earned them a No. 7 ranking in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region coaches' poll.

The Bobcats came up short in their quest for the AMCC regular-season title, falling to rival Penn State Behrend in a hard-fought 2-0 contest in the finale. FSU

posted an impressive 2-0 shutout of defending league champion Pitt-Greensburg in the AMCC Tournament semifinals before being edged 1-0 by Behrend in the title match. The Bobcats earned their 15th ECAC and were tied with McDaniel (1-1) early in the second half of their first-

round match, but the Green Terror scored three unanswered goals to post the win.

Five Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC team, led by senior defender Mike Mutchler and sophomore Matt Moffa, who were voted to the first team. Mutchler was also selected to the NSCAA/adidas Mid-Atlantic Regional All-America second team.

Field Hockey

The Bobcat field hockey team (7-13) endured a tough season under third-year head coach Nicole Bonvouloir. With all-time leading scorer and two-time regional All-American Kim Faust gone, FSU dropped five contests by a single goal and five more by two goals. The Red and Black defense was solid throughout the year, and sophomore goalie Kristin Cousin was named to the STX/NFHA Division III South Regional All-America first team.

Women's Tennis

The FSU women's tennis team continued to improve under second-year head coach Stuart Swink. After posting a 2-10 mark (2-4 AMCC) in 2002, the Bobcats improved to 7-10 overall and 3-3 in the AMCC in 2003. FSU closed out the regular season with a season-high three straight victories before placing third at the AMCC Championships, just one point behind Penn State Altoona for runner-up honors.

Senior Aimee Mendoza won the No. 5 singles title, while junior Susan Adkins was the runner-up at the No. 6 flight. Adkins and Mendoza teamed up for a second-place finish at No. 3 doubles, as did junior Kirsten Getz and senior Christina Bleivik at No. 1 doubles.

Bobcats Lead Cup Race

Earning conference championships in four of seven sports, FSU sits atop the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Presidents' Cup standings with 32 points after the fall season. The Bobcats are followed closely by Penn State Behrend and Penn State Altoona, each with 28 points.

FSU captured championships in women's soccer, women's volleyball, and men's and women's cross country and added a runner-up finish in men's soccer.

The Bobcat women's volleyball and women's soccer teams each advanced to the second round of their respective NCAA Division III Championships, while the men's soccer team earned a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Mid-Atlantic Tournament.

Penn State Behrend has won the AMCC Presidents' Cup every year since its inception in 2000-01, while FSU has consistently finished second despite fielding one less fall team (men's golf) than the six other AMCC schools. The Bobcats plan to add golf beginning in 2004-05.

Schools accrue points based on their order of finish in the regular season and their performance in conference playoffs in soccer, volleyball, cross country, tennis, men's golf, basketball, baseball and softball.

Competition will stiffen even more when the AMCC expands to include Hilbert College, Medaille College and Mount Aloysius College in all team sports in 2004-05.

School	Fall Champ.	Points
Frostburg State	4	32
Penn State Altoona	1	28
Penn State Behrend	1	28
Pitt-Greensburg		18
La Roche		15
Pitt-Bradford		10
Lake Erie		10

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