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From the President

Dear Friends,



It is with regret that I once again begin my letter to our readers with sad news. After reporting the deaths of former President Dr. Nelson Guild and faculty member James Hadra in our winter issue, I must now report that in April we lost long-time professor and University champion, Dr. Harold Cordts, a man of great dignity and integrity. Frostburg State was the fortunate recipient of Harold's remarkable gifts for nearly 40 years. As chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, he established an outstanding, creative program that merited both national and world-wide acclaim. Whether bringing international teams to play at the Physical Education Center or taking

students to participate in sporting events and conferences in exotic locations, Harold clearly had a vision for Frostburg and its students. In honor of his great accomplishments, the University System of Maryland Board of Regents approved naming the PE Center the Harold J. Cordts Center for Physical Education in 1998. For the extraordinary legacy he leaves, we say "thank you, Dr. Cordts."

Also you will find stories about innovative programs and initiatives by our faculty and students. One of our students, for example, was chosen to be part of a select team conducting AIDS research in South Africa this summer. In June, our campus was the host of a very successful International Otter Colloquium, largely because of the extensive research and distinguished reputation of biologist Dr. Thomas Serfass. The conference, which attracted participants from countries all over the world, as well as from more than a dozen U.S. states, was the first ever held in the United States. Many participants characterized the colloquium as "the best one yet." Also included



Dr. Catherine Gira

in this issue is a story about the fire that ravaged an historic Main Street building in Frostburg this past winter and the relief efforts by our campus community following the devastation. These stories are testaments to the impact — regional, national, and international — of our students, faculty and staff.

We look forward to greeting many of our alumni at numerous campus events this fall, including our annual Family Weekend and Homecoming Celebration. You will note that the Alumni Governing Board has approved, as a pilot project, the reinstatement of tailgating as part of this year's Homecoming festivities. We know that many alumni have long awaited the return of this popular social. The Homecoming committee has been working hard to

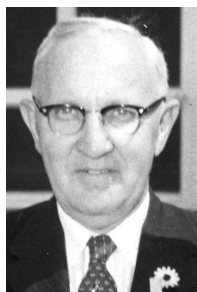
create a fun-filled, safe and memorable event for you. We hope you enjoy it.

We are also planning another exciting event on Oct. 1-2. In coordination with the Allegany County office of Economic Development, the state Department of Economic Development, the state Technology Development Corporation, and local business leaders and educators, we will host a Western Maryland Technology Showcase. In an effort to bring new business to Allegany County, we have invited alumni working in the bio-technology field to visit our new \$33 million science center and the 53-acre business center site on our campus to learn about the area resources available to businesses. You can learn more about this event by calling FSU's Office of Alumni Programs at 301/687-4068.

We look forward to an exciting fall semester and to continuing to share with alumni and friends in the future the good news about what is happening here.

Sincerely,

Catherine R. Gira
Catherine R. Gira
President, Frostburg State University



Correction:

In the last issue of Profile, a story about former Frostburg Postmaster Michael Byrnes ("Saving Frostburg") featured the wrong photo. Byrnes led a community effort in the late 1940s to save then Frostburg State Teachers College from closure. Byrnes' correct photo is featured at left. We regret the error.

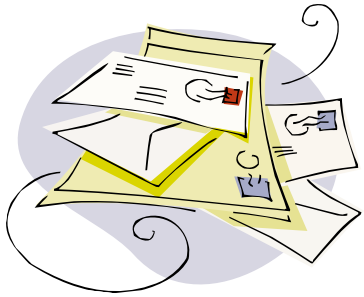
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Weather or Not

...Thank you for the mention of Frostburg's new weather station in the Winter 2004 issue of *Profile*. Since I work for AWS/WeatherBug (formerly WeatherNet), I take extra interest in making sure everything is working properly for the faculty, staff community and alumni.

In addition to accessing FSU's weather data and camera images via www.aws.com, alumni can also go to www.weatherbug.com and download WeatherBug, a free desktop application for PCs. After download, WeatherBug sits in the system tray of your computer and provides users with current, real-time weather conditions from FSU and 7,000 other weather stations across the country.

Some alumni in the local area may have seen FSU's weather conditions mentioned on WMAR (Baltimore, Md.) and NBC4 (Washington, DC). Both television stations are exclusive WeatherBug partners, in their respective markets, and have shown FSU many times. Keep watching to see if Norm Lewis and Bob Ryan mention FSU (especially during those winter months!)

Frank McCathran
Class of '92 and '94
Manager of Training, WeatherBug Education
Gaithersburg, Md.

Frostburg Family Ties

...I have long wanted to have my family members noted in *Profile*. I think we qualify as a "Frostburg Family" in more ways than one.

I am a graduate of Frostburg (Class of '59) as was my mother, **Dorothy Virginia Lewis Elrick**, (Class of '35 and '36). She attended and graduated when Frostburg was a 3-year Normal School.

My three sisters, **Josephine (Dodie) Coburn**, **Frances (Francie) Zembower** and **Bebe Elrick**, have also made their own contributions to Frostburg as employees of the University. Dodie and Francie work in the Ort Library, while Bebe is in the Compton Science Center. Dodie obtained her degree while employed at the University. All four of us attended elementary school on the Frostburg campus. **Robert** and **Joseph Coburn**, sons of Dodie, are graduates of Frostburg as are their respective spouses, **Lynn** and **Katrina Coburn**.

Dorothy Anne Elrick Appleman
Class of '59
Laurel, Md.



Well Done!

...Just thought I'd take the opportunity to pass along my appreciation for the "well done" job on last edition of the *Profile*. It was an impressive publication, with interesting articles and a great graphics layout. Keep it up. You're doing a great job.

Charlie Johnson
Class of '87 and '93
Cumberland, Md.

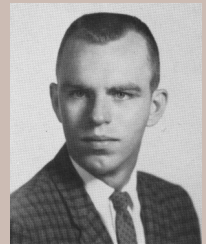
Nicknames

Editor's Note: We asked readers to send in their "Frostburg nicknames" and the stories behind them. Here are some "G-rated" ones that we can print:

Busting His "Chops"

...**James Smith** (Class of '62), **James Graham** (Class of '63) and I were sitting at a table in the Frostburg State cafeteria eating dinner one night very early in my sophomore year. The meat that evening was pork chops. Several of the others said the chops didn't look very appetizing. I had already eaten part of one and commented that they were quite tasty. I proceeded to eat my chops and James Graham said, "Look at that pork go." From that moment on, my nickname became "Pork." I am not sure that a lot of my fellow students ever knew my real name. To this day many former schoolmates still call me "Pork."

Harold Vance
Class of '62
Upper Marlboro, Md.

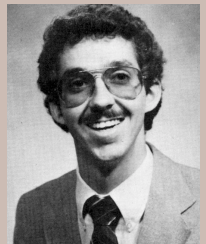


Harold "Pork" Vance in 1962

They Never Forget...

...My first nickname I earned at Frostburg was Smedley (after the Captain Crunch elephant character from the early '80s). Don't ask me why. My second nickname was "Weird Al" (for Weird Al Yankovic). I received that nickname since I used to look like him. My hair was large, curly and bushy. Of course, I used to listen to Weird Al's music during my college years so I really played the part.

Mark Prokop
Class of '86
Chapel Hill, N.C.



Mark "Weird Al" Prokop in 1986

A Few from '62

Many nicknames came from the early 1960s:

Don "Turd" Turley
Roy "Muggsy" Sigler
Tom "The Tool" Arnold
Ed "Cowbell" Root
Bob "Little Bitt" Bittinger
"Eatin' Bob" Wiles

Jeff "Buzzard" Whitmore
Class of '62
Richmond, Va.



LETTERS FROM THE

War Creates Pen-pal Relationship Between FSU Alumnus and Administrator

When Richard Stewart (Class of '88) wrote the Frostburg State University Alumni Office looking for an FSU flag to fly in Iraq, his simple request sparked an ongoing pen-pal relationship between this soldier and Christopher J. Harmon, FSU director of annual giving. Here are excerpts from their 10-month correspondence, which shows Stewart's pride in his alma mater and Harmon's pride in Stewart.



Captain Richard Stewart (left, Class of '88) displays a Frostburg State University flag in Balad, Iraq. Sgt. Warren Brader (right), created the mural on the wall with magic markers.

Aug. 13, 2003
Greetings,

I am Captain Richard Stewart, a graduate of Frostburg State University's Military Science program back in 1988. I was activated for Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom back in March of this year. I am assigned to the 316th Quartermaster Company (Water Supply) based out of Oceanside, Calif., and currently stationed in Balad, Iraq, where I have been for several months. I am looking forward to returning home whenever the battalion we are attached to figures that we have completed our respective missions.

My wife has already sent a state flag to me. To make my place of current residence complete, I was hoping you could let me know whom I would have to contact to get a flag for Frostburg State University. To have both my university flag and state flag here would do wonders for this deployed soldier's morale.

Richard Stewart
CPT.QM
Second Platoon Leader
316th QM CO (WS)

Aug. 15, 2003

Dear Captain Stewart,

I hope this package find you well and safe. Please accept the enclosed flag, with our highest regards, from the FSU Alumni Office and FSU Foundation. We truly appreciate what you are doing for our country. We wish you the best from your alma mater.

Christopher J. Harmon
Director, Annual Giving
Frostburg State University

Aug. 25, 2003

Dear Mr. Harmon,

Yesterday's mail call was a very good one for me. Your package dated 15 August arrived. Not a bad delivery time at all, considering that it crosses an ocean, travels between two continents, and passed through two different mail systems. The flag looks fantastic. Life here in Balad is as routine, but routine can still be dicey. Our mission is to store and distribute water to the base continues to flow smoothly along. This month alone, two of our convoys have been engaged with small arms fire. I am hoping that this will be all the drama that we will have until we are redeployed out of theater and back to the states.

Thank you again for sending the Frostburg State University flag to me. It shall be displayed with pride here.

Richard Stewart

Oct. 02, 2003

Captain Stewart,

Thought I would drop you a line to let you know some of the hap-

penings at your alma mater. According to all weather reports, Hurricane Isabel was supposed to make a beeline right at Old Main. The University closed its doors on Wednesday evening and remained closed until Monday morning. It missed us and we sustained no damage, very little rain and even less wind. But the closing was a precautionary measure to insure the safety of students, faculty and staff as well as allow them to help at their homes.

We are busy planning Homecoming in our office, several reunions, special events and, of course, Bobcat Football (we play the Widener University Pioneers.) That evening, the campus will rock to REO Speedwagon's almost sold-out concert.

I told my wife and family of our correspondence and you have been added to our evening prayers. We can't tell you how proud we are of you and the other troops in the Operation Iraqi Freedom. Please keep safe and come home and visit us soon at FSU.

Chris Harmon

Oct. 03, 2003

Dear Chris,

Life in Balad remains pretty much the same. We continue to get sporadic and inaccurate mortar fire on an almost nightly basis. Lately, though, our own artillery units on base have been responding with a salvo of about a dozen shells for every incoming round. I'm hoping that these counter-fire missions are much more accurate.

The weather has stabilized for now. In the past few weeks, the daily highs have been between 95 and 105 de-

FRONT LINE

greens. The nights have actually been amazingly comfortable, staying in the mid 60s.

So, with the change in weather, the hills in and around Frostburg have their gorgeous multi-colored trees which make for postcard-quality photos. I've always enjoyed autumn there. I also remember the wind that sometimes made getting to classes quite the adventure — particularly in the wind tunnels between some of the buildings. I quickly learned never to carry piles of loose papers.

Thank you for all those kind thoughts and evening prayers. Those are a nice touch and it certainly lets me and all my troops know that we are missed and thought of.

Richard Stewart

Nov. 26, 2003

Dear Richard,

Happy Thanksgiving! I think about you and the soldiers fighting for our freedom daily. Please take care and stay safe. Tell all the troops that we support and believe in them. I will mention you and your family in our prayers at the table this Thanksgiving.

Chris

Dec. 1, 2003

Dear Chris,

We are quite glad of our excellent luck thus far. Just two days ago, we had a battalion Purple Heart ceremony for the only soldier who has been injured in action. He was hurt during a mortar strike on one of our remote sites. Luckily the injuries



Harmon

were light and he was soon able to return to duty. We are all very proud of him and hope that that will be the only Purple Heart that a member of our

battalion will earn for the remainder of our deployment.

We were treated to a Thanksgiving lunch and dinner here. Lunch was superb, featuring turkey, potatoes and stuffing, while dinner consisted of more seafood entrees. It was a welcome change from what we normally get here and it was enjoyed by all. I hope that your Thanksgiving was enjoyable with you and your family, and that the upcoming holiday season will be terrific for you as well. Though we have no release date from theater yet, I'm still hoping that some good news will arrive for our company sometime soon. Take care and stay warm at my alma mater.

Richard

Feb. 02, 2004

Richard,

Bitterly cold in Frostburg — temperature this morning was below zero and with the wind-chill. All I can say is, "Brrr." We started off the first couple of days of the spring semester buried in about 16 inches of snow. Classes are underway and it's nice to have the students back. It gets very quiet around here during the holiday break.

Did you get a chance to enjoy the

Super Bowl? I understand it was broadcast live to you all at 2:30 in the morning. My youngest son said he wanted the Patriots to win (in honor of the soldiers fighting for us in Iraq, Afghanistan and all over the world). I believe him. He is very patriotic.

Chris

Feb. 2, 2004

Dear Chris,

A few weeks ago, my company was shifted to another battalion. Instead of performing a water mission, we are now providing assistance to the personnel terminal to help other units that are redeploying. I work a 12-hour shift nightly, from 1900-0700, overseeing the Tactical Operations Center (TOC). Each night, I deal with issues that affect the units that show up to Balad to redeploy. Hopefully, my time here will be relatively short. I would like nothing more than to be one of those redeploying units, but that will happen in due time.

Winter in Balad brings seemingly endless amounts of mud. We have also had a cold spell that has been in place for several weeks now. Add the wet weather to it and it's just not a fun time to be in Iraq.

I had no chance to catch any Super Bowl action. I was hard at work during the game. (I've heard that it was a good one, though.) Perhaps it was appropriate that the Patriots pulled off that last second field goal victory. At least, it's nice to think so. I have been amazingly fortunate that my family has been able to keep in touch with me during me deploy-

ment. They have written often, much more often than the friends that I have attempted to keep in contact with. Lots of mail going both ways over the ocean. It's been tough to be away from them and away from my home for so long, but I knew the risks when I joined. "Ya pays yer money, ya takes yer chances."

