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## Caring for the Earth

FSU Assessing Its Potential as an Environmental Leader



## Dear Frostburg State University Alumni:

**Y**ou will see throughout this edition of *Profile* a focus upon Frostburg State University's Green Campus initiative. It is my belief that as a university we have a unique opportunity to positively influence the next generation of our nation's leaders. The unprecedented rate at which our planet is warming is leading to a place never before imagined in our history. This includes adverse impacts upon the health and well-being of humanity as well as the extinction of animal species and the potential for an enormous destabilization of our environment.



Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter

I believe that we have a moral responsibility when we leave our planet to the coming generations to give it over in better condition than it was handed to us. We certainly have an opportunity to do that by engaging students in this process of transformation. Students at colleges and universities throughout the United States are going to be the ones who will live in a world where renewable sources of energy are a part of their everyday conversation and where our reliance on fossil fuels will decline dramatically. They will drive the conversation about recycling as well as the marketing and economics of our nation. They will be industry leaders and part of a generation where the rate of scientific discovery will be greater than ever before in our history.

As alumni I am sure you remember the pristine beauty of the Frostburg State University campus. The campus and our surroundings are truly green and lovely; that beauty has drawn generations of students to attend Frostburg. I want to be sure this campus stays that green, so we are focusing our attention on sustainability and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by studying the use of renewable sources of energy. We are examining LEED certifications as we

enter into new construction and considering the use of hybrid vehicles as we replace our fleet of campus vehicles. We are even looking at the possibility of having parts of our campus where native flowers and plants replace our lawns so we cut down on our use of fossil fuel-powered lawn mowers. You will see through this edition of *Profile* how we are focusing our efforts on making Frostburg State University a green and sustainable campus and how we will prepare the next generation to be stewards of our planet. I hope you enjoy reading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Gibralter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Jonathan Gibralter**

President, Frostburg State University





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Dear Alumni and Friends,

IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING YEAR, one with lots of new faces for FSU. One of the additions is **B.J. Davisson '81**, the new Vice President for University Advancement, the position that oversees our Alumni Association directly. B.J. is an alumnus and is excited about this opportunity to serve FSU. I'm excited to have him and welcome him!

Overall, President Jonathan Gibraltar has put together a terrific team to help him address a variety of needs and to move Frostburg forward into the world. In many ways, that means marketing Frostburg, especially to prospective students. I'm sure you are thinking that the Admissions Office is handling that, and you can be sure that they are, under the capable leadership of **Wray Blair**, who has returned to us. However, telling others about the wonderful opportunities at Frostburg is a task that all of us can share. How do alumni do this? I have a few suggestions:

- First, read this and all issues of *Profile* and anything else you receive to learn the latest about what Frostburg offers. Sign on to [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu). Find something about FSU to brag about to everyone you can!
- Let people know that you're an FSU grad ... put FSU on something of yours that the public sees ... cling letters and seals or bumper stickers on your cars, FSU lapel pins, Frostburg apparel, a Frostburg mug on your desk at work, Frostburg seals on your outgoing mail. Check the bookstore Web site for supplies (<http://frostburg.collegestoreonline.com>).
- Notice families at church, work, in the neighborhood that you can tell about FSU; ask their high-schoolers if they've considered Frostburg, and suggest that they do.
- Offer to take prospective students up to Frostburg for a visit, or offer to help make contacts for a tour.
- Introduce prospective students and/or parents to other Frostburg alums.
- Connect with other alumni about FSU, spreading the word.
- Offer to join with Admissions Office staff for college fairs around the state and region, both to watch how they market Frostburg and to do your own share of talking with students and parents.
- Participate in volunteer opportunities that Frostburg sponsors in communities around the state to find more connections to make.
- Contribute to the FSU Annual Fund to support scholarships and programs for students.

As I learn more about the work of the Admissions Office and of the other leaders who have recently arrived, I'll look for more ideas to share with you. Meanwhile please remember that you, the alumni of Frostburg, are some of its best ambassadors. Make us proud! And remember to COME, CONNECT, CONTRIBUTE.

**Sandy Day '67**  
President, FSU Alumni Association



Sandy Day '67

Alumni Handshake Challenge Update

On Sept. 1, 2006, I set a personal goal to shake the hands of 1,000 alumni by July 1, 2007. I soon realized just how many 1,000 was, but I was determined to communicate with as many alumni as possible. In April, I extended the boundaries of this challenge. Not only was I meeting alumni face to face and sharing in their FSU memories and program ideas, but I started receiving e-mails, phone calls and letters from people who had something to share. I didn't quite reach my goal, but the past year has allowed me to meet many amazing individuals who have unique and lasting memories of Frostburg State University.

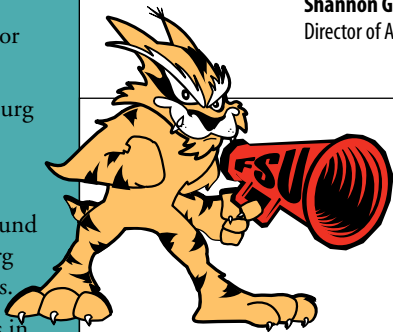
I was able to shake hands (literally or virtually) with 638 alumni or friends of FSU. The grand prize winner of the trip for two to Las Vegas is ... **Kristina "Kiki" Kienstra '85**. I met Kiki in April when the Alumni Association hosted a Glories Happy Hats project in Rockville, Md. She joined fellow alumni and community members to construct jester-style hats for seriously ill children.

Thank you to all Frostburg State University alumni and friends who participated in this challenge and for helping me to understand what the alumni of FSU are truly about.

Very truly yours,  
**Shannon Gribble '98**  
Director of Alumni Programs



The winning ticket is drawn by Shannon Gribble, Director of Alumni Programs



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viewpoint

Editor's note: The following column was a companion piece to an article published April 5, 2007, in *The (Baltimore) Examiner* about heart surgery advances for infants by *Examiner* reporter **Karl "Ben" Hille '97**. As you will read, Ben and his wife, **Barbara Palardy Hille '96**, had intimate knowledge of the issue. (Their son, the subject of his column, has an even deeper Frostburg pedigree: His maternal grandparents are **Thomas and Maureen Palardy**, faculty members in the FSU Department of Educational Professions.)

The Hille family, from left, Brendan, Barbara, Madeline (5), Ben and Jonathan (2) ►



Chris Annan, The Examiner

'It's My Heart': Dealing with Congenital Heart Defect

**BALTIMORE** - The first thing I noticed about my son, other than the full head of hair that gave his mom heartburn for nine months, was how big his chest was. He is built like a prize-fighter with a thick, barrel chest tucked down into his hips like a shirt several sizes too big.

The second thing I noticed was the hospital staff wasn't letting his mother hold him.

No warning

Parenting classes do not cover sitting, waiting, knowing something is wrong and not being able to help.

We learned a bit about Lamaze breathing techniques, all about the anatomy of childbirth and the importance of stoking breast-feeding instincts in the first hour of life outside the womb.

Then we were told our son — yet to be named — wasn't turning pink like he should.

They were going to do some tests, an echocardiogram — blood work — surgery was mentioned.

The first thing we did was come up with a name, so we got to say a brief hello to Brendan Thomas before he was whisked away to the nursery.

"What he needs," I remember telling Barb in frustration, "is to be with his mother and start nursing. He'll warm up."

She just smiled weakly and quietly urged patience.

You know something is wrong when the nurse blocks the door to the nursery with her body. Even after I promised not to freak out, they wouldn't let me in.

More waiting.

Transposition of the Great Arteries

Brendan was born with the major arteries coming from his heart — the pulmonary and the aorta — attached to the wrong sides of his heart. Oxygen-rich blood from the lungs pumped back to the lungs while "blue" blood from the body recirculated to the body, with very little mixing in the heart itself.

He would need to go to Children's National Medical Center on the other side of town for more conclusive testing, but if the diagnosis was correct ... surgery.

The next week reels past already like some jacked-up time-lapse film. Call a priest; midnight baptism; whispered prayers; education; taking care of Mom.

I wept when the sirens left Sibley Memorial Hospital, bearing our little one across town in a Plexiglas cocoon for the most dangerous ride of his life.

At least they brought him first in so we could run a finger over his fine brown hair and kiss his forehead.

I soon learned how lucky we truly were.

Browsing *It's My Heart*, the free parent resource book from the Children's Heart Foundation, I learned of far more complicated conditions. I learned that 30 percent to 40 percent of children in Brendan's situation also had a hole between their ventricles. A percentage of these had both arteries connected to the same ventricle.

"I think you were probably better off that they didn't detect it sooner," the world-famous Dr. Richard Jonas told us. "There's nothing you can do about it in the womb except lose sleep and worry."

The edge of the woods

Brendan is doing well, gaining weight, fighting thrush and an eye infection with a weakened immune system, but free from any serious complications.

Before the surgery, I told him to rest and save his strength. Afterward I tell him to fight like his life depends on it.

Now I tell him, "Hey, you were two and a half days old when they opened your chest and operated on your heart. You've already had the fight of a lifetime and won, so this can't be that hard."

I think he's going to hear that a lot in life: learning to walk, ride a bike, bullies, math tests. He's built like a fighter. I think he's going to be bigger than I am some day.

***Update:** Brendan is doing fine. In May the numbers that measure inflammation and infection dropped to normal, and he's been the healthiest member of our family since. Now he is grabbing things and playing with his blankets, which he loves to throw over his face.*

Ben can be e-mailed at [khille@baltimoreexaminer.com](mailto:khille@baltimoreexaminer.com).

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President Gibraltar's inaugural address discussed how the University is "Planning for Change."



Congratulating the President on his inauguration are, from left, Dr. Tom Bowling, David Edgerley '74, retired U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Dr. Robert Kauffman, Sandy Day, Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan, and Clifford Kendall.

## FSU Inaugurates its 14th President

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar was inaugurated as the 14th president of Frostburg State University on Wednesday, April 18, in a ceremony that was part of an all-day event that focused on the future, not only for FSU, but for the Earth itself. The president's inaugural address, "Planning for Change," outlined his continuing aim to position FSU as an institution equipped to meet the evolving needs of the region and the nation.

Dignitaries, including former U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. Kirwan, Maryland State Sen. George Edwards, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary David Edgerley and FSU's 13th President Dr. Catherine R. Gira, joined the celebration.

In honor of the president's dedication to the environment, FSU students chose to move their Earth Day celebration to coincide with the inauguration. They organized a series of faculty and student environmental presentations, entertainment and a picnic for the entire FSU community to enjoy. In addition, three ironwood trees, native to Western Maryland, were planted near the Hitchens Administration Building in his honor.



President Gibraltar and USM Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan.



Jeffrey Sellers, a member of the Student Sierra Coalition, discusses the proclamation President Gibraltar signed (see p. 16).



Student Government Association President Shavonne Shorter, left, and Christa McGee, an intern with Md. Sen. George Edwards, share a laugh.



An all-day Earth Day celebration, organized by students and held in Chesapeake Hall, was an integral part of the Inauguration festivities.



Retired U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes



President Gibraltar and his wife, Laurie Gibraltar



Fresh Country Scrapple, a bluegrass group that includes Geography professor Dr. Fritz Kessler, second from left, provided Earth Day entertainment.

## Biology Professor Makes USM History Serfass' Otter Research Earns Third-Straight Elkins Professorship

FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, Dr. Thomas Serfass, associate professor in the Department of Biology, was awarded the prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship from the University System of Maryland, an award that supports professors who demonstrate exemplary ability to inspire students and whose professional work and scholarly endeavors make a positive impact beyond USM.



Dr. Tom Serfass

Serfass is the first in the history of the USM to receive the award for three straight years, USM officials said. The \$80,000 award will allow him to continue his work with otters, in particular his project in Tanzania's Rubondo Island National Park, which he hopes will benefit not only the otters, but the community there as well.

"This is one of the most beautiful places almost everyone has never seen," Serfass said, noting that the park on Lake Victoria provides refuge for crocodiles, hippos, monkeys, elephants and all kinds of birds. "It's a bird-watcher's paradise."

It's also home to otters, which is where Serfass becomes involved. "This is one of the few places it's relatively easy to see and monitor otters," he said. Otters, with their cute faces and engaging ways, are being used as a "flagship species," because their appeal can benefit other endangered species that share their habitat.

Similarly, conservationists see eco-tourism, with its benefit to a local economy, as a way to help habitats, and popular species such as otters attract tourists. In Tanzania, many citizens see eco-tourism's potential, but Lake Victoria is heavily used, and it's plagued by invasive species and poachers, so conservationists have a huge task.

Serfass and graduate students from Frostburg and other universities that the Elkins grants help to support are working on several diverse projects, and the flexibility of the Elkins professorship allows Serfass to develop or advise all in some fashion.

For example, FSU master's graduate Sadie Stevens' proposed doctoral thesis would merge education and conservation, teaching the next generation of Tanzanians about the sustainable use of natural resources so that their children will have the same support from the land, Serfass said.

Another project in Tanzania studies the fish population by looking at the bones found in otter scat. Another is a model that will tell the Rubondo park service how best to search for the spotted neck otter native to that area. A third that is continuing in North Dakota is studying otters and other mammals that are naturally repopulating the area.

With this latest grant, Serfass is also hoping to create courses that will take Frostburg students to study in Kenya.

"Elkins provides opportunities for a lot of different students in a lot of different ways," Serfass said. - LDM

## Schwinabart Recognized with Governor's Volunteer Award

**Rhonda Schwinabart**, former project director at Frostburg State University's Institute for Service-Learning, brought positive recognition to Frostburg's spirit and commitment to volunteer service when she was presented with the Governor's Annual Volunteer Award April 17 in Annapolis. Schwinabart was selected from hundreds of applications from throughout the state of Maryland and is one of only 30 Marylanders honored.

Schwinabart, who left FSU this spring to further her education, spent over six years working with FSU to assist Western Maryland communities through volunteerism, national service and service-learning.



Rhonda Schwinabart

## FSU Professor Honored with USM Regents' Award for Service

**Dr. Sudhir Singh**, a professor of finance in the Department of Marketing and Finance, was honored at the spring meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents with the Regents' Faculty Award for Public Service.



Dr. Sudhir Singh

Dr. Singh is a leader and guiding force in fostering FSU's regional economic development efforts. His most significant achievement lies in his joint work with a colleague, Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan of the Department of Management, on The Trident Initiative: Pathways to Entrepreneurship Education, which was funded with a three-year grant from the Coleman Foundation. (See story on page 12)

Additionally, Dr. Singh won grant support from the Appalachian Regional Commission to support feasibility studies for the creation of centers for the arts in the local community. He also helped found the Financial Planning Certificate Program at FSU in early 2003 and serves as its director.

"Dr. Singh is a thoughtful and persistent leader who has successfully sought grant support to facilitate his vision for regional economic development," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. "He is a great asset to this University and to this region."

"I feel supremely fortunate, blessed and humbled to have received this most coveted recognition, but I feel I must share it with the many people at Frostburg State University who have supported my efforts throughout my tenure here," said Singh. "This honor would not have been possible without the various productive partnerships and winning collaborations that were established along the way within the College of Business, the University and the community."

The Faculty Awards are the highest honors presented to USM faculty by the Board of Regents. This year, 17 USM educators and researchers were honored.

"These 17 individuals represent the pinnacle of the extraordinary talent, innovation, and dedication that make our system's faculty among the best in the nation," said Clifford M. Kendall, chairman of the board.

- LDM



## Alum Named to USM Board of Regents

**Thomas G. Slater '66** is one of six new members who joined the University System of Maryland Board of Regents July 1.

"It's a great honor to be appointed to the Board of Regents. I'm really looking forward to the experience," Slater said. "I'm also excited to serve with the new Student Regent, who is from Frostburg."

