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Every place has a story to tell.

In the mountains of Western Maryland, one of the greatest stories is Frostburg State University. For more than a century, this institution has served its surrounding community by offering educational, cultural and economic opportunities for people who want to build better futures for themselves.

It was FSU's tradition of nurturing personal growth and success through education that attracted my wife, Laurie, and me to come to Frostburg and inspired us to make a \$30,000 commitment to the future of Frostburg State University. Since arriving here in 2006, we have met many students, faculty, staff members, alumni and local residents who help us know that Frostburg's important story is one that must continue.

Each leader wants to look back on his or her time at the helm and point to some accomplishment that says – "that is my legacy." I want one of my legacies to

be the creation of a robust and sustainable culture of philanthropy that will encompass this institution – its students and faculty – well into a secure and greatly enriched future.



Jonathan and Laurie Gibralter

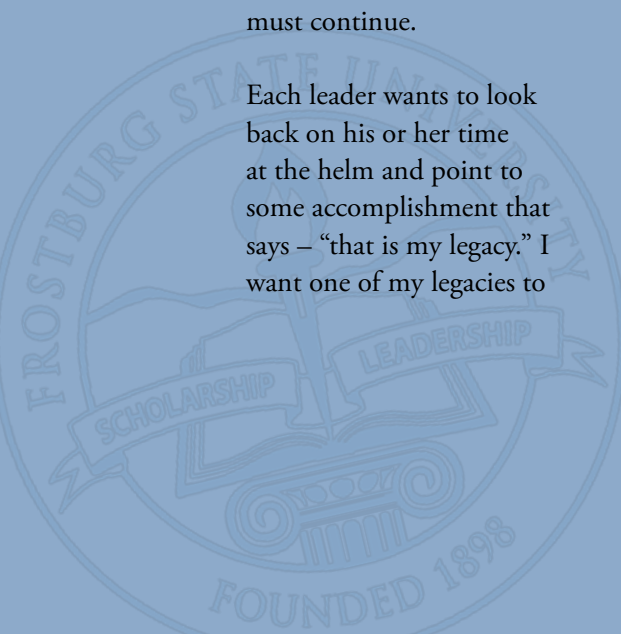
We are now at the beginning of one of the most critical junctures in the University's history – the launch of a campaign to raise \$15 million. To honor the past and with an eye to the future, we have named this campaign STAKING OUR CLAIM: THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG. It is an ambitious goal, but I'm happy to say that as this magazine went to print, we had already raised more than \$8.6 million.

I feel confident, with your help, that we will achieve our goal by our target date of June 30, 2011.

As you read through this special issue of *Profile*, I ask you to reflect on what Frostburg has meant to you and your life and how you can have a positive impact on the future through your support of FSU. And then I invite you to join us in our efforts to ensure that Frostburg will continue to provide an excellent educational experience for all students, giving them a stake in the future.

Stake your claim in the future of Frostburg State University. I wish you all the best.

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter
President
Frostburg State University



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Frostburg State University has embarked on a \$15 million campaign to raise badly needed funding for higher education.



The new Frostburg State University logo, designed by Assistant Director of Publications Ann Townsell, depicts a compass bound by dual swashes set inside a square, echoing the atrium of the Compton Science Center over the Foucault pendulum's compass rose.

Symbolically, the logo's compass reiterates FSU's commitment to helping students find a sense of direction in their lives that is authentic, life-changing and full of purpose, imparting the grounding sense of "true north" to steer them on their life's journey, taking them beyond artificial boundaries set by themselves or society.



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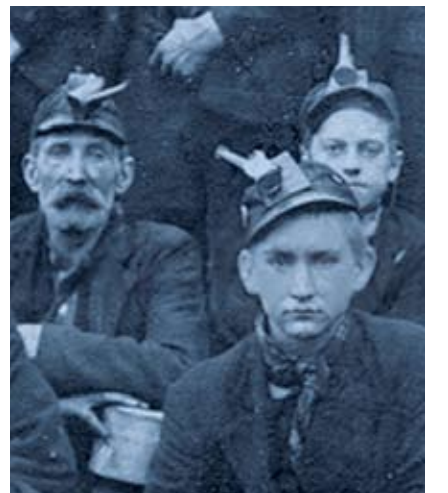
STAKING OUR CLAIM THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG

The rolling hills of Western Maryland are home to a longstanding and hard-working institution that serves as the premier educational and cultural center for the region. Frostburg State University brings arts and culture and much-needed economic growth to the area, and opens the doors of higher education to students from a variety of backgrounds.

As budgets tighten and state funding becomes less certain, we look to members of our community, especially our alumni community, for support in continuing our efforts to provide opportunities and resources for all. Because ultimately, what benefits the University, in turn, benefits future leaders for years to come.

Last October, Frostburg State University launched a \$15 million fundraising campaign, STAKING OUR CLAIM: THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG, which comes at a critical time in the history of the institution and of Western Maryland. A testament to the generosity of those who care about Frostburg, more than \$8.6 million has been pledged toward this goal to date.

This issue of *Profile* will introduce you to some of Frostburg's many friends and alumni who recognize that their own altruistic goals can be achieved by assisting FSU in its mission. You will also see some of the programs their – and your – generosity supports. Together we can allow this institution to continue its tradition of transforming lives, enriching the greater community and helping its students forge paths to success.



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President Jonathan Gibraltar speaks about his hope that a legacy of his presidency at FSU will be the creation of a robust and sustainable culture of philanthropy.



Gladys Faherty '55 shares the spotlight with student Emily Bennett, a recipient of the Wensel-Faherty Endowed Scholarship.



Above from left, Jane and Carl Belt, a member of the campaign steering committee; Emily Caputo '99; John and Rosalyn Balch; and Jeffery Metz, '92/M'03. Below, Laurie Gibraltar introduces the performance of the FSU Chamber Choir.



Alums and stalwart friends of the University enjoy their evening: Above, Lynda Lockard '65 and Dr. Brian Lockard '65. At right, shown from left, B.J. Davisson, Jeanne Cordts, Ken Witmer and Nadeane Gordon.



Recognition of donors was the order of the evening. Above, Philip Rodeheaver '92/M'01, market president of First United Bank and Trust, and his wife, Sherry, who is investor participation specialist for First United, stand in the spotlight and accept their applause.



Gala Launches Campaign in Style

During Leadership and Homecoming Weekend 2008, the Lane University Center's Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall was transformed into a glittering fairyland for a gala evening to celebrate the University's heritage, to express gratitude to the its leadership donors and to look to the future by kicking off The Campaign for Frostburg.

"When we entered the dining room at the Lane Center, we felt like we had been transported to a ballroom in New York," Janice Keene, founder of the Evergreen Heritage Center, wrote after the event. "The lavender and blue color scheme and lights transformed the room, and all the details – from the program book to the napkins and centerpieces on the table – were perfect."

The gourmet dinner was punctuated by short presentations explaining what must be accomplished with the campaign, as well as explaining the three key enrichment areas that are the focus of the fundraising.

Mel Malchensen M'81/M'93/M'94, chair of the Old Main Society and a longtime member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, laughs at a joke from B.J. Davisson '81.



Quincy Crawford, chair of the steering committee for Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, emcees the event with Sam Griffith, president of the FSU Foundation.

On this page and on those that follow, you will find the names of leadership donors to the Campaign for Frostburg. While gifts of all sizes are valuable and appreciated, these leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more are particularly important in advancing the mission of Frostburg State University and in making an immediate impact.

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Rising to the Challenge

BY SAM GRIFFITH
President, Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc.

Welcome to this special edition of *Profile*, which celebrates the launch of STAKING OUR CLAIM: THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG and introduces you to some people who have expressed their own philanthropic goals through their support of Frostburg State University.

Like the founders of this institution, who knew that the only way to improve education in Western Maryland was to take on the challenge themselves, we are not satisfied with the status quo. We are not satisfied with Frostburg’s position relative to peers in the University of Maryland system. We are not satisfied with the decreasing percentage of our budget that is provided by the state. We are not satisfied with the size of our endowment, half that of Salisbury University’s, or with the percentage of alumni who support their alma mater, a percentage dramatically below the national average.

We are not satisfied with the “philanthropic health” of FSU, so we are doing something about it. Actions do speak louder than words and the time has come to issue the wake-up call.

We believe that under the leadership of our dynamic president, Jonathan Gibralter, our stellar faculty and our awe-inspiring location, Frostburg has the potential to become the university of choice for the state and eventually the mid-Atlantic region. Most of the key ingredients to realize these ambitious aspirations are already in place. What is missing are the financial resources necessary to accomplish the mission.

We know that we cannot rely on (or control) our state appropriation or our tuition rates to cover the complete cost of an FSU education. Nearly all that remains is philanthropy. THAT we can do something about.

We are launching this campaign during challenging economic times. But our students and faculty need our support, and they need it now. Our founding donors sacrificed and lived extremely challenging lives every day. The time has come for us to pick up where they left off.



Sam Griffith

A Birthday Present That Keeps on Giving

By Becca Ramspott

It was Quincy Crawford’s 65th birthday, and his wife, Genie, wasn’t sure what to get him. “It’s really hard to come up with new ideas after all these years,” she laughed, thinking of the 47 years she and Quincy have enjoyed together since meeting in high school.

But Quincy made it easy for her. To mark the occasion, he told her what he wanted most of all was to honor his alma mater with a birthday gift that would literally keep on giving: a fully endowed scholarship to Frostburg State University for promising students with high SAT scores and an interest in leadership studies.

And so the Quincy and Eugenia Crawford Scholarship Fund was born.

It’s an act of philanthropy that reflects many elements of the Crawfords’ memories and experiences with Frostburg,

including their humble beginnings there as students, when working their way through school was the only way they could afford their college degrees.

“Both of us grew up rather poor, and we were actually discouraged from going to college because that didn’t really happen in our families,” Genie said. “Since we had to pay for it ourselves, Frostburg was the only place we could afford.”

“It was a scholarship at FSU, the one where they waive your tuition if you agree to teach for three years in the public schools, that enabled me to go to college and changed everything for me,” Quincy said. “We feel like by creating this scholarship, we are upholding a tradition of helping kids like that. Kids who are deserving, who are on the ball, but who have an economic need.”

Quincy and Genie also cite their lifelong friendships with fellow Bobcats as reasons they feel so connected to FSU and want to give back.

“Some of our best friends to this day are people we met and graduated with at Frostburg,” Quincy said. “We attend an annual crab feast with my fraternity. We’ve gotten to-

KEY ENRICHMENT AREAS:

The priorities of STAKING OUR CLAIM have been carefully crafted to support the strategic initiatives of the University, with three enrichment areas identified as the focus of this campaign:

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

Gifts that support the “student enrichment” component of the campaign support, of course, student scholarship, but also student leadership development opportunities, like the Sloop Leadership Institute, volunteer opportunities, civic engagement, athletics and virtually everything not related to our students’ lives inside the classroom.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Gifts to this campaign component will help create the kind of academic environment that will help FSU attract the quality faculty members who can provide our students with the best education possible as a large wave of faculty hired in the 1960s and ’70s retire. In addition to offering salaries competitive with those of other colleges and universities, FSU must also create an academic environment in which new faculty members feel they can access the best tools available for teaching, pursue important professional development opportunities and build their academic careers.

REGIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Of all of the institutions in the University System of Maryland, FSU is perhaps most integrally interwoven in the fabric of the broad geographic area it serves. It is the economic, educational and cultural engine of its region. Programs ranging from the Cultural Events Series and the Children’s Literature Center to summer athletics camps and College of Education outreach programs all enhance the region and further cement the ties to the institution that the community created.



The Quincy and Eugenia Crawford Scholarship Fund was the birthday wish of Quincy Crawford, chair of the Campaign Steering Committee. His wife, Genie, could hardly refuse.

gether for 40 years and follow each other’s careers, children and grandchildren.”

Many alums from the Crawfords’ era went on to fill notable leadership positions in politics, education and business. It was important to Quincy that the Quincy and Eugenia Crawford Scholarship Fund benefit students with the potential to go on and do similar things with their lives.

“I wanted to be able to help attract quality students to Frostburg who could end up becoming leaders in their communities and reflect well on the University,” he said.

To be considered for the Quincy and Eugenia Crawford Scholarship Fund, in addition to having an SAT score in the upper 25th percentile, the student must have a demonstrated economic need and be interested in pursuing a minor in leadership studies. The focus on leadership is a specification that is also in line with the Crawfords’ other philanthropic interests at FSU, including their support of the Sloop Leadership Institute. Scholarship recipients get full tuition for one year, and if they do well, the scholarship is renewed, leading to a possibility of free college tuition for all four years. They will carry the distinction of being known as “Crawford Scholars.”

It’s a legacy in student enrichment that makes Quincy feel as if he’s helping keep the momentum going under FSU President Jonathan Gibralter’s administration.

“The energy and direction Jon has infused in that university has been needed for some time,” he said. “I like what he’s doing and I like what’s happening. I wanted to help in some way.”

