STAKING
OUR CLAIM
THE CAMPAIGN for FROSTBURG
Every place has a story to tell.

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

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

Each leader wants to look back on his or her time at the helm and point to some accomplishment that says – “that is my legacy.” I want one of my legacies to be the creation of a robust and sustainable culture of philanthropy that will encompass this institution – its students and faculty – well into a secure and greatly enriched future.

We are now at the beginning of one of the most critical junctures in the University’s history – the launch of a campaign to raise $15 million. To honor the past and with an eye to the future, we have named this campaign Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. It is an ambitious goal, but I’m happy to say that as this magazine went to print, we had already raised more than $8.6 million.

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From the President

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

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

Alumni Give Back
In a new alumni tradition, graduates return every year for Frostburg Storybook Holiday, the Children’s Literature Centre event that transforms downtown into a wonderland for a day.

Fighting Binge Drinking
FSU President Jonathan Gibralter has been honored by national higher education organizations for his efforts to de-emphasize alcohol as part of the college experience.

New Agreements in China
A trip to China last fall by a delegation of FSU officials has led to agreements with four Chinese universities to develop new partnerships for exchanges and collaborative research.

Meet Bob E. Cat
Introduce yourself to Bob E. Cat, FSU’s only 59th year, second-semester junior. He’s hit Facebook and YouTube to stir up a little Bobcat spirit.

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Staking Our Claim
The Campaign for Frostburg

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

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

Last October, Frostburg State University launched a $15 million fundraising campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, which comes at a critical time in the history of the institution and of Western Maryland. A testament to the generosity of those who care about Frostburg, more than $8.6 million has been pledged toward this goal to date.

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

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

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

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

Recognition of donors was the order of the evening. Above, Philip Rodeheaver ’82/M’01, market president of First United Bank and Trust, and his wife, Sherry, who is investor participation specialist for First United, stand in the spotlight and accept their applause.

Alums and stalwart friends of the University enjoy their evening: Above, Lynda Lockard ’65 and Dr. Brian Lockard ’65. At right, shown from left, B.J. Danisson, Jeanne Cents, Ken Wittern and Nadeane Gordon.

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

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Moil Malchesen M’81/M’93/M’94, chair of the Old Main Society and a longtime member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, laughs at a joke from B.J. Danisson ’81.

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

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

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

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

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

KEY ENRICHMENT AREAS:
The priorities of Staking Our Claim have been carefully crafted to support the strategic initiatives of the University, with three enrichment areas identified as the focus of this campaign:

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

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

- **REGIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**
  Gifts that support the “regional and cultural enrichment” component of the campaign support the mission of the University through its regional and cultural programs all enhance the region and further cement the ties that the institution that the community created.

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Back to the Challenge

A Birthday Present that Keeps on Giving

By Becca Ramspott

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Campus Campaign

A steering committee of alumni and community leaders has been named to guide the multyear Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, with its goal of raising $15 million by June 30, 2011.

It is chaired by Quincy Crawford ‘65 of Annapolis, Md., the retired president and CEO of First Financial Group, the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. Crawford, a leader in industry affairs, has been the recipient of numerous honors over his career, including the 2004 FSU College of Business Alumni Alumnus of the Year.

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

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

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

The Staking Our Claim Steering Committee is also joined by members of the executive board of the FSU Foundation, President, R. Sam Griffiths, Vice President William Chesno 74, Secretary Lynn Fike, Treasurer Kenneth Kennedy M72, Assistant Treasurer Joseph Pace, Gladys Faherty ‘55 and Lawrence McKenzie.

Campaign Steering Committee

Constance Spates Memorial Fund

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NewPage
NewPage Corp. made an additional pledge of $27,000 to the FSU Foundation in support of the NewPage scholarship program. With this pledge and other gifts totaling $22,350, NewPage has committed more than $43,000 to FSU since the start of Staking Our Claim.

Mary and Chad Clapsaddle
Mary and Chad Clapsaddle (Mary ’80) a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, and her husband, Chad, have committed more than $25,000 to support the Annual Fund and academic enrichment initiatives.

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

Don and Anne Forrester
Don and Anne Forrester (17) have established the Staker Forrester Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of their three beloved daughters, to benefit Garrett County residents who are majoring in special education and elementary education and who plan to teach in Maryland.

Alhambra
The Wamba Canons Nos. 89, Order of the Alhambra, donated $5,000 to FSU in support of the Alhambra ACT Scholarship program, which awards $5,000. The Alhambra also pledged $25,000 to the FSU Foundation in support of the Alhambra Endowed Fund. The fund benefits teachers and other professionals in the training of developmentally disabled individuals through FSU’s College of Education.