Hopefully soon we shall all be home and will be able to file this deployment as a scrapbook memory.

Richard

May 26, 2004

Dear Chris,

After being mobilized and deployed for 14 months, I and my fellow soldiers from the 316th QM CO, have redeployed back to the United States. Our missions and contributions to Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom are complete and we are delighted to have finally returned home.

Thank you for sending the Frostburg State flag to me. It was prominently displayed in my area of operations and got quite a few nice comments.

I don't know when I'll be able to visit, but when I do, I shall be bringing something for display in the historical archives. When I visit, I shall let you know.

Thanks again for writing to me in Iraq and for passing on your support for the troops. It really made a difference.

Richard

Educator, Pioneer, Friend:

Harold Cordts Succumbs at Age 75

Dr. Harold J. Cordts, former professor, coach, athletic director and chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, died April 23 in Frostburg. He was 75.

Cordts, who served Frostburg State for 37 years, is credited with building the physical education program and overseeing the construction of FSU's current PE Center, which was named the Cordts Center in 1998.

Born April 5, 1929, in Bryant, S.D., he graduated from South Dakota State University in 1952 and received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Cordts later earned his master's degree in physical education from SDSU in 1955, and his doctorate degree in education from Syracuse University in 1959. It was at Syracuse that he met and married his wife, Jeanne. They moved to Frostburg in 1958, where they started a family and began over 40 years of commitment to FSU and the community.

At FSU, Cordts demonstrated his global vision by establishing the International Development Center. He directed student and athletic team exchanges starting in the 1960s, building lasting relationships in countries such as England, France, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, Russia, China, Kenya, Mexico and Peru. He was responsible for bringing the 32nd World Congress for the International Council on Health, Physical Education and Recreation to the United States in 1989.

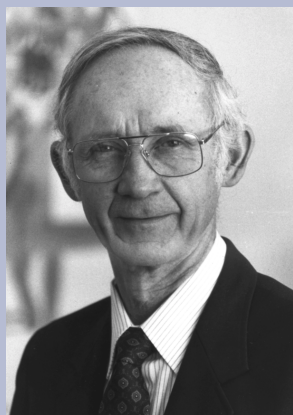
An accomplished speaker and author, Cordts served as chair of the International Relations Council for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. He held leadership roles for national and state professional associations, including president of the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

In 1975, Cordts received one of the highest awards in his profession, the R. Tait McKenzie Award, for his work opening up international relationships in health and physical education. He was also honored by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Alhambra Wamba Caravan 89, Rotary International and many others. In 1988, he was inducted into the Frostburg City Hall of Fame, and in 1990 the Frostburg State University Bobcat Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; four sons, Dr. Paul Cordts and his wife Patricia (Harvey); John Cordts; Dr. Jerome Cordts; and Thomas Cordts and fiancée Tina Simmons; one daughter, Anne Del Core and her husband Jerry; and seven grandchildren.

During his eulogy, his sons commented, "Our father was a man, with his loving wife beside him, who never faltered. He was a man of great knowledge and steadiness of thought – a humble, gentle man. He spoke quietly and deliberately, yet with tremendous influence. He cared for his family, he cared for his community, and he cared for his institution."

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Dr. & Mrs. Harold J. Cordts Scholarship Fund (FSUF-071), FSU Foundation, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, Md. 21532-2303.



Cordts

USM Center at Hagerstown Opening in 2005

Work is progressing rapidly on the final stages of construction at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, an institution that will bring expanded opportunities for higher education to people in Washington County and the surrounding area.

FSU has had a center in Hagerstown since 1988, and all of the

programs it offers will be the first available in the new center when it opens in the spring semester of 2005. More programs from other USM institutions will gradually be added starting in the fall 2005 semester, according to Dr. Steve Simpson, FSU provost and vice president for academic affairs. FSU has been designated the managing institution for the center.

"The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown is designed to be a unique collaboration among USM degree-granting institutions as well as regional community colleges and the surrounding business and civic communities," Simpson said. "It is to be a hub of teaching, learning and economic development that will benefit Hagerstown, Washington County and its region."

Dr. C. David Warner III was named director of the new center in February of 2004. He was director of instruction and a

professor of music at Hagerstown Community College, and he is a professional musician. From his temporary office down the street in FSU's Hagerstown Center, he has been overseeing the details involved in establishing the new center. JoEllen Barnhart is now associate director. She has served as assistant to the director and a

faculty member at the FSU Hagerstown Center for many years.

USM at Hagerstown will eventually be an institution similar to the Universities at Shady Grove, the University System of Maryland's extension in Montgomery County, offering upper-level undergraduate and graduate programs. The two regional centers are in line with the national trend that is designed to increase access to higher education, offering creative programming with flexible approaches to teaching.

With a significant investment from the state of Maryland, the former Baldwin House hotel and the former Routzahn's Department Store and warehouse in downtown Hagerstown are being transformed into a modern educa-





The old Baldwin House hotel in downtown Hagerstown (left) and an adjacent department store have been remodeled to house the new USM Center (above).

tional institution. Design and construction on the two buildings is \$13 million. An additional \$1.25 million has been designated to purchase equipment.

"What the complex does, from a design standpoint, is create a combination of the old and the new," Warner said.

Modern, technology-enhanced classrooms, labs and a library have been built in the former department store area, and faculty and staff members will have offices in the former hotel rooms.

Many of the touches that made the 1881 Baldwin building unique have been preserved or restored, including ornate molding, col-

umns, tin ceilings, chandeliers and scagliola (imitation marble) walls.

Property surrounding the buildings is being developed into a plaza and park, a cooperative effort between the city of Hagerstown and USM. It will feature grassy areas, terraces and pathways and Victorian-style wrought iron fences and lamp posts in keeping with the surrounding architecture.

The plaza will encircle the main entrance, which is in a five-story glass atrium, placed where the two buildings join in the shape of an L. Another entrance will be on Washington Street into the former hotel lobby.

Warner has been keeping close tabs on the construction since he was hired. Work has been done by Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. of Baltimore. "They gave me my

"[The USM Center] is to be a hub of teaching, learning and economic development that will benefit Hagerstown, Washington County and its region."

—Dr. Steve Simpson
FSU Provost

own hard hat, I was in there so much," he laughed.

The building should be ready for occupancy in late November. Warner will be ready.

"I'm so excited by the way it looks. It will be a great place to be."

—Liz Douglas Medcalf

Eubanks Selected to Perform AIDS Research in Africa

Alecia Eubanks, a recent graduate of FSU, is spending the summer of 2004 in Cape Town, South Africa, researching AIDS intervention. She is one of only nine students to be selected into Pennsylvania State University's Minority International Research and Training (MIRT) program.

"The Pennsylvania State University Minority International Research and Training Program is very competitive to be accepted [into], but is well worth the effort," Eubanks says.

Eubanks was a psychology major and has been studying AIDS under the guidance of Dr. Chrismarie Baxter of the FSU Psychology Department. Eubanks is also a member of the McNair Program, which is designed to help underrepresented students get into graduate schools.

Through the McNair Program, she spent six weeks last summer at the University of Maryland College Park researching and writing about AIDS. She has presented a paper on her findings, "The Effects of the Mode of Transmission of AIDS on Social Distance Among College Students" at FSU, PSU, the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Research Conference and UMCP.

Applicants for the MIRT program must be juniors, seniors or graduate students, have an interest in public health or international studies and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above.

Students in the program departed in May and attended an orientation in Philadelphia for two days. They later spent a week in Paris meeting the other students in the program before

heading to their separate research locations. The program places students in Paris; Tanzania; Geneva, Switzerland and Cape Town.

Eubanks is working with other students and professors at the University of Cape Town, taking her previous research to a new level. They are studying AIDS



Eubanks

prevention since the AIDS epidemic is severe in South Africa.

When Eubanks returns home at the end of August, she will move to Illinois, where she has been accepted into the doctoral program at Southern Illinois University. She will study psychology and work with faculty there to continue her AIDS research, thanks to opportunities presented to her at FSU.

"I encourage all students to take advantage of available opportunities. They're once in a lifetime experiences that will definitely enhance your academic and social skills."

—Stephanie Kochis

Grad Students Count "Critters" in National Parks

There's an old saying: To know where you're going, you have to know where you've been. In the case of biological conservation, you can't tell if species are increasing or decreasing in numbers without knowing how many there were.

It's that task, at least for mammals, that **Dr. Ron Barry**, FSU professor of biology, and six of his graduate students began undertaking in five national parks in Virginia and Maryland in the spring of 2002.

Barry and his students are conducting a mammal inventory – literally counting species and numbers of individuals in those species – for the National Park Service in Thomas Stone National Historic Site near LaPlata, Md., and in Virginia at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Colonial Beach, the Colonial National Historic Park (which encompasses Yorktown, Jamestown, Williamsburg and the 23-kilometer highway corridor that connects them), Richmond National Battlefield Park and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Memorial National Military Park.

These areas are part of the Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network of National Parks, which has a goal of inventorying the park service's natural resources and ecosystems, monitoring them, and using the data from these activities to manage the resources.

"The National Park Service wants to use our work as a basis for monitoring mammal populations across time to effect proper stewardship of the mammal faunas and their habitats," Barry says.

The Park Service, through the Chesapeake Watershed Coopera-



An Eastern Harvest Mouse.

tive Ecosystems Studies Unit, has provided a \$158,000 grant for Barry's project, part of which provides money for research assistantships for the six graduate students and summer employment for two undergraduate technicians.

The students, all either in the Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology program or the Wildlife/Fisheries Biology program, first retrieved historical accounts of mammals recorded at the five parks. Many records are only of larger species such as deer or bear; two of the parks had no records of mammals at all. Much of the new work from the FSU group is on smaller mammals – much smaller, down to the Southeastern shrew that can weigh as little as 2 grams as an adult.

The entire project attempts to document the diversity of mammals in national parks, noting rare



Student Dana Strang identifies and collects the bones of a white-tailed deer.

species and further characterizing the habitat of all species that are found. FSU students have already recorded dozens of species that had never previously been reported in the parks. "We have the second-ever record of a cotton rat in Colonial National Historical Park," Barry says, grinning.

The FSU team is using a variety of means to record the animals, including infrared remote digital cameras, live and pitfall traps and direct observation. The animals they capture are identified to species and sex, mammals are marked for identification and then released.

Among the larger species captured, raccoons are one the group wouldn't mind seeing a little less often. "Raccoons are the bane of our existence," Barry says. One of the students, Heather

Warchalowski, tells how traps for small mammals are painstakingly set up in a grid system. "Raccoons will go down the lines of traps and shake the food out," she says.

One interesting shot captured by the remote sensing camera is a raccoon examining the camera receiver. Another shows an owl perched on a log with a white-footed mouse in its beak.

Other technology used by the researchers are GPS (Global Positioning System) to pinpoint precisely where individual animals are captured, and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) ArcView software to provide maps of habitat cover types, such as pine or mixed oak/hickory forest, associated with each species.

The efforts of the FSU team will result in quantitative indexes of species diversity of the mammal



The mammal group at FSU consists of (front row, from left) Cheryl Tanner, Avi Sareen, Heather Warchalowski, (second row) Janet Mulligan, Dana Strang, Tressa Dolbeare and Ron Barry.

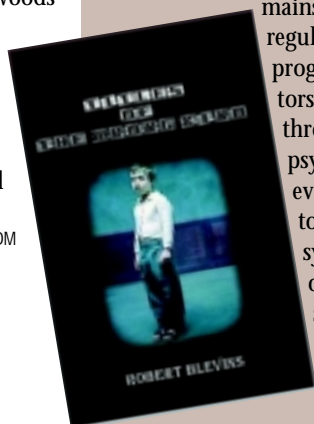
faunas in the parks and their habitats. To date, grassy habitats at the George Washington Birthplace site have yielded the greatest richness of small mammal species among the habitats studied. On the other hand, recently logged – and now regenerating – areas, have shown the greatest overall density of small mammals, but one species dominates, the white-footed mouse, eastern North America's most common species.

The students have been able to use the inventory work in the field to spawn master's thesis projects. Also, Barry and his team already have made presentations on their findings at the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Ocean City, Md., and the 84th annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.

"The students' presentations on their inventory work were very well received in California," says Barry. "They obtained considerable feedback on their projects and learned a great deal from the presentations they attended and their interactions with other mammalogists. Of course, it didn't hurt that the meeting was held in a beautiful coastal region characterized by giant redwoods and some pretty spectacular mammal fauna – elk, otters, harbor seals, and California sea lions to name a few."

The project is scheduled for completion in 2006.

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Student's Book Focuses on Educational Challenges

Timothy Wellington struggled through the special education system, dealing with harassment, bullies, blackmail and depression. Tim's experiences in the system and his battle to get out of it are chronicled in a new book written by **Robert "Lance" Blevins**, a Frostburg State University senior.

Blevins' book, "Titles of the Wrong Kind," describes a child's experience in the special education system. The book has been accepted by Publish America.

Blevins wrote the book to shed light on the forgotten children in the special education system. "I think it's very important to see it through the eyes of the child," Blevins says. He researched the topic to see how many other books had been written on special education. "I only found one other account from a child's eyes." Other books have been written from a professional's point of view.

The book tells about a single child as he transitions from public to private school and back to public school again. The child is diagnosed with a learning disability and placed in the special education system. When his peers find out, the child suffers from bullying, blackmail and depression. The turning point comes when he gets beaten up in eighth grade. He tries to get out of the program in high school. Even though he had been

mainstreamed into a regular classroom, the program administrators put him through extensive psychological evaluations, trying to keep him in the system. He overcomes obstacles trying to get the education he desires and deserves.

The book also looks at the controversial subject of the special education system and its funding, based on a per-head basis. According to Blevins, the administrators speak to the child's parents without the child being present, explaining to them how much the special education system will help the child. After the child gets into the system, it is very difficult to get out, as Blevins' book describes.

Initially, Blevins did not expect anything to come of his writing. The idea for the book came from an assignment he received in the fall of his freshman year through an FSU Learning Community, which is a group of two or more courses with a common theme. "I never would have written the book without the Learning Community assignment," he says. Blevins is now working on a second book. His next book will be on the same topic, but it will have a much larger scope, giving a more in-depth look into the child's life.

Blevins wrote the book during his junior year, spending about an hour and a half on it each day. When someone suggested he try to get it published, he decided to give it a try, even though he expected to meet with rejection. "What a surprise. Something did happen."