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A steering committee of alumni and community leaders has been named to guide the multiyear STAKING OUR CLAIM: THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG, with its goal of raising \$15 million by June 30, 2011. It is chaired by **Quincy Crawford ’65** of Annapolis, Md., the retired president and CEO of First Financial Group, the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. Crawford, a leader in industry affairs, has been the recipient of numerous honors over his career, including the 2004 FSU College of Business Alumnus of the Year.

He is joined on the steering committee by **Carl Belt Jr., Mary Clapsaddle ’83** and **Kenneth Oldham ’98**. Belt of Cumberland, Md., is a Western Maryland business and community leader. He is president of the general contracting firm Carl Belt Inc., whose reputation for quality and well-managed projects has continued to grow under his leadership. He has also expressed his community commitment through his involvement with numerous charitable and civic organizations in Allegany County.



Quincy Crawford



Mary Clapsaddle



Carl Belt



Kenneth Oldham

Clapsaddle of Arnold, Md., is currently the legislative manager for the Maryland Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis, her most recent post in a career focusing on government policy and service.

Oldham of Frederick, Md., less than a decade after graduation, was named president of the National Philharmonic at Strathmore. He is committed to the education of young and future audiences and to the promotion of the arts, yet still finds time to share his musical talent by teaching guitar.

The Staking Our Claim Steering Committee is also joined by members of the executive board of the FSU Foundation, President **R. Sam Griffith**, Vice President **William Chesno ’74**, Secretary **Lynn Fike**, Treasurer **Kenneth Kennedy M’72**, Assistant Treasurer **Joseph Pace**, **Gladys Faherty ’55** and **Lawrence McKenzie**.

CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$15 MILLION

\$8.6 MILLION AS OF 2/12/2009

FY 2009 GOAL

\$2.1 MILLION

\$1.6 MILLION AS OF 2/12/2009

Campaign Looks to Historic Leaders for Inspiration

Since the University’s history is an essential part of this fund-raising effort, two new leadership annual giving societies have been created in honor of two past Frostburg presidents who played significant roles in FSU history, **Nelson P. Guild** and **Lillian C. Compton**.

Guild led the institution through an exceptional period of growth and expansion in enrollment, facilities and new program development through the 1970s and ’80s. The Nelson P. Guild Society recognizes annual donations of \$2,500 to \$4,999.

Compton played a critical role in saving what was then Frostburg State Teachers College from closure in the 1940s. The Lillian C. Compton Society denotes yearly contributions of \$5,000 or more.



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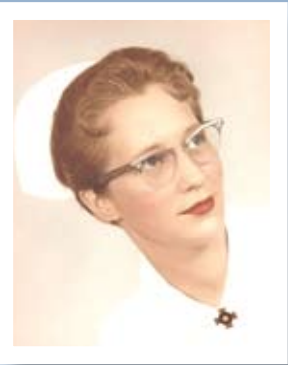
Constance Spates Memorial Fund Benefits FSU R.N. to B.S.N. Program

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

The late Constance Spates ’78 was, according to those who knew her, a nurse who went beyond the traditional limits for her profession, a mentor to young nurses, an advocate for regional health care and a truly caring individual. Now, to continue to support the concerns she cared about, her children and their spouses have pledged more than \$80,000 to establish the first scholarship to benefit students in FSU’s new Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program.

“Mom was a caretaker in her work and in her life. She was always looking after someone,” said Mark Spates ’82, who is funding the scholarship with his sister, Diane Spates Clement ’84, and their spouses, Lynn and Bert. Constance Spates passed away in 2007.

Clement said her mother was a role model for other women, especially other nurses, as she worked her way up through the administration at both the former Miner’s Hospital in Frostburg and later Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, now part of the Western Maryland Health System. Starting her career as a staff nurse, she retired with the ultimate title of assistant vice president of Ambulatory Care/Outpatient Services. All this was achieved in an era when women were rare in hospital administration, Clement said. At the same time, she was raising her two children alone and working toward a bachelor’s degree, which she received 20 years after her nursing degree.



Constance Spates, in a photo taken soon after earning her nursing degree, was an advocate for her profession.

David Ramsey, a former colleague and friend, first met Spates when she and the late Dr. Fred Miltenberger were working to establish a regional trauma center at Memorial Hospital. Spates was well-equipped to navigate the political, administrative and medical hurdles in this and many other major projects she tackled, he said.

“She really had a unique ability to understand the patient care side, as well as the administrative side” of an issue, Ramsey said.

Her children say that since their mother passed away, they’ve learned more and more about the way her life touched others,

especially those nurses whose careers she nurtured. At her funeral, they were approached by a woman who wanted to express how much of a mentor her mother had been to her, and what that meant to her life. “She helped me become more than I thought I could be,” the woman told them.

Those who knew Spates feel it is only appropriate that a scholarship in her name benefit those nurses who are trying to advance their careers through FSU’s R.N. to B.S.N. program.

“Connie supported the advancement of nursing as a profession, including the increased role of nursing in medical care over the years,” Ramsey said. “She was a strong, smart, caring woman,” Ramsey said.

The recipient of the Constance Spates scholarship must be a registered nurse who lives or works in Allegany or Garrett County or contiguous counties in Pennsylvania or West Virginia; an essay addressing the applicant’s financial situation, professional goals and objectives and why they chose a career in nursing is also required.

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Why We Give

BY BERNARD J. DAVISSON, II '81
Vice President for University Advancement | Executive Director of the FSU Foundation Inc.

My wife, **Krista McGowan Davisson '82**, and I became Frostburg students in the late '70s, bringing with us our intellectual capabilities, a disciplined work ethic and a desire to get ahead. We knew that you get out of life what you put into it, and we found administrators, staff and faculty who provided the right balance of challenge and support for our success.

When Frostburg asked for our help as we began our careers, we tried to be available. We supported the Alumni Association and the Annual Fund early on, and my involvement in the Alumni Association grew – I was president in 1996. Through my career in higher education, I had developed an uncommon appreciation for both the challenges of financing college and the transforming power of a degree. The time came for Krista and me to show gratitude for what Frostburg gave us. Our thanks was a gift – our first significant one – of \$10,000 for an endowed scholarship with a preference to students from our hometown region.

The decision was easy. As students, we benefited from government aid, more plentiful at the time, and

Krista McGowan Davisson and B.J. Davisson, II

Other Recent Gifts:

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NewPage Corp. made an additional pledge of \$21,000 to the FSU Foundation in support of the NewPage scholarship program. With this pledge and other gifts totaling \$22,350, NewPage has committed more than \$43,000 to FSU since the start of Staking Our Claim.

Mary and Chad Clapsaddle
Mary Clapsaddle '83, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, and her husband, Chad, have committed more than \$25,000 to support the Annual Fund and academic enrichment initiatives.

scholarships or sponsored aid programs. Like many classmates, we couldn't have managed without help.

Fast forward to 2007: I'm driving to my new job leading the FSU Foundation, University Advancement and Communications and Media Relations. Thirty years prior I was headed to summer planning as a freshman. Krista and I decided together that I would return to my alma mater, just as together we chose to ramp up our philanthropic support of our University. In addition to support through our wills, we committed \$25,000 to the Campaign. Most will support Student Enrichment, particularly to build our scholarship fund, with support also to Academic Enrichment, Regional and Cultural Enrichment and FSU's unrestricted Annual Fund.

We have remained involved with FSU students since our own Frostburg days through Career Day and student leadership conferences, and we enjoy hearing from students who have benefited from our fund. We have been so impressed with the caliber of these young people. It is Frostburg's students who motivate and inspire us to continue.

Krista's and my parents instilled in us the notion of giving to others. Saying "no" to an organization we care about is just not in our world view. As we get older, we grow wiser, and we start to think about the people, places and organizations that have touched our lives.

If you have not been asked to support the University in a compelling manner, your alma mater is asking now: Please, reflect upon the foundation Frostburg provided you, and express your thanks in accordance with your financial capacity.

Join us in STAKING OUR CLAIM.

First United
First United Bank and Trust has created the First United Bank and Trust Scholarship Fund, which commits \$25,000 and will benefit full-time FSU students with academic ability who demonstrate financial need.

Don and Anne Forrester
Dr. Don Forrester '67 and Anne Forrester '67 have established the Shannon Anne Forrester Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of their beloved daughter, to benefit Garrett County residents who are majoring in special education and elementary education and who plan to teach in Maryland.

Beall Memorial Scholarship

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

When PharmaCare opened a new pharmacy in Frostburg in the summer of 2006, John Balch, president of the PharmaCare Networks, was ready to commit to its new community. The new Mountain Ridge High School rising within sight of the business on New George's Creek Road and his own belief in the value of education made for an easy decision.

After PharmaCare gave Mountain Ridge a computer lab in its first year, school officials suggested that a scholarship would be a more beneficial gift in the long run. The J. Glenn Beall Jr. Memorial Scholarship, a full, four-year scholarship for Mountain Ridge students attending Frostburg State University, was born.

Balch chose to name the scholarship in honor of the late U.S. senator in recognition of the stature he held in the community, and that of his family before him.

"Sen. J. Glenn Beall was a longtime friend and one of the most legendary citizens of Frostburg," Balch said. Beall served as Maryland's U.S. senator in the 1970s and was a successful businessman and committed community volunteer.

PharmaCare has committed more than \$92,500 to cover the costs of four years of full in-state tuition and associated fees at FSU for a Mountain Ridge High School graduate each year.

Sarah Fuller, a freshman at FSU who is the first Beall Scholarship recipient, learned of her good fortune graduation night.

"When they called it out, I was a little shocked. I



Sarah Fuller, the first recipient of the J. Glenn Beall Jr. Memorial Scholarship, speaks with John Balch, president of PharmaCare Networks, which funded the scholarship, during his recent visit to the FSU Admissions Office where Sarah works.

couldn't really believe they said my name," she said. But her family heard right, and they all jumped up and cried. Fuller's mother, Kim Fuller, a single mom, could now stop worrying about how to put her daughter through college.

While Balch and PharmaCare are not involved in the selection process – that is handled by Mountain Ridge – it turns out that Balch knew Fuller's mother, and she was in his office the very next morning to express her thanks.

Fuller, who earned other scholarships and works in the FSU Admissions Office to cover books and other expenses, is now able to plan for graduate school as soon as she graduates from FSU. She intends to major in early childhood education.

Balch purposely did not seek a minimum grade point average as a requirement for the scholarship. His concern was that it go to a good, hard-working student and that it would be awarded every year. "In exchange, I hope they appreciate it and get a good education," he said.

Sarah Fuller is grateful and on her way to that good education. Her advice for other students? "Try your best. Get the best grades you can. It can affect you in good ways."

Turnbull, Hoover, and Kahl
Turnbull, Hoover, and Kahl, a full-service certified public accounting firm based in Cumberland and Oakland, has created a pass-through scholarship for fourth-year accounting majors who are full-time residents of Allegany or Garrett counties.

Also:

- A \$15,000 commitment from the **Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation**
- A \$15,000 gift from University System of Maryland Regent **Jim Brady** and his wife, **Francine**
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An Appeal to Frostburg Alumni

BY COL. RONALD FORRESTER '67
U.S. Air Force, Retired | FSU Alumni Association President

As the Alumni Association President, I'm very excited about what is happening at our alma mater. FSU has faced many challenges in recent years but has dramatically turned the corner and is clearly moving in the right direction as 2009 begins. I know that your Alumni Association's Board of Directors is a diverse group of graduates, from the 1950s to recent years, from a wide variety of professions and experiences, who embrace and support the direction in which FSU is moving. The directors are united by their deep concern for FSU as well as by their keen desire to give back in thanks and appreciation for all that the University has given to them.

The energy and enthusiasm articulated by President Jonathan Gibralter and the outstanding staff he assembled are indeed noteworthy from an alumnus prospective. There are many reasons for celebration. One key reason is enrollment, with 5,215 students now attending FSU. Enrollment is

up particularly among transfer students, and a much larger percentage of first-year students are staying for a second year. Another is the establishment of three new bachelor's degree programs in engineering, information technology and a nursing completion program, all created in direct response to regional workforce needs, while also responsive to the needs of the national job market – important academic initiatives in these challenging economic times.

Of course, this isn't the first time that FSU has faced a difficult economic environment. Our University was founded more than 100 years ago by



Ronald Forrester '67

Legacy of Love, Brotherhood, Reflected in New Scholarship Fund

By Becca Ramspott

"I want everyone to celebrate my life, not mourn it. I have had a joyous 31 years of life on earth and I plan on living eternity in heaven with all my past relatives and friends. And I will continue to be reunited with family and friends who are still on earth now."

—Michael Schrodel

Before **Michael Schrodel '90** died of cancer in August 2001, he wrote a letter to his friends and family that included a special section to his daughter, Carmen. Whenever she missed him, he said, she should look up at the sky and pick out a star. That star was him looking down on her.

Today, Carmen is 10 years old, and she already has her sights set on Frostburg for college, just like her dad. And a constellation of support that includes Michael's friends, family members and loved ones has established a scholarship worthy of his legacy of generosity and love.



