First of all, I want to thank the many alumni who supported their alma mater after the tragedy of this past semester that took from us our student, Brandon Carroll. While Brandon will never be forgotten and his impact on FSU will always be felt, through our grief we learned that the foundation of caring and concern that has long been a hallmark of this institution is still strong. I am so grateful to the alumni who sent supportive messages in the form of letters, e-mails and postings on Facebook. They reinforced my resolve that this awful incident would not define Frostburg State University.

What does define us in the most fundamental sense has been the topic of study and reflection of a broad-based team from the FSU community. This team began work in 2007 on creating a comprehensive strategic plan that would guide the University as it makes decisions for the future and allocates its resources. “Where are you going?” has been a question posed to students with our hope that FSU would be their answer. The charge to this team was to answer the larger questions about FSU: “Where are we going, and how do we decide what is most important to our future?”

These actions are necessary because, like the world around it, Frostburg State University is experiencing a period of rapid and consequential change. In order to meet the demands placed on a 21st-century university, effective, thoughtful and data-informed decision-making must be connected to a planning process that helps us, as a community, retain our focus on our institutional goals and vision. This University, with its rich history and exciting future, will benefit from a plan grounded in our shared vision.

That plan is now in place, and its positive impact is being felt across all areas of the University, broken down into the strategic themes of sustainability, engagement, academics and leadership. The plan calls for greater transparency and engagement from the broader campus community with enhanced communication throughout.

Because FSU’s strategic plan is a living document that must continue to guide our planning and development in the coming years, the Strategic Planning Committee has been reformed with a new structure this summer, with the charge of continuing to refine our direction and drive the next few years, building on the structure already in place.

You can read more about the strategic planning process at FSU at www.frostburg.edu/splanning. In this and future issues of Profile, you will learn some of the ways that our institution, our students, our faculty and staff and our graduates are meeting these goals and bringing the plan’s principles to life.

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President
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MBA Now Available Fully Online

Starting with the fall 2010 semester, students everywhere will be able to earn a Master of Business Administration degree through FSU, now that the full, AACSB-accredited program has been made available through online classes.

For many years now, MBA students, like other FSU students, have been able to take some of the classes toward their degree fully online or in a blended format, which is partially online and partially in a traditional classroom. The final steps toward offering the entire MBA program online were taken this past spring.

“Due to recent changes in and complexity of the global environment, the economic, educational and social aspects of people’s lives have become increasingly demanding,” said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business. “Our online MBA program provides students with accessibility, affordability and flexibility, so they can deal with various life demands more effectively.”

FSU’s MBA is still offered in traditional, face-to-face classes, but the online format will benefit those busy professionals who have difficulty fitting regular class times into their schedules, as well as those for whom travel to Frostburg or Hagerstown, where the MBA is offered at the University System of Maryland Hagerstown, would be too difficult.

“The majority of students in FSU’s MBA program are part-time students who are working adults with families and outside commitments. Frequently the family and work commitments interfere with the student’s ability to take classes at the time they are offered,” said Ron Ross, coordinator of the MBA program.

Tootoonchi said the online MBA should serve those students well. “Students can enroll in our online MBA program from anywhere in the world. FSU tuition and fees are comparatively lower than many other institutions, and our courses are available year-round, allowing students the flexibility they need to complete degree requirements in a timely manner.”

FSU sought approval for this move toward a fully online program from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which accredits the entire institution. FSU’s College of Business is also accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, and the online MBA carries the same level of recognition.

FSU to Offer Engineering Bachelor’s in Anne Arundel County

Students living in the Anne Arundel County area of Maryland will now be able to earn a bachelor’s degree in engineering from Frostburg State University without having to leave home, thanks to a new partnership between FSU and Anne Arundel Community College.

FSU will offer its bachelor’s degree in engineering, with a concentration in electrical engineering, in collaboration with AACSB through its University Consortium at the AACC Regional Higher Education Center at Arundel Mills. FSU’s program will build on AACC’s engineering preparation program and offer engineering and upper-division courses through a combination of methods – on site at Arundel Mills, by interactive video and online.

The agreement was signed in May by President Gibralter and AACC President Martha Smith following approval from the University System of Maryland and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

“arundel Community College reflects an important opportunity for students to be able to complete their bachelor’s degrees in engineering from Frostburg State University while having access to the incredibly strong industry base of high-tech and engineering companies in that part of the state of Maryland,” Gibralter said. The collaborative program will serve both the state of Maryland’s economic development and Anne Arundel County-area students. The Arundel Mills center’s proximity to Fort Meade, as well as the influx of positions through the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, is leading to expanded opportunities in disciplines related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, called STEM disciplines. Many of the positions that are moving to Maryland as the result of BRAC require high levels of skill in these disciplines.

“This proposal is a fine example of responding to the goals of the University System of Maryland to increase the number of graduates in the STEM areas and to increase access and affordability,” said USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan in his letter to Gibralter approving the partnership.
Alumni Honored

Graves, Oldham Honored at Spring Commencement

An eminent educator and the leader of a major regional orchestra and chorale were honored with the FSU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at this spring’s commencement ceremony. The awards were presented at the Annual Alumni Honors Banquet on April 1st to Barbara Balka ’66 and James Oldham ’83.

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In addition to receiving the Fulbright Specialists Award, Poorsoltan was invited to serve as a member of the 2010 volunteer Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Board of Examiners provides advice and guidance to the Baldrige Panel of Judges in selecting award recipients.

Poorsoltan is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travels this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program. The Fulbright Specialists Program,

Bradley Honored With USM Award for Teaching

Dr. Megan Bradley, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology, received the 2010 USM Regents’ Faculty Award for Teaching. The USM Regents’ Faculty Award is the highest honor that the Board bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. Bradley’s honor marks the third time in the past four years that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the Regents. “Dr. Bradley is an exceptional teacher and scholar whose efforts reflect her deep commitment to her students,” said President Gable.” He has developed a campus, state, and national leader in pedagogical innovation.”

Bradley’s nomination touted her innovative efforts to improve student learning, in particular her leadership at FSU in the Regent’s Course Redesign Initiative, intended to increase efficiency and excellence in instruction. FSU’s General Psychology course was redesigned as part of the initiative, with results showing both improved student learning and reduced cost to the University. That course is listed as an “exemplar” project by the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT).

“Megan saw the redesign as an opportunity to enhance student learning, standardized the quality of instruction, improved retention, as well as reduce costs at an institutional level,” said Dr. Kevin Peterson, chair of the Department of Psychology. “All of these objectives have been achieved and are well-documented.”

She was also praised in her nomination for her innovative approaches to student mentor, research, and service learning. She is one of the two certified FSU peer reviewers for Quality Matters, an organization that seeks that ensure that faculty teaching online and hybrid courses are following national standards of “best practices.”

Bradley has also integrated service learning into her courses as a means of enhancing student comprehension. “Megan has proven herself to be an outstanding scholar-prac- titioner-teacher and promoter of authentic learning,” said Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “She has become a national voice for improved student development through course redesign and transformation.”

Two staff members have received the 2010 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award, the highest honor bestowed on USM staff employees. Colleen Stump, associate vice president for University Advancement and director of Publications, is being honored for exceptional contribution to the institution, and Mary Tola, director of Health Services, is being honored for outstanding service to students. “I am not surprised that Colleen and Mary were selected by the USM Board of Regents for these prestigious awards; they exemplify all that quality and excellence is about in higher education,” said President Gable.

“They both perform their jobs with a focus upon only what is best for our students and our institution. I am very proud of these two highly skilled and enormously professional staff members.”