Student Support Services
FSU Student Support Services established the Student Support Services TRIO Scholarship Fund, which benefits a junior or senior who has been enrolled in the Student Support Services program for at least two consecutive semesters and has demonstrated an active role in co-curricular activities.

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

Also:
• A $15,000 commitment from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation
• A $15,000 gift from University System of Maryland Regents Mr. Richard B. Smith and Mr. Frank R. Gunderson
• A $7,000 gift from the Lions Foundation

Other significant gifts will appear in future issues of Profile.
An Appeal to Frostburg Alumni

By COL. RONALD FORRESTER ’67

U.S. Air Force, Retired | FSU Alumni Association President

As the Alumni Association President, I am very excited about what is happening at our alma mater. FSU has faced many challenges in recent years but has dramatically turned the corner and is clearly moving forward. Today, I want to share with you some of the reasons for our optimism and some of the ways that the University has given to them.

The energy and enthusiasm articulated by President Jonathan Gabrielsen and the outstanding staff he has assembled are indeed noteworthy from an alumni perspective. There are many reasons for celebration. One key reason is enrollment: with 5,215 students now attending FSU, the University was founded more than 100 years ago by one tenacious community of individuals who, by bit by bit, laid a foundation for an institution where many people, like you and me, have found their futures. I know my four years at FSU and the quality education I received provided me the academic and leadership tools essential for a successful and rewarding career as a military officer and in my post-military career endeavors as a senior military analyst.

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

Why should you support FSU? For me, the answer is simple. FSU provided me the education and experiences that transformed my life and enabled me to succeed personally and professionally. A key factor was an energetic and nurturing faculty who cared about each and every one of their students. I was inspired, nurtured and encouraged to be successful. I certainly want students attending FSU today and in the years ahead to have the same opportunities I enjoyed.

For FSU to continue to grow, it needs our financial support now and in the future. I am sure you would agree that delivering an education primarily on the financial backs of our students and their parents is not the answer. Therefore, some of the funds for sustaining and improving the educational environment at FSU and the breadth of opportunities available to students should come from alumni like you and me. Every member of the FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors supported FSU with his or her financial gifts last year. I encourage all alumni to support this important financial campaign so we individually and collectively can “stake our claim” in ensuring Frostburg State University’s bright future. I look forward to sharing the good news of FSU with you in the future.

Terra Schrodel and her daughter, Carmen, now 10, visited Donald and President Jonathan Gabrielsen last summer to mark the endowment of the scholarship.

If you’d like to add him to FSU Wall of Honor, where “students, faculty and family will walk by and see his name.”

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

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

Ronald Forrester ’67

Legacy of Love, Brotherhood, Reflected in New Scholarship Fund

By Becca Ramspott

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

Before Michael Schrodel ’90 died of cancer in August 2001, he wrote a letter to his friends and family that included a special section to his daughter, Carmen. Whenever she missed him, he said, she should look up at the sky and count out a star. That star, he told his daughter, is the one he directed towards Carmen for him when he was sick, doing everything from arranging her brothers, to …

Carmen and Michael Schrodel have gotten together for the annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic, which recently raised enough money to create the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is a special preference for students that includes Michael’s family, friends, members and loved ones has established a scholarship worthy of his legacy of generosity and love.

For the past 10 years, Michael’s fraternity brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma, his wife, Teresa Schrodel ’93, and other frat- erudite and philanthropic friends have gotten together for the annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic, which recently raised enough money to create the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is a special preference for students that includes Michael’s family, friends, members and loved ones has established a scholarship worthy of his legacy of generosity and love.

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Michael’s Big Brother in Sigma Tau Gamma and an avid golfer, came up with the idea for organizing the annual golf tournament fundraiser. “I have gotten together for the annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic, which recently raised enough money to create the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is a special preference for students that includes Michael’s family, friends, members and loved ones has established a scholarship worthy of his legacy of generosity and love.

White Rose Sweetheart in 1992. “It’s also those same brothers whom I call upon and I know are ready and willing to offer emotional and any other type of assistance to Carmen and me.”

Michael’s courageous battle, “ said Teresa Schrodel, who be- came quite close to Sigma Tau Gamma and was named their Emory University. Michael Schrodel ’90 donated money to cover Michael’s funeral expenses. “While I would rather watch paint dry than play golf, I make it a point to attend every year,” he said. “We even have people who don’t play golf but come to just join in on the camaraderie. At some times we are quite far away and not always call the University’s programs.”

Teresa and her daughter also decided to celebrate Michael’s
GotFrostburg? Golf Tournament Benefits FSU

GotFrostburg?, an independent business networking group of FSU alumni, held a golf tournament in October 2007 that raised $2,000 for the FSU Foundation. Shown from left are Siobhan Tabor, Mr. Delo Von Dohlen, and Mr. Thomas G. Slater.

