How a national phenomenon is linked to FSU.
Defying Gravity

FSU’s “Bobcat in Space”  Ricky Arnold  (Class of ’85) continues his NASA astronaut training. Check out our update and find out how Arnold is soaring to new heights (literally).

Einstein Slept Here...

...He also sailed, hiked and communed with Western Marylanders. As scientists officially celebrate 2005 as “World Year of Physics,” Profile takes a look at the Father of the Theory of Relativity’s quiet (and very secretive) two-week stay at Deep Creek Lake.
Field of Dreams
As a way to honor his longtime dedication to the Bobcats, the University’s baseball field will be named in honor of former baseball coach Bob Wells. Coach shares his views about the honor and his feelings about FSU.

Wrist Support
“LIVESTRONG.” You’ve seen the popular credo on the yellow wrist bands from coast-to-coast. FSU graduate Mitchell Stoller (Class of ’76) was there at the beginning of this movement to raise awareness for people living with cancer. But the latest yellow bracelet craze is just one chapter in Stoller’s remarkable career of promoting health issues.

Rock On!
While the temps may have been chilly, the mood and events were red hot at 2004’s “Rockin’ Down the Highway” Homecoming. From the concert with the Doobie Brothers, super reunions and the reintroduction of tailgating, everyone had a “rockin’” good time!
From the President

Dear Friends,

We are pleased once again to share with our readers some exciting news about our alumni, faculty, staff and students and to bring you up to date on recent noteworthy developments on our campus.

With each new issue of Profile, I have the sense that we have topped out in citing the incredible achievements of individuals affiliated with our University, from their involvement in the astronaut program to redefining our institution. Public institutions of higher education in the 21st Century have a tri-fold mission: to provide the highest quality education for their students; to render service to the communities in which they are located; and to be a partner in stimulating economic growth and development.

Our community service projects, such as AmeriCorps, have been described in earlier editions of this magazine. In sum, Frostburg State University has been commended nationally, regionally and within the State for its outstanding programs, having received in 2001 the first-ever award given to an institution of higher learning by the Corporation for National Service.

Similar awards have been granted by Governors Gleringen and Ehrlich, and the American Association for State Colleges and Universities has named our programs as one of six nationwide to serve as models for community service.

Our partnerships with both private and public agencies and organizations in Maryland have led to some significant outcomes for our region and our faculty and students. You will find in this issue, for example, stories about a biotechnology company that now resides on our campus, bringing a corps of top researchers to Allegany County and providing opportunities for both our faculty and our students to be engaged directly in applied research. The attraction of that company to FSU was a direct result of a Technology Showcase held here in October, co-sponsored by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Technology Development Corporation, the Allegany County Department of Economic Development, the Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Cumberland Committee and the University. A branch of the U.S. Geological Survey is also located on our campus, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Thomas Small, chair of our Geography Department, and his colleagues. The agency also provides opportunities for joint research with faculty and students.

We are pursuing other relationships with area companies, in which some of the research needs can be outsourced to the University. Obviously, the state-of-the-art equipment in our new Compton Science Center, as well as student and faculty resources can be of invaluable assistance to these companies.

If there is a recurrent message in many of the stories you have been and will continue to read, it is that Frostburg State University is committed to being a "connected" institution: connected to its graduates and to the broader community, as well as connected internally. I hope that you will enjoy reading about some of those connections.

Catherine R. Gira
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The Light of My Life

Alumnus John “Pip” Pipino wrote the following essay about his daughter’s first day of her educational journey. He offered to share it with fellow alumni and Profile readers.

The first morning of first grade also felt like the first morning of fall. Cassidy and I were up in plenty of time. She nearly did a somersault into her clothes, declined breakfast except for some milk, brushed her teeth on her own and pronounced herself ready to hit the road.

We walked two blocks to the bus stop in the cool air and brilliant light. It was the first day of classes for all of Chicago, so the ridiculous morning traffic had some additional top notes. We waited 10 minutes for the 92 Foster Ave. bus, which we boarded with about 15 other kids, all bound for high school. Our quiet summer world was now busy and crowded.

After the bus passed under the El tracks we got off at Sheridan Road. We had three blocks to walk up to her school on Bryn Mawr.

A reasonable complaint to make about change is that it doesn’t come to us at a pace we can track well. Usually it’s too gradual, like dawn or spring, and we see it by looking back.

While I was up on the third floor, the heart of our eclipse had passed. I have walked down Bryn Mawr Avenue to the El stop many times, but never in light quite like that.

With a smile, a twinkle, a hug and a kiss: “Okay, bye Daddy.” Out of sight.

Some changes, though, are like an eclipse. We can see one coming, thrill while it’s happening, and then see it go, and hold on to it forever. We walked up Sheridan Road, hand in hand, in the surreal penumbra of an eclipse.

At the door, Cassidy recognized her Spanish teacher from summer camp and they greeted each other warmly. We bounced up two flights. We were the first ones there. Cassidy’s locker number is 42. Snacks go in to the wicker basket for later. Lunches go anywhere on the shelf. Change into your indoor shoes before coming in to the classroom. The teacher is Maura and she and her assistant Francesca are beaming at us both. Cassidy grabs a book and starts to take a seat.

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“Um, Cassidy?”

Correction:

A “Golden” Goof

In the caption under the photo of our 2004 Golden Anniversary Reunion in our last issue of Profile, Albert (Al) Snelson (front row, third from the left) was incorrectly named. We regret the error.
Generations: The Frostburg Traditions Continue

The Diggs Family

...Our family enjoyed Jane Souders Bugg’s story of the four generations of her family at Frostburg. We are happy to join her as a four generation family. My mother, Catherine Laveer (Cunningham) Clingerman, graduated from Frostburg State Normal School in 1925. She taught in Carroll County for several years before getting a job in Allegany County. Teaching at Rawlings, she met my father, who drove the bus that took her to work. She died in 1995 at the age of 90.

My husband, Jack Diggs, and I graduated in 1953 when Frostburg was a State Teachers College. I taught for 26 years in elementary schools in Montgomery County. For 35 years, Jack was a teacher, counselor, and worked in pupil services. Our daughter, Cathy (Diggs) Landenburger, graduated in 1977 from Frostburg State College and later met and married Jon Landenburger of the Class of 1976.


The Weimer/Thoerig Families

...Having Frostburg State University nearby has enabled one local family to graduate 16 in three generations so far with various degrees.

Of the seven daughters of James and Elizabeth (Wimer) Wimer of Mount Savage, six are retired teachers, having earned degrees from Frostburg.

Mary (Wimer) T. Hoerig was first to graduate from Frostburg State Teachers College in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She completed her master’s equivalency at FSC in 1972.

Margaret (Wimer) Robison was next to graduate in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She earned her Master of Education program at FSU in 2003.

Rosemary (Wimer) Ford earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Frostburg State in 1951.

Elaine (Wimer) Beeman graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Junior High Education in 1953.

Frostburg has been the alma mater of many of our relatives. Jon’s sister, Christine (Landenburger) Adams was in the Class of 1964. We have many nieces, cousins and cousins-in-law who are alumni, too many to mention, but I imagine all are glad that Frostburg was there for us.

Betty Jane (Clingerman) Diggs, Class of ’53

Rockville, Md.

Betty Jane Diggs

Landenburger, ’77

Cathy Diggs

Landenburger, ’77

Jack Diggs, ’53

Catherine Cunningham Clingerman, ’25

Margaret Robison

Landenburger, ’42

Mary Susan Norris

Landenburger, ’74

Nancy Thoerig

Landenburger, ’91

Mary Friend

Landenburger, ’73

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Landenburger, ’01

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Mary Thoerig

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Frances (Wimer) Blocher graduated from Frostburg in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

Annette (Wimer) Lashley graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and completed her Master of Education at Frostburg in 1967.

Of the next generation, Mary Ann (Thoerig) Friend was first to graduate in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She completed her Master of Education at FSC in 1979.

Nancy T. Hoerig graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science and Geography in 1978. She earned her Master of Business Administration in 1991.

Mary Susan (Robison) Norris graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in 1974 and completed her master’s equivalency at FSC in 1983.

Margaret (Robison) Carney graduated with a Bachelor of Science in General Sciences/Earth Science in 1979.

Timothy Carney graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Geography in 1978.

Of the following generation, Daniel Clark was first to graduate in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. He completed his Master of Education at FSU in 2003.

Rebecca Schurg Clark graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She earned a Master of Education in 2004.


Karen (T. Hoerig) Stallings earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 2001.

Kathryn (Friend) Bittinger graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She is enrolled in the Master of Education program at FSU.

Thank you, Frostburg State University, for making a quality education available in our neighborhood for our family.

Nancy Thoerig

Class of ’78 & ’91

Mt. Savage, Md.

Is an education at Frostburg State a tradition in your home? Send your story about your family’s “multi-generational” ties at Frostburg to Profile Editor, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or e-mail tdemartino@frostburg.edu.
USM Opens Center in Hagerstown

In what speakers were calling “the end of the beginning,” the $13 million University System of Maryland at Hagerstown officially opened on Jan. 7, with a ceremony held in the soaring five-story atrium that joined two formerly run-down Hagerstown buildings.

At a “key-turning ceremony,” attended by scores of local people who had fought to bring this center to life, USM H director Dr. David Warner opened the door and students streamed through the atrium’s entryway.

The USM H now houses programs from FSU, University of Maryland – Baltimore and University of Maryland – University College. All of the programs FSU had offered in the former Hagerstown and Frederick Centers will continue at the new campus located at 32 W. Washington St. In addition, UMUC will offer accounting and information sciences, and UMBC will provide nursing and social work. The center is designed to grow, so more programs – possibly from other institutions – are likely to be added in the coming years.

Local elected officials could hardly contain their excitement at the prospect of the expanded higher educational opportunities the center would bring.

“This is the most exciting thing to happen for our city since Jonathan Hager first subdivided his land,” says Hagerstown Mayor Bill Brielchner.

“This is the most significant educational event in my 30-year professional career, perhaps my lifetime,” says Maryland State Sen. Donald Munson, who has fought to bring higher education to Hagerstown County throughout his political career. “When this center is fully utilized, it will provide our citizens with their most significant educational and economic opportunities ever.”

With a significant investment from the state of Maryland, the former Baldwin House hotel and the former Rutzhahn’s Department Store and warehouse in downtown Hagerstown have been transformed into a first-rate educational institution. Modern, technolo-
Campus Welcomes New Businesses

Upon the completion of the new Compton Science Center, FSU’s Tawes Hall was left empty. University officials decided to make spaces available to companies interested in partnering with FSU and its resources. This past fall, two businesses set up residence on campus.

Spectrum BioScience
FSU welcomed the compound management facility Spectrum BioScience, Inc., of Columbia, Md., to campus in November. The company specializes in contract compound management, sample handling and precision weighing, as well as compound transfer and reformatting in a variety of vials and plates.

FSU and Allegany County have been actively recruiting technology businesses to be housed in spaces on the FSU campus, including the Allegany Business Center at FSU. Over Oct. 1 and 2, FSU, along with several partners in state and local economic development, hosted “The Western Maryland Technology Showcase” to demonstrate the high-technology capabilities on the FSU campus. Spectrum BioSciences was one of several companies who attended the event.

“We are delighted to be able to provide appropriate space and access to state-of-the-art facilities for Spectrum BioScience,” says Dr. Catherine R. Gira, FSU president. “This partnership also establishes a close working relationship between the staff of the company and our faculty and students in the sciences, especially chemistry. In sum, the location of this start-up company on our campus is mutually beneficial to Spectrum, to the University and to Allegany County, to which it will be bringing professional employment opportunities in biotechnology.”

— Ty DeMartino

U.S. Geological Survey
The Mountain Maryland Office of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) now calls FSU “home.”

“It pays to be persistent,” says Jim Jeffries (Class of ’90), USGS representative, regarding the trial of obtaining a new place of residence for the local USGS office. After communications with Dr. Tom Small, FSU’s Geography Department chair, and working through red tape, Jeffries and company began making plans to move the operation into Tawes Hall. Jeffries noted the opportunities available to both faculty and students. The USGS office network with the University of Maryland’s Center for Environmental Studies Appalachian Lab on campus, as well as several faculty members in geography and biology.

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Part-time employment opportunities for students, dubbed SCEP (or Student Career Experience Program) are available. The students accumulate hours of employment while enrolled in school, and upon reaching 640 hours of work, are offered a full-time position with USGS.