Currently he is in the process of looking over the publisher's edits and making his own changes. "That's the most time-consuming part, going back and forth," he says. After he finishes reviewing the publisher's edits, he must wait a few more weeks for the final cover design before the book is finally released in bookstores and online.



Blevins

He expects it to be available by the end of August if everything stays on schedule.

Blevins has decided to donate the book's proceeds to a scholarship fund for children in special education programs. The children apply based on an essay.

"By giving me a foot in the door, it's really going to help me with my next publisher," Blevins says of his book.

To learn more about the scholarship or to order a copy of the book, visit online at <http://blevinsbooks.com>.

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Hedrick

Hedrick Receives Pinnacle Award

At the May commencement ceremonies, **Walter N. Hedrick** (Class of '41) was presented with the Pinnacle Award, an honor bestowed by the FSU Foundation, Inc., for time, treasures and talent contributed to the University.

Hedrick, currently a resident of Leawood, Kan., is founder of the Hedrick Concrete Products and Landscape Corp. in Sikeston, Mo., a company of 165 employees and over \$15 million in sales. Through his generous contributions to the FSU Foundation, he has established the Hedrick Teacher Excellence Award for Math/Science and the Hedrick Business Excellence Award for financially disadvantaged students. In the community, Hedrick has served as past president of the LaVale Civic Improvement Association and a member of the Sikeston, Mo., Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He devotes much of his spare time to helping the Boy Scouts of America, where he received the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service.

Hedrick was a past winner of the FSU Alumni Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by the FSU Alumni Association.

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Brown vs. Topeka:

Administrator Writes Book on Landmark Desegregation Decision

As a student, teacher and parent who lived or worked in settings that included the segregated South, the inner city of Baltimore and the town of Frostburg, **Pansye Atkinson**, FSU's Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity (Class of '77), was an eyewitness to how racial integration has affected African Americans.

Atkinson compiled some of her ideas into a book called *An African American's View — Brown vs. Topeka: Desegregation and Miseducation*, about her take on the landmark Supreme Court case that forced public schools to abandon the segregation of students of different races. There has been a great deal of publicity about "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka" because of its 50-year anniversary. Atkinson highlights a unique perspective on the Brown case. She writes, "African Americans involved in 'Brown,' the African American social science witnesses and attorneys, were in the grips of psychological occupation, like other African Americans."

According to Atkinson, psychological occupation is "a condition in which the collective psyche of a people is under the control of an external force ... that causes them to think and act in ways that are counter to their best interests."

Atkinson believes that segregation was "unconstitutional" and that the "Brown" legal team, although performing "heroically against overwhelming odds" took a wrong approach to win their case. Atkinson stated that a major argument used was based on the flawed "doll studies" evidence, which erroneously concluded that

African Americans "needed to be with whites in order to develop wholly and to feel good about [themselves]," which reinforced the stereotype that blacks are inferior to whites. She feels that the effects of implementation of the "Brown" decision are still being felt today.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Atkinson attended Fisk University in Nashville and graduated with a degree in music. Soon after, she married William R. Atkinson and they moved to his hometown of Georgetown, S. C. While living in Georgetown, she worked in city and in rural public schools as a music teacher.

"In Georgetown, there was not much civil rights activity going on, beyond individual stances," Atkinson remembers. "Our struggles were primarily with trying to do a good job of raising our children, existing ourselves, and helping our children to understand and confront those circumstances. Educators worked hard to prepare students —

academically and socially — to contribute positively to society."

Atkinson's family was living in Georgetown at the time of the "Brown" court ruling. "It gave us pause, and we wondered what in the world was going to happen to our schools and our children and to us, as educators. However, nothing had changed by the time we left Georgetown."

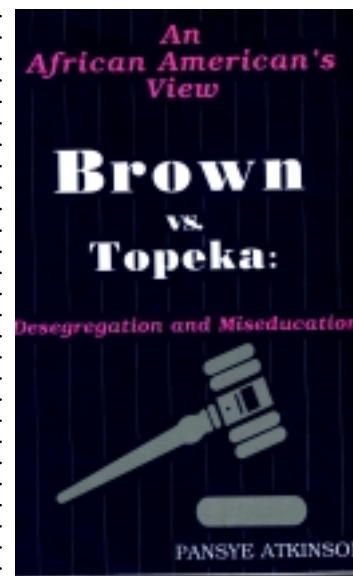
Atkinson believes that educators and policymakers did not prepare well for racial integration in the public schools. Atkinson believes

that the implementation of the "Brown" decision was flawed, resulting in some unexpected outcomes that have negatively affected the African American community, as well as society at large. She perceived that among African-American students, there was "declining self-knowledge, self-love, sense of community — physical and spiritual — and educational accomplishment."

She moved to Baltimore in the early 1960s and noticed a difference in the schools, which were legally desegregated but not totally integrated at the time. Atkinson described some Balti-



Atkinson



more schools at that time as being chaotic. She worked at six different schools, elementary through high school, and notes that “there did not seem to be much learning going on.”

“There were many [white] teachers — although not all — where it was apparent that they did not want to be there teaching those [mostly African American] children ... I did not see the kind of dedication and interest in the children that I was used to seeing in Georgetown schools. It was really appalling.” Looking back, the problems she noticed in the Baltimore schools and the concern she had for African American students at all levels of education inspired her, she says, to write her book.

In September of 1969, Atkinson and her husband came to then Frostburg State College. They were hired to fill positions created to help the college integrate. Former Gov. Marvin Mandel ordered the integration positions in six state colleges. In addition to working for Frostburg, Atkinson also finished up her graduate degree at The Peabody Conservatory of Music and Towson State College in Baltimore, before graduating from Frostburg State College. The

William R. Atkinson Room in the Lane University Center was dedicated to Pansye’s late husband for his commitment in promoting diversity at FSU.

Atkinson has given radio, print news and television interviews on her book. She has also has given presentations on various topics at conferences that have included the Congressional Black Caucus’ 18th Annual Legislative Weekend Higher Education Braintrust Workshop and the Annual Symposium on Afro-American Life and Philosophy at Purdue University. Her abstract was also accepted for presentation at a conference at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

Of Atkinson’s book, Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, acclaimed author and professor of African American Studies at Temple University, heralded it as “the best of it’s genre ... a brilliant inquiry into one of the central tenets of modern American politics and social life,” while author Russell L. Adams commented, “This book is a beacon; I hope many others will ‘see’ it.”

Atkinson’s book is available for purchase on amazon.com and other bookstores online.

— Steven Ramsey

Crawford Named Business Alumnus of the Year

Quincy M. Crawford (Class of ‘65), president and CEO of First Financial Group, was named Alumnus of the Year by the FSU College of Business, at the College’s annual Business Honors Reception in May.

The mathematics major entered the financial services field in 1968 and became Maryland general manager for a national firm by 1971. He founded First Financial Group in 1977. That company has since grown to employ about 250 professional and support staff members, generating approximately \$20 million in yearly revenue. It is the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Crawford has garnered numerous honors for his work in the industry, including the George S. Robertson Award for lifetime accomplishments and service to the financial services industry, the Paul Murphy Award for lifetime contribution to the financial services industry and induction into the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Hall of Fame. He has served as president of both the Prince George’s and Baltimore associations of Insurance and Financial Advisors, as well as the Maryland association, and as president of the Baltimore Society of Financial Services Professionals.

“Mr. Crawford is an exemplary role model for FSU students. He has combined his brain power, work ethic and the education acquired at Frostburg State to build a successful life and business career. Success such as his is what makes our efforts worthwhile,” said Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business.

While at Frostburg, Crawford joined the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, was captain of the varsity basketball team and was elected vice president of his graduating class.

Crawford and his wife, **Eugenia Zorn Crawford** (Class of ‘67), live in Annapolis.

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‘CLAS’ ACT

Nearly 100 FSU students attended the first College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Recognition Reception for Scholarships Recipients and Donors. The students, along with their parents and family, had the chance to mingle with the generous contributors of the CLAS scholarships and say “thank you.”



Center for Creative Writing to be Launched

FSU's Department of English is establishing a Center for Creative Writing that will act as an umbrella organization for several different projects.

"The Center will capitalize upon the existing excellence of the FSU faculty engaged in creative writing," according to Keith Schlegel, chair of the English Department, who is overseeing the Center's development.

The Center's many goals include resurrecting FSU's literary magazine, *Nightsun*, establishing an annual Summer Writers' Conference, establishing a Writer's House and developing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program. Eventually the Center plans to create a university press, FSU/Nightsun Books.

A timeline has been mapped out, but the initial goal is to resurrect *Nightsun*, which has not been published since 2002.

Nightsun was established in 1980 and taken over by the English Department in the late '80s.

Gerry LaFemina, distinguished poet in residence at FSU, has been hired as the first managing editor of *Nightsun*. He will oversee the production and marketing of the publication, assist the editor, increase the magazine's publicity, maintain the Center's correspondence and financial records, create a Web site for the Center and seek grant funding for the Center's activities.

Nightsun will have a series of guest editors, who are well-known writers, who will evaluate submissions, write an introductory essay and assist in publicizing the magazine. The first guest editor is Stephen Dunn, a Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry.

After *Nightsun* is reintroduced, the Center will focus on its other

goals. According to Schlegel, a week-long Summer Writers' Conference, sponsored by FSU, will actively recruit and accept 40 to 60 paying participants, and it will include writing workshops offered by nationally known writers.

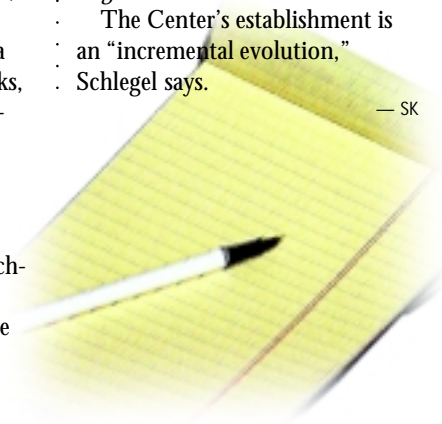
The Center for Creative Writing has a temporary office in Tawes Hall, but it is seeking a location for a Writer's House on or adjacent to campus. The House will highlight the creative writing accomplishments of FSU faculty, students and alumni, giving FSU more publicity to attract other talented writers. It will also serve as a location for writers' conferences, seminars and workshops, as well as a place to host visiting writers. The House will have a library of creative writing books, writing from FSU faculty, students and alumni, reference resources and creative writing periodicals and journals.

The Center will lead to the eventual development of a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing for FSU students. The

program will set high standards of performance by requiring 48 to 60 credit hours in the English department. It will "expand the curricular offerings in creative writing," Schlegel says, offering "screenwriting and special topics like the prose poem." It will also incorporate practica in literary journal editing, production and marketing in cooperation with *Nightsun*.

The Center's establishment is an "incremental evolution," Schlegel says.

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Scholarships Honor FSU's Finest

Guild Scholarship Receives Contributions

The Nelson P. Guild Senior Honors Endowed Fund through the FSU Foundation, Inc., has received support from alumni and friends in memory of Guild, the former university president who passed away in January.

The fund has grown to nearly \$40,000 and was originally established at Guild's retirement. Of that total, \$19,000 was received as memorial contributions following his death. The award supports a



Guild

senior in the FSU Honors Program who has demonstrated leadership qualities and skill in the English language.

Dr. Guild was one of the founders of the FSU Foundation and participated in many of the Foundation's activities. He and his wife, Maggie, are members of the Old Main Society, the FSU recognition program for deferred and planned gifts.

Hadra Gift-in-Kind to Help Library, Radio Station

Through his estate, Dr. James Hadra, long-time FSU professor of foreign languages, donated an extensive collection of books and music to the FSU Foundation to benefit the Ort Library and radio station WFWM. His collection has been valued at nearly \$20,000.

In addition to being an on-air personality for WFWM, Hadra

supported various fund-raising activities. He died in January of 2004. The FSU Foundation, Inc. receives various gifts-in-kind.



Hadra

The donations are typically educational in nature and require documented valuations and the approval of the benefiting department at FSU. Donors are required to substantiate the value of the gifts and upon final acceptance an IRS charitable gift receipt is issued. For more information contact Jack Aylor, FSU Foundation, 301/687-4200.

Contributions may be made to the FSU Foundation, Inc., 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303.



An early morning fire this past February destroyed a historic building on Frostburg's Main Street that housed several apartments and businesses, including the popular pub "Gandalf's."

Gandalf Fire: Center Rallies After City Blaze

In the early morning of Feb. 1 when a four-alarm fire burned a historic theater on Frostburg's Main St., 15 people were left homeless. The blaze also ravaged two businesses — Gandalf's Restaurant and Pub and Warehouse War, a clothing store.

While the fate of the badly burned building remains uncertain and sections have been demolished to avoid danger to passersby, victims of the fire have received ongoing assistance through The Community Outreach Partnership Center. The Center, coordinated by Emily White, is located at City Place on Water St. The COPC was established by a partnership between FSU and over 40 community-based organizations. Its goal is to build and strengthen neighborhood groups by providing training

and service projects that address specific community needs.

Though the Center is not specifically for relief efforts, it seemed like the ideal place to coordinate community assistance.

"It's hard. There aren't words for what people have gone through," says White.

The American Red Cross provided clothing vouchers, two-night hotel stays and emergency pet food to the displaced people immediately following the fire. After Red Cross left, the COPC took over the relief efforts. Businesses or individuals wishing to assist in some way worked with the Center, where White made sure the victims received the necessary aid.

Material donations were kept at the City Place warehouse, and those displaced by the fire can go

Frat Brothers Rescue Scholarship

In the last few years, the University's Delta Chi Disabled

Scholarship Award had been experiencing economic hardship.

When the Delta Chi alumni found out, they responded in force by raising over \$2,500. Now, the scholarship is back and ready to help disabled students with financial need.

"Upon hearing that the scholarship had gone unfunded one year, several brothers decided to solicit our alumni members for financial support," says **Brian Parker** (Class of '92), a Delta Chi brother who is the current FSU women's soccer coach.

Alumni brothers of Alpha Delta Chi (the predecessor organization to the current Delta Chi fraternity, which is now associated with Delta Chi International) held a 40-year reunion in April (see *reunion photo*, page 23). **Joe Noone** (Class of '67), who was a founding father of Alpha Delta Chi at Frostburg, said the alumni were more than anxious to help the scholarship fund.

"Brian Parker facilitated the introductions and explained the Delta Chi Scholarship Fund for developmentally disabled youths," says Noone. "At the brunch meeting on Sunday, we decided to pledge money to support this very worthy cause."