Carmen and Michael Schrodel

For the past seven years, Michael's fraternity brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma, his wife, **Teresa Schrodel '93**, and other enthusiastic volunteers have gotten together for the annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic, which recently raised enough money to create the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship includes a special preference for Sigma Tau Gamma legacies. It's a fitting tribute to Michael and the strong brotherhood he shared with his fraternity, who stood by him when he was sick, doing everything from arranging rides for him to get radiation treatments to installing tile in his house so he could better maneuver his wheelchair. They also donated money to cover Michael's funeral expenses.

"It's these brothers who came to rally and help us during Michael's courageous battle," said Teresa Schrodel, who became quite close to Sigma Tau Gamma and was named their

a tenacious community of individuals who, bit by bit, laid a foundation for an institution where many people, people like you and me, have found their futures. I know my four years at FSC and the quality education I received provided me the academic and leadership tools essential for a successful and rewarding career as a military officer and in my post-military career endeavors as a senior military analyst.

Like many of us, I am concerned about the decreasing percentage of FSU's budget (about 35 percent today compared to approximately 67 percent the year I graduated) that is provided by the state of Maryland and the negative impact that the lack of state funds can and does have on the University's programs. Additionally, I strongly believe we need to increase our endowment fund and the percentage of alumni who support FSU, a percentage that is dramatically below the national average for similar universities and below our peer institutions within the University System of Maryland. I believe we, the alumni, can make a profound difference by supporting STAKING OUR CLAIM: THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG, which aims to raise \$15 million to keep FSU moving forward. Through the generosity of alumni like you and me, significant strides toward this goal have already been achieved – but much remains to be done.

Why should you support FSU? For me, the answer is simple. FSC provided me the education

and experiences that transformed my life and enabled me to succeed personally and professionally. A key factor was an empathetic and nurturing faculty who cared about each and every one of their students. I was inspired, nurtured and encouraged to be successful. I certainly want students attending FSU today and in the years ahead to have the same opportunities I enjoyed.

For FSU to continue to grow, it needs our financial support now and in the future. I am sure you would agree that delivering an exemplary education primarily on the "financial backs" of our students and their parents is not the answer. Therefore, some of the funds for sustaining and improving the educational environment at FSU and the breadth of opportunities available to students should come from alumni like you and me. Every member of the FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors supported FSU with his or her financial gifts last year.

I encourage all alumni to support this important financial campaign so we individually and collectively can "stake our claim" in ensuring Frostburg State University's bright future. I look forward to sharing the good news of FSU with you in the future.



Teresa Schrodel and her daughter, Carmen, now 10, visited FSU and President Jonathan Gibralter last summer to mark the endowment of the scholarship.

life by adding him to FSU's Wall of Honor, where "students and faculty will walk by and see his name."

"Frostburg is where it all began," Teresa said. "It's where Michael's parents met in the '60s. It's where he and I fell in love. Michael's legacy will always be there. And I'm glad students will have some sort of assistance to help finance their education through this new scholarship. It shows Carmen what a wonderful person her father was."

The 8th annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic will be held July 10, 2009, in Dunkirk, Md. Organizers intend to contribute to the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund annually. For more information on how to get involved, contact Teresa Schrodel at medartchic@aol.com.

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Foundation Funds New Projects

By Brian Patton '09

For the first time in the University's history, the FSU Foundation last fall made \$41,500 available from unrestricted gift revenues to help fund new projects and programs of study. Faculty and staff submitted 47 proposals, seeking more than \$320,000. The FSUF Board of Directors granted funding to a number of programs designed to enhance student learning.

From the Department of Geography, **Dr. Phil Allen** and **Dr. David Arnold** were awarded funding for the Undergraduate Expedition to Alaska Project. The project is designed to examine how the ecological and geomorphologic systems have responded to past climate fluctuations. Allen and Arnold hope to take FSU students to the field location on the Colville River Delta of the Northern Slope of Alaska.

"One of the key goals of the project is to foster and develop educational partnerships with schools and colleges in the Alaskan high Arctic. The involvement between FSU and the indigenous populations is expected to cultivate and develop a relationship where FSU students will be exposed to the culture and lifestyles of the Inupiaq people," Allen says.

In an effort to bolster the FSU Foundation's fund-raising efforts, **Micheal McAlexander**, from the Department of Mass Communications, was awarded funds for the development and production of an alumni giving promotional video. The video will recognize exceptional alumni supporters and introduce them to the alumni community, faculty, staff and the student body. The production will feature interviews with FSU's top alumni supporters and highlight their rise to success and their reasons for maintaining exceptional levels of support to the University. The video will also feature scenes of current and past student life edited with images from the University's history, all set to music. McAlexander will produce and direct the video.

Supporting the Frostburg business district as well as the student body, **Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas**, associate professor of Folklore and Sociology, and staff member **Valerie Fritz** were awarded funds to create the Mountain City Traditional Arts Store planned for Main Street. The vision is to create an experiential educational and retail venue to teach, showcase and sell traditional art forms and hand-made products from the mountain region. FSU students will help document the traditional arts in process. Kiosks will offer more information and a short video describing the artists and their work. Mountain City Traditional Arts will be a joint venture between the Allegany Arts Council, the Frostburg First Main Street Program, the FSU Folklore and Folklife Program and the Council of the Alleghenies.

Dr. Jesse Ketterman, from Student and Educational Services, was awarded funding to develop the



Dr. Mark Gallagher conducts a clarinet quintet during the Savage Mountain Arts Academy last summer, a series of arts workshops for high school students. Gallagher sought one of the FSU Foundation grants, offered for the first time this year to support projects that met the goals of student, academic or regional and cultural enrichment. Support of the FSU Annual Fund will help make similar projects possible in the future.

Community Relations Program and Alcohol Task Force. The program's focus is to build rapport and develop communication among FSU community members, including residents, business owners and students as a means to address concerns from all sides. The program will work in conjunction with the Alcohol Task Force to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse and offer alternative, non-alcohol activities for students. Students will be offered sessions on dealing with property managers, understanding leases and fire safety. Local residents will benefit from informational packets offering advice on fraud detection, solicitors and general concerns about student activity.

Dr. Mark Gallagher, Department of Music, was awarded funding to continue operating the Savage Mountain Arts Academy, which offers a variety of summer workshops for high school students on campus. The offerings for summer 2009 include creative writing, wind chamber music, stage combat, choral and garage band institutes. Since the program's inception three years ago, Gallagher and other staff members have worked to provide arts enrichment throughout the region.

Music majors will also benefit from the award given to **Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon**, also from the Department

of Music, for the 2009 residency by composer Carol Barnett. Barnett's residency will be the first by a composer since Emma Lou Diemer visited FSU in 2001. The University Chorale will perform Barnett's "Bluegrass Mass" during its May 3 concert and the Wind Ensemble will perform her works at its May 10 concert. "Bluegrass Mass" has been hailed as an American Chorale masterwork by the National Endowment for the Arts. Bluegrass musicians and faculty members Greg Latta and Sally Stephenson will work in partnership during the program.

Finally, for students who aspire to leadership, **Amy Carter**, from Student and Community Involvement, was awarded funding for the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement, newly formed by merging the Center for Volunteerism and National Service and the Leadership Program (*see story page 24*). Goals include promoting among students the relationship between leadership and action, local engagement and global awareness, and volunteerism and social justice. The department also plans to host guest speakers for programs, including a new group called "Men Can Stop Rape," as well as expanding Alternative Break options.

The Foundation and the University also worked to find alternate funding sources for the other proposals.

Gibraltar 2.0

"Blog from the 'BURG" Builds Connections with FSU President

Friends and fans of Frostburg from around the world now have a new way to connect to FSU on the Web: This fall, FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar launched "Blog from the 'BURG," the University's latest effort to share insights and updates with the public.

"On Blog From the 'BURG,' you can post comments and share your thoughts with me as part of a larger community conversation about FSU and how things are going," Gibraltar said.

According to Google Analytics, "Blog from the 'BURG" Web pages have been viewed over 3,200 times since the blog's launch in September, with visitors from 24 different countries and territories, including Japan, India, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The accessibility the blog provides to readers around the world came in handy when FSU sent a University delegation to China in October, and the campus community was able to follow the trip's progress online (*see story page 22*).

"I particularly like the fact that the blog provides real-time connections," Gibraltar said.

"Blog from the 'BURG" also expanded possibilities to reach out to the FSU alumni and the FSU student body. Donors and other friends of the University can keep track of the University's fundraising campaign progress by checking out a thermometer graphic on the blog, where updates on numbers are posted weekly.

The blog received a variety of comments from student viewers when Gibraltar posted content about the importance of voting in the November election and his views on underage drinking.

Check out "Blog from the 'BURG" at blogfromtheburg.blogspot.com.

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FSU Fostering Campus-wide Wellness Through CHILL

By Becca Ramspott

The FSU student body is on its way to becoming a healthy one. This fall, the University kicked off “Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles (CHILL),” a science and wellness-centered initiative launched in September 2008 with the funding of a \$228,225 contribution from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP.

“Frostburg State is unique in that professionals here from academia to student affairs encourage our campus community to make a positive stance towards a more holistic life,” said April Baer, project coordinator for University Wellness, who was hired to spearhead CHILL. “We have a great foundation as well as great potential for growth.”

Under Baer’s direction and with the help of faculty, staff and student organizations, CHILL has already grown substantially in a short amount of time, with a variety of fun and informative programs that were offered throughout the fall semester. National wellness expert and “Abs of Steel” star Scott Cole kicked

off the initiative Sept. 5 by leading a University-wide workshop and discussion, followed by FSU’s health and physical education students leading a two-mile walk around campus. A Wellness Fair featuring various FSU offices and organizations was also part of the festivities.

Baer also organized a month-long physical activity competition called “Let’s Walk, Let’s CHILL,” during which FSU participants logged over 711 hours of physical activity on MyStartOnline.org, a free Web site provided by the American Heart Association. The competition concluded with an award recognition ceremony for winning participants during halftime of the FSU Homecoming football game in October.

“The goal of this program was to promote healthy habits during an otherwise busy time for our students and staff,” Baer said.

Baer and other CHILL supporters also coordinated CHILLVILLE, a two-week series of wellness activi-



April P. Baer



Emma Brashear, L.P.N., of Western Maryland Health System Wellness Center, takes a student’s blood pressure during “CHILL Factors.” The event was part of CHILLVILLE, a two-week series of wellness activities in November.

ties from Nov. 3 through Nov. 12 that included free biomedical screenings to help students learn more about “CHILL factors,” such as body composition, blood pressure and lipid screenings. The goal of the screenings was to identify students with significant health situations that “they otherwise would not have been aware of and then initiate follow-up, including interventions and education to improve their health status,” said Mary Tola, director of the Brady Health Center and a key organizer of the programming.

During CHILLVILLE, the campus community was also invited to take charge of its mental health activities organized by the student organization, Active Minds, including “Shout Out, CHILL Out!” on Nov. 6, an invitation for people to meet at the FSU Clock Tower and collectively scream to let off steam. Those who decided to shout it all out were then treated to relaxation and meditation activities at the Lane University Center. The Student Government Association also got involved in CHILLVILLE by holding a “Still CHILL and Ballin’ Dodgeball Tournament” Nov. 11. CHILLVILLE also drew together over 30 local and campus organizations for a Wellness Vendor Fair on campus Nov. 4.

“CHILLVILLE was an amazing time on campus where many Bobcats came together to underscore

the importance of balance and wellness in our lives,” Baer said. “We had over 600 people come to our various programs to learn how they can integrate wellness effortlessly into their daily routines.”

And the momentum isn’t slowing down anytime soon. Baer is already organizing new activities for the spring semester and plans to conduct free biomedical screenings again with the help of local health professionals and Brady Health Center staff. A new, interactive Wellness Web site for FSU students is tentatively slated to launch in early February. Baer is also interested in harnessing the power of online social communities to reach out to students, including videos featuring FSU’s newest online celebrity, Bob E. Cat (*see story page 25*).

“It is my ultimate and long-term goal to have CHILL become a part of the cultural shift that is taking place here at Frostburg State,” Baer said, noting that 25 percent of the student population has already participated in CHILL activities. “This campus is on the cusp of such amazing changes and directions.”



Tony Zook ’82, president and CEO of AstraZeneca North America, spoke to a large group of students about the pharmaceutical industry in particular and careers in general during Homecoming 2008.

Zook also guides AstraZeneca in its efforts to be a great corporate citizen, including giving back to his alma mater. Among its many philanthropic endeavors, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals recently presented Frostburg State University with a contribution of \$228,225 to develop “Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles (CHILL).” (*See story, this page.*)

Zook Joins Alumni Circle of Excellence

Tony Zook ’82, president and CEO of AstraZeneca North America and head of AstraZeneca’s Global Marketing, was honored with the FSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences eighth Alumni Circle of Excellence award during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend. The award was presented at a luncheon attended by Zook and his wife, Trish Ward Zook ’83.