Gibralter 2.0

“Blog from the ‘BURG” Builds Connections with FSU Students

Friends and fans of Frostburg from around the world now have a new way to connect to FSU on the Web: This fall, FSU President Jonathan Gibralter launched “Blog from the ‘BURG,” the University’s first effort to share insights and updates with the public.

“The Blog from the ‘BURG,” you can post comments and share your thoughts with me as a part of a larger community conversation about FSU and how things are going,” Gibralter said.

According to Google analytics, “Blog from the ‘BURG” web pages have been viewed over 1,200 times since the blog’s launch in September, with visitors from 24 different countries and territories, including Japan, India, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

The accessibility the blog provides to readers around the world came in handy when FSU sent a University delegation to China in September, and the campus community was able to follow the trip’s progress online (see page 22). “I particularly like the fact that the blog provides real-time communications,” Gibralter said.

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

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

Check out “Blog from the ‘BURG” at blogfromtheburg.blogspot.com. —BR
FSU Fostering Campus-wide Wellness through CHILL

By Erica Rampatt

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

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

Under Baer's direction and with the help of faculty, staff and student organizations, CHILL has already grown substantially in a short amount of time, with a variety of fun and informative programs that were offered throughout the fall semester. National wellness expert and "Abs of Steel" star Scott Cole kicked off the initiative Sept. 5 by leading a University-wide workshop and discussion followed by FSU's health and physical education students leading a two-mile walk around campus. A Wellness Fair featuring various FSU offices and organizations was also part of the festivities.

Baer also organized a month-long physical activity competition called "Let's Walk, Let's CHILL," during which FSU participants logged over 713 hours of physical activity on MyStartOnline.com, a free web site provided by the American Heart Association. The competition concluded with an award recognition ceremony for participants during halftime of the FSU Homecoming football game in October.

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

Bauer and other CHILL supporters also coordinated CHILLVILLE, a two-week series of wellness activities from Nov. 5 through Nov. 12 that included free biometric screenings to help students learn more about "CHILL factors," such as body composition, blood pressure and lipid screenings. The goal of the screenings was to identify students with significant health situations that they otherwise would not have been aware of and then initiate follow-up, including interventions and education to improve their health status," said Mary Tola, director of the Brady Health Center and a key organizer of the programming.

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

"CHILL was an amazing time on campus where many Bobcats came together to underscore the importance of balance and wellness in our lives," Baer said. "We had over 600 people come to our various programs to learn how they can integrate wellness effortlessly into their daily routines."

And the momentum isn’t slowing down anytime soon. Baer is already organizing new activities for the spring semester and plans to conduct free biometric screenings again with the help of local health professionals and Brady Health Center staff. A new, interactive Wellness Web site for FSU students is tentatively slated to launch in early February. Baer is also interested in harnessing the power of online social communities to reach out to students, including videos featuring FSU’s newest online celebrity, Bob E. Cat (see story page 23).

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

By Ty Defatte

Poor Tiny the Elf.

Each year at Frostburg’s Storybook Holiday, an annual festival in the Mountain City, children get to vote on which holiday elf will break back to the North Pole and magically shrink himself so that he can man himself—Santa Claus. This is the third year of Tiny being chosen. “I guess I’m just too big to be shrunk,” says Tiny, a big-framed elf standing close to six feet tall. The truth he told—Tiny, a.k.a. Adam Ritchie ’06, an algebra teacher at a Silver Spring middle school, doesn’t want to be shrunk at all. That would mean he’d have to return to the North Pole and not return to Frostburg. Instead, Ritchie is one of many Frostburg State University College of Education alumni who return each year to help out with the event and gladly don elf apparel.

“It’s a great way to kick off the holiday season,” he says of his role as Tiny the Elf. Ritchie’s Frostburg Storybook Holiday celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2008. A collaboration between FSU and the City of Frostburg, the annual celebration was be headlined by the FSU education professors Dr. William Bingman and Dr. Barbara Ornstein, who also oversee the University’s Children’s Literature Center. Storybook Holiday strives to promote reading and children’s holiday stories.

On the first Saturday of each December, Frostburg’s downtown is transformed into something right out of a storybook, starting with Breakfast with Elves at the Frostburg Quinton Hotel to the Elf Olympics (where Tiny and his team brought home the gold this year, crushing the competition in the Cookie Toss and Christmas Tree Relay) to the parade on Main Street. Later in the day there are presentations by guest authors, holiday cookie bakes-off, craft-making, photos, letter-writing to Santa, shopping specials at Frostburg stores, movies, music and merriment.

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

In the midst of the festivity is Ornstein—who says all the nickname “Praiser” during the event—directing the holiday traffic.

