FSU's New President Ready for the Road Ahead

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter
I am extremely pleased to be able to write to Frostburg State University alumni in the first edition of Profile to be published since I arrived on campus. Laurie and I are grateful for the welcome we have received both on and off campus from our many graduates. Among the many important things I have discovered since my arrival is that Frostburg alumni cherish this institution and the importance it has held in their lives. FSU is fortunate to have so many alumni who remain connected and involved with the institution.

However, I have also found that others have become estranged. I believe that it is important to create a university that welcomes back those alumni with whom we have become disconnected over the years. I offer here some ways to reconnect.

- Your Alumni Association is exploring avenues to rekindle those lost relationships. Shannon Gribble, Director of Alumni Programs, has dedicated the current year to shaking the hands — in person or by e-mail — of 1,000 alumni, with the aim of asking each one how he or she can be kept better connected with Frostburg State University (see page 3).

- I am also making a concerted effort to work with a group of alumni who have coined the term, Got.Frostburg. This group of alumni sees the importance of business networking opportunities with their classmates and wants to create both internship and employment opportunities for our students.

- We are interviewing candidates for Vice President for University Advancement, a position that has been vacant for more than a year. We are seeking an individual who can create the framework for a $15 million, sustainable capital campaign. I hope to announce our new Vice President very soon.

Some of you remember when you could attend Frostburg State for free in exchange for becoming teachers upon graduation. Today’s students and their families are finding it increasingly difficult to afford tuition even at an in-state public institution. Increasing FSU’s endowment is the best way to provide a cushion for those future students, as well as to upgrade facilities and equipment and to create new programs in response to the evolving needs of the nation’s workforce. State support for higher education has significantly decreased, and we need to create scholarship opportunities to assist students. I urge you to consider reconnecting financially in whatever way you can. Early in my tenure I issued a challenge to faculty and staff, encouraging 100 percent participation in the Annual Fund Faculty-Staff Campaign. I am pleased and proud to report that, to date, more than 60 percent have responded, the highest percentage ever.

- To have an immediate impact on FSU’s current students, consider offering internships or other off-campus experiential opportunities. That could be a priceless contribution to a future Frostburg alum.

- Since I have arrived, I have been engaging the campus community — students, faculty and staff — in discussions about who we are and who we want to be. I want to ask the same of you, the alumni of Frostburg State University. You have a unique perspective on what an education from Frostburg State University can really mean to one’s future. These are the questions that are being asked in campus forums to spark deeper discussion. Please consider sharing your thoughts on any or all.

As you visualize the FSU of the future, consider the following questions.

1. What kind of education will Frostburg State University be providing to prepare students for the change and volatility inherent in the 21st century?
2. What should Frostburg State University WANT to be doing better than anyone else?
3. What type of learning environment will Frostburg State University students encounter?
4. What will Frostburg State University establish as its sustainable competitive advantages; i.e., what will be the market niches that we can attain and maintain?

I urge all alumni, whether you’re here every year for Homecoming or you haven’t made contact in years, to help your alma mater with any or all of the above. Write the Office of Alumni Programs, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or send an e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu. We want you back.

It is most important that we continue to work collaboratively to realize an exciting future for this wonderful university. I see a bright future where engagement and leadership are the hallmarks of our students’ educational experiences, where our faculty continues to grow professionally and flourish and where our alumni always make us proud.

I look forward with great anticipation to what the next months will hold.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gibralter
President, Frostburg State University
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Dear Alumni, Faculty, Staff & Friends,

IN MAY 2006, I was offered the opportunity to return to my alma mater and take on the role of Director of Alumni Programs. It is a decision that I will never regret. I've been here, I have had the pleasure of meeting and reconnecting with faculty, staff, administrators and our distinguished alumni. My experience as a work-study student for the office, my time spent as a Student Alumni Ambassador and my involvement as a director for the Alumni Association opened my eyes to a world that I knew I wanted to be a part of. I have a deep love for FSU. It prepared me for life after college, gave me a top-notch education, provided me with life-long relationships and helped me find my best friends.

I know that every alumni has a story to tell about FSU, whether it is living on the dunes, waking up to those firsts of room in March or meeting your soul mate here. On Sept. 1, 2006, the Office of Alumni Programs launched the Alumni Handshake Challenge. I set a personal goal of shaking the hands of 1,000 alumni by July 1, 2007. I have been asking alumni for ideas on future alumni programs and events, and they have been sharing fond memories with me. Each alum who I meet is entered in a drawing that will send the winner and a guest to Las Vegas. I have learned so much about FSU's history in just a short period of time, and it is truly heartwarming to experience the love and passion that alumni have for FSU.

I have decided to change the rules. The new president, Dr. Jonathan Gibralter, and I are committed to reconnecting with alumni and creating a new spirit here. I challenge each alum, friend, FSU faculty and staff member to tell me your story and ideas. Everyone who contacts me will receive my business card and a gift. It might be a notebook, T-shirt, pen, calendar or a mug — it will represent FSU. It is delightful to drive down Interstate 68 and see FSU stickers on cars, see FSU sweatshirts at the mall and read about our friends in the newspapers. You can contact me at alumni@fsu.edu, 301/687-4068 or at the Office of Alumni Programs, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2503.

I know I can’t meet all of you on the road, but please tell me your FSU story. I’d love to listen!

Very truly yours,

Shannon Gibbelle '98
Director of Alumni Programs

Sandy Day '67
President, FSU Alumni Association

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**NEWS**

**Grant to Fund Solar-Wind Energy Project**

TheFSU Department of Physics and Engineering recently secured external funding from the MEA that will allow the University to build a demonstration system with a 35-45 foot wind turbine and photovoltaic solar panels to supply energy to the Fuller House, a small building on campus housing honors and international programs. The purpose of the project is to develop interdisciplinary curriculum and educational outreach programs that will explore the possibilities of harvesting wind and solar energy in Western Maryland. Additionally, FSU will also administer the Maryland State Anceometer Loan Program, which supplies anemometers (wind meters) to residents interested in installing them on their properties.

“We must no longer exclusively rely upon fossil fuel, and it is critically important to better understand the potential of residential wind turbines. I am grateful to Dr. Soyal for bringing this demonstration project from the U.S. Department of Energy to FSU,” he said.

For more information about FSU’s solar wind energy project, please contact Dr. Soyal at 301/687-7079 or e-mail osoyal@fsu.edu.
The World Comes to Frostburg

“Baseball Forever” Brings Together Lovers of the Game

Frostburg State University hosted “Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life,” a three-and-a-half-day conference in November on the history of baseball, which kicked off with a keynote address by Frank Deford, senior editor for Sports Illustrated and weekly sports commentator for National Public Radio.

Over the following three days, 20 sessions discussed the evolution of baseball from its creation in the 1860s to the present day. The speakers were an unusual mix of distinguished historians, sports journalists, radio announcers, commentators, baseball professionals and informed baseball enthusiasts. Former FSU baseball coach Bob Wells led off the first day of the conference with a talk about the earliest days of baseball.

The conference ended with a description of significant changes in major league baseball over the past half-century by Clyde King, who began his 62 years in the major as a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1944, then subsequently became a pitching coach for the Cincinnati Reds, manager for the San Francisco Giants and general manager for the New York Yankees.

In keeping with the conference theme, “Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life,” an original drama on baseball had its world premiere at FSU. Titled The Lone Star League, it describes the dynamics of a contemporary minor league team in Texas. Cumberland playwright Jim Ralston wrote this drama specifically for the conference, and noted director and former FSU professor David Press staged it.

Conference organizer and acknowledged lover of the game Dr. John Wiseman, a professor of history at FSU, wanted to tap into the fascination Americans have had with the National Pastime across history.

“There are a lot of people out there who still love the game. They like to talk about it and hear other people talk about it,” Wiseman said.

First Appalachian Festival Celebrates Region’s Traditions

In recognition of the rich Appalachian culture found in Western Maryland and the surrounding mountain region, Frostburg State University hosted its first Appalachian Festival in September. The festival celebrated the region’s finest artistic and musical traditions, explored long-standing Celtic and Appalachian connections and acknowledged a rich ethnic heritage.

Daytime festival activities included performances and workshops by area musicians representing the region’s traditional music encompassing old-time, bluegrass, gospel, shape-note singing and more. Exhibitions and demonstrations of traditional arts such as braided and loom rug making, quilting, basketry, spinning, chair-caning, soap-making, port- rayery, woodworking and folk medicinal practices ran throughout the day. And those attendees who worked up an appetite could visit the festival’s local food vendors who offered regional recipes reflecting the true ethnic diversity of this piece of Appalachia—from pepperoni rolls to sauerkraut.