The CLAS Alumni Circle of Excellence Award showcases those alumni who have demonstrated sustained excellence and leadership in their field, but it also provides a forum for awardees to meet with FSU students and to provide inspiration and example of what can be accomplished through an FSU education and hard work. Zook, who was a biology major and a member of the baseball team at Frostburg, spoke to a large group of students on Friday of Homecoming about the pharmaceutical industry and career opportunities in the field and answered a wide range of questions from the packed lecture hall.

Zook also holds an associate’s degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University. In 1983, he began his career in the pharmaceutical industry at Berlex Laboratories, where he held a variety of positions, including district sales manager, marketing director, vice president for national accounts and

vice president for sales. Zook joined Astra USA in 1997 as vice president of Marketing and Sales, two years before the merger of Astra AB and Zeneca Group Plc in 1999. During this time, he had responsibility for integrating the two sales forces. He later served as senior vice president of Commercial Operations, responsible for leading the company’s marketing and sales organizations in the United States.

Today he directs marketing in North America for one of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP. In addition, he recently became president of Maryland-based Medimmune.

Guided by this alum’s leadership, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP U.S. was named to *Fortune Magazine’s* “Top 100 Best Companies to Work for in 2008.” It’s the third time it has received this recognition since 2004.

“Thanks to the vision of this alum, AstraZeneca works hard every day to create innovative solutions that improve patient health and provide patients with a positive wellness experience beyond the doctor’s office,” said FSU President Jonathan Gibralter in his introduction of Zook.

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Frostburg Storybook Holiday Attracts Santa’s Little “Alumni” Helpers

Of programs supported by gifts to the FSU Foundation, one of the most extensive is the Children’s Literature Centre, which has hosted the Spring Festival of Children’s Literature for more than a quarter of a century, and which continues to build on its success. In an example of Regional and Cultural Enrichment, one of the newest CLC initiatives transforms the Frostburg community into a child’s holiday wonderland each year.

By Ty DeMartino ’90

Poor Tiny the Elf.

Each year at Frostburg’s Storybook Holiday, an annual festival in the Mountain City, children get to vote on which holiday elf will be taken back to the North Pole and magically shrunk by the big man himself – Santa Claus. This is the third year of Tiny not being chosen.

“I guess I’m just too big to be shrunk,” says Tiny, a big-framed elf standing close to six feet tall.

The truth be told – Tiny, a.k.a. **Adam Ritchie ’06**, an algebra teacher at a Silver Spring middle school, doesn’t want to be shrunk at all. That would mean he’d have to remain at the North Pole and not return to Frostburg. Instead, Ritchie is one of many Frostburg State University College of Education alumni who’d rather come back each year to help out with the event and gladly don elf apparel.

“It’s a great way to kick off the holiday season,” he says beneath his red fleece hat and pointy ears.

Frostburg’s Storybook Holiday celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2008. A collaboration between FSU and the City of Frostburg, the annual celebration was the brainchild of the FSU education professors **Dr. William Bingman** and **Dr. Barbara Ornstein**, who also oversee the University’s Children’s Literature Centre. Storybook Holiday strives to promote reading and children’s holiday stories.

On the first Saturday of each December, Frostburg’s downtown is transformed into something right out of a storybook, starting with Breakfast with the Elves at Frostburg’s Gunter Hotel to the Elf Olympics (where Tiny and his team brought home the gold this year, crushing the competition in the Cookie Toss and Christmas Tree Relay) to the parade on Main Street. Later in the day there are presentations by



Tiny the Elf (a.k.a. Adam Ritchie ’06) was on the winning team for this year’s Elf Olympics held on Frostburg’s Main Street.

guest authors, holiday cookie bake-offs, craft-making, photos, letter-writing to Santa, shopping specials at Frostburg stores, movies, music and merriment.

On the Friday night before the big event, Frostburg’s City Place, a town center that serves as the hub of the activities, was a virtual Santa’s workshop with FSU students and alumni making signs, setting up tables and sprinkling glitter on anything that didn’t move.

In the midst of the festivity is Ornstein – who appropriately received the nickname “Prancer” during the event – directing the holiday traffic.

According to Ornstein, once the education students got involved, they quickly took a sense of ownership in organizing the events, decorating the city and, of course, dressing up as Santa’s little helpers. The first year there were only three elves when a few FSU students donned yellow tights and wore green terrycloth robes and red hats. This year, there were close to 100.

“Becoming elves was totally the students’ idea,” says Ornstein, who says all elves must go through an Elf Boot Camp and learn the “ins and outs” of elf etiquette. “They had so much fun doing it and many come back every year, even after they graduate.”

Education alums **Megan Mahaffey Hamerski ’04/M’06** and **Johanna Eckhart Mullendore ’04/M’06**



Melanie Moore ’05/M’07 is one of many alumni who return each year to help out with the holiday event.

were graduate assistants for Bingman and Ornstein during Storybook Holiday’s first year. Both try to return each year to volunteer.

“It was a good way to tie in the local schools, FSU and the community,” says Hamerski, who is now a kindergarten teacher in Montgomery County. She marvels at how the event grows every year. “None of us could have foreseen what this has become.”

Mullendore, a first-grade teacher at Rockland Woods Elementary in Boonsboro, didn’t dress up as an elf, but rather was the first official “Storybook Princess” and rode in the annual festival parade, throwing candy canes at her loyal subjects.

“I just love to see all the little kids,” says Mullendore, who missed this year due to the birth of her own princess, a baby girl.

At City Place on the day of the event, alum **Melanie Moore ’05/M’07** volunteered at the information desk, handing out tickets and giving tykes directions to the bathroom on their breaks from writing letters to Santa.

“I do whatever needs to be done. But I don’t dress up,” she says with an impish smile. Moore, whose father worked for the state of Maryland, grew up overseas and went to high school in Afghanistan. When she graduated from FSU, she decided to make Frostburg her home and even commutes to her teach-



“Elves” spring into action during the Cookie Toss event of the Elf Olympics.



Sugar Plum (a.k.a. FSU student Ben Cianelli) does some last-minute campaigning to be this year’s “lucky” elf to be shrunk by Santa.

Smith says, who paid his dues as an elf years prior and can now wear a red sweater and jeans.

Smith has come back each year to the Storybook Holiday for the family-like atmosphere that professors Bingman and Ornstein create. He also likes to witness the joy in the children’s eyes. “The [Children’s Literature] Center treats me like family,” he says. “And it’s fun to see all the kids enjoying themselves.”

A few feet away from Smith there was the cardboard ballot box where children could vote for their favorite elf to be shrunk by Santa at the North Pole. A tiny Tiny-the-Elf fan was scratching down his vote when suddenly Sugar Plum, a tall elf with a goatee, crossed electioneering boundaries and approached the boy. “You’re voting for Sugar Plum, right?” the elf asked, pointing to the name on his hat.

Moments later, away from the campaigning action, Sugar Plum, also known as FSU student **Ben Cianelli** from Hagerstown, gives away the secret of his gnome name.

“Actually I just found a hat with ‘Sugar Plum’ already written on it.”

Cianelli, in his second year at Storybook Holiday, is one of the creators of the Elf Olympics. Even though he is graduating in the spring of ’09, he’s already making travel plans for next Christmas, like many of his fellow students who participated.

“I’m definitely coming back to volunteer and will be back for many years to come,” he says.

Sugar Plum convinces the little boy to change his “shrinking” vote from Tiny to Sugar Plum. It looks like Tiny the Elf has competition in a contest that both elves, and men, honestly would sooner lose so they can return next year.



The Frostburg Storybook Holiday, a collaborative effort between FSU and the City of the Frostburg, is also a way to help promote reading to youngsters.

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National Award Brings National Attention

FSU’s Efforts Fighting Binge Drinking Honored



Brandon Busteed of Outside The Classroom, left, and Michael Lanahan of The Gordie Foundation, both of whose organizations funded the Presidential Leadership Award, flank President Jonathan Gibraltar.

FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar was honored in September with the national Presidential Leadership Award, recognizing his success in promoting a vibrant intellectual and social campus climate that de-emphasizes the role of alcohol.

With the award came a gift for \$50,000 – which Gibraltar invested in FSU’s fight against college binge drinking – and significant publicity. The award announcement coincidentally coincided with a flurry of media attention about the Amethyst Initiative, a movement by some college and university presidents urging a national debate about the legal drinking age. “Each year, an estimated 1,700 college students die from alcohol-related causes,” said Gibraltar, citing a statistic from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. “Since I received the Presidential Leadership Award I have come to realize that there is a very limited dialogue nationally amongst university presidents about this very serious issue. I feel so strongly that it is my responsibility to be vigilant about student health and safety.” The award was given by a group of seven major higher education organizations (American College Personnel Association, American Council on Education, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Gordie Foundation, NASPA, Outside The Classroom and United Educators). Gibraltar decided to place the \$50,000 prize, funded by Outside The Classroom and the

Gordie Foundation, into an endowed fund with the FSU Foundation. The proceeds will benefit programs – educational, social and/or community service – that are geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision-making. Priority will be given to those programs that have a broader focus beyond the immediate campus, especially those that involve the community of Frostburg. Since the award, Gibraltar and FSU have received attention both in the media and in the academic community. The timing of the award – and Gibraltar’s willingness to speak out on the issue – catapulted him into the spotlight as a face of the college administrators who are fighting the dangerous culture of binge drinking on campuses. National and regional stories by The Associated Press, a major piece in the *Chronicle for Higher Education* and a guest editorial in *Inside Higher Ed*, a daily online news magazine for higher education, were among the highlights. He has also been invited to speak at a number of regional and national higher education conferences about FSU’s efforts, in particular those aimed at addressing off-campus drinking. “Most U.S. university campuses have such strong cultural motivations that encourage dangerously high levels of alcohol consumption. The kinds of binge drinking going on today are way beyond the recollection of our alumni and their memories of the ‘good old days,’” Gibraltar said. “We’ve been glad to see the visibility of high-risk drinking raised through the recent conversation

among college presidents,” said Brandon Busteed, founder and CEO of Outside The Classroom and a representative of the Presidential Leadership Award review panel. “We’re even more pleased to see practical examples of presidents who have begun to make progress on their campuses and in their communities.” There were 17 other nominees, which included schools like the University of Virginia, Ohio University and University of Alabama. Gibraltar has demonstrated active leadership on the issue of high-risk drinking since his presidency began at FSU in 2006. He created a campus-wide Alcohol Task Force that meets twice each semester to address four key issues: Campus and Community, Policy and Procedures, Alternative Programming and Today’s Student. The Task Force makes recommendations in each of these four areas, which are then prioritized and implemented as resources are identified.

FSU was lauded in particular for its efforts to engage the surrounding community as part of the solution. FSU now sends representatives to meet with city groups such as the University Neighbors, the Frostburg Business and Professional Association and law enforcement agencies, and Gibraltar himself has met with these and other local groups. Most recently, after a number of attempts to reach out, he held a candid, productive meeting with owners of local bars, liquor stores and alcohol distributors. The increased communication, especially with law enforcement, has led to a dramatic improvement in the sharing of information, and community leaders now actively partner with University officials to change the culture of alcohol abuse at both the campus and community levels. “Every year it gets better, but we have a long way to go,” Gibraltar said.



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FSU Trip to China Leads to Four New Agreements

By Becca Ramspott

When FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar joined Frostburg almost three years ago, he knew he would be giving speeches to different audiences in Maryland. What he didn't know was that he would be asked to speak to more than 20,000 people in a giant stadium filled with 30-foot-long dancing dragons, hundreds of performers singing and whirling flags and karate masters sailing through the air – on the other side of the world.

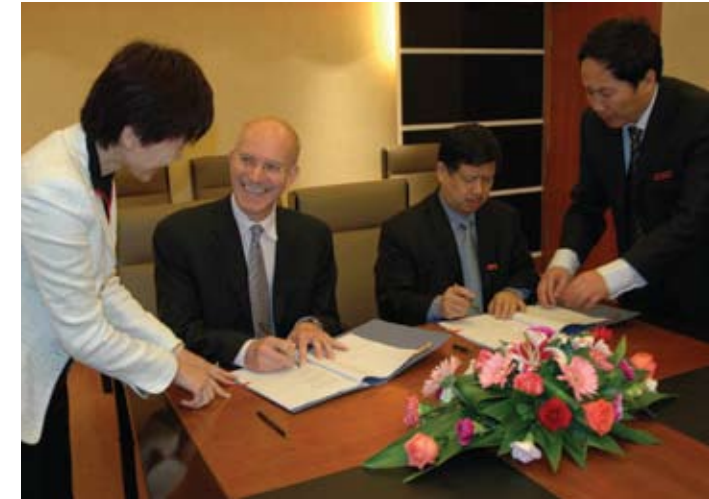
This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was one of many amazing moments during a recent trip to China Oct. 17 through Nov. 1, when Gibraltar led a University delegation to Changsha and served as a guest speaker in Hunan Normal University's 70th Anniversary ceremony.