Slater is the founder of the Law Offices of Thomas G. Slater, P.C., based in Frederick, Md. He taught in Frederick County public schools before studying law. He is also a 1980 graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law. Slater was awarded the FSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1990. He is a former member of FSU's University Board of Visitors (1981-1991) and was president of the Alumni Association and chair of the Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc.

Slater has also been active in Maryland politics for many years, serving a number of terms on Frederick County's Democratic Central Committee and the Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Party.

As USM's governing body, the Board of Regents is responsible for the system's academic, administrative and financial operations. In addition, the board formulates policy and appoints the USM chancellor and the presidents of the system's 13 institutions.

Slater is married to fellow alum **Anne Beane Slater '65**.



Thomas G. Slater '66



## FSU Student Appointed as Representative on USM Governing Board of Regents

**RICHARD SCOTT** USES THREE DAILY PLANNERS to help him stay on top of his busy schedule. He's pursuing two majors — political science and theatre, along with a certificate in public administration — which might explain why he's typically enrolled in nearly 18 course credits each semester. The Frostburg senior added another number to his equation for success when he was appointed to serve as the sole student representative on the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

The Student Regent is a full-fledged, voting member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, appointed by the Governor. Only one student from across the System

serves each year. Responsibilities include serving on committees and making sure the voice of the University System student body is heard, jobs that require frequent trips to Annapolis. Scott is the second FSU student in the history of the University System of Maryland to fill this role; the last was Andrew Miller '00, who served during the 1999-2000 school year.

Scott's involvement in a variety of activities has kept him in the public eye here on campus as well as in Annapolis.

"In the past months that I have known Richard Scott, I have seen him as an actor in one of our student plays, interacting with U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, working out at the Fitness Center and working on behalf of all students at Frostburg State University," FSU President Jonathan Gibralter said. "He is a remarkable young man, and I believe him when he says that some day he hopes to be President of the United States."

Scott has had his heart set on representing the people through politics for many years.

"My mom stressed the importance of voting to me early on," he said, remembering how she routinely took him inside voting booths with her when he was a child. He also established a lasting mentorship with Md. Sen. President Mike Miller while interning at his office.

Scott's passion for politics has followed him to Frostburg, where he is active with the College Democrats and helped coordinate Gov. Martin O'Malley's campaign visit to FSU in the fall of 2006, which drew nearly 500 people.



FSU Senior Richard Scott is a full-fledged, voting member of the Board of Regents.

"The O'Malley event was really big because it shows that Frostburg cares," Scott said. "People throughout the state get caught up in the stereotype of how Frostburg is such a party school. They forget we produce students who compete at the highest levels in the country."

Following graduation from FSU, he dreams of spending a few years in Washington, D.C., and then moving to Los Angeles to pursue acting and directing, a path that reflects the multiplicity of his talents and goals.

—BR



## Strike a Blow for Music

The sight of students smashing pianos outside the Performing Arts Center last spring wasn't the beginnings of an insurrection. It was all good fun designed by members of the music honor society Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia to raise money for a fellow student who lost all of his possessions in a fire. Five dollars bought 10 swings of a sledgehammer on old pianos and organs that had reached the end of their useful life.

## FSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Honors Alums, Presents Panel

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences held its first recognition of alumni with outstanding professional achievements in March with the newly established Alumni Circle of Excellence award.

The first ACE award winners are **Krista McGowan Davisson '81**, a political science graduate now employed as an attorney with Miles and Stockbridge, one of the largest real estate and development firms in Frederick, Md.; **John Pipino '81**, a history graduate who is now Director of Technology Strategy for Doblin Inc. in Chicago; and **Barry Phillips '69**, a chemistry graduate now serving as Head of Sites Management Americas, NAFTA HSEQ and Future Business for Bayer Material Science, LLC.

While in Frostburg to receive their awards, the three alumni presented a panel discussion, attended classes and met with students studying within the alums' subject areas.

McGowan Davisson earned her law degree from The Ohio State University. Her areas of practice include land use (development and zoning), real estate acquisition and financing, title insurance and general real estate. She is a member of the Frederick County Builders Association, City of Frederick Transportation Impact Fee Committee, Frederick Area Committee for Transportation Board of Directors and Vice Chair of the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission.

Pipino, a charter member of his Chicago firm, directs Doblin Inc.'s technology strategy. He is the principal author of the firm's enterprise systems for project management, research and innovation tracking. Pipino was featured in a *Business Week* cover story discussing how to create an innovative culture as a company grows. Trained academically as

a historian, he holds a deep-rooted belief in the value of liberal arts in the world of business and technology.



Krista McGowan Davisson '81



John Pipino '81



Barry Phillips '69

Following Philips' graduation from FSU, he earned a doctorate in organic chemistry from West Virginia University. He joined Bayer Corp. as a senior chemist in the Polyurethane Research Department. He holds several patents and has authored numerous technical papers.

- LDM

## FSU English Professor Wins Second Pushcart Prize

**Barbara Hurd**, an English professor at FSU, recently joined the ranks of some of America's most notable writers when she won her second Pushcart Prize, an American literary award that recognizes the best writing published by small presses. Hurd, who joins past winners including such literary greats as John Irving, Raymond Carver and Andre Dubus, was also honored in 2004.

"To win one of the Pushcart Prizes is especially pleasing to me, not only because of the honor, but because the awards go to writers associated with those often-overlooked small presses of this country, where so much good literary work is happening," Hurd said.

This year, Hurd was honored for her essay, "Fine Distinctions," the lead essay in the Fall 2006 issue of *Fourth Genre*, a journal devoted to creative nonfiction. The essay is set on a shingle beach of southeast England and muses upon the ecology of the area's habitat, along with how it was the setting for top-secret radar testing in the late 1960s and a place where local legends abound about a merman and UFOs.

"Ultimately, it's an essay about physical and psychological transformation," Hurd said.

Hurd's essay will be featured in *The Pushcart Prize XXXII: Best of the Small Presses* edition that will be published in the fall of 2008. Her essay will also be included in another upcoming book of essays she recently finished titled



Dr. Barbara Hurd

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At a Career Connections event in April, a partnership program with the Office of Alumni Programs and the College of Business, 16 FSU students visited Rick Hill's companies, Metropolitan Steel Inc. and Metropolitan Choppers (shown here) in Frederick, Md.

## College of Business Names Metropolitan Choppers Founder 2007 Alumnus of the Year

**Rick Hill** has put the degree he earned in business administration from Frostburg to good use: Since graduating in 1983, his accomplishments include serving as the founder of Metropolitan Choppers LLC, an exclusive manufacturer of customized motorcycles, and as president and owner of Metropolitan Steel Inc., one of the most respected steel plants on the East Coast. He also runs Regal Holding Co. Inc., a



Rick Hill and Dr. Danny Arnold, Dean of the College of Business

real estate and consulting business, and Kickstart Promotions, an entertainment company specializing in musical events and record production. FSU's College of Business praised these achievements and

more when they named Hill the 2007 Alumnus of the Year during a recent honors reception.

"Rick Hill epitomizes the ideal College of Business graduate," said Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business. "He has been very successful as an executive of an existing firm and as an entrepreneur. He has exhibited the drive, leadership and skills needed by successful businesspeople."

This the fourth year the College of Business has recognized distinguished graduates with Alumni of the Year awards, which are selected by the College of Business' administrators from public nominations.

- BR



*Walking the Wrack Line: On Tidal Shifts and What Remains*, her third creative nonfiction work.

Hurd teaches at FSU and in the Stonecoast Program in Creative Writing. She is the author of two creative nonfiction works, *Stirring the Mud: On Swamps, Bogs, and Human Imagination* and *Entering the Stone: On Caves and Feeling through the Dark*, both of which have received national recognition and acclaim, and her essays and poems have appeared in numerous publications.

— BR

## Grant-funded Workshops Help Md. Meet Science Teaching Goals

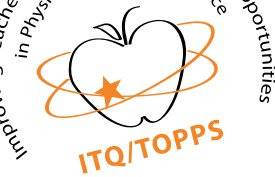
TWENTY-ONE SCIENCE TEACHERS from across Maryland converged on FSU this summer for Training Opportunities in Physics and Physical Science (TOPPS), a residential program designed to enliven the teaching of physics and physical science at their home schools.

TOPPS is led and was developed by FSU physics professor Francis Tam, who was awarded a \$296,000 grant over three years from the Maryland Higher Education Commission through its Improving Teacher Quality program, authorized by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The goal of TOPPS is to increase the number of highly qualified middle and high school physics and physical science teachers in Maryland. Middle and high school teachers participate in the program to upgrade their content knowledge, integrate technology into their lessons and to develop their teaching strategies and practices. This specific training was designed to improve teaching in the area of Kinematics and Newton's Laws.

"We give them hands-on knowledge and techniques they can teach when they're back in their classrooms," Tam said. The workshops emphasize both scientific content and teaching methods.

TOPPS was provided at no cost to the teachers. The program is particularly designed to assist teachers who may not be instructing in their areas of expertise or are teaching in schools in greatest need of improved science instruction.



### Wire-Cutting at ABC@FSU

The Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University (ABC@FSU) was the site of a partnership celebration on May 15, marking the start of a project in the business park on the FSU campus that will eventually employ hundreds of local people and provide internship and research opportunities for FSU students and faculty. Instead of a traditional ribbon, computer wire was cut to stress the technology emphasis of the businesses that will be moving in. Shown from left are Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary **David Edgerley '74**, Allegany County Commissioners President **James Stakem '63**, Maryland Gov. **Martin O'Malley** and FSU President **Jonathan Gibraltar**, who joined a number of other government and private industry officials to mark the beginning of the partnership.



### Relay for Life at FSU Reaches Stretch Goal

Scores of walkers launch the Frostburg State University's Relay for Life, held at Bobcat Stadium April 27-28. Just over \$25,000 (the FSU goal) was recorded immediately after the Relay, which was sponsored by the FSU Center for Volunteerism and National Service. An additional \$800 was raised in the next three weeks, primarily through a special request to FSU faculty and staff to assist in meeting the American Cancer Society's "stretch goal" of \$400.

## New Leadership Team In Place

The final pieces to President Jonathan Gibraltar's leadership team are in place with the selection of new Vice Presidents for University Advancement and Communications and Media Relations, a Dean of the College of Education and changes in the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Student and Educational Services.

**Bernard J. Davisson II '81**, a Frostburg alumnus with a strong record of fundraising, particularly for higher education, was named Vice President of University Advancement, where he will oversee all of the University's fundraising and alumni relations programs, as well as an ongoing \$15 million capital campaign. Selected as the result of an extensive national search, Davisson came to FSU from Kaspick and Co., where he served as a liaison between the non-profit organizations who are the firm's clients and those who manage and administer the more than \$4.2 billion in planned gifts for those organizations. Prior to that, Davisson's career spans more than 20 years in higher education, most spent in the field of advancement, primarily for The Johns Hopkins Institutions and Hood College.

His focus has always been in making connections between people. "Advancement work is humbling. It's an honor to work with individuals who want to use their resources to express who they are and what they care about," Davisson said.

"I'm thrilled to be returning to FSU. I've stayed connected to the institution over the years as a volunteer and a donor, but in this role I can give back to Frostburg in a more ongoing and sustainable way," Davisson said. He is married to another FSU alum, Krista McGowan Davisson '82. (See story, p. 7)

**Timothy Kershner**, a seasoned communications professional who led Alvernia College's rebranding process and marketing campaign, was named vice president of the new Division of Communications and Media Relations, also following a national search.

Kershner, who previously served as director of public relations at Alvernia, has more than 20 years of communications experience both in the business world and



B.J. Davisson '81

in education. At Alvernia he led the effort to produce a brand and marketing plan based on internal and external research and coordinated the plan's launch and implementation. His experience encompasses marketing, publications, writing, management, press relations and working with a variety of communications media. He also served at Alvernia as an adjunct faculty member in both the business and communications departments.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be part of what's going to be an exciting future for the University, as well as the Western Maryland region," Kershner said. "FSU already has a great team in place, and I'm honored to have the chance to make a positive impact on the development of the University."



Dr. Kenneth Witmer

of Educational Professions. He joined the FSU faculty in 1989 and holds the academic rank of professor.

"Dr. Witmer has shown strong leadership and vision at the department, college, university and system levels," said FSU Provost Stephen Simpson. "In addition, he has become a major contributor to the debate on educational issues at the state level and has been instrumental in furthering major University initiatives in new program development and enrollment management."

In the Office of the Provost, three staff members were promoted in a move reflecting the University's continued emphasis on expanding educational programs, innovative teaching and student engagement.

**Dr. John F. Bowman** was promoted from Associate Provost to Vice Provost, serving as the second-ranking member of the Provost's office. His duties will include direction of academic sup-

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## Monk Headlining Broadway Hit with David Hyde Pierce

**Debra Monk '73** has been busy headlining *Curtains*, a musical on Broadway with David Hyde Pierce (of *Frasier* and *Spamalot* fame). *Curtains* is by John Kander and the late Fred Ebb, whose musicals include *Chicago*, *Cabaret* and *Steel Pier*, which is another of Monk's Broadway triumphs.

In *Curtains*, Monk portrays cut-throat producer Carmen Bernstein, whose show's talentless leading lady dies mysteriously during out-of-town previews. Boston police Lt. Frank Cioffi (Hyde Pierce) investigates the murder, where everyone in the show, including Carmen, has a motive to kill.

Monk, whose featured number "It's a Business" brings down the house, received a Tony nomination for Best Actress in a Musical and won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical for this role.

Monk has had a busy year on television, too, with roles on *Grey's Anatomy* (Louise O'Malley, George's mother), as well as in *Desperate Housewives* and *Notes from the Underbelly*.

## Come on Down!

**Joshua Couchman '07**, a May recreation and parks management graduate, showed his Frostburg pride when he appeared on the Tuesday, May 15, episode of *The Price is Right* wearing his Frostburg State Rugby t-shirt. Josh got the right price on the elliptical trainer, but overpriced the snowmobile. Joshua's girlfriend, **Heather Hamor '06**, another recent FSU recreation grad, was with him in the audience, also showing her FSU pride. Joshua happened to be in California finishing up an internship.

Jon Marcis





Dr. John F. Bowman



Dr. Mary J. Gartner



Dr. James M. Limbaugh



Dr. John Lowe



Bernard Wynder

port areas, expanding the use of technology and increasing the University's international presence.

**Dr. Mary J. Gartner** was named Associate Provost. She will focus on program development, especially in graduate education, serve on the University's enrollment management team and represent Frostburg on several statewide groups addressing curriculum issues and the relationships between four-year institutions and community colleges.

**Dr. James M. Limbaugh '94** was named Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, a move that highlights the University's expanding emphasis on planning and assessment. Limbaugh will organize the University's response to its recent Middle State's accreditation and will also continue his oversight of the University's innovative first-year programs

In the Division of Student and Educational Services, two longtime members of the administration are assuming new positions.

**Dr. John Lowe**, previously Dean of Student Development, is now the Assistant Vice President for Student Development, reflecting his increased responsibilities, including in collaborative efforts with local landlords, Frostburg city officials and others in addressing issues for off-campus students.

**Bernard Wynder, '78, '84**, is now Assistant Vice President for Student Services, where he is assuming supervisory responsibility for both the Advising Center, which he led in his previous position, and for Career Services, including working with department chairs, faculty and the Office of Alumni Affairs to create additional internship and job-shadowing opportunities for students.

## Decades of Classroom Discussion on Race Gives Birth to Book

In his two decades of teaching about racial issues — including 10 years at FSU in his popular “Race and Cultural Minorities” class — **Dr. Robert M. Moore III**, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, has made a point of tapping into his and his students' own experiences in their exploration of race.

Now he has collected those years of stories he and his students shared for a book, *They Always Said I Would Marry a White Girl: Coming to Grips with Race in America*. (Hamilton Books).