Festival planners sought participation from traditional artists and performers who keep these musical and artistic forms alive.

This is the second international scientific symposium in just two years at FSU, which hosted the International Otter Colloquium in 2004.

FSU biology professor Dr. Hungqi Li, whose study of living carnivorous plants was sparked by his interest in similar plants found in 125 million-year-old fossils, co-chaired the conference with Dr. Doug Darnowski, a biology professor at Indiana University Southeast. The International Carnivorous Plant Society is made up of horticulturists, conservationists, scientists and educators all interested in sharing knowledge and news of carnivorous plants. Founded more than 28 years ago as a club of those who cultivated carnivorous plants, the group has evolved a more scientific focus, including a professional journal and a network of horticulturists, and it has taken a larger role in calling for conservation.

FSU Establishes Refereed Journal

For the first time in the history of FSU’s College of Business, the Journal of International Business Disciplines has been recognized as a refereed publication, and will be printed in the Cabell’s Directory of publications. Dr. Ahmad Tostontchi, serves as chief editor and the Editorial Board contains a number of FSU personnel. The first issue was published in November.

It is our intention to focus on the quality of this journal and use it as a means to further enhance the positive image of our institution as a whole,” Tostontchi said. He acknowledged the help of Board of Directors of the International Academy of Business Disciplines, Co-Dean Danny Arnold, and faculty from FSU and elsewhere.

Although the name is about business disciplines, articles in several related areas are welcome, such as communication, recreation, hospitality, health care administration, advertisement, international business, politics, etc. Please see www.jibd.org for more information.

The Beall Institute for Public Affairs

The Beall Institute was established in 2002 to promote a spirit of civic responsibility and an increased awareness of government affairs and the political process at all levels. The Institute’s initiatives include scholarships, research fellowships, internship stipends and outreach programs.

Magrath Named Executive Director of Beall Institute

Tim Magrath, former Western Maryland field representative for U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes from 1995 until the Senator’s retirement this year, has been named Executive Director of the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs at Frostburg State University.

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Magrath had worked closely with Senator Beall on several matters over the last 10 years, including the re-naming of the C&O Canal terminus in Cumberland.

Magrath has also joined the FSU faculty full time and will be teaching in the Department of Political Science. He has been a part-time faculty member since 2002.

“I am delighted to have Tim join us in this important role,” said FSU Provost Stephen Simpson. “His experience, governmental contacts, as well as his deep affection for and long association with Senate Beall, will be invaluable as the Beall Institute continues to develop its mission.”
FSU Students’ “Engagement” Roles Well in National Survey

FSU has received second year results of the National Survey of Student Engagement showing that FSU students are highly engaged in educationally purposeful activities compared to students at peer institutions.

FSU particular strengths were in student–faculty interaction and active and collaborative learning. FSU first-year students and seniors had statistically higher levels of interaction with faculty on activities other than course work, as well as greater involvement in active learning and collaborating with others, which includes working with classmates out of class on assignments and participating in community-based projects. Seniors reported statistically greater involvement with faculty discussing career plans and receiving feedback on their academic progress.

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“Renaissance Prof” at Home in Music and Physics

In Frostburg, many people think of Latta as a modern-day Renaissance man. If they’re not listening to him play music at various area summertime festivals, they might be looking at the popular local weather Web site he maintains, or learning the difference between speed and velocity in one of the many physics classes he teaches at Frostburg State University. He also makes instruments, runs a recording studio out of his house and conducts workshops that connect music to mathematics. “I see myself as part of a very small community of people who are using the arts in the schools,” he said.

In September he took his talents to the next level when he was selected as one of 11 Maryland artists to be featured at the Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) Conference in Baltimore. With the conference coming to Baltimore, the Maryland State Arts Council used its position as host to highlight Maryland talent by organizing two talent-packed showcases featuring Maryland performers. Latta submitted a demo recording of his work and made the cut in a field of about 100 performers.

“i’m proud of Maryland,” Latta said: “This is our home state. You want to make a good showing on your home court.”

In the meantime, Latta remains committed to teaching his courses at FSU, which often feature music as a method of learning. For example, as an introduction to sound and vibration, he might bring his guitar to class. He also sometimes invites by playing music for a few minutes, his way of teaching students that anything is possible in terms of how much they want to do and the new areas they want to explore.

As a society, “we’re becoming too specialized,” he said: “You do not have to do one thing all your life. If you’re organized and passionate about what you want, you can do a couple of things.”

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New Leadership Team Taking Shape

Frostburg State University President Jonathan Glibert has named Dr. Thomas Bowling the new Vice President of Student and Educational Services, David Rose as the new Vice President of Administration and Finance, and Stephen Sparh as Chief of Staff to Governor and Vice President for Economic Development and Government Relations. In addition to the vice presidential appointments, Way Blair will be returning to FSU as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.

Bowling and Rose had both been serving these roles on an interim basis since shortly after Glibert arrived on campus. Bowling has been employed at FSU since 1976. Prior to being appointed interim vice president, he served as associate vice president for student affairs. Rose has been a member of the FSU staff since 1984. Prior to being appointed interim vice president, he held the position of associate vice president for Budget and Planning since 1995.

“Mr. Rose and Dr. Bowling have clearly demonstrated throughout these long careers at FSU’s strong commitment to the University and the University System of Maryland, to integrity and professionalism and to life-long learning. They have consistently put the good of the institution, its students and their employees first,” Glibert said.

Sparh comes to FSU from the New York State Metropolitan Transit Authority, where he was Deputy Inspector General.

Sparh’s appointment was made in response to a recommendation by FSU’s internal Middle States self-study, which recommended that FSU hire a coordinator of regional economic development who would report directly to the University president.

Sparh has significant administrative experience in various governmental agencies, particularly in economic development and government relations. He has consulted with lawmakers on matters involving health care, criminal justice and transportation issues, and has spent years concentrating on reinforcing ethical practices and compliance in government operations. In addition, he served as vice chair of the Maryland Commission of the National Capital Region of the University of New York College’s Council, an advisory board.

Blair was most recently director of admissions at Bethany College in West Virginia, a role he had been in for an average of three years. Blair brings to the role more than 20 years of on-site research at West Point and with business leaders in a variety of industries, he offers unprecedented access to the process of leadership development at West Point and practical insights that can, indeed, be applied in any type of organization that strives to operate on the principle of integrity.

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In the Wake of Scandals, PSU Professor Examines West Point’s Approach to Building Honorable Leaders

FSU business management professor Dr. Evan Offstein has published Stand Your Ground: Building Honorable Leaders the West Point Way, a relevant and applicable response to recent leadership breakdowns at such places as Enron, WorldCom, Adelphia and Abu Ghraib.

The book, published by Praeger in August, has become Prager’s top seller after just a few months, and the Securities and Exchange Commission purchased 600 copies of Stand Your Ground for its annual training and conferences.

Offstein, an FSU business management professor and a West Point graduate, approaches leadership at our nation’s oldest and most celebrated military academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Department of the Army with two primary questions: (1) How does West Point develop its leaders? (2) Can other individuals and organizations apply these methods effectively?

Two years later, after conducting extensive off-site research at West Point and with business leaders in a variety of industries, he offers unprecedented access to the process of leadership development at West Point and practical insights that can, indeed, be applied in any type of organization that strives to operate on the principle of integrity.

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New Scholarships

Alum Memorizes Parents, Passion for Travel With Study Abroad Scholarship

Like many parents, Jonathan Wickert’s father and mother, Alan and Jane Wickert, wanted him to see the world with his own eyes. When he came across an opportunity to study abroad at Central Queensland University in Australia during his junior year at FSU, they encouraged him to go.

“During my travels, I often thought about how amazing it was that my parents were able to see the world throughout their lifetimes and I wanted to follow in their footsteps,” said Jonathan Wickert, senior political science major and leadership studies minor.

The FSU Development Office reports that over $1 million has been contributed through the FSU Foundation, Inc., for the reporting period ending December 31, 2006. To date, $895,447 has been received for restricted programs including endowments and $105,002 for unrestricted programs including the annual fund. The number of individual donors who have already exceeded the 2006 total, reflecting a successful fall alumni phonathon campaign and increased support from the campus community through the faculty/staff campaign. Last year, fund-raising generated $1.2 million from private support sources according to Jack A. Dye, director of development.

