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BY EXAMPLE

It truly seems like just yesterday when I arrived in Frostburg and climbed up to my third floor apartment in the Gunter Hotel, but it was actually five years ago, August 2006, that I became president of Frostburg State University. The Gunter was to be home during the next 15 months during the construction of our house in Frostburg.

Looking back over these five years at Frostburg State University, I feel pride in the accomplishment of meeting so many of the goals we established since I arrived. In 2006, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education report, completed not long after my selection as president, presented a number of issues to address that quickly became my marching orders: enrollment, strategic plan, regional economic development, fundraising and institutional identity.

Five years later, I believe we can look with pride at what we have accomplished:

- Record enrollments and improving student credentials
- A strategic plan process that engages the campus community and provides for transparency and a clear path toward our goals
- A fully occupied FSU Research Center in the Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University, a positive presence on Main Street and thriving new programs designed to meet workforce needs
- A successful comprehensive fundraising campaign and a robust new philanthropic spirit
- A clearer and more positive University brand and reputation, including growing recognition of FSU as a national model in the fight against binge-drinking, which is starting to counter the false, low-standard/party school image that FSU has had to battle

Regular readers of *Profile* have been introduced to many of the accomplishments highlighted above. Still more achievements will be detailed in this issue. But while anniversaries tend to lead to reflection, my focus is forward, on that work that remains to be done. We are continuing to raise our academic standards, improve our retention and graduation rates, and expand our focus on expe-

riential and service learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Construction of our long-awaited Center for Communications and Information Technology building will begin within the year, and we are planning for a new College of Education and Health Professions as well as a new residence hall. Our initiatives in sustainability and personal wellness through CHILL (Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles) are beginning to take off. And each year we get an influx of new students who constantly re-introduce us to the transforming possibilities inherent with higher education.

I want to thank all of our alumni for your care and consideration toward your alma mater and for the opportunities I have had to get to know you as well as I have. Thank you also for the enormous value that you bring to our University every single day by continuing to advance our good name in your own communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter
President



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To help you identify whether a telephone call is bogus or legitimately from our student phonathon callers, here is a guide: For a legitimate call, your Caller ID should show **Frostburg State University** and the number **1.866.241.3296**. You may also ask the caller to put a supervisor on the line to provide additional verification. Anyone with concerns is urged to call us at 301.687.4161.



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Second Nature President Anthony Cortese with President Gibralter.



FSU Wins National Climate Leadership Award

Frostburg State University was recognized for its commitment to sustainability and environmental education with Second Nature's **Award for Institutional Excellence in Climate Leadership** at the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Summit in June.

"I'm really proud to accept this award on behalf of Frostburg State University," said President Gibralter, who attended the summit and was present to receive the honor in person. "Our success in making sustainability a central part of our identity and educational mission has involved everything from expanding our academic offerings to helping our students understand how their daily activities impact the environment."

The Second Nature Climate Leadership Award is given to colleges and universities showing excellence in sustainability. The university must be a signatory in good standing of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. University and college presidents, chancellors and implementation liaisons are nominated by each other according to their institutions' climate leadership efforts.

The Climate Leadership Award recognizes FSU's sustainability initiative, "Learning Green, Living Green (LGLG)," engaging students, faculty, staff and community members to develop and coordinate programs and projects that create solutions to environmental, social and economic needs. LGLG and a faculty-led Sustainability Studies Committee, which oversees FSU's interdisciplinary sustainability studies minor, have spearheaded a number of campus projects, including organizing an array of educational events and lectures focusing on environmental education and leadership and producing *E=(LG)²*, the only-known magazine on sustainability that is 100 percent written and edited by college students. FSU is also home to a wind-solar energy system and offers renewable energy workshops to the community. FSU was recognized in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges*, which highlights institutions that have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through their campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives.

Senior leadership's role in sustainability is one key criterion for the award. Since joining the ACUPCC, Gibralter's commitment to sustainability has led to leadership roles on the Maryland Commission on Climate Change Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Mitigation Working Group, the Second Nature National Transportation Policy Task Force and the ACUPCC Steering Committee.

Programs Join to Create Nature-Related Business Directory

A comprehensive regional directory of nature-related businesses and organizations was released this spring by **Allegheny Mountain Naturally**, a program of the FSU-based Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies (ACES) and the FSU Center for Regional Progress (CRP).

"The idea is to make people aware of the vast scope of area businesses that in some way relate to nature," says ACES coordinator Mimi Hernandez. "These include farmers and other food producers, wildcrafters, artisans, retailers, outfitters, landscapers and so on. We also want to include supporting enterprises. Specialized business services and related nonprofit organizations come to mind here."

"We want to make the directory a hub for the nature-related economy," says Dr. Peggy Dalton, CRP director. As an economist, Dalton understands the value of a vibrant marketplace for nature-related goods and services, especially in a mostly rural region. "Our area is predominantly forests and farms, and so long as we do it with care for the environment, we need to make the most of them. What's been missing so far is coherence in the way these businesses interact with the public and even among themselves. Creating a directory of all the players is the first step in promoting greater awareness and ultimately a more successful economy."

Listing in the directory is free for organizations in the Allegheny Mountain region of south-central Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and north-central West Virginia. The directory is available online at www.amnaturally.com or in print at no cost.

"To varying degrees, businesses and consumers in this region are interdependent," Dalton said. "The more we recognize and nurture that, the better off we'll all be."

"The directory is just the first step in providing support to the nature-related marketplace," said Dr. Dan Fiscus, an assistant professor of biology at FSU who supervises the Allegheny Mountain Naturally program. "We intend to follow with initiatives in education, outreach, organizational support and grant writing to make a real impact on economic and environmental conditions in the region."

Allegheny Mountain Naturally is supported by a University Center partnership between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Regional Economic Studies Institute at Towson University.

Constellation Energy EcoStar Grant to Support Energy Audit

Thanks to Constellation Energy, students, faculty and staff at FSU will be able to move forward with a campuswide energy audit this fall, as part of FSU's ongoing efforts to become a more sustainable campus. The University applied for and was awarded a Constellation Energy EcoStar grant through the FSU Foundation, Inc., to support the project.

"The energy audits will determine individual and collective energy usage on campus, aid in the effective implementation of energy saving devices and provide recommendations for individuals to use to change energy use habits that will lead to a greater reduction of the FSU carbon footprint and a more sustainable future," said Lawrence Gingerich, FSU's safety and sustainability coordinator.

Gingerich, in partnership with FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Committee, its faculty-led Sustainability Studies Committee and the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will oversee the student-led initiative to complete campuswide energy audits of academic and residential buildings. The project is scheduled to continue through May 2012. A team of students will be selected through FSU's sustainability studies minor and trained to conduct energy audits.

The audits will begin with two campus buildings – one academic building and one residence hall. Once the audit is complete,

the students will provide follow-up recommendations. The buildings may be fitted with equipment such as lighting motion sensor switches, equipment motion sensors and vending machine misers. The buildings' electrical energy and natural gas consumption will be monitored to determine the effectiveness of the audit recommendations. The audit will then proceed to other campus buildings.

Wind and Solar Energy Program Highlighted in New ARC Report

FSU was one of six institutions recognized by the Appalachian Regional Commission in the report *Green Schools and Sustainability in Appalachia: Case Studies in Rural Practice*, which illustrates how they are providing critical leadership and training for the emerging green energy industry and helping communities develop markets for green products and services. The publication highlights best practices in Appalachian colleges that are environmentally sustainable themselves and foster education-community partnerships to support local economic growth.

According to the report, research indicates that energy-efficiency investments could create 77,000 new jobs in Appalachia by 2030 while cutting projected energy use by 24 percent.

Highlighted was FSU's Wind-Solar Energy (WISE) program, which offers a not-for-credit, two-stage program designed to reach non-traditional students; it provides participants with the knowledge needed to install residential wind and solar systems.

Dr. Oguz A. Soysal, the program director and one of its founders and managers, is also a professor of electrical engineering in Frostburg's Department of Physics and Engineering. He prepared the online curriculum based on a broad range of reference sources.

"In terms of knowledge background," he said, "we have people who have no technical background and people with electrical engineering degrees and post-docs."

To date, nearly 200 individuals have completed the program, which has been offered twice a year since fall 2007. Many graduates have gone directly into renewable energy fields, while others have used the knowledge

to supplement their careers or install systems in their homes or businesses.

For more information, go to www.arc.gov/assets/research_reports/GreenSchoolsCaseStudies.pdf.

STARS Rating System to Track Sustainability Effort

As part of its commitment to sustainability, FSU has registered to participate in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS), a rating system for sustainability in higher education. STARS is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance that was developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education with broad participation from the higher education community.

"STARS is a tremendous opportunity for FSU to grow its sustainability initiative in a more focused, informed way, with analysis and feedback in place to direct our efforts," said President Gibralter. "It will help our University better determine how we're doing with sustainability and pinpoint areas where we can improve."

STARS is similar to the LEED (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design) green building rating system, but is applied to an entire campus rather than a single building or set of buildings, and evaluates social responsibility as well as environmental stewardship. Colleges and universities earn points in three main categories: education and research; operations; and planning, administration and engagement. Each of these categories includes subcategories such as purchasing, curriculum, energy and human resources. There is also an "innovation" category to recognize pioneering practices that aren't covered by other STARS credits. STARS also provides a venue to share best practices and learn from other institutions.

Select staff and faculty members will be providing FSU with the relevant information to complete the STARS assessment. The goal is to complete STARS and submit information by May 2012.

Find out more about STARS at www.aashe.org/stars.



WISE workshop students install a PV system.

Undergraduate Research Journal Produced at USMH

A new venture for Frostburg students at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown has culminated in the printing of the first-ever FSU journal of undergraduate research. The journal name, **The Activist**, is based on the desire that all students become active in their interests and willing to share their vision to make a better global community.

Funded by a grant from the FSU Foundation, the journal was the idea of sociology lecturer and program coordinator **Gary Austin '02** and a group of interested students. Seeing a need for more intensive writing skills among students, Austin proposed an interdisciplinary journal be started and staffed by the students of the FSU Sociology Club at USMH. The purpose is to promote more in-depth research from all academic disciplines and to provide an outlet to share that work with others in the form of a publication.

The sociology students who staff the journal would gain valuable work skills along with a great résumé item for future employment or continued academic studies. The goal is to provide print-worthy research to be shared in a printed publication and, in the future, globally through an electronic version. The journal staff includes students from both the Frostburg and Hagerstown locations, but is headquartered at USMH.

The first journal includes submissions from USMH students Sherry Donovan, April Startzman and Carmen Veneziano. Veneziano also is editor-in-chief of the publication.

An initial printing of 80 copies rapidly disappeared; copies from a second printing are available now. Request a copy from the journal office at 32 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740. A web-based version is in the works as well for this coming academic year.

— Jamie Dishong

FSU Receives National Recognition for Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) honored Frostburg this spring as a leader among institutions of higher education for their support of volunteerism, service-learning and civic engagement. FSU was named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, admitted a total of 641 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth.

FSU was previously a member of the 2008 Honor Roll, and in 2000, was awarded the first-ever Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service by the CNCS.

"Congratulations to Frostburg State University and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of CNCS. "We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service."



"I am very proud of our students, faculty and staff for this recognition," said President Gibraltar. "Community service creates a uniting thread throughout the FSU population, and it is a foundation of the University's mission and strategic plan."

FSU students collectively average more than 30,000 hours of service each year, through programs such as ECHOSTARS (Empowering Communities, Helping Others), a first-year, living-learning-serving experience; the VOICE (Volunteer Opportunities in the Community Environment) Clearinghouse program, which connects students, faculty and staff with volunteer opportunities in and around Western Maryland; and Relay for Life (*see following story*). FSU students' service covers a wide range of volunteer activities, including tutoring children, helping with tax returns, cleaning streets and shoveling snow, raising money for numerous charities, helping rebuild New Orleans, performing environmental projects and, particularly, serving areas of need in the Western Maryland region.

Relay for Life Raises Record-Breaking \$52,000

In its most successful year so far, Frostburg State University's annual Relay for Life raised \$52,470, making a total of more than continued ►



Nearly 900 Frostburg State University students, faculty and staff members took to the Bobcat Stadium track on Friday, April 15, for FSU's annual Relay for Life. (Photo by FSU student Brittany Fisher)



The stage of the Performing Arts Center's Pealer Recital Hall accommodated 200 performers at once for the choral and orchestral performance of Verdi's "Requiem."

Verdi's "Requiem" at FSU a Five-Year Labor of Love

In a project that was first germinated in 2006, the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, FSU University Chorale and the Cumberland Choral Society joined forces this spring to perform Giuseppe Verdi's 90-minute masterpiece, "Messa da Requiem," a program of the FSU Cultural Events Series and led by MSO Conductor Elizabeth Schulze.

It was a long-time dream of Dr. Karen Soderberg Sarnaker, professor of music, to have the University Chorale perform the iconic piece. Over the course of five years, organizers pulled together the resources, funding, schedules and artists to create what Mary Jane Plummer, director of CES, called "a labor of love."

The FSU Cultural Events Series is best known for its live performances, but it also has a strong focus on educational outreach and experiential education.

"This collaborative project exemplifies the best of all three," Plummer said.

"Requiem" was first performed in 1874 in the church of San Marco in Milan, Italy, and was conducted by Verdi himself. The large orchestra sound of the MSO complemented the classical "Requiem," which is a Roman Catholic funeral mass written in remembrance of the Italian writer, Alessandro Manzoni. Written for four soloists, double choir and orchestra, 120 choral musicians from the University Chorale and the Cumberland Choral Society were accompanied by the MSO. Guest artists were soprano Lisa Williamson, mezzo-soprano Maria Dolan Barnes, tenor Jonathan Hodel and baritone Eugene Galvin.

\$250,000 raised for the American Cancer Society since FSU's Relay began 10 years ago.

In advance of the Friday-evening-to-Saturday-morning event, 825 people — students, faculty and staff — had registered to walk, with another 50 registering on-site that evening. A total of 61 teams participated, with the What's Up Doc (Pre-Medical Society) team raising the most, \$6,167. Relay for Life is the campus' largest single volunteer effort each year, and the best-attended event of the year.