A work that is both personal and scholarly, Moore says, “A lot of this book is about me, how I grew up. Even more, a lot of this book is about my teaching experiences and what I have said in the classroom.”



Dr. Robert M. Moore III

He's using his book in his summer “Race and Cultural Minorities” class, and his students have given him good feedback. But the book is more than a teaching tool; it's a personal mission as well.

“I felt I had something to share with people. I'm not happy with life the way it is,” he says. “I really believe we can rearrange this society given the right circumstances.”

Moore tries to make his “Race and Cultural Minorities” class different from the mainstream course, in which statistics are studied and students leave armed with lots of facts but with less real understanding. To him, that approach encourages the making and maintaining of racial categories, and Moore prefers to blur those lines, rather than strengthen them.

“This toys with the idea of ways that ‘race’ could go away in America,” he says. His idea is different from seeking a so-called colorblind society. Eliminating the concept of race doesn't eliminate the problems that groups face, he says. And he believes ethnicity is a different concept, one in which someone from one ethnic group can learn much more easily about another.

Moore recognizes how difficult it is to discuss race in American society today, so often, to lead into a discussion of race, he'll start with a discussion of distinctions that are more accessible.

“We talk about all groups,” he says.

And yes, he did marry a “white girl,” his wife, Mary Beth, whom he met in 1986. They

have three children. It was attempts by others to force their children — or him — into a specific category that intensified his need to explore the concepts in this book.

“My original title was ‘Are My Children Bi-racial?’” he says. He's uncomfortable with what is essentially this new category that he feels is a reaffirmation of the concept of race, but he also recognizes the rights of people to self-identify.


These and many other dilemmas of America's racial landscape are explored in Moore's classes, which are offered year-round. He says he never knows what impact he has on his students' lives, but he values them highly, so much so, that he dedicated his book to them.

The dedication reads: “This book is dedicated to the many students over the years who have allowed me to be their teacher.”

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### got frostburg?

#### First Annual Golf Tournament



**Cross Creek Golf Club**  
**October 4, 2007**  
8:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

To learn more about Got Frostburg  
or to register for the golf tournament, visit  
**www.gotfrostburg.com.**

Proceeds will benefit the FSU Foundation

Got Frostburg is an independent entity, separate from  
the Frostburg State University Foundation and FSU.

# on track

## Gibralter Interested in Positioning University as Key Resource for CSX Workforce

Western Maryland's economic livelihood is never far from Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter's mind. When the Frostburg State University community persuaded him to get his portrait done, he agreed to entrust the task to one of the region's most well-respected artists — Charlie Amos, a painter who made a name for himself in the art world by creating vivid images of trains, in addition to other subjects. Sitting for one of Amos' portraits evolved into a friendship between Amos and Gibralter. Among their many conversations — the local economy and how to keep it going.

“WHERE DOES THE WORKFORCE and higher education come together? It's very important for me to figure out what we can do to help,” Gibralter said.

FSU's president already had a track record of creating programs at previous institutions that were designed to foster local industries. For example, under his direction, Farmingdale State University created a bioscience degree program to funnel potential employees to Farmingdale's pharmaceutical and bioscience base. Amos, who spent years working for the Western Maryland Railway as well as the U.S. Department of Transportation, knows a great deal about the local railroad industry in Western Maryland and the importance of keeping it alive.

“We need to do everything we can to keep it here,” Amos said.

So in July, the two decided to visit CSX's branches in Cumberland to learn more about how the University could be involved in the company's future. Stephen Spahr, FSU's Vice President for Economic Development and Government Relations who brings six years of working for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority to his role at FSU, joined them on their trip, one of several they've scheduled to learn more about CSX. At CSX's Cumberland office, they met another ally of the local economy, and a strong supporter of FSU: Tim Yarnall, Director of Locomotive East at CSX. Yarnall's daughter, Jennifer (Yarnall) Hamilton, graduated from FSU in 1988, and in addition to being a proud parent of an FSU alum, he's also proud of the local economy's ability to provide trained employees for CSX.

“I want to make sure people in our area are given recognition in their backyard,” he said.

Yarnall worked closely with company employees like Tarah Harkins, manager of professional



Gibralter is all aboard for FSU helping CSX maintain a strong presence in the local economy.

recruiting, to make sure CSX knew it could find new hires at nearby schools like FSU. According to Harkins, who visits various colleges around the country to promote CSX's career opportunities, industry deregulation has led to tremendous growth in revenue. CSX's paid internships and management training programs provide college students and graduates with “a great opportunity for them to network.” The company also anticipates opening doors to a large number of new employees in the near future.

“About 30 to 50 percent of the workforce will be eligible to retire in the next five years,” she said. “We're going to have an enormous amount of attrition and probably a lot of openings.”

Harkins met Gibralter, Amos and Spahr during their summer visit to CSX, as well as FSU interns already working at the Cumberland facility who gave a presentation on the various projects they were developing there.

“Not only was I impressed with the interns' projects, but with the level of professionalism,”

she said, noting that the internships and management training programs often lead to exciting job prospects for participants. “FSU is in a good place because Cumberland and the surrounding communities have tons of facilities.”

Sean Uthe, a physics graduate pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching degree at FSU, is one of the interns currently working at CSX. His recent projects include developing a tool to prevent water drain valve failures on locomotives. The tool's design he helped devise will eventually be submitted to corporate headquarters for approval and “hopefully be mass produced for distribution to all CSX shops.”

“What I enjoy most about my internship is the real-world experience I am gaining ... many

of the systems and processes I have studied in my physics and engineering classes are found on the locomotives,” Uthe said. “Also, since CSX is a large enterprise, I have been exposed to many different areas of the company, and I have learned how business and management decisions influence the actual role of engineers.”

Gibralter envisions other students like Uthe taking advantage of the valuable career experience a local company like CSX could offer. He is considering expanding FSU's academic offerings to include courses tailored toward transportation management that would combine a focus in railroad transportation with a federal government professional pilot program at the Cumberland airport.

“Ever since I began as University president, my goal has been to meet workforce needs of the local area,” he said. “I believe in education for education's sake. But I also believe in developing academic programs that benefit the local workforce.”

Yarnall also sees room for expansion at CSX for FSU students interested in getting on-the-job experience, opportunities that could easily go beyond physics and engineering to also include areas of study such as public relations and business.

“What we're hoping to do is to expand the co-op program to incorporate administrative and managerial roles, in addition to engineers,” he said.

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FSU Faculty Create “Teaching Excellence Pledge”

“TEACHING EXCELLENCE IS A JOURNEY, not a destination.” So begins an innovative venture from FSU’s Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE).

The “Teacher Pledge” challenges faculty members to examine their teaching approach and the learning environment they create. Dr. John O’Rorke, associate professor of political science and a member of the CTE Advisory Group, said the pledge is an acknowledgement that while research is encouraged among faculty and students, a major strength at FSU is the emphasis on teaching. Unfortunately, preparing to teach at the college level is not a large part of many graduate programs.

“Most graduate programs focus on research while the majority of jobs are in teaching,” O’Rorke said.

Adapting to changing student needs is also an important part of the pledge. “Given the changing nature of students, even practiced teachers can use some help” in revising strategies to reach new generations of students, especially in the use of instructional technology,” he said.

The pledge reads: “I pledge to be a better participant in the learning process. As a teacher, I pledge to try at least one new technique, approach or activity in each one of my courses. When I review the results of my activities, and strategies in the classroom, I pledge to focus on learning. I will not ask, ‘How did I do?’ Rather, I will ask ‘Are my students learning from what I am doing? What can I do differently to encourage them to learn better?’”

It is a voluntary pledge, though O’Rorke believes it would be “great if [the ideals of the pledge] are incorporated into campus culture.”

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Trident Initiative Advances Entrepreneurship

By Tim Kershner

Small businesses are having an increasingly large impact on economic development and activity. According the U.S. Government’s Small Business Administration, firms with fewer than 500 employees represent 99.7 percent of all businesses in the country, employ half of all the workers in the private sector and generate twice as many new jobs as large businesses.

THE FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY TRIDENT INITIATIVE, supported predominantly through a grant from the Illinois-based Coleman Foundation, is a growing program for teaching, supporting and encouraging small business development and entrepreneurship. **Dr. Keramat Poosoltan**, professor of management, and **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, professor of finance, direct the Initiative, now in its second year. Like its namesake, the three-pronged staff wielded by the Greek god Poseidon, the FSU Trident Initiative joins students, faculty and the community into a network to share knowledge, support selected projects and provide recognition for outstanding entrepreneurs.

Once just a niche area of research, “entrepreneurship is now an area of serious inquiry within college campuses,” Singh said. As the business and economic climate changes, there will be greater need – and greater opportunities – for entrepreneurs. Small businesses have traditionally been an “engine of growth,” he said, and the current growth of small businesses is in many ways the “result of the recognition that larger corporations are in reality a lot more fragile than they may appear.” At one time, bigger was thought to be better, using size to optimize purchasing power, production and use of debt. The ceiling

for efficiency of operation has been lowered and continues to drop.

Singh also acknowledges the mindset of younger workers, which makes entrepreneurship more accessible. Today’s students have grown up with dire warnings about the future of social “safety nets” such as Social Security and Medicare. He believes this generation is seeking greater control of its own economic destiny.

In its first year, the Trident Initiative sponsored a lecture series, a monthly business roundtable discussion, undergraduate entrepreneurship courses and a two-day academic summit, attracting speakers and researchers to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing entrepreneurs in Western Maryland. The 2007 conference, “The Odyssey . . . From Entrepreneurial Opportunity to Regional Economic Prosperity,” will be Sept. 6 and 7.

The biggest success so far has been the participation of local businesses. The 2006 conference was well attended by people from diverse backgrounds and the monthly business roundtables continue to attract participants to share ideas about marketing, finance and management.

“People are responding,” Singh said.

For more information on the FSU Trident Initiative, visit [www.frostburg.edu/trident](http://www.frostburg.edu/trident).

“Today We Are All Hokies”

Close to 300 FSU students, faculty, staff and members of the Frostburg community joined together on April 20 following the tragedy at Virginia Tech for a vigil march that started at College Avenue, snaked through campus and ended up at the soccer field. FSU faculty members who are Virginia Tech alums shared their thoughts, and a banner bearing hundreds of signatures and condolence wishes was sent to Virginia Tech following the remembrance.

FSU Alum Diane Carter Richardson Joins Maryland Women’s Basketball Staff

By Jeff Krone

**Diane Carter Richardson ’80** recently joined the highly successful University of Maryland Lady Terrapins women’s basketball team as an assistant coach. It was just in 2006 that the Terps captured the NCAA National Championship.

“WE’RE ECSTATIC to add someone of Diane’s caliber to our basketball family,” said Maryland women’s basketball head coach Brenda Frese in announcing Richardson’s hiring. “She is held in very high regard in the area and her reputation extends across the country after having built a national contender at Riverdale Baptist and coaching at American University. She is going to be an incredible addition to our program.”

Richardson lettered in basketball and track and field at the ’Burg. In basketball, she was the NCAA’s regional leader in field goal percentage, and in track she was an NCAA regional champion in the 400 meters.

Richardson calls her time at Frostburg “truly a life-changing experience.”

“I had the time of my life. It was a time of tremendous learning and growing for me. It shaped my future,” she said.

Richardson has been in the coaching profession for the past 15 years. She was named the Black Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2005 after leading the Riverdale (Md.) Baptist High School Crusaders to a No. 2 national ranking by *USA Today*. In 2006, she guided Riverdale

to the National Association of Christian Athletes national title and was named Regional Coach of the Year by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.

She coached last year at the collegiate level as an assistant at American University, where she helped the Eagles reach the finals of the Patriot League Championship.

Richardson was also the executive director and coach of the Beltway Lady Cougars Amateur Athletic Union team in Lanham, Md., from 1991-2000.

She’s aware of the value of good coaching. “The great thing about Frostburg was that the coaches, the professors, advisors and their families were all involved in our lives. I had great coaching in both sports, Sharon Irwin and Jim Crawley in basketball and Barb Surgent in track.”

In addition to her FSU degree, she earned her master’s degree in management from Central Michigan University and has an extensive background in management. She garnered National Marketing Director of the Year honors three-straight years and founded RCI Financial in Lanham, Md. in 1984.



Diane Carter Richardson '80

Richardson believes that her success in the business world contributed greatly to her success in coaching. “The things I learned in business . . . the discipline, the organizational, planning and communication skills, all played a role in my success as a coach,” she said.

“I am very excited and thankful to Brenda to be given the opportunity to coach at Maryland. As a life-long resident of this area, it has been a dream and a goal of mine for a long time,” said Richardson.

Her duties at Maryland will involve player development, recruiting, game management and serving as a community liaison.

Richardson resides in Howard County with her husband and fellow alum, **Larry Richardson ’80**. They have three children, Dana, Larry II and Michael.



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.

Please plan to pledge.



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# foundation news

## Major Gifts Lead the Way in Record Year for FSU Foundation, Inc.



The Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc., is having a record-setting year for gifts and pledges in support of Frostburg State University, with over \$3 million in gifts and pledges including \$223,000 to the FSUF Annual Fund. A number of new scholarships were established as a result, and two of the bequests are among the highest single cash gifts ever given to the University.

In addition, the overall giving rate of 15 percent is better than the national average of 11.8 percent, according to 2006 statistics from the Council for Aid to Education ([www.cae.org/content/pdf/VSE.2006.Press.Release.pdf](http://www.cae.org/content/pdf/VSE.2006.Press.Release.pdf)).  
“We have witnessed a very good year with significant major gifts and a successful Annual Fund campaign,” said Jack Aylor, FSU Director of Development. “It has been a great year of private support to FSU.”

Bernard J. Davisson II, recently appointed vice president of University Advancement, echoed Aylor’s remarks. “This year established a very firm foundation for the future of fundraising efforts at FSU. Our alumni and friends are taking notice of FSU as an organization worthy of their philanthropic investments,” he said.  
Among the highlights:

### Ralph and Martha Race bequest

The Races, longtime supporters of FSU, created a charitable remainder trust that benefited them during their lives and recently distributed more than \$600,000, the second-largest single cash gift ever given to the University. The majority of the bequest will benefit the study of Western history, in the form of scholarships to junior, senior or graduate students in the College of Education, as well as for a lecture series. Ralph Race died in 2006. His wife passed away in 2000.

Ralph Race was one of the longest-serving members of the FSU Foundation and its first named Pinnacle Award recipient. The Races’ connection to Frostburg State dates back to the beginning of their courtship, at a dance held in Old Main, Ralph Race said in an interview in 2001. He was also active in the community drive in the 1940s that rescued the college from near closure.



Ralph Race

### Kate Dailey Hill bequest

Hill, who died in late 2005, made an estate gift of \$500,000 to fund an endowment to help students from her alma mater, Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, Md., to attend FSU. Both of Hill’s children, William D. Dailey ’77 and Diane Dailey Green ’79, graduated from Frostburg and she was well aware of FSU’s programs and needs through her connections with members of the FSUF board.

Students can renew the scholarship for up to four years.

### J. Glenn Beall Family Foundation

The J. Glenn Beall Jr. Institute for Public Affairs at FSU will be supported by a \$325,000 gift from the family foundation, through the former U.S. Senator’s daughter, Victoria Beall Muth. The Institute sponsors a number of educational programs to promote civic responsibility and knowledge about governmental and political processes, as well as supporting fellowships and stipends for internships, including one this fall in the office of U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin.

“The need for citizen participation is vital in a free society,” said Beall when the Institute was established in 2002. “It is our hope that the programs offered through the institute will inspire



Fred and Kathy Powell present a check to Jack Aylor, Director of Development (center), to establish a scholarship in their son’s memory.

students to view public service as a satisfying and fulfilling career option.”