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Music Hopes to Hit the High Notes with Help of New Advocacy Group

When the FSU Department of Music’s Moller pipe organ suffered extensive damage in March 2006 after a water pipe broke in the Performing Arts Center ceiling, it became yet another item on a long list of needs the department is struggling to meet. Today, in addition to repairing the pipe organ, the department is endeavoring to fund more scholarships for music students, buy various instruments and sponsor important travel opportunities for performing ensembles. It makes sense that such a diverse range of challenges would need the help of a diverse group of advocates, and luckily such an organization is now ready and able to take FSU’s music programs to new levels of excellence: Friends of Music at Frostburg. Composed of FSU faculty and administrators, students and alumni, the group aspires to foster and ensure the future of a vibrant, comprehensive music program at FSU.

“Friends of Music will allow alumni and friends to join in supporting musical opportunities for our students that would not otherwise be possible,” said Joan Dev’Dee Dixon, associate professor of music at FSU and the key organizer behind Friends of Music.

Friends of Music will kick things off with a special spring celebration March 31 at the Strathmore in Bethesda, Md., in conjunction with a concert by the National Philharmonic and a private reception with conductor Piotr Gajewski and FSU’s new president, Jonathan Hagen.

Dixon is excited about the possibility of the spring concert serving as a springboard for future annual gatherings of Friends of Music, as well as supporting relations between the Department of Music and its many successful alumni.

“I would hope that we could use this as a foundation for alumni involvement and networking,” she said.

Perhaps the group also has the potential to further Frostburg’s position as a community for the arts.

“When I was the first president of the first Maryland student chapter of ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), I had the privilege of Frostburg becoming a really important place, musically,” said Alison Combes ’93, the executive director of the Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C., and an avid supporter of Friends of Music. “I think that’s possible, but the important thing now is to get the music department the resources it needs to graduate students who are well-trained and can go on to professional careers in music and to start building a musical legacy that way.”

For more information on Friends of Music and its events, call 301-687-4109 or e-mail music@frostburg.edu.

“I’ve been looking for an opportunity to give back...The time at FSU shaped the rest of my life.” — Mary Clapsaddle ’83

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Today, Wickert continues to make adventure and exploring part of his daily life. He said he currently plans to travel to Costa Rica and Japan. He also fostered his passion for seeing the world by working at FSU’s Study Abroad Office, serving as student representative on the International Education Council and helping to organize international student events.

“Really because of my parents,” he said. “Maybe they will come back with better inter- and intrapersonal skills and decide to change the world, or even just be themselves, for the better.”

Hagen History Scholarship Established

The FSU history department has established a scholarship in memory of James R. Hagen, a professor of history at FSU from 1989 to 2006, who passed away in May.

To commemorate Dr. Hagen’s memory and his devotion to students, the History Department has established this scholarship which will support students with an interest in non-western history and cultures, environmental history or world religions, the areas of his passion in which he particularly inspired students. The scholarship will be open to students majoring in History, Social Science and International Studies.

Dr. Hagen taught world civilization, Asian history, the Middle East, world environmental history and world religions. He was adviser to the History Honorary and Phi Alpha Theta and established the environmental humanities minor.

Scholarship Fund to Foster Soccer Players’ Academic Success

Russell Younkers ’68 has established the Russell and Penny Younkers Academic Support Fund through the FSU Foundation Inc. The purpose of the program will be to support graduate and undergraduates who monitor the academic progress of students in the men’s soccer program. Randall Reve, director of the academic monitor- ing of FSU soccer players and work on projects, programs and reports designed to strengthen the overall academic success of players in soccer. The Younkers have a history of fostering the University’s academic programs. They previously funded a scholarship for majors in health and physical education and were instrumental in leading the effort to fund a scholarship in memory of FSU soccer coach Ken Babcock.

Trident Health Resources Funds Business/Leadership Scholarship

Trident Health Resources Inc. has established an annual scholarship award to benefit business majors at Frostburg State University. The $1,000 award will be given to a student who is a business major and leadership studies minor. Trident Health Resources, a company based in Dunedin, Fla., provides cardiovascular technology and advanced services to hospital operating rooms in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Trident is owned and operated by Ralph Jordan ’68 and his wife, Charlotte 62. Ralph is a member of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, the FSU College of Business Advisory Board and the FSU Sloop Leadership Committee.

Housekeeping Scholars Fund

University Police Policy

Thanks to the generosity and support of FSU employees and FSU Foundation Inc., FSU students will benefit from two new scholarships to attend the University—the Housekeeping Scholars Fund and the University Police Fund.
The endowed funds, created from annual gifts made by FSU physical plant employees and University Police staff members, will open new opportunities for promising students in whom these groups have particular interest.

“Two new endowments reflect FSU staff members’ belief in the University’s success,” said Chris Hamon, Director of Annual Giving. “Over 60 percent of Frostburg State University employees have now contributed to this year’s FSU Faculty & Staff Campaign. This percentage of participation is the highest in FSU’s history as well as in the University of Maryland System and shows the commitment of employees to the University, its programs and its students.”

The Housekeeping Scholarship Fund is designed to provide support to dependents of FSU physical plant employees. The University Police Fund will provide financial support to students with a declared interest to have a career in law enforcement. Once fully endowed, both scholarships will be awarded through the FSU Financial Aid Office.

More than $213,000 Raised for Giro Campus to Community Fund

In a departure from many scholarships that help students with their studies on campus, FSU is introducing a new scholarship that will help students get away from campus.

To date, more than $213,000 has been raised, through the FSU Foundation Inc. for the J-Mac R. Giro Community Fund, which will support student leadership programs, alumni connections, community service, internships and study abroad.

FSU’s most prominent established the scholarship because of his belief that student education is incomplete if it is limited only to classroom learning.

“Off-campus experience really completes an education; it makes it real,” Gira said.

The J-Mac R. Giro Community Fund is for students who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful in life. The fund aims to support students for the workplace in an increasingly competitive, global economy.

Unlike many scholarships, the Giro Fund will assist students with expenses that often make these opportunities otherwise unattainable, such as transportation and housing.

FSU has been a leader in the promotion of real-life experiences that complement traditional classroom instruction, such as in nationally recognized service learning programs. J-Mac, a Frostburg, in which four students traveled to Los Angeles to interview successful FSU alumni and created a documentary chronicling their journeys, a project being repeated this year.

“One of those students came back saying the trip was a life-altering experience,” Gira said.

The endowment is now large enough that annual awards are expected to exceed $8,000.

BURG Peer Education Network Net National Award

The BURG Peer Education Network at FSU recently received national recognition by taking a cue from a hit TV show’s hour-by-hour effort to save the world to create a new substance abuse prevention program for college students.

“BURG” is an FSU organization dedicated to creating a safe campus college by promoting healthy lifestyles through educational programs and fun social activities. The group won a national award in the category of “Best Educational Program” at the National BACCHUS General Assembly Nov. 11 in Anchlam, Calif., for its pilot educational outreach PowerPoint presentation titled Frostburg 24. Borrowing stylist plot elements from FOX’s popular TV show, 24, the 24-minute-long Frostburg 24 educates students about risk reduction and protective factors regarding his cell phone to take a picture of student program’s characters, Jack and Chloe, played by FSU peer educators.

“We incorporate our social-norm statistics through our characters,” said Don Swogger, advisor for the group, who designed Frostburg 24 with the help of his son.

Frostburg 24 also uses interactive, multi-media technology to hold students’ attention and keep them engaged: for example, in one segment, Jack and Chloe, played by two FSU students, are watching TV at a party and send it to Chloe, and the image appears on a cell phone in the PowerPoint presentation. Students in the audience watching the program are then invited to use clickers to submit anonymous answers to questions about how they handle specific social situations. Their responses are quickly processed and appear in a histogram as part of the PowerPoint imagery.

IN SPRING 2006, Jason McElwain, the Greece Athena High School basketball team’s manager, scored 20 points in just four minutes for the varsity team. He made national news not just for his basketball prowess and remarkable achievement, but because he has autism.

But it wasn’t just Jason, J-Mac as he’s called, whose life changed that night. J-Mac’s amazing 15 minutes of fame changed the lives of Kelli Connolly ’91, her husband, Terry, and their four-year-old son, Eric, who is also autistic.

“Every time we watch that game it brings tears to our eyes,” Kelli said. “It touched our lives like no other and gave us hope for our son.”

J-Mac, a senior, had served as the manager of the team all year and his coach decided to add him to the roster so he could be given a jersey and get a ride on the bench in the team’s last game of the year. Toward the end of the game, the coach decided to give him playing time as well, never anticipating J-Mac’s explosion of baskets.