"I cannot imagine being more proud of our students for their efforts this year," said President Gibraltar, who participated in the relay. "I have not seen as much engagement and activity as I saw this year as we walked around the track. Every club and organization that was present was working hard to raise money."

It's still possible to contribute to help FSU's Relay reach a "stretch goal" of \$54,000. To contribute, visit www.relayforlife.org/fsu. For more information, call the FSU Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at 301.687.4210.



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You'll be going places with FSU — literally — thanks to Frostburg2Go, a new suite of mobile apps that will be launched in fall 2011.

Learn more about this new digital resource and all of its features by visiting <http://bit.ly/onSIGW> or scanning the QR code above with your smartphone. Be sure to download free scanning software, available on a variety of websites, first!



Engineering Brainpower Takes Flight

On the sunny morning of May 10, FSU engineering students launched Compton I, a balloon and capsule that was their capstone engineering design project, a near-space satellite system. The system, launched from the upper quad, rose to an altitude of more than 100,000 feet and traveled more than 100 miles to the southeast. It was recovered from a field south of Front Royal, Va., with the help of the GPS tracking system it contained.

The capsule contained instrumentation to measure telemetry such as air pressure, temperature and ozone levels, as well as take photos, reporting in real time back to FSU. The students are analyzing the information gained from the flight, addressing technical issues and planning for a second phase.

The students, in Dr. Mohammed S. Eltayeb's Capstone Engineering Design class, come from four concentrations in engineering. Electrical engineering students designed the telemetry instrumentation. Materials engineering students worked on the balloon, which had to remain intact up to 100,000 feet and at temperatures as low as 60 F below zero. Mechanical engineering students created the parachute system the balloon used once it reached that limit and fell back to earth. Engineering management students handled the budget.



Clockwise from left, EEME 408 students Lucas McMillen, Adam Rexrode, and Physics Department Chair Dr. Mohammed Eltayeb prepare the capsule's electronics for launch.

honors

LaFemina Presented With USM Award for Public Service

Gerard LaFemina, an assistant professor in the Department of English, was honored by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents with the Regents’ Faculty Award for Public Service.

The award is the highest honor that the Board bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. LaFemina’s honor marks the fourth time in the past five years that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the Regents.

LaFemina’s nomination highlighted his work piloting the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing, a literary arts outreach program developed within the Department of English and sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. LaFemina created partnerships with the arts, educational and business communities; developed quality educational and cultural programming; and promoted the economic impact of arts programming to the community at large. He facilitated the move of the center to Main Street in Frostburg where they now serve as a partner in Arts Walks and other downtown activities. Under his direction, the center has served over a thousand writers during the past three years through such innovative programs as their veteran workshops, the Visiting Writers series, the One Act contest with entrants from throughout the country and the annual Nightsun Writers Conference.

“Mr. LaFemina is one of the most outstanding young faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with an exemplary record of service to the community through his outreach activities,” said Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “Gerry has proven himself to be a dedicated community servant committed to continuously expanding arts programming in Western Maryland.”

LaFemina has also offered programming for the past three years as part of the Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy for high school students. Other activities include several book groups and writing groups; free monthly craft talks with established writers; The Process of Making talks, which bring a writer and artists together with an audience to investigate the process by which “art”

gets made; a regular writing workshop at the Group Home for Young Women at the Cumberland YMCA; and the annual Western Maryland Small Press Fair, which brings publishers and editors from around the region to Frostburg to meet with writers, readers and students.

LaFemina has served on the Allegany Arts Council Board of Directors since 2005. He often partners with the Allegany County Library System to offer workshops and discussion groups and offers readings of his work within the community.

USM Board of Regents Recognizes Karen Treber

Karen A. Treber, FSU general counsel, has received the 2011 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award, the highest honor bestowed on USM staff employees. Treber is being honored for extraordinary public service to the university or greater community.

In his nomination letter, Stephen M. Spahr, chief of staff and vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations, said that Treber is “... an efficient and intelligent attorney able to cut quickly to the heart of an issue, proposing creative and effective solutions.” As a member of the Allegany County Board of Education, she “... has made many significant contributions to the community, but also has always promoted collaborations between the K-12 system and the University, recognizing the importance of improving and increasing the education of the workforce in a county where most people do not have a college degree.”

Treber, an FSU employee since 1997, recently helped develop and strongly supported a new collaboration between the University and the Board of Education that creates a means by which students can take and receive credit for FSU courses while still in high school. She continues to encourage the board and the University to add courses to the roster so more high school students may be exposed to university-level work and earn credits. Within the FSU Department of Educational Professions’ curriculum, she also helped establish several class sessions where



Gerry LaFemina



Karen Treber



Dr. William Anderson

parents visited teacher candidates to talk about issues of importance to parents and role play parent-and-teacher conferences. These classes exposed teacher candidates to an aspect of education they do not normally receive in regular classroom training – how to work with parents.

Other present community activities include serving as board member and chair of the Family Support Committee for Allegany County Habitat for Humanity; board member, Allegany Law Foundation; board member, Foundation for Frostburg; board recording secretary, Soroptimist International – Frostburg Club; violist, Allegany Community Symphony Orchestra; treasurer and executive committee member, Friends Committee on National Legislation; and AFS-USA area chapter president.

The Regents’ Staff Award recognizes the achievements of salaried and hourly employees of the USM.

2011 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored

Three outstanding faculty members were honored at the annual University Honors Convocation, **Dr. William L. Anderson**, Department of Economics, for Academic Accomplishment; **Dr. Scott P. Johnson**, Department of Political Science, for Academic Accomplishment; and **Dr. Yan Bao**, Department of Accounting, for University and Community Service

Anderson, an associate professor of economics, is being honored for significant contributions to his field and the FSU community. His extensive body of work consists of 25 peer-reviewed journal publications, three book chapters, nearly 30 presentations at national conferences, nine published book reviews and 20 other publications in various newspapers and magazines. He recently authored a book about Austrian Economics, a branch of neo-classical economics, which will be published later this year. Anderson has been a consultant on prominent legal cases and has been interviewed by *Russia Today* and the BBC for



Dr. Scott Johnson



Dr. Yan Bao

his expertise on economic policy. Anderson’s teaching ranges from helping new freshman majors to challenging graduate-level students; his ratings have been consistently high. As one of his colleagues states, Anderson is “hardworking, determined and always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done effectively.”

Over the past few years, Johnson, an associate professor of political science, has produced an impressive collection of scholarly work, the most prominent being a two-volume encyclopedia titled *Trials of the Century: An Encyclopedia of Popular Culture and the Law*. This work contains a chronological summary and analysis of over 100 American trials and is quickly becoming a valuable reference work for high school and college libraries around the country. Johnson has authored articles on Supreme Court decisions and criminal evidence in law journals and instructors manuals and study guides for two leading textbooks on criminal justice; he has also given numerous conference presentations on constitutional law and criminal justice. Johnson has been instrumental in mentoring FSU students, many of whom have gone on to law school and successful legal careers.

Bao, an associate professor of accounting, has been instrumental in FSU’s China Initiative by helping the University build an academic relationship with Hunan Normal University in China. Bao has generously volunteered her time to translate recruitment materials and correspondence and has worked to assist Chinese students at FSU through orientation, advising, class selection and registration. In fall 2009, Bao spent her sabbatical in China, working toward the goal of offering FSU’s MBA program at Hunan University of Commerce in 2012 (*see story, page 9*). In addition, she is one of the founding members of Allegany Academy, Inc., a nonprofit corporation established to help open the first charter school in Allegany County. Regarding her service, one of her colleagues said it best: “Dr. Bao is an outstanding, effective and skilled ambassador for the University.”

The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc. ■

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Robin Wynder and Tony Zook Honored With Alumni Awards

Campus and community leader and mentor **Robin Wynder ’80/M’87** and top pharmaceutical industry executive **Tony Zook ’82** were honored with the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at the 138th commencement ceremonies in May.

Zook was honored at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. He is executive vice president of AstraZeneca’s Commercial Operation responsible for worldwide marketing and sales activities, including the development of strategic marketing of prescription medicines designed to improve the health and quality of life of patients around the world. Prior to this role, Zook directed AstraZeneca’s largest market – North America – and headed AstraZeneca’s Global Marketing function. He was also president of AstraZeneca’s biologics business MedImmune. Zook joined Astra USA in 1997 as vice president-Marketing and Sales, two years before the merger of Astra AB and Zeneca Group Plc in 1999. He earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from FSU and an associate degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University. Zook is a member of the board for First State Innovation, the Pennsylvania Division of the American Cancer Society and the Board of Trustees for the Healthcare Leadership Council. He is married to **Trish Ward Zook ’83**; they have three children.

Wynder, was honored at the ceremony for the colleges of Business and Education. For more than 20 years, Wynder has offered support to FSU students and served numerous community organizations in Western Maryland. She started her FSU career in 1986 as advisor/counselor for Student Support Services. After taking time to care for her family, Wynder returned in 1999 as assistant director for the Diversity Center; she is now the director. As a consultant in diversity and cultural competency, she has conducted workshops for schools, colleges, businesses and civic groups. Wynder is a trained facilitator of the National Coalition Building Institute and serves on the leadership team for the National Black African Heritage Constituency of NCBI. She founded “Sister to Sister,” a program mentoring females of color from elementary to college age, and co-founded the M.A.P. (Motivation and Academic Preparation) Summer Camp Program after learning that few local African-American children had prepared for or taken the PSAT or SAT exams. Wynder and her husband, **Bernard ’78/M’84**, have two children and three granddaughters.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon FSU alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in their alma mater; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and/or educational background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

Day Honored for Service to Alma Mater

The FSU Alumni Association honored **Sandy Day ’67** with the Service to Alma Mater award for her consistent dedication to the advancement of FSU.

Day is the former president of the FSU Alumni Association and a current member of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors. She has recruited numerous alumni to serve on the Alumni Association board, has helped the University’s admissions office with new student recruitment and has advocated for FSU to legislators in Annapolis. Day has also been instrumental in establishing the Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship, which supports FSU students with a preference given to members or those with family who are members of the national sorority, as well as those who reflect the group’s values of education and service.

Day is a retired educator, serving for 32 years as a teacher and counselor in Montgomery County, Md., public schools. She is a singer for the National Christian Choir and has been a volunteer leader in her church.

This award recognizes alumni who, through their consistent involvement and dedication, have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of FSU and have encouraged other alumni to take an active role in supporting their alma mater.



Tony Zook ’82



Robin Wynder ’80/M’87



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Lane University Center Rededicated

The renovated Lane University Center was rededicated in a springtime gathering in front of the new atrium water-fall. Student leaders, members of the Lane Center staff and other friends gathered for a ribbon-cutting by President Gibraltar and Sam Griffith, immediate past president of the FSU Foundation, as well as those who had made gifts to have their name or the name of a loved one permanently associated with the student center building. A number of offices and rooms have already been named:

- The Bottom Line Office, named for **Gladys Wensel Faherty '55**
- University Programming Council Office, named for **Brian '83** and **Connie Mattingly**
- Student Government Association Office, named for **Ruby Riley**, who was the SGA secretary from 1967 to 1998, through a gift from her son, Dan
- Fitness Center, named for AstraZeneca and its executive vice president **Tony Zook '82**.

For information about other naming opportunities through gifts starting at \$10,000, contact B.J. Davisson II '81 at 301.687.4161 or bjdavisson@frostburg.edu. Commitments can be fulfilled over the course of up to five years.



From left are Brian '83 and Connie Mattingly, their four children (partially hidden in second row), Gladys Faherty '55, incoming SGA President Mary Biscoe, President Gibraltar, Sam Griffith, Dr. Jack Riley, Ruby Riley and (partially hidden) their son, Dan Riley.



Top row: Dan Riley, Ruby Riley and Dr. Jack Riley cut the ribbon at the new SGA office named in Ruby's honor; Brian '83 and Connie Mattingly at the new UPC office. Bottom: President Gibraltar and Gladys Faherty '55 at the new Bottom Line office; Tony Zook '82 and Gibraltar open the new AstraZeneca Fitness Center.



From left are Hunan University of Commerce Vice President Lei Houjian, President Gibraltar, HUC Chancellor Tang Weibing, FSU Provost Stephen Simpson, College of Business Dean Ahmad Tootoonchi and Associate Dean Sudhir Singh.

Hunan University of Commerce, FSU Sign Letter of Intent

A delegation of officials from the Hunan University of Commerce, Changsha, China, visited FSU in March, signing a letter of intent that is the first building block in working together to promote exchange and collaboration in education and research.

HUC Chancellor Dr. Tang Weibing led the delegation, which included the University's Vice President Lei Houjian and members of the faculty and administration. They met with President Gibraltar, Provost Stephen Simpson, College of Business Dean Ahmad Tootoonchi and other officials responsible for welcoming international students.

"It was our pleasure to host the delegation from Hunan University of Commerce," Gibraltar said. "This new friendship will help both of our institutions expand our international education and research opportunities."

The HUC delegation came to Frostburg to begin the process of building a relationship. The two institutions have mutual academic and educational needs, and the letter of intent will allow them to work together in the future to promote exchange and collaboration in education and research, including exchanging students, faculty and programs. HUC and FSU, in particular, want to achieve an active exchange of students and faculty in the undergraduate Business Administration and graduate Master of Business Administration programs. Discussions will continue on the details and program requirements.

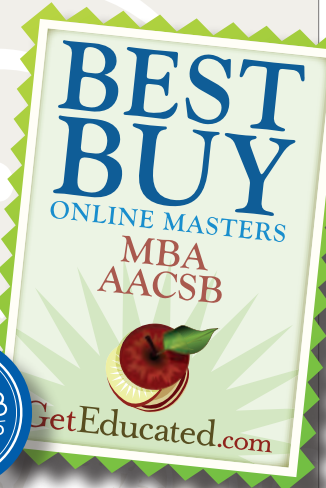
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Due to the recent renovation of the Lane University Center, the iconic sculpture *Aerial Conjunction* by Joan Danziger can be yours — if the price is right. It will be auctioned on eBay to raise funds for scholarships. Bid to support our students — and become the proud owner of this incredible artwork! Search for "Aerial Conjunction" on eBay starting Sept. 1.