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Delaney Leadership Fund Receives $75,000 Gift

Fund in Memory of Late FSU Interim President, Wife

A new leadership fund at FSU received a significant boost this fall with the donation of nearly $75,000. The Delaney Leadership Awards is named in honor of the late Dr. Harold Delaney, who served as interim president at FSU in 1991, and his wife, Geraldine, who both died tragically in 1994.

Following the Delaneys' deaths, a fund had been established through the FSU Foundation, Inc. It had grown to $15,000 and plans were announced to create an endowed scholarship, the Dr. Harold and Geraldine Delaney Leadership Award, to be given annually to a sophomore, junior and senior with demonstrated leadership abilities.

A separate program administered by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C., was awarding “Delaney Memorial Scholarships” and discussions were initiated to consolidate resources. The success of the FSU leadership program led to a decision to move the funds to the FSU Foundation.

“We are very pleased with the decision of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region to join with our efforts to support students. The Dr. Harold and Geraldine Delaney Leadership Award provides name recognition and perpetual support for the student leadership program,” says FSU Foundation Executive Director Jack Aylor.

“Dr. Delaney had a distinguished career in higher education and fostered many leaders along the way. This is a very fitting tribute to the memory of Harold and Geraldine Delaney.”

“Leaders, in all probability, don't have all the answers, but they have the will and the skill to find answers,” says Doyle Delaney, one of the Delaneys' sons. “It is my hope that this program will provide these students with the will and the skill to find those answers.”

Harold Delaney was a nationally recognized scientist, educator and administrator. He held one of the first doctorates awarded by Howard University. He had served as professor or administrator for a wide range of colleges, universities and supporting associations through his five decades in academia. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from FSU in 1991. His wife, Geraldine, was a special education teacher and steadfast supporter of her husband's career and accomplishments. They were the parents of two sons, Doyle and M. Iton.

— LDM

Nightsun, FSU’s National Literary Journal, Returns

The FSU Department of English and its new Center for Creative Writing have resurrected Nightsun, FSU’s national literary journal, which suspended publication after 20 years in the fall of 2002. The new Nightsun has an enlarged format, a rotating guest editorship and an associated Web site that includes tools for use of the journal in the classroom.

Started some 20 years ago by Jorn Bramann in the FSU Philosophy Department, primarily as a forum for philosophical discussions/writings, Nightsun was handed over to the English Department in the late '80s. English professors Doug DeMars and Barbara Hurd edited it together for several years. When DeMars passed away, Hurd, along with English Department Chair Keith Schlegel, local poet Karen Zealand and, later, acclaimed fiction writer and FSU Professor Brad Barkley stepped in and kept it afloat until about two years ago.

Hurd, an award-winning poet and non-fiction writer, says about the importance of publishing a literary journal: "In a time so saturated with sloppy writing (and therefore sloppy thinking) and with imprecise and garbled language, it’s a pleasure to read and a priority to support any medium—such as Nightsun—that offers an alternative. Its resurrection here at FSU also suggests a rising interest in the literary arts here both on campus and in the community."

Schlegel adds, "By resuming publication of Nightsun and by establishing the FSU Center for Creative Writing, Frostburg State University sets alongside its enduring commitment to the liberal arts an analogous affirmation of creative literature and its power to transform."

This first issue, guest-edited by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stephen Dunn, is a portfolio-sized, 100-page celebration of American poetry, featuring work by many notable American poets. "The work in Nightsun was solicited by me from a number of the country's outstanding poets, such as C.K. Williams, Billy Collins, Jane Hirshfield, Stephen Dobyns, Gerald Stern, Dave Smith, Tony Hoagland, Elinor Wilner and Lawrence Raab, to name just a few," Dunn says. "But the issue also features the work of the excellent— but lesser known—Barbara Hamby, a poem by LaVale's Karen Zealand and photos of the metal work of local artist Kenny Braitman."

The issue was released at the end of the year and is available through FSU’s English Department. A Web site features excerpts from the issue as well as submission guidelines for future issues. There are also lesson plans to allow high school teachers to use the journal to help teach poetry and creative writing. Visit it at www.frostburg.edu/dept/engl/nightsun/.
Hollywood Insiders

Video Fair Gives Students Crash Course in the Workings of Tinsel Town

O H , T H E D R A M A !
Christina and Carter are at odds over the plans for a new building on campus. Nicole has butterflies in her stomach about her first professional singing gig. Mike and Gloria go head-to-head over moving in next door to her father. While these scenarios may sound like the current storylines on your favorite soap operas, they are actually scenes performed by students in the FSU's first "Video Fair," coordinated by FSU's Department of Mass Communication.

It was "lights, camera, action" this past summer as about 10 participants (ranging in age from teen to working professional and comprised of aspiring actors and directors to the merely curious) spent a week in front of the hot lights of FSU's TV3 studio. Under the tutelage of FSU Artist-in-Residence Edward Mallory and Emmy Award-winning producer-director H. Wesley Kenney, the group was introduced to the principles of acting and directing multiple cameras used in shooting TV sitcoms and soap operas.

"In one short week, the participants bonded and become a professional producing unit. It was hands-on for everyone," says Mallory, a former TV director/actor who worked with Kenney on the award-winning daytime drama Days of our Lives. Mallory, who played the popular Dr. Bill Horton on Days for 15 years, gave students acting pointers during the Fair. "Having Wes Kenney on campus was a real coup for us and FSU," Mallory says.

Kenney, who also directed for groundbreaking sitcoms such as All in the Family and The Jeffersons, guided participants as they took turns operating cameras, working the control board, serving as director and even appearing on camera in scenes taken from real soap operas and All in the Family scripts. At any given time, a student could move from calling the shots in the control booth or reciting lines as "Meathead" or "Gloria" in the Bunker house.

"Considering the limitations of time and the diversity of students, the Fair was a very satisfying experience," says Kenney. "The students' willingness to fully participate at every level contributed to what I feel was a learning experience for one and all, including myself.

Curious about the "ins and outs" of TV productions, Cindy Herzog, associate dean for FSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, enrolled in the workshop and was blown away by the experience.

"The Summer Video Fair was, undoubtedly, one of the best of the learning experiences I've ever had in my life. I will never be able to watch a television show or a movie without analyzing the camera work, acting and directing," says Herzog. "It was wonderful to have the opportunity to work with two Hollywood guest artists who have won prestigious awards and have achieved eminence in their fields... Wes and Ed set the bar high, as they challenged us to do our best work."

The students also participated in an afternoon shoot of a short film, written by two of the Fair's participants, using a single-camera technique. And at a final banquet, videos of the students' final scenes were viewed, as well as a reel of "bloopers" from the week.

"Months later, I am still 'flying high' from this totally awesome experience," adds Herzog.

That's a wrap!

The Mass Communications Department is planning for this summer's Fair. For more information, contact Mallory at 301/687-3049.

Hurd Wins Coveted Pushcart Prize

Dr. Barbara Hurd, FSU professor of English, has been awarded The Pushcart Prize, an award now in its 29th year that honors the best of small presses.

Hurd was honored for her essay, "Squeeze," which appeared in Orion magazine last summer. That essay appears in the 2005 Pushcart anthology, along with 62 other works, including poetry, essays and short stories, from 48 small presses. The Pushcart Prize was named among the most influential projects in the history of American publishing by Publishers Weekly.

"Squeeze" ultimately became Chapter 1 in Hurd's latest collection of essays, Entering the Stone: On Caves and Feeling Through the Dark, which was published by Houghton-Mifflin in 2003, to critical praise. The Pushcart Prize XXVIII: Best of the Small Presses, 2005 Edition, was published in November.

— LDM
For the Love of Comics

New Honors Seminar Looks at the Serious Side of the “Funny Papers”

For years, the artistic medium of comic books has been overlooked as a significant literary format. Dr. Kevin Kehrwald of FSU’s English Department is changing that through his honors seminar “Comics and American Culture.”

The seminar traces the evolution of comics, beginning with their origins in newspapers and examining how comics can present concepts of heroism, fascism, delinquency, censorship, race, gender, sexuality, postmodernism and consumerism in America. The professor’s goal is to make people aware of this art and literary form and its many possibilities.

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“I think it’s important to analyze our pop culture texts. So many of our cultural values are formed and expressed here,” says Kehrwald.

One of the main focuses of the seminar is to discuss when Art Spiegelman won the Pulitzer Prize in 1992 for Maus, his graphic novel about the Holocaust. Ten years later, American novelist Michael Chabon won the Pulitzer Prize for his graphic novel The Amazing Adventure of Kavalier and Clay. Through Spiegelman’s and Chabon’s Pulitzer Prizes, Kehrwald shows how this often-ignored format has become highly respected throughout the literary world, hoping to dismiss the stereotype that all comics are about superheroes.

“I never really considered that there might be more going on than just a man in tights beating up people,” says Eric Poffenberger, a student in Kehrwald’s seminar.

Kehrwald explores how the medium of comic books should be thought of as being different from its content. He says that any story can be told in comic form, not just stories about heroes and villains. He is students are now echoing that thought. “Comics are more than just the Superman that everyone knows. It is a medium that can encompass so much about life, politics and personal trials,” says FSU student Josh Orto.

The seminar also delves into the commercial issues that faced comic books, such as their first surge of popularity in the 1940s, the industry’s near collapse 10 years later and the eventual increase in respectability during the 1990s.

While the seminar is only offered to honors students at present, Kehrwald plans to open it as an English class, seeing how “drawn” students are to the subject.

“I’ve gained a better understanding of the way in which a comic is, which is infinite in possibility,” adds Orto.

— Nicki Johnson

campus kudos

A STAR! in Western Maryland Recognized by Governor

The A STAR! in Western Maryland program at FSU was recognized in fall 2004 by Western Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich as one of four programs in the state that are “successfully meeting community needs through their partnerships with public and private entities.”

A STAR!, working through FSU and funded in part through the AmeriCorps program, provides direct services to low-income families at 10 sites across Allegany, Washington and Garrett counties. The recognition came during the Governor’s announcement of the formation of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives in order to unify and strengthen community and volunteer services across Maryland.

— NJ

USM Honors FSU Housekeeper

University employee Wallace J. “Wally” Beery received the 2004 Staff Award in the category of Outstanding Service to Students from the University System of Western Maryland Board of Regents.

Beery, who works as a housekeeper in Frost Residence Hall, was nominated by FSU’s Assistant Director of Residence Life Elizabeth Frost for his devotion to both the university and its student population.

The Regents’ Staff Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Board of Regents to recognize the achievements of salaried and hourly employees of the USM. Each award recipient receives a certificate presented during a ceremony at a Board of Regents meeting and a monetary prize of $1,000.

Beery’s honor gives FSU the distinction of having an award winner for three consecutive years. In 2003, Jamie Winters, FSU police officer, won for Outstanding Service to Students, while in 2002, Susan Eisel, PER administrative assistant, won for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution.

Volunteer Center Receives Grant from MTV

The University’s Student Center for Volunteerism (SCV) has received a $500 grant from mtvU and Youth Venture to aid the Center’s many volunteer activities.

mtvU is MTV’s 24-hour college network reaching over 700 campuses nationwide. Throughout the year, mtvU grants are awarded to teams of young people at mtvU partner schools who have proposed a new, sustainable community service or social entrepreneurship project that addresses a well documented need within the community.

“College students have always been an engine for social change, and over 90 percent of this generation believes that happens at the local level,” said Stephen Friedman, general manager of mtvU. “We hope these grants will help jump start their vision.”

“All of the members of SCV collaborated ideas of what we felt the organization could grow to be and decided that this was a perfect opportunity for us to make those dreams come true,” says SCV President Nadine MdOнал.

The FSU SCV is a student-run organization. It is dedicated to creating volunteer experiences for fellow students and to help facilitate programs administered through the FSU’s Center for Volunteerism and National Service.

— Steven Ramsey
Student Spends Summer in China

While most students spend summers at the beach or working to raise money for the upcoming school year, Samantha Parsons was off on an exploration of China.

Parsons, a junior at FSU, participated in a summer exchange program. The trip was sponsored by the U.S.-China Education and Culture Exchange Center (UCE), a program that gives students an opportunity to travel, teach American culture and English, study Chinese culture and embrace the culture of another country.

“I always wanted to travel, and I have an interest in Asian Culture. The opportunity seemed too good to pass up,” says Parsons, a sociology major.