Parker recalls his chapter helping with mentally disabled adults in the early 1990s. The brothers volunteered at the Brandenburg Center for Adults with Mental Retardation in Cumberland, Md. Parker says their community service "motivated the chapter, at one point, to raise money for a wheelchair for one of the Brandenburg residents and then also create an annual scholarship fund for a disabled FSU student."

Since that time, the scholarship has been given to students with a documented disability who are also registered with the FSU Office of Disability Support Services. The student must also be enrolled full-time and have demonstrated academic ability. The scholarship is administered by the FSU Foundation, Inc.

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to the warehouse to take the things they need. The Cumberland Church of God Food Pantry contributed a van full of immediate aid: food, toiletries, clothing and cleaning products. Local businesses have also contributed generously to the relief efforts.

St. Michael School conducted a drive for kitchen items, and the fifth grade collected pet food, while St. Michael Church, which neighbors the burn site, opened its doors to help in whatever way it

could. It has offered the school hall for fund-raising activities, and it has also been instrumental in the distribution of an estate donation.

The fire victims can also receive monetary assistance from the Frostburg Fund. The fund was established in 1998 to help tornado victims. When the fire occurred, the board of directors handling the Frostburg Fund opened a new account specifically

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Twins' Story Gains Media Attention

FSU student **Jessica Wessell** received a lot of unexpected media attention when she and her twin, Rachael, graduated from high school.

Wessell, a wildlife major from Ashburn, Va., and her sister had been together their entire lives. This past fall they separated when Jessica came to FSU, and Rachael, who has cerebral palsy, remained home to study graphic arts.

The Washington Post wrote a story on the sisters, and it ran in several different newspapers, including papers from Chicago and New Orleans. Nothing had prepared the Wessells for the barrage of attention they received. Many people who saw the story began calling the family – even complete strangers.

A producer of ABC's "Good Morning America" saw the story and called the Wessells about doing a feature on the twins. He flew down from New York City at the beginning of August to film the segment, which aired in September.

"People are amazed by it," says Jessica, who has remained unaffected by the limelight. "We're not any different. It's just a good story to tell."

The Wessell twins' story focused mainly on Rachael's struggles to get the help she needed and her problems with Medicare. Rachael had an aide in high school, but

she lost the assistant when she turned 18. As a result of the media attention surrounding Rachael's story, a person can now apply for Medicare and Social Security before the age of 18, to create a seamless transition in assistance. "Things are finally working out," Jessica says. "I think the publicity helped."

Other families of children with disabilities have contacted the Wessells for help with their own children. "We are definitely trying to raise awareness indirectly," says Jessica. "It's been hard on Rachael... We're hoping no one else will get stuck in the mess we have."

Jessica is an avid volunteer for FSU's Center for Volunteerism, where

she organized Frostburg's Relay for Life, a cancer awareness event.

She's enjoying her time at Frostburg. Over spring break she and Rachael visited New York City and attended a taping of "Good Morning America." The trip to Manhattan was something Rachael always wanted to do.

"We were living in the moment," Jessica adds.

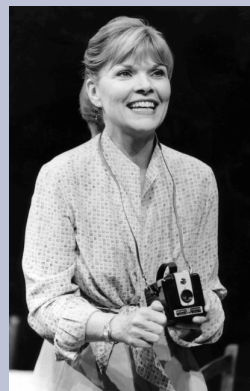
Potter Class Appears on "Hairy" List

While FSU's unique class "The Science of Harry Potter" continues to receive positive international attention for its creative approach to teaching the principles of science, some outlets aren't as gracious. The March 2004 issue of *Reader's Digest* listed the class in "5 College Courses Worthy of the Title 'Absurd 101.'" Also included on the list were classes in stress management, horror films and television watching (one offering is from Princeton!) Samantha Parson, an FSU student who took the Potter class, fired back a letter to *Digest* in defense of the honors seminar.

"I feel openly insulted by your assumption that the class counts as absurd... 'The Science of Harry Potter' centers around making magic truly work, which requires a vast library of knowledge, particularly physics, such as Einstein's special and general theories of relativity, in addition to a working knowledge of

history, biology, chemistry, astronomy, etc.," she wrote. "Included in the syllabus in the class were daily quizzes, two major essay tests, and an original research paper that consisted of topics such as proving how a black hole relates to time travel."

Reader's Digest did not to print Parson's letter. How absurd.



Debra Monk, Class of '73

Monk Gets "Reckless" On Stage

Debra Monk (Class of '73) was featured in a full-page ad in the June 17 Arts Section of *The New York Times*. Monk, a Tony and Emmy award-winning actress, is slated to perform opposite actress Mary-Louise

Parker in Manhattan Theatre Club's production of "Reckless," a bittersweet comedy by the author of "Prelude To A Kiss," (which also starred Monk.) The play will be performed from Sept. 22 through Nov. 28 at the Biltmore Theatre in New York City.

"Perfect" Exposure for Catastrophe

FSU English Professor **Brad Barkley's** latest collection of short stories, *Another Perfect Catastrophe*, was included in a March issue of *Entertainment Weekly*. Barkley, who earned critical acclaim for his first novel *Money, Love*, is now receiving favorable reviews of *Catastrophe*. *EW* praised his "wry wit... blue-collar authenticity and ... vivid and understated style." The book is available at local and online bookstores.

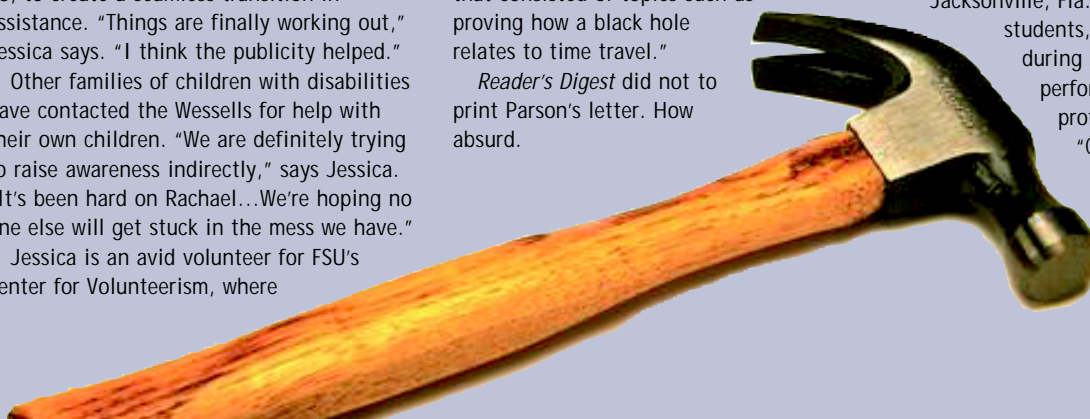


Hammering It Home

In the *Hammer & Nail* newsletter, a publication of Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Fla., seven female FSU students, who spent a week during January Intersession performing service, were profiled in an article about "College Change 2004." The Frostburg women traveled 13 hours to perform tasks such as painting, landscaping,



Jessica Wessell (left) an FSU student and her sister, Rachael, told their story of separation and struggle to national TV shows and newspapers.





Maroon 5 rocks the FSU Cordts Center.

spackling and caulking. The crew looks forward to perhaps returning to Jacksonville next January.

Maroon 5 Rocks Frostburg and "Rolling Stone"

In an article in the May 2004 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, writer Christian Hoard chronicles the road-show antics of up-and-coming band Maroon 5. The piece examines how the band, despite the mega-success of their single "This Love," continued to tour colleges — including Frostburg State University — this past April. In Hoard's story, the band quietly sits in their make-shift dressing room at FSU, reading an editorial in the student newspaper *The Bottom Line* that claims FSU women are thinking of creative ways to "meet the band." But according to the *Rolling Stone* article, "nary a young woman crashes the band's dressing room at Frostburg."

"Yes, Dear" Back as Mid-Season Replacement

While the CBS comedy "Yes, Dear," created and produced by FSU alumnus **Gregory Garcia** (Class of '92), is not on the network's fall schedule, it will reappear with 13 new episodes as a midseason replacement in 2005. Also, "Yes, Dear" will start the rounds of TV syndication in the fall.

Garcia created the character of Jimmy Hughes on "Yes, Dear" as a tribute to his alma mater. In



Mike O'Malley as "FSU's Jimmy."

the show, Jimmy attended Frostburg State University for one semester and is often seen wearing FSU T-shirts and hats.

Check local listing to catch a glimpse of "FSU" on a TV near you.

Alumnus Helps Feds Crack Sports Scam

Jeff Whitmore (Class of '62) was praised by columnist Rick Reilly in the March 22 issue of *Sports Illustrated* for his help in leading authorities to a man accused of bilking ailing Hall of Famers out of their sports memorabilia.

Someone using the pseudonym "Dr. James Hart" had preyed on former Philadelphia Eagle Pete Philos, who suffers from Alzheimer's. To help pay for Philos' medical needs, his family decided sold some of Pete's memorabilia. "Dr. Hart" visited them in their Winston-Salem, N.C., home and left the Philos family with \$30,000 in rubber checks in exchange for the mementos.

When Whitmore, a collector from Richmond, Va., heard about the scam, he was outraged. A regular on several sports memorabilia Web sites, Whitmore had a hunch about this "Dr. Hart" and led authorities to a 26-year-old New York man who had a reputation for cheating collectors.

Following an investigation by the Feds and *Sports Illustrated*, the man was indicted on fraud charges. Whitmore has been quoted in several publications and heralded as a hero who brought justice to the Philos family and several other families who were victims of this scam.

Whitmore plans to donate some of the reward money he earned to help with Philos' ongoing medical expenses.

for those left homeless. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Frostburg Fund can write a check to:

Foundation for Frostburg
Frostburg Fire Fund
P.O. Box 765
Frostburg, MD 21532

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Journals Find Good Home in Ukraine

A smaller office for FSU Professor of Physics **Dr. George Plitnik** is proving to be a benefit to the National Technical University in Kharkov, Ukraine.

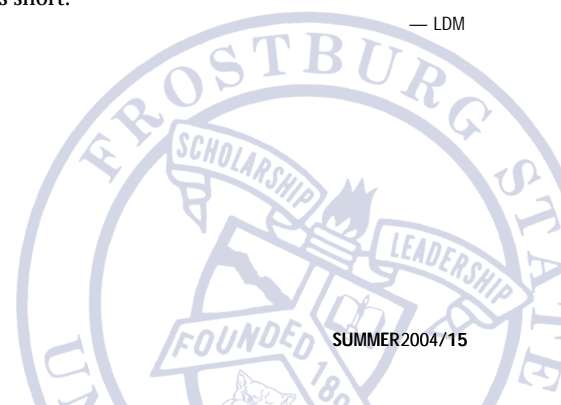
Plitnik's 35-year collection — 30 cartons worth — of the prestigious "Journal of the Acoustical Society of America" fit in his office in Tawes Hall, but not in his new digs in the Compton Science Center. But Plitnik knew better than to discard this valuable, and he found a colleague in the Ukraine who could benefit.

Plitnik made his Ukrainian connection first in 1993 in Japan when he met Dr. Vladimir Svistunov, a leading world authority on high-temperature superconductivity. Svistunov later came to FSU with the support of the FSU Faculty Development Council. He taught a seminar course and presented public lectures on high temperature superconductivity, as well as talks on the status of science research in post-Soviet Ukraine.

In 2002, Plitnik traveled to Ukraine to meet with Svistunov and representatives of NTU to work on a potential cooperative grant between the two institutions. That process is still ongoing.

Plitnik said the 30 cartons of journals, the premier American acoustics journal, will be much appreciated by the Ukrainian university, where science research is top-notch, but money is short.

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Futures Are “Beary” Bright for FSU Grads

ALUMNI “BEAR”



By Ty DeMartino

Who doesn't love a teddy bear?

So soft. So sweet. So warm. But for three FSU graduates, cuddly bears mean cold, hard cash.

Starting on three different career paths, alumni **David Miller** (Class of '87), **Joseph Macharsky** (Class of '87) and **Janet (Porter) Garman** (Class of '94), have wound up at the same "fuzzy wuzzy" destination — The Boyds Collection Ltd.



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Ask any teddy bear aficionado and they will tell you that Boyds is the premier distributor of plush animals, figures, folksy pieces, dolls, clothing and accessories. For these die-hard collectors, their Mecca is a three-story barn in Gettysburg, Pa., with a down-home country feel, bear paw prints stenciled on anything standing still and punny signs like “Don’t Feed the Bears — They’re Already Stuffed.” You are certain that you have landed smack dab in the middle of “Boyds Bear Country,” U.S.A., populated with all your bear necessities — stuffed bears, resin bears, new bears, old bears

and other “critters” doing anything and everything imaginable (for family audiences, of course). Since the big red barn is estimated to bring more visitors to the area than the historic Gettysburg battlefields surrounding it, identical Boyds Bear Country locations are opening in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in the fall and Myrtle Beach, S.C., in the summer of 2005.

So how did these three FSU alumni find themselves together at this internationally acclaimed company?

Here are the “bear” facts...



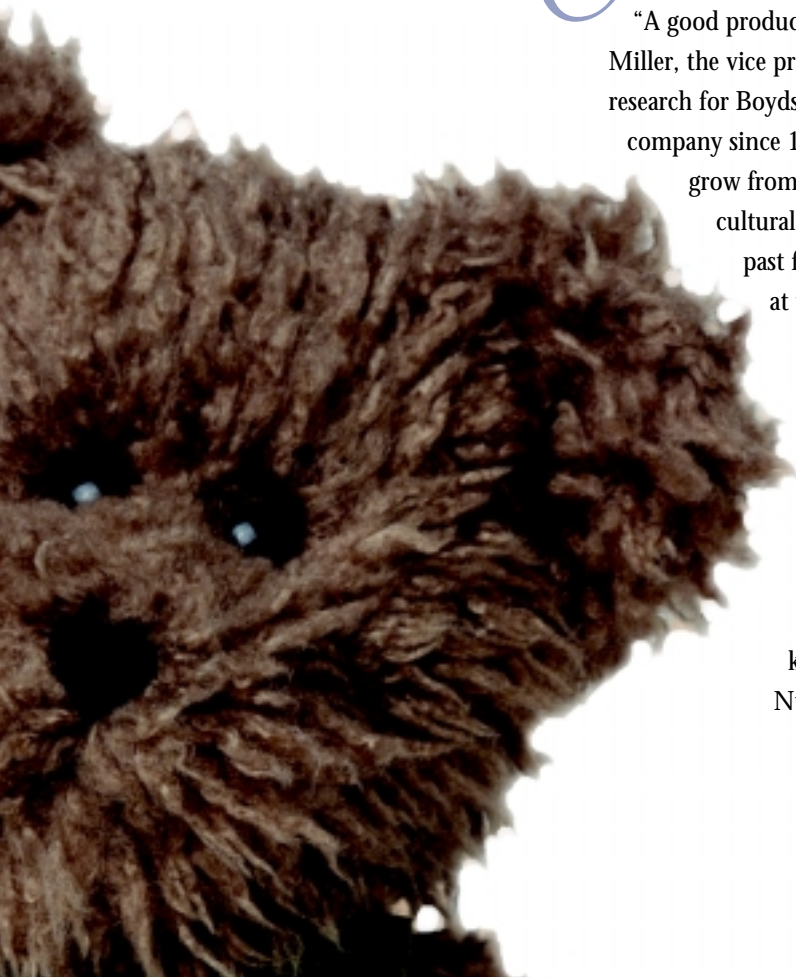
Stuffing the Markets

“A good product will sell,” says David Miller, the vice president of marketing and research for Boyds. Miller has been with the company since 1999 and has watched it grow from a few cute collectibles to cultural phenomenon over the past few years. He mostly works at the Boyds offices located in McSherrystown, 30 miles east of Gettysburg. As Miller walks through the Boyds barn, he chuckles watching a burly, six-foot man cradle a “newborn” cub swaddled in a pink blanket from the Teddy Bear Nursery.