You can also support scholarships directly at www.frostburg.edu/makegift.



Correction

In the last issue of *Profile* the photo and caption with the following story contained errors. Here is the correct version:



From left are Kelly '03 and Jessica '03 Ryan, married Oct. 9, 2009; Melody Hannah '05 and Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07, married Sept. 5, 2010; and Valerie '01 and Ben '04 Marrapodi, married Sept. 2, 2007.

Three Couples Swim Into Love

Valerie Stork Marrapodi '01 & Benjamin Marrapodi '04
Fairfax, Va.

Jessica Bley Ryan '03 & Kelly Ryan '03
Windsor Mill, Md.

Melody Hanna '05 & Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07
Frostburg, Md.

We have a unique tale to tell about a love story at FSU that starts in an unusual place — the FSU Swimming Pool.

The Frostburg State University Swim Team may be the best matchmaker yet. From 2000 to 2005, six FSU swim team members have met on the FSU swim team, dated and become husband and wife. All six FSU alumni were on the swim team at the same time and remain — to this day — best of friends.

Honors Program Celebrates 30 Years of Excellence

Every state wants to hold onto its best and brightest students, and Maryland is no exception: Back in the 1980s, education leaders realized that many of Maryland's most promising scholars were leaving to seek their college degrees elsewhere. So the Board of Trustees for Maryland's state colleges gave each state college funding to start honors programs.

In the fall of 1981, under the direction of Dr. Tom Bowling, who is now FSU's vice president for Student and Educational Services, Frostburg launched its University Honors Program with approximately 30 students taking courses in English, political science and social work.

By Becca Ramspott

Today, Maryland's superstar students enrolled in Frostburg's Honors Program are leaving the state for a much better reason. More often than not it's because they're embarking on a special project as part of an undergraduate research opportunity stipend or traveling to a nearby region to examine issues and ideas firsthand, as part of their studies.

These are just two ways that the Honors Program, which just celebrated its 30th anniversary and has grown to around 250 students, is helping FSU students and educators work hand in hand in developing a dynamic, interdisciplinary community focused on academic leadership and independent learning.

"If you walk by an honors class, you can feel an energy and mutual enjoyment," said Dr. Maureen Connelly, a professor of social work who directs the FSU Honors Program and who taught its first course years ago. "A hallmark of honors education is that it is a collaborative learning process."

FSU honors students can do everything from co-facilitate the freshmen orientation course to serve on the Honors Program governing committee and as equal partners in the program's curriculum and requirements.



The small, seminar-style format of honors classes also supports an active, engaged learning experience, where faculty encourage and expect participants to contribute to discussions and do simulation exercises. These classes often focus on outside-the-classroom learning and include a variety of timely topics, such as "Environmental Issues in Ecuador," "The International Human Rights Movement," "Belief in God and Mainstream Science" and "Cars, Homes and Jobs: Building Sustainable Communities."

"When I started at Frostburg, I wanted to do anything I could to further my academic success," said Cumberland, Md., native **Amanda Kimble**, who completed her accounting degree in December 2010 and will begin working on her MBA at Frostburg this fall. "I knew that by joining the honors program, I would be challenged academically and I would be able to give myself a competitive advantage."



Amanda Kimble '10



"The Honors Program allowed me to participate in small, dynamic and interactive classes and also pursue my interests through a diverse array of upper-level seminar courses. Everyone challenged each other to learn together."

— **David Valenta '10**

"What I think is so cool is the degree of and level of interaction between faculty and students," said FSU Provost Dr. Stephen Simpson, who was one of the pioneer faculty who helped kick off the honors program by teaching its first political science course. "There are these really substantive conversations that happen both in and outside of class."

Kimble's experience supports that approach. "I enjoyed the hands-on approach from most of the professors," she said. "They had different teaching methods than just lecturing and testing. I felt that all honors professors really care about their students and their success."

"The Honors Program allowed me to participate in small, dynamic and interactive classes and also pursue my interests through a diverse array of upper-level seminar courses," said **David Valenta '10**. "Everyone challenged each other to learn together." Valenta, who is a dental student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, performed research as an undergrad that may help develop tomatoes that are more resistant to insects, reducing the need for pesticides.

FSU honors alumna **Michaela Halsey '11** did research with FSU biology professor Dr. Thomas Lambert in Panama while completing her major in wildlife and fisheries.

"He has offered me opportunities that I didn't think I would get at my level in school,



Michaela Halsey '11

such as a publication," she said. "Working in Panama with him has sealed my interest in neotropical fauna. It has been a gratifying experience that I would wholeheartedly do again."

Originally from Covington, Va., Halsey was one of the top students at her high school and said she really wanted "to continue my academic success at the University." In addition to the draw of the honors program's academic enrichment through special coursework and research opportunities, Halsey was also attracted to other perks, including the accommodations (honors students can opt to live in two special honors dorms, Frost and Cambridge halls, which include coveted single-occupancy rooms) and priority registration, which enables honors students to register early for classes before other students.

"Housing in Frost Hall is great because it is designated solely for freshmen honors students. It is easier to get help from other students because they are living in the same dorm and may be in the same honors classes," said **Deja Darden '11**. "In Cambridge there is a greater sense of independence to allow the students to mature, but it still allows the honors students to reside close to one another

and to network through events."

Honors students can also take advantage of other opportunities to band together, both academically and socially. First-year students can participate in the Honors FSU Connections learning community. The Honors Program also gives students Cultural Passports, which provides them with free tickets to University events. Honors Program participants must also complete a thesis as a capstone requirement, something that motivates them to do independent and in-depth research in their discipline or area of interest with the help of faculty mentors. They must select a thesis sponsor and form a thesis committee, much like students in graduate school pursuing master's degrees.



Deja Darden '11

According to Connelly, these strong support networks lead to academic excellence both at Frostburg and long after graduation.

"I think that the University Honors Program and FSU in general do a fantastic job of raising the bar for first-generation students," she said. "Students who might have had doubts about attending college all of a sudden realize they have the intellectual ability to excel in graduate or professional school. ... We don't have the precise data, but probably half go on to graduate or professional school right away. There is nothing more exciting than seeing students become excited about having an intellectual life." ■

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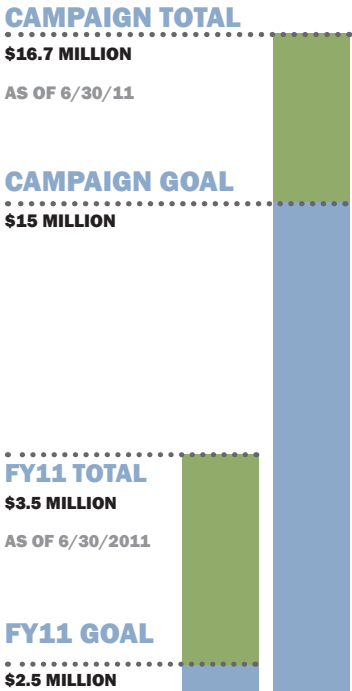
— **Dr. Maureen Connelly**
Director of the Honors Program

Foundation Plans Its Next Steps Following “Staking Our Claim”

On June 30, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg successfully wrapped up, surpassing its \$15 million goal by \$1.7 million for a campaign total of \$16.7 million. Now the FSU Foundation is looking to harness the momentum and progress of these campaign years to meet the needs and goals of the University and its students in the years to come.

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

Campaign Progress



STAKING OUR CLAIM
THE CAMPAIGN FOR FROSTBURG

“This campaign has transformed the way we approach fundraising at Frostburg,” said President Gibraltar. “Raising this University’s profile and building a robust philanthropic spirit were my early goals when I arrived at FSU. Now, with all of the USM institutions conducting campaigns simultaneously, I’m happy to report that FSU was one of the few to hit its goal early and significantly exceeded that goal.”

Some significant milestones of the campaign include gifts from 5,611 donors who had previously never given to FSU, including 580 gifts of more than \$1,000 each; a significant increase in donors paying by credit card, online or automatically through electronic funds transfer; and 40 new members of the Old Main Society, nearly doubling the size of that group. The Old Main Society recognizes those people who have included FSU in their estate planning. In addition, the number of new endowed funds established each year increased ninefold from 2006, the first year of the campaign, and the number of individual donors to those funds also rose dramatically.

“The realities of government resources and the national economy demand that philanthropic support will continue to play a major role in the future of Frostburg State University and higher education in general,” said B.J. Davisson, II ’81, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of FSUF. “This reality has required a change in culture and mindset not just from the board members and Advancement staff, but from alumni and friends of the University, from all FSU faculty and staff, and from students.”

Now FSUF is committed to raising \$3 million to \$5 million each year going forward, Davisson said, with a goal of doubling the current endowment of \$15 million. State funding, which during Frostburg’s history had long provided all or most of operating expenses, now covers only about a third. The bulk of that not covered through philanthropy must be paid by students.

The following are some of FSUF’s priorities and goals:

- Raising \$2.5 million in merit scholarships by 2015, a goal set by the Foundation Board, as a way to respond to Gibraltar’s call to recruit more academic achievers and free up more institutional funding for students with need
- Increasing financial support of FSU athletics, an important part of college life,

but one that cannot use state funding or tuition money to operate, only student fees and private giving

- Doubling the membership in the Old Main Society to emphasize the increased importance that planned giving will have on FSU’s long-term financial stability
- Raising \$300,000 annually in unrestricted gifts, those that provide the University with the flexibility to address its most pressing needs and challenges.

Sam Griffith, president of the Foundation since 2006 and throughout the public phase of the campaign, offered praise for the Foundation’s Board of Directors, which built on a long-term, talented core of people with an infusion of strong new members.

“This group of remarkable individuals stepped up their involvement and commitment of time and effort to ensure that the goal was met,” Griffith said. “It is significant to note that each board member made gifts during the campaign, with a total of \$1.4 million contributed by this group over the seven-year course of the campaign.”

Griffith, who stepped down as president with the end of the campaign, continued, “Moving forward, the board will need to continue to be responsive, as it will play a significant role in implementing FSU’s new strategic plan.”

Griffith served as president throughout much of the campaign, including its entire public phase.

Gibraltar expressed praise and gratitude for Griffith’s leadership. “The amount of time and care he has offered – and the thoughtfulness of his approach to this board’s leadership – has been truly transformative. His impact is evident in the clarity of the board’s mission and the commitment of time and resources from its members,” he said. “To have devoted so much time and effort to this institution despite not being an alumnus or, before his Foundation involvement, having no real affiliation with FSU is a testimony to the kind of person he is.”

Operating a fundraising campaign during the dramatic shifts in the economy over the past seven years illuminated a truth that has guided the board and the Advancement staff. “Regardless of financial resources, station in life and daily schedule, one will ultimately find the time and money for causes deemed important,” Davisson said. ■



FOUNDATION PRESENTS PINNACLE AWARD TO FAHERTY

The FSU Foundation honored **Gladys Wensel Faherty ’55** with the Pinnacle Award, its highest honor, in recognition of the time, treasure and hard work she has given to the Foundation in its support of the mission of FSU.

Faherty, only the seventh person to receive the Pinnacle Award, served two terms as president of the FSU Foundation and has been active in alumni affairs, including serving as president of the Alumni Association. Grateful for the opportunities and assistance that she was given to attend college, she created the Wensel-Faherty Scholarship, providing financial support to FSU students from Allegany and Garrett counties in 1983, and has continued to build on that fund. To date, 62 Frostburg students have benefited from her generosity.

“Sam Ewing has said, ‘Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don’t turn up at all,’” said FSUF President Sam Griffith, presenting the award. “Whenever her beloved alma mater asks, Gladys Faherty shows up, rolls up her sleeves and, instead of turning up her nose, puts her nose to the grindstone.” The award was granted during the annual Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.

“I have known Gladys for many years. She has devoted much of her time, talent and treasure to the Foundation in support of the University,” wrote Ken Kennedy, fellow Pinnacle Award recipient and long-time Foundation treasurer in his nomination letter. “Her compelling interest in the financial aspects of the board has always been directed toward increasing and maximizing the monies available to students for scholarships.”

“Giving is contagious,” Faherty said. “Once you start, you can’t stop.” ■

SIX MEMBERS JOIN BOARD; NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS TAKE HELM

Now that the FSU Foundation has wound up the successful Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, a new slate of officers and the board, including a handful of new directors, will lead the group's next steps and build on the campaign's momentum.

The new officers are **Quincy Crawford '65**, president; **Mary Clapsaddle '83**, vice president; Lynn Fike, secretary; Joe Pace, treasurer; Sandi Saville, assistant treasurer; Directors-at-Large **Gladys Wensel Faherty '55**, **Sandy Day '67** and **Ken Oldham '98**; and Immediate Past President Sam Griffith. Joining them on the 36-member board will be a top pharmaceutical industry executive, an airport CEO, a former FSU education professor, a technology procurement manager, a demolition and excavation company executive and a retired Air Force colonel and military analyst.

Crawford, who chaired the Staking Our Claim steering committee, praised the quality of the board. "I'm pleased and proud to be involved in one of the most active and involved foundation boards in the University System of Maryland," he said. "I'm excited by what the future holds."



Tom Creamer '82



Jeff Fegan '76



Mary Kay Finan M'81



Brian Mattingly '83



Tony Zook '82



Ron Forrester '67

The new board members, all alumni of FSU, are **Tom Creamer '82**, **Jeff Fegan '76**, **Dr. Mary Kay Finan M'81**, **Brian Mattingly '83** and **Tony Zook '82**. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. **Ronald Forrester '67** also joined in November.

Creamer, a political science graduate, is manager of Technology Consulting and Data Analysis within Marriott's Technology Management Center, with responsibility for the processes and procedures that result in the expenditure of more than \$40 million annually. Before moving into technology procurement in the private sector, Creamer started his career working for several members of Congress, initially as a legislative aide and progressing to systems manager for the computer networks that were then becoming part of congressional offices.