Tola’s nomination noted her work in the past year in planning and developing a campus response to the H1N1 outbreak, her support of a campus wellness initiative, and her leadership of the Brandy Health Center’s successful reaccreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Director of Brandy Health since 2003, Tola has been a dedicated advocate for student health and was recognized in 2009 as Nurse Practitioner of the Year by Allegany County Health Stump, who has been a member of FSU’s staff since 1983, was honored for her leadership in the development of publications, marketing materials and the University’s brand identity. In 2009, she was named associate vice president for University Advancement, which added to her duties the oversight of media relations, marketing and social media.

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Online Chats
FSU is adding new dialogue to the social media conversation by organizing online chats with President Gibralter through his official Blog From the ‘BURG, where he discusses a variety of University programs and initiatives. On Nov. 9, 2009, Gibralter organized FSU’s first ever online Q&A with student leaders, followed by several more online chat sessions throughout the spring semester during which students, faculty, staff and alumni were invited to ask him questions and share their thoughts. Topics included Homecoming, Greek life, sustainability, FSU Athletics and how budget cuts would affect the University. Gibralter plans to continue the online chats this fall.

Faculty Honored for Achievements
The 2010 FSU Foundation Awards for Faculty Achievement were presented at the May Honors Convocation.

- Dr. Robert Kauffman, the recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Academic Accomplishment, joined the Recreation and Parks Management faculty in the College of Education in 1992. He has consistently distinguished himself with his many contributions to the field of recreation, especially in the areas of boating and safety. His publications include articles, book chapters, wall charts, educational videos and, most recently, a textbook titled Career Development in Recreation, Parks and Tourism: A Positioning Approach. Kauffman has been the recipient of many awards, including the Faculty Achievement Award for University and Community Service and the President’s Award for Outstanding Service on the National Level from the American Canoeing Association. He is a two-time recipient of the Golden Quill Award from the American Camping Association for outstanding film and literary contributions to the field. In addition, he has received over 17 grants for a total of $904,000, and, in the past five years, has given presentations at 17 national or international conferences. He is past president of the Faculty Senate and presently serves as chair of his department.

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Facebook
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What do you get when you ignite the social imaginations of 1,300 student leaders hailing from 83 countries, 318 schools and all 50 U.S. states?

Under the leadership, mission and vision of former President Clinton, the third annual Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) was launched at the University of Miami last April, with a group from FSU who had been selected to attend and take action against pressing international challenges. Over the course of three days, students, university professors, public leaders and celebrities shared inspiration, passion and commitment.

FSU juniors Sidni Giordano ‘11 and Matt Sloan represented the first team from FSU to be selected for the conference. They were joined by Dr. Jean Andorfer of the Department of Political Science, who served in an official role as a facilitator for the education session of the CGI U.

The students’ application process for CGI U included commitment proposals for projects they will conduct to address challenges in one of the five focus areas: education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation and public health.

Inspired by the recent movement towards achieving sustainability at FSU, both Sloan and Giordano made commitments to reduce FSU’s carbon footprint. Sloan began a program to promote the use of reusable drinking bottles, and Giordano piloted a CSW-based recycling program for students living off-campus.

“Students were selected based on the merit of their proposals,” Andorfer said. “They had to not only come up with an idea, but also had to show how they would measure impact and what this would mean for their community.”

“Being a facilitator allowed me to see a broad range of commitments that students from around the globe have made to improving education, especially among the world’s poor. Students at each session had the opportunity to share their experiences, successes and frustrations with solving the intractable problems related to education from lack of books, computers and schools to encouraging the education of girls. I found it simply remarkable that there were so many motivated students with such incredible ideas and that these ideas were actually being implemented, not just talked about.”

The former president was in attendance and participated in presentations.

“Having a moment to personally thank President Clinton for his dedication and enthusiasm was a high point,” Andorfer remarked.

The Clinton Global Initiative University made it possible to cultivate a network of relationships that extended far beyond the time spent in Miami. Andorfer wants to encourage other FSU students to make a similar commitment.

“I would very much like to expand FSU’s presence at this forum and get our students actively engaged in how to solve problems that plague the world and our nation,” she said.

“It was the experience of a lifetime,” Sloan said.

The FSU contingent was joined by two FSU alumnae, Justin Van Fleet ‘02 and Christine Petro ‘02, and Sidni Giordano.

Imagine walking around, enjoying life, family and friends, and suddenly you receive a phone call or visit a doctor, and you learn that you or a loved one has cancer. For three members of the FSU family who have experienced that moment, their participation in FSU’s Relay for Life has become a personal mission, bringing them together for a common cause: finding a cure.

For freshman Allison Meads, that moment came early. “Two days before my 14th birthday, I received the news that I had Leukemia ALL: Acute Lymphoblastic,” she said, a cancer of the white blood cells, the ones that help the body fight infection.

Meads’ cancer treatments started immediately. To keep her spirits high, Allison’s mother surprised her with a birthday party in her hospital room.

“It was a shocking moment but in that moment my family all came together for me.”

Meads says that having cancer has given her an appreciation for life and the little things that come along with it, such as going to school every day. Because her treatments were physically demanding, she missed months of school and lost out on a lot of the high school experiences she had been looking forward to.

Finding a cure, it’s important to me because I don’t want other families to continue to worry about whether or not their loved ones will live or die, especially children,” she said. “I participated in Relay for Life because I want to help find a cure and I want to support all those who are enduring cancer or those who are just finding out they have cancer.”

For Dr. Cindy Herzog, associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, her moment came via a phone call in 2005, telling her she had breast cancer. “It was like a rug being pulled out from underneath me.”

To complicate matters, she was unable to get into her preferred facility for treatment. She experienced anger at the beginning, but she was able to rely on her family and her faith to get her through months of treatment.

It wasn’t until Herzog was diagnosed that she got involved in Relay, which has occurred at Frostburg every year since 2003. Inspired by the students involved in Relay and the diversity of their interests, she established the Herzog Family Scholarship, named for those who stood by her during treatment.

Any FSU student with an interest in cancer-related issues will be eligible to apply to Herzog, Relay for Life is more than a fundraiser: It’s designed to give hope, comfort and encouragement and raise the profile of cancer-related issues.

President Gilbarter’s life was changed at a young age by cancer; his father, J. Frederick Gilbarter, died from malignant melanoma when his son was only 12. His personal story is the reason he has participated in the event every year since he took on the leadership of FSU.

“Relay is a remarkable event that brings the University community together,” Gilbarter said. “It is an extraordinary event, and it gets bigger every year. It is a tribute to the amazing strength of the Frostburg community.”

This year the FSU community raised over $4,704.68 as of June 28; funds will continue to be collected through August. The event, which ran from Friday night through Saturday morning April 25 and 26, included 68 teams, 883 registered participants and a total of over 1,000 people participating in one form or another.

Frostburg’s Relay For Life Takes an entire year to plan. With many hours dedicated by students, faculty and staff and community members, Relay is one of the biggest events held during the school year. The actual event begins in Bobcat Stadium with cancer survivors and their families walking, followed by the purple2 shoes they wear, taking the first lap around the track. Following the survivors, the volunteers from the participating teams begin the marathon walk, with at least one member from each team on the track for the 12-hour length of the Relay. Luminaries that honor survivors and those lost to cancer circle the entire stadium track, with more on the bleachers spelling out “HOPE.”

How to help Boatwrights, Meads, Herzog and the hundreds of other FSU folks involved, Relay is a time for reflection, a time for celebration and a time for coming together for a common cause: finding a cure.
Staking Our Claim
The Campaign for Frostburg

The FSU Foundation is celebrating the strongest fundraising year in the course of Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, with $3,270,740 raised at the end of fiscal 2010. With this healthy finish, the FSU Foundation has surpassed 87 percent of its $15 million goal, having raised more than $13 million to date.

“I am particularly gratified to see many of Frostburg’s alumni, friends, faculty and staff stepping up to give in this current economic climate,” said Quincy Crawford ’65, chair of the Staking Our Claim Steering Committee. “It will be essential to maintain our momentum in this final year of the campaign. With the uncertainties of state funding and the nation’s economy overall, Frostburg State University and its students need everyone’s support more than ever.”