In his life before Boyds, Miller, who studied art and design at Frostburg, worked his way up from paste-up artist to art director for Hobby House Press in Cumberland, Md., which publishes magazines for collectors, such as *Doll Reader* and *Teddy Bear and Friends*. By the time the Cumberland business was sold, Miller, a native of Corriganville, Md., was publisher and moved with the operation to Harrisburg, Pa.

“I’ve learned more than I ever really wanted to know about teddy bears,” says Miller, who did not have a special childhood bear, but gravitated more towards his fishing pole and sketchpad.

Through his work with the collector magazines, Miller fostered a relationship Gary Lowenthal, who founded the Boyds company in 1979. Lowenthal hired Miller to join Boyds’ almost non-existent marketing team. “Gary didn’t



really believe in marketing,” Miller recalls of his early days with a staff of two. Since Lowenthal sold the company to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., the marketing staff has grown to 26 and now performs all aspects, from photography to design, in-house.

Miller thinks of ways of promoting the merchandise through trade shows or working with the “local corner” retailers that sell Boyds products. He also forges relationships with big-name companies to bring about exclusive lines of Boyds products, such as Disney for Boyds’ special Winnie the Pooh collection. When Boyds recently introduced a new line of bears – “The Racing Family” — Miller and his team displayed two NASCAR cars at the barn. While thousands of dads flocked to the cars, moms and kids raced to the shelves to purchase bears named after Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Jr., Kevin Harvick and others. “Our inventory was cleaned out,” Miller happily reports.

His latest endeavor is the launch of the Boyds home party. Individuals will work with their local retailers and host in-home events featuring exclusive Boyds’ products.

The first few test programs in the Midwest were hugely successful.

While Miller and his wife, Jennifer (Johnson, Class of ’88), are content in Pennsylvania, he can “bearly” believe how his professional life has come to be.

“I’m managing a business, with an art background,” he adds.

Counting Beans

On the top floor of Boyds Country, pint-sized shoppers wearing plastic yellow hardhats create their very own personal bear by stuffing it with colored beans. There are red beans representing love. Purple for courage. Yellow for laughter. And so on. Sales assistants help the children make sure the beans are equally proportioned. However, it is at the Boyds headquarters where Joe Macharsky (Class of ’87), chief financial officer, secretary and chief accounting officer, does the real “bean counting.”

While Macharsky is responsible for the number crunching and hard logistics of Boyds, which saw \$113 million in

sales in 2003, he admits it was the warm atmosphere that first attracted him to the company in 2002.

“When I was waiting for my interview, about 25 people asked me if they could help me. It’s a very close environment. You can really experience people,” he says. “It’s a fabulous place to work.”

Macharsky, who was an accounting major with a minor in computers, did not know his colleague Miller while at Frostburg State.



During his Boyds interview, Miller jokingly pointed out an “error” on Macharsky’s resume, noting that Frostburg had switched from college to university status the year of his graduation. That’s when Macharsky realized he was in the presence of an alum.

“We then talked about The Repub,” Macharsky recalls.

A native of Westminster, Md., Macharsky worked in various senior ac-

counting positions at the Marriott/HMSHost corporations in Bethesda for nearly 15 years.

Despite now working with bears (and bulls), Macharsky, like Miller, doesn’t recall having a favorite teddy bear as a child. His wife, Kellie (Bankert, Class of ’88) collects some Boyds products and his children, ages 7, 5 and 4, are on their way to being collectors.

“They each have one teddy bear,” says dad. And counting.

The Boyds Family

Of the three alumni working in the land of teddy bears, only Janet Garman admits to cuddling up to a stuffed one as a child. However, it didn’t hold a Boyds tag.

“It was a ‘Misha’ bear from Germany,” Garman remembers of the toy made in honor of the 1980 Olympic games.

“But I wasn’t addicted to it.”

Luckily, many are addicted to bears and other collectible critters, which makes Garman’s job as a national account manager much easier.

Garman develops relationships with corporate retailers who distribute Boyds merchandise. She travels to trade shows to meet with clients and explore business opportunities. Garman has worked with such gift



industry heavy hitters as Nordstrom and Carlton Cards. Most recently, she was responsible for the Boyds account with Hallmark, which, over a three-year period, did \$11 million in business at the corporate level.

“I’ve grown up with Boyds over the past five years, both professionally and personally.”

With a father who worked as an executive at tire manufacturing plants, Garman lived in many locations – from Luxembourg to Ohio – until settling in Cumberland during her high school years. After a semester at West Virginia University, she transferred to Frostburg to study mass communications and public relations. A turning point in her FSU career came her senior year, when Garman participated in the Walt Disney College Program, working special events and operating the park shops in Orlando. “Disney gave me a lot of experiences.”

After graduation, she worked for McCormick Spice Co. in Baltimore County as a consumer affairs specialist and eventually became a media specialist, focus-



All photos courtesy of Boyds™ Collection, Ltd.

ing in retail. "I can read a coupon barcode and tell you everything on it," she boasts.

With a desire to go into sales, she left the spice company to join Boyds in 1999, around the time parent company KKR took over.

"KKR brought people in to take Boyds to the next level. It was an exciting environment to be in."

Like her fellow FSU alumni, Garman enjoys the relaxed atmosphere at Boyds.



She has an office in her home in Maryland, which is close to husband Michael's (Class of '93) family dry-cleaning business. Garman's second baby, a girl, was born this past spring, joining a 2-year-old sister. Garman appreciates the company that not only produces family products, but also promotes family values.

"Boyds is a unique company — very family-oriented. There are a lot of working

moms. The company is very understanding," she says.

Mere weeks after giving birth, this "Mama Bear" was back on the road, meeting with clients. But Garman's belief in her company makes the work "bear-able."

"I believe in the product," she adds. "Teddy bears make people happy."

For more information on Boyds and Boyds Collectibles, visit online at www.boydstuff.com.



Miller

The Will's Creek Collection

When **David Miller** (Class of '87), vice president for marketing at Boyds Collection Ltd., saw a need in the type of products offered by his company, he combined his love of carving fishing lures and his hometown to create a unique line of gifts.

"Our consumers at Boyds are 97 percent female. We have very few gifts for men," he says. "Sometimes, bears just don't cut it."

The "Will's Creek Collection," a trademark owned by Miller and distributed by Boyds, offers collectible fishing lures, picture frames and wooden decoys.

"I came up with the concept and had the opportunity to introduce it. The door was open."

He named the collection after the body of water that runs near his childhood home in Western Maryland. Growing up as an avid fisherman and hunter with his father and brothers, Miller would carve lures to use at the local quarry. Some of those designs are back now as keepsakes.

The venture also allows Miller, a painter at heart, to exercise his artistic muscle. His goal is to one day feature some of his acrylic landscapes, which have been exhibited, under the Will's Creek name.

In the meantime, a high point of creating the collection for Miller came when one of his brothers recognized a familiar scene at a local shop. Miller used an old photo of his brother fishing in the creek as a stock image in one of the collection's picture frames.

"My brother called me and asked, 'Is that me in the Hallmark store?'" Miller laughs. "That was worth more than anything."

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Alumnus Has Lofty Dreams as Astronaut

OUT OF THIS



by Liz Douglas Medcalf

An FSU accounting graduate soon may boldly go where no Bobcat has gone before.

Richard Arnold (Class of '86) was recently sworn in as one of NASA's 2004 astronaut candidates. This 11-member class is the first to focus from the start on NASA's new Vision for Space Exploration, to extend a human presence across the solar system, including a return to the moon.

WORLD!

Arnold has joined the astronaut class as a Mission Specialist – Educator. He and two other members of the class join the only other Educator Astronaut, Barbara Morgan, as the pioneers of a new NASA program.

Morgan was the back-up to Teacher in Space Christa McAuliffe, who died in the Challenger accident in 1986. Now nearly 20 years later, NASA is taking teachers and turning them into full-fledged astronauts.

Their role is to help lead NASA in the development of new ways to connect space exploration with the classroom and to inspire the next generation of explorers. They will be fully trained members of NASA's Astronaut Corps.

Arnold, who teaches math and science to sixth through 12th graders, promptly headed to Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida to learn to fly jets. (And no, he has never flown before.) He'll also learn water and land survival techniques, shuttle and space station operations and whatever other tasks he'll need in space. Following his two years of training, he'll await a flight assignment.

"It's going to be a new adventure," he said.

In the meantime, he and his fellow Educator Astronauts will be developing their program, meeting with teachers and making presentations in classrooms. His first task after his swearing-in on June 14 was to meet with a group of about 150 teachers to begin to develop ways for the educator astronauts to be resources for America's classrooms.

"NASA is doing this because it's important to get kids interested in science, engineering and mathematics. We need to make the connection between NASA and what could be the next generation of explorers – today's children," he says. "NASA wants to be sure they have the human resources to carry on their mission."

Like a lot of children, Arnold wanted to be an astronaut when he grew up.

"All the kids I grew up with did – that was the time of the Apollo missions. They were our heroes."

He ended up following a different path, one that still took him around the world.

He has taught in Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and, most recently, Romania. When he saw the announcement seeking new astronauts from the ranks of teachers, he realized he met the requirements. He discussed the

idea with his wife, Eloise, and then with his class, a group of middle-schoolers in Indonesia.

It was his students who urged him to apply, even writing him a letter of recommendation. Then he, Eloise and their two children, now 6 and 8, headed to Romania for a new posting for the 2003-2004 school year. They were ready to explore central and eastern Europe for a few years. NASA had other ideas.

"You don't make plans on getting this," Arnold says.

He has been open to changed plans through the years. While he was an accounting major in college, a couple of biology classes ignited his interest.

"I still graduated with a degree in accounting, but I was a real oddity in the accounting department because I was taking these 400-level biology classes at the same time," he says.

"I give a lot of credit to Professors (John) Riley and (Wayne) Yoder for getting me really excited about biology and science."

After earning his accounting degree, Arnold returned to Frostburg for his teaching certificate. He later earned a master's degree at the University of Maryland in marine and estuarine science.

He credits "dumb luck" for

Above: Former astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn is surrounded by NASA's newest astronaut class. FSU graduate Richard Arnold is fourth from the right.

finding him a place in this astronaut class. "I was blown away by the people I was interviewed with who ended up being disqualified by vision or other things beyond their control."

He feels his science and international background helped, but "I feel lucky to be here. I mean, it was pure luck that I have 20-20 vision at age 40."

Arnold is well aware of the risks he is taking by participating in the space program. "Columbia was lost before I finished my application. Exploration has its risks, but it's worth it. I believe in the people at NASA and what they do. And I'm always telling my kids that if they feel something is important, it's worth following through." He figured he could do no less.

For more information about NASA's Educator Astronaut Program, visit the Edspace site at edspace.nasa.gov.

Below: Richard Arnold, Educator Mission Specialist, undergoes rigorous water survival training along with his classmates at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Exercises included a simulated parachute water landing in inclement weather.

Photos courtesy of NASA



1923

Verna A. Boteler is turning 101 this November and is believed to be Frostburg's oldest living graduate.

1947

Frank Stone had Theodore Brameld's *Educational Reconstruction: An Intellectual Biography* published in 2003.

1949

Marion Shaw Peterman recently sold her home and moved to a senior apartment complex. She would like her classmates to have her new address: 27280 Nicolas Road, Apt. D 303, Temecola, CA 92591.

1952

Frenis Hoffman and his wife, Mabel, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 16, 2004. They have two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

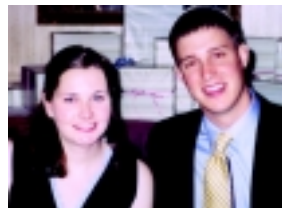
1954

Nancy Robertson Flanagan celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary June 27, 2004.

1966

Raymond Morgan was presented the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Presidents Award for Excellence in the Application of Science. He is a professor at the UMCES Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg.

1972



Denise and Stephen Lindsay

Sharon Brown Lindsay and her husband, Robert, and Edward and Penelope Wingert Logsdon (Class of '70) announce the marriage of their



A "Golden" Time

Members of the Class of 1954 returned to the campus of Frostburg State University on June 4 and 5 to celebrate their 50th year reunion at the Golden Anniversary Reunion. From left to right: (first row) William Edward Wallace, Frenis W. Hoffman, Leslie D. Goodwin, Marion Neva Geary Snelson, Martha J. Frank Brant, Ethel M. Everett Goss, Lolita Bittner Llewellyn, (second row) Katherine F. Hunt, Charlotte Northcraft Porter, H. Robetta Wilson Burkett, Dorothy Shertzer Ruffo, Colleen Kreger Grayson. Back: William E. Neff, Mary Virginia Alderton, Robert M. Hutcheson, Walter Glenn Lewis, Leslie D. Goodwin, James R. Lemmert and Neil L. Grayson.

children, Stephen C. Lindsay and Denise E. Logsdon, on April 3, 2004, at Catonsville United Methodist Church. Denise is a kindergarten teacher in Montgomery County, Md. and Stephen is a civil engineer for Arcadia Corporation in Millersville, Md.