Eric and Jason share the complex neurobiological disorder that impairs people’s abilities to communicate and relate to others, but Eric’s family hopes he will also share Jason’s love of basketball.

Terry played for the University of Richmond Spiders and has coached basketball for 14 years; Kelli played while attending Frostburg and has coached basketball for two years, and they take joy in the fact that little Eric dribbles almost every day. Jason’s story was like a ray of light into their hearts.

Kelli decided to send Jason a note of congratulations and a basketball from Terry’s workplace, along with a picture of Eric and a video of Eric shooting hoops. A couple of weeks later, the Connollys got a nice thank you note from Jason — and a phone call from ESPN informing them that the McElwain family had chosen the Connolly letter as one that the most meant to them. The Connollys were then featured in a special interview during Jason’s story, which was broadcast at halftime during the NBA finals. The story moved so many viewers that ESPN decided to include it in a “Best of” DVD released in December 2006.

Kelli attends workshops and seminars about autism and takes Eric to frequent therapy sessions. She and Terry have learned much about the disorder since Eric’s diagnosis, and they’re grateful for Jason’s story, not just what it means for them, but what it may mean for other families as well.

“It was a blessing to be able to promote autism awareness internationally,” Kelli said. “Even today, we are told by others that people are playing the segment for college courses, special ed seminars and in classroom presentations.”

And the Emmy Goes To…

Greg Garcia ’92 won the Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for writing the pilot episode of the hit NBC comedy, “The Office.” Garcia would have another statue on his mantel. He delivered what was widely reported to be the best acceptance speech of the evening:

“I don’t have time to thank everybody that I should, so I thought it would be easier if I mentioned a few people that I DO want to thank… — My eighth grade social studies teacher who told me to sit down and shut up because I wasn’t funny, no thank you Mr. Mascara. — My boss when I was a PA on the show Stephen Stay who made me clean gun oil from the executive’s pens, and thank you ma’am. I don’t share this with you. — And finally, God, I’m sure you’re responsible in some way, but you took my bad, and that’s not cool, man.”

He did manage to thank his family, including his wife, Kim Ludke Garcia ’93, and in a later interview indicated that, in the case of God at least, he was only kidding.

The Emmy is just one of the awards Garcia has collected in the past year. Others included the Television Critics Association’s award for best show, and the Humana’s/Albany Med University’s film, “The cloth,” which television shows that “entertain, engage and enrich the viewing public,” which cited it “for its light-hearted portrayal of how we can right our wrongs.”

Earl has been picked up for the ’08-09 season by NBC.

Another Bobcat Emmy

Greg Garcia wasn’t the only Bobcat to take home an Emmy this year. James Madigan, who attended FSU in the late ’80s and early ’90s, won for visual effects on the HBO series “Six Feet Under.” The television series won the Emmy for acceptance speeches. Garcia would have another statue on his mantel. He delivered what was widely reported to be the best acceptance speech of the evening.

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For more information, contact Kelli Connolly at kconnolly@frostburg.edu or visit www.autismproj.org.

To learn more about autism, visit www.autismcomplex.org.

For McElwain and the Connolly’s story, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiracN306K6 and then click on the link “I didn’t see A&E’s Game 4传真 on a Marc.”

Kelli Connolly ’91 and her son Eric

Robert Emmett

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A wide variety of plants have medicinal properties.

The new ethnobotany major, coordinated by Dr. Linda Lyon, right, has foundations in both science and culture.

OTTERS ON TWO CONTINENTS have a professor at FSU and the University System of Maryland to thank for the improvement in their lives and their habitats. Dr. Thomas Serfass, associate professor in the Department of Biology, has made otters his life’s work.

Mid-way through his second year of recognition by the prestigious University System of Maryland Wilson H. Elkins Professorship, Serfass is directing projects in both North Dakota and Africa, and his former and current graduate students are following in his footsteps. That’s in addition to follow-up evaluations of a successful reintroduction program that brought river otters back to the waters of southwestern Pennsylvania.

“The outcome in Pennsylvania has been magnificent. The local public has been extremely supportive,” Serfass said. He’s happy to report that the reintroduced otters are now reproducing and expanding their territory along the streams where they were released.

His brand new project in North Dakota is studying the reappearance of otters and fishers, a land mammal that lives in forested habitats. Both had disappeared from the area 100 years ago, and are starting to reappear naturally, most likely moving in from Minnesota. In addition, Serfass and his train of current and former graduate students are developing a conservation plan to make sure they thrive. Serfass has drafted a national Otter Action Plan, based on his research, that is designed to protect the habitat otters depend on for survival, which in turn benefits related species like fish, waterfowl and others that are part of the same web of survival.

His efforts in Africa are focused on two species of otter there, the Cape Clawless Otter and the Spotted-Necked Otter. Otters in Africa have become a priority for the World Conservation Union because so little research has been done there. He has developed a relationship with Kenyatta University and its faculty in Kenya, where he is an adjunct faculty member. A colleague at Kenya’s Masate University, Dr. Tom Serfass

Focus on Biology
Interdisciplinary Ethnobotany Major Only One in Continental U.S.

FSU’s ethnobotany major will allow students to integrate science and culture as a way of understanding human reliance on plants and the environment. The foundation of the program provides students with a solid background in plant sciences, biogeography and cultural studies. Students then choose one of three concentrations within the major depending on their particular career interest: pharmacological ethnobotany, biogeographical ethnobotany or cultural perspectives in ethnobotany.

Within the pharmacological ethnobotany concentration, career possibilities include becoming an herbalism consultant for holistic veterinarians, doctors and alternative health settings; being employed at drug detoxification programs or detention centers; and working in laboratory settings where the plants are used; and instilling an appreciation for the interdependence of humans and plants. Students will be encouraged to learn other languages and participate in study abroad experiences to help them become scientists with a global perspective.

For more information about FSU’s ethnobotany program, contact Lyon at llyon@frostburg.edu or 301/633-4203.

“The connection with faculty over there hope fully will be long-lived,” Serfass said.

Bio Prof Uses Elkins Funds to Further Otter Research

Mordy Ogada, who spoke at FSU last year, is helping Serfass develop a field class for FSU students in Kenya, and Serfass has developed a number of other relationships with faculty and students. The connection with faculty over there hopefully will be long-lived,” Serfass said.

Research is focused on a variety of places in North central Kenya and part of Lake Victoria. The mixed effort, merging conservation and research, is using the adorable, fascinating otters to draw attention to aquatic habitats. Local residents and area students are getting involved, with the desire of using the otter to boost their local economies with eco-tourism.

"It’s a magnificent gem—very few people visit it or know about it," Serfass said. “It’s one of the best bird watching locations I’ve ever encountered.” Serfass’ first year under the Elkins Professorship was spent developing these projects, and the second year’s funds have been used to continue his work. The Professorship provided $80,000 in its first year and $75,000 in the second year.

“I wouldn’t have done this without the Elkins. Now I need to find continuing funding support,” he said. He would like to spend at least five years on the project in Africa to do justice, he said. And Serfass hasn’t forgotten about otters elsewhere. He’s also been advising in New Mexico, where they’re trying to start a river otter program, working with the Pittsburgh Zoo, which developed a large part of its educational center around its work with otters; and working on educational materials for Yellowstone National Park. Plus, after having six of his graduate students finish in one year, he’s now on the hunt for a new crew to continue the research in North Dakota and Africa.

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When Jonathan C. Gibralter took his place as the 14th president of Frostburg State University on Aug. 2, 2006, he arrived at an institution experiencing a series of contradictions. Barely a month before, FSU had achieved reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education with no conditions, a rare feat for any university. Two of its individual colleges, the College of Business and the College of Education had received notable national recognition, as had numerous individual programs. And alumni, faculty and students were accomplishing great things. Yet FSU’s enrollment was dropping, the lowest it had been in 17 years, and was facing a $2.7 million budget shortfall because enrollment projections hadn’t been met over the previous few years.

Enter Gibralter, bringing with him a record of remarkable success at his previous position. Farmingdale State University of New York had been in a precarious position, a former agricultural college suffering from declining enrollment, deteriorating facilities, minimal on-campus housing and an unclear direction. When Gibralter departed Farmingdale to come to FSU, he left a strong and vibrant institution with new programs, higher enrollment, stronger academic standards and a healthy financial picture.

His success at Farmingdale and his plans for Frostburg State University, however, go beyond the immediate tasks of boosting enrollment and developing a viable marketing campaign, although both are already in the works. He is creating a vision for the future that encompasses the insight of faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the university.
PROFILE

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FSU does best.