"I was sitting there on a stage covered by this enormous carpet of red – red floor, red back-drop – surrounded by members of the Chinese Communist Party and me as a representative of all the friendly nations who had relations with HNU," Gibraltar said. "This experience completely transformed me."

FSU faculty and students had already enjoyed several trips to HNU in January and March 2008, paving the way for successful agreements between the two institutions that resulted in 16 Chinese students enrolling at Frostburg the following fall. The trips also had a tremendous effect on

FSU participants, many of whom returned eager to eventually welcome HNU's students on the Frostburg campus and excited to learn more about Chinese culture.

This latest invitation to Gibraltar was the next step in solidifying relations with HNU—he signed an agreement to expand cooperation between the two schools during the visit. The FSU delegation also took advantage of the time in China to develop partnerships with other institutions there, as well, resulting in new agreements with Chengdu's Southwest University for Nationalities, Sichuan Normal University and Sichuan College of Education. The agreements lay groundwork for collaboration in the specific areas of faculty, student and cultural



FSU signed four new agreements with universities in China, including an agreement with Southwest University for Nationalities that includes faculty and student exchanges and collaborative research. Above, Gibraltar meets with SUN officials during a special meeting on campus.



FSU delegation members, including Dr. John Bowman, right, had an opportunity to meet student survivors from areas in Sichuan Province that were affected by a terrible earthquake in May 2008 that killed nearly 70,000 people. The students are currently enrolled at Southwest University for Nationalities.

stand China's role in the global community."

"When we were at HNU, their vice president Dr. Jiang Hongxin said that a single visit was worth a thousand phone calls," said Dr. John Bowman, FSU vice provost. "Our official partner institutions understand the importance of face-to-face meetings for developing and strengthening their relationships with FSU. I am pleased that these institutions have expressed an interest in visiting FSU in the near future."

In addition to Gibraltar and Bowman, the delegation included B.J. Davisson, vice president for University Advancement; Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student & Educational Services;

Stephen Spahr, chief of staff and vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations; Lynn Neddo, director of the Center for International Education; and Becca Ramspott, public relations specialist.

When they weren't meeting with Chinese officials at different universities, members of the delegation spoke to college students in a presentation highlighting FSU as a great place for overseas study. They also visited Beijing's Chenjinglun

"It's so important that our campus has a connection with schools in China and that our students, faculty and staff understand China's role in the global community."

— Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

High School and met with staff at the American Center for Educational Exchange at the Embassy of the United States of America, where they learned more about the ins and outs of building international opportunities in China. The FSU delegation also talked with local business leaders



Hundreds of talented students and alumni from Hunan Normal University gave a spectacular performance during HNU's 70th Anniversary ceremony and celebration.

in Changsha and Chengdu who might be useful contacts for raising funds in international education that would help FSU students and faculty who want to study in China. To better understand China's culture and history, the group also toured the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and scenic spots in Xian and Chengdu, including a beautiful Buddhist temple on Emei Mountain.

But all sightseeing aside, many delegation members said they were most profoundly affected by the people they encountered.

"I really appreciated the enthusiasm of the Chinese educators we met," said Bowling, who

hosted two Chinese students for Christmas this year at his family's house. "Their genuine interest in exploring ways to further develop our partnerships – for the benefit of both students and faculty – was infectious."

"What really meant so much to me was how warmly we were welcomed by our educational partners in China – how hard they worked to present their universities to us and how hard they worked with us to bring about these agreements," Bowman said. "They were so gracious and so professional and knowledgeable, in every place we went. It was a wonderful professional experience for me to be part of the enthusiasm and expectation that characterized the discussions with our educational partners. It demonstrated the great potential that these agreements represent."

Delegation member Becca Ramspott chronicled the group's visit to China through photography and online communications efforts, working closely with her counterparts at the Chinese universities that the FSU delegation visited during their journey. To view more of Becca's pictures, visit President Gibraltar's Blog from the 'BURG at <http://blogfromtheburg.blogspot.com>.

Chinese Student Expanding Educational, Cultural Horizons in Frostburg

When it was time for Xiayang ("SHY-WAN") Shen to select an English name to make it easier for Americans to communicate with her, she chose "Sharon" because it so closely resembles the pronunciation of her real name.

It's a fitting gesture for the 18-year-old English major and aspiring teacher, one of 16 students from China who enrolled at Frostburg State University this fall as a result of a growing partnership with Hunan Normal University.

Shen first learned about Frostburg when the FSU Chamber Choir traveled to Changsha in March 2008 to perform at HNU, and she had a chance to befriend several FSU students (see story in fall 2008 *Profile*).

"When I first came here, one of the students in the Chamber Choir, Lane Conklin, he helped me buy books in the bookstore," she said.

This fall, Shen put those books to use in a variety of classes at FSU, including sociology (her favorite course so far), freshman composition and critical reading, a class in which she is especially focused so that her English improves greatly while she is here.

"The teachers at Frostburg . . . they are very understanding, and they make our studies interesting," she

said, remembering how her nutrition teacher invited her to write a paper on the differences between the Chinese diet and the American diet.

In addition to taking courses at Frostburg, Shen is also unofficially majoring in American culture with the help of her FSU "conversation partners," Frostburg students who meet with her every Monday.

"We (HNU students) can ask any questions . . . 'What will we do in Halloween, in Christmas? What are some of the customs Americans like?' For example, Americans often greet each other with a hug. In China, a hug seems too intimate. And so we talk about how to greet," she explained.

Additionally, Shen's new friends at FSU are introducing her to popular American books, movies and music. She has purchased four books in the "Twilight" series and has seen the blockbuster movie version of the novel, as well. Watching American movies is a way for her to assess her listening skills in English, which have improved considerably during her time at FSU.

"I can understand a film without subtitles!" she said. To expand her American education, Shen and some

of her HNU friends intend to see more of the United States. She has plans to visit Disney World and hopefully take a ride in a hot air balloon.

But sometimes, like all college students studying far from home, Shen needs to take a trip back to her own familiar roots. She and her family talk once a week using instant messaging and Webcam.

"I don't feel homesick using this technology," she said. "When I first saw my father on Webcam after arriving, I used to cry."

Yanling Fan, FSU's Chinese instructor, frequently invites HNU students over for dinner, another way to ease the homesickness of being halfway across the world.

"She tells us every time we miss our families, we should go to their house, and she'll cook food for us," Shen said with a smile.

—BR



Xiyang "Sharon" Shen



President Jonathan Gibraltar, center, served as the keynote speaker and sole representative of overseas institutions at Hunan Normal University's 70th Anniversary ceremony and celebration.

Alumni Honors

Pirolozzi, Forrester Honored at Commencement

Mary Beth Pirolozzi '90/M'95 and **Dr. Donald D. Forrester '67** were granted Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards at the December commencement ceremonies.

Pirolozzi, who is a city councilwoman for Cumberland, Md., and the executive director of County United Way, turned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in education into a comprehensive, highly successful career of leadership, public service and community involvement. She spent over 18 years in state government as district administrator to state senators. Her dedication to FSU runs deep: she worked in personnel, finance and development and alumni programs at FSU from 1971 to 1987. She is also an FSU Foundation Board member, a past president of the FSU alumni association and is involved with Women in Leadership through FSU's J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs, along with many other commitments to FSU.



Mary Beth Pirolozzi '90



Donald Forrester '67

Forrester has given a lifetime of commitment to his community and to education. Upon receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education, he went on to receive six graduate degrees, including an Ed.D. in educational leadership. His roles include everything from serving on the Board of Education in Garrett County to working as a principal at several Maryland elementary schools to being a lecturer in FSU's Educational Professions Department. His active career in education has led to recognitions such as an Honorary Life Membership in the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers and an Administrator of the Year award. Forrester has also contributed many hours of service to the American Red Cross, Greater Alleghenies Region. Additionally, he is an ordained minister, a church pastor and chaplain for Garrett County Memorial Hospital.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon alumni, and consideration for this award is restricted to those alumni who demonstrate outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in FSU; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special

FSU Receives Funding for Sustainable Energy Research Facility

Thanks to U.S. Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett of Maryland, FSU's Department of Physics and Engineering is now moving forward on building a Sustainable Energy Research Facility with a grant of \$738,000 from the Department of Energy.

The total project amount of \$1,476,000 includes 50 percent federal and 50 percent non-federal funding. The project, co-directed by Dr. Oguz Soysal and Hilkat Soysal of FSU's Department of Physics and Engineering, is set to be completed in two years.

SERF will be a residential-type green building supplied by renewable energy sources providing sustainable heating, cooling and electric power. It will accommodate the FSU Renewable Energy Center to conduct extended research, education and community outreach programs on renewable energy applications developed by faculty and their project partners. The facility will also serve as an example of a self-sufficient off-grid building for individuals such as homeowners, farmers or entrepreneurs who seek energy security in Western Maryland or similar geographic locations.

achievements; awards, honors and distinctions; and educational background, including honors and involvement in special activities. Recipients are honored during commencement ceremonies. It becomes their duty to welcome the new graduates as alumni.

College of Business Inducts Four Into Who's FSU

The College of Business presented awards to four outstanding alumni during its annual Who's FSU Recognition Luncheon in December. The recipients are **Maysoon Kaibni '00**, **Kevin Turley M'96**, **Karen Klink Kaszak '95** and **Ryan Hastings '97**.

Kaibni is vice president of Business Development for Newsdesk Media Inc., a London-based publishing company. She oversees day-to-day operations and is responsible for new clients as well as working with internal departments. She is on the board of directors for two organizations, Partners for Peace and Playgrounds for Palestine.

Turley is vice president of Planning and Construction Administration for the Western Maryland Health System, currently overseeing the development and construction of the health system's new medical complex. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Kaszak is a C.P.A. and tax partner with Arthur F. Bell Jr. & Associates, L.L.C., which special-

izes in the alternative investment industry. She works with a variety of clients, including investment partnerships, high net worth individuals, real estate investment entities and investment advisors. She earned one of the top 10 scores in Maryland on the May 1996 uniform Certified Public Accountant exam.

Hastings, C.P.A./C.V.A. and partner in charge of tax for Rager, Lehman & Houck, has spent his entire career in public accounting. He developed and has begun to implement a stimulating strategic plan to increase the expertise of the firm and grow the tax practice. Active in his community, he serves on several non-profit boards in leadership positions.

Leadership, Service Come Together Under New Director

Leadership and community service have long been driving forces among Frostburg's student body. A new organization, the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement, led by a new director, **Amy Carter '99**, is strengthening the bridge between these related student energies to build FSU graduates whose leadership actions create meaningful change in the world.

The Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement represents the marriage of FSU's leadership programs, especially the Sloop Institute, and its Office of Volunteerism and National Service.

"We purposely wove those areas together. This represents the University's commitment to showing leadership through the lens of social change, showing students that significant action leads to meaningful change," said Carter, who took the post last summer.

The office is a clearinghouse and resource center for students who see an issue where they want to bring about change.



The College of Business' newest members of Who's FSU, from left, Maysoon Kaibni, Kevin Turley, Karen Kaszak and Ryan Hastings.



Amy Carter '99

"It's important to show students that they do matter, that they're part of the large social fabric," Carter said.

Carter returned to FSU after earning a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from University of North Carolina at Wilmington and serving as executive director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Alleghenies. For the year prior to her appointment in the new department, she coordinated the FSU Leadership Program while teaching in the Department of English.

OLCE serves the student-service umbrella organization, Student Center for Volunteerism, which has helped nurture a number of successful efforts on and off campus.

"It shows students that they can have an impact on an issue that matters to them," she said.

Carter points to the annual Relay for Life fundraisers held on campus each spring as a student-led effort that has real impact. "Relay is not just about money; it's about hope," she said.

Another strong, student-led program was the Raise Your Vote voter registration campaign, which helped more than 600 people register to vote or get an absentee ballot in time for the general election, and helped another 170 people during the primaries. The voter drive culminated in a bipartisan Election Night gathering of more than 300 students who camped out in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall to watch election results roll in. "World Café" discussions that night allowed those students to explore divergent sides of a number of issues.

Carter is gratified to continue working with the Sloop Institute, since she feels that the late Richard Sloop, the beloved professor for whom the leadership program was named, personifies the "power of one" that is its driving force.

"Passion changes the world in large and small ways," she said.



Some 300 students gathered in the Lane University Center on Election Night to watch the results roll in.

Coming Soon to a Computer Near You ... It's Bob E. Cat!

You've watched him on YouTube. You've seen him hobnobbing at Homecoming. Maybe you've even joined his Fanpage on Facebook. *Profile* grabs a few minutes with Frostburg's longest attending and coolest student — **Bob E. Cat**.



Q: How long have you been at FSU exactly?

A: I'm a 59th year, second-semester junior. I've taken a lot of cool classes at FSU — there are so many great programs here — but I just can't seem to settle on a



major. Right now, my game plan is to major in ethnobotany, which explores the relationship between people, bobcats and plants. I'm writing a paper on a special species of catnip that is unique

to Western Maryland. But I'm easily distracted. Oh look, there's a bird. Hey — maybe I'll major in biology and be an ornithologist! I love birds. Mmmmmm.