Parsons joined hundreds of other U.S. residents on the voyage to China. The UCE program works to bridge that gap between the U.S. and China by giving Americans an opportunity to travel over 10,000 miles to teach and take part in many educational activities and programs.

“I was unsure about the teaching part, as I had no prior teaching experience. But the people running the program assured everyone that lack of experience was no problem.”

While the exchange participants instruct classes on North American culture and teach English to Chinese students, they are also learning themselves. The UCE participants take a daily “Chinese Culture and Language” course in order to acquaint themselves on Asian culture. Along with taking classes, the participants also get to experience China by communicating with the citizens while touring the country. This past summer, the exchange program hosted nearly 60 summer camps across China and gave all 200 participants a chance of a lifetime.

While Parsons was in China, she had a busy schedule already mapped out for her. She arrived in Shanghai in early July. After touring the city, she left on an 18-hour train ride for Yuci City in the

Alumni Further Their Studies in England

For 15 years, Judith Dieruf, professor of Visual Arts at FSU, has taken over 100 Frostburg students for international studies in conjunction with Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Participants study at St. Edmund Hall, one of the oldest universities that make up Oxford University, England. As a result, three Visual Arts alumni have been inspired to return to the UK for further study.

Alumnus Mathew Donatelli (Class of ’03) rejoined his former painting instructor and advisor Judith Dieruf for summer 2004 graduate study at Oxford University at St. Edmund Hall, “Watercolor in Britain.” Enchanted by England, Donatelli applied and was accepted this fall term for graduate study in Arts Management and Culture at Darlington College of Arts, Devon.

Donatelli spent a semester in Ireland at FSU’s sister institution, Mary Immaculate University, Limerick, and had traveled on his own in Ireland, England and Italy before taking the Oxford graduate course, Art 621.

Once accepted, Donatelli packed up his clothes and his life in Nashville, Tenn., where he had been working and applying for graduate school in art history. He had taken his former teacher’s suggestion and enrolled in the Oxford course to refresh his skills and to have a graduate course on his record. However, Donatelli hadn’t anticipated the dramatic change in plans to actually pursue a graduate degree in England. Now he is now enrolled in an Arts and Cultural Management program in the UK.

Another “Watercolor in Britain” student at Oxford, Louise Diehl (Class of ’99), went on to pursue study in England in fashion design, and graduated this May from AIU (American Intercontinental University), a fashion institute in London that attracts students from 100 countries.

At FSU, Diehl loved drawing and took additional independent study courses every semester so that she could continue her craft. She traveled to England, taking the “Watercolor in Britain” course at St. Edmund Hall. Diehl fell in love with England and with an Englishmen. While she dropped the British fiancé, she kept her love of the UK and enrolled in the London School of Fashion for graduate study. Diehl quickly became the number one student in the school and was the only student on full (British) scholarship. This year, Diehl graduated and interned with England’s top fashion designer, Vivian Westwood.

Megan Diehl (Class of ’97) took the “Watercolor in Britain” course in Oxford in England, and echoes Donatelli and Diehl’s sentiments. “It was easily the best experience of my life.”

Diehl responded immediately to the architecture of England and “the Golden Spires of Oxford,” executing a fine series of paintings for her senior exhibition in the Roper Gallery at FSU. Since then, Diehl has become youth ministry director at St. James’ Parish in Lothian, Md., and works as a freelance photographer. She continues to exhibit both her paintings and photography. Diehl recently volunteered to take a large group of Episcopal
A series of free weekly forums named for James Hadra, a long-time Frostburg State faculty member, volunteer at WFWM and community leader in the arts, were launched last fall as a way to honor Hadra’s positive influence on the community and his love of ideas.

“Hadra exemplified the professor who sees ideas and conversation as one of the cores in the academic world. He was a real presence on campus,” said Dr. Gary Horowitz, one of the creators of the forum series. “It was designed to keep his memory alive through one of the things he really loved, which was to talk about ideas. He loved conversation.”

Topics have been as varied as “The Millennial Generation Comes to College,” “The Media and the 2004 Presidential Campaign,” “Psychoneuro Immunology: Applying the Mind, Body, Spirit to Our Personal and Professional Lives” and “Does It Matter that Nothing We Do Will Matter in a Million Years.” Upcoming subjects include “Academic Administration: How to Herd Cats,” “Post Holocaust Christian Understanding of Judaism,” “Zen in the Poetry of W. B. Yeats,” and “Fishable and Swimable? The Integrity of Our Nation’s Fresh Water.”

The talks, which are sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministries, United Campus Ministries and Hillel, are every Monday at lunchtime in a meeting room in Ort Library.

— LDM

Shanxi Province where she taught at the Yuci New Oriental International Language School. For the following four weeks, Parsons led two different sections of Chinese students. The first section of students was separated into one group ranging in age from 13 to 18 and the second group ranging in age from 7 to 12. She taught a 6-hour schedule from 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., 6 days a week. Parsons couldn’t help but notice the many differences in American and in Chinese teaching styles.

“In China, teachers revolve around the students, with the teachers constantly asking the students if they needed help... In America, students are encouraged to be more independent and call upon the teacher if they need help.”

Parsons’ second section included groups ranging in age from 15 to 25 and then another group ranging from 5 to 10. The second group of students proved to be more to handle due to their backgrounds.

“Many students in this group were wealthy and seemed to want everything their way,” Parsons says.

Parsons used her free time to investigate the city. She was able to walk the streets of Yuci City, enjoy the shopping and check out the many different sights. When Parsons said goodbye to Yuci City in early August, she made her way to Beijing, where she walked the path of the Great Wall of China, toured the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, before returning her life in the States.

“My favorite part of the trip was probably the Great Wall. It was an invigorating experience,” she says.

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FSU students paint during their “Watercolor in Britain” course at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

church young people to England for a month-long trip to study the roots of their their religion and culture. While there, she made a special train trip to Oxford, St. Edmund Hall, to visit Judith Dieruf, her teacher nine years before in Oxford. She plans to take next year’s students to Oxford as well as to London, leading her own group of scholars.

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FSU emeritus faculty member Jon Bauman has composed his first orchestral CD that now is available online at www.cdbaby.com/jwbauerman.

The CD contains Bauman’s “Symphony No. 3,” recorded by the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra with the American conductor Joel Suben, and “Adagio for Orchestra,” recorded by the Slovak Radio Orchestra with Robert Black the conductor. The “Overture to McNeill’s Rangers,” recorded by the Potomac Highlands Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bauman, is also included on the CD.

Two more CDs will be available in June. One will contain more music for the orchestra. The other will include his four string quartets.

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Scholarship Amount Triples to Honor Holocaust Survivor

Knowledge of foreign languages helped a teenaged Eve Kristine Vetulani Belfoure (Class of '63) survive World War II and the forced labor camps in Poland. And years later, she established a scholarship dedicated to helping foreign language students hone their French-speaking skills abroad.

Eve died in March of 2004 at the age of 79. Following her death, the fund for the Eve Kristine V. Belfoure French Study Abroad Scholarship was tripled by her bequest of an additional $20,000.

Eve felt her knowledge of several languages and her ability to translate was what helped keep her alive through the Holocaust. Years later, Frostburg State Teachers College proved to be another lifeboat.

She was living in Cumberland in the late 1950s when her husband left her and her young son, Charles, high and dry. No money. No family in the United States, and those still in Europe were behind the Iron Curtain.

"No matter how bad things were in the U.S., it was worse in a Communist country," Eve's son, Charles, says.

She knew she was going to have to get a job, Charles said, and the traditional choice for women in those days was still a choice between teacher and nurse. The option she chose was to move to nearby Frostburg and enroll in the teacher education program, which provided free tuition in return for a couple of years spent teaching in the state of Maryland. Eve had started her education some years before at Washington University in St. Louis and had always wanted to continue.

"When you're in a fix like that, you need an education," says Charles, a writer who lives in Westminster. "The only real goal for her was to finish college."

In an interview in 1999, Eve recalled her son enjoying being a part of the college life. "He had a glorious time at the college stuffing paper napkins into chicken wire for homecoming floats," she said then.

Her son has stronger memories of the difficulties they had eking out an existence on next to nothing.

"We survived – just the two of us," Charles says.

Charles was the one who suggested that his mother, by then a veteran foreign language teacher, that she establish a scholarship in the first place. "Just to pay back Frostburg for that opportunity. It basically saved us from abject poverty."

He said his mother, a woman in her late 30s with a son and an absent husband, stood out on the Frostburg State campus in the beginning of the 1960s, a time when the vast majority of students were just out of high school.

"She was such an odd duck to be raising a kid and be so old." Nevertheless, with all the horror she had experienced in World War II, she had a different perspective, Charles said, and she seemed to take these newer difficulties as just a task of survival.

"When you go through such a terrible experience as the Second World War, where every day of your life you don't know whether you'll live or die, things are different. She'd seen the absolute worst in life. That generation had a different perspective on the everyday trials and problems," Charles says. "I don't think she ever thought she would fail at it."

— LDM

Sorority Honors Sister on FSU Memorial Wall

Not even a month into the 2004 new year, FSU student Emily Ann Schindler died in a tragic car accident. Schindler is survived by her mother, father, sister and brother who reside in Pasadena, Md. Along with being a well-rounded student at FSU, she also was a member of the Kappa Beta Sigma (KBS) Sorority where she earned the nickname of "Mighty Mouse."

"To some, she may have looked tiny only being about five foot two inches tall, but she was stronger that most people," said one of her sorority sisters in the tribute to Emily's life.

According to her fellow KBS sisters, Schindler enjoyed dancing, swimming, hanging out with her friends and spending quality time with her family. Her favorite hobby, swimming, led her to an opportunity to be a swim coach at the Crofton Country Club in Crofton, Md. where she served as...
Meyers Collection Receives Significant Donation

In November of 1997, the George A. Meyers Collection, a significant collection of Marxist literature, received a donation from Thomas P. Kapantais of over six thousand items on Marxism, Socialism and "cause" literature. In addition to progressive materials, the gift also included extensive works on Greek and Roman literature. The gift at that time was valued at close to $30,000. Upon his death in 2000, Mr. Kapantais bequeathed over $107,000 in cash in support of the George A. Meyers Collection. That gift came to the FSU Foundation early this winter and will be used by the library in maintaining and developing the Meyers Collection.

Kapantais was born in Chicago in 1935 and received his degrees from the University of Chicago and Columbia Law School. He served as a public defender in Maine and settled in West Virginia as the Judge of Hearing and Appeals for the Social Security Offices from 1976 until his retirement in 1992. Mr. Kapantais was an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP, the Maine Bar and the Washington, D.C. Bar.

The George A. Meyers Collection was founded by Mr. Meyers, 1912-1999, a native of Lonaconing, Md., a small mining town in Allegany County. He accumulated a substantial collection of literature relating to his membership in the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) and his nearly 40 year tenure as the Party’s Labor Secretary. Twelve other supporting private collections have been received by the library which includes the works and papers of Victor Perlo, an international socialist economist, who served in the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations. These materials are available through the J. Glenn Beall Archives at the Lewis J. Ort Library. Visit the Library on-line at www.frostburg.edu/library.

Scholarship Honors Beloved Principal

Memorial gifts to the Paul “Dirk” Vanderberg Scholarship Fund have created a permanently endowed program to benefit education majors.

Vanderberg (Class of ’77) passed away last March. He worked as the principal for Southern High School in Annapolis. He is father, Dirk Vanderberg, of Cumberland, made the $60,000 contribution in his son’s memory. His scholarship fund will provide annual awards of $1,000 beginning 2005-2006.

“We are extremely grateful for the gifts from the family and friends of Dirk Vanderberg. Dirk was an active member of the FSU Alumni Association and assisted with the recruitment of students for the university. He is memory will continue with this scholarship at FSU,” says Jack Aylor, executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Recipients of the scholarship must be enrolled full-time with junior or senior status as an undergraduate or pursuing a graduate degree major in education or other programs as developed by the university or similar studies in the future. They must have demonstrated interest in education as shown by previous scholarship, research and membership or by avocation. Preference is given to renewal applicants and the award may be received two consecutive years.

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“Hello to Frostburg State University!”