Fegan, a geography graduate, has been CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport since 1994;

he joined DFW in 1984 as chief planner. Fegan is past chairman of the Board of Directors of Airports Council International – North America. He is an accredited airport executive and a member of the American Association of Airport Executives. He also earned a Master of City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and completed the Stanford Executive Program at Stanford University.

Finan, who earned a master's degree in education, is a lifelong educator, starting her career at Flintstone School, and joining the faculty of the FSU College of Education in 1991. She is now a professor emerita. She continues to be active professionally, serving as a member of the Maryland State Board of Education. Her community involvement includes serving on the board of the Allegany County League for Crippled Children and the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Independent Review Board on Child Abuse.

Mattingly, an accounting graduate, is the president/partner of Goldin & Stafford, LLC, in Largo, Md., a full-service excavation, demolition and site preparation contractor whose projects include university facilities; hospitals and projects for the military; and private concerns such as hotels, condos and office buildings. Previously, Mattingly was project manager for Quad Group of America and vice president of Administration for Haass & Broyles Excavators, Inc.

Zook, a biology graduate, is executive vice president of AstraZeneca's Commercial Operation responsible for worldwide marketing and sales activities, including the development of strategic marketing of prescription medicines designed to improve the health and quality of life of patients around the world. Prior to this role, Zook directed AstraZeneca's largest market – North America – and headed AstraZeneca's Global Marketing function. He was also president of AstraZeneca's biologics business MedImmune. Zook joined Astra USA in 1997 as vice president – Marketing and Sales, two years before the merger of Astra AB and Zeneca Group Plc in 1999. Zook earned a bachelor's degree in biology from FSU and an associate degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University. Zook is a member of the board for First State Innovation, the Pennsylvania Division of the American Cancer Society and the Board of Trustees for the Healthcare Leadership Council.

Forrester, a history graduate, is a senior military analyst for Science Applications International Corp., supporting the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer's Defense-wide Information Assurance Program. Forrester spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force as a missile and space operator, had two tours as a detachment and squadron commander and retired in the rank of colonel in 1993 while serving in the Pentagon. ■

“Boys of the '60s” Lead By Example With Weimer Classic and Scholarship

By Becca Ramspott

Bill Graves '65/M'71, Paul Helm '66 and Sam DeBone '65 may have graduated from Frostburg more than 45 years ago, but it's clear that they and their classmates haven't missed a beat. United through their connection as educators who graduated from Frostburg State Teacher's College, as members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and as old friends who were shaped into the men they are today by their beloved mentor, Frostburg professor Dr. Richard Sloop, “the boys,” as they are affectionately known, have jokes and stories and memories that run deeper than Frostburg snow in February. They know each other as brothers, and like most brothers, there's a considerable amount of teasing involved.

For example, there's the fact that Helm's name has never made it on the trophy for their annual Weimer Classic golf tournament. The event, which began as a group of guys getting together to play cards and golf at Helm's cabin and grew into a two-day tournament with over 60 participants, has been running for 13 years. Each year, the winning team members get their names on the trophy.

“I think for everybody, the bragging right to have your name on the trophy is the best thing,” Graves said. He has been known to ask participants who have had their names on the trophy to raise their hands, ensuring that Helm is the lone man out. “I'm the absolute worst golfer there, but my name has been on the trophy three times,” Graves said. “My favorite thing is being on the trophy.”

DeBone laughed, “I've won it, Bill's been on it three different years. Paul's son, Paul Jr., has won

three times. Poor Paul has never won, although he came in second one time. We actually got Paul a T-shirt that says ‘Weimer Classic Non-Winner Award.’”

It's just one of many prizes that make the tournament so much fun.

“You know how you went to camp and you were like six or seven years old? And how even if you did something like complete the swim meet, you'd end up with a ribbon? How everybody left with something so they have a smile on their face?” said DeBone, who rounds up donations and prizes for the tournament every year. “Well, it's kind of like that. If I gave out a can of tomato soup, these guys would just love it.”

Prizes, from first to 16th place, range from nice awards in the \$200 range to those in what Graves calls the “schlock” category, like jerseys and sweatshirts that were accidentally printed with typos at a sports store owned by one of the tournaments' donating participants.

“They're one of a kind,” Graves said. “For example, the T-shirt may say ‘Anderson Memorial Soccer Game’ but the guy's name was ‘Andrews.’ They're treasures.”

A LOVE FOR THOSE WHO LED

Something else they've all treasured is honoring the loving memory they share for **Robert '64** and **Johanna Weimer** and for Richard Sloop. Robert, or Bobby as he was known among his TKE brothers, was president of the fraternity at Frostburg. He died of cancer almost 10 years ago, just a few years after his wife, Johanna, passed away.

“Bob and Johanna were two



Johanna and Robert '64 Weimer

people who if you really needed someone to talk to, they would be the ones,” Graves said. “Every moment was special.”

Robert worked as an educator and eventually was an administrator for Prince George's County schools. Johanna was secretary to the generals at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C.

“One of those generals once said, ‘I have two bosses in my life, my wife and Johanna. I couldn't live without either one of them,’” Graves said, recalling how several generals attended Johanna's funeral. “She was quite an exceptional woman.”

The golf tournament first began as the Helm Open and some of the money from the registration fees was allocated to support the Sloop Leadership Fund, Helm said. But then, a few years back, after the Weimers died, **Quincy Crawford '65** suggested they use some of the money to establish the Robert and Johanna Weimer Scholarship, an award that supports a College of Education senior with demonstrated need who has attended or is currently attending the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership (see story, page 20). The scholarship also

includes a preference for students pursuing a minor in leadership studies.

“It's all kind of tied together. Dr. Sloop was our fraternity advisor. Bobby was president of the fraternity when we were there. We've all stayed close over the years. We play golf together,” Helm said. “The tournament raises money for the scholarship through the participation of people who play and the generosity of our sponsors, who are almost all Frostburg graduates and who also knew Bobby and Johanna Weimer. There are a lot of people who donate to the scholarship fund who don't actually play.”

“We originally decided to raise \$25,000 to establish the scholarship over a course of five years,” Graves said. “In two years, we've raised almost \$34,000. What began as a five-year project was a two-year realization.”

Bob learned a lot about leadership from Sloop, Graves said.

“I think in a nutshell, Bob led by example. So did Johanna. ... If something was needed and they wanted things done, they did it. They provided the role model to follow,” he said. “What (Bob) said was what he did and what he believed, and that was easy to follow.”

In the last two years, Helm, DeBone and Graves awarded two scholarships in the Weimers' name, and they now have a fund that will perpetuate that effort. They've continued the tradition of golf and friendship with Bob and Johanna's son, Scott, and their son-in-law, Dave Lobas.

“It's about fun. It's about being together. It's about doing things in a real positive manner to give back,” Graves said. “We're all happy to do it.” ■



The new leadership of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors are, first row, from left, Mary Clapsaddle, Quincy Crawford and Sam Griffith; second row, from left, Ken Oldham, Joe Pace, Sandi Saville, Lynn Fike, Gladys Faherty and Sandy Day.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

MAKING LEADERSHIP A HALLMARK OF THE FROSTBURG EXPERIENCE

FSU has drafted a new mission statement that reads, in part, “Frostburg ... prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.” While the teaching of leadership at Frostburg is nothing new, it has grown in importance and scope. In this issue, read about how some recent grads discovered their inner leaders; the Sloop Institute, FSU’s hallmark leadership experience; an alumnus who is carrying the torch of leadership development; and how FSU and President Gibraltar are leading the way in the fight against binge-drinking.



STUDENTS DISCOVER TRUE STRENGTHS THROUGH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

By Becca Ramspott

Several years ago, if you had told Ian Spears, Rob Kesler and Kenisha Boone that one day they each would be asked to stand before hundreds of their college classmates and share their insights, they may not have believed you.

Before he arrived at Frostburg, Spears was an introvert who didn’t see himself doing anything other than graduating from FSU as quickly as possible. “I was more close-minded, not willing to go out of my comfort zone,” he said.

Kesler was living in Hawaii with his dad, having failed out of Frostburg with a 1.3 GPA after using alcohol and partying to distract himself from his mother’s losing battle with cancer. Boone was the child of parents struggling with addiction and enrolled in what she describes as “statistically the worst school district” in Maryland. She dreamed of college as her escape to a better future but was uncertain how she could afford it.

Yet on May 21, 2011, Kesler and Boone stepped forward and proudly took their turns at the podium as the student speakers representing their respective colleges for FSU’s 138th Commencement, an honor that belongs to the best and brightest graduates, nominated by professors. Spears sat listening among the orderly rows of graduates, having already made his way before his fellow students many times as the president of the Student Government Association, offering them words of inspiration, even comfort, at critical moments of his college career.

How does this kind of transformation happen? And what does it say about how Frostburg is doing as an institution committed to providing unique and life-changing educational experiences for students?

“Pathways of Engagement”

Bill Mandicott witnesses transformation every day through his work as assistant vice president for Student and Community Involvement.

“You can come in here and be a student leader on top of your game or a student leader who is not quite sure where you’re headed, and you can discover yourself at either end of the spectrum,” he said. “We’ve found what Frostburg does is provide a foundation ... preparing and teaching and developing the civic leader of the future.”

An advocate of incorporating leadership and service-learning into the college experience since he joined FSU’s staff more than 20 years ago, Mandicott and his colleagues have been working steadily over the past decades to build up the University’s student engagement opportunities. They recently took an inventory of the programs that give students what he calls “pathways of engagement” to discover their abilities as leaders. The compilation resulted in a 24-page document, the heft of which demonstrates how far FSU has come in growing and expanding its leadership programming.

“I’ve worked at institutions three times our size, and they’re not doing what we’re doing,” Mandicott said. “I have colleagues at other universities who are so jealous because, while as an institution we may not have the rich cash resources like some of the larger schools out there, we do have the working relationships and students who want to be engaged. We have unique programs that we’ve developed.”

For example, upon arriving at FSU, freshmen have the opportunity to join the Community Involvement Ambassadors learn-

ing community, which helps them refine their leadership skills by working with University programming, attending cultural performances and learning how to effectively manage student organizations. They can also get involved in FSU’s many volunteer and service-learning programs, including ECHOSTARS! (formerly HallSTARS!) and AmeriCorps. Every fall, new student leaders are invited to participate in the Office of Leadership & Civic Engagement’s Leadership Retreat, which gives them the information and skills they need to kick off the year in a positive and proactive way. It’s the beginning of what can be a multi-year journey in leadership learning at Frostburg, leading up to two capstone experiences, the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership (*see related story, page 20*) and President’s Leadership Circle (PLC), a year-long experience. Students must be nominated for Sloop and the PLC.

Leadership is also built through academic experiences, especially in the leadership studies minor, academic programs in which students are practicing and learning leadership. “We look at their leadership development training as part of scholarship,” Mandicott said.

Inspiration to Move Forward

In a process common to many FSU students, Spears, Kesler and Boone discovered their own leadership qualities through the experiences in their educational journey at Frostburg.

“It wasn’t my plan to get involved in anything, really,” Spears said. “I was planning on just being a regular college student, enjoying the regular college life. But that got boring really fast.”

Following the advice of a friend who said networking and giving back to the campus were key to enjoying college to the full-



Ian Spears



Robert Kesler



Kenisha Boone

est, Spears started participating in a variety of activities early on, including Student Government Association and the Black Student Alliance. During his sophomore and junior years, he served as a student council representative for the University System of Maryland, focusing on systemwide issues like tuition increases and the rising costs of living in residence halls, all in the context of a nationwide economic crisis. As his senior year was approaching, it was a natural next step to pursue the SGA presidency.

“The way I see leadership is that I don’t need or should have all the answers,” Spears said. “I think it’s more about surrounding yourself with good people who give input to make a good idea better. A good quality of a leader is not being domineering and always putting in your opinion but making sure everyone around the table is being heard. ... I definitely feel like I was never someone who had to always have it my way. I would rather a good idea come from someone else than for me to produce a bad idea.”

Kesler, after failing out of Frostburg, worked as a director of a preschool and after-care program, eventually joining one of the largest elementary schools in Hawaii. The vice principal there took an interest in his career aspirations, something that would advance with a college degree. Kesler decided to return to FSU so he could “finish what I started,” a challenge that entailed writing appeal letters to be readmitted and starting out on academic probation. He was determined to make it right if FSU would give him a second chance.

“I had never tried or applied myself the first time around,” he said. “I really wanted to put my efforts into being a great student and making my time at Frostburg all it could be. Getting straight A’s was one of my major goals.”

Kesler ended up achieving that goal, maintaining a 4.0 after he returned, something he attributes to not only his commitment but also to the great mentors he met at Frostburg, including President Gibraltar; Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student and Educational Services; and Amy Shaffer, former director of FSU’s Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement, all of whom he connected with through the PLC. He also cites professors who helped him discover his true strengths as a scholar and educator.

“Just about every single College of Education professor has had an impact on me,” he said. “Dr. Barbara Ornstein ... you come to her class and you just know you’re going to take something meaningful away,

every time. She is one of the best storytellers; she always starts a lesson or a class with a story. ... That’s one of her teaching strategies that I plan to use. ... There have been days she’s had everyone laughing so hard that they’re crying and days people are literally crying because her stories are very touching.”

Professors also played an important role in Boone’s journey through FSU. The child of addicts with no college savings, Boone recognized early on that good grades would help her escape her situation, and she pushed herself academically, ultimately receiving a full scholarship from Frostburg. But after coming to FSU, she discovered high school hadn’t adequately prepared her for college. She constantly took advantage of the services offered by FSU’s Tutoring Center to help her write papers and succeed in math.

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— Kenisha Boone

Dr. Amy Branam, assistant professor in the Department of English, had the pleasure of advising Boone, whose passion for books and sharing them with others spilled over into her love of learning as she pursued her English degree.

“As a professor, watching students discover a whole new way of thinking and wrangling with literary interpretation is particularly gratifying, especially when I get to work with a mind as astute as Kenisha’s,” Branam said.

Boone also sought out numerous opportunities to get involved in student organizations like the Latin American Student Organization and the BSA. Through scholarship and hard work, she eventually returned to the Tutoring Center, this time as a writing tutor herself.

