Caring for the Earth
FSU Assessing Its Potential as an Environmental Leader
Dear Frostburg State University Alumni:

You will see throughout this edition of Profile a focus upon Frostburg State University’s Green Campus initiative. It is my belief that as a university we have a unique opportunity to positively influence the next generation of our nation’s leaders. The unprecedented rate at which our planet is warming is leading to a place never before imagined in our history. This includes adverse impacts upon the health and well-being of humanity as well as the extinction of animal species and the potential for an enormous destabilization of our environment.

I believe that we have a moral responsibility when we leave our planet to the coming generations to give it over in better condition than it was handed to us. We certainly have an opportunity to do that by engaging students in this process of transformation. Students at colleges and universities throughout the United States are going to be the ones who will live in a world where renewable sources of energy are a part of their everyday conversation and where our reliance on fossil fuels will decline dramatically. They will drive the conversation about recycling as well as the marketing and economics of our nation. They will be industry leaders and part of a generation where the rate of scientific discovery will be greater than ever before in our history.

As alumni I am sure you remember the pristine beauty of the Frostburg State University campus. The campus and our surroundings are truly green and lovely; that beauty has drawn generations of students to attend Frostburg. I want to be sure this campus stays that green, so we are focusing our attention on sustainability and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by studying the use of renewable sources of energy. We are examining LEED certifications as we enter into new construction and considering the use of hybrid vehicles as we replace our fleet of campus vehicles. We are even looking at the possibility of having parts of our campus where native flowers and plants replace our lawns so we cut down on our use of fossil fuel-powered lawn mowers. You will see through this edition of Profile how we are focusing our efforts on making Frostburg State University a green and sustainable campus and how we will prepare the next generation to be stewards of our planet. I hope you enjoy reading.

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Jonathan Gibralter
President, Frostburg State University
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FSU Inaugurates Its 14th President

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter was inaugurated as the 14th president of Frostburg State University on Wednesday, April 18, in a ceremony that was part of an all-day event that focused on the future, not only for FSU, but for the Earth itself. The president’s inaugural address, “Planning for Change,” outlined his continuing aim to position FSU as an institution equipped to meet the evolving needs of the region and the nation.

Dignitaries, including former U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. “Brit” Kirwan, Maryland State Sen. George Edwards, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary David Glassipy and FSU’s 13th President Dr. Catherine R. Gira, joined the celebration.

In honor of the president’s dedication to the environment, FSU students chose to move their Earth Day celebration to coincide with the inauguration. They organized a series of faculty and student environmental presentations, entertainment and a picnic for the entire FSU community to enjoy. In addition, three inwood trees, native to Western Maryland, were planted near the Hitchins Administration Building in his honor.

Schwinabart Recognized with Governor's Volunteer Award

Rhonda Schwinabart, former project director at Frostburg State University’s Institute for Service-Learning, brought positive recognition to Frostburg’s spirit and conservation, teaching the next generation of Tanzanians about the sustainable use of natural resources so that their children will have the same support from the land. Serfass said. Another project in Tanzania studies the felid population by looking at the bones found in otter scat. Another is a model that will tell the Rubondo park service how best to search for the spotted neck otter native to that area. A third that is continuing in North Dakota is studying otters and other mammals that are naturally repopulating the area.

With this latest grant, Serfass is also hoping to create courses that will take Frostburg students to study in Kenya.

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FSU Professor Honored with USM Regents’ Award for Service

Dr. Sudhir Singh, a professor of finance in the Department of Marketing and Finance, was honored at the spring meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents with the Regents’ Faculty Award for Public Service. Dr. Singh is a leader and guiding force in fostering USM’s regional economic development efforts. His most significant achievement lies in his joint work with a colleague, Dr. Kremat, from the Department of Management, on The Tenet Initiative: Pathways to Entrepreneurship Education, which was funded with a three-year grant from the Coleman Foundation. (See story on page 12)

Additionally, Dr. Singh won grant support from the Appalachian Regional Commission to support feasibility studies for the creation of centers for the arts in the local community. He also helped fund the Financial Planning Certificate Program at FSU in early 2003 and serves as its director.

“Dr. Singh is a thoughtful and persistent leader who has successfully sought grant support to facilitate his vision for regional economic development,” said FSU President Jonathan Gibralter. “He is a great asset to this University and to this region.”

“I feel supremely fortunate, honored and humbled to have received this coveted recognition, but I feel I must share it with the many people at Frostburg State University who have supported my efforts throughout my tenure here,” said Singh. “This honor would not have been possible without the various productive partnerships and winning collaborations that were established along the way within the College of Business, the University and the community.”

The Faculty Awards are the highest honors presented to USM faculty by the Board of Regents. This year, 17 USM educators and researchers were honored. “These 17 individuals represent the pinnacle of the extraordinary talent, innovation, and dedication that make our system’s faculty among the best in the nation,” said Clifford M. Kendall, chairman of the board.

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Rhonda Schwinabart, former project director at Frostburg State University’s Institute for Service-Learning, brought positive recognition to Frostburg’s spirit and commitment to volunteer service when she was presented with the Governor’s Annual Volunteer Award April 17 in Annapolis. Schwinabart was selected from hundreds of applications from throughout the state of Maryland and is one of only 30 Marylanders honored.

Schwinabart, who left FSU this spring to further her education, spent over six years working with FSU to assist Western Maryland communities through volunteer service.

Biology Professor Makes USM History

Serfass’ Oller Research Earns Third-Straight Elkins Professorship

FOR AN UNPRECEDEDED THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, Dr. Thomas Serfass, associate professor in the Department of Biology, was awarded the prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship from the University System of Maryland, an award that supports professors who demonstrate exemplary ability to inspire students and whose professional work and scholarly endeavors make a positive impact beyond USM. Serfass is the first in the history of the USM to receive the award for three straight years, USM officials said. The $60,000 award will allow him to continue his work with otters, in particular his project in Tanzania’s Rubondo Island National Park, which he hopes will benefit not only the otters, but the community there as well.

“This is one of the most beautiful places almost everyone has never seen,” Serfass said, noting that the park on Lake Victoria provides refuge for crocodiles, hippos, monkeys, elephants and all kinds of birds. “It’s a bird-watcher’s paradise.”

It’s also home to otters, which is where Serfass becomes involved. “This is one of the few places it’s relatively easy to see and monitor otters,” he said. Otters, with their cute faces and engaging ways, are being used as “a flagship species,” because their appeal can benefit other endangered species that share their habitats.

Similarly, conservationists see eco-tourism, with its benefit to a local economy, as a way to help habitats, and popular species such as otters attract tourists. In Tanzania, many citizens see eco-tourism’s potential, but Lake Victoria is heavily used, and it’s plagued by invasive species and poachers, so conservationists have a huge task.

Serfass and graduate students from Frostburg and other universities that the Elkins grants help to support are working on several diverse projects, and the flexibility of the Elkins professorship allows Serfass to develop or advise all in some fashion.

For example, FSU master’s graduate Sadie Stevens’ proposed doctoral thesis would merge education and conservation, teaching the next generation of Tanzanians about the sustainable use of natural resources so that their children will have the same support from the land. Serfass said.

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The Pushcart Prize is an annual literary prize for the best works of fiction, poetry, drama, and literary nonfiction published in small presses in the United States. It is awarded for works published in the previous year. The prize is named after the Pushcart, a small railroad cart that was used to deliver mail and was later extended to deliver books and periodicals.

The 8th edition of the Pushcart Prize was awarded in 1980. The winners were chosen by over 100 judges, including some of the most respected writers and editors in the country. The winners were announced in a special issue of The Pushcart Review, which is published annually.

The prizes were awarded to authors for their short stories, poems, and nonfiction articles. The winners were chosen from over 1,000 submissions, and the winners were awarded a certificate and a check for $500.

The Pushcart Prize has become one of the most prestigious literary awards in the United States, and it has helped to promote the work of many talented writers. It is a symbol of excellence and recognition for writers who have made significant contributions to the literary world.
New Leadership Team In Place

The final pieces to President Jonathan Gibralter’s leadership team are in place with the selection of new Vice Presidents for University Advancement and Communications and Media Relations, a Dean of the College of Education and changes in the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Student and Educational Services.