“Come on Down!”
Bob Barker Gives a “Shout Out” to FSU

Bob Barker, the host of The Price is Right, took the time to recognize Candace Willard and Shaka Graves during a taping of the popular game show at the CBS Studios. Willard was visiting her aunt Penny Johnson Jerald in California to film a segment for the show, while Graves, a FSU student and a member of the “A Force of Nature” student group, was looking for an opportunity to play the game.

Willard, who attended FSU from 1999 to 2003, is currently a senior at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is one of two FSU students who appeared on the show. Willard and Graves were given the chance to speak with the show’s host, Bob Barker, after one of the commercial breaks. During the interaction, Willard told Barker how much she was looking forward to the experience and how much it meant to her to be a part of The Price is Right.

The camera then panned to Willard and Graves as they entered the studio and sat in the audience. Willard said hello to the audience and started rolling a ball on the floor before Barker took the time to talk to them. Barker said that he was impressed with the students and that he was happy to have them appear on the show.

Willard and Graves were also given the chance to play the game, but their efforts were not successful. However, they were given another chance to play the game and received a prize for their efforts.

Potter Mania Continues

The national and international attention surrounding FSU’s unique science course “The Science of Harry Potter” continues to grow with inquiries from media and fans from around the globe. This fall, FSU Professor of Physics George Plitnik presented “The Science of Harry Potter” to the Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, N.J. Plitnik, who earned an award from the University System of Maryland for excellence in research, scholarship and creative activity, designed this innovative course to bridge the gap between the physical sciences and fiction. His results have been “magical.”

Santa’s “Fitness” Examined by Alum

There have been songs written about the “jolliness” of Santa Claus and his signature belly that jiggles like a bowl full of jelly. But don’t call St. Nick unfit. FSU alum Dan Drury (Class of ’87), now a professor of health and exercise sciences at Gettysburg College, was quoted in an article from Newswise, a news tracking service. Drury served as a resident expert on Santa Claus’ health, which the prof describes as “fat, but fit.” “If you put Santa through an extensive battery of physical assessments, you would not believe your findings,” Drury told Newswise. “He is actually in great shape and an electrocardiograph stress test would reveal the heart of a marathon runner.” With such flattering words in print about the Man in Red, we’re certain Drury received lots of goodies under his tree this past holiday.

Monk’s “Reckless” Moment Steals Show

FSU’s only Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress (thus far) Debra Monk (Class of ’73) hit the Broadway stage again this past fall in a revival of the Craig Lucas play Reckless, co-starring Mary Louise Parker. Monk’s multiple roles as various therapists stole the show, according to many critics. “Debra Monk is priceless…” heralded CurtainUp.com.

Riggleman Flies to the Cardinals
Jim Riggleman (Class of 74), former bench coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers, has

Compton Science Center Graces Mag Cover

FSU’s new $33 million Compton Science Center was featured on the cover of the July 2004 issue of College Planning and Management magazine, a leading publication for construction, facilities, business and technology for higher education. The cover shot featured the center’s atrium and its beautiful Foucault pendulum. Inside, the Center’s overall floor plans were discussed in the article “Science Facilities: Inventive Design Solutions.”
Holy Fund-raising!!!
Annual Fund Man Praised in Publication

In a headline screaming, “Spiderman is for Wimps: Meet Annual Fund Man,” Bob Burdenski, an internationally-recognized annual giving fund-raising consultant, praised the FSU character in his July newsletter. As alumni will recall, FSU’s “Annual Fund Man” comic book appeared in mailboxes a few years ago, in what Burdenski called “the most unusual and creative annual giving appeal we’ve seen in recent memory.” The brainchild of FSU’s Director of Annual Giving Christopher Harmon, the full-sized comic book featured the AF Man and his superhero sidekicks “Matching Gift Girl” and “TellaFella.” The innovative approach to fund-raising has gained Harmon national attention, and he has been asked to present at major fund-raising conferences.

“Yes, Dear” on 24-7

Morning, noon and night, seven days a week, you might be able to catch a glimpse of “FSU” on the small screen. “Yes, Dear,” the CBS comedy created, written and produced by FSU grad Gregory Garcia (Class of ’92) entered the eternal world of syndication this past fall. The show, which features a character with “ties” to FSU, is being shown in all major markets. CBS will start airing new episodes of the sitcom on Wednesday nights, starting in February. Check local listings.

— Ty DeMartino and Nicki Johnson

Update:

Alum Astronaut Still Flying High

NASA Astronaut C candidate Richard Arnold II (Class of ’85), now about a quarter of the way through his basic training, has been dunked in the water, left in the wilds of Maine, learned to fly and even spent time in a padded room – that happened to be plummeting to the earth from about 35,000 feet.

The candidates began their journey back in June with flight training at Pensacola Naval Air Station. “Highlights” included “riding the rails,” the “Pensacola Patty Cake” and the “spin and puke,” all immortalized in such movies as The Right Stuff or An Officer and a Gentleman.

“Riding the rails” is ejection seat training. The “Pensacola Patty Cake” is performed in a low pressure chamber to train the astronauts to recognize the symptoms of hypoxia – lack of oxygen – in themselves and others. The “spin and puke” is also known as a Multispacial D isorientation D evice, which simulates the confusion to eyes and balance when faced with darkness, clouds or g-forces.

Simulation was been a large part of the early training. They’ve simulated escaping from a helicopter that has crashed at sea, parachute landings, flying their training planes and jets – but then they get to fly the real things.

Late August found the crew in the wilds of Maine for Land Survival Training at the Navy’s wilderness site near Rangeley. There they learned a wide variety of wilderness survival techniques, down to what bugs are safe to eat. While they’re not expected to encounter many backwoods experiences in space or on the moon, they will be flying more than 100 hours in supersonic jets as part of their training, and they may find themselves having to eject and survive at least temporarily in wild territory.

There’s a second purpose to the time in the wilderness, however. It’s an exercise in team building and ingenuity, learning to make do with minimal equipment.

In October, they experienced the “Vomit Comet,” a modified cargo jet that flies up and down in roller coaster patterns over the Gulf of Mexico, which provides a simulation of weightlessness, as well as the reduced gravity such as would be found on the moon and Mars. As the jet begins its rapid descent, the trainees are able to float and fly around the padded interior, until it comes time to rise again, when they all plop to the bottom.

In between all the physical work are hours and hours of classroom work and reading. Arnold told the Cumberland Times-News in October that he had a stack of books four feet high dealing just with shuttle systems. They also are making the rounds of the various NASA centers to familiarize themselves with all of NASA’s many missions.

Arnold, who earned an accounting degree at FSU, then later returned for his teaching certificate, is a Mission Specialist – Educator. Arnold and two other members of the new astronaut class join the one other Educator Astronaut, as the pioneers of a new NASA program. Their role will be 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.

As part of NASA’s – and Arnold’s – mission of reaching into the nation’s classrooms to help build the astronauts – and engineers, technicians, scientists and myriad other NASA employees – of the future, the astronaut candidates’ adventures in training are on-line in a series of illustrated logs, which can be viewed at www.nasa.gov/externalflash/Astrologs/main.html.

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Mitchell Stoller (Class of ’76), president and CEO of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, was at a meeting at Nike Headquarters last February, where a plan generated by a couple of Nike employees was presented.

It seemed like a pretty good idea to Stoller.

However, pretty good doesn’t even begin to describe the phenomenon.

Grad Dedicates Life to Promoting Awareness

By Liz Douglas Medcalf
The idea was a plastic wristband, featuring champion cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong’s credo, “LIVE STRONG.” The bracelet, designed to raise both visibility and money for the foundation, would be bright yellow, the color of the Tour de France leader’s jersey. The cyclist was shooting for his unprecedented sixth win in that summer’s race. Nike would sell them in its stores, giving the Lance Armstrong Foundation the proceeds, plus the shoe moguls would donate an additional $1 million. If the idea were really successful, they would raise maybe $5 million on the bracelets.

“Five million was a goal, like those fundraising thermometers you see,” said Stoller. The first bracelets were sold in April of 2004. Stoller and Armstrong’s mother bought the first two at the Niketown Store in New York. That was then. Now, the bracelets are everywhere – worn by Olympic athletes, celebrities, presidential candidates and average folks from kids to senior citizens. They’ve been imitated by presidential candidates and average folks from kids to senior citizens. They’ve been imitated by presidential candidates and average folks from kids to senior citizens. They’ve been imitated by presidential candidates and average folks from kids to senior citizens.

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He Shoots, He Scores
Success is nothing new for Stoller, who has made his mark on the non-profit world both with his leadership of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and beforehand, as president and CEO of a foundation, so they decided it was time to make the move.

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My Years with Superman
Following Reeve’s injury, he and his wife, Dana, started the Christopher Reeve Foundation, also with the mission to search for a cure to paralysis.

"The APA was very focused on funding basic science," Stoller said. At the time, research into paralysis was not given much credence, since it was widely accepted that spinal cord injuries were almost always permanent. Reeve agreed with the APA’s principles that more research should be done, so it wasn’t long before Reeve joined the board of the APA as well as heading up his own foundation. In 1999, the two organizations, recognizing their common goal, merged into the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. Reeve served as chairman of the board of directors, and Stoller continued as CEO. The actor lent much more than his name to the cause. "He was a huge driving force. He was very much of an activist. He was an activist before his injury. Because
of his will, he changed the way people looked at research, especially spinal cord research,” Stoller said.

"There was such a sea change when Chris got on the scene," Stoller told a reporter upon Reeve’s death last October of heart failure brought on by an infection. "He just made the consciousness of the world aware of spinal cord injury and paralysis and not just those issues, but all of neurological disorders and diseases. He changed the awareness so the general public understood better what the problem was. He made a lot of people care.”

Lessons Learned

Stoller learned a great deal from the CRPF’s growth from low- to high-profile. The lessons started soon after Reeve was injured, and the APA was flooded with messages. They had to learn to filter through them, because “not everyone has the best intentions,” Stoller said.

He has carried his knowledge into his newest mission at the Armstrong Foundation, where Stoller has learned how to deal with high-profile individuals. "Just attaching a name to a cause isn’t enough. In each case, Stoller works with committed, involved, even driven, individuals who have a vision they want to achieve. "We have to be good stewards of that name,” Stoller said.

Stoller was saddened by Reeve’s death, but he knew that Reeve had already beaten the odds. “Chris outlasted a lot of the predictions for someone with that kind of injury. He had a great support network. After his death, I heard from a lot of people. He was their beacon. I heard from people wondering, ‘Will there still be people who will really fight for us?’ He was the one on Capitol Hill, with the stem cell debate. That was his influence.”

Time to Grow

Three years ago, when it became known that the Lance Armstrong Foundation was looking for a new president and CEO, Stoller thought it might be time for a new challenge.

Armstrong created his foundation in 1997, soon after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer at the age of 25. By the time the cancer was discovered, it had spread to his lungs and brain. He was reportedly given a 50 percent chance of surviving. But Armstrong beat the cancer. Then, starting in 1999, he beat all comers in the Tour de France for the next six years, more than anyone in history.

Stoller was impressed with the LAF organization, and with the athlete. In addition, Stoller’s brother is a cancer survivor, giving the Armstrong Foundation an added significance for him. "I fell in love with their mission,” he said.

He was initially one of the candidates in a broad search but pulled out after he decided he didn’t want to uproot his family from New Jersey to Texas while his children were still in school. (Stoller and his wife have two daughters, Betsy, now a student at Muhlenberg College, and Lauren, a junior in high school.)

Eighteen months later, after the LAF’s new CEO left, the Foundation came back to Stoller and asked if he was still interested.

"My interest was piqued, but I still wouldn’t move my family,” said Stoller, choosing their interests over his own career goals. The Board of Directors really wanted me, though. They said, ‘We’ll make it work.” Stoller signed on.

Armstrong, in announcing Stoller’s appointment, said “Stoller’s got great credentials, but his sense of humanity and compassion are what really impressed me. Our Foundation will be well-served by his commitment and qualifications.”

Now Stoller splits his time between Basking Ridge, N.J., and Austin, Texas. "I travel a lot. I’m now a platinum member of Continental.”

LIVESTRONG

So in January of 2004, Stoller began work with the Lance Armstrong Foundation. That was the same time that the Foundation launched its LIVESTRONG program for cancer survivors.

While research and public health continue to be part of the Foundation’s focus, its advocacy and education for
cancer survivors appears to be filling a void in the lives of the 10 million Americans who have survived or are currently dealing with cancer. The Foundation performed a lot of market research, talked to oncologists and cancer survivors, and found a lack of research on what happens to someone after they’ve had cancer.