According to Ornstein, once the education students got involved, they quickly took a sense of ownership in organizing the events, decorating the city and, of course, dressing up as Santa’s little helpers. The first year there were only three elves when a few FSU students donned yellow ties and wore green treetop boxes and red hats. This year, there were close to 100. “Becoming elves was totally the students’ idea,” says Ornstein, who says all the elves must go through an Elf Boot Camp and learn the “ins and outs” of elf.”

By the end of the day, Ornstein says beneath his red fleece hat and pointy ears. “I do whatever needs to be done. But I don’t dress up with an impish smile. Moore, whose father worked for the state of Maryland, grew up overseas and went to high school in Afghanistan. When she graduated from FSU, she decided to make Frostburg her home and even commutes to her teaching job in Williamsport, Md. “So this is my holiday experience.”

Smith says, who paid his dues as an elf years prior and can now wear a red sweater and jeans. Smith has come back each year to the Storybook Holiday for the family-like atmosphere that professors Bingman and Ornstein create. He also likes to witness the joy in the children’s eyes. “The [Children’s Literature] Center treats me like family,” he says. “And it’s fun to see all the kids enjoying themselves.”

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

Moments later, away from the campaigning action, Sugar Plum, also known as FSU student Ben Cianelli from Hagerstown, gives away secret to his gnome name. “Actually I just found a hat with ‘Sugar Plum’ already written on it.”

Cianelli, in his second year at Storybook Holiday, is one of a few 2009 graduates of the Elf Olympics. Even though he is graduating in the spring of ’09, he’s already making travel plans for next Christmas, much like many of his fellow students who participated.

“I definitely am coming back to volunteer and will be back for many years to come,” he says. Sugar Plum convinces the little boy to change his “shrinking” vote from Tiny to Sugar Plum. It looks like Tiny the Elf has competition in a contest that both elves, and men, would hopefully lose so they can return next year.

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

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

Frostburg’s Storybook Holiday holds on Frostburg’s Main Street.
National Award Brings National Attention

FSU’s Efforts Fighting Binge Drinking Honored

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

With the award came a gift for $50,000—which Gibralter invested in FSU’s fight against college binge drinking—and significant publicity. The award announcement was widely covered with a flurry of media attention about the Ameeryst Initiative, a movement by some college and university presidents urging a national debate about the drinking age. Each year, an estimated 1,700 college students die from alcohol-related causes,” said Gibralter, citing a statistic from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. “Since I received the Presidential Leadership Award I have come to realize that there is a very limited dialogue nationally amongst university presidents about this very serious issue. I feel so strongly that it is my responsibility to be vigilant about student health and safety.”

The award was given by a group of seven major higher education organizations (American College Personnel Association, American Council on Education, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Founding, NASPA, Outside The Classroom and United Universities and Colleges, Gordie Foundation). The timing of the award—their recognition of FSU’s efforts in the campus culture of binge drinking—will help universities and colleges around the world make progress on their campuses and in their communities.

“We’re even more pleased to see practical examples of college presidents who have begun to make progress on their campuses and in their communities,” there were 17 other nominees, which included schools like University of Virginia, Ohio University and University of Alabama. Gibralter has demonstrated active leadership on the issue of high-risk drinking since his presidency began at FSU in 2010. He created a campus-wide Alcohol Task Force that meets twice each academic year to address four key issues: Campus and Community, Policy and Procedures, Alternative Programming and Today’s Student. The Task Force makes recommendations in each of these four areas, which are then prioritized and implemented as resources are identified.

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Every year it gets better, but we have a long way to go,” Gibralter said.

Brandon Bundest of Outside The Classroom, left, and Michael Lanahan of The Gordie Foundation, both of whose organizations funded the Presidential Leadership Award, rank President Jonathan Gibralter.

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FSU was lauded in particular for its efforts to engage the surrounding community as part of that effort. FSU’s efforts now send representatives to meet with city groups such as the University Neighbors, the Frostburg Business and Professional Association and law enforcement agencies, and Gibralter himself—has met with these and other local groups. Most recently, after a number of attempts to reach out, he held a candid, productive meeting with owners of local bars, liquor stores and alcohol distributors. The increased communication, especially with law enforcement, has led to a dramatic improvement in the sharing of information, and community leaders now actively partner with University officials to change the culture of alcohol abuse at both the campus and community levels.

Occasionally
By Becca Ramspott

FSU Trip to China Leads to Four New Agreements

When FSU President Jonathan Gibralter joined Frostburg almost three years ago, he knew he would be giving speeches to different audiences in Maryland. What he didn’t know was that he would be asked to speak to more than 20,000 people in a giant stadium filled with 35-foot-long dancing dragons, hundreds of performers singing and whirling flags and karate masters sailing through the air—on the other side of the world.