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Gibralter knows it will stay that way. He has

first and foremost a place for learning, and

"I walk into departments and students know

the faculty by name. They spend time in their
departments. They're not just there for class
and then running off. That's an important part of
a university and an important part of a student's
learning," he says.

Adoptions

Gibralter is finding that he has a history in
common with many of FSU's students and
alumni — a sometimes indirect, sometimes
difficult journey toward a very successful des-
tination.

"John Lennon wrote a song that said, 'Life is
what happens when you're busy making other
plans,'" Gibralter said. "That is true in so many ways.

Gibralter's world was turned upside down at
the age of 12 when his father died of cancer. He
was blessed with a strong mother, however, who
lovingly raised him and his two older brothers
while simultaneously advancing through the
ranks of hospital administration. Without the
benefit of a college education, he eventually
became vice president of a major New York City hospital. It was she and his grandmother
who impressed upon him the importance of
college.

"It was really never any question — at least
from my mother's perspective — as to whether
I would go to college or not," he says.

Support and encouragement from his family
— first his mother and grandmother and later
his wife Laurie and their sons Mac and Kevin
— helped him through the changes in direc-
tion his career took.

In college, he changed his major from pre-med
to psychology, a field that would fulfill his wish to
work closely with people. He spent many years of
his early career working in psychiatric hospitals
both in patient care and in research.

He later joined the faculty at State University
of New York at Morrisville, a move prompted
initially by a newspaper want ad.

"I loved teaching, and I really connected very
well with my students," he says.

He taught full time for five years, but the
moment came when he saw another opportu-
nity for growth. He became the director of the
school's undelcared major program, a position
that was upgraded a year later to associate dean
dean of the School of Liberal Arts. The job was advis-
ing students about their academic careers and
beyond. Gibralter was sold on higher education
administration.

"It was the missing piece," he says.

From there, he moved up the ranks of ad-
ministration. He became dean at Mohawk
Valley Community College campus in Utica,
N.Y., where he worked for two years to build
a program that was dashed at the last minute
by local politics.

He turned the setback into an opportunity,
however, by directing his energies toward fin-
ishing his dissertation, which had been moved
to the back burner in favor of supporting his
family and raising his sons. His research was a
life span analysis into the changing attitudes
and behaviors of Syracuse University graduates
of different decades.

Nevertheless, rapidly evolving technologies
are changing, perhaps forever, what college
classes look like. Gibralter is attuned to the
developments on the horizon and has taught
online himself; he is taking care not to create a
new way for students to get lost, a new version
of the 400-seat lecture hall.

Once when he was getting on a plane in New
York, he handed over his boarding pass. The
man who took it at the name on
the pass and said, "No you're! Dr. Gibralter — I was
in your abnormal psychology class."

Gibralter was stunned. "He was in my online
class. We had never met face to face."

That experience stays with him. He encour-
ages building a personal touch into the struc-
ture of the classes, such as video conferencing
or virtual office hours, where a professor will
be available for live chats with students, to
maintain personal contact, even if it is across
many miles.

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— Dr. Jonathan Gibralter

Students have given Gibralter high marks for his eagerness to hear their concerns. In addition to continuing his tradi-
tion of the President's Student Advisory Council, he has held open forums with students and meets regularly with SGA
President Shavonne Shorter, shown here.

After five years, he had no real plans to leave
Farmingdale. But as part of his position on the
Middle States Commission, he learned about an intriguing university in Maryland
that was looking for a president — Frostburg,
State University.

"I was truly impressed with what I learned about Frostburg through Middle States. I knew
it was a university really known for the quality of its academic programs," he says.

While he and Laurie lived in small com-
unities before, there have been adjustments
necessary moving to tiny Frostburg from Long
Island, a city of seven millions.

Between the high visibility of his job and the
friendly, curious community, "It's hard to have
any anonymity in Allegany County," he says.

But they're enjoying themselves.

"In five years in Farmingdale, I can remember
only twice running into anybody I knew off campus. Here, no matter where you go, you're
going to run into someone you know." 

An avidrunner, Gibralter has discovered
the newly opened Allegany Highlands Trail

Dr. Gibralter has been getting acquaiated with the state's
political leaders, including Maryland Governor Martin
O'Malley at the annual MLK reception in Annapolis.

Meeting as many members of the campus community as he
could was an early priority. Frank's Firsts, a pre-semester
gathering for faculty and staff alone, and the President's
Barbecue welcoming students to campus (right), were two
early opportunities.
in Frostburg, which follows the right of way of an old railroad line. And with Allegany County’s thriving arts scene, both on and off campus, he and Laurie realized that they weren’t needlessly about leaving behind the cultural offerings of the big city. “That part of who we are is being fulfilled,” he says.

Immediate Issues

When Gibralter arrived at FSU, he set his sights on at least three immediate issues — enrollment, marketing and economic development — all of which had been cited in the Middle States Self-Study that was prepared in advance of our visit. He moved the Department of Enrollment Management under the direction of the Provost, the University’s top academic officer. He’s facilitating the enrollment committee himself, an unusual position for a University president, but one that indicates the importance he places on fixing the enrollment picture. “It is unusual for a president to do this, but I need to facilitate the kinds of relationships that need to exist cross-functionally across departments, so that we can really move the place ahead,” he says. At Farmingdale he was able to increase enrollment by 25 percent while he was there, an increase that topped the entire SUNY system.

Early indications at Frostburg are good. Enrollment was up for second semester, inquiries and attendance at Open Houses has been strong, and he feels confident that FSU will reach its goal of 300 more students by next fall, putting the University well on its way to regaining its peak level of a few years ago.

“I don’t have a crystal ball, but I think we’ll be in a better place in the fall semester,” he says.

Part of addressing enrollment is the need for FSU to clarify its brand and then market it that was launched at FSU in January. An integrated campaign that will increase FSU’s peak level of a few years ago. “That part of who we are is being fulfilled,” he says. Gibralter quickly named a vice president of economic development and government relations, a position that also serves as his chief of staff.

FSU has long played a vital role in the economic development of the region, and Gibralter’s experiences, both good and bad, will serve him well in that arena. He learned a hard lesson about the unpredictability of local government when he was dean of the Rome, N.Y., campus of Mohawk Valley Community College. The Rome community was facing the significant loss of employment following the shutdown of Griffiss Air Force Base, which would leave hundreds of people looking for new careers.

Gibralter designed a program that would help retain the land of Griffiss employees, using some of the now-vacated officer’s club on the base to be a demonstration kitchen/learning center for the college’s signature hospitality program. After two years of work and just inches from completing his task, a few local politicians began to object. They took over the building — getting it in 22,000 square feet of kitchens — to turn it into an office building for an HMO.

The lesson of Mohawk stayed with him when at Farmingdale he turned his attention to the renovation of the now-vacated officer’s club on the base. Gibralter is going to present the results of this collaborative effort as the University vision statement in his Inaugural Address April 18.

Key element will be to maintain a faculty that values the FSU’s tradition of teaching and scholarly pursuit. FSU has had the benefit over the past couple of decades of a core of high-quality faculty members, many hired in the 1970s. As those faculty members near retirement, Gibralter’s challenge will be to find the next generation who will carry the same values.

“We have to be supportive of faculty development to avoid being the place where young faculty members cut their teeth and move on in a few years,” he says. Gibralter believes FSU’s location is part of what makes it successful in helping both students and faculty find that certain something within themselves. Away from the literal and figurative “noise” of urban and suburban areas, “you have time to think. You have time to focus. When you don’t have a lot of distractions and you have people who care about you, who will take the time to give you the time of day, it gives you a much better opportunity to do that inner exploration,” he says.

“Not only do students have time to think and learn and find themselves, but I think the faculty do, too. I’ve heard so many students and faculty say to me, ‘I came here for a year or two and I stayed. ‘That’s not insignificant.”

In addition to the human resources, he is committed to finding the resources for important upgrades to campus facilities and equipment. A new Center for Communication and Information Technology and a renovated Lane University Center are both in the pipeline, and Gibralter has set a goal of creating state of the art facilities to house both the College of Education and the College of Business. He also wants to upgrade residence halls to bring them in line with student expectations.

“I want to create dedicated, top-notch, technologically enhanced facilities,” he says.

The cost of higher education is a challenge for universities everywhere, and Gibralter long ago realized that relying on government funding and tuition alone were insufficient. At Farmingdale, he began the university’s first-ever major gifts campaign in 2003, with the goal of raising $10 million in five years, and in just over three years, they are well on their way to meeting the goal.