1974

John Moran and his wife, Louise, have twin daughters who graduated from Dennison University in Ohio, a middle daughter who is a freshman at Elon University in North Carolina and a son soon to be a ninth-grader. John works at Cathedral School in Baltimore where Mike "Doc" Edwards is athletic and a physical education teacher.

1976

Mary Ferguson Sturm has been teaching middle school in Montgomery County, Md., since 1978. She just received National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Early Adolescent - Social Studies/History certification.

1982

Lori Lusby Hamilton worked in the nursing home field for the past 21 years. She has a wonderful husband, Richard, and daughter, Megan.

1983

Timothy Michaels is a partner in the accounting firm of Huber, Michaels and Co. He is also president of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Foundation Board, a group of community leaders with a goal of improving the lives of homeless animals through Adopathons and neuter clinics, as well as raising funds to build and operate a privatized Pet Adoption Center.



Members of the Class of '69 & '70 at their Fifth Annual Beach Weekend. Pictured from left are Nora Blau (Class of '69), Sharon Huston (Class of '70), Randy Hudgins, Jeff Blau, Sue Hudgins, Bobbie Fleming, Ardis Diaz (Class of '71), Al Nathewitch (Class of '69), G.L. Huston, Hank Fleming; seated Mary Nathewitch (Class of '69) and Dave Diaz (Class of '69).



Susan Snyder Schadt will retire after teaching art in Anne Arundel County for 30 years. She and husband, Bill, will begin sailing on their s/v, Nice 'n' Easy, to Bonaire and ports in between.

Dr. Judith J. Pula, FSU Department of English (also Class of '75), has co-written "Controversy: Issues for Reading and Writing," (Prentice Hall) with former FSU English faculty member Dr. Audrey T. Edwards and Dr. R. Allan Dermott. "Controversy" is a discussion-based critical reading and composition text promoting higher-order thinking skills.

1984

Laurie Johnson Bender moved into a new position of internal auditor for the Washington County Health System. She lives in Hagerstown, Md., with her husband and four kids; Marisha, 15, Joseph, 13, Elizabeth, 8, and Matthew, 2 1/2.

1985



Nancy Pettway married Peter Holden in 1991. They have four children and live in Potomac, Md. She says "Hi!" to all her Alpha Xi Delta sorority sisters.

1986

Mark Prokop is the executive director of Friends of Triangle Seniors and Food Assistance in the Chapel Hill, N.C., area. The FTSFA helps senior citizens in the Triangle (Orange, Durham and Wake Counties) with a variety of tasks including preparing/delivering food and meals, transportation to and from appointments, picking up prescriptions, cleaning homes and assisting seniors with paying bills, managing budgets and organizing paperwork. Mark encourages all alumni to check out his Web site at www.ftsfa.org for more information, as well as opportunities to fund-raise and volunteer for FTSFA.

1987

Kristi A. Adams married **Gary H. Athey II** (Class of '92) on June 21, 2003. They live in Keyser, W.Va.

1988



James Edward Lee is currently living in New York City, where he has started his acting career. This summer, he toured Canada and England with the play "Romantic Age," which is inspired by the poetry of William Blake. James can also be seen in the recently released feature film "Bottom Out," which is available in video stores.

1989



Christopher Chambers married Courtney A. Maddox on Oct. 26, 2002. They announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Ann, on Aug. 6, 2003. They reside in Tysons Corner, Va.

1990

David Ruth and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their second son, Nathan Mitchell, born March 12, 2004.

Holly Bryant Dhillon and her husband, Nik, have three energetic girls: Madline, 9, Courtney, 8, and Savannah, 5. After living in the mountains of Colorado for three years, they have relocated to Warsaw, Va. She is now working as the education coordinator for seven Head Start classrooms in the northern neck of Virginia. She is up to her ears renovating a 90-year-old farmhouse.

Nancy Kunkle Mitchell and her family are finally back together after John's year of service in Iraq. They would like to thank everyone for prayers, thoughts and encouragement through this time in their lives.

Stacey McKenzie West and her husband, Aaron, reside in Easton, Md., with their four children Tim, 10 1/2, Amy, 8 1/2, David, 6, and Joey, 3 1/2. Aaron owns Action Carpet Inc. Stacey cares for their family full-time.

1991

Christy Coleman Helmick and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of their fifth child, Moriah Kate Helmick, who joins her three sisters and brother. Christy is home-schooling the four older children and enjoying every precious moment. She loves sharing the stories in *Profile* with all of them.

Richard Luzier became a Maryland State Trooper on Feb. 6, 2004. He is stationed at the Westminster barracks. He and his wife, Katherine Weser (Class of '89), and their two sons, Brandon, 9, and Jordan, 5, live in Westminster. Katherine is a first-grade teacher at Hampstead Elementary School.

Susan Velsor Billy and her husband, **Paul** (Class of '90), welcomed their first child, Christopher, in March 2003. Susan earned her Master of Education degree in Special Education from West Chester University in December 2003. She is the director of Student Assistance Program Services in Exton, Pa., working with adolescents with substance abuse and mental health issues. Paul earned a Master of Science in Information Science from Penn State University. He is working on his MBA at Penn State. He is employed by Turkey Hill Dairy as database administrator and Information Services team leader.

William Long married Meredith N. Pratt on July 26, 2003. He is employed by the federal government in Woodlawn, Md.

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Class of '59 Shines

Frostburg State's Class of '59 will hold a Reunion Weekend from Sept. 17-19. The weekend will be start with a class gathering at Braddock Best Western in LaVale, Md. A luncheon and campus tour will take place on Saturday along with many hours to get reacquainted with friends from the 'Burg. On Sunday, festivities will conclude with a brunch. For more information, contact the FSU Alumni Programs Office at 301/687-4068. Join in on the fun!



Dick and Jane Sloop

Classes of 1964-1967: Listen Up!

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sloop invite you to celebrate a reunion at their home, 1 Dogwood Circle, Frostburg on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, beginning with a reception and entertainment at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations for dinner are requested in advance by contacting the Office of Alumni Programs at 301/687-4068 or e-mail alumni@frostburg.edu. Invitations with complete details will be mailed to the 1964-1967 classes prior to the reunion. Hope to see you there!

Artist "Blossoms" in Design Competition

It is not an easy task to create a visual representation of friendship between the United States and Japan, but **Jerry Arnold** (Class of '76) pulled it off with flying colors.

Organizers of the National Cherry Blossom Festival held in Washington, D.C., conduct an annual art contest to select a piece that they feel "expresses good will between the United States and Japan [and] which incorporates the delicate flowering cherry blossoms." Arnold's submission was selected as the winner of the 2004 National Cherry Blossom Festival Art Contest.



Jerry Arnold's (Class of '76) award-winning design was used on all promotions for the 2004 Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

In 1912 the mayor of Tokyo gave Washington D.C. 3,000 cherry trees. Since that first donation, Japan and the U.S. have exchanged native trees with each other in friendship. Today, the Japanese cherry trees are a symbol of spring in the nation's capital. The National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the beauty of the trees with a two-week festival in April.

In early January, the Cherry Blossom Festival organization picked Arnold's work from 66 submissions. The selection committee told Arnold that his design "raised the level of the festival's graphics." A year before the 2004 festival, Arnold began work on the design for the contest. "I knew I needed a good image of cherry blossoms, so that was my first

step... I found one in the local public library. It was a book on gardening. From there, the rest of the design came easy," he said.

Arnold's winning design was displayed on all promotional material for the 2004 festival. According to the organizers, his image would be "leaving 10 million impressions during the four weeks of the display."

For winning, Arnold received a cash prize, a two-night stay in a Washington D.C. hotel, two tickets to festival special events and two VIP tickets for the parade. In addition, he was given "a box seat at the Kennedy Center, a personal invite to the Japanese Embassy [and] a dinner cruise for helping with the ads."

Arnold earned his bachelor's degree in fine arts with a specialization in painting from Frostburg. Since then, he has worked as a graphic artist for employers that have included Martin Marietta Corp. and The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Arnold's work is not limited to just two dimensions. Recently, his sculptures have been shown in three major exhibitions. In 2001, he was selected to create a fish sculpture for Baltimore's "Fish Out of Water" contest. Then in 2003, Arnold's designs were again chosen for both the Washington, D.C. "Party Animals" public sculpture exhibit and the Ocean City's "Beach Bird" art exhibit.

He currently resides in Street, Md., where he works for DSTI/STG, a contractor assisting the U.S. Army Environmental Center at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

— Steven Ramsey

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1992



Tabitha Kathleen Knedeisen

Cynthia Greer Knedeisen and her husband, Kurt, announce the birth of their baby girl, Tabitha Kathleen Knedeisen, born on July 25, 2003. They also bought a new home in New Market, Md. Cindy says hello to all of her friends from FSU and to her sisters in Alpha Xi Delta.

Eric Anderson and Angela Rebecca Bennett Anderson (Class of '94) live in Frederick, Md., with their daughter, Elizabeth Rose. He is a marketing and communications manager for a senior services corporation in Gaithersburg, Md.

Eric Hedinger and his wife, Maria, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Cecily, born Nov. 28, 2003.

Kimberly Czuchrey Dyar was named National Christian Educator of the Year at the Christian Educators Association International (CEAI) conference in Los Angeles. The award recognizes a teacher's classroom experience, coupled with devotion to the Christian faith. Dyar was among three finalists chosen by a CEAI committee of 7,500 members. Dyer received her bachelor's and master's degree from FSU, where she studied English and reading. She resides in Newark, Del., with her husband, David. She serves as a language arts teacher at Rising Sun Middle School in Maryland. As a result of this honor, Dyer has had many speaking engagements around the country and radio interviews.

Efrain Avila Jr. and his wife, Laura, announce the birth of their daughter, Mikayla Yael, born May 12, 2003. Efrain is a United Methodist pastor and will be completing a doctorate in counseling in August 2004. Laura is a clinical psychologist serving a post-doctoral fellowship at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, where they reside.



Bonnie Burkland married Darren Rubottom on Aug. 30, 2003. She has a beautiful 8-year-old stepdaughter named Jessica. Bonnie works for The Midland Group, a company that helps uninsured people obtain health benefits. Darren is a farmer and rancher in Kansas. They grow wheat, oats, sunflowers, milo, forage and alfalfa. They also own a cow/calf operation. Life on the farm is peaceful compared to Maryland. She just wishes they didn't have tornados!



Alexander Joseph Ambrose

Deborah Alexander Ambrose and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Joseph, born on Jan. 29, 2004. Debbie is the daughter of Dr. Alice C. Alexander from FSU's Educational Professions Department.

1993

Scott Goldberg is employed as a program manager with AVR Enterprises Inc. The company specializes in IT hardware and software solutions, selling equipment to the federal government.

1994

Brenda Caldwell, as of Dec. 1, 2003, is employed as Communications Specialist for Information Manufacturing Corp. in Rocket Center, W.Va.



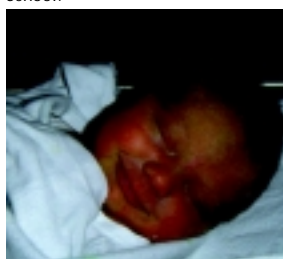
Nicole (Dore) Parker and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their son, Scott Tanin Parker, born May 17, 2004. They are living in Kalamazoo, Mi., where Nicole works for Hodgson Enterprises and Eric teaches math at Vicksburg High School.

Nancy Horn Ruddle and her husband, Don, announce the new addition to their family, Jonathan Edward Ruddle, born on Jan. 1, 2004. Jonathan was the New Year's Baby for Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Md. Both Nancy and Don are employed at Citicorp Credit Services in Hagerstown. They reside in Williamsport, Md.



Christian and Elias Brown

Aaron Brown and his wife, Jenny, announce the birth of their second son, Elias Jack Brown, born March 5, 2004. Elias is adjusting well, with the help of his big brother, Christian. Aaron works at the Maryland Department of the Environment and is getting his master's in biology at Towson University.



Ainsley Elizabeth Giles

Alexander Giles and **Danielle Giles** announce the birth of their daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth, on Dec. 29, 2003.



'63 Reunion — The Frostburg State Class of '63 held its 40th reunion over last year's Homecoming Weekend. If your class will be celebrating an upcoming reunion and you would like to help organize it, please contact the FSU Office of Alumni Programs at 301/687-4068.

George Saunders has been working for Chesapeake Engineering and Design Inc., a forensic engineering firm in Annapolis, Md., since February 2002. Recently he earned his PE license in the state of Maryland.

Megan Clarke married **Jeffrey Garfinkel** (Class of '92) in December 2002. In February 2004, they had a baby girl, Ella Grace. Megan works for Marriott International Inc. and Jeff works for Suntrust. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.

David Spear has been appointed Quality Assurance Manager with Somerset Welding & Steel Inc.

meeting the alumni. It was great to meet some of the current Frostburg students and see old friends!

1995

Jack Rolker married **Marci Barth** (Class of '95) March 13, 2004. They met only once at Frostburg and then reconnected in October of 2002. Jack works as an insurance agent and Marci works for Baltimore Crisis Response Inc. She recently became a licensed clinical professional counselor.



Kye Michael Dombrowski

Jennifer Meagher Dombrowski and her husband, **Paul** (Class of '95), announce the birth of their son, Kye Michael Dombrowski, on April 30, 2003. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo. Jennifer teaches kindergarten and Paul teaches fifth grade.

Neal Glessner and his wife, **Mary Mrozek Glessner** (Class of '96), announce the birth of their second child, Brooke Marie, born March 2, 2004. Their son Jordan is now 2. They reside in Hagerstown, Md. Neal is owner and president of Glessner Alarm & Communications, which installs and services electronic security and telecommunications solutions and home automation systems, a company that has been honored by Honeywell Corp., First Alert and Iwatsu Telecommunications for technical accomplishments and by the Hagerstown/Washington County Chamber of Commerce as Entrepreneurial Company of the Year.



Carter James Gentile

Jennifer Wilson Gentile and **Michael L. Gentile** (Class of '95) announce the birth of their second child, Carter James Gentile, on Jan. 16, 2004. His big brother, Bailey Michael, is now 20 months old.