Q: When will you graduate?

A: When will I what? Graduate? Oh, I don't know . . . I mean, I LOVE THE 'BURG!! I don't ever want to leave! Mountains, nearby big cities, you name it. Frostburg's got it all! You're crazy if you leave.

Q: So how did you become an online celebrity?

A: Well, FSU approached me earlier this year about getting involved with promoting the University and how fun it is to be here. I was, like, sure. I mean, after all, they named the school mascot after me since I've been here forever. So this was, like, a natural transition. FSU's Public Relations Specialist **Becca Ramspott** is now working with me as my agent and she and **Ty DeMartino '90**, this award-winning playwright who lives in Frostburg, create and direct all my videos. All I have to do is show up and be my cool self. It's great! I think we're doing "Larry King Live" and "Tyra" in the spring, and there's talk of a movie, too. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Q: What's the deal with all your videos online? How can people find out about you?

A: If people want to check me out, all they have to do is go to the Web sites for YouTube or Facebook and search for "Bob E. Cat." I have my own Fanpage on Facebook. So far I've got over 230 fans, a lot of them FSU alums and students. FSU faculty and staff are on there, too. So it's a great way to connect with folks at the 'BURG! Sometimes

I send them Fan Update messages. We've also got lots of University events and activities posted on my Facebook page, so that viewers can learn about fun things to do on campus.

Q: Do you see yourself serving in some sort of an official capacity at FSU?

A: Well, some people think I'm kind of a return to school spirit. I guess that makes sense. There's nothing I enjoy more than showing my love for Frostburg. And so far, I've gotten to meet a bunch of people who make the 'BURG the unique and crazy, wonderful place that it is — students, alums, faculty, staff. Especially over Homecoming weekend. So you might say that I'm official in that I've gotten to meet a lot of people who are important to FSU.



The University folks also invited me to go to China with them when they sent an official delegation there in October (see story page 22). That was really hardcore. We met all

these great Chinese leaders at schools over there and ate some crazy food! It was so awesome. So I guess you could say I'm sort of a 'BURG ambassador. Someone who has been asked to take his love for Frostburg to a whole new level!

Q: Awesome. How was the trip?

A: Very cool. I posted some photos on my Facebook Fanpage. But they made me ride in the overhead compartment on the airplane. What's up with that?

Q: Anything else you'd like to add?

A: Frostburg rocks! The Bobcats rock! So I rock! If you're reading this, go immediately to Facebook and become one of my fans! Come on people, show a bobcat some loooooove!

— BR

classnotes

ClassNotes listed are those received as of December 1, 2008

1959



2009 is your 50th anniversary year!
Your Golden Anniversary Celebration is planned for Saturday, June 6, 2009. Please save the date!

1964



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1965

Charles William Ridgeway is the president of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association. After teaching for 31 years, Chuck is now an active substitute teacher and lives in Eldersburg, Md.

1966

Bob Grimm was inducted into the Northeast High School (Anne Arundel County, Md.) athletics Hall of Fame in September 2008. Bob was a lacrosse coach (1969 to 1975) and athletic director (1976 to 1991) at Northeast; he retired from the Anne Arundel County Public School System in 1996.

The North County High School football stadium in Anne Arundel County, Md., was named in honor of **Bill Wentworth** on Sept. 26, 2008. He was the first principal of

North County; he retired from the Anne Arundel County Public School System in 1996.

1967

John Martin is the interim vice president for community relations at North Idaho College.

1969



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1970

Patrick D. Kelly, watercolorist and digital artist, had his paintings featured at St. John's Episcopal Church in Frostburg in the month of August 2008. Landscapes and nature subjects are the themes of his paintings. After working in various schools throughout Maryland, Patrick has retired following a 37-year career in education.

Larry D. Kump has taken early retirement from the Maryland prison system. He has also resigned his interim position as Maryland Classified Employees Association Western Maryland Regional Governor.

1971

Roy Lantz's book, *Never Beat the Boss at Horseshoes*, is now available in paper-



Leadership and Homecoming Weekend 2008 offered great weather and lots of fun opportunities to get together with old friends and revisit those 'Burg days.



back. A sought-after author, keynote speaker and seminar leader, Roy also previously published *The Care and Keeping of Customers*. For more about Roy, visit www.roylantz.com.

1973

Roy James Hamilton, Ph.D., HSP-P, staff psychologist/training coordinator at the Counseling and Testing Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, presented at the international conference, Creativity and Madness, Psychological Studies of Art and Artists, organized by the American Institute of Medical Education. The conference was held in October 2008; his presentation was titled "A Psychobiography of Iggy Pop: Rejection, Compensation, Validation."

1974



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1976

Russ Berry works at the Department of Interior managing wildland fire programs on federally owned lands. He has been happily married for nearly 25 years to his wife Heidi; they have two sons. Russ serves as elder of the local church, as Boy Scout headmaster, on the board of directors for the local volun-

teer fire department and in partisan political activities. The family lives in Loudoun County, Va.

1979



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Steve Smith owns OneCoach, a company that specializes in small business growth. His wife, **Sharon Rose Smith '79**, is a first-grade teacher. The couple lives in Southern California and has two children, Travis (27) and Carly (23).

1980

Patti Myers Sapp taught elementary school in Anne Arundel County, Md., for over 20 years; she also trained and supervised student teachers for the University of Maryland College Park. She is currently teaching home and hospital students for Howard County. She is also the owner of Twins Silver Dream.

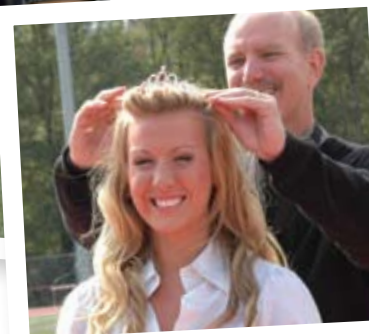
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Above, the FSU Marching Band, wearing its first new uniforms in nearly 25 years, entertained at halftime.



President Gibraltar crowns Homecoming Queen Alexandra Cogart, representing Delta Zeta, which raised more than \$3,900 for County United Way.

1986

Greg McGoogan is proud to announce that his daughter Jenna began school at Frostburg State University this past fall.

1988

Elaine A. Barry '88/M'97 is the first-year experience coordinator in the Center for Retention and Transfer at Central Maine Community College.

Margaret Thompson Mardiros married her husband, Martin, in July 1995. She taught in Anne Arundel County public schools, served as a grant program facilitator for the Maryland State Department of Education and was a family home daycare provider before moving to Mississippi in December 2003. Margie is now a stay-at-home mom.

1989



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1990

Mary Beth Pirolozzi '90/M'95 has been appointed to the advisory council for First United Corp. She is the executive director of County United Way, which serves Allegany, Garrett, Mineral and Hampshire counties in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

1991

Jerri Drummond is the director of multicultural affairs at Alfred University in New York. She develops educational programs and workshops that build multicultural awareness among students.

1993

The Rev. **Kevin L. Johnson** was accepted into the Navy's Chaplain Corps. After commissioning as a lieutenant, junior grade, he went to Newport, R.I., for officer and chaplain training. From there, with his wife Katherine and daughter Grace, he will proceed to his first duty station at the Marine base of Camp Pendleton in California.

Linda S. Rowley contributed the chapter "Management of Safety Engineering Work - Best Practices" for the American Society of Safety Engineers' *The Safety Professionals Handbook*. Linda is the safety and health manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and lives in Littleton, Colo.

1994



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Astronaut and Frostburg grad **Ricky Arnold**, far right, managed to persuade the entire crew of STS-119 to show some Bobcat pride by wearing Frostburg State caps for an unofficial "official" photo.

Spacewalks Highlight Astronaut's Mission

Astronaut **Richard Arnold '85** was scheduled to make his first journey into orbit on space shuttle Discovery's upcoming mission to the International Space Station on Feb. 19.

Arnold, a former teacher, is a mission specialist who was selected by NASA in 2004. Arnold has a bachelor's degree in accounting and his teacher certification from Frostburg, but he also discovered a love of biology during his undergraduate years that pointed him toward a marine, estuarine and environmental science master's degree.

He and his six crewmates were targeted to launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 7:28 a.m. During the 14-day flight, designated STS-119, Arnold was to conduct three of the mission's four spacewalks. The shuttle was to deliver the space station's fourth and final set of solar array wings, completing the station's backbone, or truss. The arrays will provide the electricity to power science experiments and increase the crew size to six in May.

Profile went to press before the mission began, but you can read all about Ricky's mission at www.nasa.gov/shuttle. And look for more in the next issue of *Profile*.

Adventuresome Grads Reach New Heights

It's no secret that Frostburg grads can reach great heights, but two Bobcats reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, within two months of one another.

First, **Pat Hiban '87** of Clarksville, Md., reached Uhuru Peak on July 21, 2008. He took the Howard County flag with him, and the county later proclaimed July 21 to be Pat Hiban Day.

Next, **Debi Young Powell-Maxwell '78** of Edmond, Okla., reached the peak on Oct. 1, 2008. In true Bobcat spirit, she wore a Frostburg cap, which has gone along on numerous global adventures with her. She marks each event on the cap; she says she's running out of room.

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

On top of the world and out of this world



Golden Anniversary

Ready to Reminisce?

The Golden Anniversary Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2009. FSU will help the Class of 1959 celebrate their 50th anniversary. All alumni from the Class of 1959 and before are invited to attend.

Pictured (from last year's celebration) are **Marina (Tuya) Beasley**, **Bennett Murray** and **Sari (Slick) Kilheffer**, all Class of 1958 graduates.





Cardboard Pete gets together with family and friends frequently, including, from left, siblings Missy Daley Hannibal, Tom Daley, Gina Daley Ruppert and Angie Daley Gohlinghorst, all of whom attended FSU.

Cardboard Pete Makes the Rounds

Pete Daley '94 is a lieutenant in the Army National Guard stationed in Iraq. To help keep Pete connected to family and friends, his sisters, including **Gina Daley Ruppert '96, Angie Daley Gohlinghorst '01** and **Missy Daley Hannibal '98**, started carrying a life-size cardboard cutout of their soldier brother to family events, then e-mailing the pictures to the real Pete. Soon, "Cardboard Pete" was living a pretty exciting life, and the real Pete was starting to get jealous.

"He says he has a better life cardboard than he does for real," Ruppert told a writer for "The Official Washington Redskins Blog."



Cardboard Pete has become a bit of a regional celebrity, meeting the Redskins cheerleaders, left, and being "interviewed" by Baltimore ABC2's morning anchor, Jamie Costello (but that conversation was a little flat).



Douglas Kotula completed a summer run of *The Taming of the Shrew* as Petruchio with the Shakespeare Factory. He began his 13th year of teaching drama in the fall and is directing *A Raisin in the Sun* and *High School Musical* for Pikesville High School.

1995

Michael Shockey is the assistant vice president of marketing for First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union in Cumberland, Md.

Stephanie Rowland Legacy, a physical education teacher at Eastport Elementary School in Annapolis, Md., has bowled her way to a national award. She was named National In-School Educator of the Year by the Bowling Proprietor Association of America in June for her work to integrate the bowling program in her classes with other educational and life skills, such as math, teamwork and coordination.

1997

Tommy M. Dean '97/M'00 was promoted in August 2008 to the grade of GS14 and the position of deputy financial program manager for the Navy Enterprise Resource Planning Program in Annapolis, Md. He resides in Hanover, Md., with his wife, **Dineyli Diaz-Dean '98**, who is an educator in Anne Arundel County. Tommy and Dineyli have three daughters, Kara (9), Kirsten (6) and Rachel (1 1/2).

Tom Metz has been appointed to the editorial board of *Protemic Insights*, a new peer-reviewed journal published by Libertas Academica. He is a senior research scientist for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

1998

Dr. Richard Ammon was named the associate dean for Business and Health programs at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) in Milwaukee, Wis. He leads educational initiatives across the MATC district in

information technology, supervisory management and landscape horticulture programs; he has administrative responsibility for nursing programs at the Mequon campus.

1999

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Dennis DiCintio is the director of environmental health for the Wicomico County Health Department. He lives in Fruitland, Md., with his wife and three children.

Michael Wescott and **Amy Barnes Wescott '96** have four children: Caleb (8), Peyton (6), Aubrey (4) and Isaac (2). Mike has owned his own graphic design business for one year, Chickenhouse Graphics, in Boonsboro, Md. Amy is busy as a homemaker and bookkeeper.

2002

David Goad, Allegany County Sheriff, has been named president of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Amy Wescott was honored as Collingswood Teacher of the Year (2007-2008 academic year) for her work with at-risk pre-kindergarten students in New Jersey.

2003

Ellie Rahochik graduated with an MFA in creative writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in spring 2007. She is employed at Virginia Tech as a grant writer/editor and lives in Troutville, Va.