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

“I was sitting there on a stage covered by this enormous carpet of red—red floor, red backdrops—surrounded by members of the Chinese Communist Party and me as a representative of all the friendly nations who had relations with HNU,” Gibralter said. “This experience completely transformed me.”

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

“I’ve been pleased with the work that was accomplished during this most recent trip to China,” Gibralter said. “China is a fascinating place with so much history and culture, and it is increasingly assuming a prominent role in how the world is changing. It’s so important that our campus has a connection with schools in China and that our students, faculty and staff understand China’s role in the global community.”

— Dr. Jonathan Gibralter

President of Frostburg State University

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

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

In addition to Gibralter and Bowman, the delegation included B.J. Davison, vice president for University Advancement; Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student & Educational Services; Lynn Neddo, director of the Center for Educational Exchange at the Embassy of the United States of America, where they learned about the ins and outs of building international opportunities in China. The FSU delegation also talked with local business leaders in Changsha and Chengdu who might be useful contacts for raising funds in international education that would help FSU students and faculty who want to study in China. To better understand China’s culture and history, the group also toured the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and scenic spots in Xian and Chengdu, including a beautiful Buddhist temple on Mount Emei.

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

“I really appreciated the enthusiasm of the Chinese educators we met,” said Bowling, who hosted two Chinese students for Christmas this year at his family’s house. “Their genuine interest in exploring ways to further develop our partnerships—for the benefit of both students and faculty—was infectious.”

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

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

Chinese Student Expanding Educational, Cultural Horizons in Frostburg

Xiayang “Sharon” Shen

When it was time for Xiayang “Sharon” Shen to select an English name to make it easier for Americans to communicate with her, she chose “Sharon” because it so closely resembles the pronunciation of her real name.

It’s a fitting gesture for the 18-year-old English major at the University of Original FSU students (see story in fall 2008 Profile) who attended Frostburg State University this fall as a result of a growing partnership with Hunan Normal University.

Shen first learned about Frostburg when the FSU Chamber Choir traveled to Changsha in March 2008 to perform with the Hunan Normal University Choir. The choir invited several FSU students (see story in fall 2008 Profile).

“When I first came here, the other students in the Chamber Choir, Lane Conklin, helped me buy books in the bookstore,” she said.

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

“The teachers at Frostburg…they are very understanding, and they make our studies interesting,” she said, remembering how her nutrition teacher invited her to write a paper on the differences between the Chinese diet and the American diet.

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

“With [FSU] students I can ask any questions…” What do we wear in Thanksgiving? What are some of the customs Americans like? For example, Americans often greet each other with a hug. In China, a hug seems too intimate. And so we talk about how to greet, ‘she explained.

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

“I can understand a film without subtitles!” she said. To expand her American education, Shen and some of her FSU friends intend to see more of the United States. She has plans to visit Disney World and hopefully take a ride in a hot air balloon.

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

“I don’t feel homesick using this technology,” she said. “When I first saw my Facebook on WebCam, I used to cry.”

Yanling Fan, FSU Chinese instructor, frequently invites FSU students over for dinner, another way to ease the homesickness of being halfway across the world. “She tells us every time we miss our families, we should go to their house, and she’ll cook food for us,” Shen said with a smile.

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**FSU Receives Funding for Sustainable Energy Research Facility**

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

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

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

**Alumni Honors**

Pirolozzi, Forrester Honored at Commencement

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

Pirolozzi, who is a city councilwoman for Cumberland, Md., and the executive director of County United Way, received her bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s in educational leadership and management from FSU. Dr. Forrester is a veteran construction administrator for the Maryland Health System, currently overseeing Construction Administration for the Western Maryland Health System's new medical complex. He is a veteran construction administrator of the Maryland Health System, currently overseeing Construction Administration for the Western Maryland Health System's new medical complex. He is a veteran construction administrator of the Maryland Health System, currently overseeing Construction Administration for the Western Maryland Health System's new medical complex.

Pirolozzi’s commitment to the local community includes serving as a principal at several Maryland elementary schools, and as a member of the school board of directors for two organizations, Partners In Parenting and the Sloop Institute, since she feels that the late summer and fall are the perfect seasons for boating.

The College of Business Inducts Four Into Who’s FSU

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

Kaufman is vice president of Business Development for NewsLink Media Inc., a leading national publishing company. She oversees day-to-day operations and is responsible for new clients as well as business with internal clients. She is the Virginia representative for the Board of Directors for two organizations, Partners in Parenting and the Sloop Institute.

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

Kassak is a C.P.A. and tax partner with Arthur F. Bell Jr. & Associates, L.L.C., which specializes in the areas of tax planning, accounting and business valuation.