Erin Moran Lacey and some of her Alpha Xi Delta sisters and alumni from the late '80s have started having annual get-togethers. They had one on March 27 with about 30 women attending. There were active sisters there



ADX Founders Reunite

Eighteen of the 26 original founding fathers of Alpha Delta Chi assembled at FSU on April 23-24, for the 40th anniversary of the fraternity's founding. The following weekend over 100 of the more-recent alumni gathered at the Wisp Resort in McHenry for a celebration. The Alpha Delta Chi Fraternity, affiliated with the international Delta Chi Fraternity in 1989, now boasts 509 initiated members. Active brothers (kneeling, left to right) C.J. Stottuth, Travis Johnston, Asher Shapiro, Luke Mills, S. Hudson Kershner, Brooks Todd, Brendan Hennigan, Kevin Hoffman, Dustin Swiger; founders (standing, front row) Jim Rota (Class of '67), Paul Ober (Class of '67), Wylie Bean (Class of '67), Joe Noone (Class of '67), Ed Bodmer (Class of '67), Roy Lantz (Class of '71), Lee Johnson (Class of '66), Bill Orndorff (Class of '67); (standing, back row) R.C. Green (Class of '67), Michael Klishes (Class of '66), Terry Diehl (Class of '67), Ron Forrester (Class of '67), Steve Warner (Class of '67), Wayne Paul (Class of '67), Jeff Jewell (Class of '70), John Martin (Class of '67), Jack Hahn (Class of '67) and Jim Holton (Class of '67).

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She Knows Where She's Going

MapQuest.com, the hugely popular Internet map provider that made verbal driving directions like "turn at the silver house" a thing of the past, was actually telling people "where to go" long before the World Wide Web.

That is where **Katy Resser** (Class of '02), geography major, found herself only two weeks after her FSU graduation. At MapQuest, Resser produces map designs for textbooks, atlases, directories or anywhere you might find a printed map. She recently did a route map for the magazine that airlines leave in the seat pocket.



Resser

Founded in the 1960s by the venerable printing company R.R. Donnelley & Sons in Lancaster, Pa., MapQuest (then called Donnelley Cartographic) began as a cartographic service that created the classic road maps found as gas station give-aways. The firm later became a leading supplier of custom maps to reference, travel, textbook and directory publishers.

Resser's job is to draw from MapQuest's enormous database

to make maps based on customer specifications. Using the graphic artist's computer tools of Illustrator, Photoshop and Quark, she adjusts the maps and creates the overlays and references based on the needs of the client. Even though her work is largely that of a graphic artist now, she didn't take graphic design at FSU.

"It's funny. I've made hundreds and hundreds of maps here. In school, each one seemed like such a big deal," she says.

She decided to major in geography in her sophomore year when she took a sampler of her favorite classes, history, English and geography with Dr. George White. Geography won out.

"Geography is so specialized and there's so much variety." She decided she was more interested in the human geography side of the discipline than the highly technical physical geography side. In her class, there were only six concentrating on cartography, and she was the only woman.

The MapQuest that Web surfers know was launched in February of 1996. Shortly before the company went public in 1998, the name was changed to MapQuest.com. It was purchased by America Online in 2001.

Strangely, even though the approximately 70 cartographers at the Digital Mapping Services division work in the same building with the dot-comers, they have little contact.

"We really don't even intermingle with that side of the building," she says. "We're lumped with AOL, but we don't fit in."

She's doing her part to expand the FSU influence at MapQuest. She has already helped two fellow Bobcats pick up internships at the company's Mountville, Pa., headquarters just outside of Lancaster.

"I proudly wear my Frostburg decal on the back of my car," she says. "I'm lucky. I love it here."

— Liz Douglas Medcalf

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Andrew Bensimon married Kimberley Bingman in Leesburg, Va., on Oct. 12, 2003. The two went to opposing schools from grade school through high school but never met until 10 years later when they were both living in Northern Virginia. Kim has a 9-year-old son named Brett, to whom Andrew is now the proud stepfather. Andrew continues to work as a senior security systems engineer for SAIC in McLean, Va., and Kim is an e-products sales specialist for Ingenix, a medical coding solutions provider for United Healthcare.

Christina Krabitz Drenner and her husband, Darrel, announce the birth of their third son, Owen William, on Oct. 22, 2003. Previously a second-grade teacher, Christina is now a stay-at-home mom.

1998

Michael Border and his wife, Pamela Filer Border, have three daughters, Sarah, 3, Lauren, 2, and Heather, 1 month. He works for RR Donnelley as an Application Support Specialist.

Nicole Goodfellow Horsch and her husband, Nat (Class of '98), announce the birth of Marnie Grace Horsch on Jan. 20, 2004. Her big sister, Emily, is excited to have the baby sister she wanted.

Stacey Gomer married Ronald Francis McKenzie Jr. on April 21, 2001, and they had a beautiful baby girl on Aug. 17, 2003. She is working on her master's degree in Special Education at FSU.

Andrew James Atkinson married Andrea Diane Moser on Sept. 6, 2003. He is a senior research technician for SAIC in Frederick, Md.

1999

Amanda Hart married Mike Stevens on May 30, 2003. She is the director of The Little Gym in Severna Park, Md.

Anthony Washington won a Daily Points of Light Award from the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. The Points of Light Foundation encourages people to volunteer, and it honors exceptional volunteers and groups with recognition on its Web site. Tony was recognized in the "Healthy Start for a Healthy Future" category for his work with "FSU Sponsor-A-Family for Thanksgiving Program." Tony worked with the Western Maryland Food Bank director to create a program that provides Thanksgiving dinners to less fortunate families in the tri-state area of Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Tony has worked in the Baltimore area for two years as the director of volunteers for the Maryland Science Center, but he still drives two and a half hours back

1996

Daniel Petty is a computer programmer and interface specialist for health care systems. He works for the Veterans Administration in Silver Spring, Md.

Joanna Bradford, after eight post-graduate years of working in the entertainment industry (17 total), has decided to completely switch gears and re-enter the world of education. She is earning her BA degree in criminal justice from Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. No direction home, but boy is it fun!

Vicky Belt Bibler's son, Eli, turned 1 on April 23, 2004.

James Thomas Jardinier married Tracey Renee Hart on Sept. 6, 2003. He is a business manager with Hagerstown Honda.

1997

Heather Hanger Wilson and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of Naomi Louise Wilson born on April 8, 2003. Ron graduated in May 2003 with his Master of Divinity in Missions from Reformed Theological Seminary and will graduate in May 2005 with his Master of Theology in Old Testament. They moved to Laurel, Miss., in June 2003. Ron works as Youth Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Heather is a stay-at-home mother and wife.

Karen Beth Deltuva married Gary Stephen Berned on Sept. 27, 2003. She is employed with the Department of Defense.

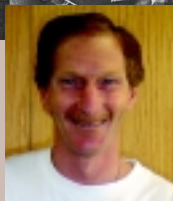


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Mike Spinnler, back row, third from the left, identified everyone in last issue's "What the Heck" feature. (Inset) Spinnler today.

Last issue's winner

Editor's Note: Dozens of readers wrote in to take a stab at identifying the photo in last issue's "What the Heck..." feature.

Only one guessed correctly, naming the people in the photo, the location and situation. The winner? None other than Mike Spinnler, who is pictured in the T-shirt and tie. Here's Mike's winning entry, for which he received an FSU T-shirt (no word if he's wearing it with a necktie):

...The photo in question is of the residents of "The Track House" — an off-campus house located on Linden Street, owned by Dr. Robert Lewis. The photo was taken during the winter of 1980. The guys are dressed in the normal attire for one of our parties where the air-guitar band (lip synching to Cheap Trick) "The Scum Bags" — Tom Castle, Randy Plante, Mike Spinnler — would perform. In the photo is **Dan Quinn** (gun, coonskin hat), **Randy Plante** (golf club, Cortland track T-shirt), **Tom Castle** (tennis racket, canteen), Mike Spinnler (Hagerstown Cross Country T-shirt, tie, ice scraper), **Lindy "KIA"** (short for "Know It All") **Lauver** (skis and bow-and-arrow) and a graduate student named **Tim Brush**.

Plante is now a commercial airline pilot. Castle works in the insurance business in Southern California. Quinn lives in Montgomery County and is one of the finest master (age 40-and-over) cross country runners in America. Spinnler (that's me) is a father of two (boys ages 5 & 7) who works in sports management and promotions. The where-abouts of Lauver and Brush are unknown.

I'm trying to track down Plante and Castle to get the band back together for a potential 25th Anniversary Reunion Tour of "The Scum Bags." I can't speak for the other Track House inhabitants, but I know deep down inside I've never truly grown up and have no real intentions of ever doing so. As the former Baltimore Colts Quarterback Bert Jones once said, "It is mandatory to grow old, but is optional to grow up."

Mike "Pink" Spinnler
Class of '81
Hagerstown, Md.



photo courtesy Big Park Community School

Field of Dreams

Doug Colletti (Class of '77) passed away on Jan. 24, 2004, at his home at age 49, after suffering a heart attack. He leaves behind a legacy at Big Park Community School in Sedona, Ariz., where, as a teacher, he spearheaded an effort to build athletic fields for the children. He also coached baseball at local high school for a number of years. The day after his death, students gathered on the fields where they remembered their coach, friend and mentor who was known for saying, "Start each day fresh and never give up on anybody."

In Memoriam

Alumni

1918	Mary Martha Manley Maher Jan. 1, 2004
1925	Jennie H. King Dec. 19, 2003
1928	Novella Crowe Dec. 8, 2003
1935	Jennie D. Durst Stark Jan. 29, 2004
1940	Max Delvin Nordeck Jan. 10, 2004 Lorraine C. Howell Nov. 24, 2003
1944	Harman Paul DeHart May 6, 2004
1952, 1964	Arthur M. Lloyd Nov. 20, 2003
1953	William Bawden Yates March 28, 2004
1963	Eve Kristine Belfoure March 26, 2004
1964	John Francis Goss March 19, 2004
1965	Joseph R. Gallen Oct. 5, 2003
1966	John A. Winebrenner April 3, 2004
1968	Ronald J. Hoopengardner Feb. 9, 2004
1972	Robert D. Bittle Dec. 21, 2003
1977	Douglas P. Colletti (see separate story) Jan. 24, 2004

Paul Dirk Vandenberg
March 8, 2004

1980	P.J. Siegel Jan. 14, 2004
1983	Darlene A. Jones Dec. 30, 2003
1984	Nancy D. Cook Brocke Sept. 3, 2003
1985	James T. Nicol May 11, 2004
1996	Phyllis K. Vitez Feb. 19, 2004
2003, 2004	Paula L. Vroman-Garcia May 12, 2004

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Francis J. Cullen May 26, 2004
Harold J. Cordts (see page 6) April 23, 2004
Joseph Struntz March 16, 2004
Richard C. Winfield March 30, 2004
Margaret K. Robinson Nov. 4, 2003
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Six to be Inducted Into Bobcat Hall of Fame

The FSU Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame will induct six new members this fall at its annual dinner and induction ceremony Friday, Oct. 22, over Homecoming Weekend. Former basketball standout **Valery Broadwater** (Class of '87), field hockey great **Heather Mason** (Class of '87), field hockey and lacrosse star **Jean Goldsborough** (Class of '82), soccer standout **Francisco Castro** (Class of '81), three-sport great **Brad Nelson** (Class of '89) and baseball star **Tom Merritt** (Class of '78) form the 33rd induction class.

Broadwater enjoyed a record-setting career at forward from 1982-1987. A four-year letterwinner, the Lonaconing, Md., native helped lead the Bobcats to a 76-29 overall record, two NCAA appearances, one ECAC South Championship and one ECAC South runner-up finish.

She graduated as FSU's career leader in scoring (1,364), free throws made (305), free throws attempted (384), free throw percentage (79.4) and field goal percentage (47.5). Her free-throw shooting percentage still stands atop the FSU record books.

Mason established herself as one of the top field hockey goalkeepers in FSU history from 1984-1987. The White House Station, N.J., native posted a 54-17-2 record, 433 saves and 24 shutouts and helped the Bobcats make four straight NCAA Division III Tournament appearances and win two ESAC titles.

She was a regional All-American her final three seasons, a second-team All-American as a junior and a first-team All-American as a senior.

Goldsborough, an Owings Mills, Md., native, was a standout for both the FSU field hockey and lacrosse teams from 1978-1982. A three-year letterwinner as a goalkeeper in field hockey, she helped the Bobcats win Maryland state championships in both her junior and senior years as well as earn the program's first berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament as a senior.

In lacrosse, Goldsborough had 29 goals and 13 assists as a junior, and she had 42 goals and 25 assists as a senior to earn team MVP and Maryland All-College honors.

Castro, from Gaithersburg, Md., was a four-year letterwinner at forward from 1978-1981. He helped FSU to a 34-19-7 overall record, one Maryland Small College

Championship, one ECAC Championship and the program's first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Castro scored 38 goals and added 18 assists for 56 points in his career. He was named to the Maryland All-State first team and was a second-team All-South Region selection.

Nelson, from Cumberland, Md., enjoyed a strong career in football, tennis and swimming from 1987-1990. He led the Bobcats with 85 tackles from his line-backer position as a junior and helped FSU to a school-record 9-1 finish as a senior. For his career, he made 209 tackles, including 15 for loss and 10 sacks, and he added four fumble recoveries, four pass breakups and three interceptions.

Nelson went right from the gridiron to the pool to compete in the freestyle, backstroke and relay events, and, in tennis, he advanced to the semifinals of the ESAC

Tournament at No. 3 singles his sophomore season.

Merritt, widely considered one of the top all-around second basemen for the Bobcats, helped lead FSU to a 95-51-1 record and three NAIA Tournament appearances from 1975-1978. He was an integral part of FSU's outstanding 1976 season when the Bobcats finished 35-8-1, qualified for the NAIA District Tournament and earned a No. 18 final national ranking.

For his career, Merritt hit .304 with 108 hits, 88 runs, 62 RBI, 16 doubles, 10 home runs, 156 total bases, a .439 slugging percentage, 21 stolen bases, 22 sacrifices and 63 walks.

The Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in the Lane University Center. Tickets are \$18 per person and may be purchased by calling 301/687-4161 or online at http://sports.frostburg.edu/bobcat_hall/index.htm.

Nominate Your Favorite Bobcat

Do you have a favorite FSU athlete, coach or administrator that you believe should be in the FSU Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame? The Hall of Fame honors those who greatly impacted Frostburg both on and off the playing field and court.

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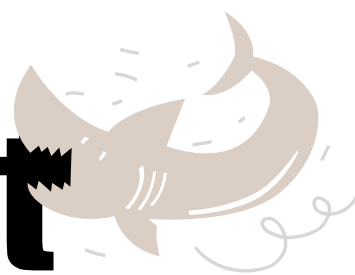
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This event is sponsored by the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Annual Fund.