“It’s encouraging to see how many people recognize the importance of higher education in both our region’s and nation’s future,” said Sam Griffith, president of the FSU Foundation. “With all the challenges facing our world, it stands to reason that the power of educated minds coupled with Frostburg’s values of leadership and service will be critical in helping us find solutions.

Gifts to Staking Our Claim support student enrichment, academic enrichment and regional and cultural enrichment.

The unrestricted Annual Fund, which helps the University fund its most critical and immediate needs, said Sam Griffith, president of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors. “It seems particularly fitting to honor him this evening in conjunction with the Sloop Leadership Institute. Like Dick Sloop, Ken is a principled leader, concerned about the common good and the welfare of our students.”

Kennedy retired in 1999 as expansion program coordinator from Westvaco’s Luke Mill after 37 years of service in a variety of roles, among them as president of the subsidiary, Westvaco Resources, Inc. He joined the Luke Mill in 1953 in the Engineering Department. He is also active with the Maplehurst Country Club, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Frostburg, the Biks and the American Legion.

Established through a commitment of $50,000 to the FSU Foundation, the scholarship is designed to provide significant financial support to students who have qualified for FSU’s President’s Leadership Circle and who have an interest in public policy and public service.

“We’re both driven by a not uncommon experience — coming from a modest background,” said Dennis Thomas ’65. “If a couple of people hadn’t reached out and helped us, our lives would have been very different. We want to offer the same kind of experience to someone else.”

His wife, who attended Frostburg from 1965 to 1965 but earned her degree from Towson, said so much of what has been important to them throughout their lives began when they were Frostburg students. In addition to meeting each other and receiving invaluable education and experiences, they met lifelong friends — most members of Dawson’s sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, and Dennis’ fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon – with whom they still get together every summer as they have for the past 43 years. (See story in the summer 2002 issue of Profile.)

Dawn and Dennis Thomas ’65 were later a presidential appointee to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and then on the staff of President Reagan, ultimately becoming the president’s deputy chief of staff. After leaving public service, Dennis joined the Fortune 500 company International Paper, retiring 20 years later as senior vice president for public affairs and communications.

Dawn spent most of her career as an educator, starting out teaching social studies at the middle school level. After her son was born and her career took a few different turns, she circled back around and began teaching teachers, first at McDaniel College (Western Maryland) and later at American University, where she earned her doctorate.

“I tell my wife that she’s the one with the real job,” Dennis said, saying he couldn’t conceive of facing a classroom full of students, despite having dealt with CEOs, senators and a U.S. president. Many people can point to a teacher who had a significant impact on their lives, he said, “There are a lot of people around who would say that person is Dr. Thomas.”

The Thomases said they were moved to establish the scholarship after a presentation of other donors talking about their personal motivations to give back to Frostburg.

“All my love and loyalties remain with Frostburg,” Dawn said. “I did a lot of growing up there — it was perfect.”

Dennis spent 20 years each in the political sphere and in private industry. He served U.S. senators J. Glenn Beall Jr. of Maryland and William Roth of Delaware. He met the former when the then-minority leader of the Maryland House of Delegates spoke at Frostburg State College. Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

Dennis and Dawn Thomas can tell you a lot about leadership. They’ve worked with some of the greatest leaders ever in politics, private industry and education, and they’ve demonstrated those qualities in their professional and personal lives. And because both readily point back to their days as students at Frostburg for nurturing those qualities, they have decided to do their part to grow the leaders of tomorrow through the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

Desire to Nurture Leaders Prompts Thomases to Establish Scholarship

Dawn and Dennis Thomas ’65
For nearly 40 years, the Frostburg community was lucky enough to know Morris H. Willey ‘72/M’74, a long-time educator and colleague at Frostburg State University who fused his passion for knowledge with his easy ability to form lasting friendships and change people’s lives.

Jay Hegeman ‘73/M’81, FSU’s registrar and assistant vice president for Student and Educational Services, probably knows this better than most—in addition to living in the same hall during college, Hegeman also shared an office with Willey for many years, with only a bookshelf dividing the space, and he was one of Willey’s closest friends.

“Neither of us had any personal secrets during those years,” Hegeman laughed.

During their time in college, Willey “complained about not getting his homework done, but no one seemed to care. His room was generally packed every night until early morning,” Hegeman remembers. A member of Alpha Delta Chi fraternity, Willey was often the center of parties, road trips, “the usual college crazy stuff.”

It was his amiable personality that later made it easy for students to approach Willey when they were having problems learning in their classes. After earning his degrees, Willey stayed on at Frostburg to fill various teaching assignments, but he often took on the role of full-time academic counselor, and eventually became registrar. He succumbed to an aggressive brain tumor in 2008.

“Morris helped many, many students to complete their math requirements at FSU due to his patience and understanding of how each one of them approached problems differently,” Hegeman said. “He was a master of helping students find a personal approach to math.”

A FAMILIAR LOVE OF LEARNING

Not surprisingly, Willey’s passion for learning was shared not only with his students, but also with his beloved daughters: Tara, 34; Lindsay, 31; Madison, 14; and Blair, 11. “This love of learning spilled over into a deep love for his family. Growing up, he was always playing math games with us—teaching us about subtracting, multiplication by using blocks or weights,” Tara said.

“When I was a teenager, he was incredibly patient as I struggled with trig and calculus. Even as I was working on my master’s, he was helping me with statistics.”

After their father passed away, Tara and Lindsay Willey realized they needed to do something to embody Willey’s life and everything he gave to others.

“He really cared about education and wanted to help students make the most of theirs. He was particularly interested in helping students who had obstacles to overcome,” Tara said.

Together with Willey’s wife, Vicki, they established the Morris H. Willey Memorial Scholarship for undergraduates in FSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with a preference for students majoring in math and/or science.

“He dedicated so much of his time and energy to the students of FSU, finding ways to help them with a multitude of issues—we really wanted that compassion to live on,” Lindsay said. “Dad was far from perfect, but that’s part of what made him so likable—and he was the first to laugh at himself,” Tara said.

“We are doing this as a way to remember him—to give others a means to remember him—and by remembering him, help to continue some of the good he would be doing.”

Lindsay agrees. “Dad valued and enjoyed education—he was like a sponge, soaking up every experience,” she said. “Working as Frostburg’s one can be a very daunting and frightening experience, especially for freshmen,” said Dr. Mark Gallagher, assistant professor of music at FSU. “Bette Jane always took a very positive, calming and supportive approach when playing for students, working to build not only their performing skills but their confidence as well.”

When she was a child, the late Betty Jane Phillips piano teacher would dictate Mozart and Bach to her while she played blues and rock as an exercise that helped to develop her perfect pitch and reflected her absolute passion for music—“as if she ever lost her eyesight, she would still be able to find the right notes from memory alone.”

“She could transpose anything…she loved music and was innately harmonyed for it,” said Dr. Karen Soda’s English, her daughter, and director of Vocal and Choral Activities, who worked side-by-side with her mother for 10 years at FSU. “She had a phemenological talent.”

Born in Valley, Wash., Phillips comprehensive training as a child prodigy led her to study with the world-renowned concert pianist and music educator Robert Pace at Columbia University. Pace’s teaching methods that focused on sight reading and nurturing students’ skills to develop their improvisation were central to her own approach as a performer, educator and accompanist—something she fine-tuned while teaching piano in Astoria and Portland, Ore., and through her eventual position as an accompanist at FSU.

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It was this positive energy and support that caused countless students to form close friendships with Phillips that went beyond her work with their performances. It wasn’t unusual to find clusters of them spending time with her in the Department of Music office, where she often went to relax between rehearsals, or for them to seek out her advice on everything from life choices to relationships to problems at home. They even formed a Facebook Group in her honor called “Miss Bette Jane Rocks Our Socks.”