### Joshua Powell Special Education Scholarship Fund

Established by Fred and Kathy Powell, a faculty member in the Department of Social Work, in honor of their son and the special education teachers who worked with him during his short life, the scholarship supports FSU graduate education students with a major in special education. Joshua was born with a degenerative neurological disorder and received assistance from special education teachers. Those positive experiences inspired the Powells to find a way to support potential special education teachers and possibly support the local community, which is under served in that area.

### Twylah Murphy Stewart Scholarship Fund

In a romantic gesture to his wife that was 12 years of payroll deductions in the making, FSU Police Capt. Clyde “Bill” Stewart created a scholarship in her honor to assist Western Maryland elementary education students with their final internships. Twylah Stewart, a 35-year teacher, currently at

## Professor Richard Sloop Honored at Annual Institute Named for Him



President Jonathan C. Gibraltar presents **Dr. Richard Sloop** with the first-ever Sloop Institute medallion at the 2007 Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership in March. The Institute allows between 40 and 50 experienced student leaders in their sophomore and junior years to enhance their leadership training through a two-day conference held each spring.



Alumni from the 1960s presented Dr. Richard Sloop and his wife Jane with a \$4,550 check, a contribution to the Sloop Leadership Fund. Pictured are, back row from left, **Charlie Bell ’66, Bill Graves ’65, Bill Roy ’66, Dave Schrodel ’66, Bob Grimm ’66 and Joe Nash ’64**. Front row from left are **Bob Walker ’66, Benny Wolford ’65, Dr. Sloop, Jane Sloop and Dennis Baker ’66**.



Capt. Clyde “Bill” Stewart funded a scholarship to honor his wife, Twylah.

Accident Elementary School, met her husband when the two were in graduate school at FSU. The Stewarts both remember the difficulty of paying for transportation and appropriate clothing for an internship, on top of standard educational expenses like tuition and books.

“I thought it would be a good thing for a serious student who needs a little boost,” Bill Stewart said.

### Annual Fund Campaign

The 2006-07 Annual Fund campaign exceeded its established goal of \$200,000 by over \$23,000 this year due to a very successful telemarketing campaign and a Faculty and Staff Campaign initiative that far exceeded expectations. The Annual Fund recorded 2,772 gifts, including 730 new donors.

Through direct mail appeal, telemarketing, e-solicitations and personal visits, the Annual Fund will have its best year ever. The success is largely due to the hard work of FSU students. FSU’s automated telemarketing center employs

more than 40 students and three student managers who make over 17,000 phone calls to alumni, friends and parents asking for unrestricted gifts to the fund, as well as to verify information and provide updates on FSU.

In addition, the Faculty and Staff Campaign has reached a remarkable 64 percent rate of participation, in response to a challenge from FSU President Jonathan C. Gibraltar. This is a 40 percent increase from last year’s campaign and one of the leading percentages in the 13-institution University System of Maryland.

The 16-member Faculty and Staff Campaign Committee is a dedicated group of faculty and staff who realized that support from within the University would lead to increased outside support from alumni, friends, corporations, organizations, parents and others. Through the encouragement of this committee,

16 departments had a participation rate of 100 percent. Facilities, with the largest representation by a department at the University, stepped up to support FSU with a 75 percent participation rate.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of our entire University community in realizing the most successful Annual Fund drive in the history of the Frostburg State University,” Gibraltar said. “The record-setting commitment of the FSU community toward the Annual Fund demonstrates their collective belief in this University and its future.”



## Donors Have Opportunity Through 2007 to Make Charitable Gifts from IRAs

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides charitably minded individuals aged 70½ or older a golden opportunity to make gifts to charitable organizations directly from their IRAs.

**This opportunity is available through Dec. 31, 2007, on the following terms:**

- Transfers must be directly from the IRA to a charity
- Maximum allowable transfer is \$100,000 per year
- Gifts must be outright (Transfers to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations and charitable remainder trusts and for charitable gift annuities do not qualify.)

- No charitable deduction is allowed

### Who Will Benefit?

- Individuals who are required to take minimum withdrawals but don’t need additional income can satisfy the distribution requirement with a transfer to charity.
- Individuals who usually give up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income — the ceiling on the allowable charitable deduction for any year — can now give up to \$100,000 more from their IRA accounts that is not subject to this limitation or taxed as a distribution. This could enable you to avoid up to \$35,000 (35 percent of \$100,000) in federal income tax on IRA distributions each year.
- Individuals whose major assets reside in their IRAs will find it convenient to make direct transfers to charity from their IRAs without the hassle of having to report the transfer on their income-tax returns.

For more information, contact Jack Aylor, FSU Director of Development by calling 301.687.4200 or by emailing [jaylor@frostburg.edu](mailto:jaylor@frostburg.edu).



### Car Raffle Winner

Mike Dubulskis, of Leonardtown, Md., was the latest winner in the **Billy Bender Chevrolet/Frostburg State University Athletics Car Raffle**. Dubulskis, right, is shown receiving the keys to the 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt LT from Billy Bender owner of Billy Bender Chevrolet in Grantsville and Billy Bender Carsmart in Frostburg. Over the past two years, the Billy Bender Chevrolet/Frostburg State University Athletics Car Raffle has raised over \$55,000 for Bobcat Athletics.





Environmental change is increasingly part of a global reality, a conversation people can no longer ignore. The news is full of headlines about global warming, energy initiatives and how fashion and culture are “going green.” Around the world, leaders are asking important questions about their countries’ reliance on nonrenewable energy sources and the effects of climate change in the light of life-altering events such as Hurricane Katrina, wildlife extinctions, habitat destruction, sea levels rising and glaciers receding at an alarming rate.

Frostburg State University is one of many institutions of higher learning who are addressing this conversation in positive and powerful ways. This story takes a closer look at how FSU administrators, faculty, staff and students are working together to ensure a better future for our planet through learning opportunities, creative collaboration and community involvement.



# TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

By Becca Ramspott



## The natural world

is an everyday part of Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar’s life in Frostburg. An enthusiastic birder and dedicated runner, FSU’s president is often found on the scenic Allegheny Highlands Trail getting a few miles in before beginning a busy day at the office.

It’s a scenic setting a little different from New York, where while leading Farmingdale State University, a school not far from the Big Apple, Gibraltar experienced energy crisis firsthand.

“After having lived on Long Island during the blackout of 2004, when the whole Northeast seaboard experienced a power outage and the Farmingdale campus was out for 24 hours – and after having been 40 miles from Ground Zero during Sept. 11 – I’m particularly interested in whether it’s possible for residences to be disconnected from the nation’s electrical grid, so that every home can stand alone and be self-sufficient,” he said.

Gibraltar combines his aesthetic appreciation for nature with an avid interest in the latest developments in technology, particularly green technology. Ask him about how to make FSU a more sustainable campus and he’ll give you specific examples – backed up by data and economic sense gleaned from the books and articles he’s read. Commercial hydrogen fuel cells, which produce electricity through a chemical conversion, are one of many possibilities on the table – he’s currently looking into companies that might want to set up a demonstration project on the FSU campus.

“If you take the steam that’s coming out of a fuel cell and pipe it back into your building, you can actually use the waste steam for heat. Then everything that’s being produced by the fuel cell is actually being used,” he said.

Gibraltar is advocating other institutional changes as well, such as phasing out the University’s existing gasoline-powered fleet of state cars to be replaced with hybrid vehicles. He also is looking into constructing all new campus build-





Solar panels have been installed on Fuller House, home to the honors and international programs, as part of the WISE (Wind-Solar Energy) project.

ings to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards. Developed by the Washington, D.C.-based, nonprofit U.S. Green Building Council, LEED certification is a recognized authentication for measuring building sustainability. Getting certified allows an institution to take advantage of a growing number of state and local government incentives.

FSU's president also has actively sought out leadership opportunities with government-led organizations concerned about climate change. He was recently invited to serve on the Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Mitigation Working Group, which is part of Gov. Martin O'Malley's Maryland Climate Change Commission.

In addition to learning on his own, Gibraltar has turned to the FSU community for input and teamwork in embracing more environmentally conscious practices. In spring 2007, he announced that he had formed a committee composed of faculty, staff and students whose goal would be to evaluate the possibility of an official green campus initiative.

"As an institution of higher learning, we have a responsibility – to our students, to the region and to ourselves – to develop strategies which will allow FSU to make its contribution to environmental awareness and change," he said.

Gibraltar followed that announcement with his April 18 inauguration, which was marked by a visible effort to steer the University toward a greener future – it was on that day that he signed the American University and College Presidents Climate Commitment (AUCPCC), a pledge that unites Frostburg with more than 300 other institutions who have agreed to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. FSU students also commemorated the occasion by moving the

University's official Earth Day celebration to the date of the inauguration and setting up tables detailing campus efforts to go green. Even the event planners took the environment into account, with soy-based cups and recycled paper products for food and festivities.

FSU's president also wants to develop an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in renewable energy and sustainability, a program that would draw upon the University's strong academic programs and encourage new areas of learning.

"We have a responsibility to the next generation to leave them a planet that they are proud of and want to raise their children on," Gibraltar said.

## Greenness in numbers

**Ray Blank**, FSU's interim director of facilities, knows better than anyone at Frostburg how things like using soy-based products for a campus event figure into a greener equation for FSU. As a member of the University's Green Campus Initiative Committee, he's been entrusted with the task of combing over bills, operations and general FSU statistics from the past five years and plugging all the numbers into something called a Clean Air-Cool Planet Campus Carbon Calculator.

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FSU President



President Gibraltar joined scores of other college and university presidents to sign the American University and College Presidents Climate Commitment.

The result: data that will be useful in determining FSU's overall greenhouse gas emissions and figuring out the most useful and economical areas in which to reduce them, something commonly referred to as assessing a "carbon footprint."

Some of the measurements are trickier to track down than others – for example, determining the mileage of students commuting to and from campus.

"We have no way of knowing when a student might be coming and going from one residence to another, or when someone is going home for the weekend," Blank said.

Those challenges aside, he's very enthusiastic that FSU is taking steps to make informed decisions on how to become a greener campus. He is meticulously logging information about everything from refrigerants to purchased electricity and chilled water to solid waste, in addition to his daily responsibilities associated with directing FSU's facilities.

"Honestly, I have always been interested in energy conservation, and until recently, my main initiative was to save money," Blank said. "About a year ago, one of my daughters bought me Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*. After viewing it, I became concerned with the scientifically proven, greater aspect of conservation in the issue of global warming. It cannot be ignored. Bottom line – I am a strong advocate of sustainability."

## Answers blowing in the wind

**Dr. Oguz Soysal**, chair of the Department of Physics and Engineering, and his wife, physics instructor **Hilkat Soysal**, are also among FSU's staunchest supporters of a more sustainable campus. Both have focused on the environment for many years.

"My personal interest in the environment started in the mid-'70s, when I was a student at Istanbul Technical University," Oguz Soysal said. "Energy issues that resulted from the oil crisis at the time led to an intensive search for alternative and renewable energy sources."

After relocating to FSU, the Soysals observed the growing development of wind power throughout the region. They began testing the waters for renewable energy's potential in Allegany County by co-authoring and presenting a 2004 paper titled, "Environmental Significance of Harnessing Wind Power in The Appalachian Mountains."

"We believe that Western Maryland has significant wind and solar potential to offset some portion of the greenhouse gases produced by fossil-fuel-based electric generation," Oguz said. "However, the effectiveness and feasibility of residential scale generation systems has not been studied in our region yet."

The Soysals are determined to find answers. Today, thanks to their hard work and a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration, the FSU campus is now home to a wind and solar energy system installed at the Fuller House on Braddock Road. The system, called WISE (Wind-Solar Energy), will serve as an important test site and resource of learning and dialogue for FSU and Frostburg residents as the community considers the possibility of renewable energy. Professors from various disciplines are planning ways to incorporate the WISE project into their curriculum for students.

"Our students showed a big interest in renewable energy issues and we received great support from the FSU faculty and staff, as well as the local community," Hilkat said.

The Soysals have also organized a national Renewable Energy Symposium and Exposition that will be held Sept. 14 and 15 on campus, a gathering of researchers, academics and industry representatives open to the public featuring various presentations and discussions about renewable energy.

"We hope that Frostburg State University becomes a center of knowledge and expertise in the field of renewable energy and continues to disseminate information to help the local community develop renewable energy solutions using the resources available in their backyard," Oguz said.



A residential scale wind turbine, part of the WISE project, was erected between the Fuller House and Gray Hall on July 6.



## An ideal setting with programs in place

**Dr. Craig Caupp** is quite familiar with the idea of using resources in his backyard. The FSU geography professor and his family spend the whole year planting, weeding and harvesting produce such as corn, tomatoes, potatoes, blueberries, peaches and raspberries in the huge garden behind their Frostburg home. They can, dry and freeze what they grow and compost food and yard waste.

"We also use stormwater from the roofs and parking area to water the gardens," he said.

The Caupp family walks and bikes to work and takes advantage of Western Maryland's beautiful mountains and streams by getting outside as much as they can – hiking, biking and fishing are some of their favorite activities.

Caupp embraces this green lifestyle while maintaining a busy schedule at the University, where he helps students learn about the complexity of the environment and the significance of its conservation in what is increasingly known as one of the region's most comprehensive geography programs.

"The geography courses emphasize the importance of place and connections of culture to the environment," he said. "Geography technique courses provide graduates with tools to analyze environmental problems. These courses include remote sensing, soil water engineering, GIS – Geographic Information Systems – mapping and surveying."

Caupp also helps steer FSU's interdisciplinary Environmental Analysis and Planning (EVAP) major, a degree program that allows students to take courses in topics such as biogeography and environmental law. EVAP students regularly research real-life problems in the area.

"We've had students who have worked on a feasibility study of boating in the Piney Reservoir and done projects on stormwater

management, floodplains and wetland delineation," he said.

Faculty members in Frostburg's biology department also praise FSU because it offers students immediate and easy access to wilderness and recreation areas and prepares them for exciting job opportunities in environmental research and stewardship.

"Students receive a lot of hands-on experience that would be impossible in an urban location," said **Dr. Frank Ammer**, coordinator of Frostburg's well-respected wildlife and fisheries program in biology. "We also live in a region that has its share of environmental issues. Wind power development and surface mining are economically important industries in this area. There is much opportunity for students to become involved in research to investigate how these activities impact wildlife and fisheries populations."

Another bonus to studying biology at FSU in preparation for a career in environmental research: the opportunity to learn from **Dr. Tom Serfass**, a biology professor whose work in ecology and management of wildlife populations has earned him a record three highly competitive Wilson H. Elkins professorships from the University System of Maryland to support his research on otters in this country and in Africa (*see p. 5*).

FSU is also the only University in the continental United States to offer a bachelor's degree in ethnobotany, a unique interdisciplinary program that allows students to integrate science and culture as a way of understanding human reliance on plants and the environment.

No matter what concentration they select for their studies, FSU's biology graduates "have the necessary skills to effectively deal with current and future environmental issues," Ammer said. "Important ecological and environmental concepts are presented throughout the curriculum to provide students the knowledge necessary for careers emphasizing environmental protection and the management and conservation of our soils, water, forests and wildlife."

## Outside looking in

Although scenic Western Maryland provides an ideal laboratory for studying ecology and conservation issues, it's certainly not the only outside setting where FSU's aspiring scholars can learn about nature.

Thanks to **Dr. Dave Arnold**, a professor who joined the FSU geography department in fall 2006, Frostburg students can now experience the physical world by traveling across the Great Plains in search of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes as part of a special summer geography course.

Arnold, a longtime storm chaser who created the class while teaching at Indiana's Ball State University, invited Frostburg students to take a tour of "Tornado Alley U.S.A." for the first time this summer. From May 29 to June 22, the group pursued hailstorms and twisters in states like Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming, witnessing the terrifying grandeur of nature at its most fierce – and its most beautiful and awe-inspiring. In addition to chasing storms, the group also enjoyed sight-seeing tours at places like Big Bend National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and Carlsbad Caverns.