Hastings is a licensed professional engineer who works with several clients, including Social Security Administration, the State of Maryland and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Leadership, Service Come Together Under New Director

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

Carter came to Frostburg from SUNY Fredonia, where she was an assistant professor of political science. She earned a master's in political science from SUNY Fredonia, where she was an assistant professor of political science. She earned a master's in political science from SUNY Fredonia, where she was an assistant professor of political science.

Carter views the marriage of FSU’s leadership program, especially the Sloop Institute, and its Office of Volunteerism and National Service as a game changer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Q: How can people find out about you?**

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

**Q: How did you become an online celebrity?**

A: Well, FSU approached me earlier this year about getting involved with promoting the university and how fun it is to be here! I was, like, ‘I mean, I graduated!’ So I said, ‘Oh, I don’t know …’ So then they were, like, ‘I got a new handle, and I’m on the team and the new guy!’ And now we’re on the team and the new guy! And now we’re on the team and the new guy! And now we’re on the team and the new guy! And now we’re on the team and the new guy! And now we’re on the team and the new guy!"
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Cardboard Pete Makes the Rounds

Pete Daley ‘94 is a lieutenant in the Army National Guard stationed in Iraq. To help keep Pete connected to family and friends, his sisters, including Gina Daley Ruppert ‘96, and Missy Daley Hannibal ‘98, have started carrying a life-size cardboard cutout of their soldier brother to family events, then e-mailing the pictures to the real Pete. "So, Cardboard Pete was living a pretty exciting life, and the real Pete was starting to get jealous," says Missy, "He says he has a better life cardboard than he does for real," Ruppert told a writer for "The Official Washington Redskins Blog."

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Births, Adoptions

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Margaret Thompson Marridou and her husband, Martin, brought home their daught-
er, Melissa Jane, in January 2008. Melissa joins her older brother Matthew and sister Katrina.

1999
Dr. David A. Rush and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Andrew Rush on July 3, 2008. Andrew joins siblings Nick (6), Nate (4) and Abby (2). David serves as a Doan of Student at DePaul University in Philadelphia, Pa.

1999
Emanuel Flager Butler and his wife, Andrea, announce the birth of their first son, Christian Paul on Feb. 27, 2008. The family lives in Huntington, W.Va.

2000
Patricia Carroll Sanders, announce the birth of son Jacob Daniel on Aug. 27, 2008. Jacob joins his parents, Jonathan and Megan.

2000
Brian Masser, announce the birth of son Josephine Roberts Horsch on May 15, 2009. Josephine joins her parents, Nicole Goodfellow Horsch and Nathan Horsch ’96. Joanne is a fourth-grade teacher for Frederick County Public Schools, and Garret is a project manager for Woodward Mechanical in Gaithersburg.

2000

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Katie is an intervention teacher, and Ryan is a police officer. The couple lives in Richmond, Va.

2001
Tracy Austin, announce the birth of son Lance Sears ’00, on Feb. 25, 2008. Lance joins his parents, Michael Millione and Margaret G. Guild Senior Honors Scholarship, or to the FSU computer club. Margaret “Maggie” Graf Guild, who died on Dec. 1, 2008, was the widow of former Frostburg President Nelson P. Guild and a beloved member of the campus family for more than 40 years, both during and after her husband’s time in office. A “generation of us experienced her welcoming warmth and continued generosity,” said FSU Provost Steve Simpson. An active community volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the ASPCA, she was also a Life Master in the International Bridge Association. She is survived by her son Douglas and three grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her son Matthew. Her family requests expressions of sympathy be directed to the FSU Foundation with a gift to either the Matthew Guild Memorial Scholarship or to the Dr. Nelson P. and Margaret G. Guild Senior Honors Scholarship, or to a charity of one’s choice.

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Travis Bennett, announce the birth of son Travis Bennett on March 15, 2008. The couple lives in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

2002
Tricia Austin, announce the birth of son Jeremy Rice on April 26, 2008. She is an assistant lead teacher at Beall Elementary in Frostburg, Md. The couple lives in Berlin, Pa.

2002
Nancy Horn Rudolf and her husband, Don, announce the birth of son Michael Jones on July 10, 2008. Michael joins siblings Jonathan and Megan.

2003
Nicole Goodfellow Horsch and Nathaniel Horsch ’96 announce the birth of Jo-anne Elizabeth Kissack on July 22, 2008. Joanne is a fourth-grade teacher for Frederick County Public Schools, and Garret is a project manager for Woodward Mechanical in Gaithersburg.