“She loved, caring attitude I think made each of her students truly trust and really understand what she was saying to them,” said Britany Peindexter, a junior majoring in music education and member of the Chamber Choir who loved her dearly. “I think she saw the potential in each and every one of us, even when we as her students doubted our abilities. She would do anything for any of us if it meant helping us achieve what we were preparing for students, working to build not only their performing skills but their confidence as well.”

Dr. Karen Soderberg and her mother, Betty Jane Phillips.

She introduced the possibility of the scholarship one day over lunch to Phillips, who loved the idea. In October 2009, Soderberg established the Betty Jane Phillips Scholarship, which supports students majoring in music with a concentration in vocal performance and/or music education.

The scholarship took on another dimension months later in February when, at age 87, Phillips passed away, a loss that shook the entire student body and many a student and faculty member to dedicate performances. “It’s now in her memory instead of her teaching,” Soderberg said. “I’m so glad I did it and that she knew about it and was part of the process. I loved her idea of supporting talented, young musicians.”
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LEAVE YOUR LEGACY WHERE YOUR MEMORIES ARE
The Lane University Center has been the hub of student life since its opening day in 1973. It has been the site for countless dances, concerts, performances, lectures, meetings, tournaments and other milestone events deeply cherished by alumni. The building is currently undergoing its first major renovation since it was built, creating new spaces and opportunities for future cherished memories.

With this renovation and expansion come new recognition opportunities for those who wish to have their name or that of a loved one permanently associated with a space in the updated building. These commitments can be fulfilled over the course of up to five years.

Contact the Office of University Advancement, 301.687.4161 or e-mail bjlawson@frostburg.edu for more information.

COMCAST OFFICIALS TOUR FSU-TV3, PRESENT GRANT
Comcast officials Judy Duberty, vice president of Community Investment, and Mark Depretis, manager of Government Affairs, as well as Frostburg city officials, were on campus in May to tour the facilities of FSU-TV3 and the Department of Mass Communication. The cable giant has given FSU a grant of $4,750, made available to FSU through the cooperation of the city of Frostburg and Comcast. The grant will allow FSU-TV3 to expand its programming through the purchase of equipment and by paying stipends to students, who will receive real-world educational opportunities in the area of television production. FSU-TV3 serves Comcast customers in the Frostburg market and is also available as video-on-demand and in streaming video on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3.

EVENT UNITES DONORS, RECipients
This spring, Paul and Rosalie Barry had the opportunity to meet Joshua Bittner, the 2009-2010 recipient of the Paul E. and Betty J. Barry Endowed Scholarship, which was established by Paul’s father. The three met at a reception that celebrated leadership donors of $1,000 or more held before a performance of Godspell. (The University Theatre's student production starred and was choreographed by Ryan Bowie ’08.)

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Melanie Lombardi, FSU-TV3 cable channel manager, second from right, describes some of the operations of the University’s educational access channel to, from left, Comcast officials Judy Duberty and Mark Depretis and Frostburg Mayor Arthur Bond.

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Frostburg State University
(facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity)
Visit the University’s official FB page for the latest events, news and happenings at the ‘Burg. A go-to resource for discovering other great FSU FB pages, too.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(facebook.com/frostburgstatealumniassn)
Reconnect with old classmates, share pics and events and learn how to get involved with your alma mater.

BOB E. CAT
(facebook.com/BobE.Cat)
He’s over 12 inches tall, has been enrolled for more than 60 years and only has eyes for the queen of his jungle, Kitty. Show your “Bobcat Fever” on FSU’s favorite feline’s FB page.

BLOG FROM THE ‘BURG
(blogfromtheburg.blogspot.com)
Learn about important University issues and initiatives, participate in online chats and share your thoughts and feedback by visiting the official blog for FSU President Jonathan Gibralter.

TWITTER
(twitter.com/frostburgstate)
Join the FSU flock by following “frostburgstate” for select news stories and announcements.

YOUTUBE
Tune in to the Frostburg State University YouTube channel to enjoy FSU videos and post your own clips.

These are just a few ways Frostburg is making “real time” for friends, alumni, faculty, staff, students and parents. Join the conversation and learn more about FSU’s connections to and interest in social media by visiting frostburg.edu/socialmedia.

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Kermit the Frog was right – it’s not easy being green, or going green for that matter. Nonetheless, when it comes to sustainability, FSU is walking the walk (taking care to leave behind a smaller carbon footprint) and talking the talk.

Frostburg began putting one foot in front of the other and assessing its potential as an environmental leader back in April 2007, when President Gibraltar signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (AUCPCC), making FSU one of the charter institutions to join AUCPCC. This commitment led to other strategic actions, like the formation of Frostburg’s first-ever sustainability initiative and Learning Green, Living Green (LGLG), a campuswide committee of students, faculty and staff that guides FSU’s efforts.

The FSU S.E.A.L. of Excellence
The acronym S.E.A.L. stands for Sustainability, Engagement, Academics and Leadership, the cornerstone of the FSU strategic plan. Here are the principles behind S.E.A.L.:

- **Sustainability**
  Promoting environmental, fiscal and social sustainability initiatives, as well as the sustainability of personal health and wellness.

- **Engagement**
  Providing members of the FSU community with opportunities for educational, economic and cultural engagement.

- **Academics**
  Providing traditional and interdisciplinary programs that promote critical thinking and learning, and maintaining quality through learning outcomes assessment.

- **Leadership**
  Attracting and building leaders by providing exceptional development opportunities, including service learning and experiential learning.

Two features in this issue of Profile reflect on ways that our institution, our students and our graduates are meeting the goal of sustainability. You’ll learn what is happening on campus in academics, the arts, student life and institutional planning to enhance FSU’s role as an environmental leader, as well as how our alumni are facilitating health and wellness through their varied careers. In future issues, look for the S.E.A.L. logo on stories that further illustrate this planning cornerstone.
FSU was listed in "The Princeton Review’s Guide to 286 Green Colleges," which highlights institutions that have demonstrated an above-average commitment to sustainability in terms of campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives.

Here are some other recent updates on FSU’s going-green front:

- FSU has created a minor in sustainability studies to uphold its commitment to environmental education and respond to workforce needs. Housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, this interdisciplinary minor takes advantage of a variety of sustainability-related subjects in FSU’s existing departments and encourages students to explore environmental, economic and social equity issues relating to sustainability so they’ll have the knowledge they need to take advantage of "green collar" jobs.

- Thanks to progress made in recycling, FSU ranks first among USM institutions in numerous Recyclemania categories, and ranked seventh overall out of 223 institutions nationally in the paper recycling contest. Recyclemania is a 10-week competition among colleges and universities to see who can reduce and recycle the most on-campus waste.

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- In May the University received accolades for its role in helping restore the Lyric building on Frostburg’s downtown Main Street when Maryland’s Department of Planning presented FSU with a Smart, Green & Growing Award, which recognizes community efforts that demonstrate innovative methods for managing growth and protecting Maryland’s natural resources.

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The emergency heart surgery that saved someone’s life. The post-traumatic stress disorder treatment that helped a veteran get back on his feet. The physical therapy that made it possible for an athlete to finish an exciting season. The conversation that opened a woman’s eyes to her family’s genetic history of breast cancer. Health and wellness professionals make it possible for people to deal with life-changing situations in powerful and proactive ways. Many of these professionals include Frostburg’s own alumni, who, through their knowledge and dedication, demonstrate that health care is something that touches every aspect of our lives—from the physical to the emotional.

By Becca Ramspott

Alums’ Careers Reflect Range of Roles Within Health Industry

CARE AND COUNSELING PART OF PROGNOSIS
In the medical world, many significant steps happen between prognosis and treatment. Ann Stembridge ’81, helps patients stay informed so they can take that next important step, whatever it may be. Stembridge has spent the past 24 years working as a genetics counselor at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Oakland, Calif., providing information and support to families whose members have birth defects or genetic disorders, or who may be at risk for a variety of inherited conditions.