At FSU, he’s focusing on the development of a $15 million capital campaign, only the beginning of his plans to significantly increase the University’s endowment. A stronger endowment will allow FSU the flexibility to add programs, create scholarships, endow faculty lines and chairs and upgrade facilities and equipment, as well as to create a cushion in times of uncertain government support.

He is also spearheading efforts to expand academic offerings, in particular at the graduate level. His aim in creating new programs is that they will be in line with the employment marketplace, locally, regionally and nationally.

As FSU prepares to meet the road ahead, Gibralter is dedicated to making sure that the University’s challenges don’t overshadow its success or its potential.

“We’re a great story waiting to be told.”

Gibralter’s Fall Convocation Address at the end of September was an early opportunity to share his immediate plans and longer-term goals with the campus community.
homecoming scrapbook

homecoming scrapbook
Dear FSU Alumni,

Instead of impersonal sentences explaining this event, I wanted to share my side of their story with you. This class has now chrestened three alumni directors — Colleen Preston, Lynn Kenzerma and myself — by being the first reunion that each of us planned.

When Colleen and Lynn told me about this rowdy group, I was a little worried about meeting them. From the moment I met the planning committee in Berlin, Md., on the lawn of Marycrest’s home, I knew that I had made life-long friends. This would be an experience I would never forget. ThIrty-three classmates returned to FSU for a weekend of sharing memories and making more. They asked me to tag along on their escapades, and I’m glad that I did. I learned invaluable lessons about FSU’s history, the importance of real friendship and leaving life.

The class had dinner at the Alto Shaheen Club, took a train ride through Western Maryland, attended a special bookstore opening, participated in a campus tour and enjoyed a reception with Dr. Gibralter, his wife and other special guests. It was an absolute joy to be a part of their special weekend, and they are a true example of what FSU alumni are. I hope that all alumni share this same passion and I look forward to many more adventures in the future.

Shannon Gribble ’88
Director of Alumni Programs

Class of 1966 Celebrates 40th Reunion

Connie C. Green was recognized as Director of the Year of the National Council of Campus Children’s Centers, the honor she has completed eight years was the first in the county to receive a 5% star rating. Connie has been in the childcare field for 30 years.

Christopher Thomas Kilmeran is a professor at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. He was named a Fulbright Scholar and will spend the spring of 2007 in Austria as a Fulbright University of Klagenfurt Distinguished Chair in Genitor Studies.

1969

Phyllis M. Grinnell was recognized by the National Federation of High School Sports at the 2005 National Field Hockey Coaches of the Year. Phyllis has served as head varsity coach for 5 years at Bel Air High School with a record of 286-129-3.

1970

Larry R. Kemp sponsored the 2006 Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College, Hispanic/Latino Community Citation Award presented to 15-year graduates for their continued support to the community.

1976

Amy S. Sanford Summy was named 2006 SARATOGA Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Amy and husband Dave C. Summy (class of ’76), celebrated their 30th anniversary, and Dave celebrated his 30 years as a teacher in Anne Arundel County. Both their son, Hugh (28) and Brandt (26), graduated from Salisbury University.

1977

Bob B. Burchill is the associate regional dean for National University’s Wirick campus.

1978

Joseph K. Diseati was honored with the National Field Hockey Coach of the Year award.

1991

Susan Ann Reedy-Oxley was chosen by the South Bend, Indiana, business and legal newspaper, as one of its Top 100 Women in Indiana award recipients. Susan is a director of the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families Inc. in Oakland, Md.

1997

Christopher Thomas Kilmeran is a professor at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. He was named a Fulbright Scholar and will spend the spring of 2007 in Austria as a Fulbright University of Klagenfurt Distinguished Chair in Genetic Studies.

2000

Devera (Thomas) Barnhart was honored with her late father, Earnest A. ‘38, and her late mother, Francelle ‘37, at the annual spring alumni reception at the Sheraton BWI in Baltimore for an evening of dinner, dancing and sharing memories.

2001

Larry Richardson, Bernard Wynder, Pammy Allison, Michael Brenszen and Bill Banks were honored as members of the Maryland award recipients. Susan is the executive director of the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families Inc. in Oakland, Md.

2006

John R. Isaac was named Coach of the Year for Howard County Sheriff in the Washington Post. John is in his sixth year as head coach of the start-up program, which has gone 24-1 in the last two years of conference play. His team finished first in the regular season standings at the IAC/SCC conference.

2007

Susan announce the scholarship for the spring of 2007 in Austria as a Fulbright University of Klagenfurt Distinguished Chair in Genetic Studies.

They Made It Happen

Abbe Knottlick, Bernard Wynder, Pammy Allison, Michael Brenszen and Bill Banks.

They made it happen.

It was just some old photos that got them moving.

Devere (Thomas) Barnhart and Buster Nelson (both Class of ’77) had been reminiscing about their times at the burg when they decided there should be a Black Student Alliance reunion for the decade of the ’70s — you know, when the Afros was in and polyester pants with high collars and platform shoes were stylish. But it wasn’t until Devere scanned some pictures from her college days early last year and e-mailed some to Buster that they decided it was time to get moving.

Joined by Janet Jefferson ’77 and Terry Hall ’77, they managed to bring 90 alumni and their guests to the Four Points Shriners BHM in Baltimore for an evening of dinner, dancing and sharing memories on June 24, 2006. One special guest, Pammy Allison, was honored with her late husband, William, for their “philanthropic counseling to all of us during this period.”

Butter said. The reunion encouraged more alumni to return for Homecoming and also sparked a directory and an e-mail list to help keep folks in touch for future events. And they’re talking about doing the same thing every two to five years, Devere said.

“It really reminded us that we have to cherish the friendships that developed while we were there,” Devere said. — LDM

他们都成功了。

这就是他们成功的原因。

这只是一个旧照片。

Devere (Thomas) Barnhart和Buster Nelson（都是1977年的毕业生）之前一直在回忆他们在伯格的时光，但他们决定应该有一个黑人学生联盟的聚会，来庆祝20世纪70年代——你明白的，那时候留着大平头，穿大翻领的西装和平台鞋。但直到Devere扫描了一些大学时代早期的照片，并将它们发送给Buster后，他们才决定该是时候行动了。

加入的还有Janet Jefferson ’77和Terry Hall ’77，他们邀请了90位校友和他们的亲友参加在Four Points Shriners BHM的聚会，为一个晚宴、跳舞和分享回忆。

在2006年6月24日的晚上，一位特别的客人Pammy Allison，她被荣誉赠予了来自她的已故丈夫William，他们的“慈善咨询”对所有人都是非常重要的。

Buster说。聚会鼓励更多的校友回来参加Homecoming，并还引发了联系人和电子邮件列表，这有助于保持联系，以便在未来的事件中。他们也在讨论每两到五年做同样的事情，Devere说。

“这真是提醒了我们，我们应该珍惜我们在那里建立的友谊。”Devere说。——LDM
Tony Zook ‘82 has fallen in love twice. In college, it was with Trish Ward ‘83, the woman who would become his wife. After college, the object of his affection was the pharmaceutical industry, where he is leaving a very positive impression as the President and CEO of AstraZeneca US, a post he has held since early 2006.

“I am one of a fortunate few. I always have a bounce in my step coming to work,” he says.

The job market was particularly tight when he graduated from Frostburg State University in the early ’80s, and the Pittsburgh native still wasn’t sure what he wanted to do. The sciences gave him a starting point. In addition to his FSU biology degree, he had simultaneously earned a chemical engineering associate’s degree from Penn State University.

He looked into pharmaceutical sales, calling on his older sisters and mother—all who had regular contact with people in that profession, and who saw the benefits they provided to patients.

“I fell in love with this industry,” he says. Even though it wasn’t his role when he entered college, it met the criteria he knew he wanted in a career—a professional position in a broad organization, one that was involved in the sciences and aligned with his interests.

Peter Dominick Marghella is a founding member of the American Board of Disaster Medicine established by the American Board of Physician Specialties. This marks the first time in the history of medicine that physicians may earn board certification in disaster medicine.

Carolyn W. Bond is a board-certified family physician and emergency medicine specialist in Idaho. She is one of only 2 in the United States — in recognition of efforts to promote cancer prevention, early cancer detection and access to care for employees and their dependents.

The company’s care extends beyond its own family, though. In 2005, AstraZeneca donated $750,000 in products to patients who need it, says the company. It also has a strong support role in its Willington, Conn. community and the surrounding region.

“We take our responsibility as a corporate citizen very seriously,” Zook says. “We would definitely recommend the industry to students. It’s an exciting industry, one that allows people to grow, and one that needs people with focus, determination and personal discipline, he says.