Dr. Kenneth Witmer was named Dean of the College of Education, after serving as interim dean since March 1, 2006. He brings to the role significant experience as an academic administrator, having served previously as associate dean and as chair of the Department of Educational Professions. He joined the FSU faculty in 1989 and holds the academic rank of professor.

“Dr. Witmer has shown strong leadership and a vision at the department, college, university and system levels,” said FSU Provost Stephen Simpson.

In addition, the Provost is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Kesner, a seasoned communications professional who led Alvernia College’s rebranding process and marketing campaign, was named vice president of the new Division of Communications and Media Relations, also following a national search.

Dr. Kesner, who previously served as associate director of public relations at Alvernia, has more than 20 years of communications experience both in the business world and in education. At Alvernia he led the effort to produce a brand and marketing platform based on internal and external research and coordinated the plan’s launch and implementation. His experience encompasses marketing, publications, writing, management, press relations and working with a variety of communications media. He also served at Alvernia as an adjunct faculty member in both the business and communications departments.

“Looking forward to the opportunity to be part of what’s going to be an exciting future for the University, as well as the Western Maryland region,” Kesner said. “FSU already has a great team in place, and I’m honored to have the chance to make a positive impact on the development of the University.”

Wire-Cutting at ABC@FSU

The Allergy Business Center at Frostburg State University (ABC@FSU) was the site of a partnership celebration on May 15, marking the start of a project in the business park on the FSU campus that will eventually employ hundreds of local people and provide internship and research opportunities for FSU students and faculty. Instead of a traditional ribbon, computer wire was cut to stress the technology emphasis of the businesses that will be moving in. Shown from left are Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary David Edgerley ’74, Allegany County Commissioners President James Stammen ’63, Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley and FSU President Jonathan Gibralter, who joined a number of other government and private industry officials to mark the beginning of the partnership.

Grants-Funded Workshops

Help Md. Meet Science Teaching Goals

TWENTY-ONE SCIENCE TEACHERS from across Maryland converged on FSU this summer for Training Opportunities in Physics and Physical Science (TOPPS), a residential program designed to enrich the teaching of physics and physical science at their home schools. TOPPS is led and was developed by FSU physics professors Francis Tan, who was awarded a $206,000 grant over three years from the Maryland Higher Education Commission through its Improving Teacher Quality program, authorized by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The goal of TOPPS is to increase the number of highly qualified middle and high school physics and physical science teachers in Maryland. Middle and high school teachers participate in the program to upgrade their content knowledge, integrate technology into their lessons and to develop their teaching strategies and practices. This specific training was designed to improve teaching in the area of Kinematics and Newton’s first law.

“We give them hands-on knowledge and techniques they can teach when they’re back in their classrooms,” Tan said. The workshops emphasize both scientific content and teaching methods.

TOPPS was provided at no cost to the teachers.

FSU in the Spotlight

Debra Monk ’73 has been busy headlining Curtains, a musical on Broadway with David Hyde Pierce (of Fosse and Spamalot fame). Curtains is by John Kander and the late Fred Ebb, whose other musicals include Chicago, Cabaret and Steel Pier, which is another of Monk’s Broadway triumphs.

In Curtains, Monk portrays cut-throat producer Carmen Bernstein, whose show’s Valentines lead- ing lady dies mysteriously during out-of-town previews. Boston police Lt. Frank Gatti (David Hyde Pierce) investigates the murder, where everyone in the show, including Carmen, has a motive to kill.

Monk, whose featured number “It’s a Business” brings down the house, received a Tony nomination for Best Actress in a Musical and won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical for this role.

Monk has had a busy year on television, too, with roles on Grey’s Anatomy, Louie O’Dwyer, George’s mother), as well as in Desperate Housewives and Ncis from the Underbelly.

Come on Down!

Joshua Couchman ’07, a Recreation and Parks Management graduate, showed his Frostburg pride when he appeared on the Tuesday, May 15, episode of The Price is Right wearing his Frostburg State Rugby shirt. Just got the right price on the $9,000 blender, but overpaid the snowmobile. Joshua’s girlfriend, Heather Hamor ’06, another recent FSU recreation grad, was with him in the audience, also showing her FSU pride.

Joshua has happened to be in California finishing up an internship.

Relay for Life at FSU Reaches Stretch Goal

Scores of walkers launch the Frostburg State University’s Relay for Life, held at Bobcat Stadium April 27-28. Just over $25,000 (the FSU goal) was recorded immediately after the Relay, which was sponsored by the FSU Center for Volunteerism and National Service. An additional $800 was raised in the next three weeks, primarily through a special request to FSU faculty and staff to assist in meeting the American Cancer Society’s “stretch goal” of $400.
port areas, expanding the use of technology and increasing the University's international presence.

Dr. Mary J. Gartner was named Associate Provost. She will focus on program development, especially in graduate education, serve on the University’s enrollment management team and represent Frostburg on several statewide groups addressing curriculum issues and the relationships between four-year institutions and community colleges.

Dr. James M. Limbaugh, Jr. was named Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, a move that highlights the University’s expanding emphasis on planning and assessment. Limbaugh will organize the University’s response to its recent Middle State’s accreditation and will also continue his oversight of the University’s innovative first-year programs.

In Division of Student and Educational Services, two long-time members of the administration are assuming new positions.

Dr. John Lowe, previosly Dean of Student Development, is now the Assistant Vice President for Student Development, reflecting responsibility for his increased role.

Bernard Wynder, ‘78, ‘84 is now Assistant Vice President for Student Services, where he is assuming supervisory roles for both the Advising Center, which he led in his previous position, and for Career Services, including working with department chairs, faculty and the Office of Alumni Affiars to create additional internship and job-shadowing opportunities for students.

In the two decades of teaching about racial issues — including 10 years at FSU in his popular “Race and Cultural Minorities” class — Dr. Robert M. Moore III, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, has made a point of tapping into his and his students’ own experiences in their exploration of race.

Now he has collected those years of stories he and his students shared for a book. They Always Said I Would Marry a White Girl: Coming to Grips with Race in America. (Hammond Books).

A work that is both personal and scholarly, Moore says. “A lot of this book is about me, how I grew up. Even more, a lot of this book is about my teaching experiences and what I have said in the classroom.”

He’s using his book in his summer “Race and Cultural Minorities” class, and his students have given him good feedback. But the book is more than a teaching tool, it’s a personal mission as well.

“I felt I had something to share with people. I’m not happy with the way life is,” he says. “I really believe we can rearrange this society given the right circumstances.”

Moore tries to make his “Race and Cultural Minorities” class different from the mainstream course, in which statistics are studied and students learn about the history of racism, and Moore prefers to blur those lines, rather than strengthen them.

“This takes a respect for the idea of what’s race and would go away in America,” he says. His idea is different from the so-called colorblind society. Eliminating the concept of race doesn’t eliminate the problems that groups face, he says. And he believes ethnicity is a different concept, one in which someone from one ethnic group can learn much more easily about another. “Moore recognizes how difficult it is to discuss race in American society today, so often, to lead into a discussion of race, he’ll start with a discussion of distinctions that are more accessible.”

“We talk about all groups,” he says. And, yes, he did marry a “white girl,” his wife, Mary Beth, whom he met in 1986. They have three children. It was attempts by others to force the children — or him — into a specific category that intensified his need to explore the concepts in this book.

“My original title was ‘Are My Children Bi-racial?’ he says. He’s uncomfortable with what is essentially this new category that he feels it’s about racial landscape, but he also recognizes the rights of people to self-identify.

And many other dilemmas of America’s racial landscape are explored in Moore’s classes, which are offered year-round. He says he never sees students and graduates with “a great opportunity to be eligible to retire in the next five years,” she said. “It’s a marvelous opportunity for them to network.” The company also looks for education’s sake. “We have learned how business and management decisions influence the actual role of engineers.”

Gibralter revisits other students like Utche taking advantage of the valuable career experience a local company like CSX could offer. He is considering expanding FSU’s academic offerings to include courses tailored toward transportation management that would combine a focus in railroad transportation with a federal government professional pilot program at the Cumberland Regional Airport.

“Even since I became as University president, my goal has been to meet workforce needs of the local area,” he said. “I believe in education for education’s sake. But I also believe in developing academic programs that benefit the local workforce.”

Yarnall also sees room for expansion at CSX for FSU students interested in getting on-the-job experience, opportunities that could take them beyond physics and engineering to also include areas of study such as public relations and business.