“Survivorship research is a new area,” Stoller said. As an example, a drug may be effective in treating cancer immediately, but five or so years down the road there may be an unexpected side effect.

Survivorship also addresses issues in every aspect of a cancer survivor’s life. Hence, the LIVESTRONG principle.

That memorable Nike meeting in February of 2004 was designed to find a way to raise the profile of LIVESTRONG. The wristbands would be key.

“We did a lot of research on the color yellow,” Stoller said. Wearing yellow makes people feel good, they learned. The LAF Web site says Armstrong considers yellow the color of hope, courage, inspiration of perseverance. Not to mention that yellow is the color of a winner, specifically the winner of the Tour de France.

Then there was the issue of what message to put on the wristbands. “We were thinking about calling it ‘Carpe Diem,’ something that Lance talks a lot about,” he said. “But the Nike people said LIVESTRONG is your ‘Just Do It.’

The past year has proved that advice correct. “LIVESTRONG means something different to everyone,” Stoller said.

At a gala in April to introduce the concept, a wristband was put on every plate. “They didn’t know what it was. ‘What are those rubber bands?’” Stoller laughed.

They started to sell. And then they really started to sell. About 150,000 LIFESTRONG wristbands are sold each day, according to the latest LAF journal.

It’s been tough for Stoller to sit back and reflect on the past year. “It’s been real whirlwind,” he said. He’s been part of a true marketing phenomenon, something he calls “viral marketing.”

“Who would have predicted that the athletes at the Olympics would be wearing them, or that John Kerry would wear one? My mom in Florida is in her 80s. All her buddies want one.”

Other non-profits have picked up the idea of the wristbands for both their fund-raising and their educational advantages. Stoller is pleased that their idea is helping other groups.

“One of my buddies who runs a non-profit said, ‘can you help me?’ And I just said yes, and they’re selling bracelets. ‘You know, they’re not yellow, but they’re helping.’

He’s much less pleased about the counterfeits that have popped up, and the Foundation is doing what it can to stop them. Genuine LIFESTRONG bracelets are always yellow. They can be purchased online in groups of 10 or more at the Lance Armstrong Foundation Web site, www.laf.org, or at Nike, Discovery Channel or Build-A-Bear stores.

Life After the Craze

At present, Lance Armstrong has won a sixth Tour de France. Yellow bracelets are a “viral” marketing phenomenon, and the Foundation has more money than it ever expected. Stoller is determined that the Foundation will be ready for its next steps.

It is undergoing a look at its strategic planning right now. A plan to map the Foundation’s direction for the next three to five years should be completed in June. The new strategic plan and the injection of so much extra money may result in some adjustments to the Foundation’s focus, but no drastic changes.

The Foundation’s leadership is finding praise in its operations.

“The Lance Armstrong Foundation stands out among the nearly one million non-profits in America for its efforts to efficiently manage its finances,” according to Sandra Miniutti, Director of External Relations for Charity Navigator, an online charity rating service. “Under Mitch Stoller’s guidance, the Lance Armstrong Foundation continues to demonstrate prudent fiscal management.”

Charity Navigator twice in a row has given the Foundation four stars, its highest rating. “This consistency in its rating is an exceptional feat and reflects the quality of the charity’s leadership,” Miniutti said.

In a story in the Austin American-Statesman, Daniel Borochoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, said that so far, the LAF seems to be handling its exponential success sensibly. “Its administrative costs are low, and it is using its money to invest in programs,” the story said.

Stoller gives a lot of credit to Lance Armstrong, who he said is deeply integrated into the governance of the Foundation.

“Lance is very involved in the strategic decisions, even though he’s still riding. He’s an extremely dedicated guy,” Stoller said. “He’d rather be known in 10 years as a cancer survivor than a champion cyclist.”

As Christopher Reeve did for people with spinal cord injuries, Stoller can see how Armstrong’s strength helps buoy other in similar situations.

“I get e-mails from people in pretty devastating circumstances. He’s quite an inspiration.”

For more information about the Lance Armstrong Foundation and its programs involving cancer and cancer survivors, visit www.laf.org.

For more information about the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, its sponsored research and its quality of life programs, visit www.christopherreeve.org.
Einstein loved sailing because it was “the sport which demands the least energy.” Sailing gave Einstein a sense of peace and freedom.
Albert Einstein lived here! Was it fact or fiction? The place was Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland. The year was 1946. It was a year Einstein would rather forget. It was a time right after World War II. The atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima, Japan, Aug. 6, 1945. In his words on Dec. 10, 1954, Einstein remarked: “The war was won, but peace was not.” He was the man next to a mushroom cloud on the front cover of TIME magazine July 1, 1946, despite many times he had made it clear that he had nothing to do with the manufacture of the bomb. Einstein was a pacifist. He was against any kind of war or violence. Alarmed by the Nazi threat, he did sign a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Aug. 3, 1939, urging him to initiate a nuclear research program. He was, however, not actively involved in the development and production of the bomb, known as the Manhattan Project. His famous \( E=mc^2 \) equation was first proposed in the formulation of a special theory of relativity in 1905. The idea of transforming mass into energy was basic to the understanding of how fission bomb worked. Einstein could not really be held morally responsible for a technology or application he did not foresee some forty years later. Yet he expressed deep regrets for having sent the letter to Roosevelt.

In 1945, Einstein had just retired from the hustle and bustle of the Institute for Advanced Study and Princeton University. Tired of unwanted publicity and mass media, he was longing for a place of solitude and peace. The late John Steiding of Midland invited Einstein to visit Deep Creek Lake. Steiding worked for the Celanese Fiber Co. as a chemist. His co-worker Mark Plungain of Princeton, N.J., knew Einstein. His wife was an artist sculpting a bust of Einstein. Einstein, being diminutive in physique, had a hard time posing for the artwork, since his feet would not touch the floor. John Steiding, being a handy man, made a footstool for Einstein.
Einstein’s visit to Deep Creek was a best-kept secret. As a matter of fact, his visit in September was not revealed in the Cumberland newspaper for more than 30 years, until 1979. Einstein was guaranteed complete privacy. He was protected from reporters and media. Einstein was to seek the advice of Dr. Frank Wilson, a prominent local surgeon, on an undisclosed ailment, which we now know was the aneurysm of the aorta of the abdomen.

Einstein stayed for two weeks at Wilson’s summer cottage, Mar-Jo-Lodge, in the Long Neck section of Deep Creek Lake. He led a simple life. His daily routine was reading and meditation in front of the fireplace. He loved the tranquility and solitude of Western Maryland. He took daily walks along the Lake, and frequently stopped to chat with strangers who had no idea who he was. He was seen fishing, and bird-watching with binoculars. He never forgot to eat a meal. He was a small eater. He drank a lot of water and lemonade. For breakfast, he had a poached egg, cereal and fruit. He is luncheon light. For dinner, he had a small portion of meat or fish, and some vegetables. His favorite was fresh corn-on-the-cob from Garrett County. Einstein’s favorite sport was sailing.

He loved sailing because it was “the sport which demands the least energy.” Despite the fact that he could not swim, he refused to wear a life jacket. Sailing gave Einstein a sense of peace and freedom. There were times the “people would realize that he wasn’t around, go searching for him, and find him in Harry Muma’s little sailboat, ‘single-handing,’ on the Turkey Neck inlet.”

Einstein loved children. He took time to write letters back to children all over the world. In his words, his secret was “to be like a child.” During his visit, he was photographed enjoying a moment with John Steiding’s baby boy John Rod Steiding II.

There were many interesting stories of Einstein during his stay with us in Western Maryland. These stories not only captured Einstein’s simplicity but also his unique sense of humor. His unique quirky sense of humor was reflection of his child-like innocence and his “tongue-in-cheek” expression. It was witty, shocking, and ecstatic all at the same time.

During his visit, Fred Steiding, brother of John Steiding, asked him to explain relativity in layman’s terms. “Put it this way,” said Einstein. “If you sit on a park bench with your sweetheart, an hour seems like a minute. If you sit on a hot stove by mistake, a minute seems like an hour.”

Another incredible story was the invitation by Mr. Isaac Hirsch, president of B’er Chayim Congregation in Cumberland. Hirsch wrote in 1946, “Knowing he was of my faith, and our high holidays would soon be here, I invited him to attend our services and be my guest.” Einstein’s response in a letter, he wrote dated Sept. 24, 1946. “Despite being something like a Jewish saint, I have been absent from a synagogue so long that I am afraid God would not recognize me and if He would it would be worse.”

At the end of his visit, Einstein gave a $50 gratuity in a autographed envelope to Blair Thompson, also known as “Man Friday,” who was employed by Wilson to serve Einstein as personal attendant. Fifty dollars in 1946 was quite generous indeed, considering that it would amount to an estimate of $1,400 in 2004 after inflation adjustment. Thompson admitted in 1998 he had spent the $50, and, regretfully, lost the autographed envelope.

Was it all play and no work for Einstein at Deep Creek? Not at all. He must have been thinking about his Unified Field Theory, which he published in 1950 and 1953. But more likely, he was concerned deeply about world peace. In May 1946, he became the chairman of the Emergency Committee for Atomic Scientists. In October 1946, he wrote a letter to the United Nations urging them to form a world government. He declared it was the only way to maintain world peace under the threat of atomic and nuclear wars. On Nov. 17, 1952, Einstein, widely considered a “Jewish saint,” was offered the presidency of the State of Israel by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, for which a deeply-moved Einstein promptly and graciously declined on Nov. 18, 1952, with sincere regret.

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TLC Reality Show Features FSU Alums

Trading Spaces with the Haymans

Imagine doing a weekend home improvement project with your family.
Got a mental picture? The possible fighting? The constant furor?
The inevitable frustration? Good.
Now imagine doing it with a television crew capturing your every move for national broadcast.

FSU alumni Stuart and Laura (Wolf) Hayman (both Class of ’84) did just that when a crew from TLC’s hit TV series Trading Spaces Family took the couple’s New York home by storm this past October. The Haymans, along with their children Jason, 15, and Jamie, 11, signed up for the show, which is one of the many hybrids of the Trading Spaces series. In this version, families, with the help of a designer and carpenter and a $1,000 budget, secretly make over rooms in their neighbor’s home.

“It’s like Andy Warhol and the 15 minutes of fame,” laughs Stuart, who works as executive director of the Westchester County Medical Society. He admits he was skeptical about being chosen. “I thought we’d never get on it.”

The journey to Trading Spaces began about a year ago at an informal gathering when Laura and her neighbor “thought it would be fun” to do the show. They downloaded the application from the TLC Web site, filled it out and then forgot about it until the producers contacted them to find families in the Westchester area. The Haymans and their neighbors passed the laborious screening process, which included personal interviews and site visits.

For their redesign, the Haymans selected a family room in their basement. According to Laura, it was the “safest” choice in case the design wasn’t up to their standards. (Anyone remember the TS episodes in which a designer glued hay to a living room wall or stapled thousands of plastic flower petals on the walls of an oversized bathroom?) Laura was hoping that the end result would be a nice lounge area for the children. “I wanted a cool room for Jason to hang out with his friends.”

The Haymans got to work on their neighbor’s kitchen, under the strong arm of notorious TS designer Hildi Santomasso (the guilty party responsible for the hay and plastic petal “creations”), while easy-going designer Frank Bielec, known for his murals and country flair, tackled the Hayman’s family room. Scotsman Faber Dewar served as carpenter for both families (and also taught son Jason how to throw knives during the show’s downtime.)

The Haymans learned quickly that while they were there to redo their neighbor’s room, they were also filming a TV show. The couples had to film “intro scenes” at a local ice-skating rink (Stuart and daughter Jamie sported “Frostburg” sweatshirts that were nixed by producers fearing legal ramifications) and one-on-one interviews with the show’s host Joe Farrel. They were also surprised at the pre-planning that goes into the filming.

“Hildi had control over the design. We thought we would have more input,” says Stuart, noting that the bright turquoise paint used for the kitchen walls was purchased before they stepped foot in their neighbor’s house.

Another behind-the-scenes secret is the extra people who help out with the handiwork during the filming. Since the family had to go off to do interviews with the carpenter, crew members stepped in to help with projects. Other “working” scenes with the Haymans had their family room, their neighbor’s room, they were also filming a TV show.

“Reveal,” when families get to see their new rooms for the first time.

“That shot is ‘one and done,’” adds Stuart.