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In Memoriam

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

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

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I Drink Rat’s Milk: A Novel by James Murphy ‘03
From a chance meeting to a journey of self discovery. Anthony Murphy’s life was nothing but routine. Every Sunday he sat in his neighborhood coffee shop reexamining the world around him and writing down anything that popped into his mind. However, one Sunday he finds his usual seat taken by a stranger. Anthony just wanted his seat, yet four words become encapsulated into his mind and set in motion events that would drastically alter his life. For everyone who fol-
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Extra Credit: The 7 Things Every College Student Needs to Know About Credit, Debt & Cash
by Bill Pratt ’98
Extra Credit provides solid advice for not only students, but the parents and grand-
parents of college students. A former vice-president for the Cit- group and a published economist for the federal government, Pratt reveals the top 10 tricks used by credit card companies and offers tips on how to avoid these tricks and make better use of credit cards, debit cards and cash. The book is available through Amazon.com, the Frostburg State University bookstore, his Web site, ExtraCreditBook.com and through select bookstores.
Two Bobcats Earn Chances to Coninue Soccer Careers

Bobcat soccer goalkeeper Jay Herford has been invited to the United Soccer League Harrisburg City Islanders pre-season camp that begins in March and was also asked to participate in three evening training sessions in February. In addition, senior Adam Gracia was invited to a two-day tryout with D.C. United of Major League Soccer in December and was invited to pre-season training of the U.S. team in Maryland, beginning in mid-February.

Herford, a two-year starter in goal for the Bobcats, and Gracia, a four-time All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference selection, helped FSU to a 14-5-2 overall record this fall and the CAC South Division for the second-straight year. Gracia was named 2008 AMCC Player of the Year after finishing fourth in the league in goals against average (0.77), third in goals allowed (15) and second in saves (11). He ended his Frostburg State career with 20 goals and 23 assists. Herford, a two-time All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Goalkeeper, finished his senior season ranked second in the League in goals against average (0.77), third in goals allowed (15) and second in saves (11)

Howze and Dixon Land in Indoor Football League

Former Frostburg football players Fred Howze ’07 and Andre Dixon ’07 aren’t done with their playing careers just yet as the two will be suiting up this spring with the new Indoor Football League. Both from Upper Marlboro, Md., Howze has signed a contract to play for the Abilene Ruff Riders, in Abilene, Texas, while Dixon will be joining the Omaha Beef this season in Omaha, Neb.

The IFL, which consists of 18 teams after the United Indoor Football Association and the Internet Football League merged late last summer, will begin its inaugural season in 2009 with a 14-game regular-season schedule that kicks off in mid-March. The IFL as been divided into two conferences (Intense and United) and a total of four divisions.

However, a three-year starter and two-time All-Atlantic Central Football Conference selection for the Bobcats, will compete for time as wide receiver for the Ruff Riders. Howze finished his Frostburg career with 107 receptions, 1,247 yards and three touchdowns. He ended his collegiate playing career with at least one reception in 36 straight games. The Ruff Riders finished the 2008 season 5-9 overall while a member of the Intense Football League.

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

Fall ’08

Men’s Cross Country

Eight-year head coach Randy Lowe and the men’s squad battled through a tough season. The Bobcats fielded one of its youngest teams ever, with freshmen representing five of the ten runners. Senior Brian Letter had the top finish for FSU this season with his fourth-place finish at the season-opening Shippensburg Alumni Invitational. Fosbury finished fourth at the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships and followed it up with a 50th-place finish at the NCAA Regional Championship. Freshman Gavin Caupp was the only Bobcat to earn All-Conference honors in 2008 with his fifth-place finish (28:36) in the AMCC Championship meet.

Women’s Cross Country

The women’s squad entered 2008 with a strong contingent of upperclassmen. The Bobcats battled through a tough season only to give an outstanding effort, Patron earned the conference Newcomer of the Year award. Patron and Massey also took home All-AMCC honors. Jennifer Patton was an All-AMCC honorable mention.

Field Hockey

In her second year as head coach, Melissa Grosman has turned the Bobcat program around with its second-straight winning season. FSU finished the season by tying the school record with 17 wins as it posted the most wins since 1986 with a 15-6 record. The Bobcats also broke the school record for goals in a season as they totaled 58. Frostburg finished sixth in the conference this year as they faced four top-25 programs and three NCAA Tournament participants. This season, first-year starters Bryan Brossman passed for 1,602 yards, which is the most for FSU since 2005. In the win over SUNY Brockport, FSU posted its season-best rushing effort as Anthony Wade and Anthony King combined for 165 yards and two touchdowns. At the end of the season, 11 Bobcats earned All-ACFC honors led by junior George Feiser, a first-team selection. Feiser established himself as one of the top defensive players in the ACFC in his first season with the Bobcats. He finished the season tied for the conference lead in tackles (79). Feiser also recorded three tackles for loss, one sack and two pass breakups while starting every game in 2008.