Softball Turns to Another Mascot to Spark Record-Setting Season

From Bobcats to "Sharkbait"



The Frostburg State softball team wore the University's "Bobcat" mascot across its jerseys this past season, but it was another animal that served as the theme in what was the best year in the program's nine-year history.

Sitting with a 13-8 record just two days before crucial back-to-back road doubleheaders at Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference foes Penn State Altoona and Pitt-Bradford, the Bobcats were still seeking a spark. They found it, of all places, in a stuffed animal.

Sophomore Trish Brown, sophomore Krystal Dixon and senior Stephanie Zych brainstormed the idea of "Sharkbait" from the movie "Finding Nemo" as a rallying cry for the team.

"Trish, Krystal and Stephanie came into my office one morning, presented the idea and asked if they could approach the team with it at practice that afternoon," said second-year head coach Chris Starke. "I thought it was a great sign of players taking control of the team, which was something I had been wanting since I became the head coach in 2003. The rest of the team bought into it right away, and it had a great effect."

A 10-inch stuffed shark was placed in the chain link fence of the dugout, and players put a piece of athletic tape with "Sharkbait" written in magic marker on their gloves before each game.

The first test came in a doubleheader at Penn State Altoona, and the result in game one was less than impressive. The Bobcats lost 5-3, committing four errors and managing just one hit through the first six innings. FSU's bats



The 2004 FSU softball team

showed some life in a two-run seventh, and that set the tone for the nightcap.

The Bobcats blew open a 1-1 game by scoring four runs in the fourth and went to an 8-3 victory, the first of what would become a school-record tying seven straight wins.

"That seventh inning of game one gave us a lot of confidence, and we came out much more focused and aggressive in that second game," said Starke. "I guess it took 'Sharkbait' a little bit of time to get us going."

FSU stayed hot the next day, sweeping defending AMCC champion Pitt-Bradford 9-4 and 1-0. The Bobcats used a 16-hit attack to win the opener and then relied on pitching and timely hitting to claim the nightcap.

With two outs in the top of the seventh, freshman Amanda Griswold doubled and

scored on senior Stephanie Zych's single.

Freshman Lori Potts tossed a complete-game four-hit shutout, working out of a second-and-third jam with none out in the bottom of the seventh to close out the game.

The Bobcats continued their tear, winning eight of their next 10 games to improve to 24-11 overall and 11-1 in the AMCC. FSU's two losses in that stretch came at the hands of regional power McDaniel, which advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

FSU clinched its first-ever AMCC regular-season title and also hosted the conference tournament for the time. After blanking No. 4 Penn State Altoona 5-0 in their first game, the No. 1 Bobcats were sent to the loser's bracket with a 6-2 loss to No. 3 Pitt-Bradford.

FSU needed to win three games on day two

of the tournament to claim the title, and the situation looked bleak in its first game, a rematch with Penn State Altoona. The Lions jumped out to a 7-1 lead heading into the bottom of the third, but the Bobcats regrouped and put together one of the top comebacks in school history.

FSU cut its deficit to 7-4 with three runs in the third and then plated four more in the fourth to take an 8-7 advantage. The Bobcats added three more runs in the fifth en route to an improbable 11-8 victory to stay alive.

"That was an amazing display of determination by every player on our team," said Starke. "Penn State Altoona was hitting everything we threw at them early, but we settled down and our offense took over. It was one of the most exciting games I've ever been part of."

However, FSU's bats wouldn't stay hot in the next game, as Pitt-Bradford posted a 4-0 win to claim its second straight league title.

"Pitt-Bradford simply played better than we did in the tournament," said Starke. "We didn't hit and made some defensive miscues that cost us in both games against them."

Despite coming up short in their run for the AMCC title, the Bobcats were still rewarded for their strong season with a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Region Championship, the first post-season bid in the program's nine-year history.

The Bobcats, seeded sixth, traveled to No. 3 Misericordia in the first round and

jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third, but the Cougars answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning and then took control with a four-run fifth en route to a 6-2 victory.

"That was a good learning experience for all of us," said Starke. "We played hard against a team with a lot of postseason experience, but, like in the AMCC Tournament, we couldn't come up with some hits when we needed them. I guess 'Sharkbait' ran out of magic."

Despite coming up short in their run for the conference crown, several Bobcats were honored for their outstanding years. Six players earned All-AMCC honors, including Brown, who was voted the AMCC Co-Player of the Year after hitting .468, setting single-season school records with 51 hits and 85 total bases and tying single-season school records with six home runs and 35 RBI.

The Bobcats also took care of business in the classroom, compiling a team cumulative grade point average of 3.19 for

the spring semester. Zych and sophomore Megan Burner had perfect 4.0 GPAs, while four other players surpassed the 3.0 mark.

"This was such a fun year," said Starke.

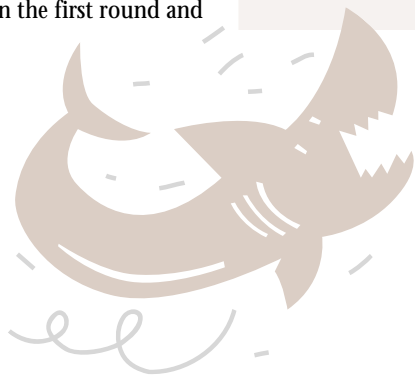
"The players got along so well from the start, and that carried us throughout the season. The 'Sharkbait' theme was a great idea and really brought more unity to the team."

While FSU loses four seniors, eight returning players and a strong recruiting class should have the Bobcats in the race for the AMCC title and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament next year.

"This year's team has set the bar high both athletically and academically for future years," Starke added. "We've got some unfinished business next season, and we're very excited about what lies ahead for FSU softball."

"The 'Sharkbait' theme was a great idea and really brought more unity to the team."

— Chris Stake
Head Softball Coach



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Brown, Feller, Lyst Named AMCC Players of the Year

Sophomore **Trish Brown** of Manchester, Md., junior **Scott Feller** of Boca Raton, Fla., and junior **Gary Lyst** of Silver Spring, Md., were named Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Players of the Year in their respective sports this past spring.



Brown

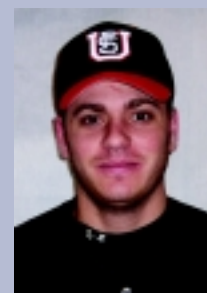
Brown, a first baseman, was voted the AMCC Softball Co-Player of the Year after hitting .468, setting single-season school records with 51 hits and 85 total bases and tying single-season school records with six home runs and 35 RBI.

She finished the year ranked 25th in NCAA Division III in slugging percentage (.780) and 32nd in batting average.

Feller took home the AMCC's biggest baseball honor after hitting .414 with 11 doubles, five home runs, 35 RBI and 74 total bases. Feller went 6-for-14 with five RBI and three runs scored in the AMCC Tournament to help the Bobcats to the conference title.

Feller now ranks on the FSU career charts with 137 hits, 40 doubles, 14 home runs, 57 extra base hits, 102 RBI, 225 total bases and a .414 batting average.

Lyst was voted the AMCC Men's Tennis Co-Player of the Year after posting a 12-6 record in singles play and a 14-3 mark in doubles action. Lyst was a combined 11-1 in singles and doubles competition against AMCC opponents. At the AMCC Tournament, he won the No. 2 singles championship and teamed with senior Justin Stephens (Oakland, Md./Southern Garrett) to capture the No. 1 doubles title.



Feller

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Culbert, Little & Sauder Named Athletes of the Year

Junior **Kevin Culbert** of Purcellville, Va., was named the Male Athlete of the Year while senior **Beth Sauder** of Oakland, Md., and junior **Tracey Little** of La Vale, Md., were named the Co-Female Athletes of the Year at the Frostburg State University Athletics Awards Banquet held in May.

Culbert, a 6'5", 235-pound defensive end, led the Bobcat football team with 80 tackles, 47 solo tackles, 22 tackles for loss, 10.0 sacks and two forced fumbles. He added three pass breakups, a fumble recovery, a blocked kick and a safety. During the course of the season, he was selected the ACFC Defensive Player of the Week twice, the ECAC Division III Southwest Defensive Player of the Week twice and was named to the *D3football.com* National Team of the Week once. He was also named FSU's Most Valuable Player in the team's thrilling 15-14 win over rival Salisbury in the Regents' Cup Game.

Sauder capped an outstanding cross country career by winning the individual title at the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Cross Country Championships and earning All-AMCC honors for the fourth straight year. She led the Bobcat women to the AMCC title for the second straight year and the sixth time in the league's seven-year history.

Little enjoyed another standout season with the Bobcat women's basketball team, leading the AMCC with 20.2 points, 11.2 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game. She became just the 12th player in FSU women's basketball history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau this past season and currently sits 11th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,107 points.

FSU finished 16-12 overall and advanced to the AMCC semifinals. The Bobcats also earned a berth in the ECAC Southern Championship, the team's first postseason bid since 1997.



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Women's Lacrosse Posts Best Season Since 1992

With a strong group of veterans and a solid cast of newcomers, the Frostburg State women's lacrosse team posted a 10-5 finish, the program's best showing since the 1992 squad went 14-3.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Nicole Bonvouloir, the Bobcats raced out to a 7-0 start, the longest winning streak since a 13-game stretch in 1992, before closing with a 3-5 mark. Four losses came to teams ranked in the top 15 in the nation, while the fifth was a one-goal defeat to Catholic.

Junior Page Macey of Linthicum, Md., was named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association South Atlantic Second Team after leading the Bobcats with 52 goals and adding 26 assists to finish with a career-high 78 points.

Macey will enter her final year with 148 career goals, 34 shy of the school record held by Maggie Murphy.

Track & Field Teams Finish Fourth at Mason-Dixon Championships

Both the Frostburg State men's and women's track and field teams highlighted their seasons by placing fourth out of seven squads at the 2004 Mason-Dixon Conference Outdoor Championships.

The Bobcat men, who set 10 personal records at the meet, were led by junior Brian Bonn of Glen Burnie, Md., who won titles in both the 800- (personal-record 1:54.40) and 1,500-meter runs (3:59.53).

Sophomore Sid Bittinger from Midland, Md., took home FSU's third individual crown, claiming the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a personal-best time of 9:45.39.

Freshman Brandon Bowersox of Baltimore was the runner-up in the javelin with a personal-best mark of 155-7.

Three runner-up finishes highlighted the women's team performance.

Sophomore Chelsea Lewis from Indianapolis, Md., placed second in the 100-meter dash (12.96), junior Lynnea Finch of Owings Mills, Md., was second in the 800-meter dash (2:26.10) and freshman Bonnie Axman from (Burke, Va., finished second in the 10,000-meter run (43:09.44).



Page Macey was named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association South Atlantic Second Team.

Men's Tennis Places Second at AMCC Championships

Frostburg State came close to winning the AMCC title, but it wasn't to be as rival Penn State Behrend edged the Bobcats 11-10 to claim the league crown.

Junior Gary Lyst of Silver Spring, Md., and senior Dustin Robinson of Leonardtown, Md., won titles at No. 2 and No. 4 singles and later took home doubles crowns as well. Lyst paired with senior Justin Stephens of Oakland, Md.,



Scott Feller was named Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Baseball Player of the Year.



Brian Bonn (right) won titles in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs in the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships.

at No. 1 doubles, while Robinson teamed with fellow senior Pete Della-Luna of Moshpee, Mass., to claim the No. 2 doubles championship.

Lyst was named the Co-Player of the Year, and Robinson was voted the Co-Newcomer of the Year after posting 10-8 singles and 8-10 doubles records in his first and only season of collegiate competition.

Stephens became FSU's all-time leader in victories when he picked up singles and doubles wins against Penn State Altoona. He graduated with a stellar 103-29 career record, surpassing former teammate Terrence Killen's 94 victories compiled from 1999-2002.

The Bobcats finished the season 5-11 overall and 3-3 in the AMCC.

Baseball Concludes 2004 Season with AMCC Championship

The Frostburg State baseball team finished its 40th season in program history with a strong performance, winning its third Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament championship and first since 1998 en route to a 26-18 final record.

FSU just missed out on a bid to the NCAA Tournament but did finish ranked seventh in the Mid-Atlantic Region poll by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Seven Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC squad, led by Feller, who was voted the AMCC Player of the Year after hitting .427 with six home runs and 40 RBI.

FSU will look to carry its momentum into the 2005 season as the AMCC Tournament winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs for the first time ever.

Bobcats Win 2003-04 AMCC Presidents' Cup

On the strength of five team championships and four runner-up finishes, Frostburg State University is the winner of the 2003-04 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Presidents' Cup, awarded annually to the member school with the strongest overall program.

This is the first time that Frostburg State has won the cup in the award's four-year existence. The Bobcats had finished as the runner-up to Penn State Behrend each of the previous three years.

"Winning the Presidents' Cup is a testament to the hard work of our coaches and student-athletes," said FSU Athletic Director Ralph Brewer. "We have been close during the first three years of the cup's presentation, but this year the conference teams

clearly demonstrated their excellence. We are elated to have won it."

The cup standings take into consideration both team and individual sports in 12 championships. Frostburg State scored 59 points and was followed in the standings by Penn State Behrend (50) and Penn State Altoona (43).

Pitt-Greensburg and La Roche tied for fourth (33 points each), Pitt-Bradford was sixth (30) and Lake Erie seventh (15).

FSU claimed AMCC championships in baseball, men's cross country, women's cross country, women's soccer and women's volleyball this year.

The Bobcats were also runners-up in men's soccer, men's basketball, softball and men's tennis. The women's basketball and women's tennis teams placed third.



Msgr. Kerr of LaRoche, AMCC President, making the presentation to FSU President Catherine Gira.



Otters Galore

When Frostburg State hosted the IXth International Otter Colloquium this June, the University was filled with "otter" excitement.

Thanks to the efforts of FSU Biology Professor **Dr. Thomas Serfass**, internationally known for his otter research, and his team, the campus was a buzz with "all things otter," including workshops, paper presentations, guest lectures, community events, art shows and more.



- ❶ Jack Hubley, host of television show "Wild Moments," shared some of his creepy, crawly "friends" with community children.
- ❷ The colloquium drew scientists from more than 30 countries.
- ❸ Keynote speaker Devra G. Kleiman of Zoo-Logic spoke on "Flagship Species Conservation Promotes Habitat Preservation."
- ❹ Local schools participated in a poster design contest using this year's conference theme: "Otters: Ambassadors for Aquatic Conservation."
- ❺ Dr. Thomas Serfass (left) and Frank Felbaum, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the organizer of the auction, show off some of the exotic pieces donated from artists around the globe.
- ❻ Organizers held an art auction to raise funds for the event.