Tired from hard labor and being under the camera’s watchful eye, the Haymans faced their new room and were more than happy the results. “I love it,” says Laura, two months after the filming. “It’s like Andy Warhol and the 15 minutes of fame.”

Now lay that piece of tile one more time,”

Stuart says. However, the one scene that wasn’t repeated was the big “reveal,” when families get to see their new rooms for the first time.

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“I love it,” says Laura, two months post-filming. “We haven’t changed one thing.”

The Trading Spaces Family episode featuring the Haymans originally aired on Feb. 20. However, it will be broadcast in reruns on the TLC network. Check local listings.

— Ty DeMartino
1942

R. Margaret Whitten Hamilton is proud of her son, Dr. Roy J. Hamilton (Class of ’73), a clinical psychologist at the University of North Carolina - Greensboro.

1951

Mary Spence Ostlund has been teaching a “Write Your Life Story” adult education class for 10 years. Mary would like to encourage the other members of the Class of ’51 to write to Profiles with their own news from time to time!

1952

Frenis Hoffman and his wife, Mabel, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 16, 2004.

1959

Jennings Stickley was recently appointed to the Potomac State College of West Virginia University Board of Advisors, where he will serve through June 30, 2005. Stickley retired from Mound-Westwego Corp. at Lake Mill in 1997 after 37 years of service. Currently, he serves on the WWU Visiting Committee on Social Justice.

1963

Patricia King Robeson and husband, Ron (also Class of ’63), served as co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee for the annual conference of the National Council for the Social Studies “Democracy & Diversity: Social Studies in Action” at the Baltimore Convention Center last November. Ron retired from Bowie High School after 30 years in Prince George’s County Schools, and Pat retired from the Beltsville Academic Center with 27 years of service in PG County schools. Since retiring, Ron has been the technology coordinator and computer teacher at St. Pius X Regional School (Bowie, Md.) while Pat has been a teacher-in-residence with the Maryland Geographic Alliance based at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

1964

Nancy District is enjoying retirement after 30 years of service with the Baltimore County Board of Education.

1966

Doris Miller Hoopes accepted the position of director of children’s ministries at the newly formed PATHWAYS Church in Bel Air, Md. Planning and directing the church’s programs for children from birth through grade six and caring for their families is proving to be an exciting and fulfilling challenge. Doris is married to Paul W. Hoopes, and they reside in Forest Hill, Md.

James Richardson has been elected a fellow of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. He currently serves as national treasurer of the Federal Bar Association.

Linda Powell published her second book, How to Prepare for the PATS Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, English Language Arts. The book is available from Barrons. “It was a far step from writing fiction, but a fulfilling way to give back to my profession.” Her first novel, Happenings, is a young adult novel written under the pseudonym, Katie Cobb (2002).

1970

Larry Kump would love to have former classmates sign his guestbook at www.indynerds.com/larry or http://kumpster.blogspot.com.

1971

Jeannie Shields Paff announces that her son has made her a grandmother. Amelia Lynn Shields was born in Battle Creek, Mich., in 2003.

1972

Sharon Brown Lindsay and her husband, Bob, just built a new home in Fallston, Md. Her daughter Heather is an archaeologist, working to restore the home of President James Madison at Monticello.

1975

Deborah Hughes is planning to move back east after 14 years of service with Pacific Northwest. Though Washington State is beautiful, she misses her family, friends and steamed crabs. Deborah is working on her master’s degree in education and will celebrate her graduation with an Alaskan cruise.

1976

Connie Cornelison Green is the director of the Arapahoe Community College Development Center, a nationally accredited center. Connie was recently named Administrator of the Year at the college for the quality initiatives and the ability to raise and later disburse $140,000 in low income child-care tuition stipends.

Eugene Bridgett, principal of Calvert High School, was named one of the Principals of Excellence by The Washington Post’s Annual Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards.

1978

Charles Merritt, a top all-around second baseman, was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame over the 2004 Homecoming weekend. Merritt was an integral part of the FSU baseball team while helping the Bobcats qualify for the NCAA District Tournament.

Debra Young Powell-Maxwell is a graduate student in the Master of Divinity degree program at Phillips Theological Seminary. Debra was seeking ordination in January 2005.

1982

Joanne Johnson is proud of her son, Randy (Class of ’78), a water geochemist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Missoula, Mont., and her daughter, Dana (Class of ’84), a microeconomic analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

1986

Charlotte Randolf Miller is proud of her son, Andrew (Class of ’82), a research scientist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.
Kevin Fitzgerald received his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware in May 2004.

1979

John Isaac is head coach of the women’s softball team at Chapeltown Christian academy. The team won its first-ever conference playoff game and had six of Howard County’s top 10 batters. John also served four years on the women’s basketball coaching staff where they have won three state and two conference titles. After graduating from Leadership Howard County in 1992, John has served on boards of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Leadership Howard County, Council for Court Excellence and several industry posts at Northwestern Mutual. John would love to see news from other 1979 classmates.

Kathy Havina Culler has been living in Howard County for 20 years with husband, Mike. Kathy’s daughter Lauren, 21, is a senior at University of Maryland College Park, and son Scott, 18, is a freshman at Virginia Tech. Kathy has also taught ballet and tap dance for 20 years in the Columbia, Md., area.

1980

Diane Habka performed at the Little Yough Summer Music Festival in Oakland, Md., this past summer. Diane is an accomplished jazz singer and seven-string guitarista living in Los Angeles.

Myra Little Miller, a CPA in West Virginia, completed her first year as a politician. She was elected comptroller of Armstrong County, Pa. Tammy marked her 20th anniversary with husband Mark “Joy” Miller and children Nick (18) and Lindsay (16). Tammy is still having fun with the Lambda girls.

1981

Linda Dean has accepted a position in the English Department at Potomac State College of West Virginia University as a visiting instructor.

1982

Barbara Roque retired in July from Allegany College of Maryland as dean of students and legal and legislative advisor to the president. Barbara keeps busy as she continues her term as an Allegany County Commissioner.

Francesco Castro, a soccer standout, was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame over the 2004 Homecoming weekend. Castro scored 38 goals and added 18 assists during his soccer career and was part of the first-ever U.S. team to the NCAA Tournament for FSU soccer.

1983

Deane Delance works for the Army’s Strategic Planning Board, a branch of the Headquarters Department of the Army at the Pentagon. Major Delance has over 21 years of military service. His wife, Tamanda (Class of ’81 & ’82), is a financial planner for First Command Financial Services, providing financial services for military families. They invite old friends to visit them in Camp Springs where they live with their children: Stacey (20), Michael (17) and Bri-Area (13).

1985

Lisa Bender was a first runner-up in the Maryland Banker’s Association Teacher of the Year competition for 2004. Lisa is a business education teacher at Southern Garrett High School in Western Maryland.

Susan Bowman Cotrell is the worship leader at Fairfax Circle Baptist Church and is still doing the “band thing” with Leap of Faith. The group just released its second CD, Beautiful Feet. Her four kids (ages 6, 7, 12 and 14) keep her busy. Susan also remarked how wonderful it was to see her FSU buddies at the dedication of the Tom Woodie Center in October. Write to her at scottrell2@aol.com.

1986

Victoria (Vicki) Proctor was named assistant track coach for Loyola College in Baltimore, under another FSU alum, the director of the college’s cross country and track program Rick Woods (Class of ’77). Victoria’s past athletic achievements consist of being a seven-time NCAA Division III All-American runner. She was named the Most Outstanding Runner at Frostburg for 1984-1986. She competed in the 100th Boston Marathon and the 1996 Olympics.

For his work as artistic director of The Carousel Dinner Theatre in Akron, Ohio, Sean Cercone (Class of ’99) was selected by Crain’s Cleveland Business Magazine as one of its “Top 40 Professionals Under the Age of 40.” The 30-year-old native New Yorker is bringing Broadway-caliber theatre to the mid-west.

Since joining Carousel two years ago, Cercone has been trying to bring a “hometown mood” to the Broadway productions performed at the theatre. He chose to set a recent production of “Cats” in an abandoned factory, playing on the blue-collar atmosphere of Akron. The show also turned out to be the theatre’s most successful production in 31 years.

After leaving the stages of FSU, Cercone received his master’s degree from West Virginia University and served as the founding director/artistic director of the West Virginia Shakespeare Festival. He returned to New York and explored the acting scene before heading west to Ohio with his wife, Heather (Lindstrom, who also attended FSU.)

Cercone’s latest project is revamping a musical (that happens to be set in Western Maryland) called “Cumberland Blues,” written by Michael Norman Mann and music by Jerry Garcia and Robert Hunter of the Grateful Dead. By reworking the musical in Ohio, he hopes it will make its way to New York. Cercone has also tapped a new rewrite of the musicals “Footloose” and “Peggy Sue Got Married.”

For more information, visit www.carouseldinnertheatre.com.
Mark Your Calendar

Alumni Events

1968

- **Heather Mason** top field hockey goalie while at FSU, was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame over the 2004 Homecoming weekend. Mason was a regional All-American as a junior and a first-team All-American as a senior.

1990

- **Jonathan Geiger** has been promoted to regional manager at JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management, a division of JP Morgan Chase. He is a financial advisor and provides mutual fund and managed account expertise in the New York/Long Island region.

1994

- **Nicole Dore Parker** and husband, Eric, announce the birth of their son, Scott Tanin Parker born on May 17, 2004. They reside in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Nicole works in sales for Hodgson Enterprises and Eric is a math teacher at Kalamazoo High School.

Mini-Reunion

Andrea Vernetti (Class of ’93) is a marketing manager from Oakland, Calif. She went back home to visit her mom in Virginia this past summer. There, she had a mini-reunion with her closest Frostburg friends. With Cecilia Sines McLean (Class of ’92) and Doris Senko (Class of ’90), they planned a pleasant afternoon at the McLean home in Brunswick, Va., in which other FSU alumni from various years came to share in the fun. Pictured (left to right) Regan Poff, daughter of FSU alumni Lou Anne Poff (Molinaro, Class of ’95), Lou Anne Poff holding daughter Sidney; Andrea Vernetti, holding daughter Samantha; Doris Senko, seated on floor; Wanda Shaffer (Poff, Class of ’93) holding daughter Madison and son Andrew; Wil Haslop (Class of ’92 and ’94); Ryan Shaffer; Cecilia Sines McLean (Class of ’92); and Greg McLean (Class of ’93) holding son Chase.

Upcoming FSU Alumni Events

Frostburg With Pride in Bethesda
Wednesday, March 23
6:30-8:30 pm
Positano’s Restaurant
4940 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda

10th Anniversary Celebration for Softball
Saturday, April 2
11:30 am Cookout Doubleheader starts at 1 pm at FSU

‘84, ’85, ’86, ’87 Reunion
Friday, April 15, 7 pm
Duncan’s Bar, Frostburg and
Saturday, April 16, 1-5 pm
Frostburg State University Library Deck

Frostburg With Pride at Hidden Waters, Baltimore County
Thursday, May 12
6 – 8 pm

Golden Anniversary
Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4
Frostburg State University

Homecoming 2005
October 21-23

For more information on any of these events, call 301/687-4068 or visit online at www.frostburg.edu (Click on “Alumni”).
Middle School. He is serving as president of the Board of Directors of 1st Way Pregnancy Support Center and president of the Allegany College Human Services Alumni Scholarship Fund. Aaron was recently featured in the Cumberland Times-News feature, “Meet Your Neighbor.”

Daniel Mattox and his wife, Kristen, welcomed Daniel IV in June 2004.

David Kauffman was identified by the Americans for the Arts to receive a scholarship to attend the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies Second Joint Convention in Washington, D.C., in July 2004. Dave is the coordinator for the Maryland Mountain Arts Network in Western Maryland.

Kristi Moser Glass, CPA, recently passed Intuit’s QuickBooks Certification coursework and has become a Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

Lauren Temple is a public relations specialist for Ken-Crest Services, a community-based service provider for individuals with developmental disabilities in the Philadelphia area.


Scott Eckhardt is one of 250 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2004-2005 academic year through the Fulbright Teacher Program. Scott is the associate director for student life and judicial affairs at Loyola College in Baltimore. He will be traveling to Prague to shadow the headmaster at a college preparatory school.

Suzanne Rauch married Thomas Koehn on Aug. 8, 2004. Suzanne received her juris doctor degree from the University of Denver College of Law and is employed as a judicial law clerk. The couple resides in Superior, Colo.