“What we’re hoping to do is to expand the co-op program to incorporate administrative and managerial roles, in addition to engineers,” he said.

Dr. Robert M. Moore III

Dr. Mary J. Gartner
FSU Faculty Create “Teaching Excellence Pledge”

“TEACHING EXCELLENCE IS A JOURNEY, not a destination.” So begins an innovative venture from FSU’s Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE).

The “Teach Pledge” challenges faculty members to examine their teaching approach and the learning environment they create. Dr. John O’Rorke, associate professor of political science and a member of the CTE Advisory Group, said the pledge is an advancement that while research is encouraged among faculty and students, a major strength of FSU is the emphasis on teaching. Unfortunately, preparing to teach at the college level is not a large part of many graduate programs.

“Most graduate programs focus on research while the majority of jobs are in teaching,” said O’Rorke.

Adapting to changing student needs is also an important part of the pledge. “Given the changing nature of students, even practiced teachers can use some help in revising strategies to reach new generations of students, especially in the use of instructional technology,” he said.

The pledge reads: “I pledge to be a better participant in the learning process. As a teacher, I pledge to try out at least one new technique, approach or activity each one of my courses. When I review the results of my changes, and strategies in the classroom, I pledge to focus on learning, and I will not ask, ‘How did I do?’ Rather, I will ask, ‘Are my students learning from what I am doing? What can I do differently to encourage them to learn better?’”

It’s a voluntary pledge, though O’Rorke believes it would be “great [if the ideals of the pledge] are incorporated into campus culture.”

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Trident Initiative Advances Entrepreneurship

Small businesses are having an increasingly large impact on economic development and activity.

According the U.S. Government’s Small Business Administration, firms with fewer than 500 employees represent 99.7 percent of all businesses in the country, employ half of all the workers in the private sector and generate twice as many new jobs as large businesses.

“The Frostburg State University Trident Initiative,” supported predominately through a grant from the Illinois-based Coleman Foundation, is a growing program for teaching, supporting and encouraging small business development and entrepreneurship. Dr. Keramati Pousson, professor of management, and Dr. Sudhakar Singh, professor of finance, direct the Initiative, now in its second year. Like its namesake, the three-pronged staff wielded by the Greek god Poseidon, the FSU Trident Initiative joins students, faculty and the community into a network to share knowledge, support selected projects and provide recognition for outstanding entrepreneurs.

Once just a niche area of research, “entrepreneurship is now an area of serious inquiry within college campuses,” Singh said. As the business and economic climate changes, there will be greater need—and greater opportunities—for entrepreneurs. Small businesses have traditionally been seen as “engine of growth,” he said, and the current growth of small businesses is in many ways the “result of the recognition that larger corpora

“The biggest success so far has been the participation of local businesses. The 2006 conference was well attended by people from diverse backgrounds and the monthly business roundtables continue to attract participants to share ideas about marketing, finance and management.”

“If people are responding,” Singh said. For more information on the FSU Trident Initiative, visit www.frostburg.edu/trident.

FSU Alum Diane Carter Richardson Joins Maryland Women’s Basketball Staff

By Jeffstone

Diane Carter Richardson ’80 recently joined the highly successful University of Maryland Lady Terrapins women’s basketball team as an assistant coach. It was just in 2006 that the Terps captured the NCAA National Championship. Richardson believes that her success in the business world contributed greatly to her success in coaching. “The things I learned in business— …from Entrepreneurial Opportunity to regional Economic Prosperity,” will be Sept. 6 and 7.

Richardson also acknowledges the mindset of young workers, which makes entrepreneurship more appealing today. "Today's students have grown up with dire warnings about the future of social "safety nets" such as Social Security and Medicare. He believes this generation is seeking greater control of their own economic destiny.

In its first year, the Trident Initiative sponsored a lecture series, a monthly business roundtable discussion, undergraduate entrepreneurship courses and a two-day academic summit, attracting speakers and researchers to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing entrepreneurs in Western Maryland. The 2007 conference, “The Odyssey … From Entrepreneurial Opportunity to Regional Economic Prosperity,” will be Sept. 6 and 7.

“I am very excited and thankful to Brenda to be given the opportunity to coach at Maryland. As a life-long resident of this area, it has been a dream and a goal of mine for a long time,” said Richardson.

Richardson’s duties at Maryland will involve player development, recruiting, game management and serving as a community liaison.

Richardson resides in Howard County with her husband and fellow alum, Larry Richardson ’80. They have three children, Dana, Larry II and Michael.

Please answer my call.

My fellow students and I will be asking for your support of the FSU Annual Fund during the FSU Phonomathon. Please plan to give something back to your alma mater! Your pledge will help us to fund freshman and upper class scholarships, support Alumni Achievement Awards, student programs for community service and leadership and much more. So join our growing list of alumni who are showing support for their school.

Please plan to pledge.
Ralph and Martha Race bequest
The Races, longtime supporters of FSU, created a charitable remainder trust that benefited them during their lives and recently distributed more than $600,000, the second-largest single cash gift ever given to the University. The majority of the bequest will benefit the study of Western history, in the form of scholarships for graduate students in the College of Education, or for a lecture series. Ralph Race died in 2001. He was also active in the community in Old Main, Ralph Race said in an interview with the FSU Foundation and its first annual report in 2006. His wife passed away in 2000.

The Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc., is having a record-setting year for gifts and pledges in support of Frostburg State University, with over $730,000 in gifts and pledges including $223,000 to the FSU Annual Fund. A number of new scholarships were established as a result, and two of the bequests are among the highest single cash gifts ever given to the University.

In addition, the overall giving rate of 15 percent is better than the national average of 11.8 percent, according to 2006 statistics from the Council for Aid to Education (www.cae.org/content/pdf/VSE.2006.Press-release.pdf).

“This has been a very good year with significant major gifts and a successful Annual Fund campaign,” said Jack Aylor, FSU Director of Development. “It has been a great year of private support to FSU.”

Bernard J. Davison II, recently appointed vice president of University Advancement, echoed Aylor’s remarks. “This year established a very firm foundation for the future of fundraising efforts at FSU. Our alumni and friends are taking notice of FSU as an organization worthy of their philanthropic investments,” he said.

Among the highlights:

Kate Dailey Hill bequest
Hill, who died in late 2005, made an estate gift of $508,000 to fund an endowment to help students from her alma mater. Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, Md., to attend FSU. Both of Hill’s children, William D. Dailey ’77 and Diane Dailey Green ’79, graduated from Frostburg and she was well aware of FSU’s programs and needs through her connections with members of the FSU board.

Students can renew the scholarship for up to four years.

J. Glenn Beall Family Foundation
The J. Glenn Dailey Jr. Institute for Public Affairs at FSU will be supported by a $325,000 gift from the family foundation, through the former U.S. Senator’s daughter, Victoria Beall Muth. The Institute sponsors a number of educational programs and needs through her connections with members of the FSU board.

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Joshua Powell Special Education Scholarship Fund
Established by Fred and Kathy Powell, a faculty member in the Department of Social Work, in honor of their son and the special education teachers who worked with him during his short life, the scholarship supports FSU graduate education students with a major in special education. Joshua was born with a degenerative neurological disorder and received assistance from special education teachers. Those positive experiences inspired the Powells to find a way to support potential special education teachers and possibly support the local community, which is under served in that area.

Twylah Murphy Stewart Scholarship Fund
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Environmental change is increasingly part of a global reality, a conversation people can no longer ignore. The news is full of headlines about global warming, energy initiatives, and how fashion and culture are “going green.” Around the world, leaders are asking important questions about their countries’ reliance on nonrenewable energy sources and the effects of climate change in the light of life-altering events such as Hurricane Katrina, wildlife extinctions, habitat destruction, sea levels rising, and glaciers receding at an alarming rate.

Frostburg State University is one of many institutions of higher learning who are addressing this conversation in positive and powerful ways. This story takes a closer look at how FSU administrators, faculty, staff, and students are working together to ensure a better future for our planet through learning opportunities, creative collaboration, and community involvement.

The natural world

is an everyday part of Dr. Jonathan Gibralter’s life in Frostburg. An enthusiastic birder and dedicated runner, FSU’s president is often found on the scenic Allegheny Highlands Trail getting a few miles in before beginning a busy day at the office.

It’s a scenic setting a little different from New York, where while leading Farmingdale State University, a school not far from the Big Apple, Gibralter experienced energy crisis firsthand.