The opportunity to view some of America's most scenic areas is an integral part of how students develop their own perspectives about the environment, Arnold said.

"It's sort of one of those situations where the pictures and the videos don't do it justice," he said, noting how many participants have never been out West before enrolling in his class. "You can watch them become more connected to the environment just by seeing how they experience the beauty."

Students also spend time talking to residents in various communities about how they interact with the land around them – from care-worn townspeople who have rebuilt their lives in the aftermath of tornadoes to American Indians who feel a spiritual connection to the earth to farmers trying to make ends meet by spraying their land with pesticides.



Dr. Dave Arnold led students on a study of dramatic weather in "Tornado Alley U.S.A." and its people's relationships with the land.

"Not only are students chasing storms, but they're also learning a lot about the human-land connection, and they start to think about their lives and how they live with the land," Arnold said. "This is clearly a necessary first step in how they develop their own philosophies regarding lifestyles that will impact our physical environment for the remainder of their lives."

Jason Melvin, a senior majoring in social science at FSU who joined Arnold's class this summer, agrees.

"Before I took this course, I felt as though our relationship to the natural world was only to maximize our opportunity for profits – I felt as though we are trying to 'take over' the world," he said. "After this trip, I understand that it's not how we can own or manage the land. I feel that the movement that's coming about now is how we can live with the land and preserve its natural beauty."

Being able to do field research on weather systems has also changed Melvin's perception of nature's erratic power and strength.

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Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness

"Another thing that I learned about our relationship to the natural world is that we don't have control and still don't understand it in its entirety. Trying to predict these storms was very challenging, and oftentimes the storms would do things that would catch us

program, organizing Earth Day celebrations and working with local city officials on environmental initiatives.

"We have done trail maintenance in several areas, and we have expanded county recycling programs to Frostburg," said senior Jeff Sellers, a political science and philosophy major who serves as the coalition's vice president. "In cooperation with the Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board, we were able to put plastic recycling receptacles in Mountain View Landfill, and we persuaded the group to include Frostburg in an electronics recycling pilot program."

The Sierra Student Coalition has worked to increase the amount of recycling at FSU. Far left, they arranged for an Allegany County electronics recycling site in Frostburg. Left, SSC members Patrick O'Brien, left and Jeffrey Sellers place new recycling containers in Compton Science Center. The SSC provided containers for a number of academic and residential buildings on campus.



These activities uphold what Sellers sees as a two-tier approach in how the Student Sierra Coalition sets its agenda – improving green options available in the community and establishing a positive social dynamic between FSU and the local town of Frostburg.

"The SSC is intimately involved with groups like University Neighbors, which seek a harmonious relationship between year-round Frostburg residents and student renters," he said. "Preserving our natural environment will be pointless if we cannot have a sustainable social environment in which students and residents can grow as individuals."

## A campus-wide conversation

In addition to reaching out to the local Frostburg community, the University continues to extend a hand inward and invite faculty, staff and students to participate in an ongoing discussion about FSU's role in environmental change.

**Dr. Jim Limbaugh**, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, was a key organizer of FSU's Vision Forums, a series of campus-wide discussions about the University's future that were held in spring 2007. He also chairs FSU's Green Campus Initiative Committee, a position that has driven his interest in learning more about "climate neutrality," a concept that focuses on reducing global warming emissions as much as possible and fostering educational and research efforts to help society re-stabilize the earth's climate.

"Members of our campus community recognize the potential that exists at FSU ... to create a prominent program in environmental studies and research that can offer real-world experiences," he said. "FSU has all the pieces necessary to make it a national leader in both the practice and education in climate neutrality: committed leadership by Dr. Gibraltar, excellent facilities in both Compton and Gunter, established, well-respected academic programs with environmental emphases in biology and geography. .... And we have an outstanding physical location."

With University-wide support and so many key factors in place, FSU is well on its way to becoming a greener campus that practices environmental stewardship and prepares thoughtful future leaders who can effectively face the environmental challenges at hand.



# classnotes

## 1932

**Jane H. Grindel** celebrated her 95th birthday this year. Jane was the guest speaker at the Last Look Luncheon for Beall High School, where she had been a guidance counselor. Final tours were given prior to the Frostburg school's planned demolition.

## 1945

**Betty G. Workman** received special recognition by the Allegany County Commission for Women in celebration of Women's History month.

## 1951

**John E. Frank** was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Glen Burnie, Md.

## 1953

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## 1957

**Robert D. Kirk** was honored by Allegany College of Maryland, which renamed the physical education building "Bob Kirk Arena." Bob is a former basketball coach and longtime athletic director.

## 1958

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## 1959

**Norma Jean Delaney** is the curator of the Lady Lake Historical Society in Lady Lake, Fla.

## 1960

**Carl James Donald** was inducted into the Frederick County YMCA's Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame.

**Robert Hardman** was the seventh person to be inducted into the Allegany High School Hall of Honor. He is a retired professor of education and director of Information Technology

Services at the University of Northern Iowa. He has made a number of educational documentaries.

## 1962

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
A reunion is being planned for Sept. 8. For more details, call the Alumni Office at 301/687-4068.

## 1963

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## 1967

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**Donald Dean Forrester** earned a Doctor of Biblical Studies degree in interdisciplinary studies from Master's Graduate School of Divinity in Evansville, Ind. He and his wife, **Anne Gaskill Forrester '67**, reside in Mountain Lake Park, Md.

## 1968

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**Carole L. Malin** is the new downtown manager of Main Street Waynesboro (Pa.) Inc.

## 1969

**David Diaz** was selected by Hospice Cup Inc. as the artist of the official image of the Hospice Cup XXVI, a sailing race taking place in Annapolis in September.

**Joseph F. Jenkins** was invited to speak at the St. Peter's School (Westernport, Md.) Alumni Banquet. Joseph is a member of St. Peter's Class of 1950. He is active in the Elks and Knights of Columbus.

## 1970

**Kenneth Gordon Howser** retired in January '07 after 36 years of service with the U.S. Army and U.S. Postal Service. He has been married to **Karen (Markel) Howser '72** (*see 1972*) for 33 years.

**Larry D. Kump** was nominated by the MCEA to serve on Gov. Martin O'Malley's Task Force to Study Prison Violence.

**Elmer W. Smith** was the recipient of the John W. Voight Assistant Coach Award for outstanding service in the state of Maryland for at least 20 years. Elmer was recognized by the Maryland Football Coaches Association at their Hall of Fame banquet for his service at Beall High School in Frostburg, Md.

## 1971

**Sharon Rizer Chirgott** was recognized for 20 years of service to Funkstown Town Council.

## 1972

**Karen M. Markel Howser** has retired from the Frederick County Board of Education after 33 years of service. She and her husband **Kenneth Howser Jr. '68**, have three daughters and six grandchildren. Ken fondly recalls meeting Karen, an RA in the first coed dorm on campus, when he returned from Vietnam in 1970 for summer school.

## 1973

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**Richard Calvin Broome** was installed as pastor of Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont, Md.

**John H. Dane** was recently awarded the Certified Association Executive (CAE) Credential by the American Society of Association Executives. He is the new executive director of the California State Firefighters Association in Sacramento. He was formerly the Executive Director of the United States Rowing Association, an Olympic training and governance organization. He accompanied the U.S. National Rowing Team to the Athens Olympics in 2004 where the men and women won gold and silver Olympic medals. John and his wife **Lisa Caplan Dane '74** have two sons, Erik, who is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, and Alexander, a graduate student at the University of Colorado-Denver.

**John L. Ellinger** is the head coach of Real Salt Lake Major League Soccer. John was recently recognized by the NSCAA with the Youth Long-Term Service Award.

**Bruce Villwock** was recognized for "Bully Busters," a successful anti-bullying program he organized at Broadneck High School in Annapolis, Md.

## 1974

**Betsy McCarney Wagoner** was selected for the teacher honor roll of *The Journal Gazette* in Fort Wayne, Ind. Betsy is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Canterbury School.

**Martin P. Welch**, an associate judge in Baltimore City Circuit Court, is one of the first judges to preside over Maryland's experimental Family Recovery Program, which empowers a judge to order parents into addiction counseling to limit their children's time in foster care.

**Robert M. Zitter** is executive vice president of technology operations and chief technology officer for HBO.

## 1975

**Gwynette Proctor** is the head boys basketball coach at Notre Dame High School in Lawrence, Mass.

## 1976

**Scott A. Doyle** retired after 30 years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps. Scott and his wife, **Joyce Taylor Doyle '77** have two sons, Taylor and Casey.

**Deborah Shrout Pappas** was recognized as the Allegany County (Md.) Teacher of the Year. Deborah is the Title I Reading Specialist at Cresaptown Elementary School.

**Sheree P. Witt** was the recipient of the first outstanding director of special education award given by the State of Maryland. Sheree is the executive director of special education and student services for Allegany County, Md.

## 1977

**Buster Nelson** was a featured agent for State Farm Insurance in a nationally syndicated commercial from August to December 2006. The commercial told about the efforts of State Farm agents who went beyond the call of duty to help policyholders affected by Hurricane Katrina put their lives back together. The commercial aired during the first Monday Night Football game last season between the New Orleans Saints and Atlanta Falcons.

**Larry D. Swickard** graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a master's degree in history. Larry has been a high school American history and government teacher for 14 years.

## 1978

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## 1979

**John R. Isaac** was named top investment and annuity producer in the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network's Washington area office for the ninth consecutive year.

## 1981

**Linda Kay Dean** is a visiting instructor in English at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

**Mary Kay Finan** has been named by Gov. Martin O'Malley to the Maryland State Board of Education. She is an associate professor in the FSU Department of Educational Professions.

**Michael R Giconi** was promoted to assistant director of Alliance for Living, a New London, Conn., agency that serves those living with HIV/AIDS. Michael supervises the housing coordinator and case managers/resident advocates and is a state-certified AIDS educator.

**Doug E. Raymond** is a retired colonel of the U.S. Army after 25 years of service. Doug is a civilian employee in the Department of the Army serving as the Senior Intelligence Officer for U.S. Army North, which has the primary mission of Homeland Defense and Consequence Management within the continental United States. Doug's career spanned assignments as an Airborne Ranger with Special Operation units to serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a Crisis Operations Officer, culminating with his efforts as the J2 Senior Intelligence Officer, for Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, which specialized in counterterrorism operations. His wife, Celeste, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Radiology, has been the key to raising two fine sons. James, a plebe at West Point and highly recruited Division 1 golfer, and Doug Jr., captain of his high school football team who was selected Wendy's High School Heisman nominee and District All-Star.

## 1982

**Chris Conway** is the new president/CEO of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union in Greenbelt, Md.

**Marjorie Ellen Lauver** was installed as the pastor of Aurora-Red House Lutheran Parish in July 2006 following her graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa.

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ClassNotes listed are those received as of May 31, 2007

### classnotesclose-up



## Field of Dreams is Alum's Legacy

The movie *Field of Dreams* dramatized what can happen with true passion and a love of baseball. Now Big Park Community School in Sedona, Ariz., has a tangible product of the heart and passion of the late **Doug Colletti '77**.

Colletti always had a passion and love for our nation's pastime, and in 2000, he helped Big Park get a brand-new baseball field. He guided the effort to turn a vacant lot behind the school into a multipurpose field. "The field of dreams," as Colletti called it, cost \$40,000 and was paid for by the community and school district.

However, Colletti, a teacher, coach and friend to many in the central Arizona town, died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 49 before his dream was finished. At the time of his death in 2004, he was working with the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team to secure a scoreboard for the new field.

Colletti touched the hearts of many during his 13 years at the Sedona-Oak Creek School District. On the Monday after his death, students gathered on the "Field of Dreams" to pay tribute to Colletti. Many wrote messages in the infield dirt, saying, "We will never forget you" and "We love you Mr. C."

Now, more than three years after his death, the school completed his dream by unveiling the brand new scoreboard at a ceremony on May 22 that celebrated his life. In addition to the scoreboard, the field was dedicated in Colletti's honor. A plaque, inset into a boulder, commemorates his life and rests in a plant garden at the base of the scoreboard. His legacy was secured in the minds of the faculty, students and parents that day as Colletti was honored with his very own "Field of Dreams."

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Doug Colletti '77



### Alumni Make Happy Hats

**Michele Midgett '98** works to construct Glories Happy Hats, jester-style hats that will be given to seriously ill children. This April event in Rockville was the first of four statewide hosted by the FSU Alumni Association. The service project was made possible by a grant from Alumni Association - International.





# Alum Honored for Keeping the Flame Alive

**Greg Slick '76** is a pretty humble guy, so it wasn't without great effort that other members of the North Hagerstown High School Boosters Club were able both to name the press box to the new stadium for him and honor him at a Hagerstown Suns baseball game with a commemorative bobblehead in his image.

Slick was recognized for being the "keeper of the flame" for so many years in the effort to build a stadium at the high school where he has coached for 30 years. Previously, North High shared a stadium that was located next to its cross-town rival, South Hagerstown High School, from the time the two schools were built in the 1950s.

"He kept it alive all these years," said Rick Hill '83, president of the North High Boosters.

Private fundraising finally broke the political and monetary logjam. Among the efforts, the boosters chose to sell extensive naming rights at the facility, from the stadium itself down to individual rooms and components.

Slick said he should have been suspicious when discussion in booster meetings about the press box name simply stopped. But in the excitement leading up to the stadium's grand opening, his mind was otherwise occupied.

When a banner was unfurled that evening declaring the "Coach Greg Slick Press Box," I got very, very emotional," he said. "I still have a hard time verbalizing it."

His gratitude got the best of him. He had resisted being honored at the Hagerstown Suns' annual day to recognize local educators, but when he told the boosters how grateful he was for their gesture, Hill grinned and said, "We're not done yet."

Slick was caught. "How could I say no and turn them down after they named the press box after me?" he said.

So on May 25, Slick threw out the first pitch at the minor league game and signed autographs, many for his former players. The bobblehead was sponsored by Kempen Hill BBQ, a restaurant owned by one of his former players and long-time friends, Jay Reeder and his wife, Kathy.

"I don't think you know as a teacher, as an educator, as a coach how much influence you have on these guys," Slick said. "This whole stadium thing is just an affirmation that can happen. This is a good, solid lesson in fulfilling a dream."



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**Laurie J. Lehmann Frey** and her husband, Paul Frey, run a business and organization consulting service, PLF LLC, out of their home in Frederick, Md. They have three daughters: Becky (22), Maggie (21) and Katie (18).

**Carol L. Leveillee** was chosen as the Charles County (Md.) Public School's Principal of the Year. She is the principal of Matula Elementary School.

**Jack Chung Riley** was awarded a life membership in Proctor Kildow Post 71 of the American Legion, Oakland, Md. Jack is the commandant of the junior ROTC program at Southern High School.

## 1985

**Patrick Warren Braddock** was a member of the Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Leadership Porterville (Calif.) class. Patrick is a Realtor for Home Realty and Land Co. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

**Lisa Diane Morgan Mucci** was selected by her peers as the Teacher of the Year at Sebastian Elementary School. In February 2007, Lisa was named Indian River County (Fla.) Teacher of the Year.

## 1986

**John D. Sayles** has been named deputy secretary for Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources.

## 1987

**Terrence E. Curran** participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training marathon in Anchorage, Alaska. Visit [www.teamintraining.org](http://www.teamintraining.org) to find out more about Terry's fundraising efforts.

**Brian G. Gilmore** was a presenter for the 2007 Lewis J. Ort Library Author Series at Frostburg State University. Brian is a poet and author who has appeared on NPR's "This American Life." He has written two books of poetry: *Elvis Presley is Alive and Well and Living in Harlem* and *Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags*.