“It felt good to know that my writing had improved so much that it warranted a recommendation for employment,” she said. “And it was a good feeling to be able to help other students coming from my predicament.”

Boone also worked with the Washington Literacy Council, serving as a job coach and social work intern. “The most impactful experience

I had at the Council was meeting a new student who graduated from my high school three years before me,” she said. “She was still illiterate, although she had a diploma.”

“Kenisha leads quietly and by example,” Branam said. “Rarely will she raise her voice above another student or interject in a conversation. She seeks out mentors and understands how to maximize people’s skills in organizations, such as BSA. She is confident, intelligent and not threatened by others’ abilities – all key traits of leadership.”

Global Leaders With Empathy for Others

International education and service-learning are other key leadership traits that defined the college careers of Spears, Kesler and Boone and opened their eyes to new ways of viewing the world.

Spears’ service as SGA President allowed him to attend an International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague organized by Civic Concepts International, an organization founded by FSU alum **William Webster ’98** (see story page 22).

“That was my first time overseas ... and to meet so many different cultures in one place was life-changing for sure. It changed my outlook in life and a lot of different career aspirations I had. ... I found a new love for international issues, talking about world politics instead of just looking at how things affected America,” he said. He’s now interested in a career in foreign relations.

One night Spears had the opportunity to talk to a fellow conference participant from Palestine who almost hadn’t made it because of security issues at the border between Palestine and Israel. The discussion of the conflict and its history opened his eyes to a viewpoint not often heard in the U.S.

“I understand now why there’s so much turmoil between Israel and Palestine,” Spears said.

Kesler worked with Read to Succeed through AmeriCorps. He also had positive experiences interning at area schools as he was completing his education degree. He eventually wants to work in public service as an educational administrator, and already has views on the way American education is conducted.

“I think the kids are being trained to sit there and sit still for hours on end and try to process this information, and they’re being tested on it endlessly. ... If the kids aren’t getting it, it doesn’t matter. You’ve got to move on ...,” he said. Teachers who want to adjust what they’re teaching in response to their students’ interest or need are faced with red tape and an unresponsive system, he said.

“You have to do what you’re told and teach what you’re supposed to teach, what the district says,” he said.

It was study abroad as part of her double major in Spanish that had Boone falling in love with Spain and the international community she encountered there.

“I got to meet people from Germany, France, Japan, Italy, England and Russia. It was simple harmony,” she said.

She also helped improve diversity on campus through her involvement with BSA, the Latin American Student Organization and the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity (PACD).

“Most times, when students come to Frostburg they expect to experience new things and meet new people. However, the natural instinct, when they are away from home, is to find people that they can relate to. They are attracted to people that look and think like them,” she said. “FSU has to make a conscious effort to ensure students see diversity as a good thing and are adventurous enough to explore the unfamiliar.”

As part of her participation in BSA, Boone helped revive the diversity-focused Unity Week on campus. She also joined other FSU students in New Orleans to help rebuild the city post-Katrina. Through PACD, she participated in a subcommittee to ensure that Frostburg met requirements for women’s safety and offered suggestions to improve diversity.

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Leading Beyond Tragedy

Two campus crises in 2010 taught Spears much about leadership and serving others. When the campus was stunned by an off-campus shooting in April that killed student Brandon Carroll and wounded another student, it was Spears, then FSU’s incoming SGA president, who stepped up and spoke as a student leader to reporters who flooded the campus. He also worked with the SGA Executive Board setting up a vigil that brought the campus community together and honored Brandon’s memory. The vigil included Brandon’s family members and basketball teammates sharing their memories and featured music from student ensembles.

“It was really tough because B.C. was a good friend of mine,” he said. “That was really hard for me to have to be in a leadership position while dealing with how I felt

about it, and all the different emotions I had.”

Then, just the next December, students Evan Kullberg and Alyssa Salazar perished in an off-campus fire, and Spears once again found himself called upon to speak. This time his role was to comfort countless students, friends and family mourning yet another unexpected and heart-wrenching loss.

Both of those moments “helped me realize I can get through the hard times and persevere and still come out appreciating life more, more so than I used to,” he said. Talks with FSU’s former Catholic chaplain, Father Ed Hendricks, in particular gave him the courage to stand tall and lead his fellow students through a sad time.

“When students see leaders like Ian, they learn that leadership activities are not simply to have something to add to one’s resumé, but rather opportunities for personal growth and development,” Bowling said. “Students play a tremendously important role in communicating to other students what our campus values and what expectations we have for one another as we live in this community.”

The Future of Leadership at FSU

With so many strong programs in place, Frostburg is determined to continue to bring together people from all areas of the University who can help better define leadership and its role in the institution’s identity. Providing a stronger collaboration between academic affairs and student affairs will continue to be an important part of that process.

“Leadership is a term like ‘excellence’ ... for the 21st century; it really needs some grounded understandings of how to apply that, because otherwise it’s a superficial term,” said Dr. Elesha Ruminski, an assistant professor in Communication Studies who coordinates FSU’s leadership studies minor. This spring, she helped coordinate and lead a special leadership delegation to China organized through the minor. Spears was part of that delegation.

“Civic engagement is important, and the minor helps because you can explore what it means to be a citizen leader. You have these volunteer or service project experiences, and then you get to understand the concept and the theory to help you do that with more depth,” she said.

Spears would like to see FSU find a way to reach those who don’t take advantage of the opportunities that are out there.

“I would say, for people who are in the President’s Leadership’s Circle, and who naturally want to get involved, there are definitely

plenty of opportunities,” he said. “But at the same time, how about those people who are harder to reach, who aren’t the go-getters? ... The ones who want to stay in their rooms and play *Call of Duty* or watch *Jersey Shore* all day? How do you reach those people?”

That will be the continuing challenge.

“At FSU we have come to believe that leadership is a core concept in our University’s brand identity,” Gibraltar said. “I am not sure it is as much about leadership as it is about assisting our students to find what is truly unique about them and what their role will be on our campus and in their lives. The term ‘leadership,’ for me, is sometimes used to replace the importance of students finding their way along a developmental journey that will ultimately lead them to be whomever they desire. I guess you could call that leadership – or, you could just call it growing up and defining your life by your engagement with other people.”

There is no doubt that the leadership experiences that Spears, Boone and Kesler found at Frostburg have profoundly shaped their futures.

Boone is returning home to pursue a graduate degree in nonprofit management so she can one day run an organization specializing in aiding inner-city women.

“For her, living a successful life is not a life focused on money or fame but on people,” Branam said, “particularly the people and the place where those people live who have helped you to become the person you are today. This pursuit, in my opinion, is the ultimate indicator of an incredible human being. Kenisha is an intelligent, beautiful and amazing person who will always be a leader because she lives her life ideally.”

Spears and Kesler both reflected on the changes their time at Frostburg has brought them.

“If someone who knew me in 2007 saw me now, and we hadn’t talked at all in college and they just saw me, they probably wouldn’t know who I was at all,” Spears said. “I can honestly say I’m a completely different person – and for the better.”

“Here in Frostburg, so many people have shown so much confidence and faith in me,” Kesler said. “It’s really inspiring and empowering to know that these influential people whom I respect have so much confidence in me. ... I honestly can’t believe, coming from where I was when I first came to Frostburg, and then now, feeling like I’m on top of the world.

“It’s like a dream almost, how it’s all played out.” ■

SLOOP INSTITUTE DRAWS ON NAMESAKE'S INSPIRATION TO CULTIVATE CARING LEADERS

by Liz Douglas Medcalf

When Bill Mandicott is feeling low on inspiration, he returns to a photo tacked to the wall next to his computer. It's of Dr. Richard Sloop.

"He watches over me. He's my conscience," said Mandicott, assistant vice president for Student & Community Involvement. "He speaks to me sometimes, to remind me about why we're here."



Dr. Richard Sloop

Even four years after his death, Sloop continues to be an inspiration. It started with "the boys," '60s-era alumni and Tau Kappa Epsilon members who were drawn to the warmth and support he showed them in their formative years. It continued with his Frostburg colleagues during his 1961 to 1996 tenure as a faculty member in the Department of Educational Professions, those who admired his quiet example of integrity, honesty and character. And today, thanks to "the boys," those colleagues and countless students who are now alumni, his example is the guiding energy for the annual student experience that bears his name, the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.

Now in its 13th year, the Sloop Institute, an intensive weekend opportunity, is one of the strongest cornerstones of FSU's growing comprehensive leadership program. Its mission reads "The Sloop Institute for Excellence

in Leadership empowers Frostburg State University students, through an intentional comprehensive leadership program, to make a difference in their local and global communities and engage in positive social change. The Sloop Institute endorses the values of self-knowledge, self-awareness, integrity, empowerment, collaboration, equality, citizenship and service."

When the founding alumni first proposed honoring their mentor, Dr. Alice Manicur, then-vice president for Student and Educational Services, charged Mandicott with creating an advanced leadership development experience for students, with an emphasis on the tenets that Sloop stood for. As the program has evolved over the years, the endowment supporting it has grown to about \$200,000. The program has also increasingly brought together students and alumni from many eras, adding valuable depth and perspective to the sessions, and building bridges between alumni legacy and current students.

Today it has become a much sought-after opportunity for students who have participated in other leadership-development programs, such as the Leadership Retreat for new students, service opportunities or academic programs like the leadership studies minor. Students must be nominated to apply for the Sloop Institute, which is limited to 50 each year. Criteria considered for selection include the service the students have performed; whether they have engaged in leadership roles; whether they have the support of fac-

ulty, staff and students; or whether they have made a recognized contribution to the campus. There is no cost to the students to attend.

The 2011 Sloop Institute, held at the Bedford Springs Resort in Pennsylvania in early March, began with a dinner for the students; alumni and others who support the Institute, including Sloop's widow, Jane, and their children and grandchildren; and members of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, which for the past two years has held an annual retreat to coincide with the Institute. **Jeff Fegan '76**, CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, was the keynote speaker, discussing the role of leadership in business and exhorting the students to surround themselves with good people, care about the people around them and have confidence in what they are doing.

The students were encouraged at a pre-retreat orientation to take advantage of the knowledge their dinner companions could share. At each of the dinner tables, students asked insightful questions of the alumni and key FSU employees they were paired with.

The rest of the weekend's sessions were equal parts reflection, challenge and inspiration, seasoned with humor and fun to keep the conversations lively. Leadership trainer and facilitator Kristin Skarie led the students through a series of exercises to help them refine their knowledge of themselves and their goals, then to clarify how that self-knowledge could be put to work serving and leading others. For example, one exercise challenged the students to take a personal inventory and



The activities at the Sloop Institute were designed to encourage personal reflection and discovery, as well as constructive interaction with the other participants and with alumni.



examine their personal "lists," to separate out what they wanted, what they really needed and what they already had. The resulting lists included everything from Chapstick to world peace, with many perceptive items in between.

It was a room filled with students who were already confident and comfortable in their own skin, even if they were in different places in determining their place in the world.

"I was worried that I would leave feeling drained and exhausted – but I am leaving energized and hopeful," said one student on the evaluation form passed out at the end of the program. "The program inspired me to start making changes, and to value the past, present and future," said another.

Alumni who have had a few years to reflect on the impact that their Sloop participation had on them still see value in the time they spent.

"Sloop gave me the power to determine my own leadership destiny," said **Ashley Wisner '08/M'09**, who teaches high school social studies. "I had always been one to be involved before going to Sloop, but after attending, I felt more empowered and motivated to start leading more and following less."

"As a student, it really empowered me," said **Julie Petr Tobiason '02**. "I honestly felt I could change the world." The strongest lesson she took away was how essential networking would be.

"A lot of things shared in Sloop turned out to be important in the workforce, like mentoring others and helping others along the way," said the former elementary teacher who is raising her son, Jack, and working for the Frederick County Public Library in children's services. But her participation in leadership programs – Sloop as a junior and senior and the Leadership Retreat as a freshman – also strengthened her connection with FSU.

"It made me feel vested as an alum," she said.

Both have been back to serve as alumni volunteers. "I was immensely impressed with how energetic and excited the student lead-

ers were. The energy in that room was very encouraging to see," said Tobiason, who volunteered for the 2008 Sloop. "With students of such high quality, if I were an employer, I'd look around the room and say, 'I'll take you, and I'll take you, and ...'"

Wisner enjoyed being "on the other side" of Sloop as an alumna. "I enjoyed very much learning about what the new students were planning on doing with their futures and providing advice, support and contacts to help them reach their goals."

Another alum volunteer, **David Storck '02**, had the perspective of seeing some of the same students at the beginning of their college experiences at a Leadership Retreat, then later at Sloop. "At the Leadership Retreat,

That progression in skills is just what Mandicott had in mind. "The institute was a way to channel individual experiences that students were having, to bring a group together to celebrate that experience and connect with alumni," he said. "They're asked, 'What's the potential, what can I do with these experiences?' Through that progressive experience, they're preparing to leave college and practice citizen-leader skills."

Mandicott attributes the continuing vitality of the Sloop Institute to its place in an overall atmosphere of leadership development. "Sloop is not just a weekend, not just a two-day affair. It's a culmination of experiences," he said. "It's a part of a greater vision, to be a university known for teaching and practice of leadership."

"It's ironic that the leadership retreat is named in honor of a member of the campus community who never served in a formal leadership role," said Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student and Educational Services. "He never was a chair or a dean, but he was absolutely a leader in the influence he had, the respect for students and faculty colleagues he had. He was inclusive. He listened. He was a leader because of the quality of relationships he developed."

And like Dr. Sloop, FSU's leadership program is less concerned with leadership as a position – which tends to be dependent on budgets and hierarchy that are less permanent – than with leadership in terms of influence, Bowling said.

"Students, even if they don't hold a title or an office on a committee, can still exert tremendous influence and make a difference," a distinction the late Dr. Harold Delaney, FSU's interim president in 1991, also used to emphasize, Bowling said. "Influence is all about the trust people have in you, respect, the quality of relationships, integrity, how you're perceived and how you treat others. That is more long-lasting."