1997

Deborah Orr Poppel is a certified wildlife biologist. She is employed with ENSR International as an environmental consultant. Deborah and her husband, Stuart, have a 1-year-old daughter named Melanie Dawn.

1998

Christy Chambers Pratt and husband, Bill Pratt (both Class of ’98), graduated with master’s degrees from Hood College in May 2004. “And, yes, our marriage did survive both of us being in graduate school at the same time.” Christy received a Master of Arts in Thanatology (a psychological study of death, dying and bereavement) and was recently promoted to associate director of admissions at Hood College. Bill received his MBA with a concentration in finance and is a senior-level business analyst with Citigroup in Hagerstown.

Kenneth Oldham was promoted to vice president of development with the Montgomery County-based National Philharmonic. The National Philharmonic will begin its residency at the state-of-the-art Music Center at Strathmore in February 2005.

Michaela Midgett is employed by the JSF Program in Arlington, Va.

1999


2000


Angela Riffle married Brian Rissett (Class of ’99) in May of 1999. They welcomed daughter Julia Grace on May 12, 2004. Brian is a video producer for the Howard County Public School System. Angela enjoys being a stay-at-home with her new daughter.

Eileen Moore married Eric Tyler Durr on April 17, 2004. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Md.
Wish we were there. How about you?

(send us your warm thoughts)

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Alice Beckman married John Patrick McCallough on May 17, 2003. She is employed at Beckman’s Green Street Pharmacy. They live in Short Gap, W.Va., with their daughter, Greenlee.

Amy Snyder and Chad Ricker were married on Aug. 16, 2003, at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa. They live in LaVale, Md.

April Lashley graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky with a degree in civil engineering. She is employed with FMSM Engineers Inc., a private consulting firm in Lexington, Ky.

Ashley Ommert married Jeremy Sowers on May 15, 2003. Ashley is employed as a branch manager for M&T Bank in Boonsboro, Md. Jeremy is an assistant branch manager with Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Hagerstown Md. They live in Williamsport.

Casey Doggett married Matthew B. Bowman on July 24, 2004, in Williamsport, Md. She is employed with Washington County Public Schools as a first-grade teacher at Old Forge Elementary School. They reside in Hagerstown.

Sarah Lanosz married Daniel Mattheson on June 12, 2004. They live in Galena, Md.

Theresa Kuhn married Brian Shay on July 12, 2003. The couple resides in Crofton, Md.

2003

Amanda Godsey is a technical writer and assistant event planner for Kelly & Associates, an insurance company in Hunt Valley, Md.


Heather Shaffer married Gregory Alan Markell on Sept. 25, 2004, in Williamsport. Heather is studying nursing at Hagerstown Community College and is an emergency technician at Washington County Hospital. They live in Williamsport, Md.

Kalli Queenberry married Mark Nestor on June 18, 2004, at Rocky Gap State Park. They enjoyed a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas, and now reside in Fort Ashby, W.Va.

Kimberly Faust married Mark Frantz on July 24, 2004. Kim is pursuing a master’s in exercise science at Syracuse University. She was awarded an NCAA Women’s Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.

Megan Andrews and Timothy Small (Class of ‘03) were married on June 26, 2004. Megan is a third-grade teacher at Fountaundale Elementary School in Hagerstown.

2004

Elizabeth Sauder of Oakland, Md., is on a one-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee in Uganda where she will work as a teacher. She previously worked at the Center for Student Missions in Philadelphia, Pa., as a student host.

Mandy and Eric Abe

Mandy Beeman and Eric Abe (Class of ‘04) were married on July 31, 2004, at LaVale United Methodist Church. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

Tanja Robertson married Jason Michael Gaumer on Aug. 16, 2003. She is a teacher at Baull Elementary School in Frostburg.

News and photos should be addressed to: Profile, 228 Hitchins, Frostburg State University, 150 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-1099. You can e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu or FAX us at 301/687-4069. You can also send us your info via our Web site: www.frostburg.edu/ (click on “Alumni”).
In Memoriam

Editor's note: Information about a number of alumni who had died in years past was acquired during research for the new Frostburg State University Alumni Directory. We wanted to update our readers. Those names are noted.

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FSU Alumna's Tragic Death

FSU alum Suzanne “Lee” Combs (Class of ‘91) died tragically on Nov. 23, 2004, when her boyfriend and father of her unborn child murdered her in her townhouse in Lexington Park, Md. She was a resident of St. Mary’s County, Maryland, all her life. Suzanne was the mother to two children, Darren, who is 10 years old, and Audrey, who is 6 years old, and worked at Carver Elementary School in St. Mary’s County. She belonged to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Families for Christ. She enjoyed studying religion, reading and being a mother. In addition to her children, Suzanne is survived by her parents, stepfather, three brothers and two sisters. To find out more and how you can help Suzanne’s family, visit online at www.stmarystoday.com/suzanne_lee_combssuzanne.htm.

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What the heck???

Can you explain this photo from a page in Frostburg State University's profile? If you're the first person to e-mail with the correct information, you'll win an FSU T-shirt. Just tell us:
1) Who, what or where is this, um, “person”?
2) What the heck was he/she doing?

You will also receive the glory of seeing your name in print in our next issue of Profile. Hurry!

E-mail those entries to: tdemartino@frostburg.edu (and specify your shirt size!)

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Editor's Note: Thanks to all you wrote in and tried to identify the photo from last issue’s “What the Heck…” feature. Only one guessed correctly and named the people in the photo, the location and situation. Nora Kelly Slick, wife of Gregory Slick (Class of ’76), was the winner (with an honorable mention going to Jenni Swecker Lewis, Class of ’85, who guessed the event.) Here's Nora’s winning entry, for which she received an FSU T-shirt:

Who? The Frostburg Women’s Rugby Team, trying to win “The Gong Show” at the Frostburg Armory. What the heck are we doing? Showing that we had many hidden talents — singing, dancing and laughing to the song “Short People.” Too bad that the bottom of the photo is cut off, you would be able to see the Rugby Team Shirts and the short little legs. I believe Crazy Scott Paddock hit the gong, but I think we still stole the show. Thanks for the memories.

Nora Kelly Slick
Smithsburg, Md.
Everyone had a "rockin" good time at the 2004 FSU Homecoming. Living up to its theme, "ROCKIN' DOWN THE HIGHWAY," the campus was bouncing with activities. The Scrapbook offers a glimpse at the best of Homecoming.

• 1• As one of the most popular events, the Annual Step Show offers some outstanding (and very original) dance performances.  
• 2• FSU Alumni Association had its annual meeting Homecoming Weekend in the new Compton Science Center.  
• 3• The Big Event community clean up is the perfect way to end a great weekend.  
• 4• The Doobie Brothers played to a packed gymnasium as the capstone event for "Rockin' Down the Highway."  
• 5• Sorority sisters past and present (a) and the brothers of TKE (b) enjoyed the FSU's first tailgating event in over a decade.  
• 6• Homecoming Queen Holly Hill and King Kelvin Robins were the center of attention at the Bobcat Football game halftime.  
• 7• The sisters of Delta Zeta "rocked out" Saturday morning at the annual Homecoming Parade.  
• 8• The evening Cluster Reunion brought together the Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 for a memorable event at the home of Dick and Jane Sloop.
FSU to Name Baseball Field In Honor of Bob Wells

Thank You, Coach

Frostburg State University President Dr. Catherine Gira, at this year’s Bobcat Hall of Fame induction ceremony during Homecoming weekend, announced that the school’s baseball field would be renamed Bob Wells Field in honor of the former coach who built Frostburg State into a national baseball power, retired as the winningest coach in school history and has been inducted into four halls of fame.

“Coach Wells’ contributions to the Frostburg State baseball program and to individual players over the years are legendary. Not only did he teach them the fundamentals of the game at unparalleled levels of sophistication, he also took each one of them under his wing,” said Gira.

“Now, years later, his players return year after year to sing Coach Wells’ praises. His achievement have earned him a place in the Hall of Fame at Frostburg State, the University of Rhode Island, and across the state and region. For all of these reasons, it is more than fitting that the baseball field be named in Bob Wells’ honor.”

Although there are campus buildings named in honor of others at FSU, the baseball diamond will be the first athletic field. While the announcement was made at this year’s Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the official date of the naming of the field is expected to be in the fall of 2005.

“Bob Wells has given most of his adult life to Frostburg State University, his students, and particularly the baseball players,” said Director of Athletics Ralph Brewer. “Having spoken with Bob after the announcement, I know that he is uncomfortable with all of the attention he is receiving at this time, but he deserves this honor.”

Coach Wells, whose Bobcats won more than 600 games, sees the dedication as a reflection of his players.

“It means a lot because Frostburg means so much to me, and I spent 37 years here,” he said. “But maybe more than anything else, I think it relates to all those players, probably close to 400, who played baseball while I was here. They can be identified with it for the fact that I was their coach.

“So, more or less, the field is dedicated really to those players who helped establish a program here between 1965 and 1991. I kind of look at it that way.”

Wells built the Frostburg program into a nationally-recognized power and retired with a 600-327-3 record in 29 seasons as head coach. FSU finished fifth in the 1972 NAIA World Series, was nationally ranked nine times in a span of 10 years (1967 to 1976) and won 11 district or conference championships.

Wells was recognized numerous times as coach of the year. He was NAIA area (1972) and district coach of the year (1970-1972), and Maryland Intercollegiate coach of the year (1969). He was head men’s basketball coach for one year (1967-68). The Bobcats won the Maryland Intercollegiate championship that season, with Wells being the coach of the year. He also served as the FSU director of athletics in 1977-78.

Frostburg and Frostburg State will always have a special place in Wells’ heart. “The main thing, certainly, has to be all the people,” said Wells, a member of the Frostburg, Frostburg State, Maryland State Baseball Coaches and University of Rhode Island halls of fame. “You can’t separate the people from Frostburg. To me, they are the university. Every one. And not just all the players who played, but the many friends of the players ... it’s the relationships that mean the most.”

Whether it be on the baseball field or in the classroom, it’s teaching that’s always been in Wells’ blood. He takes special pride in knowing that many of his players chose that profession.

“When I came here the majority of the students graduating were going to be teachers,” he said. “A large percentage of the ones coming back (at Homecoming) are or have been teachers or administrators at public schools. That’s gratifying to me.

“I look at myself, and if I was going to live another life I’d want to be a teacher again. It means a lot to me. And these people being successful, so many of them in education, that’s the most important thing to me,” said Wells, who was named Frostburg State’s instructor of the year in 1969 and 1976 by Sigma Tau Gamma. “If I helped to make a lot of good teachers, that’s great. If there’s any legacy or memory at all involved, that’s what I would want it to be.”

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Longtime University faculty members Charles and Bonnie Hircock received recognition for their excellence in FSU’s Physical Education Department by winning an award from the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD).

The Hircocks both received R. Trait McKenzie Awards for “Outstanding Contributions to the Welfare of Man Through Service to the Education Profession.” The awards, the highest honor given by the MAHPERD, were presented during a dinner on Oct. 14 in Owosso.

Charles “Charlie” Hircock received his Ph.D. in Physical Education and Health Education at Ohio State University, before coming to Frostburg in 1972. His area of expertise includes physical education pedagogy, supervising of interns in health and physical education, secondary methods in health and physical education and movement experiences for children. Charlie has also served as a volunteer track coach and as the coordinator of track and cross-country recruiting for FSU.

Bonnie Hircock received her education degree at West Virginia University in Physical Education Administration and Educational Administration. Since then, she has served as a guidance counselor and teacher at Allegany High School in Cumberland, assistant principal and principal of Beall Junior-Senior High School, counselor/administrator for The American International School in Kuwait, and as an associate professor at FSU. Most recently, she has been chair of the health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at FSU. Aside from teaching, she has also coached women’s basketball, tennis and gymnastics and has served as an advisor for drill and cheerleading teams.

Also honored at the awards dinner was FSU graduate Trish Cook (Class of ’73), Office of Health Education, Baltimore County Public Schools, for Health Educator of the Year. Current FSU student Robert

FSU's Bachelor of Science Program in Athletic Training has received national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), a distinction that will allow the graduates of FSU’s program to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) Examination. FSU’s is one of only three accredited programs in athletic training in Maryland.

“I’m proud of the achievements of the Athletic Training program,” said FSU Provost Steve Simpson. “This accomplishment underscores its status as an outstanding program that will serve our students and the citizens of the state well.”