“I love the field as we are helping families individually with genetic conditions and concerns. My work with them is not all medical, but about their family and coping with often very difficult diagnoses,” she said. “The genetics in a condition stays the same, but the family and their needs change constantly, so it is always something different.”

Stembridge’s typical work day might entail testing for the breast cancer genes BRCA-1 and BRCA-2 and colon cancer genes HNPCC and FAP, offering ethnicity-based and prenatal screenings to pregnant women and their partners or teaching classes in prenatal diagnosis and cancer. She specializes in cancer genetics, but she works in various areas of genetics with people of all ages.

“I find it especially meaningful when I can tell someone they did not inherit the familial mutation for breast cancer or other genetic diseases such as X-linked conditions like hemophilia,” she said. “On the other hand, to tell someone their child has a birth defect, a chromosome problem or that they have inherited the familial mutation for a given condition are my hardest times … The discussions on where to go from there have led to some of the most rewarding counseling for me, in trying to help families with difficult news.”

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FAST THINKING AND PERFECT PRECISION
Sometimes taking immediate action is the best and only way to deal with a medical situation. Dr. Mark Nelson ’83 is very familiar with this scenario as a cardiovascular surgeon at the Western Maryland Health System Heart Institute in Cumberland, Md., where he has performed more than 2,000 cardiac surgeries over the past 10 years.

“I am frequently faced with life and death situations and have to make quick decisions,” he said. “One minute a patient can seemingly be doing fine and the next minute they...
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RECONNECTING AFTER COMBAT

Providing care and recovery for U.S.
veterans is another area of health and wellness
where, now more than ever, advocacy and
treatment are needed.

Marty McFadden '05, a recreational ther-
apist at Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical
Center in Perry Point, Md., is interested in
developing better ways to help veterans
reconnect with their lives, their friends and
their loved ones.

"I am away from the military but have
always had great respect for any individuals
who can leave behind their homes, spouses,
children, friends, careers, hobbies and other
personal interests to defend the freedom of
Americans they don't even know," he said.
"My job with the VA allows me to directly
improve the lives of the veterans I work with
each day, and I truly value that opportunity.

The residents at Perry Point range in age
from 30 to 90 and receive care and rehabilita-
tion for a variety of ailments, including post-
traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse,
dementia, Parkinson's disease, mental illness
and physical injuries. McFadden is respon-
sible for providing programs, activities and
interventions that enable residents to meet
their therapy goals and improve their over-
all quality of life – whether it's through music
therapy, exercise groups, arts and crafts and
volunteer-sponsored events are a few exam-
pies. One of his most proud moments was
when, in 2007, after serving as coach in the
National Veterans Golden Age Games in Houston,
he successfully created a local ver-
sion of the Golden Age Games for Maryland
veterans age 55 and older at Perry Point.

McFadden is also completing a master's in
recreation and parks management at FSU,
which gives him an opportunity to develop a
thesis that will enhance his day-to-day work
life. Inspired by a class he took on informa-
tion systems, he's surveying recreational
therapists across the country to learn more
about how to integrate the Internet, social
media and basic computer skills into veter-
ans' treatment.

Today's military personnel are using this
type of communication in the field to stay in
touch with family, friends and co-workers," she
said. "More and more veterans are using
the Internet and social media to access infor-
mation about health and wellness. Our VA
medical centers and recreation departments
need to be active participants in the online
community.

McFadden's connection to FSU also cre-
ates a support network where his thoughts
and ideas on his profession have room to
grow.

"The graduate program has enabled me
to connect with professors and fellow students
in my field who I'm able to share new infor-
mation with and get constructive feedback
on situations I encounter in my profession," he
said. "I go to work each day and enjoy
what I do because of the education and train-
ing experiences I had as an undergrad and
now grad student of FSU.

SERVING OTHERS THROUGH SPORTS MEDICINE

Bobby Bonser '10 also credits FSU with giv-
ing him the foundation to pursue his passion
– with the encouragement and support of
his family, friends and FSU faculty, he landed
a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in the field of
sports medicine. This past summer, right
after his graduation from FSU, Bonser began

a highly selective Post-Professional Athletic
Training Education Program at the University
of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, which leads

athletic trainers assess injuries that may hap-
pen later in the season), rehabilitating athletes
from post-surgery and post-injury games, among
many other responsibilities.

Maintaining a busy schedule while teach-
ing, training and studying is nothing new for
Bonser. While at FSU, he participated in every-
thing from the Roadtrip Nation program, which
helps students define their unique paths in
life, to FSU BURG Peer Education Network, which
encourages healthy choices on campus, to
Creating Healthy, Informed Living (CHILL), Frostburg's
student wellness initiative that was launched in
2008 with a contribution from AstraZenea
Pharmaceuticals, LP.

"The values, hard work and joy that came
from serving the community and excelling in
athletics motivated me to pursue this new
venture. After he injured his knee, tearing his anterior cruciate ligament and
meniscus, during his freshman year, he was
inspired to research the rehabilita-

don't have insurance or money to seek medi-
care. Sometimes as advocates we just listen,
may be difficult, it may be the situation," she
said.

"Sometimes as advocates we just listen,
sometimes we talk, sometimes we intervene
on behalf of the patient and sometimes we
cry.

Prior to her current position in patient
advocacy, Gorder completed an MBA at Frostburg
and worked in laboratory manage-
ment. This combination gave her the right
blend of knowledge to answer patient's ques-
tions in a proactive and informed way.

"I felt I had an excellent clinical back-
ground in medicine, complaint and conflict
management skills, interpersonal communi-
cation skills, customer service and health-care
management experience," she said. Carler's
unique skill set is perhaps more
important than ever as patients face mount-
ing medical bills in an uncertain job market.

"As an advocate, it is rare that a week goes
by that I do not get calls from patients or
family members who need health care but
don't have insurance or money to cover medi-
cal treatment," she said, noting that
many people have lost insurance benefits through
unemployment or are unable to afford health
care.

Despite the stress Carler's job entails, the
reward of knowing she has made a difference
for the hospital and their families makes it
all worthwhile.

"In our office we like to think all health-
care workers are advocates for their patients," she
said. "We are just the ones with the title."

THE CUSTOMER SERVICE OF MEDICAL CARE

As health care changes, having someone on
your side never hurts, especially when the
injuries, illnesses and medical expenses do.

"I really like the early gratification in car-
diac surgery of making a sick patient better
by what I do," he said.
hey say everything’s big in Texas. That adage is certainly true when it comes to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. At 18,000 acres — more than 29 square miles — it’s the size of Manhattan. It’s the third-busiest in the world and ranks seventh worldwide in numbers of passengers served, according to Airports Council International. Its operation could rival that of any number of major cities, with its own fire and police departments and building codes, plus it serves some 154,000 passengers each day, nearly the capacity of Dulles International, Reagan National and Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall International airports — combined.

At the controls since 1994 is Frostburg alum and airport CEO Jeffrey P. Fegan ’76. And as big goes, he’s pretty big in the airport business, named Director of the Year for 2010 by the trade publication Airport Revenue News in the large airport category. In addition, his face graced the cover of two business magazines (Airport Revenue News and D CEO) within five months, and his airport garners frequent honors. In 2005, he received the Aviation Award of Excellence, the highest honor given by the Airport Consultants Council, an international trade organization for firms involved in developing airports and related services, and in the past he chaired the Board of Directors of the Airports Council International — North America.
Planning a Transportation “City”

Fegan was a geography major at Frostburg, with a particular interest in the urban geography and urban planning aspect of that broad discipline. He followed up his education at Frostburg with a master’s degree in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he began to focus on transportation.