"Having a leadership institute that celebrates someone who had influence – because of who he was, his character – is fitting," Bowling said. ■



The members of the Sloop Institute Class of 2011 gather for a photo following the final day's session.



Participants celebrate their "arrival" in one activity.



William Webster '98 at the 2011 China International Youth Festival



Ian Spears '11 with Webster at the International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague in 2010



From left, Webster; Jennifer Chambers, co-founder of the International Youth Leadership Network; Spears; and FSU's Dr. Tom Bowling

ALUM NURTURING COMMUNITY-BASED LEADERSHIP GLOBALLY

By Becca Ramspott

Like many college students, **William Webster '98** studied abroad during his time at FSU. A history major who minored in international relations, he spent a year at the University of Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, and a semester at FSU's long-time partner institution, Mary Immaculate College, in Ireland.

But Webster also found ways to learn about the world right in his backyard. To pay for college, he worked as a delivery driver for Frostburg's Peking House, and when he wasn't making deliveries and washing dishes, he was getting to know his Chinese co-workers.

"I got really close to the Chinese staff and was even invited to New York for the owner's wedding," he said.

Webster's ability to make meaningful connections with people and become part of different cultures and communities has served him well: He's now a global social entrepreneur, co-founder and executive director of his own nonprofit, Civic Concepts International, which focuses on providing youth leadership and development. Webster travels frequently while organizing Civic Concepts International's International Youth Leadership Conferences, which are held in locations such as the Czech Republic, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. These conferences typically bring together 25 to 30 young

people from around the world to participate in debates, discussions and simulations of real-world international leadership experiences, like United Nations meetings and an International Criminal Court Mock Pre-Trial. To date, eight FSU students have had the opportunity for life-changing experiences at the conferences: three in Prague and five in China, at a special China International Youth Festival.

"Sometimes you'll have more in common with someone halfway across the world than with someone down the street," Webster said.

He didn't figure out how to start and grow his own nonprofit by trying to meet other people's expectations and goals they had for him.

"If you want a career, sometimes it's like there are all these checkboxes, things you're supposed to do to get that career. But that's missing the point," he said. "It's about the journey, not necessarily the destination."

Following his graduation from Frostburg, Webster worked as a faculty advisor for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., and became inspired by the concept of internationalizing the conference, crafting an innovative, global leadership opportunity for young people. He explored this idea further. He volunteered and taught English in Prague and worked for the National Youth Leadership Forum to support himself while gaining more experience in conference organizing. He raised about

\$15,000 for his first conference but realized he didn't have enough money to cover all the expenses.

"Instead of admitting failure, I pulled out my credit card and paid for the remaining conference expenses myself," he said. His lesson: "If you start to learn how to fundraise early, it can open so many doors."

Running Civic Concepts International has also taught Webster about his own leadership style. He describes himself as a "people-based leader."

"People are who make things happen. ... If we want to make a project work, we have to drive it, but we also have to allow people to do it with us," he said. "Instead of a bigger piece of pie, let's make the pie bigger."

It's also about trusting your own intuition and believing in what you want to be.

"When you graduate from college, it's an interesting and difficult time of your life. Grab those opportunities with both hands and find the passion that drives you. ... There's only one person you have to live with your whole life. That's you. It's good to know that person."

For more information about Civic Concepts International, visit www.civicconcepts.org.

FSU HAILED AS "NATIONAL MODEL" IN BATTLE AGAINST BINGE-DRINKING

While the national crisis of dangerous binge-drinking among college students has gotten worse in the majority of campus communities, the progress that has been made at FSU has placed the University and President Gibraltar in a position of national leadership on the seemingly insurmountable issue.

Just in the first half of 2011:

- Gibraltar was named to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's (NIAAA's) 10-member College Presidents Working Group, a group charged with bringing significant attention to the binge-drinking issue and making relevant recommendations to college administrators across the country.
- FSU was visited by a team of top administrators from NIAAA, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The team requested the meeting to learn more about FSU's broad-based effort from those on the front lines, calling FSU a "national model" and commending those present for the "courageous conversation" they're having on the issue.
- FSU was invited to join the national Learning Collaborative to Address High-Risk Drinking, an enterprise launched this spring at Dartmouth College and involving 32

U.S. colleges and universities, all taking a public health research-based approach to addressing college binge-drinking.

- FSU was awarded a National Collegiate Athletic Association Choices Grant designed to better integrate athletics and Greek organizations into campuswide efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. With the grant's funds, FSU will launch the three-year CHILL CHOICES project.

- FSU's efforts were featured in an article in *Social Work Today* called "Culture of Intoxication – College Binge-Drinking."

While FSU has shown a significant decrease in dangerous drinking behaviors, including a 27 percent decrease in reported binge-drinking between 1997 and 2009, the issues persist, and many of those behaviors still mirror the national average. Gibraltar has set an ambitious goal to reduce the binge-drinking rate by another 25 percent by 2015.

"There's evidence that binge-drinking affects academic performance, affects attrition and increases the risk of sexual assault. There's a tangible cost in dollars to institutions, as well as a cost to their academic reputations," Gibraltar said.

At the first meeting of the Dartmouth Collaborative, key representatives from the colleges and universities represented, called the Campus Improvement Team, shared the strategies that they have been using with success, as well as discussed their particular challenges and future plans. FSU's team includes Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president for Student and Educational Services; Dr. Jesse Ketterman, dean of students and assistant vice president for Student Services; Jeff Graham, associate

dean of students; April Baer, coordinator for University Wellness; Dr. Spencer Deakin, director of Counseling and Psychological Services; Don Swogger, director of Alcohol and Drug Education; Robert Smith, assistant vice president for Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research; and Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business.

"I don't remember a time that I've ... felt so much of a positive spirit of collaboration, a sense of wanting to make a difference in reducing binge-drinking," Gibraltar said.

Among the issues to be examined include a look at the developmental age of students, the impact on the behavior of students leaving home for the first time, the different campus environments and the culture of those diverse environments. The schools represented range from Yale and Duke to the University of Wyoming and Wesleyan University. The goal is to come up with a series of strategies to address college binge-drinking that is backed up by research data and that can be used based on an institution's unique circumstances.

Each additional meeting with other leaders on the issue continues to reinforce the reason that Gibraltar has taken such a hands-on interest.

"It confirms my belief that presidential leadership, involvement and engagement are the key variables in making a difference on this issue," he said. ■



Pictured from left are Dave Mineta, deputy director of the Office of Demand Reduction in the Office of National Drug Control Policy; President Gibraltar; and Jack Claypoole, administrator of Drug Free Communities through ONDCP.



The first meeting of the Learning Collaborative to Address High-Risk Drinking brought together representatives of 32 diverse higher education institutions.

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend

October 20-23, 2011

Feeling nostalgic for a little Bobcat spirit? Recapture the fun and camaraderie of your days at the 'Burg when FSU celebrates Leadership & Homecoming Weekend! Pull out your Frostburg sweatshirt and gather up your friends. We'll be waiting!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

Noon Atkinson Room, LUC	Retired Employees Luncheon By Invitation Only
5:30 – 7:00 pm Main Arena Cordts PE Center	Pep Rally Sponsored by Student Government Association Join us to crown the Homecoming King & Queen!
7:00 pm ARMAH, LUC	Air Band Co-Sponsored by Student Activities and Greek Life Bring a canned good to benefit the Frostburg Food Pantry. Admission is FREE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

9:00 am – Noon Campuswide	Career Expo 2011 – “Navigating Your Future” The Office of Career Services invites alumni to share their life experiences with our students, and it's a great way to reconnect with your alma mater. For more information, contact Donna Sivic at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.
Noon Atkinson Room, LUC	Career Expo Luncheon By Invitation Only
5:00 pm Main Arena Cordts PE Center	Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour, Induction Ceremony & Dinner 2011 Inductees: Jay Hegeman '73/M'81, Victoria Proctor '86, Steve Schleupner '91, Greg Shockey '83 and Patrick Sweeney '00. Cost: \$30 per person, \$15 for children 12 and under. RSVP is required to attend. RSVP by October 14. FSU Athletics will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the 1986 & 1987 Men's Track & Field Teams' National Championship and the 50th Anniversary of Football.
7:00 – 9:00 pm Roper Gallery Fine Arts Building	Opening Reception "Hateful Things" Exhibition This traveling exhibition contains items of material culture from the late 19th century to the present, embodying the terrible effects of the Jim Crow legacy.
8:00 pm Pealer Recital Hall Performing Arts Center	All Campus Sing Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota \$3 per person, \$2 if wearing recognized Greek letters

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

8:30 – 11:00 am Atkinson Room, LUC	Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 for children 12 and under RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14 Co-sponsored by the Frostburg Baseball Alumni Assn.
9:00 am – 2:00 pm LUC, Upper Lobby	Alumni Welcome Center Update your contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni, have your photo taken and check out the newly renovated Lane University Center. The Allegany Arts Council's Arts Bus will be here to offer arts and crafts with the kids, balloon artists, facepainting and more!
10:00 am – Noon The Greenhouse, LUC	Track & Cross Country Alumni Brunch Cost: \$15 per person, \$8 children 12 and under RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14 Join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the 1986 & 1987 Men's Track & Field Teams' National Championship.
10:00 am St. John's Episcopal Church 52 Broadway, Frostburg	Friends of Music Steering Committee Meeting For more information on how to get involved, contact Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon at jdixon@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4115.
10:00 am Football Locker Room Cordts PE Center	Football Locker Room Ribbon Cutting Special recognition of donors who supported this project. By Invitation Only
11:00 am Upper Lobby, LUC	Campus Tour (approx. 1 ½ hours)
11:00 am St. John's Episcopal Church 52 Broadway, Frostburg	Friends of Music Brunch For more information on how to get involved, contact Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon at jdixon@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4115.
11:00 am – 12:45 pm (and 1 hr. after game) Stadium Lot	Tailgating FREE parking on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete list of tailgating rules, visit our website.
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Library Deck Rainsite: South Addition, LUC	Football Reunion <i>Help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Football!</i> Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 children 12 and under RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14

11:00 am Main Arena Cordts PE Center	Bobcat Volleyball vs. St. Mary's Seahawks Admission is FREE
1:00 pm Bobcat Stadium	Bobcat Football vs. Alfred Saxons Admission is FREE
1:00 pm Room 111, LUC	An Afternoon at the Movies Bring the family to enjoy a movie, popcorn and more! Movie to be announced. Admission is FREE
1:00 pm Tent, Bobcat Stadium (area between tennis courts & stadium)	Student Government Association Gives Back Co-sponsored by the FSU Alumni Association FREE food and drink provided
1:30 pm Upper Lobby, LUC	Campus Tour (approx. 1 ½ hours)
3:00 pm Library Deck Rainsite: South Addition, LUC	Men's Soccer Reunion \$20 per person, \$10 children 12 and under. RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14
3:30-5:30 pm The Greenhouse, LUC	Making Connections and Networking Workshop & Reception – Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
5:00 pm Bobcat Stadium	Bobcat Men's Soccer vs. York Spartans
5:30 pm ARMAH, LUC	Leadership Donor Gala By Invitation Only
7:00-9:00 pm Atkinson Room, LUC	Alumni After Dark The place to be – Join fellow alums for fun & frivolity!! Complimentary appetizers and cash bar Music by Andy Branigan '08 and Joe Comer '00 Admission is FREE
10:00 pm – 2:00 am Main Arena Cordts PE Center	BSA & SGA Mixer Cost: \$7 students, \$10 non-students Tickets go on sale October 10 at the LUC Box Office.

LUC – Lane University Center ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

9:00 am Atkinson Room, LUC	Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting A motion will be made to adopt a new set of bylaws that govern the Board of Directors. To review, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/board-of-directors/ RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14 All alumni are welcome – please join us!
Noon Lower Lobby, LUC	Student Government Association Big Event Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg!

To RSVP to any event listed, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs, phone 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu
To register online, go to www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/

Don't forget to check out the Alumni Association website or the Alumni Association Facebook page, your main sources for information on the festivities.



Go Bobcats! 

classnotes

FUN WITH THE CLASS OF '61

ClassNotes listed are those received as of May 31, 2011

1951

Mary Ann Ostlind has been teaching a writing class, "Write Your Life Story," for the past 21 years. Before that, she taught elementary school for over 38 years.

1962

Carolyn Brooks McCrossin is still enjoying the great weather in Florida and invites her fellow FSU alumni to "c'mon in; the water is great!"

1963

Charlie Adcock was named Male Senior Citizen of Year by the Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs and the Jacksonville Mayor's Office for his volunteer work with the United Way of Northeast Florida.

1965

John Brant retired as a colonel from the Ohio Army National Guard and from the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards as its CEO.

1968

Jacqueline Mixer Fischer was elected to the Washington County (Md.) Board of Education in November 2010. She previously served from 2002 to 2006.



The FSU Alumni Association hosted the Golden Anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 4, honoring graduates of the class of 1961 and before. Pictured are 16 classmates from 1961, from left, Ronald Young, Wanda Hill Zink, Barbara Carbaugh Young, Kay Branch Chappell, Mary Angle Hawbecker, Beverly Speicher Kline, Alton Hoopengardner, Wilma Stanley Valentine, Judy Long, Robert Long, Kay Nelson, Jane Miller, David Wilson, Jane Guard Fox, Arthur Scarpelli and Kay Haugh Clites.

1974

Donna Kennedy Brosnan enjoys being a grandma to three FSU Bobcats in training! Her daughter and son-in-law, Candice Young James '01 and Christopher James '01, have two daughters; and daughter, Trish Jones, and her husband, Greg, also have a daughter.

1975

Judith Rhine Haines was the teacher representative at the October 2010 ceremony in Washington, D.C., when her school, Northern Middle School in Owings, Md., was honored as a National Blue Ribbon School.

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1979

Eric B. Phillips is serving his second year in a four-year term as mayor for the borough of Manheim in Lancaster County, Pa. He began his service as a volunteer in the effort to have Manheim designated a Main Street Community. He is also a self-employed CPA.

1981

Anita McRae-Greene was named Woman of the Year by Be There Magazine. Greene is the outreach program director at the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

1982

Chris McGowan was hired as controller for Shermco Industries, where he will provide financial planning and leadership, debt financing and budget management for the company.