His foundations in chemistry started when he worked in the industry in more than 20 years, but he urges newcomers to pursue more broad-based skills. He was able to learn the business side of the job while in the trenches, but he urges science majors to gain some business knowledge while still in college. Business majors should follow suit.

Coming to Frostburg State was the right decision for a number of reasons, he says. Number one was because it allowed him to meet his wife. They were married 23 years this year, and together they have three children. But beyond the two to his personal life, “it opened up worlds of opportunity for me.”

What happens with “The Girlfriends” stays with “The Girlfriends”

Belinda Rassam ‘97 writes: “My girlfriends from FSU have been getting together for an annual FSU girlfriends’ weekend for the past two years. In 2006 we went to Myrtle Beach, S.C. We traveled from all over – Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia and Ohio – to spend the weekend together relishing, reminisicing. In 2007, we plan to get together at the FSU Alumni House for our 20-year class reunion.”


Michelle L. Martin is the head nurse of the onion’s oncology clinic at Silver Spring, Md., and was named to the roster of nurses who provide care to patients with cancer in the Community Oncology Program.

For more details, call the Alumni Office at 910-637-4068.

Dale Edwin Iman is the city manager of Southfield, Mich., and was named to a Task Force to advise Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government this past summer in a program designed for senior executives in state and local government.

Melissa K. Kimmitt Litthicum and husband, Robert, announce the birth of Robert Edward Litthicum Jr. on April 6, 2006. Jane, Robert Jr.’s mother, was a part-time employee in Baltimore City Public Schools.

Terry Carney is training with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training for the Miami Open Marathon in Arkansas, and needs the help of fellow alums to raise funds to help stop leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s lymphoma and multiple myeloma from taking more lives. Please make a donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at: www.cure.org/donate/tntmd/tntmdTCurran.

For more information and additional details on events, call the Alumni Office of Alumni Programs at FrostburgState.edu or call 301-637-4068.

Alumni Events

Frostburg With Pride Somersal, Pa. April 21, 2007 – 6:30-10 p.m. Oakhurst Tea Room Casual dress; light appetizers complements of the FSU Alumni Association Golden Anniversary Celebrating the Class of 1957 and before June 9 – Lower Center, FSU Campus

FSU Family Day

Picnic lunch, harness racing, jumping pillow, farm animal barnyard, mazes and play area and hayrides to u-pick fields. Great Country Farms – Ijamsville, MD June 24, 2007 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 54 adult; $4 child

Frostburg With Pride Western Maryland July 6 – 3:00-8:30 p.m. Savage River Lodge Casual dress; light appetizers complements of the FSU Alumni Association

Class of 1962 Reunion September 8, 2007 FSU campus

Homecoming 2007

Class of 1967, 1968 & 1969 reunions being planned

Gloria’s Happy Hats Project®

Bringing alumni & community members together Saturday, October 13, 2007 Montgomery County June 30 – Anne Arundel County August 18 – Frederick County

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Imagine coming up with a company slogan so popular it becomes a catchphrase that surfaces at football games, playgrounds, even wedding receptions. Something so empowering that it gets crowds of people fired up and excited.

That’s what happened for sporting goods company Under Armour once Marcus Stephens came onboard. Stephens, who studied graphic design at FSU from 1992 to 1996, was the creative director for the company, which makes form-fitting performance apparel that keeps athletes cool and comfortable even under the sweatiest conditions. If you’ve ever watched the spirited commercials featuring the Dallas Cowboys’ Eric Ogbogu leading teams chanting “WE MUST PROTECT THIS HOUSE!” or introducing a series of athletes beating down on the camera and uttering “Click. Click. Click.” then you’ve seen Stephens’ genius at work.

Stephens joined Under Armour in 1999 when the company was first getting its products out on the shelves and making its name known among athletes but still struggling with brand identity. With the help and input of the marketing and creative team, Stephens ratcheted up the coaches to talk to their players before a big game. The group finally came up with the message, “We Must Protect This House.”

“We needed to create a tagline that would become a mantra for athletes,” Stephens said.

He liked the slogan, but kept thinking about how the sound “must” sounded too old and too Old English. He wanted to find a way to make the words work with viewers across the board. One night Stephens was driving home and listening to a powerful, commanding voice of rap artist DMX. Struck by inspiration, he called up Ogbogu and told him to think about how the phrase would sound if DMX said it. Ogbogu immediately lamped him back and shouted, “WE MUST PROTECT THIS HOUSE!” The slogan had taken on a life of its own, with Ogbogu giving it the signature, larger-than-life delivery it needed.

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The Office of Alumni Programs would like to thank all alumni who participated in this project. We were able to collect a total of 214 alumni and 115 event addresses per the project. This project also allowed our database to be updated and current. We would also like to thank those alumni who contributed to us through our website and survey. We hope that you'll share in future editions of FSU Alumni.

Michael Lepage has the baby blues in the morning. Several times a day he checks on the newborn, spits out a few droplets of spit milk and reserved parking at a day-care. We strive to keep our readers in touch and up-to-date, so if you have community events to share or news with us, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4688.


Just Not Continuously if you Love “Earl!”

My name is Earl star Jason Lee has gotten a swelled head — but in a good way. Lee and “Earl” creator and FSU alum Greg Garcia ’92 had the HG7ittance Raina Minor league baseball team and FSU to create a bobblehead in Lee’s image to give away at a game Sept. 3. Hagerstown-area alumni were invited to a “ball party” on Bobblehead Day. The idea came from Garcia’s habit of speaking Western Maryland references throughout his hit NBC show. It’s been a memorable season for the Western Maryland on-screen

Garcia was excited about the project. “I’d take a Hagerstown Suns bobblehead over an Emmy any day of the week,” he said. “Of course, now he doesn’t have to choose between his projects. [See News, p. 12.]

Would you pass your very own Earl bobblehead? Send us a list at least five things you did while a student at FSU that, in the spirit of Earl, you’d like to “cross off your list” (e.g. hair dye, never returned cafeteria tape, pull stop in the fountain…). Or, if you’re not still willing to face up to your past, send in a list of five things you loved about your time at FSU. Include your name, address, class year and e-mail address to:FSU Alumni, 120 College Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

The first 15 alumni to list will receive a bobblehead, and list highlights will be published in the next Profile.

Enjoy the Bobblehead Day fun, and we’ll see you at the Alumni Reunion Events! For more details, call the Alumni Office at 301-687-4688.

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Reunion Reminder

These classes are already planning reunions; watch for your mail details:
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Class of 1967 Reunion
Planned for Homecoming Weekend, October 19-21, 2007
Class of 1982 & 1983 Reunion
Planned for Homecoming Weekend, October 19-21, 2007

The Mathematics Family

Jesse M. Ketterman Jr.

Andrew joins big brother, Jesse (3).
(Buckheit) Ketterman are pleased to announce the birth of
to Elizabeth (27) and Rachel (25). Jesse was born on July 25, 2005 at
in Lehigh, Pa.

Gary L. Austin completed a master’s degree in Management, Western MO. He is an
adviser at Frostburg State University in Football. Benjamin is employed at Eastern State University in Hagerstown. MD. Benjamin is employed at Eastern State University in Hagerstown.

Stacy Carver’s career in the financial develop-
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2001
Mary C. Barkas has been accepted into the Leadership Maryland Class for 2006-07. She is employed as the Director of the Washington County Family Justice Center in Silver Spring, Ma.

Lace Christian Vacari

Kelly Elizabeth Valentine married Michael Vining on October 2003. Kelly Offutt (Class of ’90) and Jennifer Baker (Class of ’80) were members of the bridal party. Kelly and Michael would like to announce the birth of Jake Vining on March 30, 2006. Kelly is employed by ProtosInc. Inc. as a graphic designer and owns her own freelance design company, ValentineDesigns.com.

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Joanna Katherine Lubson is the promotions and communications manager of Frostburg Partnership.
John Matthew Riffe married Rebecca J. Hardie on Sept. 24, 2005. John is employed as security policy officer with the Department of Energy.
Timothy Ray Rayburn has joined the Jackson Kelly firm as an associate attorney practicing business and commercial law in Charleston, W.Va.

2003
Albert Angelo DeBner competed with the Mid-Atlantic Fishes and Game of Frostburg at the 2006 World Bass Fishing Competition in Michigan. He is pursuing a double degree at the University of Pennsylvania in biomedical engineering.
Craig Charles England married Rebecca L. Barnes on Oct. 5, 2005, in Ocean City, Md. Craig served his country in the Company C, 228th Field Artillery of the U.S. Army National Guard. He is employed as a private investigator in Baltimore.
Andrew Thomas Lennhoff has illustrated five books, including "A Boy Named Dolphin," authored by Amy Wangrow Shone.