**Dale Edwin Iman** is the city manager of Fayetteville, N.C.

## 1988

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**Tracy Dawn Imhoff Lipscomb** was promoted to chief financial officer of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital in Oakland, Md.

**Sally P. Watsic** is the head coach of Urbana (Md.) High School's women's lacrosse team.

## 1989

**Patricia Carol Muldoon** was promoted to executive vice president and chief operational officer for CNB Bank.

**Richard Lee Narron** is the command-er of the Maryland State Police barracks in Hagerstown, Md.

**Dr. Jem M. Spectar** was named president of University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown beginning July 1, 2007. He was previously the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western Oregon University.

## 1990

**Ty DeMartino** received a 2007 Maryland State Arts Council Award for Playwriting. This past summer Ty (who is also the former editor of *Profile*) had two productions of his works on stage. His drama *The Blessed Mothers of War* ran for three weeks as part of this year's Baltimore Playwrights Festival. He also wrote the book to a new musical, *Furry Tales*, which was staged this past July in Pittsburgh. He's currently collaborating on two new projects — the play *The Last Dream Stand on Route 9* and the book for a new musical called *Cougarland*.

## 1991

**David Stuart Brewster** is a physical therapist, exercise specialist and clinic manager for the Strasburg, Va., branch of Rehab2Health. David completed the Old Dominion 100-mile Cross Country Run in 27:28:10. David and his wife, Anne, have two children, Alaina (6) and Jonathan (4).

**Melissa Vargas Eason** and her husband, Sean, specialize in litigation document retrieval and multimedia production. They re-

cently opened their own business, Gage Record Retrieval, named for their 8-year old son. Visit their Web site at [www.gagerecords.com](http://www.gagerecords.com).



Donna Hickey

**Donna Christine Hickey** is living near the Jersey Shore where she is a registered dental hygienist. She graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School, Dental Hygiene program in Baltimore, Md. She attends Calvary Chapel, which has had a tremendous impact on her life.

**Lauren Nicole Mangini Kimlel** is vice president for business banking at M&T Bank for the Chesapeake Region (Salisbury, Md.) She is a vice-chair of the Wellness Community-Delmarva and serves on the Board of Directors for the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce.

**David Tinkam King** is vice president of Operations for Wagman Construction in York, Pa.

**Kristofer Todd Lyon** is employed by Sallie Mae and was promoted to vice president, DMO portfolio management.

## 1992

**Michael Ray Baylor** was promoted to executive vice president/market president for Maryland by Sovereign Bank.

**Randy Alan Olsen** is the chief financial officer for First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, Cumberland, Md.

## 1993

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**Jennifer Burge Tummy Bieritz** and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of Zachary on Nov. 26, 2006. Zachary joins big brothers Christopher (8) and Jonathan (4). Jennifer and Rob reside in Frederick, Md., and celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this year. Jennifer, a local childcare coordinator, was recently recognized for a five-year milestone with Cultural Care Au Pair, Frederick County.

**Robert Scott Fell** was a member of the inaugural graduating class of the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. The degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine was conferred in June 2007.



Pictured clockwise from upper left: Kristen Bowser Raykes '93, Bonnie Jane Burkland Rubottom '93, Karlie Rubottom, Walker and Addie Raykes.

**Bonnie Jane Burkland Rubottom** and **Kristen (Bowser) Raykes '93**, met in Frederick, Md., for a visit. Bonnie traveled from Kansas with her daughter, Karlie. Kristen came from Pennsylvania with her two children, Walker and Addie.

## 1994



Sydney Louise Emerson

**Lisa Ann Bradburn Emerson** and her husband, **Jeremy Emerson '95** announce the arrival of their second child, a daughter, Sydney Louise on Feb. 27, 2006.

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**FROSTBURG IS A FAMILY AFFAIR** for the Schoonmaker family, which counts five of six siblings as FSU alums, as well as three Bobcat spouses in the mix. Shown at the May FSU Commencement, from left, are siblings **Angie S. Coggins '93**, **John Schoonmaker Jr.**, **Tracy S. Flower '94**, **Cindy Schoonmaker '07**, **Mike Schoonmaker '06** and **Missy S. Lazzari '97**. Angie is married to **Sean Coggins '92**, Tracy to **Todd Flowers '92** and Missy to **Phil Lazzari '96**.

## alumni events



FSU business students made a visit to the Hunter Douglas Northeast facility in Cumberland, Md., where 21 FSU alumni are leading the way at the most successful fabrication operation in Hunter Douglas Worldwide.

### Class of 1962 45th Reunion

September 7-8  
FSU Campus

## Homecoming 2007

**Mirror to the Past, Window to the Future**  
October 18-21  
*see back page for details*

### Class of 1967 40th Reunion

October 19-20  
FSU Campus

### Class of 1986 & 1987 Reunion

October 20  
Frostburg Eagles - Main St.

### Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Leake Room, Cordts PE Center  
All Alumni are welcome!  
October 21, 9:00 a.m.  
A vote will be cast on a new set of by-laws

For more information and additional details on events, contact the Office of Alumni Programs at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or call 301/687-4068.





From left are Jamie Stup, vice president; Jason Giuliano, director of business development; and Jon Bailey, president.

## Dream Business Takes Root on Wood Street

What do you get when you combine roommates studying fine art, graphic design and communications under one roof? If you're **Jon Bailey '95** and **Jamie Stup '97**, you get the humble beginnings of a successful company with a sentimental name.

The two shared a house on Frostburg's Wood Street while Bailey pursued a fine art degree in photography and Stup studied visual communications. Today, Wood Street Inc., a Web, graphic design and development firm they founded in 2002, reflects the creative collaboration they shared during their years at Frostburg State University.

"When we lived on Wood Street we were both taking Bob Llewellyn's advanced printmaking class, which is where the first collaboration on projects began. I was focusing on mixing media together between computer graphics and printmaking while Jon was carrying over his photography background," Stup said. "The foundation was set and hence the name was born."

"When Jamie and I founded the company we were struggling to find the right name. One of us just randomly said, 'Why don't we call it Wood Street?' It was kind of a joke at that moment, but then it started to really make more and more sense," Bailey said.

Bailey now serves as president and business development specialist for the company, which provides sought-after services such as Web site, print and interface design and Internet marketing. Stup is the vice president, project manager and media developer. And the FSU connection has extended to include **Jason Giuliano '97**, the firm's director of business development, and **Derek Jubach**, who studied graphic design at FSU and serves as marketing and media developer.

The team stays busy working with clients who represent everything from non-profits to real estate firms to government and Internet technology. Notable customers include Metropolitan Choppers (founded by fellow alum **Rick Hill '83**), the U.S. Marines and Rep. Roscoe Bartlett.

Before making Wood Street a reality, the company's members honed their skills with jobs in sales, management and customer service. This background in business, combined with creative talent, has helped Wood Street grow through smart networking and through taking the time to understand their clients' specific needs.

Such personalized attention parallels what Stup fondly remembers about Frostburg. "I loved the fact that FSU is a smaller school with a focus on student achievement," he said. "This is the same experience I want for my children. I feel better education comes in smaller numbers."

Bailey agrees that his time at FSU was well spent. "I loved the sense of community there, especially in the art department," he said. "I had a lot of fun working with other students on projects and just exploring different aspects of creative thinking."

For more information about Wood Street, check out [www.woodst.com](http://www.woodst.com).

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classnotes close-up



Garrett Eisentrout Sines

**Brynt Sines** and his wife, Tammy Eisentrout, announce the arrival of Garrett Eisentrout Sines on May 27, 2006. To see more photos, visit their Web site at [www.lazydogfarm.com](http://www.lazydogfarm.com).

## 1995

**Jonathan Millea DeSantos** is the head boys lacrosse coach at Chesapeake High School. He is also a special education teacher at the school.



Owen John, Bailey Michael and Carter James Gentile

**Jennifer Sue Wilson Gentile** and her husband, **Mike Gentile '95**, welcome Owen John to their family. Owen joins Bailey Michael (4) and Carter James (3) Mike is a regional manager for Transworld Systems while Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom.

**Daniel Franklin Henderson** is a fifth-grade teacher at Williamsport Elementary School and regional director of Destination Imagination.

**Christopher Matthew Schrock** has been named head football coach at Meyersdale (Pa) High School.

**Sally Ann Rochkind Warrenfeltz** and her husband, Ryan, celebrated their eighth anniversary. Sally is a stay-at-home mom for Ryan Jr. (4) and Megan (2). Ryan is a graduate of UMAB law and is employed as a JAG in the Air Force stationed at Moody Air Force Base. Sally says, "We are proud to be a part of service to our country."

## 1996

**Jennifer Merrett Horton Carter** and her husband, **Rick Carter '95**, announce

the birth of Elizabeth Merrit on Feb. 28, 2006. Elizabeth joins older sister, Julia. They reside in Rockville, Md.

**Dale Patrick Farrell** was promoted to supervisor of teacher recruitment in the Department of Human Resources by the Board of Education of St. Mary's County Public Schools, Leonardtown, Md.

**Matthew Frank Hitchner** and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of Bridget Lee on May 5, 2006. Bridget joins big sister, Alexandria Jordan (5). Matt is a middle school technology teacher at Hopewell Crest School in Bridgeton, NJ.

**Michael Kenneth Lease** was a featured artist at an outdoor/indoor multi-media installation called "Alley-Oop" at the Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Va., during the fall of 2006. To view photos of the installation process, visit [www.rvalleyoop.blogspot.com](http://www.rvalleyoop.blogspot.com).

**Denise L. Ritchie Murphy** was named associate director of the budget in the Administration and Finance Division at Frostburg State University.

**James Edwin Robertson** announces the birth of his son on May 14, 2007.

## 1997

**James Edward Andrews** is the director of On Call Employee Solutions Inc. Finance and Accounting division in San Diego, Calif.

**Jodi Michelle Lum** married Gary A. Blair Jr. on June 25, 2005. She is employed with Smith Elliott Kearns & Co, LLC in the Accounting Services Department of their Hagerstown, Md., office.

**Janet Leanne Gregory** was honored by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics as one of nine outstanding teachers in Maryland. Janet is a math teacher at Southern Middle School in Garrett County, Md.

**Robert Conley Hamilton** married Kathryn George on July 29, 2006. Robert is a consultant for CACI International Inc. in Fairfax, Va.

**Robert Wayne Marchiony** was valedictorian and graduated summa cum laude from Albany Law School. Robert is an assistant court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department.

**William Gunton Plavcan** is the director of admissions at Julia Manor Health Care Center in Hagerstown, Md.

**Cindy Marie Jones Rauner** and her husband, **Glen Rauner '96**, announce the birth of William Thomas on Dec. 13, 2006.

**John Richard Wilttrout** was recognized by the Meyersdale FFA as its Honorary Member. John is the principal of Meyersdale High School.

## 1998

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**John Brian Oettinger** was promoted to vice president and officer of Sand Spring Bank in Olney, Md.

**Brian Lynn Read** married Lauren Warnick on May 13, 2006. Brian is a salesman with Timbrook Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC in Cumberland, Md.

**Allison Jean Smith** married James Bynum III on March 3, 2007. They live in Salisbury, Md.



John (Jamie) and Janine Myers

**John (Jamie) Merryman Myers** married Janine Steele on June 10, 2006, at Loyola Blakefield's Chapel of Our Lady of Montserrat. Participating in the wedding party were Frostburg alums **Jason Myers '99**, **Michael Young '97**, **Bryan Greenberg '00**, **Michael Keller '99** and **Allyson Ruckstool '98**. John is employed in the development office at Loyola Blakefield.

**Kevin Lee Starliper** was promoted to vice president senior lending officer of CNB Bank.

## 1999

**Sheryl Jeanine Stouffer** married Robert Johnson on June 9, 2006. Sheryl is a school psychologist with Carroll County Schools. They reside in New Market, Md.

**Michael James McKenna** joined forces with **David Vane '00** to open Weichert Realtors - New Colony in Columbia, Md.

**Cassandra Pearl Moser Weaver** was presented the 2007 Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association Community Citation Award. The award recognizes a 15-

year graduate of HCC for volunteer community service. Cassandra is the director of admissions at Reeders Nursing Home and is an active volunteer with the Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross.



Erin and Henry Joseph Hauhn III

**Erin Marie King** married Henry Joseph Hauhn III on July 16, 2006 in Charleston, S.C.

**Jodi Faye Miller** married LeRoy Miller Sr. on May 22, 2005. Jodi is an instructor at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

**Tony Washington** is a volunteer services coordinator for WAMU 88.5 radio, an NPR station located in Washington, D.C.

## 2000

**William Wesley Aylor** is a patent licensing attorney with the West Virginia Research Corp. He completed his jurisprudence degree from West Virginia University in 2005. He is a licensed member of the U.S. Patent Bar and the Maryland and West Virginia bar associations. Will also earned a master's degree in microbiology from N.C. State University. His wife, Amy, is a graduate teaching assistant and doctoral candidate in the WVU forensic science program. They live in Morgantown, W.Va.

**Tony Bridges** has been named to lead the Office of Neighborhood and Constituent Services for the City of Baltimore in the administration of Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon. He had previously served in the Martin O'Malley administration.

**Sarah Kay Strawderman** married Shelby Burnett on Oct. 22, 2005. The couple is stationed at RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom.

**Bethany Lynn Witt** married Robert Lawrence Cassidy III on May 14, 2005. Bethany is a case manager at Roxbury Correctional Institution, Hagerstown, Md.



Kenn and Amy Cowgill

**Amy Beth Umstot** married **Kenneth Cowgill '98** on June 24, 2006. Amy is a mathematics teacher and Kenn is a social studies teacher, both at Frankfort High School in Ridgeley, W.Va.

**Lori Lynn Evans-Dixon** is a CPA and the director of accounting at Garrett County Memorial Hospital.

**Todd Mitchell Grubb** is the teacher-coach of the Aberdeen High School Envirothon team. Todd is a science teacher in Harford County.

**Eric J. Moore** earned a doctorate in applied physics at the University of Maryland Baltimore. He is teaching at Frostburg in the Department of Physics and Engineering.



Ayden Edward Parker-Johnson

**Tara Krystyna Parker-Johnson** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Ayden Edward on September 30, 2006.

**Robert Toth** was recognized in the *Frederick News-Post* for his dedication to practicing international law in Frederick County, Md. Robert provides services to legal immigrants and those who need legal assistance with cases involving people living in the U.S. with someone else in another country.

## 2001

**Lori Lynn Baker** married David Dodson on June 17, 2006. Lori is a third-grade teacher at Conococheague Elementary School. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.

**Mary C. Baykan** was named *Library Journal's* Librarian of the Year 2007. She is

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## FSU Mentoring Network Helps Alumni Share Job Expertise

Alumni who are eager to share career advice with Frostburg students and fellow graduates may want to check out the Mentoring Network, an online service offered through FSU's College Central Network ISP.

"It's a great, free service" that helps Frostburg students prepare for their careers, said Robbie Cordle, FSU's Director of Career Services.

Alums create password-protected mentoring profiles that are only accessible to FSU students and other alumni who search the profiles to find possible contacts for their job interests.

The Mentoring Network is part of a larger effort to build "a solid bridge of connection" that begins with mentoring and evolves into internships and jobs, said Chris Harmon, Director of Annual Giving.

For more information, visit [www.collegecentral.com/frostburg](http://www.collegecentral.com/frostburg), click on "Alumni," then the link for "Mentoring Network. Enter the password "Frostburg" to enter the site.

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## Calling All RAs & RDs

We are looking for past Residence Life staff (RAs, RDs). Please update your information by writing to [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or calling 301/687-4068. Be sure to let us know that you were a Residence Life staff member in your correspondence.





FSU Looking for YouTube Talent...