1985

Cathy Rucki Keller was awarded Teacher of the Year for Lucy Holman Elementary School in Jackson, N.J., where she has been a physical education teacher for seven years.

1989

Jerry Price was named the Maryland State Department of Education Pride Award Winner for 2011.

1990

Beth Choate Burgee is the associate publisher for Brunswick Parent Magazine in Wilmington, N.C.

Gary Howell was elected to West Virginia's House of Delegates District No. 49 in Mineral County. Gary resides in Keyser, W.Va.

1991

Paul Deasy has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter by the American Institute for CPCU. He is an auto claims representative with State Farm Insurance. He and his wife, Sheila Cunningham '90, reside in Frederick, Md.



1992

Eric Anderson was named director of Communications for Asbury Communities, Inc., in Germantown, Md.

Jonathan Petrelli is working as a full-time musician and, in August 2010, released his first self-titled songwriter's CD. He has had several media spots, including appearances on ABC and Fox. To learn more, go to www.jonpetrelli.com.

1993

Eleni Giannakopoulos Swengler has joined Carroll Community College as director of Marketing and Creative Services. She and her husband, Daigoro, reside in Pikesville, Md.

Steven Weems was elected as a Calvert County (Md.) commissioner in November 2010.

1994

Doug Kotula recently completed a run as Levi in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for the Phoenix Festival Theater. He appears as Larry in a series of commercials for Private Eye Software. He is in his 15th year of teaching and teaches at Pikesville High School.

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Alumni in the Spotlight

“Caveman” Living the Baseball Fan’s Dream



Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt autographs a baseball for Ryan Wagner '07 on his visit to the MLB Fan Cave in New York City where Wagner has been spending his summer watching wall-to-wall baseball.

(Photo by Jessica Foster/MLB Photos via Getty Images)

Ryan Wagner '07 has been spending the summer as a caveman. And he's living the dream — the “MLB Dream Job,” that is.

The theatre grad is spending the summer in a fishbowl, a Manhattan storefront studio known as the MLB Fan Cave, where he and Mike O'Hara will watch at least 2,454 live Major League Baseball games. In addition to being “on display” to people walking by on the street, they are chronicling their experiences and sharing their viewpoints on baseball and pop culture through Facebook, Twitter, a blog on MLB.com, custom videos and regular appearances on MLB Network.

Wagner and O'Hara were selected from roughly 10,000 applicants for the “MLB Dream Job” through a process that included a video submission, writing samples, interviews on-camera with MLB Network talent and interviews with MLB executives. Wagner's role is described as O'Hara's wingman, Goose to O'Hara's Maverick from Top Gun.

In an article on MLB.com, Wagner was looking forward to creating something new.

“My biggest goal and expectation is that we make it our own,” Wagner said. “We don't want it to be like anyone else or anything out there. This is unique. We have to be ourselves, what got us here. In some

small way, I am part of MLB. And to be able to tell my dad I am with MLB, what a neat thing.”

The Orioles fan from Baltimore was previously acting in a touring production of The Wizard of Oz (as Dorothy's uncle as well as the understudy for the Cowardly Lion). Wagner said he has seen almost every MLB stadium and, in addition to his FSU theatre degree, has a degree in sports broadcasting from the Broadcasting Institute of Maryland.

Fans will have the opportunity to interact with Wagner and O'Hara on Facebook, Twitter and at the public Fan Cave events. Check them out at www.mlb.com/fancave, www.facebook.com/MLBFanCave and @MLBFanCave on Twitter.

Alumni Movie Team Creates Feature Film Honoring Veterans

Two filmmakers who met at FSU are premiering Doughboy, a new feature film that pays tribute to American veterans. J.W. Myers '88 directed and Ty DeMartino '90 wrote the film, and their production company, Route 40 Films, produced the family drama that explores the theme of patriotism among young people today.

Doughboy tells the story of an apathetic 16 year old who moves from New York City to West Virginia. When the young man is accused of vandalizing a statue of an American doughboy in the city park, he is assigned to perform his community service at a local veterans home where he meets people who challenge him on his views on freedom and patriotism. The movie has a documentary component in which real-life veterans share their personal stories of sacrifice and their thought on patriotism and young people today.

“Many think that many people take their freedoms and liberties for granted and don't truly understand the sacrifices that were made for them,” says DeMartino. “I really wanted to tell a story that explores those themes. Even the right for a young person to be apathetic or not care is a freedom itself.”

Route 40 Films collaborated with FlyOver Films out of Wheeling, W.Va., on the project, where the movie was filmed at various locations over a 20-day shoot this March. Casting was held in the Ohio Valley and many of the lead actors came from the area, including the young leads. Hollywood actor Terry Kiser, of Weekend at Bernie's fame and a long-time friend of Myers, joined the cast as a veteran named Joe.

Most recently, Myers and DeMartino teamed to create the company Reel Movie Kids, which taught improv and acting to children. They formed Route 40 Films in the fall of 2010 and shot the small feature Special School, which DeMartino scripted and Myers starred in and directed.

Doughboy is slated to premiere beginning Aug. 19, with a special engagement at West Virginia Marquee Cinemas in Wheeling, Charleston, Beckley and Huntington. Learn more at doughboythemovie.com. ■



J.W. Myers '88 and Ty DeMartino '90



Jadyn Mathias

Celebrating 50 Years of Sisterhood

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta celebrated the chapter’s 50th anniversary at a gathering in Westminster, Md., in May. More than 150 sisters attended to reminisce about their Frostburg days and to honor the charter members of the group. In the front row, from left, are **Nadine Roberts ’62**, **Evelyn Walker Doerk ’63**, **Darleen VanRoon Miller ’62** and **Sally Kelly Stillwagon ’62/M’72**. In the second row are **Carol Layton Howie ’63**, **Mary Ellen Cunningham South ’63**, **Mary Katherine Reddick Preikszas ’64**, **Judy Marshall McKenzie ’62**, **Ann Schwanebeck Moyer ’62** and **Rosita Lazaro ’63**.



’60s-era Sig Taus Return to Campus

About a dozen brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma from the 1960s moved their annual beachfront reunion from Ocean City, Md., to the mountains where they all met. Their weekend of fun and memories included a visit to the FSU Wall of Honor to remember their late brother, Medal of Honor recipient **Capt. James A. Graham ’63**. The group includes, front row from left, **Bill Buttrill ’64**, **Tom Slater ’66**, **Noel Kunkle ’66/M’74**, **Arnie Sparr ’64** and **Gene Counihan ’63**; back row, **Dave Leasure ’64**, **Bill Bruchey ’62**, **Rich Worley ’66**, **Bob Erickson ’63**, **Bob Hacker ’63**, **John Nussear ’63/M’69**, **Arch McDonald ’66** and **Art Walker ’65**.

SAE Founding Father Honored by National

Ross Passman, a founding father of **Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s** Maryland Delta Chapter at Frostburg, was recognized by the group’s national organization for his achievements as a police lieutenant and executive officer of his Anne Arundel County district. As much as his accomplishments, Passman was recognized for his credo and willingness to be a role model. “A gentleman gets the utmost respect from others, someone who lives up to his word and who cares about the feelings of others. He wants to make the world a better place,” said Passman in the profile that appeared in the *Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* recognizing him among a group of six “modern gentlemen” members of national SAE. Passman said that the SAE creed of “the true gentleman” is what drew him and his friends to SAE when they were looking to start a new fraternity at FSU. To read the article, visit <http://saerecord.net/2011/02/cover-story-the-modern-gentleman/>.

How are members of your Greek organizations maintaining their brotherhood/sisterhood? Keep the Office of Alumni Programs informed at alumni@frostburg.edu.

Heather Wende Petrelli was recently appointed the inaugural Student Affairs and Assessment dean for the new College of Pharmacy at the University of South Florida. She is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership/higher education administration at Barry University.

2003
April Lueben earned her Master of Science degree in organization development from American University in December 2010.

2004
Melissa Warren Boling became a licensed clinical professional counselor in August 2010, allowing her to practice

independently in Maryland. She continues to work as a therapist at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore.

Lee Chisholm has been promoted to branch manager of the Snow Hill Office of Taylor Bank. He started with the bank as a teller in 2004.

2008
Christine Ganoe was crowned America’s Miss Maryland 2011 on Jan. 8, 2011. She works in the emergency department at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center. ■

Nominate Your Mentor

Each year, faculty who have had a lasting impact on the students they’ve taught are recognized with the Outstanding Mentor Award, presented each fall at the Career Expo Luncheon during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend. Past recipients have included Dr. Jon Bauman, Howard Parnes, Dr. Carol Cleveland, Dr. Ed Root, Dr. Fred Surgent, Dr. Ken Stewart, Dr. Walter Lackey, Dr. Lee B. Ross, Judy Dieruf, Dr. John Jones, Dr. David Fell, John Bambacus, Dr. Chrismarie Baxter, Dr. John Wiseman, Dr. Patricia Santoro, Dr. Keith Schlegel, Dr. William Bingman, Dr. Anthony Stair and Dr. Stephen Hartlaub. Who else should be on this list? Contact Dr. Robbie Cordle, director of Career Services, at rcordle@frostburg.edu or **301.687.4403**, for information on how to nominate your mentor. Nominations must be in writing.

We want to hear from you!

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- **Join the Alumni Association Facebook page**
- **Upload your photos to Facebook or Flickr**
- **Share videos on the FSU YouTube channel**

News and photos can be e-mailed to alumni@frostburg.edu.

Hard copies can be sent to: *Profile*, 228 Hitchins, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303. You can also fax us at 301.687.4069.



milestones

Marriages

1962
Colleen Nies Garrett and husband, **Dan**, celebrated 47 years of marriage. Colleen is retired after 30 years in education, and the couple resides in Woodsboro, Md.

1981
Susie Simons Karlheim and her husband, **David**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in April. They also celebrated the graduation of their son, **Chris**, from FSU in May 2010.

1992
Reginald Charlot married Dr. Tucker Woods at the Ridgefield Town Hall in Ridgefield, Conn., on April 29, 2011. Charlot is the director of tourism development for nine European markets for NYC & Co., New York City’s tourism promotion agency.

1999
Jaime Greer married **Patrick Melcher ’99** on Sept. 9, 2007. On April 9, 2009, they welcomed daughter, Courtney Nicole, and they’re expecting their second child.

2000
Melanie Graham M’05 and Ronald Gordon were married on April 17, 2010. Melanie is employed as a mental health therapist at Western Correctional Institution.

2006
Andrea Amezcua M’07 married Eric Andrews on Sept. 18, 2010.

Tara Farrell married **Colt Ruby ’05** on April 24, 2010. The couple resides in Garrett County.

2007
Jennifer Kusnick married **Stephen Wandishin ’08** on Nov. 6, 2010, in Towson, Md.

2009
Megan Eichler married **James Ramsburg ’09** on June 26, 2010. The couple resides in Knoxville, Md.

Births

1995
Jonathan Alloy and his wife, Sarah, recently welcomed son, Samuel William. Jonathan, who is vice president and product manager at Wells Fargo Bank, was appointed to the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee for the City and County of San Francisco. Jonathan’s family is continuing the Frostburg tradition with his brother, **Andrew Sherman**, a member of the FSU class of 2014.

1999
Kelly Vasami and husband, Ralph, welcomed daughter, Alexandria Mary, on Feb. 23, 2010. She joins big brother, Jake Christian (5). The family resides in Scarsdale, N.Y., where Kelly has her own business, Kelly Vasami Photography.

2000
Bryan Greenberg and wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Benjamin Michael, on Feb. 23, 2011. The family resides near Atlanta, Ga.

2001
Stacy Ludwig-Novotny and husband, **Timothy ’04**, announce the birth of their first child, Braedyn Michael, on Feb. 5, 2010.

Jessica Clay Miller and her husband, **Gregory ’01**, announce the birth of their daughter, Astoria Rose, on Jan. 25, 2011. The family resides in Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Tony Orndoff and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their daughter, Grace Kay, on March 20, 2011. The family resides in Cumberland, Md.

2003
Julie Bowen Hahn and her husband, William, announce the birth of their son, Evan William, on Feb. 12, 2011.

Heather Douglas Papp M’06 and her husband, **Adam ’07**, announce the birth of their son, Jonah, on May 10, 2011.

2004
Julie Schibblehut Rando M’09, and her husband, **Rick ’00**, announce the birth of their son, Lawson David, on July 19, 2010. Julie is an assistant director in the Office of Admissions at FSU and Rick is owner and president of Kick Masters Karate in Frostburg, Md. The family resides in LaVale, Md.

2005
Laura Matthews Cooke and her husband, **Andrew ’05/M’09**, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Faustina, on May 3, 2011. She joins big sisters, Molly and Lucy.

Retirements

(January 1 - August 1, 2011)
Reynaldo Azzi, Jr., professor in the Department of Educational Professions; joined Frostburg in 1978.

Rose Beery, housekeeping supervisor; joined Frostburg in 1988.

John Davis, stationary engineer; joined Frostburg in 1979.

David Dean, professor in the Department of History; joined Frostburg in 1972.

Kevin Fearon, sergeant, University Police; joined Frostburg in 1986.

Paul Lyons, professor in the Department of Management; joined Frostburg in 1970.

Linda McCulloch, professor in the Department of Theatre/Dance; joined Frostburg in 1986.

Patrick McLane, housekeeper; joined Frostburg in 1993.

Steven Ornstein, director, Telecommunications and Networking; joined Frostburg in 1986.

Marc Routhier, professor in the Department of Communication Studies; joined Frostburg in 1979.

Allen Shirk, corporal, University Police; joined Frostburg in 1982.

R. Vaughan Snyder, associate professor in the Department of Educational Professions; joined Frostburg in 1998.

Timothy Stevens, sergeant, University Police; joined Frostburg in 1981.

Lillian Taylor, administrative assistant, Departments of Marketing and Finance; joined Frostburg in 1996.

Ken Witmer, dean, College of Education; joined Frostburg in 1989. ■

September 10, 2011

Washington Nationals Picnic & Game
Picnic: 5:30 p.m.
Game: 7:05 p.m.