“When I started my career in 1978, there was a lot of work being done on the compatibility of airports with their surrounding communities,” he said. Studies were considering issues such as pollutants, including noise pollution, and land use planning. “That propelled me to the work being done on the compatibility of airports with city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology, planning aspect of that broad discipline. He followed up his education at Frostburg with a master’s degree in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he began to focus on transportation.

“I've been able to watch this airport grow and develop,” he said. And grow it has. Today it boasts seven runways, 18 airlines, 172 gates and five terminals, including a new, elegantly designed international terminal. From deep in the heart of Texas, a passenger is no more than four hours from every major city in the continental U.S.

The airport itself also owns a number of businesses, including restaurants, a parking concession and a hotel. And it has an exists in 100 natural gas wells that are pulling gas from shale 7,000 feet below the surface at 40 sites within the airport boundaries.

“The infrastructure here is just incredible—it’s very much like a city,” he said. And much like a city, there are environmental challenges that must be dealt with. In this area in particular, DFW has been a leader.

“It’s a very significant initiative,” Fegan said. “We are leaders in sustainable movements when it comes to airports.

“The airport has a 28-person environmental affairs staff who work on minimizing DFW’s environmental footprint. Through their efforts, nearly all vehicles on the airport grounds are alternative fuel vehicles, and energy efficiency has been strongly incorporated into the new international terminal and the $1.8 billion in renovations that are planned over the course of the next seven years for the other four terminals. Much of the energy used at the airport is purchased from renewable sources, and DFW is consistently among the top 20 wind-energy purchasers in the nation.

“We embraced different ways of reducing the waste stream,” including collecting and treating de-icing fluid to prevent its running off into streams, he said. DFW’s efforts have been recognized at both the state and national level. The airport has received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Performance Track Award, as well as the State of Texas Clean Texas Platinum Award.

Beyond the focus on environmental issues, he’s seen his airport through a number of challenges and changes over the years, including the post deregulation transformation of the aviation industry, the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and the current economic slump and the related difficulties that airlines are experiencing.

His ARV Director of the Year honor reflected the admiration his colleagues, counterparts and community leaders have for the staff he has built over the years, his collaborative style and the leadership he has shown among his employees and in his industry. Nominations for the award came from the airport industry, seeking candidates who excelled in the categories of leadership, innovation, revenue generation, marketing, customer service and community service. The final vote was open to the entire industry.

The two recent magazine features echoed that praise. As Jan Collumn, a member of the DFW Board of Directors at the time Fegan was named CEO, said in D CEO magazine, “He’s the finest airport manager in the industry.

To read the D CEO feature on Jeff Fegan, visit http://tinyurl.com/D-CEO-Fegan.

A Frostburg Love Story

Their relationship may have begun with Jeff Fegan ’76 dropping his ice cream in his lap, but after 35 years of marriage, the partnership of Jeff and Carol Sunderland Fegan ’76, which began when both were freshmen at Frostburg State College, has easily survived that initial chill.

Carol

Carol's college experience was far from typical. Her father had passed away before she arrived at college, then her mother died in the middle of her freshman year.

“It was a difficult time—I was just trying to survive,” she said. “I was basically on my own.”

She had no other family to turn to—not even a place to go when the campus shut down for breaks. To stay in school and for living expenses, she was able to patch together some Social Security and veteran’s benefits from her parents, as well as a little insurance, some small scholarships and a job in the Psychology Department. Sharing an off-campus place with five other girls and just living simply helped keep her costs low.

“Being on your own, it makes you grow up quickly,” she said. In spite of the difficulties she faced, or perhaps because of them, Frostburg State holds a special place in Carol’s heart.

“You just have to say the name Frostburg, and I get this warm glow inside,” she said. And when they invite FSU alumni who live in their immediate area to a gathering at their home in Argyle, just outside Denton.

Despite whatever happened to me personally, Frostburg really was my salvation,” Carol said. “It gave me camaraderie, stability, friendship and support.”

Jeff

“Frostburg was just an incredible experience for me as a young person,” Jeff said. Jeff can look back to his geography classes at Frostburg for the foundation of some of the global perspective he has today as CEO of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. As the head of the transportation hub that brings the world to north Texas, he travels the globe trying to encourage new airlines to establish routes to Dallas/Fort Worth.

“Back then, I didn’t think people appreciated the scope of the global economy. I studied things some people thought were somewhat trivial,” he said. “Now I have had the chance to see more of the world, I see much of what I studied in the geography curriculum—culture, geographic features, why different areas of the world have developed the way they did.”

A Chilly Beginning

Jeff and Carol met in Howard Adams' freshman English class. Carol grew tired of waiting for Jeff to ask her out, so she finally summoned up the courage to ask him instead.

“I’m not sure I could have done this today, but I took the plunge. It took me all through lunch to do it,” she said. She was eating an ice cream cone, so she knew he would finish his meal soon and leave. She rushed up to him and invited him to that weekend’s party in Frederick Hall.

“Hey Jeff, I’m All of the things she said. It was only later that he learned that the strawberry ice cream that he had been eating had landed in his lap. He didn’t seem to mind, since he came to the party.

They did have interests besides each other. Jeff was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma and the geography honor society, Gamma Theta Upsilon; Carol belonged to the service sorority, Delta Alpha Iota, and both played some intramural sports.

And Frostburg was where they made some great friendships, many of which are still strong over the years. They had just visited their close friend, Dr. Maureen Shea ’75, a member of the Tulane University faculty, not long before they were interviewed.

“Frostburg ended up being a very magical time in our lives,” Carol said. “We were married in the summer between their junior and senior years. We really finished growing up together,” Carol said.

That process of growing up together has created a partnership that encompassed his oversight of one of the world’s busiest airports, her career as a nutritionist and the raising of their two daughters, both now grown. The moves and choices they have made have been collaborative.

“Whatever it has taken, that’s what we’ll do,” Carol said. “We support each other, and we make a point of working together to make things work in our lives.”

Calling All ‘Burg Love Stories

Did you meet your spouse at the ‘Burg? Do you have a Frostburg love story to share? Send it to us. It’s part of a feature on 2Bor8 stories in the next ‘Burg? Do you have a Frostburg love story to share? Send it to us. It’s part of a feature on Frostburg Love Stories.

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Call us at frostburg.edu (attn: Profiles), write to Profile Love Stories, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532 (please include your names and class years, as well as a mailing and/or e-mail address). You’re welcome to include a picture from your Frostburg days.

Photos courtesy of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
LEADERSHIP & HOMECOMING WEEKEND NOVEMBER 4-7, 2010