2005
Jennifer Lynn Murray married Michael B. Flinn (Class of ’04) on July 30, 2005. Jennifer is a teacher at Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland, Md. Michael is a lieutenant in the computer science department at Frostburg State University.
Kevin Frame is a teacher at Northwestern High School in Ellicott City, Md.
Jillie Ann McKee married Bradley P. Cory on June 11, 2005. Jillie is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education.
Karen Stephanie Sidorik is a kindergarten teacher at High Point Elementary School in Anna Maria County, Md.
Larry Dale Lewis (Class of ‘01) and Sarah Lee Martin (Class of ‘02), both of Cumberland, Md., were married on Aug. 19, 2006. Larry is employed by the Cumberland County Board of Education.

2006
Jodi Lyn Carpenter was selected artist at the 80th Annual Carnegie Art Exhibit in Cumberland, Md. Jodi is a featured artist in acrylic painting.
Kevin Colton Colbert, a former FSU football player, earned a spot as one of the top 50 small college prospects for the NFL Draft in 2006.
Zachary Hayes Olson is conducting field work along with two FSU master's students in fish identification and reproduction, as the state's only fish stock through a partnership with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
Autumn Michelle Smith is the reigning Miss Western Maryland, Smith spoke to the Frederick Rotary Club in March 2006 prior to the Miss Maryland pageant, where she was a semifinalist.

2007
Robert Enrico臻ell was selected artist at the 80th Carnegie Art Exhibit in Cumberland, Md. His displayed works included metal sculptures.
Candice Smith retired as the executive vice president and senior loan officer for Heritage Bank in Cumberland, Md. Her displayed works included acrylic paintings.

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Field Hockey, Lacrosse
Teams Welcome New Coach

Amie Sidorenko enters her first season as head coach for both the Frostburg State field hockey and lacrosse programs after serving as the graduate assistant coach last year.

Last fall, she helped guide the FSU field hockey team to an 11-6 overall record, including four two-game winning streaks. The season was accentuated by a 3-0 shutout of No. 15 ranked Catholic, 1-0.

This past spring, the Bobcat lacrosse team finished 6-1. FSU opened the season 1-4 but posted wins in its next five games en route to an overall record of 5-5. However, the Bobcats struggled the rest of the season with just one win in their final seven games.

Sidorenko came to FSU after a solid playing career at Division I Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa. She was a four-year starter for the Red Flash field hockey team and is both halfback and midfield and served as team captain as a senior. She played three years of lacrosse as well, starting in midfield, on defense and in goal.

Sidorenko brings a wealth of coaching experience to FSU, having coached at the Lock Haven and Westmont University field hockey camps and an International Scholar Athlete Games. She was director of Max Sports women’s field hockey and lacrosse programs. She coached for Warrior Lacrosse at Solea Regents and also coached lacrosse and soccer leagues at Field Sports of Ohio and served as director and coach for the Nike Lacrosse Camp this past summer.

Sidorenko graduated from Saint Francis in 2005 with a degree in political science with a focus in international studies and minors in Spanish and history. She spent a semester studying in Stirling, Scotland, coaching the University of Stirling’s men’s lacrosse team. Sidorenko is pursuing her MBA at Frostburg State.

Steve Finger

Winter ‘06 Wrap-up
Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team (12-15 overall, 8-10 in the AMCC) struggled this past season despite opening 3-1. The Bobcats started with a fifth-place showing at the Pride of Maryland Tournament. FSU fell to McDaniel in the opening round but won over Salisbury (70-62) and Hood (65-63), followed by a regular season win over Waynesburg. However, the Bobcats fell on hard times, dropping the next seven.

The slide ended with a three-game winning streak against Hilbert, Medaille and Penn State Altoona, bringing the regular season record to 5-7. In the opening round of the AMCC Tournament, the No. 6 seeded Bobcats defeated the No. 3 seeded Penn State Behrend 59-54, but then fell to No. 2 seeded Pitt-Greensburg, 69-54.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team had a solid season finishing 18-10 overall and 15-6 in the AMCC, including a berth in the ECAC Tournament. FSU won its first five games and nine out of its first 11 in January. The Bobcats recorded their second straight two-game winning streak but lost three of their final four, including to nationally ranked Mary Washington. The women’s basketball team earned a No. 3 seed in the AMCC Tournament and defeated Hilbert, 90-61, in the first round.

The Bobcats fell in the second round to Pitt-Greensburg, 66-62. FSU then earned a No. 8 seed in the ECAC Tournament but lost in the first round to Johns Hopkins (56-38).

Men’s Swimming

The men’s team made another strong showing in his first three season. FSU had its third three-meet shutout Mary Baldwin and splitting with Hood. For its second year in a row, FSU hosted the AMCC Tournament. After needing late-game heroics to defeat La Roche in the winner’s bracket final and again in the championship game, the Bobcats captured the AMCC title and the league’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Softball

The Bobcats (24-18, 13-5 AMCC) struggled early, ending a 3-7 start but opening conference action with sweeps over Medaille, Mr. Alyousis, Hilbert and Pitt-Greensburg. After splitting a doubleheader with rival Penn State Behrend, Frostburg State swept non-conference opponent Mary Baldwin before rebounding to sweep Penn State Altoona and La Roche. In the AMCC Tournament opening round, the No. 4 seeded Bobcats eliminated No. 5 seeded La Roche, winning the first two of a best of three series at home. In between the AMCC Tournament rounds, the Bobcats played two non-conference doubleheaders, sweeping in twin shutouts Mary Baldwin and splitting with Hood. The next weekend in Erie, Pa., in the winner’s bracket of the AMCC Tournament finals, FSU fell to Penn State Behrend 30-0 and the tournament after a 3-1 setback to Lake Erie.

Women’s Lacrosse

The lacrosse team had tough going with a 6-11 overall record. FSU opened with an 11-10 victory over Marymount, but then suffered a four-game skid. They took out the next four of five, including wins over New England (10-8), Shenandoah (15-9), Seton Hill (17-4) and Notre Dame (11-10). However, out of its last seven contests the team closed with just one win against York (17-10).
Men’s Tennis

FSU finished 9-10 overall and 3-4 in the AMCC. Seven of the Bobcats’ nine wins were against AMCC opponents. Sophomore Dave Cheeks won the AMCC title, downing Penn State Altoona’s Pat Cooper 6-1, 6-4. Freshmen Gregg Shedd and Nathan Menhorn earned the McGlinchey Most Valuable Player Award after giving up eight sets in a total offense with a time of 14.22.

FSU finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.22. Freshman kicker Nathan Menhorn earned the McGlinchey Most Valuable Player Award after giving up three field goals, including 42-yards in the first quarter.

Field Hockey

Under-first-year Head Coach Annie Sidorenko, the Bobcats posted a 6-13 overall record. After starting 0-5, FSU rebounded to finish the season with a 6-8 record. FSU also battled through many close contests, with eight games being decided by just one goal. Freshman Kelly Filipowicz led the team in scoring with 19 points on nine goals and an assist. Junior goalkeeper Amanda Runion played in 17 games, making 128 saves and recording a 6-10 record with three shutouts.

Women’s Tennis

Despite just two seniors and 10 freshmen, the volleyball squad finished the season on a high note, winning three of its final four matches and posting an overall record of 13-19. The Bobcats faced tough competition early at both the Coca Cola Classic and the Gettysburg College BracketFest Classic, opening with just a 2-8 record. FSU rebounded, however, winning three of four matches at the Maryland Division III State Championships.

The women’s tennis team recorded a 7-9 overall record on a high note, finishing the season with a 6-6 record. FSU struggled through a 7-11-1 overall record, but rebounded to finish with a 6-6 record. In conference play, Frostburg State dropped its first two but won three out of its final four to enter the AMCC Championships in third place. At the conclusion of the season, Danielle Markiewicz was named to the All-Atlantic Region Third Team.
New Look

Frostburg State University is showing a new face to the world following the construction of two new entrances to campus. A metal archway enhances the Braddock Road entrance that leads to Hitchins Administration Building, the Cordts Physical Education Center, Pullen Hall and the Performing Arts Center.

An elegant entranceway now marks where University Drive (formerly Loop Road) meets Braddock Road. In addition to clearly identifying the boundaries of the University, this project also addressed some drainage issues along a small stream bridged by University Drive.
Please answer my call.

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

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