2004

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FSU's Homecoming king, queen and court together raised more than \$9,500 for seven local charities. The court was presented and the king and queen were crowned at the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend football game. From left are FSU President Jonathan Gibratter, Homecoming Queen Alexandra Cozart, Stacey Hill, Roya Zarpak, Justin Underwood, Alexander Haslacker, Patrick Simpson, Homecoming King Matt Byars and FSU Student Government Association President Kellie Goforth.



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2005

Gina Grumbine is a junior sales representative for *The Herald-Mail* Advertising Department in Hagerstown, Md.

2008

Nathan Jackson is in his first year of medical school at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va.



Nathan Jackson

Friend of the University

Kathy Milligan was promoted to adjunct professor of education at Stevenson University in Maryland.

Marriages

1952

Frenis and Mabel Hoffman celebrated 69 years of marriage on July 16, 2008. Both Mabel and Frenis are retired from Montgomery County public schools; the couple lives in Frederick, Md.

1982

Debra Alkire married William McElvie Jr. on June 15, 2007. Debra is a kindergarten teacher at Cresaptown Elementary School in Cresaptown, Md. The couple lives in Bel Air, Md.

1996

Kristy French married Steven Kahn on May 5, 2007. Kristy is a social worker and works for the state of Maryland.

Clinton Often married Judith Caruso on Aug. 2, 2007. He is a sports information director at Mary Washington College. The couple lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

1999

Leah Litten married **Gregory Oster '01** on July 7, 2007.

Sara Raimo married **Erich Muehleisen '99** on July 7, 2008, in Frederick, Md. Both are Department of Defense contractors working in the D.C. Metro area. They reside in Elkridge, Md.

2001

Dr. Jason Hiser married Dr. Jane Doss Wilson on June 14, 2008. He is employed at Broad Street Veterinary Hospital. The couple resides in Richmond, Va.

Evie Morris married **Chad Paul '98** on Oct. 6, 2007. Evie is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Culpeper, Va., and Chad is a software developer at ArcBridge Consulting in Herndon, Va. The couple resides in Gordonsville, Va.

Kelly Lashley married Kenneth Thomas Jr. on Oct. 6, 2007.

2002

Jenny Grow '02/M'04 married Steve Betten on May 17, 2008. Jenny is a second-grade teacher in Anne Arundel County in Maryland. The couple lives in Odenton, Md.

Tonya Stafford married **Daniel James '01** on July 7, 2007. Tonya is employed by the Washington County Board of Education as a high school business teacher, and Daniel is the assistant prosecuting attorney in Morgan County, W.Va. The couple lives in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Molly Albright married **Robert Moore '02/M'05** on July 28, 2007. Molly is a third-grade teacher at West Side Elementary School, and Robert is an accountant at Turnbull, Hoover, and Kahl. The couple lives in Cumberland, Md.

Jonathan Miller married Casey Spencer on Sept. 22, 2007. Jonathan is a pharmacist with Rite Aid Pharmacy in Grantsville, Md. The couple resides in Frostburg.

2003

Megan Robison married Earl Gaumer on May 6, 2006.

2004

Monica Cherone married **Joshua Denison '04** on Sept. 8, 2007. Monica is employed with the Mona Electric Group Inc., and Joshua works for Denison Landscaping. The couple lives in Waldorf, Md.

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Karley Moss '04/M'08 married **Kris Hensley '07** on May 31, 2008. Karley is a therapist at the Stone Bridge Transitional Care Home, and Chris is an auditor for the Department of Homeland Security. The couple lives in Hagerstown, Md.

Lora Thomas married William Jones on March 15, 2008. The couple lives in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

2005

Krysta Zaloga married **Ryan Hostetler '04** on July 7, 2007. Krysta is a life science teacher, and Ryan is a police officer. The couple lives in Richmond, Va.

Jeremy Rice married Ashley Dugan on July 28, 2007. Jeremy is employed at Northern Middle School as a health and physical education teacher. The couple lives in Frostburg, Md.

2006

Tricia Austin married **Travis Bennett '05/M'06** on May 19, 2007. Tricia is a configuration manager for Lockheed Martin, and Travis is a marketing specialist for Laureate Education. The couple resides in Glen Burnie, Md.

Kathryn Sandvick married Preston Everly on June 16, 2007. Katie is an intervention teacher at Beall Elementary in Frostburg, Md. The couple lives in Hyndman, Pa.

Kristina Hanft married **Bryan Ray '07** on July 21, 2007. Kristina is a fourth-grade teacher for Frederick County Public Schools, and Bryan is a project manager for Woodlawn Mechanical in Gaithersburg. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

Christina Clark married David Ujcic on Oct. 13, 2007. Chrissy is a family services specialist at the HRDC Head Start of Allegany County. The couple resides in Carpendale, W.Va.

2007

Tara Slider married **Garrett Croston '07** on July 7, 2007. Tara is attending West Virginia University's School of Medicine for her doctorate in biomedicine, and Garrett is employed in management of Naylor's Ace Hardware in Oakland, Md. The couple resides in Morgantown, W.Va.

Erin Johnson married Jason VanGilder on April 26, 2008. She is an assistant lead for Merkle Response in Grantsville, Md. The couple lives in Berlin, Pa.

2008

Michelle Sacco married Larry Terry on Oct. 20, 2007. Michelle is attending graduate school online at Dominican University and is working for the Allegany County Board of Education as a substitute teacher.

Births, Adoptions

1988

Margaret Thompson Mardiros and her husband, Martin, brought home their daughter Millicent in January 2008 after meeting her in Armenia on Christmas day 2007. Millie joins her brother Mitchell and sister Katrina.

1990

Dr. David A. Ruth and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Andrew Raymond on July 31, 2008. Andrew joins siblings Nick (8), Nate (4) and Abby (2). David serves as the Dean of Students at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.

1991

Joelle Plauger Butler and her husband, Andre, announce the birth of their first son, Christian Paul on Feb. 28, 2008. The family lives in Hagerstown, Md.

1993

Patricia Carroll Sanders and **Marc Sanders '93** announce the birth of son Aidan Matthew on Aug. 8, 2008.

1994

Nancy Horn Ruddle and her husband, Don, announce the birth of son Michael James on April 11, 2008. Michael joins siblings Jonathan and Megan.

1996

Kristy French Kahn and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of son Luke on Feb. 28, 2008.

1997

Erin Determan Clagett and **Tom Clagett '97** announce the births of identical triplets, Brooke, Lexi and Brynn, on May 31, 2008. The girls join big sister Hannah (4).

1998

Wendy Young Durst and **J.D. Durst '99** announce the birth of daughter Addison Marie on June 14, 2007.

Nicole Goodfellow Horsch and **Nathaniel Horsch '98** announce the birth of Josephine Roberts Horsch on June 19, 2008. Josie joins sisters Emily and Marnie.

2000

Stacy Pickett Ficken and **Russell Ficken '99** announce the birth of son Ethan William on May 14, 2008.

Cori Michele Zinner Sears and **Devin Lance Sears '00** announce the birth of their son, Brady Nolan, on Jan. 19, 2008.

2001

Jessica Yahnert Masser and **Brian Masser '02**, announce the birth of son Lance Christian on Sept. 15, 2008.

2002

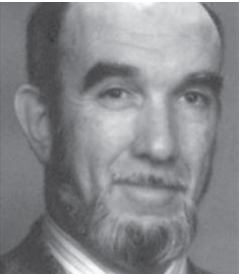
Julie Petr Tobiason and **John Tobiason '02** announce the birth of Jack Joseph on Nov. 19, 2008.

Renee Scott Twigg and her husband, **Shawn Twigg '03**, announce the birth of son Jacob Daniel on Aug. 27, 2008. Jacob joins big brother Benjamin.

New Classnotes Format

This issue of *Profile* includes our new-format ClassNotes, with separate sections for birth and adoption announcements, and for the announcement of marriages and other commitment ceremonies. We regret that we will no longer be able to publish wedding or baby photos. However, please continue to send other alumni-related photos.

In Memoriam



Dr. Horton H. "Tony" Tracy



Maggie Guild

Dr. Horton H. "Tony" Tracy, who died on Nov. 8, 2008, taught in the Department of Computer Science for 21 years of his career, which followed stints at universities around the world. His colleagues report that he was a valuable source of innovation for his department, which he chaired for nine years and served through every departmental committee. Tony passed on his wisdom and knowledge to the University's students by serving as an academic advisor for computer science majors and was the academic advisor to the FSU computer club.

He is survived by his wife, Joanna, and his children Tyron and Tianna.

Margaret "Maggie" Graf Guild, who died on Dec. 1, 2008, was the widow of former Frostburg President Nelson P. Guild and a beloved member of the campus family for more than 40 years, both during and after her husband's time in office.

"A generation of us experienced her welcoming warmth and continued generosity," said FSU Provost Steve Simpson. An active community volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the ASPCA, she was also a Life Master in the International Bridge Association.

She is survived by her son Douglas and three grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her son Matthew. Her family requests expressions of sympathy be directed to the FSU Foundation with a gift to either the Matthew Guild Memorial Scholarship or to the Dr. Nelson P. and Margaret G. Guild Senior Honors Scholarship, or to a charity of one's choice.

Alumni

1939/67 Virginia Plummer
July 10, 2008

1943 Anna Davis Eisentrout
Oct. 10, 2008

1946 Watson E. Mowbray
July 22, 2008

1951 Charles Sitter
July 21, 2008

1952 Theresa "Pat" Ritter
June 5, 2008

1955 David Lynn Van Gosen
Oct. 7, 2008

1957 Dolores "Dory" (Fahey) Miller
Sept. 20, 2008

1965 Jim Sigler
Nov. 17, 2008

1970 Robert "Reppy" Rephan
June 16, 2008

1971 Sandra Barber
June 5, 2008

1973 Constance "Connie" Higgins
May 23, 2008

1974 Thomas J. "Tim" Smith
July 10, 2008

1977 Dr. Robert Rentschler
June 15, 2008

1980 Laval "Scott" McRae
June 1, 2008

1983 Wendy J. Wiczorkowski-Sealine
June 5, 2008

1990 Craig Bakner
May 23, 2008

2004 Jennifer L. Johnson
Nov. 1, 2008

Friends of the University

Andrew Clever
Feb. 1, 2008

Don Richard "Rick" Cage
May 30, 2008

Ella (Danner) Arnold
June 25, 2008

Louis St. Marie, Jr.
July 13, 2008

Robert Dezen
Sept. 27, 2008

Horton H. "Tony" Tracy
Nov. 8, 2008

E. Lois Ferree
Nov. 9, 2008

Sean Nicholas Green
Nov. 12, 2008

Robert Jackson Covey
Nov. 18, 2008

Michael Millione
Nov. 21, 2008

Maggie Guild
Dec. 1, 2008

Kurt Humbertson
Dec. 12, 2008

books by alumni

Extra Credit: The 7 Things Every College Student Needs to Know About Credit, Debt & Ca\$h

by **Bill Pratt '98**

Extra Credit provides solid advice for not only students, but the parents and grandparents of college students. A former vice president for Citi-group and a published economist for the federal government, Pratt reveals the top 10 tricks used by credit card companies and offers tips on how to avoid those tricks and make better use of credit cards, debit cards and cash. The book is available through Amazon.com, the Frostburg State University bookstore, his Web site, ExtraCreditBook.com and through select bookstores.



I Drink Rat's Milk: A Novel

by **James Murphy '03**

From a chance meeting to a journey of self discovery: Anthony Mazon's life was nothing but routine. Every Sunday he sat in his neighborhood coffee shop examining the world around him and writing down anything that popped into his mind. However, one Sunday he finds his usual seat taken by a stranger. Anthony just wanted his seat, yet four words became engraved into his mind and set in motion events that would drastically alter his life. For everyone who followed the well-beaten path through life, there are a few who embark on the road not taken. The book is available on Lulu.com and Amazon.com.



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National Bobcats
D.C. Baseball Team Boasts Two From the 'Burg

The Washington, D.C., Nationals baseball team will have the services of two Bobcats this season, one in the dugout and one in the training room.

Jim Rigglesman '74, who just finished most of the season as the Mariners' interim manager, has been named bench coach for the National League team. Rigglesman brings nearly eight seasons of managerial experience to the Nationals, having also led the San Diego Padres from 1992 to 1994 and the Chicago Cubs from 1995 to 2000. A Nationals press release says he is "widely considered one of the brightest baseball minds in the game." He played eight seasons after being drafted by the Dodgers in 1974, and he has managed or coached stars such as Tony Gwynn, Luis Gonzalez, Sammy Sosa, Ryne Sandberg, Gary Sheffield, Jim Thome, Manny Ramirez and Ichiro Suzuki.

Helping keep the players strong and healthy will be **John Philbin '79**, who has been named strength and conditioning coach for the Nats. Philbin, who was an All-American decathlete and football player for the Bobcats and a member of the 1984 U.S. Bobsled Team, will draw on 29 years of fitness experience, including as a strength coach for the Washington Redskins and Olympic head coach and director of sports science and conditioning for the U.S. Bobsled Team. Philbin is president and CEO of Philbin's Athletic Training Center in Gaithersburg, Md., and founder and president of the National Strength Professionals Association.