“After having lived on Long Island during the blackout of 2004, when the whole Northeast seaboard experienced a power outage and the Farmingdale campus was out for 24 hours – and after having been 40 miles from Ground Zero during Sept. 11 – I’m particularly interested in whether it’s possible for residences to be disconnected from the nation’s electrical grid, so that every home can stand alone and be self-sufficient,” he said.

Gibralter combines his aesthetic appreciation for nature with an avid interest in the latest developments in technology, particularly green technology. Ask him about how to make FSU a more sustainable campus and he’ll give you specific examples — backed up by data and economic sense gleaned from the books and articles he’s read. Commercial hydrogen fuel cells, which produce electricity through a chemical conversion, are one of many possibilities on the table — he’s currently looking into companies that might want to set up a demonstration project on the FSU campus.

“If you take the steam that’s coming out of a fuel cell and pipe it back into your building, you can actually use the waste steam for heat. Then everything that’s being produced by the fuel cell is actually being used,” he said.

Gibralter is advocating other institutional changes as well, such as phasing out the University’s existing gasoline-powered fleet of state cars to be replaced with hybrid vehicles. He’s also looking into constructing all new campus build-

By Becca Ramspott
ings to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards. Developed by the Washington, D.C.-based, nonprofit U.S. Green Building Council, LEED certification is a recognized authentication for measuring building sustainability. Getting certified allows an institution to take advantage of a growing number of state and local government incentives.

FSU’s president also has actively sought out leadership opportunities with government-led organizations concerned about climate change. He was recently invited to serve on the Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Mitigation Working Group, which is part of Gov. Martin O’Malley’s Maryland Climate Change Commission.

In addition to learning on his own, Gibralter has turned to the FSU community for input and teamwork in embracing more environmentally conscious practices. In spring 2007, he announced that he had formed a committee composed of faculty, staff and students whose goal would be to evaluate the possibility of an official green campus initiative.

“As an institution of higher learning, we have a responsibility — to our students, to the region and to ourselves — to develop strategies which will allow FSU to make its contribution to environmental awareness and change,” he said.

Gibralter followed that announcement with his April 18 inauguration, which was marked by a visible effort to steer the University toward a greener future — it was on that day that he signed the American University and College Presidents Climate Commitment (AUPCC), a pledge that unites Frostburg with more than 300 other institutions who have agreed to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. FSU students also commemorated the occasion by moving the University’s official Earth Day celebration to the date of the inauguration and setting up tables detailing campus efforts to go green. Even the event planners took the environment into account, with soy-based cups and recycled paper products for food and festivities.

FSU’s president also wants to develop an interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree in renewable energy and sustainability, a program that would draw upon the University’s strong academic programs and encourage new areas of learning.

“We have a responsibility to the next generation to leave them a planet that they are proud of and want to raise their children on,” Gibralter said.

### Greenness in numbers

Ray Blank, FSU’s interim director of facilities, knows better than anyone at Frostburg how things like using soy-based products for university events can add up.

“If you examine the results of what we accomplished this past school year, you’ll see that we’ve reduced the amount of emissions we’ve created by more than 96,000 tons,” Blank said. “Adding in the on-campus living units and our efforts to curb energy use, we’ve been able to cut emissions by 15% this past year alone.”

The result: data that will be useful in determining FSU’s overall greenhouse gas emissions and figuring out the most useful and economical areas in which to reduce them, something commonly referred to as assessing a “carbon footprint.”

Some of the measurements are trickier to track down than others — for example, determining the mileage of students commuting to and from campus.

“We have no way of knowing when a student might be coming and going from one residence to another, or when someone is going home for the weekend,” Blank said. “But these challenges aside, it’s very enthusiastic that FSU is taking steps to make informed decisions on how to become a greener campus. He is meticulously logging information about everything from refrigerants to purchased electricity and chilled water to solid waste, in addition to his daily responsibilities associated with directing FSU’s facilities.

“Honestly, I have always been interested in energy conservation, and until recently, my main initiative was to save money,” Blank said. “About a year ago, one of my daughters bought me Al Gore’s ‘An Inconvenient Truth.’ After reading it, I became concerned with the scientifically proven, greater aspect of conservation in the issue of global warming. It cannot be ignored. Bottom line — I am a strong advocate of sustainability.”

### Answers blowing in the wind

Dr. Oguz Soysal, chair of the Department of Physics and Engineering, and his wife, physics instructor Hilkut Soysal, are also among FSU’s staunchest supporters of a more sustainable campus. Both have focused on the environment for many years.

“My personal interest in the environment started in the mid-70s, when I was a student at Istanbul Technical University,” Oguz Soysal said. “Energy issues that resulted from the oil crisis at the time led to an intensive search for alternative and renewable energy sources.”

After relocating to FSU, the Soysals observed the growing development of wind power throughout the region. They began testing the waters for renewable energy’s potential in Allegany County by co-authoring and presenting a 2004 paper titled, “Environmental Significance of Harnessing Wind Power in The Appalachian Mountains.”

“We believe that Western Maryland has significant wind and solar potential to offer some portion of the greenhouse gases produced by fossil-fuel-based electric generation,” Oguz said. “However, the effectiveness and feasibility of residential scale generation systems has not been studied in our region yet.”

The Soysals are determined to find answers. Today, thanks to their hard work and a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration, the FSU campus is now home to a wind and solar energy system installed at the Fuller House on Braddock Road. The system, called WISE (Wind-Solar Energy), will serve as an important test site and resource of learning and dialogue for FSU and Frostburg residents as the community considers the possibility of renewable energy. Professors from various disciplines are planning ways to incorporate the WISE project into their curriculum for students.

“Our students showed a big interest in renewable energy issues and we received great support from the FSU faculty and staff, as well as the local community,” Hilkut said.

The Soysals have also organized a national Renewable Energy Symposium and Exposition that will be held Sept. 14 and 15 on campus, a gathering of researchers, academics and industry representatives open to the public featuring various presentations and discussions about renewable energy.

“We hope that Frostburg State University becomes a center of knowledge and expertise in the field of renewable energy and continues to disseminate information to help the local community develop renewable energy solutions using the resources available in their backyard,” Oguz said.

A residential scale wind turbine, part of the WISE project, was erected between the Fuller House and Gray Hall on July 6.
An ideal setting with programs in place

Dr. Craig Caupp is quite familiar with the idea of using resources in his background. The FSU geography professor and his family spend the whole year planting, weeding and harvesting produce such as corn, tomatoes, blueberries, peaches and raspberries in the home garden behind their Frostburg home. They can, dry and freeze what they grow and compost food and yard waste.

“We also use stormwater from the roof and parking area to water the gardens,” he said.

The Caupp family walks and bikes to work and takes advantage of Western Maryland’s beautiful mountains and streams by getting outside as much as they can – hiking, biking and fishing are some of their favorite activities.

Caupp embraces this green lifestyle while maintaining a busy schedule at the University, where he helps students learn about the complexity of the environment and the significance of its conservation in what is increasingly known as one of the region’s most comprehensive geography programs.

“The geography program at FSU plays a critical role in the region’s conservation efforts. I feel that the movement that’s coming is going to be critical in terms of the future of the planet,” he said.

The geographic program emphasizes the importance of place and connections of culture and environment. Information Systems – mapping and support services are presented through the curriculum to provide students with the necessary skills to effectively deal with the complex issues that they will encounter in the future.

“Students receive a lot of hands-on experience that would be impossible in an urban location,” said Dr. Frank Ammer, coordinator of Frostburg’s well-regarded wildlife and fisheries program in biology. “We also live in a region that has a lot of environmental issues. Wind power development and surface mining are economically important industries in this area. There is much opportunity for students to become involved in research to investigate how these activities impact wildlife and fisheries populations.”

Another bonus to studying biology at FSU in preparation for a career in environmental research: the opportunity to learn from Dr. Tom Serfass, a biology professor whose work in ecology and management of wildlife populations has earned him a record third highly competitive Wilson H. Eikins professorship from the University System of Maryland to support his research on otters in this country and Africa (p. 5).

FSU is also the only University in the continental United States to offer a bachelor’s degree in environmental education, a unique interdisciplinary program that allows students to integrate science and culture as a way of understanding human reliance on plants and the environment.