Interested in impressing fellow alums with your technical skills and innovation? If so, the Frostburg: Take 5 contest could be your BIG ticket!

- To enter, all you have to do is create a YouTube clip that's 5 minutes or less expressing what you love most about FSU!
- Give us your take on why Frostburg is a great place to go to college . . . pull out those old photos or videos and make a creative clip that tells us what made your time here really special.
- FIVE winners will be chosen by a panel of judges that includes Emmy award-winning TV writer/producer Greg Garcia.
- The best clips will eventually highlighted on the FSU Web site and on a special Frostburg YouTube channel!
- Great prizes are also in store . . .



For more info on how to enter: [www.frostburg.edu/take5/](http://www.frostburg.edu/take5/)

Deadline for entries is October 8.

director of the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Md.

**Seth Brandon D'Atri** is an associate attorney with the law firm of Trozzo, Lowery, Weston & Rock, Cumberland, Md.

**Katie Sue Amann** married Kristopher Imler on Sept. 10, 2005. Katie is an exercise physiologist with Nautilus Fitness Centers in Cross Lanes, W.Va. She is studying nursing at Mountain State University.

**Daniel Matthew James** has been admitted to the bar to practice law by the State of West Virginia. Daniel is a graduate of Tom M. Cooley Law School in Michigan.

**Jennifer Lynn Kile** married Nicholas J. Russ on Sept. 24, 2005. Jennifer earned a doctorate degree in chemistry from Virginia Tech in 2006.

**Mary Christina Tam** graduated from Virginia Tech with a doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry. She is now teaching chemistry at Virginia Tech and living in Blacksburg, Va.

**Misty Dawn Twigg** married Charles Thomas on Jan. 7, 2006. Misty is a fourth-grade teacher at Northeast Elementary School in Allegany County, Md.



Jessica Lynn Yahnert Masser

**Jessica Lynn Yahnert Masser** was the recipient of the Mason W. Pressly Memorial Medal, a distinction presented to the student who is recognized by students, faculty and administration as Student DO (Doctor of Osteopathy) of the Year. Jessica is a fellow at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

2002

**Lauren Marie Haines** is the director of the George's Creek Adult Medical Care Center. She is pursuing a master's degree at WVU.

**Andra Linn Parker** married **Andrew Limbaugh** '02 on May 28, 2005.

**Daniel Lindner** married Heather Marconi on July 29, 2006. Daniel is a teacher in Washington County.

**William David Oliver** was promoted to vice president, Engineering and Maintenance for NewPage operations, Luke, Md.

2003

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**Stacy Ann Stein** married Eric G. Gillum on Aug. 5, 2006. Stacy is an environmental sanitarian for the Garrett County (Md.) Health Department.



Shane Wolf and Erin Frankenberry

**Erin E. Frankenberry** married **Shane Wolfe** '03 on July 26, 2006, in an outdoor ceremony at New Germany State Park. FSU alumni participating in the ceremony included **Karen Yeisley** '03, **Holly Harrington** '04, **Stephanie Linn** '06, **Cory Beard** '02 and **Erik Frankenberry** '06. Erin is a social studies teacher at Northern High School in Calvert County. Shane is a lead technician for Apple Inc. The couple purchased a home in December 2006 in Odenton, Md.

**Ashley Marie Olszeski** married **Andrew Lippenholz** '01 on Aug. 12, 2006. Ashley is a fifth-grade teacher with Baltimore County Schools. Andrew is a partner with J.T. Painting, LLC.

**Laura Danielle Bishop** married Seth Miller on Sept. 10, 2005, in Keyser, W.Va. Laura is employed with the State of Maryland.

**Kathleen Anne Murray** earned a master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of South Carolina. Katie is employed at Goucher College as a first-year mentor, assisting the freshmen class with their transition to the college experience.

2004

**Karen L. Harvey** was a featured artist in the Spring Master of Fine Arts Exhibition at Indiana State University. Karen is seeking a Master of Fine Arts degree at the school.



Rick and Julie Rando

**Julie A. Schibblehut** married **Rick Rando II** '00 on Aug. 6, 2000, in Friendship, Md. Rick is the owner and president of Kick Masters Karate in Frostburg, Md. Julie is an admissions counselor for Frostburg State University. They reside in LaVale, Md.

**Susan Gail Lovell** was appointed lecturer/director of nursery school in the Department of Education at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

**Richard Franklin Manley** and his wife, Katie, announce the birth of Danica Elizabeth on Nov. 6, 2006. Frank and Katie were married on Kent Island on Nov. 19, 2005, and have made their home in Hurlock, Md. Frank is a fifth-grade teacher at Chestertown Middle School.

**Lee Ann Nightingale** was named benefits coordinator in the Office of Human Resources at Frostburg State University.

**Charissa Elizabeth Sipes** has been hired by Davis, Bowen & Friedel of Salisbury, Md., as marketing assistant.

**Sarah J. Remsburg** married **Jeremy McGuire** '06 on April 29, 2006. Sarah is employed at the Keyser-Mineral County Public Library. Jeremy is a correctional officer with the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, Md.



Kate and James Stone

**Kate E. Kelley** married **James Stone** '04 on June 24, 2006. Kate teaches fifth grade and James is a special education teacher, both in Montgomery County schools.

**Kristi L. O'Neal**, a doctoral candidate in analytical chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh, was selected as a member of the student delegation to the meeting of the Nobel

Laureates in Lindau, Germany, in June 2006. She also presented a paper titled "Receptor-Based Fluorous Biphasic Extractions and Non-Covalent Interactions in Fluorous Media" at the Pittsburgh Conference in Chicago. She was the only graduate student invited to present at the specialist session for Ionophore-Based Chemical Sensors. She is working on a National Science Foundation project and teaches a college-level chemistry class for senior high school students.

2005

**Adriane Grace Mallow** married Joshua Cessna on Sept. 10, 2005. Adriane is employed by ATK Tactical Systems in Rocket Center, W.Va.

**Janet M. Gooch** is an associate investigator for USIS.

**David McLean Higdon** swapped a painting he created of basketball player Gilbert Arenas of the Washington Wizards for the player's autographed jersey at a game in Orlando, Fla. David brought the painting to the game hoping to get it autographed. Arenas then commissioned David to do another painting for him. The exchange was shown on television. David is employed by Disney in Orlando, Fla.

**Brandon J. Hoover** was a legal intern with the Garrett County State's Attorney Office during his second-year as a law student at Claude W. Pettit College of Law of Ohio Northern University.

**Elizabeth Jean Bloom** married Evan Hunt on July 22, 2006. Elizabeth is a seventh-grade math teacher at Springfield Middle School in Williamsport. They live in Hagerstown, Md.

**Anissa Kay Jamison** was recognized by the American InHouse Design Award contest sponsored by Adobe and *Graphic Design USA* magazine.

**Jason William McCoy** married Juli Shroyer on Oct. 29, 2005. Jason is employed with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

**John Douglas Nixon** was promoted to corporate auditor by Wal-Mart Corp., Albany, N.Y.

**Megan Leigh Beyard** married Kenneth Possert on Sept. 23, 2006, in Ocean City, Md. She is a cashier with Wegman's Food Market in Northern Virginia.

**Kimberly D. Reidler** married Keith Edward Convery on May 20, 2006. They reside in Lafayette, Ind.

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Alum Shares Passion for the Outdoors with Lodge's Guests

By Kai James '07

**Mike Dreisbach '72** first developed his passion for the great outdoors in the quiet serenity of southern Washington County, Md., where he and his father took regular expeditions to the outdoors. That passion followed him through his geography studies at Frostburg, through his career and now to his "retirement job," running the eco-tourism destination, the Savage River Lodge, not far from his alma mater.



Mike Dreisbach '72

The original draw to Frostburg was easy for him because of the love he had for nature. The area proved to be a perfect fit for a nature lover, not only for its mountains but also for the many environmental issues that he was concerned about. He enrolled in Frostburg in 1970, where he excelled in geography and as a conservationist.

At Frostburg he participated in a number of organizations that assisted in spreading the word about environmental conservation and the concern for what humans were doing to the earth.

After graduating in 1972, Mike joined the Maryland health department as an environmental sanitarian. His next job was with a Hagerstown civil engineering firm, working on projects related to acid mine drainage in Garrett County. His largest project was the extensive field studies on the Youghiogheny River to place it on the list of U.S. scenic rivers. After five years, he then joined Fairchild Republic in Hagerstown building A-10 aircraft. When Fairchild was purchased by Rohr Industries, Mike became the president of United Auto Workers Union Local 842, moving his career in a different direction. Most of his energy was spent in human resources, developing progressive employee management workplaces. His ideas about employee participation were published nationally, and he was soon offered a job by Labor Secretary Bill Utery during the Carter Administration.

For the rest of his career as a labor mediator, he found himself back to his outdoors roots. His Frostburg education would prove to be a great asset; he learned a lot from his geography classes and gives much credit to great professors like Dr. James Cotton, William Nizinski and Dr. John Riley. His career in civil engineering and human resources and his education at FSU prepared him to work in the coal mining and power generation industries as a mediator, where he spent the last 20 years.

It was in 1990 that Mike and his wife Jan began to focus on their passion, and possibly their legacy. It took seven years to get their dream project off the drawing board. The Savage River Lodge has been designed as an opportunity for people to get away, relax, recreate and renew with nature as the backdrop. By 1997 they managed a way to finance the lodge, which opened in 2000 and has developed into a million-dollar-a-year business. The Lodge has been recognized nationally and has attracted much attention to Western Maryland.

In 2004 Dreisbach officially retired, but he still works 16-hour days, seven days a week running the lodge. He enjoys maintaining the grounds, offering fly-fishing instructions, biking treks, nature tours, cross country skiing, fine wine, great food and much more.

Dreisbach says the lodge since its opening has had a \$20 million tourism impact on the region and is showing no signs of slowing down. Currently there are eight full-time and 17 part-time employees, mostly college students and graduates from FSU.

The lodge is run using very earth-conscious methods. It is heated by a bio-recycling system that runs off of wood, which in turn provides heat and warm water. Construction strictly limited the clear-cutting allowed to make way for the cabins and lodge. Mike personally clears the road when it snows, using gravel instead of salt to reduce the environmental impact.

It's not all work and nature for Mike, however. Every morning he and Jan start the day with yoga, and he is an avid bicyclist, clocking 100 to 150 miles in a good week. He also manages the career of the lodge's celebrity dog, Bodhi, who has his own calendar, book and Web site.

Mike believes that one should never lose touch with nature. He spends his retirement doing what he loves. "When you're doing something you love it's not work at all," he said.



The beautiful surroundings of the Savage River Lodge allow Driesbach to feed his passion for nature.

classnotes close-up







## Thornton Back in the Swim of Things after Iraq

by Noah Becker

These days college athletes find their schedules cramped with responsibilities, but one Frostburg State student athlete has more responsibility than most: military service. For junior **Brandon Thornton**, service to his country has been a part of his life since he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in August of 2001.

Thornton, a corporal and platoon sergeant, is a member of the Frostburg swimming and diving teams. He joined the team in the fall of 2003 but left FSU in the spring of 2004 because he was deployed to Iraq.

In February 2004, Thornton was deployed as an individual augment with the 1st Marine Exhibitionary Force Headquarters Group Motor Transport Platoon. He operated primarily as a machine gunner on convoys out of the city of Fallujah, mainly providing security for non-military supply trucks. He was also part of a Provisionary Rifle Platoon, which operated a traffic check point for the first attacks on Fallujah and guarded the entrance to the American base.

“Serving in Iraq really let me see things that I had taken advantage of when I was back in the States. It was a real eye-opening experience to see how people in other countries live their lives,” he said.

He returned to school part time in the spring of 2005 but could not compete for the swim team that year because of his part-time status.

“I was a little overwhelmed with the school work when I first came back,” said Thornton. “I decided to take it easy and get back into the swing of school and athletics.”

He rejoined the team this past fall and helped the men’s squad to a third-place finish in the first-ever Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship meet. Individually, Thornton captured third in the conference championships in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.84, and he was part of the 400-yard medley relay team that finished third in the league in 4:05.59.

“I was satisfied with my performance after coming off of a shoulder injury,” he said. “Next season I plan on dedicating more time to swimming and improving on all of my times.”

During the regular season, Thornton finished first in the 50-yard freestyle (24.87) and was part of the 200-yard medley relay team that won the event in 1:52.34 during a meet against AMCC



FSU Female Athlete of the Year Sumer Rohrs, right

## Rohrs National Champion in 55-Meter Hurdles

Sophomore **Sumer Rohrs** accented the indoor season becoming the National Champion in the 55-meter hurdles at the 2007 NCAA Indoor National Championships.

Rohrs won the event, earned All-American honors and set the FSU school record with a time of 8.09.

She is the first women’s indoor National Champion in school history in an individual event. In 1986, **Gail Brown, Angie Terrell, Diane Watson** and **Vicki Proctor** teamed to win the 4x400-meter relay to be awarded the only other National Championship in Frostburg women’s indoor history.

This marks the second-consecutive year that Rohrs has earned All-American status in the 55-meter hurdles after capturing sixth last year in 8.36.

Earlier in the season, she was named the Mideast Region’s Women’s Track Athlete of the Year. She was one of two Bobcats to be voted Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships Outstanding Female Athletes. — NB

opponent Pitt-Bradford. He also won the 100-meter freestyle (1:00.80) against Bethany and in the second to last meet of the year, Thornton captured a pair of runner-up finishes in the 50-yard freestyle (24.38) and 100-yard freestyle (54.22) against Hood in late January.

While he’s finally back in the swim of things at FSU, he doesn’t regret his time in Iraq.

“I wouldn’t change a thing about my deployment,” he said. “I made some really good friends with the guys I served with.”

## Burke Grabs Gold Glove Award

Junior outfielder **Bryan Burke** has been named a 2007 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III Gold Glove Award recipient.

Burke, a Mid-Atlantic All-Region All Star Team and All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference First Team selection, was one of just nine players nationally to receive the award throughout the NCAA Division III ranks. He finished the season with a perfect 1.000 fielding

percentage including 83 putouts and 13 assists.

Burke had a highly successful spring despite it being his first season in a FSU uniform. He set the single-season record for hits (66) and ranked 25th in Division III in triples (6), 39th in stolen bases per game (.64) and 47th in batting average (.426).

He led the conference in triples (6) and hits and finished second in batting average (.426), total bases (103) and stolen bases (27).

Burke, who is also a pitcher, posted a 3.75 earned run average and a 3-5 overall record with one save in 16 appearances. In 50.1 innings he tied for second on the team in strikeouts (37).

— NB



Bryan Burke

## Bowman, Barnes and Lottes Join Bobcat Hall of Fame

Frostburg State University will induct three new members, two track and field stars and one field hockey coach, into the **Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame** at its annual dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, Oct. 19, as part of the Homecoming Weekend festivities. With the addition of these three individuals, FSU’s Hall of Fame now has 149 members.

The inductees will also be recognized before the Homecoming football game against Union (Ky.) on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m.

In this 37th class, **Gina Bowman ’90** and **Betty Barnes ’91** combined to earn seven All-American awards for the women’s track and field team while **Christine Lottes** guided the field hockey program to over 100 wins in nine years.

Bowman, the 147th inductee, left her mark on the Frostburg track and field program as one of the most successful athletes in team history. She was a three-time All-American in the shot put and broke five school records in that event.

Bowman finished fourth at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships in her senior year and sixth in shot put as a junior. In the Eastern College Athletic Conference, she was named to the All-ECAC team as a senior and as a freshman and was an ECAC champion as a junior and sophomore. She was a Mason-Dixon Conference champion her first three years and named to the All-Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor and Outdoor squads as a senior. Bowman made the All-East Track and Field team her sophomore through senior years. Bowman was named FSU’s Female Athlete of the Year as a senior, Most Outstanding Thrower in her last three years at FSU and was the school’s top point-scorer as a sophomore.