Football

First-year head coach Tom Regish had his hands full this season as he started to turn around the FSU football program. In 2008 the Bobcats finished 3-6 overall and 1-2 in the Atlantic Central Football Conference. The three wins over SUNY Brockport (27-14), Southern Virginia (23-13) and Apprentice (28-7) are the most for a Bobcat team since 2005. The FSU schedule was consistently ranked as the toughest schedule in all of Division III football as they faced four top-25 programs and three NCAA Tournament participants. This season, first-year starters Bryan Brossman passed for 1,602 yards, which is the most for FSU since 2005. In the win over SUNY Brockport, FSU posted its season-best rushing effort as Anthony Wade and Anthony King combined for 165 yards and two touchdowns. At the end of the season, 11 Bobcats earned All-ACFC honors led by junior George Feiser, a first-team selection. Feiser established himself as one of the top defensive players in the ACFC in his first season with the Bobcats. He finished the season tied for the conference lead in tackles (79). Feiser also recorded three tackles for loss, one sack and two pass breakups while starting every game in 2008.

Women’s Soccer

The FSU women’s soccer team earned its third-place finish in the AMCC Championships in 2008, this year as the No. 1 seed and host school. The Bobcats ended the season with an overall record of 16-2-4, while setting school records for wins (16) and few goals against a season (0.85). FSU dropped its first game of the season to St. Mary’s 1-0, but then went on a scoring tear to outscore opponents 50-4 over the next 12 games. Fosbury earned a bye in the opening round of the AMCC Tournament as the No. 2 seed. The Bobcats shut out Medaille 4-0 in the AMCC semifinals to set up a meeting between the two top seeds in the championship against Penn State Altoona. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie to bring the conference title down to a shootout. FSU prevailed, winning the shootout 4-3 to win its first AMCC Title. But FSU got another chance at a championship, this time in the ECAC Tournament. After shutting out Widener and Dickinson in the first two rounds of the ECAC Tournament, the Bobcats would face Swarthmore in the championship game. Again, the Bobcats had their championship hopes come down to a game-ending shootout. After an exciting match, Swarthmore ended the Bobcats’ season with a 5-4 advantage in penalty kicks to take the ECAC crown. Seven FSU players headed for a team of All-AMCC players with junior Lauren Letenhein named AMCC Player of the Year honors. The team also earned – for the third time in school history – the Team Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for outstanding performance in the classroom.

Women’s Tennis

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

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Plaintiff Class Members,

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Defendants.

Civil Case No. 24-C-02-005740

An Important Notice from the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City About a Class Action Involving a Tuition Refund That You May Be Eligible to Receive

A class action has been certified by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City and path has been taken by the parties to notify all class members of their rights and involvement in the case. The class action seeks partial tuition refunds for students charged out-of-state tuition after applying for in-state tuition at any one of the following University System of Maryland (USM) schools: (1) University of Maryland, Baltimore; (2) University of Maryland, Baltimore County; (3) University of Maryland, College Park; (4) University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; (5) University of Maryland, University College; (6) Bowie State University; (7) Coppin State University; (8) Frostburg State University; (9) Salisbury University; (10) Severn School; and (11) University of Baltimore. Students who qualify as members of the class include those who: (1) petitioned any USM school for re-classification from out-of-state status to in-state status for any semester from the Spring 2001 to the present; and (2) were denied in-state tuition status based upon a failure to overcome the “financial dependency” or “residency at application” prerequisites of the in-state USM policies. In order to notify the parties of the requirements of the policy and the school’s procedures for obtaining in-state tuition status, including reinstatement of the institution’s administrative process. Class members are entitled to have the original decision to charge out-of-state tuition reconsidered by the institution, based upon revised standards for determining how these prerequisites should be applied. These standards may be found at http://foundation.frostburg.edu

Depending upon the outcomes of that review, you may be eligible for a refund in the amount of the difference between the out-of-state tuition that you paid and the in-state tuition rate applicable at that time.

If you believe you are a member of the class but have not received a personal notice and wish to be part of the class, you should immediately contact the class plaintiffs’ attorney Anthony M. Costi at COSTI FENN & LAWRENCE LLC, 36 South Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to learn more about your possible rights in this matter, as you may be entitled to a refund.

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This campaign is ultimately about students, those who are at Frostburg now; those who are trying to decide if they can afford college next year or the year after, and all those future generations who will look to Frostburg State University to provide them with the opportunity to realize their dreams. Staking Our Claim is designed to ensure that FSU continues in this role by preserving a caring, quality faculty; providing updated facilities; and developing programs to produce graduates who will serve the evolving needs of our region and nation.
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