No matter what concentration they select for their studies, FSU’s biology graduates have the necessary skills to effectively deal with current and future environmental issues,” Ammer said. “Important ecological and environmental concepts are presented throughout the curriculum to provide students the knowledge necessary for communities emphasizing environmental protection and stewardship. This management and conservation of our soils, forests and wildlife.”

Outside looking in

Although scenic Western Maryland provides an ideal laboratory for studying ecology and conservation issues, it’s certainly not the only outside setting where FSU’s aspiring scholars can learn about nature.

Thanks to Dr. Dave Arnold, a professor who joined the FSU geography department in fall 2006, Frostburg students can now experience the physical world by traveling across the Great Plains in search of severe thunderstorms and tornades as part of a special summer geography course.

Arnold, a longtime storm chaser who created the class while teaching at Indiana’s Ball State University, invited Frostburg students to take a tour of “Tornado Alley U.S.A.” for the first time this summer. From May 29 to June 22, the group pursued hailstorms and tornadoes in states like Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado and Wyoming, witnessing the terrifying grandeur of nature at its most fierce—and in most beautiful and awe-inspiring. In addition to chasing storms, the group also enjoyed sightseeing tours at places like Big Bend National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and Carlsbad Caverns.

The opportunity to view some of America’s most scenic areas is an integral part of how students learn about the environment, Arnold said.

“It’s sort of one of those situations where the pictures and the videos don’t do it justice,” he said, noting how many participants have never been out West before enrolling in his class. “You can watch them become more connected to the environment just by seeing how they experience the beauty.”

Students also spend time talking to residents in various communities about how they interact with the land around them—from care-worn townpeople who have rebuilt their lives in the aftermath of tornadoes to American Indians who feel a spiritual connection to the earth to farmers trying to make ends meet by spraying their land with pesticides.

“Another thing that I learned about our relationship to the natural world is that we don’t have control and don’t understand it in its entirety. Trying to predict storms was very challenging, and oftentimes the storms would do things that would catch us by surprise,” he said. “So I understand that although we do have a hand on the natural world, we can’t predict what’s going to happen in the future. We should be taking care of the earth as much as possible.”

The Sierrra Student Coalition has worked to increase the amount of recycling at FSU for years; they arranged for an Allegany County electronics recycling site in Frostburg. Last year, SSC members Patrick O’Brien, left and Jeffrey Sellers placed new recycling containers in Compton Science Center. The SSC provides containers for a number of academic and residential buildings on campus.

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Although Frostburg’s academic programs help its students become environmental thinkers and leaders, it’s not just participants in these programs who are re-evaluating human’s connections to the environment and pushing for change.

FSU’s Student Sierra Coalition (SSC) has been an ongoing force in transforming the University into a greener campus—and Frostburg itself into a more environmentally conscious community. SSC was the leading organization that, on the day of his inauguration, convinced Gibralter to sign the Talloires Declaration. University Presidents for a Sustainable Future, an agreement that commits FSU to establishing programs that encourage environmental literacy and institutional change toward becoming an environmental leader. The group’s list of accomplishments also includes serving as the student voice on the Green Campus Initiative Committee, establishing a campus recycling program, organizing Earth Day celebrations and working with local city officials on environmental initiatives.

“We have done trail maintenance in several areas, and we have expanded county recycling programs to Frostburg,” said senior environmental science major Katie Kimmel, who served as the Student Sierra Coalition president. “In cooperation with the Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board, we were able to put plastic recycling receptacles in Mountain View Landfill, and we persuaded the group to include Frostburg in an electronic recycling pilot program.”

These activities upheld what Sellers sees as a zero-tolerance approach in how the Student Sierra Coalition views responsibilities and options available in the community and establishing a positive social dynamic between FSU and the local town of Frostburg.

“The SSC is intimately involved with groups like University Neighbors, which seeks to harmonize a relationship between year-round Frostburg residents and student renters,” he said. “Preserving our natural environment will be pointless if we cannot preserve a natural environment in which students and residents can grow as individuals.”

Taking the future into their own hands

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A campus-wide conversation

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Dr. Jim Limbaugh, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, was a key organizer of FSU’s Vision Forum, a series of campus events about the University’s future that were held in spring 2007. He also chairs FSU’s Green Campus Initiative Committee, a position that has driven his interest in learning more about “climate neutrality,” a concept that focuses on reducing global warming emissions as much as possible and fostering educational and research efforts to help society re-establish the “carbic cycle.”

“Members of our campus community recognize the potential that exists at FSU … to create a prominent program in environmental studies and policies that reflects our real-world experiences,” he said. “FSU has all the pieces necessary to make it a national leader in both the practice and education in climate neutrality: committed leadership by Dr. Gibralter, excellent facilities in both Compton and Gunter, established, well-respected academic programs with environmental emphases in biology and geography. … And we have an outstanding physical location.”

With University-wide support and so many key factors in place, FSU is well on its way to becoming a greener campus that practices environmental stewardship and prepares thoughtful future leaders who can effectively face the environmental challenges at hand.

Dr. Dave Arnold led students on a study of dramatic weather in “Tornado Alley U.S.A.” and its people’s relationships with the land.
Fredrick County YMCA's Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Honor. He is a retired professor of educational leadership and director of Information Technology Services at the University of Northern Iowa. He has made a number of educational documentaries.

Larry D. Bump was nominated by the NCAA to serve on the Max Martin O'Malley Task Force to Study Prison Violence. Elmer W. Smith was the recipient of the John W. Voght Award for outstanding service in the state of Maryland for at least 20 years. Elmer was recognized by the Maryland Football Coaches Association at their hall of fame banquet for his service at Broadneck High School in Glen Burnie, Md.

Bill R. Glasser was a former basketball coach and longtime athletic director.

Karen M. Markel Howser has retired from the Frederick County Board of Education after 35 years of service. Bill and his hus- band Kenneth Howser Jr. '66, have three daughters and six grandchildren. Ken fondly recalls meeting Karen, an RT in the first class on campus, when he returned from Vietnam in 1970 for summer school.

Karen M. Markel Howser received a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Maryland, which renamed the physical education building “Bob Kirk Arena.” Bob worked as the head coach of Broadneck High School’s basketball team, was named the coach of the Year in 1973, and was recognized by the community and school district.

Buster Nelson was a featured athlete on the State Farm Insurance in a nationally syndicated commercial from August to December 2006. The commercial dealt with the efforts of the State Farm agents who went beyond the call of duty to help policyholders affected by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath back together. The commercial aired during the Monday Night Football game last season between the New Orleans Saints and Atlanta Falcons.

Larry D. Sweargard graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a master’s degree in history. Larry has been a high school American history and government teacher for 14 years.

Doug Colletti has氧化 books. Doug Colletti ’77 was named by Gov. Martin O’Malley to the Maryland State Board of Education. He is an associate professor in the FSU Department of Educational Professions.

Robert M. Zitter is executive vice president of technology operations and chief technology officer for HBO.

Field of Dreams is Alum’s Legacy

The movie Field of Dreams dramatized what can happen with true passion and a love of baseball. Now Big Pig Park Community School in Sedona, Ariz., has a tangible piece of the heart and passion of the late Doug Colletti ’77. Colletti always had a passion and love for our nation’s pastime, and in 2000, he helped Big Pig Park build a brand new baseball field. He guided the effort to turn a vacant lot behind the school into a multipurpose field. "The field of dreams," as Colletti called it, cost $44,000 and was paid for by the community and school district.

Despite Colletti’s role in many community projects over the past 15 years at the Sedona-Oak Creek School District. On the Monday after his death, students gathered on the “Field of Dreams” to pay tribute to Colletti. Many wrote messages in the infield dirt, saying, “We will never forget you” and “We love you Mr. C.” How more than three years after his death, the school completed his dream by unveiling the new scoreboard at a ceremony on May 22 that celebrated his life. In addition to the scoreboard, the field was dedicated in Colletti’s honor. A plaque, inlaid into a boulder, commemorates his life and rests in a plant garden at the base of the scoreboard. His legacy was secured in the minds of the faculty, students and parents that day as Colletti was honored with his very own “Field of Dreams.”
2003 was your reunion year? For more details, call the Alumni Office at 301-687-4068.

Laurie J. Lehmann Frey, husband, Paul Frey, run a business and organization consulting service, FLJAC, out of their home in Frederick. Md. They have three daughters: Beddy (22), Maggie (21) and Katie (18).