CAAHEP is the largest specialized accreditor in the health sciences field. In collaboration with its Committees on Accreditation, CAAHEP reviews and accredits more than 2,000 educational programs in 21 health science occupations across the United States and Canada. The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP and The American Academy of Family Physicians, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and The National Athletic Trainers’ Association Inc.

FSU’s Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) began in the late 1970s as an internship program that was part of the Health and Physical Education degree. That program grew to the point that FSU established an Exercise and Sport Science program in 2000, with Athletic Training as one of three concentrations.

FSU’s previous program, which was based on an extensive internship, had allowed students to sit for the exam, but that rule has just been changed by the Board of Certification, which now requires exam candidates to graduate from an accredited program. The BOC is the only accredited certification program for athletic trainers in the United States.

FSU officials saw the change coming and decided to apply for accreditation, a multi-year process.

When James Racchini was hired as ATEP director in 2001, he applied for candidacy for accreditation and began the process of establishing the Athletic Training program as a stand-alone major, instead of a concentration within Exercise Science. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents in 2002 approved the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, along with additional entrance requirements and two new courses.

The candidacy phase lasted two years, followed by a self-study for accreditation through CAAHEP and a team visit from the Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Athletic Training, which performs the accreditation study for CAAHEP.

“The self-study and evaluation, while a long and arduous process, in the long run will help our students and strengthen our program because we made a number of positive changes as a result,” Racchini said.

The ATEP at FSU has grown from one sponsoring Certified Athletic Trainer in its infancy to being served by two full-time Certified Athletic Trainer faculty, two full-time staff Certified Athletic Trainers and two graduate assistants. — NJ
Men's Cross Country
The FSU men's cross country team enjoyed yet another impressive season, winning its fourth straight Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship and seventh conference title in the league's eight-year existence. The Bobcats placed five runners in the top nine spots. Head Coach Randy Lowe was selected the AMCC Men's Coach of the Year for the fourth straight year. The Bobcats capped their season with a ninth-place finish out of 34 teams at the NCAA Division III Mid-East Regional Championships. It was FSU's first top-10 finish at the regional meet since placing seventh in 1999 and a strong improvement over last season's 18th-place showing.

Women's Cross Country
FSU's women's cross country team turned in a solid season despite often competing with just four runners due to illness and injury. Frostburg State, which was seeking its third straight AMCC title and seventh crown in eight years, did not place in the team standings because it finished only four of the required five runners. After a rough 1-7 start, a young Bobcat field hockey team rebounded to win seven of its last 12 games and finish a respectable 9-12. A five-game winning streak that included three consecutive shutouts sparked the turnaround and was the longest run in Head Coach Nicole Bonvouloir's four-year tenure. FSU was competitive in every game, losing seven by just a single goal and three more by two tallies. FSU is slated to return 23 of its 25 players next season.

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Football
The Bobcats entered the year determined to win a third straight Atlantic Central Football Conference title, but a handful of new coaches, several new starters, injuries at key positions and a schedule featuring three teams that advanced to the 2003 NCAA playoffs added up to a tough 2-8 overall finish (1-4 ACFC). The Bobcats opened the season with a 14-0 shutout of Apprentice before dropping their next five games. FSU rebounded with a strong 22-0 win over Maryville on Homecoming but couldn't keep the momentum going, losing its final three games and finishing with its worst record since 1987. Nine players were voted to the All-ACFC squad.

Golf
The Bobcat golf team posted strong several showings in its return to varsity status for the first time since 1975. Under the direction of first-year head coach Rick Flowers, FSU finished seventh at the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship and third at the Eastern College Athletic Conference South Region qualifier.

Men's Soccer
Frostburg State rode an up-and-down season to 11-8-2 overall and 5-3-1 AMCC marks. After beginning the season with a 3-3-1 record, the Bobcats hit their stride and won four straight and five of their next six. However, injuries to several key starters took their toll as the Bobcats fell to Penn State Altoona and La Roche by a single goal and tied Lake Erie to close out conference regular-season action. FSU earned the No. 4 seed in the AMCC Tournament and knocked off rival Penn State Behrend 3-1 in the first round. FSU's season came to an end in the semifinals with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to eventual champion Pitt-Greensburg. The Bobcats lose just four seniors and are slated to return 22 players next fall.

Women's Soccer
Frostburg State enjoyed another record-breaking season in 2004, winning the AMCC championship and earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament both for the fourth straight year. The team opened the year with an impressive 6-1-2 mark and was ranked ninth in the Great Lakes region poll before dropping a hard-fought 1-0 contest to Pitt-Greensburg. FSU then ripped off six straight victories to end the regular season, with five coming by shutout, and earned the No. 1 seed in the AMCC Tournament. The Bobcats avenged their loss to UPG by posting a 2-0 shutout win in the semifinals and then outlasted rival Penn State Behrend 3-2 in double overtime to capture the AMCC championship and the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. Head Coach Brian Parker (FSU Class of '92) repeated as AMCC Coach of the Year and became the all-time winningest women's soccer coach in FSU history at 40-15-6.

Women's Tennis
Frostburg State battled youth and inexperience en route to a 1-13 finish, including a 1-5 mark in the AMCC. The Bobcats edged Chatham 5-4 for their lone win of the season and tied for third at the AMCC championships.

Women's Volleyball
The Bobcats (30-6) continued their dominance of the AMCC under fourth-year Head Coach Jeff Billington (Class of '84), finishing undefeated (9-0) in the league for the third straight season and capturing the conference tournament title for the third year in a row and the seventh time in the league's eight-year existence. FSU earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in six years and toppled state rival Salisbury 3-1 in the first round before falling to top-ranked and eventual national champion Juniata 3-0 in the regional semifinals. Billington, who was selected the AMCC Co-Coach of the Year, became the all-time winningest coach in FSU volleyball history with a sweep of Mary Washington Sept. 10 and sports a 99-37 overall record with the Bobcats. As a team, FSU set single-season records for assists (1,585) and consecutive games won (38).
The Frostburg State women’s volleyball team recorded 30 wins for the second straight season and the sixth time in the program’s 11-year history and two players, junior Tara Emerick and sophomore Kelly May, are rising stars who have helped carry on the tradition.

The Bobcats finished the season 30-6 overall and 9-0 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and won their third straight AMCC regular-season and tournament titles. FSU earned its third straight NCAA Tournament bid and advanced to the regional semifinals for the second consecutive season.

Emerick and May aided their squad that dominated the AMCC, finishing first in hitting percentage (.266), kills (1,733), kills per game (14.09), assists (1,604), assists per game (13.04), blocks (403) and blocks per game (3.28).

“Tara and Kelly had good seasons and they played a big part in the team reaching the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year,” said Head Coach Jeff Billington.

Emerick, an outside hitter from Hyndman, Pa., transferred to FSU from Allegany College of Maryland. In her first season with the Bobcats, Emerick played in 100 games while recording a .220 hitting percentage, 132 kills, 89 digs and 72 total blocks. She came on strong in the second half of the year recording a season-high eight kills in five different matches. She also recorded a season-high eight digs against La Roche and six blocks against W. Nyberg.

“Tara improved greatly during the season. She got better every day as her confidence grew,” noted Billington. “She is extremely willing to learn and does whatever the team needs.”

May, a middle blocker from Flintstone, Md., showed great improvement in her second year as a member of the Bobcat squad. After finishing her freshman year second on the team with 73 total blocks and fifth with 144 kills, May increased those totals considerably, posting 107 total blocks and 271 kills. She also ranked fifth in the AMCC with a .292 hitting percentage and was sixth with 0.97 blocks per game.

May, like Emerick, started the year slowly after setting out the season-opening four-game Juniata Tournament with an injury. Midway through the year she came on strong, starting with the second match against Juniata in the Salisbury Tournament when she led the Bobcats with 10 kills. Even though the Bobcats lost to Juniata, May started a six-match double-digit kill streak that sparked FSU’s second 14-match winning streak of the season.

Among her top performances of the year was a career-high 16-kill effort in a 3-1 victory over Division II Pitt-Johnstown. It was one of her 12 double-digit kill outings this season and I am pleased with her improvement,” added Billington. “She moved to the outside and she grew in confidence all season.”

Emerick and May will return next season as two of the top three offensive threats. Their experience should help the Bobcats as they seek to continue their reign atop the AMCC and seek another NCAA Tournament berth.

“We expect big things from them next season and they should earn conference recognition for their efforts,” said Billington.

— Noah Becker
Survey for FSU Alumni

Please respond to the questions below so that your Board of Directors can best serve you, the Alumni.

This survey will also be available online at www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/welcome.htm

Name _____________________________________________________

Spouse’s name ______________________________________________

Is your spouse an alumni? □Yes □No

Address _____________________________________________________

Telephone __________________________________________________

Email _______________________________  Graduation year______

Job title and place of employment: ________________________________________________________________

What is your interest in the following Alumni Association programs, events, and services? (descriptions of each of these programs below)

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Alumni Association Programs, Events, and Services Descriptions:
Career Connections – an opportunity to work with other alumni and share your work experience/expertise with current students through field visits to businesses or panel discussions

Alumni Leadership Series – an opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops to share leadership values with current students

Homecoming – an opportunity to visit the campus and connect with other alumni, current and past faculty/administration, and current students in a fun filled weekend of activities

Reunions – an opportunity to reunite with fellow alumni in various activities. Can be done on a class reunion basis (e.g., the class of 1974) or through organizational affiliation (athletics, fraternities/sororities, other campus-recognized groups, etc.)

Alumni Networking Events – provides networking opportunities among alumni in various geographic areas

Family Events – events on or off campus to bring families of alumni together

Happy Hour Gatherings – a social event to gather alumni and enjoy sharing memories

Music, Art, Theatre Events – an event based around a performance which alumni attend together and have an opportunity to reunite before/after the program

Travel Opportunities – opportunities to travel as an alumni group to various places

Sporting Events – an opportunity to see the Bobcats or another FSU team compete while enjoying the company of your alumni

What time of year are you most likely to participate in an Alumni Association event regardless of location? (Choose all that apply)

□ Fall □ Spring □ Winter □ Summer

What time of year are you most likely to visit campus? (Choose all that apply)

□ 1-6 months □ 7-12 months □ 1-2 years □ 2-5 years □ 5+ years □ Never

When is the last time you participated in an Alumni Association event?

□ Never □ 1-6 months □ 7-12 months □ 1-2 years □ 2-5 years □ 5+ years □ Winter □ Spring □ Summer

Do you visit the FSU Alumni Association Web site? □Yes □No (http://alumni.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni.Welcome.htm)

Any changes you’d like to suggest?

Do you have any ideas for a program? If so, please describe.

Would you be willing to help coordinate a program in your area? □Yes □No

Do you know of alumni that we should contact? If so, please provide the information requested below.

Name ____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________

Phone _____________________Email address ____________________

Any additional information you’d like to share?

Thank you for participating in this alumni survey.

Please mail your completed survey to:
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101 Braddock Road
Frostburg, MD 21532-2303
“Funds” with Dick and Jane
Alumni Answer Call for the Sloop Leadership Fund (...and In Record Time)

When the challenge to raise $50,000 in matching funds was presented to a group of alumni during a reunion event this past Homecoming, I never dreamed the goal would be realized within a matter of hours. Talk about your record fund-raising!

During the cluster reunion for the Classes of 1964-1967, generously hosted at the home of the much-loved Dr. Richard Sloop, professor emeritus of education, and his wonderful wife, Jane, a challenge was presented to all of those in attendance. Alums (and impromptu emcees) William Graves and Quincy Crawford (both Class of ’65) announced that $50,000 in seed money had been pledged by donors to the Sloop Leadership Fund, which supports programs and scholarships to benefit FSU students. The gentlemen called upon their fellow classmates to match that donation over the next few months.

By the end of the evening, the goal of an additional $50,000 was met, overwhelmingly, in pledges. Not only did these people give by opening their wallets, they also opened their hearts to their alma mater and its new programs, as well as their dear friends the Sloops.

It is in this spirit we will be entering a new capital campaign at FSU to coincide with the University System of Maryland’s Campaign. Witnessing the alumni’s warm reception and quick call to action on that chilly night in October, I stood there in both amazement and gratitude. It was true testament to all for which Frostburg stands.

Colleen T. Peterson
Vice President for University Advancement
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