Do you remember those old feelings? The excitement of returning to campus after a long summer, the swell of enthusiasm at the football game, the camaraderie, the friendship, the BOBCAT SPIRIT! Well, pull out your old Bobcat sweatshirt, dust off those pom-poms, gather up your friends and head back to the ‘Burg as Frostburg State University celebrates Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2010!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 pm  Pre-Order Banquet Hall Performing-Arts Center
9:00 am - Noon  Career Expo 2010 – “On The Places You’ll Go!”
   The Office of Career Services invites alumni to share their life experiences with our students, and it’s a great way to reconnect with your alma mater. For more info, contact Donna Sivic at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  Auxiliary Gym
   Cordts PE Center
   Dance Party
   Sponsored by Student Government Association & Block Student Alliance
   Hours: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Tent, Bobcat Stadium
   Lunch & Networking Workshop & Reception
   Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
   Hours: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Fine Arts Building
   Room 152
   Making Connections and Networking Workshop & Reception
   Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
   Hours: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  Lyric Theatre By Invitation Only
   Reception and Dance Party
   Sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta & Sigma Alpha Iota
   Hours: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 am - Noon  Campustwide
   Cordts PE Center
   Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour
   Hours: 9:30 am - Noon
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   Cordts PE Center
   Bobcat Hall of Fame Lunccheon
   By Invitation Only
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Main Arena
   Cordts PE Center
   Tour of Athletic Facilities
   Hours: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Roper Gallery
   Fine Arts Building
   Clay 20 Exhibition
   Hours: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Roper Gallery
   Fine Arts Building
   Clay 20 Exhibition
   Hours: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  Auxiliary Gym
   Cordts PE Center
   Bobcat Football vs. The Apprentice School
   Hours: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  Cordts PE Center
   Bobcat Football vs. The Apprentice School
   Hours: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 am  Main Arena
   Cordts PE Center
   Breakfast and Networking Workshop & Reception
   Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
   Hours: 8:30 am - Noon
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Auxiliary Gym
   Cordts PE Center
   Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner
   Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
10:00 am  Fine Arts Building
   Room 206
   Children’s Literature Centre Open House
   All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.
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11:00 am - 12:45 pm  St. John’s Episcopal Church
   52 Broadway
   Frostburg
   Tailgating
   Free parking on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete list of tailgating rules, visit the Website at alumni.frostburg.edu and click on “Leadership & Homecoming Weekend.”
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  Tent, Bobcat Stadium (area between tennis courts and stadium)
   Bobcat Football vs. The Apprentice School
   Admission is FREE!
1:00 pm  Bobcat Stadium
1:00 - 4:00 pm  Fine Arts Building
   Roper Gallery
   Clay 20 Exhibition
   Ceramic works from international, national and regional artists who have been connected to FSU’s Ceramic Program over the last 20 years.
3:30 - 5:30 pm  Main Arena
   Cordts PE Center
   Making Connections and Networking Workshop & Reception
   Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
   Hours: 3:30 - 5:30 pm
5:00 pm  Main Street
   Bobcat Crawl
   Pre-registration is required from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. Experience Frostburg’s Main Street – visit businesses, receive a discount and get entered in a drawing! Watch our Website and our Facebook page for further details.
6:30 pm  Lyric Theatre
   By Invitation Only
   Leadership Donor Gala
   Hours: 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 am  Leake Room
   Cordts PE Center
   Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
   RSVP by Friday, October 29, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068. A motion will be made to adopt a new set of bylaws that govern our Board of Directors. To review, visit: www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/board_of_directors.htm.
   All alumni are welcome – please join us!
9:00 am - Noon  Frostburg Street Fair
   Visit downtown Frostburg!
   Hours: 9:00 am - Noon
11:00 am  Tukey’s Tavern
   Fine Arts Building
   Clay 20 Exhibition
   Hours: 11:00 am - Noon
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Rebecca and her husband, and two children.

1981
Valerie Bowers is the new CEO of the Frederick County (Md.) Association of Realtors. She resides in Gaithersburg. She was recognized as one of their distinguished and accomplished Alums and her wife, Cheryl Geyer Polkenden '77, reside in Taylorsville, Md.

1982
Fred Kreiger was inducted into the Maryland Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in February.

1985
Aaron Henderson '94 was appointed to the Allegheny College of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves on the Hampton County (Va.) CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Board of Directors. He is a school counselor in Hampton County.

1986
Dwaine Northcraft '96 has been named superintendent of the Central Fulton (Pa.) School District.

1992
Al and his wife, Barbara, reside in Taylorsville, Md. She continues to teach and speak at conferences and seminars to women residing in shelters, nursing homes and low-income housing. Alums’ involvement inspired her fellow churchgoers to call her “a woman who could turn nothing into something great.”

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Frostburg State University. He believes in advocating every day for the success of thon celebration dinners. This individual weekend brunches and student phone Cater, his volunteer he leads. With his wife, Pam, for our University. He is in continual Griffith, president of the FSU Foundation, who frequently makes himself available toFSU’s business-related student groups. 2001 Amanda Moeller M’99 married William Minor III on April 4, 2009. Amanda is a first-grade teacher at Keyser (W.Va.) Primary Middle School and an online instructor with the University of Phoenix. William is employed as the administrative coordinator for the Frostburg State University Theatre. His passion is contagious. 

Griffith, president of the FSU Foundation since 2007, has guided the Foundation and spurred its members to action through Staying Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. He’s also a member of the College of Business Advisory Board and frequently makes himself available to FSU’s business-related student groups. According to Alumni Association President Ron Forrester ’97, who presented him with the honorary alumni status at the annual Stoop Leadership Institute, “Rami does a day’s work that this person is not doing something for our University. He is in continual communication with our University Advancement Team and with the other volunteers he leads. With his wife, Ram, he has opened his home for Homecoming Weekend brunches and student phone celebrators’ dinners. This individual has been instrumental in changing the lives of our students, faculty, staff, friends and alumni by his philanthropic support and leadership of the FSU Foundation. He advocates every day for the success of Frostburg State University. He believes in FSU, its presence in the Western Maryland region, its ability to educate students, and sees its potential and bright future. His passion is contagious.”

Filer, the administrative assistant for the Office of Alumni Programs, is the first voice most alumni hear when they call the University. As Forrester described her, Filer is “tremendously modest, one of those people who supports the University behind the scenes, without fanfare or attention, which in no way diminishes the importance of her contributions.” Filer was surprised by her new designation at the event that she had helped to prepare, which honored leadership donors in advance of the University Theatre production of Godspell this spring.

Filer is responsible for updating alumni data, generating gift receipts, answering numerous phone calls and e-mails every day with questions from alumni. “She is the first to volunteer her assistance to other colleagues and helps to ensure the success of events like we are enjoying this evening,” Forrester said. Filer can now join her two sons, Danny 04/M’06/08 and Kevin 04, in the community of FSU alumni.

1999 Steven Ashby received an MBA from University of Phoenix and celebrated his 10th anniversary at his job with Bank of America.

2000 Travis Daniel, CPA, was promoted to principal with Hertthbach & Co. of Owings Mills, Md.

2001 Joshua Cook M’06 was named Teacher of the Year for Allegany County, Md. He is a fourth-grade teacher at John Humboldt Elementary School.

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2003 Crystal Berman M’04 married Ronnie Watson on June 26, 2008. Crystal is employed by the Allegheny County Board of Education as a chemistry teacher at Mountaineer High School. The couple resides in Westmoreland, Md.

2005 Kristen Halpren married Matt Morgan on Nov. 7, 2009. Kristen is employed by Global Knowledge as a corporate sales consultant specializing in information technology, project management and business training. Matt is employed by Express as an operational manager and sales associate. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C.

2002 Amy Wecscott married Chris Hoffman on April 10, 2010, in an unconventional wedding with ceremonies, prayers and Alpha Sigma Tau sisters in attendance. Amy is a pre-K teacher for at-risk students at Collingwood Public School. The couple resides in West Deptford, N.J.

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March 2010

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Hosted by Jeff ’76 & Carol ’76 Hogan and the FSU Alumni Association
7:00 p.m.
The Ferguson Home, Argyle, TX

November 4-7, 2010
Leadership & Homecoming Weekend
(see schedule on page 28)

December 4, 2010
Holiday Reception and A Christmas Carol
Hosted by the Old Main Society
By invitation only

Saturday, January 22, 2011
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 4 – Saturday, March 5, 2011
Slope Institute for Excellence in Leadership
Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa
By invitation only

Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1, 2011
Golden Anniversary Reunion
Celebrating the Class of 1961 & before
Hunt’s Glen 11:00 a.m., Luncheon at noon • FSU Campus

Saturday, June 4, 2011
In Memoriam

Dr. Martha “Mare” McClave, professor in the Department of Management, Joined Frostburg in 1984.
Dr. William Ringman, professor in the Department of Educational Professions, Joined Frostburg in 1972.
Dr. Mary Kay Finan, professor in the Department of Educational Professions, Joined Frostburg in 1989.
Dr. Don Weser, professor in the Department of Chemistry, Joined Frostburg in 1977.
Dr. Wayne Yoder, professor in the Department of English. Joined Frostburg in 1978.