Carol L. Leveillee was chosen as the Charles County ( Md.) Public School’s Principal of the Year for the tri-state area of Matina Elementary School.

Jack Chung Kelley was awarded a lifetime membership in Proctor Edition Post 71 of the American Legion, Oakland, Md. Jack is the commandant of the junior ROTC program at Southern High School.

1985

Patrick Warren Readock was a member of the Chamber of Commerce’s 2000 Leadership-Potomac (Md.) class. Patrick is a Realtor for Home Realty and Land Co. He served as a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

Lisa Diane Morgan Muncy was selected as the Teacher of the Year at Aberdeen Elementary School. In February 2006, Lisa was honored in Indian Grinding Rock (Fla.) as a Teacher of the Year.

1986

John D. Bales has been named deputy secretary for Senator’s Agency of Natural Resources.

1987

Terrence E. Curran participated in the Epidemic and Community Society’s Team in Training marathon in Annapolis, Annap. Visit www.trainingforacure.net to find out more about Terry’s fundraising efforts.

Brian G. Gillmore was a presenter for the 2007 Disney Jr. On Air Library Series at Frostburg State University. Brian is a poet and novelist who has appeared on NPR’s “This American Life.” He has written two books of poetry: Elvis Presley is Alive and Well and Giving in Clambers and Jingle Jangle and Soaked Fudge Pannet.

Dale Edwin Iman is the city manager of Fajerullina, N.C.

1988

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Tracy Dawn Ingold Lippincott was promoted to chief financial officer of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital in Oakland, Md.

Sally P. Winstel is the head coach of Oakland (Md.) High School’s women’s lacrosse team.

1989

Patricia Carol Maddox was promoted to executive vice president and chief operational officer for CBN Bank.

Richard Lee Marr is the commandant of the Maryland State Police Barracks in Hagerstown, Md.

Dr. Jens M. Specter was named president of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, beginning July 1, 2007. He is previously the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western Oregon University.

1990

Ty DeMartino received a 2007 Maryland State Arts Council Award for Playwriting. This summer Ty’s wife is also the former editor of People’s had two productions of his works on stage. His drama The Elders of Mormon life ran for three weeks as part of this year’s Baltimore Playwright Festival. He also wrote the book for a new musical, Furry Tales, which was staged this past July in Pittsburgh. He is currently collaborating on two new projects — the play The Last Dream Stand on Route 351 and the book for a new musical called Gingerbread.

1992

Michael Ray Baylor was promoted to executive vice president/marketing president for Maryland Savings Bank.

Randy Alan Olsen is the chief financial officer for Flint Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, Cumberland, Md.

1993

2000 is your reunion year? For more details, call the Alumni Office at 301-687-4068.

Jennifer Barge Tynon Bieritz and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of Zachary Joseph on Feb. 27, 2006.

Robert Scott Fell was a member of the inaugural graduating class of the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine on Blacksburg, Va. The degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine was conferred in June 2007.

Eric Bryan Day is the head girl’s lacrosse coach at Dovel High School in Delaware. A former football coach for Delaware State, Eric resigned his post to spend more time with his family. His wife, Tammy Cook Day ’96, is a reading specialist at Fairview Elementary School.

Becky Jo Pettis married Jeffrey North on Oct. 20, 2006 on the island of St. Lucia. Becky is a criminal investigator in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Maryland State Police Eastern Barracks. She holds the rank of Trooper First Class.

1994

Sydney Leeah Irene was born to Lisa Ann Bradburn Emerson and her husband, Jeremy Emerson ’95, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Sydney Louise on Feb. 27, 2006.

Frostburg is a Family Affair

for the Schmaczek family, which counts six of siblings at FSU alumni, while both Beatie Bokat appears in the story. She moved to the FSU Magnum Convention, from left, are siblings Angie S. Coggins ’93, John Schmaczek Jr., Tracy S. Flower, ’94, Cindy Schmaczek ’95, Mike Schmaczek ’96 and Missy S. Lazzari. Angie is married to Sean Coggins ’92, Tracy to Todd Flowers ’92 and Mary to Phil Lazzari ’97.

Kelly Marion Lashar-Parker

Nicole Marie Dore Parker announce the arrival of Kelly Marion Lashar on Sept. 25, 2006, who joins her big brother, Scott.


Andrew John Secula is a senior level manager for Sterling Financial. In his role he works with two children, Drew and Julian purchased a home in Jacobus, Pa.

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September 7-8

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Class of 1967 Reunion

October 18-20

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For more information about Wood Street, check out www.woodstreet.com.

FSU Mentoring Network Helps Alumni Share Job Expertise

Alumni who are eager to share career advice with Frostburg students and fellow graduates may want to check out the Mentoring Network, an online service offered through FSU’s College Central Network (CCN).

“It’s a great, free service” that helps Frostburg students prepare for their careers, said Robbie Carlisle, FSU Director of Career Services.

Alums create password-protected mentoring profiles that are accessible to FSU students and alumni who search the profiles to find possible contacts for their job interests.

The Mentoring Network is part of a larger effort to build “a solid bridge of connection” that begins with mentor- ing and evolves into internships and jobs, said Chris Harmon, Director of Annual Giving.

For more information, visit www.alumni.frostburg.edu/careerNetwork or enter the password “friendship” to enter the site.

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Calling All RAs & RDs

We are looking for past Residence Life staff (RAs, RDs). Please update your information by writing to alumni@frostburg.edu or calling 301-687-4068. Be sure to let us know that you were a Residence Life staff member in your correspondence.

DREAM BUSINESS TAKES ROOT ON WOOD STREET

What do you get when you combine roommates studying fine art, graphic design and communications under one roof? If you’re Jon Bailey ’95 and Jamie Stup ’97, you get the humble beginnings of a successful company with a sentimental name.

The two shared a house on Frostburg’s Wood Street while Bailey pursued a fine art degree and graphic design and communications under one roof. Bailey said the name was born.

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Interested in impressing fellow authors with your technical skills and innovation?

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- Give us your take on why Frostburg is a great place to go to college… pull out those old photos and videos and create a clip that truly makes you feel like you’re really special.
- Five winners will be chosen by a panel of judges that includes Emmy award-winning TV producer Greg Garcia.
- The best clips will eventually be highlighted on the FSU Web site and on a special Frostburg YouTube channel!

Great prizes are also in store!...

For more info on how to enter: www.frostburg.edu/take5/
Deadlines for entries are October 8.

Alum Shares Passion for the Outdoors with Lodge's Guests

By Kali Lucens '17

Mike Dreisbach '72 first developed his passion for the great outdoors in the quiet serenity of southern Washington County, Md., where he and his father took regular expeditions to the outdoors. That passion followed him through his geography studies at Frostburg, through his career and now to his “retirement job,” running the eco-tourism destination, the Savage River Lodge, not far from his alma mater.

The original draw to Frostburg was easy for him because of the love he had for nature. The area proved to be a perfect fit for a nature lover, not only for its natural beauty but also for the many environmental issues that was concerned about. He enrolled in Frostburg in 1970, where he worked in geography and in a conservationist.

At Frostburg he participated in a number of organizations that assisted in spreading the word about environmental conservation and the concern for what humans were doing to the earth. After graduating in 1972, Mike moved the Maryland health department as a environmental sanitation. His next job was with a Hagerty United engineering firm, working on projects related to acid mine drainage in Garrett County. His large project was the extensive field studies for the Youghiogheny River to place on the list of U.S. scenic rivers. After five years, he then moved Frostburg United in Hagerstown building a 10 aircraft. When Frostburg was purchased by Rohr Industries, Mike became the president of United Air Works (now USIS) with a degree of philosophy and Public Relations. He continued his work in human resources, developing progressive employee management techniques. His ideas about employer participation were published nationally, and he was soon offered a job by Labor Secretary Bill Blythe during the Carter Administration.

For the rest of his career as a labor mediator, he found himself back to his outdoors roots. His Frostburg education would prove to be a great asset, he learned a lot from his geography class and given much credit to great professors like Dr. James Gotten, William Nizinski and Dr. John Riley. His career in civil engineering and human resources and his education at FSU prepared him to work in the coal mining and power generation industries as a mediator, where he spent the last 20 years. It was in 1990 that Mike and his wife Jane began to focus on their passion, and possibly their legacy. They took seven years to get their dream project off the drawing board. The Savage River Lodge has been designed as an opportunity for people to get away, relax, reconnect and renew in nature as the backdrop. By 1997 they managed to run a million-dollar-a-year business. The Lodge has been recognized nationally and has attracted much attention to Western Maryland.