Fred Howze



Andre Dixon

Howze and Dixon Land in Indoor Football League

Former Frostburg football players **Fred Howze '07** and **Andre Dixon '07** aren't done with their playing careers just yet as the two will be suiting up this spring with the new Indoor Football League.

Both from Upper Marlboro, Md., Howze has signed a contract to play for the Abilene Ruff Riders, in Abilene, Texas, while Dixon will be joining the Omaha Beef this season in Omaha, Neb.

The IFL, which consists of 19 teams after the United Indoor Football Association and the Intense Football League merged late last summer, will begin its inaugural season in 2009 with a 14-game regular season schedule that kicks off in mid-March. The IFL as been divided into two conferences (Intense and United) and a total of four divisions.

Howze, a three-year starter and two-time All-Atlantic Central Football Conference selection for the Bobcats, will compete for time as wide receiver for the Ruff Riders. Howze finished his Frostburg career with 107 receptions, 1,247 yards and three touchdowns. He ended his collegiate playing career with at least one reception in 30-straight games. The Ruff Riders finished the 2008 season 5-9 overall while a member of the Intense Football League.

Dixon, an Honorable Mention All-ACFC honoree as a senior, will be looking to secure a spot at quarterback for the Beef this season but could also be used as a utility player due to his athleticism. Dixon was a dual-threat for the Bobcats with both his throwing and running ability. During his senior year with FSU, he threw for 813 yards and five touchdowns while he ran for 404 yards and another five scores. He finished his career with 15 total touchdowns. Omaha finished the 2008 season with a 10-5 while a member of the UIF.



Adam Gracia

Two Bobcats Earn Chances to Continue Soccer Careers

Bobcat senior goalkeeper **Jay Herford** has been invited to the United Soccer League Harrisburg City Islanders preseason camp that begins in March and was also asked to participate in their evening training sessions in January, while senior **Adam Gracia** was invited to a two-day tryout with D.C. United of Major League Soccer in December and was invited to preseason training of the USL team Real Maryland, beginning in mid-February.

Herford, a two-year starter in net for the Bobcats, and Gracia, a four-time All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference selection, helped FSU to a 14-5-1 overall record this fall and the ECAC South Tournament for the second-straight year. Gracia was named the 2008 AMCC Player of the Year after finishing fourth in the league in both points (28) and goals (11) and seventh in assists (6). Gracia ended his Frostburg State career with 20 goals and 23 assists. Herford, a two-time All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Goalkeeper, finished his senior season ranked second in the league in goals against average (0.77), third in goals allowed (15) and save percentage (0.797) and ninth in saves (59).

Gracia was the only NCAA Division III player invited to the D.C. United tryout. To be invited to the tryout from the D3 level, Gracia was recommended by someone within the D.C. United organization. He and Herford both spent time with the D.C. United Super 20 Team two years ago, Gracia as a starter on the defensive unit while Herford spent time in goal.

Both Harrisburg and Real Maryland are second-division teams of the USL. Harrisburg City finished in fifth place last season while Real Maryland finished 10th in its first season of competition.



Jay Hereford

Hall of Fame



From left are inductees **Joe Holland**, **Vicki Avey Lang**, **Tracy Wrenn Webster**, **Kristie Delbrugge**, **Ron Wallace** and **Linda Moscato-Gessner**.

2008 Class Inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame

The 2008 Hall of Fame banquet, held in a transformed Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend, was a chance for scores of Bobcat alumni to reconnect with fellow players and former coaches. It also marked the induction of largest class since the Bobcat Hall of Fame was established in 1971, bringing the total to 155 members. Inductees were Kristie Delbrugge '89/M'92, Joe Holland '95, Vicki Avey Lang '90, Linda Moscato-Gessner '93, Ron Wallace '97 and Tracy Wrenn Webster '90/M'94.



Linda Moscato-Gessner and **Tracy Wrenn Webster** show off their induction plaques.



Ron Wallace checks out a larger-than-life picture of him from his Bobcat days.



Vicky Avey Lang hugs her former coach, **Barbara Surgent**, while **Robert Lewis** waits his turn.



Joe Holland, a former defensive lineman, shares stories about his Bobcat football experience.



John Helmick II '73 points out a younger version of himself on his Hall of Fame plaque.



Kristie Delbrugge tearfully reminisces with **Jim** and **Nancy Crawley**.

FSU grad is back in the NBA

By David Driver

One day **Barry Hecker '70** was coaching eighth-graders with Amateur Athletic Union basketball in Utah. The next day he was on a plane to Memphis to be an assistant coach in the National Basketball Association.

The unlikely scenario happened when Lionel Hollins was named the head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies after former mentor Marc Iavorni was relieved of his duties Jan. 23. Hecker, a former basketball and baseball standout at FSU, was an assistant coach under Hollins in the International Basketball League with Las Vegas during the 2000-01 season.

"We basically hit it off very well," Hecker said of his relationship with Hollins, a guard who helped lead Portland to the 1977 NBA title. "To me it is not just basketball. He is a great guy. We became good friends and we kept in touch."

Just hours after being named the Memphis head coach, Hollins contacted Hecker. "He called and said, 'Are you ready to get to work?' He knew I like to work hard," said Hecker, sitting courtside before a recent game between the Grizzlies and Wizards at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington. Hecker had not heard that Hollins had been named the new head coach at Memphis. He was busy coaching a youth team in Salt Lake City, where he has lived for more than 30 years.

Hecker, who has a master's degree in education from George Washington University, was an assistant coach with a team in the China Basketball Association in 2008 and has spent 35 years in the game at the high school, college and pro levels. He spent 16 seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers, including a stint as assistant coach, and also worked for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

He was a catcher at FSU under Bob Wells, the longtime Bobcat head baseball coach from 1965 to 1994 and 1997-98. "He thought like a coach," said Wells, now retired in Rhode Island. "He never let anything stand in his way. He played all-out."

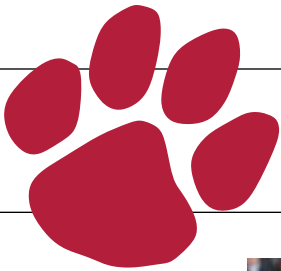
Said Hecker, who graduated from Walt Whitman High in Bethesda, "I always wanted to be a coach. I loved Frostburg. It was a good place for me to go."

David Driver is a freelance writer in Maryland. Learn more at www.davidsdriver.com.



Barry Hecker

sports wrap-up



Fall '08

Men's Cross Country

Eighth-year head coach **Randy Lowe** and the men's squad battled through a tough season. The Bobcats fielded one of its youngest teams ever, with freshmen representing five of the top six runners. Senior **Brian Leiter** had the top finish for FSU this season with his fourth-place finish at the season-opening Shippensburg Alumni Invitational. Frostburg finished fourth at the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships and followed it up with a 30th-place finish at the NCAA Regional Championship. Freshman **Gavin Caupp** was the only Bobcat to earn All-Conference honors in 2008 with his fifth-place finish (28:36) in the AMCC Championship meet.

Women's Cross Country

The women's squad entered 2008 with a strong contingent of upperclassmen. The Bobcats battled through a tough season only to give an outstanding performance at the AMCC Championships. At the conference championships, FSU had three runners in the top 10 to record a season-best second-place finish. Senior **Jennifer Patton** led the way with a third-place finish (24:06) but was followed closely by freshman **Anne Patron** (24:42) in fourth. Junior **Gwen Massey** rounded out the top 10 finishers as she crossed the line at a season-best sixth place with a time of 24:68. For her effort, Patron earned the conference Newcomer of the Year award. Patton and Massey also took home All-AMCC honors.

Field Hockey

In her second year as head coach, **Melissa Grosman** has turned the Bobcat program around with its second-straight winning season. FSU finished the season by tying the school record with 15 wins as it posted the most wins since 1986 with a 15-6 record. The Bobcats also broke the school record for goals in a season as they totaled 58. Frostburg also earned its first postseason bid since 2000 as it was invited to participate in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Mid-Atlantic Tournament. Senior **Michelle Frost** earned the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Second Team All-Region honors after tallying a total of 11 points during the season, recording three goals and five assists. She led the team in shots on goal with 38 and was second in shots (62). Frost was also a part of a defense that helped to hold opponents to only 1.73 goals scored per game and 9.3 shots per game.

Brooke Tapman

Football

First-year head coach **Tom Rogish** had his hands full this season as he started to turn around the FSU football program. In 2008 the Bobcats finished 3-6 overall and 1-2 in the Atlantic Central Football Conference. The three wins over SUNY Brockport (27-14), Southern Virginia (21-13) and Apprentice (20-7) are the most for a Bobcat team since 2005. The FSU schedule was consistently ranked as the toughest schedule in all of Division III football as they faced four top-25 programs and three NCAA Tournament participants. This season, first-year starter **Bryan Brosnan** passed for 1,692 yards, which is the most for FSU since 2005. In the win over SUNY Brockport, FSU posted its season-best rushing effort as **Anton Wade** and **Anthony King** combined for 165 yards and two touchdowns. At the end of the season, 11 Bobcats earned All-ACFC honors led by junior **George Feiser**, a first-team selection. Feiser established himself as one of the top defensive players in the ACFC in his first season with the Bobcats. He finished the season tied for the conference lead in tackles (70). Feiser also recorded three tackles for loss, one sack and two pass breakups while starting every game in 2008.

Women's Soccer

The FSU women's soccer team earned its third-straight trip to the ECAC Championships in 2008, this year as the No. 1 seed and host school. The Bobcats ended the season with an overall record of 16-2-4, while setting school records for the fewest goals allowed in a season (8) and lowest goals against average for a season (0.35). FSU dropped its first game of the season to St. Mary's 1-0, but then went on a scoring tear to outscore opponents 30-4 over the next 12 games. Frostburg earned a bye in the opening round of the AMCC



Bryan Brosnan

Tournament as the No. 2 seed. The Bobcats shut out Medaille 4-0 in the AMCC semifinals to set up a meeting between the two top seeds in the championship against Penn State Altoona. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie to bring the conference title down to a shootout. PSA prevailed, winning the shootout 4-3 to win its first AMCC Title. But FSU got another chance at a championship, this time in the ECAC Tournament. After shutting out Widener and Dickinson in the first two rounds of the ECAC Tournament, the Bobcats would face Swarthmore in the championship game. Again, the Bobcats had their championship hopes come down to a game-ending shootout. After an exciting match, Swarthmore ended the Bobcats' season with a 5-4 advantage in penalty kicks to take the ECAC crown. Seven FSU players landed on All-AMCC teams with junior **Lauren Lentine** earning AMCC Player of the Year honors. The team also earned – for the third time in school history – the Team Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for outstanding performance in the classroom.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team had a successful 2008 season as they finished with an 8-8 overall record and a second-place finish in the AMCC Championships. FSU, which started slow but rebounded with six wins in its final seven matches, posted its most wins in a year since a 10-win season in 1999. Six women's players earned All-AMCC honors led by first team honorees **Sarah Eisel** and **Vicky Stafford**.

—Billy McDaniel

KARYN S. BERGMANN, *et al.*, ,

Plaintiff Class Representatives,
Plaintiff Class Members,

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Defendants.

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A class action has been certified by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City and steps have been taken by the parties to notify all class members of their rights and involvement in the case. The class action seeks partial tuition refunds for students charged out-of-state tuition after applying for in-state tuition at any one of the following University System of Maryland ("USM") schools: (1) University of Maryland, Baltimore; (2) University of Maryland, Baltimore County; (3) University of Maryland, College Park; (4) University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; (5) University of Maryland, University College; (6) Bowie State University; (7) Coppin State University; (8) Frostburg State University; (9) Salisbury State University; (10) Towson University; and (11) University of Baltimore. Students who qualify as members of the class include those who: (1) petitioned any USM school for re-classification from out-of-state status to in-state status for **any semester from the Spring 2001 to the present**, and (2) were denied in-state tuition status based upon a failure to overcome the "financial dependence" or "residence at application" presumptions of the relevant USM policies, but otherwise met the requirements of the policy and the school's procedures for obtaining in-state tuition status, including exhaustion of the institution's administrative process. Class members are entitled to have the original decision to charge out-of-state tuition reconsidered by the institution, based upon revised standards for determining how these presumptions should apply (Those standards may be found at www.usmd.edu/regents/bylaws/SectionVIII/VIII270). Depending upon the results of that review, you may be eligible for a refund in the amount of the difference between the out-of-state tuition that you paid and the in-state tuition rate applicable at that time.

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Special Events

Sunday, March 8

**THEATREWORKSUSA
PRODUCTION OF "SEUSSICAL"**



Wednesday, April 1

GEORGE WINSTON

MainStageSeries

Tuesday, April 28

**THE ACTING COMPANY/GUTHRIE
THEATER PRODUCTION OF
"HENRY V"
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
Directed by Davis McCallum**

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235 Lane University Center, Frostburg State University, M-F 9am-3pm

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