Retirements
(Effective January 2010)

Dr. Walter L. Lackey Jr., professor emeritus of political science, who died June 25, 2010, was a member of the faculty from 1968 until his retirement in 2001. He was known for his dedication to students, his wit and his encyclopedic knowledge of constitutional law. He is the recipient of the FSU Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching, and he received significant media attention for his teaching when singer Ronnie Milsap, his schoolmate at the North Carolina State School for the Blind, donated a VersaBraille machine to Frostburg State for his use. He is survived by his wife, Charlie Lackey, with whom he appeared on the "Opus Winfrey Show."

Jane Schwab, who died Feb. 4, 2010, with her husband established the Leonard and Jane Schwab Theatre and Speech Scholarship for theatre majors, in support of the arts about which she cared so much. She acted in community theatre productions, culminating with a performance of A.R. Gurney’s “Love Letters” as a Cumberland Theatre fundraiser with her husband in the 1990s. She was also active in many community groups, most notably the Boys Scouts — locally, regionally and nationally — starting when her sons Todd and Doug were young, but continuing many years after they were grown. She is survived by her husband and sons.

Walter Lackey

In Memoriam

Dr. Barbara Hurdl, professor in the Department of English, Joined Frostburg in 1978.

The family resides in Cumberland, Md.

1961
Mary Helen Rower
March 30, 2010

1962
Dorothy S. McKinney
June 7, 2010

1964
Kay Fabbri
June 7, 2010

1964
Virginia E. Kight
Sept. 2, 2010

1965
Joseph L. Nieswanger
Feb. 1, 2010

1967
Lois Ellen Monroe
July 11, 2009

1968
Janis S. Drueer
Jan. 2, 2010

1970
Jeanne F. Shrader
March 25, 2010

1971
James D. Abbott
April 20, 2010

1971
Lois Ellen Monroe
July 11, 2009

1976
Alicia Rae Deene
Jan. 1, 2010

1976
William Eisenberger
June 25, 2009

1977
Thomas Michael Reissig
Dec. 2, 2008

1978
John C. Martin, Sr.
Dec. 11, 2009

1978
Esther S. Delaney
Aug. 8, 2009

1978
John Clay Metzger
March 2, 2010

1979
John C. Martin, Sr.
Dec. 11, 2009

1981
Esther S. Delaney
Aug. 8, 2009

1982
John C. Martin, Sr.
Dec. 11, 2009

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Esther S. Delaney
Aug. 8, 2009

1983
John C. Martin, Sr.
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1984
Esther S. Delaney
Aug. 8, 2009

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Esther S. Delaney
Aug. 8, 2009

1986
Roy S. Turner Sr.
Feb. 25, 2010

1987
Alan L. Swear
Feb. 16, 2010

1990
Michele Gochtley Eglert
Dec. 12, 2009

Friends of the University

Alice Apsey
May 2010

Edward L. Alley
Feb. 28, 2010

Catherine Jane Atkinson
April 21, 2010

Jill S. Harden
March 25, 2010

Jobie C. Rings
April 21, 2010

Jane Schwab
Feb. 23, 2010

Kenneth Swanson
April 23, 2010

John R. Rowling
May 25, 2010

William Bush
April 21, 2010

Myrtle Wilson
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Alberta S. Lancaster
Feb. 26, 2010

Donald E. Lita
April 25, 2010

Arthur K. Palumbo
Dec. 18, 2009

James F. Scarpelli
April 21, 2010

Gallison Large Sluder
March 21, 2010

Robert L. Smith
Dec. 25, 2009

Michael Francis Taylor
July 22, 2008

Paul Trichel
April 21, 2010

Anna P. Wescott
May 1, 2010

Myrtle Wilson
March 23, 2010
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**Horson Diggs His New Job**

**Tim Horsmon ’91** played basketball, tennis, soccer and football at Calvert High School in Maryland. His best sport was basketball and he entered FSU with plans to play hoops for the Bobcats. But that never happened.

Horsmon admits he could have applied himself better athletically and academically, and as a freshman he was more interested in the social aspects of college. But he discovered volleyball through FSU’s intramural program, caught the attention of the school’s club team and eventually became the head volleyball coach of the Division I University of Maryland team.

I really believe I ended up there (FSU) for a reason. I am thankful for that opportunity," said Horsmon. "I had good years there. It was a great experience.

He had no plans to be a volleyball coach when he entered FSU, but after he joined the club volleyball program, his three years on the team included a trip to a national tournament in Colorado and matches against clubs from volleyball-rich California.

Horson returned to Prince Frederick’s Calvert High as a teacher and coach. In three seasons his volleyball program was 60-5 overall and won a state title in 1998. The next year he became the head coach at Robert Morris, a Division I school near Pittsburgh. He led the Duques to four straight titles in the Northeast Conference. That led to the head coaching position at the University of Dayton in Ohio, where his team won either the regular-season or conference title all five years in the Atlantic 10 conference.

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Spring Sports

Basketball

Recap: 3-12 overall, 3-4 AMCC
Highlight: AMCC regular season champions, played in AMCC Championship game

The Bobcats finished the season with the best overall and AMCC record to take the regular season title. PSU/One Penn State Reference in the final game of the championship round 17-4-3 when it was defeated, 11-2, 6-1. PSU/One Penn State used the regular season mark in the AMCC regular season title game, finishing 9-8 overall. It's the first time since 2004 that PSU/One Penn State earned a spot in the CAC tournament, but fell to Alvernia 21-12 in the opening round. The Bobcats locked the season with an 11-17 win over Division I Howard and capped the regular season with a 2-9-6 victory over Division II Shepherd.

Next Season: All but two players returning to the squad, the Bobcats look to continue their success as they join the CAC next season.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Sophomore Daniel Thomas competed in the long jump at the 2010 NCAA Outdoor National Championships. Thomas captured a combined top-10 finish in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the long jump, including a first-place finish at the Elkhart Invitational to automatically qualify him for the NCAA National Championships with a distance of 7.39 meters. Thomas finished in the top five in all six events in which he competed in the high jump this season, including wins at the Dual Final Invitational (Hartness College) and Elkhart Invitational. Thomas' best jump at the NCAA National Championships of 6.33 meters (21 ft. 5 in.) placed him in seventh place in the second heat and 10th overall. Thomas entered the championships as the third seed. Senior Tarik Muhammad picked up six top-five finishes over the season including three first place finishes, one each in the 400-meter dash, the 4x400-meter relay and the 1x100 relay. Muhammad qualified for the ECAC Championships in both the 400-meter dash and the 4x100-meter relay.

Next Season: All but eight student-athletes will return for the Bobcats as they look to build on their previous season as they enter the Capital Atlantic Conference.

Women's Tennis

Highlight: Sophomore Emily Furr qualified for the ECAC Tournament for the first time since 2011, having played several CAC schools over the past few years.

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sad journey

The march involved hundreds of people, yet it was virtually silent. Close to 2,500 students, faculty and staff gathered in remembrance of Brandon Carroll on an unusually warm April evening, just three days after Brandon’s life had been taken away so violently. The candlelit vigil began in the upper quad, then filed through campus to the Cordts Physical Education Center Main Arena, where the stunned and mourning campus community came together to hear from those who knew and loved Brandon and to try to make sense of it all.

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Different Lives, Same Strong Commitment

- Alma Logsdon first graduated from State Normal School No. 2 in 1934.
- Joe Detrick attended Frostburg State University in this decade.
- Alma was a teacher and a principal.
- Joe is a 27-year-old petty officer third class and sonar technician on active duty in the U.S. Navy.

What do they have in common?
Both expressed their love for Frostburg in their estate planning: Alma’s estate gift was received this year and Joe’s gift is far off in the future. Many of FSU’s alumni and friends have also shown their love for their alma mater by arranging their affairs to provide estate gifts at the end of their lives. No matter how old or young, they are all secure in the knowledge that they will be supporting FSU’s mission beyond their lifetimes.

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