Barnes, the 148th inductee, was a four-time All-American sprinter and school record holder for the Frostburg track and field team.

She had her best year as a junior, earning All-American honors in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She was a medalist in the 4x400-meter relay at the Penn Relays. She set a school record in both the 55- and 200-meter dashes, was voted as Frostburg’s Most Valuable Player and was the team’s top point scorer.

In ECAC, she was All-ECAC in 100- and 200-meter dashes as a junior, Champion in both events as a sophomore and All-ECAC in 200-meter dash as a freshman. In the Mason-Dixon Conference, she was an all-conference selection in the 100-meter dash, 4x100 and 4x400-meter relays as a senior, in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as a junior and in the 55 and 200-meter dashes

(indoor) as a sophomore, also setting school records for those races. During her final season with the Bobcats, she qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 55-meter dash.

During her freshman season, she was part of the 4x100-meter relay team that earned All-American and All-ECAC honors.

Lottes, the 149th inductee, has established herself as one of the top coaches in Frostburg history during her nine-year tenure with the field hockey program.

She guided the team to a 105-43-8 overall record, and she holds the record for most wins by a field hockey coach in the program’s existence. She led the team to seven-consecutive 10-plus win seasons, five Maryland State Championships and six NCAA Tournament appearances in her final seven seasons with the Bobcats. She also coached 28 athletes to regional and national All-American status.

Frostburg posted 15-4 season records under Lottes’ guidance in ’82, ’84 and ’86. In ’82, FSU set the school record for wins and shutouts (10) and was fifth in the national poll. In ’86, the team set the school record for most consecutive wins (9) while being crowned ESAC Champions. Frostburg reached fourth in the national poll and defeated five ranked opponents.

On a national level, Lottes worked with the U.S. Olympic Development Program, and she held an advanced coaching certificate from the United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA). She was a member of the Regional Field Hockey Committee and chaired the Maryland State Field Hockey Committee for seven years. She also coached an AAU Junior field hockey team in Tennessee while at Frostburg. — NB



## FSU Names Gettysburg’s Troy Dell as Athletic Director

**Troy Dell**, Assistant Director of Athletics for Gettysburg College, has been named Athletic Director for Frostburg State University.



Troy Dell

“Mr. Dell brings with him a strong background in athletic administration and facility management and improvement, as well as a keen understanding of coaching and team performance,” said FSU President Jonathan C. Gibraltar. “He will be a great addition to our team.”

“I’m extremely excited at this opportunity to join a strong institution with some very good history in athletics,” Dell said. “I’m anxious to build on that history.”

Dell has worked for Gettysburg College for more than a decade, including the last five years as the Assistant Director of Athletics. He had significant responsibilities on a number of facilities improvements there, as well as in the hiring of several coaches. He is also the head wrestling coach.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Gettysburg College and a Master of Science in Exercise Science and Physical Education, with an emphasis in administration.

— LDM

## Attention Lady Bobcat Hoopsters

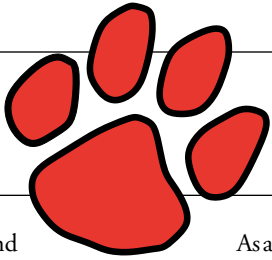
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## Show us your scars: Seeking Former FSU Rugby Players

In January of 1973, on the frozen tundra of the old soccer field, Frostburg State University Rugby held its first practice. Since then Frostburg has had a men’s Division II Rugby Team competing against some of the nation’s best. Today that tradition continues, but the team’s history is lacking. We would like to hear from any Frostburg rugby alumni. We are looking for pictures, results and stories, as well as information on you former players. If you wish to have regular updates on team events and fundraisers, please contact us at [frostburgstaterugby@yahoo.com](mailto:frostburgstaterugby@yahoo.com) or [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu).



# sports wrap-up



## Winter '07

### Men's Basketball

The Bobcat men's basketball team finished the 2006-07 season with a 10-16 record overall and an even 9-9 mark in the AMCC. FSU endured a sluggish 0-3 start to win four out of its next five contests to even its record to 4-4. Men's basketball would again run into some trouble as the squad lost five out of its next seven contests. FSU appeared to turn it on toward the end of the season, posting a 4-2 record in the final two weeks in January and into early February, but the Bobcats dropped their final five contests.

### Women's Basketball

The Bobcats posted their third-straight winning season under fifth-year Head Coach Jody Pepple. Her squad was 17-9 overall and 12-6 in the AMCC, and it just missed a spot in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament. FSU kicked off the season by starting 4-0 and winning both the Fifth Annual FSU/Jim Crawley Tournament and the Gallaudet Tournament. Junior Amanda LaPorta was named the tournament's MVP at the FSU/Jim Crawley while senior Krystin Hargrove took home the honor at Gallaudet. Frostburg would slip a little during the middle part of the season, posting just a 3-5 record, but the Bobcats rebounded in mid-January with three-consecutive wins. After dropping the next three contests, FSU rattled off seven-straight wins to finish the regular season and clinch an AMCC Tournament opening round game at Bobcat Arena. In that contest, the fourth-seeded Bobcats fell to fifth-seeded Lake Erie, which scored a game-winning basket with four seconds left on the clock.

Hargrove, in addition to post-season conference honors (*see box at right*) was twice AMCC Player of the Week during her final season and was voted MVP and Defensive Player of the Year.

### Men's Swimming

The Bobcat swimming and diving teams competed for the first time in the AMCC in 2006-07. At the conference championships, FSU finished third out of four teams and finished just four points behind Penn State Altoona (129-125) in a battle for second place. During the regular season, the Bobcats earned victories over La Grange (55-24), Bethany (84-79) and Pitt-Bradford (74-68).

### Women's Swimming

The Frostburg women also began their first season of competition in the AMCC this past year. The Bobcats finished third out of three teams at

the league championships and eighth out of 10 teams at the Grove City College Invitational. The women collected victories over Bethany (84-79) and Pitt-Bradford (31-22). FSU placed three individuals (*see box at right*) and two relay teams on the All-AMCC teams, with both Frostburg relay teams selected to the second team. The 400-yard medley relay consisted of junior Shannon Dunnigan, sophomore Mindy Yost, senior Megan Falls and sophomore Michelle Nash, while the 800-yard freestyle relay was made up of Roberto, Dunnigan, Nash and Yost.

### Indoor Track and Field - Men

Despite a solid season for the FSU track and field program, the men's team didn't quite get the finish it deserved. Due to travel problems occurring on the Saturday morning when the team was supposed to leave, only four athletes were able to travel to the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships. Senior Andy Watson led the team at the indoor championships, winning the one-mile run in 4:29.04. At the ECAC Championships, junior David Cheeks and sophomores Brian Leiter and Tade Turton powered the men to a 32nd place finish out of 53 teams. Cheeks was fourth in the 55-meter dash (6.49) and 10th in the 200-meter dash (22.90) while Leiter finished fourth in the 800-meter run (1:55.57) and Turton was 25th in the 200-meter dash (23.85).

### Indoor Track and Field - Women

Sophomore Sumer Rohrs accented the indoor season becoming the National Champion in the 55-meter hurdles at the NCAA Indoor National Championships (*see story p. 32*). Earlier, Rohrs was named the Mideast Region's Women's Track Athlete of the Year. She and teammate Jessica Clingan were also voted Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships Outstanding Female Athletes.

Senior Anna Routzahn was the second female athlete to earn All-American honors this season. She placed third in the high jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships (1.66 meters).



As a team, the FSU women captured third overall at both the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships and the ECAC Championships. Rohrs, Routzahn and Clingan combined for six wins and five runner-up spots at the two meets.

In addition, the FSU women's track & field program has been named a 2007 USTFCCCA All-Academic Team by the U.S. Track & Field Coaches Association.

The selection is based on a combination of athletic and academic achievements, with the top honor going to the team that had the best finish at the Division III Indoor and/or Outdoor National Championships and also holding the highest cumulative GPA.

FSU, which carries a 3.169 team grade-point average, finished in 11th place (15.5 pts.) in the 2006-07 NCAA Indoor National Championships.

## Spring '07

### Baseball

The Bobcats delivered yet another successful spring, racking up a 31-15 overall record and a 13-5 AMCC mark. FSU advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament for a school-record second-consecutive season and eclipsed the 30-win plateau for just the seventh time in school history.

Frostburg used a hot late-season surge to capture its third-straight AMCC regular-season title. They built their winning streak to nine games as they breezed through the AMCC Tournament with three wins and the championship. FSU's bats captured the tournament title, pounding out a combined 66 hits and scoring 46 runs.

After capturing the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament victory in 2006, this season's squad didn't fare as well. The Bobcats dropped their first game to No. 4 Gwynedd-Mercy 5-3 in 10 innings, and the team was later eliminated by eventual National Champion Kean, 7-0.

This season, nine Bobcats were selected to the All-AMCC team, the most from any conference school and the second most in FSU history.

Among the 351 teams in Division III, Frostburg finished the season ranked fourth in the country in slugging percentage (.527) and homeruns per game (.98), seventh in doubles per game (2.54), 11th in fielding percentage (.967), 37th in scoring (7.9) and 41st in batting average (.332).

Several single-season individual school records fell at the hands of the 2007 Bobcats as well. Senior Mike Gitzen and junior Allen Peake set the record for games played in a season (46) while Gitzen recorded the most total bases in the club's history

Lady Bobcats Pitcher Lori Potts



FSU Male Athlete of the Year Aaron Main

(111) and Peake tied the mark for homeruns (11) and set the bar for RBIs (57).

Junior Andrew Speights set the mark for at-bats (175) and runs scored (54) and junior Bryan Burke captured the record for hits (66).

### Softball

The Bobcats finished the 2007 spring season with a 16-19 overall record and an 11-7 AMCC slate. Frostburg started the season on a high note, defeating No. 2 ranked and defending National Champion Rutgers-Camden 3-2. The softball team would fall on hard times after that, posting just two wins over the next 14 games. However, FSU would rebound to win seven out of the next eight games, including sweeps over Penn State Altoona and Mt. Aloysius and a split with Pitt-Bradford. The Bobcats would go onto to earn three more sweeps to cap the regular season. In the opening round of the AMCC Tournament, Frostburg fell to Medaille 3-2 to end the season.

### Women's Lacrosse

Under first-year Head Coach Annie Sidorenko, the Bobcats had a rollercoaster season with a 5-8 overall record. The team opened 0-4, including a pair of close losses to Greensboro (15-12) and Allegheny (13-12). Frostburg countered with four consecutive wins to even its record at 4-4. Three of the wins came at Bobcat Stadium: St. Vincent (17-12), Marymount (15-8) and Shenandoah (19-5). FSU would again lose four before ending its season with a 17-12 win over York.

### Men's Tennis

For the first time since 2001, the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Men's Tennis Championship lies in the hands of Frostburg. Fifth-year Head Coach Stuart Swink guided the Bobcats to a 7-5 overall record and a 5-1 AMCC mark, earning him the league's Coach of the Year honor. It was the best finish for the team since Swink's first season ('03), when the team went 11-6 overall and 4-2 in the AMCC.

At the AMCC Championship, FSU captured three individual titles and one doubles title defeating two-time champion Penn State Altoona. Junior Matt Chisholm led the Bobcats after capturing No. 3 singles for the third-consecutive year.

Junior Ryan Rice won the No. 4 singles title and senior Chris Schoenbauer won the No. 6 singles titles. In doubles, Rice and senior Andy Chisholm combined to earn the title in the No. 2 spot.

### Outdoor Track and Field - Men

Sophomore Brian Leiter led the track and field programs in the outdoor season by being the only athlete to compete at the NCAA Championships. While not earning a spot in the finals, Leiter captured eighth in the preliminaries in the 800-meter run (1:53.65). He is the first Bobcat male track and field athlete to compete at the outdoor championships since 2001. Leiter qualified for the NCAA Championships the week before at the ECAC Championships, where he won the 800-meter run (1:52.24).

At the Mason-Dixon Conference, Leiter was named the Most Outstanding Track Athlete after capturing victory in the 800-meter (1:54.32) and 1,500-meter (3:58.11) runs. The men also turned in a pair of second-place and three third-place finishes. Senior Andy Watson was second in the 5,000-meter run (16:09.80) and junior Nicholas Schiefelbein was runner-up in the 800-meter run in a personal best 1:56.48. Senior Andrew Parker landed two third-place finishes in the 5,000-meter run (16:20.29) and the 10,000-meter run (34:23.30). Freshman Michael O'Brien was third in the high jump (1.88 meters).

### Outdoor Track and Field - Women

The Bobcats finished the spring with a 20th overall finish at the ECAC Championships thanks to junior Jessica Clingan, the only FSU representative at the meet. Clingan earned All-ECAC honors in all three of the events in which she competed. She was third in the 100-meter hurdles (15.01), fourth in the 200-meter dash (25.78) and sixth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:04.72).

Clingan led the women at the Mason-Dixon Conference Outdoor Championships and was named the Most Outstanding Track Athlete. She was the conference champion and qualified for the ECAC's in four events. She won the 100-meter dash (12.88 seconds), the 200-meter dash (26.11 seconds), the 100-hurdles (14.80 seconds) and the 400-meter hurdles (1:04.57). Clingan also managed all-conference honors with a third-place showing in the javelin in a personal best 28.85 meters (94 ft, 8 inches).

Freshman Gwen Massey was second at the conference championships in the 800-meter run (2:29.40) and third in the 1,500-meter run (5:05.55). Sophomore Jennifer Patton also turned in a solid effort with a third-place showing in the 10,000-meter run (42:00.60).

# Post-season Honors for FSU's Student Athletes

### Men's Basketball

**All-AMCC Second Team:** junior Antione McCall

### Women's Basketball

**All-AMCC: First Team, All-ECAC Honorable Mention:** senior Krystin Hargrove

### Men's Swimming

**All-AMCC First Team:** freshman Griffen Williams (1,000-yard freestyle), freshman Scott Gantz (400-yard IM)

### Women's Swimming

**All-AMCC First Team:** junior Shannon Dunnigan (1,000-yard freestyle and 1,650-yard freestyle), freshman Thirza Roberto (200-yard backstroke)  
**Second Team:** junior Shannon Dunnigan (200-yard butterfly), freshman Thirza Roberto (100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard backstroke), sophomore Mindy Yost (50-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle)

### Baseball

**All-AMCC First Team:** senior Mike Gitzen, junior Allen Peake, junior Bryan Burke, freshman Aaron Main  
**All-AMCC Second Team:** senior Ryan Webb; Honorable Mention - senior Todd Holmes, junior Brett Mitchell, junior Andrew Speights, sophomore Scott Eastment

**Mid-Atlantic All-Region American Baseball Coaches Association All Star Team:** senior Mike Gitzen, junior Allen Peake, junior Bryan Burke

**American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III Gold Glove Award:** junior Bryan Burke (*see separate story*)

### Softball

**All-AMCC Co-Newcomer of the Year:** freshman Katelyn Coffey  
**All-AMCC Second Team:** senior Lori Potts  
**Honorable Mention:** freshman Katelyn Coffey, senior Amanda Griswold, junior Amanda Baldwin, freshman Kelly Filipowicz

### Men's Tennis

**All-AMCC Newcomer of the Year:** junior Ryan Rice  
**First Team:** junior Ryan Rice (No. 4 singles), senior Chris Schoenbauer (singles), junior Matt Chisholm (singles), junior Ryan Rice and senior Andy Chisholm (doubles)  
**Second Team:** senior Andy Chisholm (No. 2 singles), junior Matt Chisholm and sophomore Greg Shedd (No. 1 doubles), senior Chris Schoenbauer and senior Brad Yoder (No. 3 doubles)



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