In 2004 Dreisbach officially retired, but he still works 16-hour days, seven days a week running the lodge. He enjoys maintaining the grounds, injury fishing parties and morning bike rides, tennis, nature tours, cross country skiing, fine wine, great food and much more. Dreisbach says the lodge since its opening has had a $20 million tourism impact on the region and is showing no signs of slowing down. Currently there are eight full-time and 17 part-time employees, mostly college students and graduates from FSU. The lodge is run using very earth-conscious methods. It is heated by a bio-recycling system that runs off of wood, which in turn provides heat and warm water. Construction strictly limited the clear-cutting allowed to make way for the cabins and lodge. Mike personally plans the meal when it snows, using grass instead of salt to reduce the environmental impact. It’s all still work and nature for Mike, however. Every morning he and Jane start the day with yoga, and he is an avid bicyclist, clocking 100 to 150 miles in a good week. He also manages the career of the lodge’s celebrity dog, Bodhi, who has his own calendar, book and Web site.

Mike believes that one should never lose touch with nature. He spends his retirement doing what he loves. “When you’re doing something you love it’s not work at all,” he said.
Earl’s not the only one with a List

Editor’s note: In the last issue of Profile, we solicited alumni for a three-page essay titled “Earl’s Style list,” either things they loved about their time here (classmates, courses, professors, family and quality education) or behaviors (ever imagining “boring” cafeteria trays for sledding, prank that may have hurt their “karma.” Here you’ll find selections from the very large response. Expect more in the next Profile lists if you were for length, repetition, good taste or unexplainable statutes of limitation.)

Letting our boring TD drink out of the water fountain and then mirth.
Making an executive decision that I did not need to get a meteorology degree.

Fall –

- joined

What’s on my list from my time at Frostburg:

- Replaced shampoo with honey in a clattering bathroom
- Let the clothes in dryer and put my clothes in, instead.

Kevin Brooks ’99

What I loved about my time at Frostburg:

- Sitting in Cambell Hall and watching Army-Navy football games online and eating pop-tarts.
- Checking my madras every day to see what goods I got from home.
- Less than 10 stoplights in the town of Frostburg.

Andy Homeland ’02

- Freshmen year you were so welcome, and then you got over it.
- There was absolutely no one who told me that having a job I lived could not come true.

Cynthia & Kilkus ’83

- Snow in October.
- The library on Thursday nights.
- Lunch time wiffleball tournaments.
- Class Malaise 00
- The Hagerstown Center, which allowed me to own my bachelor’s degree in the evenings.
- Meeting fellow non-traditional students alongside the way.

Emilia Henson ’98

Friends of the University

Gabriel L. Alborno was appointed director of Montgomery County Department of Public Health.

Jeryn Ryan Chesher was deployed to Iraq in October 2006. Q. Chesher was an assistant line cook for Frostburg Football and his major degree prior to his deployment.

Gail Shoffler Hall had the fortune to be named the owner of Shenandoah Bed and Breakfast located in Garrett, MD. Hall is also a local tour operator in the region.

Thomas Craig Houpt married Kelly Lynn Keener on Jan. 26, 2007, at Cable Beach, Bahamas. Thomas is a real estate agent with Advantage Realty.

William Matthew Lentz and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of Shannon Rose on July 22, 2006. Dennis is a teacher and master’s degree student prior to his death.

Brandon C. Shaffer was a finalist in the Howard County Arts Council’s Rising Star Emerging Performing Artists Award Competition.

Sharon Hayes Nelson was appointed as a Lancaster County, Pa., commissioner. Sharon is a retired superintendent of Mannheim Township school system.

In memoriam

1936 Clementine A. Brain Nov. 7, 2006
1936 Mary L. Poover Kent May 7, 2007
1942 Ralph Both March 1, 2007
1946 Helen Shipher Feb. 11, 2007
1949 Linda L. Hare March 25, 2007
1950 Sue Paul Martin April 1, 2007

Sherry Lynette Jacobson was married Keith Kelly on Nov. 3, 2006. She is a production coordinator at Robert Home Medical Inc.

Ashley Nicole Blank married Gregory Sites on April 1, 2006. Ashley, a lactation consultant, and Gregory, a race computer specialist, are both employed with Western Maryland Health System.

Debrah L. Black married Richard Wolf on July 15, 2006. Nicole is a claims clerk for Sam’s Club in Hagerstown, MD.

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Jenise Courtney Afable is a junior software engineer for Syntocor U.S. Inc.

Hannah Kathleen Bingman was the opening act at the Ancestral Fox concert in State College, PA. Hannah has released two albums of original songs and a live album.

Denise Lee Clinger married Jennifer Jordan on July 22, 2006. Denise is a teacher in Hagerstown, MD. They live in Hagerstown.

Trey Tyler Cobb married Kelly Martin on July 6, 2007. They had a small wedding in New York City. Trey has a position at Eastern Elementary School in Washington County, MD.

Brian Russell Duckworth is a therapist for Preventive Health Services Inc., a community behavioral healthcare provider.

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Megan Elizabeth Simmons is an assisted school program counselor at Girls Inc. and a mother of three in Frederick, MD. She was recently recognized as the only person to receive the Trust Gritt Award twice in the state.

Autumn Michelle Smith is a vocalist for the Cumberbland, MD, band, Queen City Funk & Soul.

Dave Doc Schwartz ’75

- “Goddamn that’s all remembering.”
- Taking trains from the dining hall and sled-ding during the Blizzard of . . . ‘96, so on and so forth.
- Taking a shot of tequila every time Jenny Rice caught a pass in the Super Bowl . . . man, he had a good pass!

Matt Hitchner ’96

Obituaries

Dr. O. Ralph Roth was a 1996 recipient of the PSI Alumni Achievement Award. A radiologist, he founded the Department of Radiology & Oncology at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., and taught radiology at several schools, including serving as professor of radiology at Marshall University School of Medicine. Roth died in Charlotte, N.C., on Feb. 12, 2007.

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by Noah Becker

Thornton Back in the Swim of Things after Iraq

by Noah Becker

These days college athletes find their schedules cramped with responsibilities, but one Frostburg State student athlete has more responsibility than most: military service. For junior Brandon Thornton, service to his country has been a part of his life since he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in August of 2001.

Thornton, a corporal and platoon sergeant, is a member of the Frostburg swimming and diving team. He joined the team in the fall of 2003 but left FSU in the spring of 2004 because he was deployed to Iraq.

In February 2004, Thornton was deployed as an individual augment with the 1st Marine Exhibitionary Force Headquarters Group Motor Transport Platoon. He operated primarily as a machine gunner on convoys out of the city of Fallujah, mainly providing security for non-military supply trucks. He was also part of a Provisional Rifle Platoon, which operated a traffic check point for the first attacks on Fallujah and guarded the entrance to the American base.

“Serving in Iraq really lets you see things that I had taken advantage of when I was back in the States. It was a real eye-opening experience to see how people in other countries live their lives,” he said.

He returned to school part time in the spring of 2005 but could not compete for the swim team that year because of his part-time status. “I was a little overwhelmed with the school work when I first came back,” said Thornton. “I decided to take it easy and get back into the swing of school and athletics.”

He rejoined the team this past fall and helped the men squash out of a third-place finish in the Mid-Atlantic as well as Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship meet. Individually, Thornton captured third in the conference championships in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.84, and he was part of the 400-yard medley relay team that finished third in the league in 4:05.59.

Burke Grabs Gold Glove Award

Junior outfielder Bryan Burke has been named a 2007 American Baseball Coaches Association/ Rawlings NCAA Division III Gold Glove Award recipient.

Burke, a Mid-Atlantic All-Region All Star Team and All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference First Team selection, was one of just nine players nationally to receive the award throughout the NCAA Division III ranks. He finished the season with a perfect .100 fielding percentage including 83 putouts and 13 assists.

Burke had a highly successful spring despite being his first season in a FSU uniform. He set the single-season record for hits (66) and ranked 25th in Division III in triples (6), 39th in stolen bases per game (.64) and 47th in batting average (.344) in NCAA Division III ranks.

Rohrs National Champion in 55-Meter Hurdles

Sophomore Samer Rohrs accepted the室内 season becoming the National Champion in the 55-meter hurdles at the 2007 NCAA Indoor National Championships. Rohrs won the event, owned All-American honors and set the FSU school record with a time of 6.98 last year.

He was the first women’s Indoor National Champion in school history in an individual event. In 1986, Gail Brown, Angie Torral, Diane Watson and Vicki Proctor teamed to win the 4x400-meter relay to be awarded the only other National Championship in Frostburg women’s indoor history.

This marks the second-consecutive year that Rohrs has owned All-American status in the 55-meter hurdles by capturing sixth last year in 8.6.

Earlier in the season, she was named the Mid-Atlantic Region’s Women’s Track Athlete of the Year. She was one of two athletes to be voted Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships Outstanding Female Athletes.

The inductees will also be recognized before the Homecoming Weekend festivities. With the addition of these three individuals, FSU’s Hall of Fame now has 149 members.

At attention Bobcat hoosiers

We are looking for all Lady Bobcat basketball players to update our mailing list for future events. Please update your information by writing to alumni@frostburg.edu or calling 301/633-4804. Be sure to let us know that you were a Lady Bobcat Basketball player when corresponding.

Show us your scars: seeking former fsu rugby players

In January of 1973, on the frozen tundra of the old soccer field, Frostburg State Rugby held its first practice. Since then Frostburg has had a men’s division II Rugby Team competing against some of the nation’s best. Today that tradition continues, but the travel history is lacking. We would like to hear from any Frostburg rugby alumni. We are looking for pictures, results and stories, as well as any information on your former players. If you wish to have regular updates on team events and fundraisers, please contact us at frostburgrugby@yahoo.com or alumni@frostburg.edu.
The Bobcats’ men’s basketball team finished the 2006-07 season with a 10-16 record overall and an even 9-9 mark in the AMCC. FSU endured a sluggish 0-3 start to win four out of its next five contests to even it to 4-4. Men’s basketball would again run into some trouble as the team lost seven of their next nine games. FSU appeared to turn it on toward the end of the season, posting a 4-2 record in the final two weeks in January and into early February but the Bobcats dropped their final five contests.

Women’s Basketball

The Bobcats posted their third-straight winning season under fifth-year Head Coach Jody Pepple. Her squad was 17-9 overall and 12-1 in the AMCC, and it just missed a spot in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament. FSU kicked off the season by staying 4-0 and winning both the Fifth Third Classic and the annual Women’s Classic at the Galleria Tournament. Junior Amanda LaPorta was named the tournament’s MVP at the FSU Classic. While senior Kyrstin Hargrove was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player at the Galleria. Frostburg would clip a little during the middle part of the season, posting just a 5-5 record, but the Bobcats rebounded in early March with a three-game winning streak and four consecutive wins after dropping the next three contests. FSU rattled off seven-straight wins to finish the regular season and clinch an AMCC Tournament opening round game at Bobcat Arena. In that contest, the fourth-seeded Bobcats fell to fifth-seeded Lake Erie College, 51-47. In those wins, senior Sumei Rohrer was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year.

Men’s Swimming

The Bobcats swimming and diving teams competed for the first time in the AMCC in 2006-07. As the conference championships, FSU finished third out of four teams and finished just four points behind Penn State Altoona (129-125) in a battle for second place. During the regular season, the Bobcats earned victories against LaGrange (55-24), Bethany (84-79) and Pitt-Bradford (74-68).

Women’s Swimming

The Frostburg women also began their first season of competition in the AMCC this past year. The Bobcats finished third out of three teams at the league championships and eighth out of 10 teams at the Grove City College Invitational. The women collected victories over Bethany (86-79) and Pitt-Bradford (33-22). FSU placed three individuals in the top five and two relay teams on the All-AMCC teams, with both Frostburg relay teams selected to the second team. The 400-yard medley relay consisted of junior Shannon Dunngan, sophomore Mindy Youn, senior Megan Falls and sophomore Michelle Nahd, while the 800-yard freestyle relay was made up of Roberto, Dunnung, Nshd and You.

Indoor Track and Field - Men

Despite a solid season for the FSU track and field program, the men’s team didn’t quite get the finish it deserved. Due to travel problems occurring on the Saturday morning when the team was supposed to leave, only four athletes were able to travel to the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships. Senior Andy Watson and sophomore J. J. Tatum were the only members of the ACUAA to make the one-mile run in 4:29.04. At the ECAC Championships, junior David Cheeks and sophomore Brionn Rodriguez were fifth in the 100-meter dash (10.95) and junior Charles Carver was sixth in the 200-meter dash (22.09). At the Indoor Championships, junior Jessica Clingan, the only FSU representative in the indoor season, posted a 4-2 record in the final two meets of the regular season, posting a 4-2 record in the final two meets of the regular season.

Indoor Track and Field - Women

Sophomore Sumei Rohrer accented the indoor season becoming the National Champion in the 55-meter hurdles at the NCAA Indoor National Championships (see story, p. 3). Earlier, Rohrer was named the Mid-Atlantic Region’s Women’s Track Athlete of the Year. She and teammate Jessica Clingan were also voted Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships Outstanding Female Athletes.

Women’s Volleyball

Junior Amanda LaPorta was the second female athlete to earn All-American honors this season. She placed third in the high jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships (1.66 meters). A team, the FSU women captured second overall at both the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships and the ECAC Championship. FSU’s athletic department has named a Bobcat Female Athlete of the Year for the first time. For the 2006-07 season, the Bobcats have named Maria Tiley as the Bobcat Female Athlete of the Year. Tiley was 25th in the 200-meter dash (23.85).

FSU Male Athlete of the Year Aaron Main (111) and Peake tied the mark for homruners (11) and set the bar for RBIs (57). Junior Bryan Burke was selected for the spot at (175) and running (54) and junior Bryan Burke captured the record for hits (66).

Softball

The Bobcats finished the 2007 spring season with a 21-19 overall record and an 11-7 AMCC slate. Frostburg started the season on a high note, defeating No. 2 ranked and defending National Champion Rutgers-Camden 3-2. The softball team would fall on hard times after that, posting just two wins over the next 14 games. However, FSU would rebound to win seven out of the next eight games, including sweeps over Penn State Altoona and Mis. Alouise and a split with Pitt-Bradford. The Bobcats would go onto to earn three more sweeps to cap the regular season. In the opening round of the AMCC Tournament, Frostburg fell to Medaille 5-2 to end the season.

Women’s Lacrosse

Under first-year Head Coach Annalise Sudolens, the Bobcats had a rollercoaster season with a 5-8 overall record. The team opened 6-4, including a loss to No. 3 ranked Downhill (13-12). Frostburg outscored its four conference opponents in its 10-4-0 record at 4-4. Three of the losses came at the hands of defending national champion Se. Vincenzo, with the 180-108 final and the Bobcats fell to Medaille 5-2 to end the season.

Women’s Track & Field

The Bobcats finished the 2007 season with a 16-19 overall record and an 11-7 AMCC slate. For the first time in 2006, this season’s squad entered the NCAA Regional Tournament for a school-record second-consecutive season and eclipsed the 30-50 mark for just the seventh time in school history. Frostburg used a hot season to finish third-straight AMCC regular-season title. They built their winning streak to nine games as they headed through the AMCC Tournament with three wins and the championship. FSU’s bats captured the tournament title, pouring out a combined 66 hits and scoring 46 runs.

While not earning a spot in the finals, Leiter and senior Andy Chisholm (No. 2 singles), freshman Andrew Speights, sophomore Scott Eastment and senior Andy Watson (No. 4 singles) were all at both the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships, junior David Cheeks and sophomore Brionn Rodriguez were fourth in the 200-meter dash (25.78) and sixth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:04.72). Clingan would again lose four before ending its season with a 17-12 win over York.

Men’s Tennis

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Winds of Change

The wind turbine, part of FSU’s residential wind-solar energy demonstration system (WISE), is one of Frostburg’s newest landmarks. The graceful, turning dance of its arms is a daily visual reminder of Frostburg State University’s quest for a greener campus and a healthier world.

By using winds that have swept across Frostburg for years to power one of FSU’s buildings, WISE not only taps into a timeless part of nature, but also sheds light on the power and potential of renewable energy for our planet’s future. It’s an exciting educational opportunity for FSU faculty, students and members of the Western Maryland community who are interested in learning more about environmental stewardship.

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