October 14-15, 2011

Class of 1966 – 45th Reunion
FSU Campus

October 20- 23, 2011

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend
(see schedule on page 24)

January 28, 2012

Alumni Association Board of Directors’ Meeting

March 2-3, 2012

Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership
Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa
By invitation only

April 21-22, 2012

Alumni Association Board of Directors’ Spring Retreat
FSU Campus

July 28, 2012

Alumni Association Board of Directors’ Meeting

October 18-21, 2012

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2012

October 24-27, 2013

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2013

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A Child Called Hope

by Pat Allen Kaplon '58/'80

From her hard-scrabble farm in Appalachia, Hope comes to grips with the sudden death of her momma and her father's grief and descent into the bottle. Through homes of relatives and a foster home, to the coal towns of Western Maryland, Hope seeks someone to love her and a way to come to grips with her loss. Available at www.xlibris.com.



Found in Translation
Lost in Dreams

by Roger Ellis Bruner '68

The two young adult novels, part of the "Altered Hearts" series, tell the story of 18-year-old Kim Hartlinger. *Found* tells of the spoiled teen's mission trip to Mexico that unfolds nothing like her expectations. In *Lost*, she returns from Mexico to find sudden tragedy. Will another mission help her through the guilt and grief? Published by Barbour Publishing. More information available at RogerBruner.com.



Tell It Like It Is:
Truisms of Fundraising

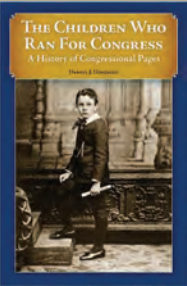
by Chris Rollins M'88

This how-to on fundraising is intended to set young fundraisers on the right path, remind everyone of the basics and maybe even reset the compass for a few old-timers. Available at www.xlibris.com/tellitlikeitis.

The Children Who Ran for Congress

by Dr. Darryl Gonzalez M'98

From the origins of the page system in 1774, to the 1940s when Congress demonstrated indifference toward the living arrangements of the youth they employed, to today, *Children* tells the story of the young



boys (and girls) who have served Congress for more than 200 years. Featuring interviews with former pages, the topics range from amusing tales of page

mischief to sobering stories of young children working in violation of the labor laws that Congress itself passed. Published by Praeger and available at Amazon and BarnesandNoble.com.

Liberation: The Beginning

by Eric J. Munson '99

Following his kidnapping by creatures who are beyond human, a young man escapes and embarks on an action-packed crusade, going from victim to vampire hunter. The deeper into the vampire world he goes, the more complexities he discovers: communities and groups of highly advanced, organized and immensely powerful vampires that he encounters, interacts with and ultimately battles as he plays a significant role in events that will shape the future of humankind. Published by CreateSpace and available on Amazon and BN.com.



Mr. Makerkus' Magical Flying Circus

by Kyle Whitten '08

In a story first shared with children at Frostburg-area schools, *Circus* tells the story of a dark and rainy day, in a small, quiet town, and a lonely little boy whose spirits are down. But when a mysterious flying tent begins to brighten the sky, the boy soon discovers there's a circus inside. Available at TatePublishing.com. Learn more at www.mrmakerkusmagicallyflyingcircus.com.



FSU Comes to You!

The FSU Alumni Association hit the road this spring, meeting up with alums in Atlanta and Baltimore.



Atlanta-area alumni met for the Heading South to Atlanta event in April. In the front row from left are **Bonnie Lantz '71**, Lisa Daves, **Anjela Bowers '89**, Cherie Krug, **Lynda Croft '86**, Becky Hranek and Doris Devey. Second row from left are **Bryan Greenberg '00**, **James Davis '06**, **Douglas Daves '89**, Paul Bates, **Julie Bates '99**, **Brett Bowers '89**, **David Devey '77**, **Anthony Hranek '77**, C.J. Hranek and **William Croft '86**



Baltimore-area alumni gathered for the Baltimore Happy Hour in Little Havana. From left, **Antonio Hayes '00**, **Tracee Wilkins '97**, **Mary Clapsaddle '83** and Ty Short were among the approximately 40 alums who met for fun and networking.

Additional regional events are in the works. Watch your mail, e-mail, alumni.frostburg.edu and the Alumni Association Facebook page for more.

In Memoriam

Alumni

1938 Sarah C. Secrest Zimmerman
Sept. 27, 2010

1941 Mildred Largent Shockley
Oct. 17, 2009

1943 Helen I. Browne
April 25, 2011

1944 Harriet Brode Griffith
Feb. 3, 2011

1945 Eva A. Cook Rockwell
May 4, 2011

1946 Mary G. Rollins Struntz
Dec. 26, 2010

1947 Shirley Mae Rose
April 27, 2011
Sarah Lee Stotler Troutman
Jan. 26, 2011

1949 Christine Glennane
May 8, 2011

1950 Bernard Loraditch
Jan. 29, 2011

1954 Betty Ann Hanna
Feb. 7, 2011

1957 Dr. Thomas E. Rowan
Jan. 23, 2011

1961 Mary L. Jolley Kegg
Jan. 17, 2011

1962 Lionel Baker
May 11, 2011

1964 Mary Louise Goetschius
May 30, 2011

1965 Mary C. Vann Lancaster
Jan. 23, 2011

Dr. Hugh F. Malamphy
Jan. 30, 2011

1966 Shirley Mills Workman
May 18, 2011

1967 Marilyn Schaar Simmons
May 3, 2011

1969 Elizabeth Baron Weisman
April 16, 2011

1971 Catherine M. Reed Cundiff
April 8, 2011

1974 Anne R. Kienzle
July 1, 2010

Kenneth E. Ohler
Nov. 3, 2010

1975 John M. Mitchell
May 30, 2011
Martha E. Williams Shaw
May 10, 2011

1976 Robert L. Cypher
Jan. 20, 2011

Melissa R. Leff
Jan. 24, 2010

1977 Anna J. Shaulis Simpson
March 26, 2011

1979 Karl Arnett Smith
July 7, 2009

1982 Alaa S. Hijab
Dec. 16, 2010

1984 Terrance Frederick Roach
Oct. 11, 2010

Friends of the University

Elmo C. Alderton
April 28, 2011

Ann Allen
Dec. 27, 2010

Margarita E. Bonfield Beaty
March 1, 2011

Martha L. Howe Cadle
March 10, 2011

Margaret Hershberger Cowan
May 26, 2011

John T. Drummond
Dec. 27, 2010

Betty Turner Garlitz
Feb. 16, 2011

Nancy C. Gaston
April 22, 2011

Patricia A. Kelby
March 20, 2011

Joan Carol Barnard Kroll
Jan. 11, 2011

Wayne C. Nemith, Sr.
March 23, 2011

Chris E. Olson
March 6, 2011

Kentresa LaShawn Riley
Oct. 28, 2010

Alberta L. Robinson
Feb. 15, 2011

Mausby W. Rogers
Oct. 28, 2010

Homer F. Schadt
Dec. 16, 2010

Patria Shockley
Jan. 2, 2011

Christine M. Skowrunski
Nov. 26, 2010

John R. Slider II
Dec. 26, 2010

Wayne H. Smithey
Feb. 6, 2011

Pompelio Ucci
May 21, 2010

Virgil W. Wellner
Oct. 23, 2010

Elizabeth Gracie Wilson
March 3, 2011

Bonnie L. Wright
Jan. 2, 2011

Vincent A. Zumpano
March 2, 2011

Correction:

In the spring issue of *Profile*, alumnus **Donald S. Feazell '73** was incorrectly listed as deceased. We are happy to report that he is alive and well, and we sincerely apologize for the error. ■

Get AWAY FROM It ALL

Take an unforgettable journey with fellow Frostburg alums to beautiful Tuscany.

June 13-21, 2012

\$2,795 not including VAT and airfare.

The adventure, coordinated with AHI travel, features six nights in Cortona and two nights in Florence. Excursions will include Cortona, Assisi, Perugia, the Museum of the Etruscan Academy, a winery visit, Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena and Florence.

For more information or to register, call AHI Travel at 800.323.7373 or visit <http://frost.ahitravel.com/>.



FSU Grad Philbin Keeps Nationals Players Healthy

Fit and Happy

By David Driver

John Philbin '79 is just doing what comes naturally.

Philbin is in his third season as the strength and conditioning coach for the Washington Nationals. It's a track that started when the Frostburg two-sport athlete and physical education major volunteered to assist some of his fellow athletes during his sophomore year.

"I started to help a lot of my peers playing football and track and field with their strength and conditioning," said Philbin, who was an NCAA DIII All-American decathlete in his senior year. "It became a natural for me. It kind of became my career."

Today he's in Major League Baseball, but before he got the job, with limited experience in baseball, Philbin was a trainer to some of the top athletes in the world. He has lent his expertise over the years to Olympic athletes, University of Maryland athletics, the Washington Redskins, professional boxers, and the list goes on. He was an Olympian himself with the U.S. bobsled team in 1984, the same year he was inducted into the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame.

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Philip Koshin

"John is an expert in his field," said Rick Eckstein, the hitting coach of the Nationals, who praised Philbin's broad perspective. "He is passionate about whatever he does. He is such a positive influence."

Philbin joined the Nationals before the 2009 season. At the time, he had no prior experience with **Jim Riggleman '74**, a fellow Bobcat who was the team's manager until he resigned in June.

"John's resume speaks for itself," said Riggleman. "He has done some great things in Montgomery County" with Philbin's Athletic Training Center, which he opened in Gaithersburg in 2004. Philbin has also been the president of the National Strength Professionals Association (NSPA), a group he founded in 1985.

Philbin said he and Riggleman often shared stories of their days in Frostburg, although their student careers didn't overlap. Most of the Nationals players know about their deep ties to the school.

"He makes sure with the guys that they know we are Frostburg Bobcats," said Philbin, with a laugh. "All of the time. They are all aware of it."

Philbin, whose 1979 record of 6,797 points in the decathlon still stands at FSU, said his entry into the strength and conditioning field came when he went to the University of Maryland after earning his degree at FSU.

"I got to be a teacher's assistant when I

started strength and conditioning as a grad assistant while doing exercise science for a master's degree. That was a really big break," Philbin said.

He got to work as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with legendary Maryland trainer Frank Costello and assisted several teams, such as track, lacrosse, football and men's basketball under former head coach Lefty Driesell.

Time with the Terps led to an internship with the Redskins in the early 1980s under Dan Riley, who spent 19 years as the team's strength and conditioning coach. "That got me some great exposure," he said.

It also helped Philbin land a position with the U.S. Olympic bobsled team prior to the 1984 Winter Olympics, and he was the head coach for the 1992 Olympic bobsled team. Now he is working for the Nationals, who were seeking someone with a diverse background.

"Our job is to keep them healthy. The second is to get them bigger, faster and stronger," Philbin said, using his approach of maximum effort for a shorter amount of time. He calls it "15 minutes of fury."

The players are responding, according to Eckstein. "He is upbeat and energetic and the guys love him. He is definitely an asset."

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Celebrating Frostburg Football and Track & Field Champs

This is a special anniversary year for the alumni of Bobcat football and the '86 and '87 track & field teams. It was 50 years ago this year that football began at Frostburg State, and 25 years ago, the men's track & field team won the NCAA national championship. Both milestones will be commemorated at this year's Bobcat Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony on Friday, Oct. 21, part of Leadership and Homecoming Weekend 2011.

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Five to Join Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame

The five Bobcat alumni who will be inducted into the 41st class of the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame span nearly four decades of athletic excellence.

Two inductees represent track & field, while men's soccer, football and baseball are represented with one inductee each, bringing the total number in the Hall of Fame to 170.

This group will be honored at the annual dinner and induction ceremony on Oct. 21 as part of the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend festivities, as well as the next day during halftime of the football game against Alfred University.

Dr. Jay Hegeman '73/M'81 was an outstanding player and coach for the Frostburg men's soccer program. He is the all-time wins leader after guiding the program to a 191-103-15 overall record during his 16 years at the helm.

Postseason play became a staple of Hegeman's soccer program as the Bobcats appeared in two NCAA, nine Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and five Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) tournaments. He won three ECAC and AMCC tournament titles each and was voted the AMCC Coach of the Year three times.

As a player, Hegeman was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1970 and led the Bobcats to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District Championships in 1970-72, including the finals in 1972.

Victoria Proctor '86 was a seven-time All-American and a national champion for the Bobcat women's track & field team. She was a vital part of the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams that were annually two of the best in the country.

Proctor, voted the Most Outstanding Runner three years straight, was a three-time

All-American as a sophomore and helped the 4x100-meter relay team earn a national championship in both the indoor and outdoor seasons as a senior in 1986. That same championship team also holds the school record in the 4x400-meter relay (3:48.60), set in 1986.

Steve Schleupner '91 was a four-time All-American and 16-time All-Mason Dixon Conference sprinter for the Bobcat men's track & field team. As a freshman in 1988, Schleupner was a member of the national champion 4x100-meter relay team and earned All-American honors. In 1990, Schleupner received three NCAA Division III All-American recognitions for his performances in the indoor and outdoor championships in the 4x100-meter relay along with the 55- and 200-meter dashes.

Schleupner kicked off his track & field career with FSU in stellar fashion, by helping the 4x100-meter relay team win a national championship during the indoor season in 1988.

Greg Shockey '83 was a four-year letter-winner and starter for the Bobcat football team from 1979 to 1982. He started 38 consecutive games from freshman through senior season, helped the Bobcats to 20 wins during his career and was an All-State selection as a senior.

Shockey was an integral part of one of the best offensive lines in school history, which set numerous rushing records. During his tenure, Shockey blocked for Rich Prather, the school's record holder in single-game, single-season and career rushing yards. Shockey also helped the Bobcats rush for a school-record seven touchdowns in a single game in 1981.

Pat Sweeney '00 was a four-year starter and two-time AMCC Player of the Year for the Frostburg baseball team from 1997 to 2000.

Sweeney holds five career hitting records at FSU, including home runs (30), extra base hits (79), total bases (324), batting average (.437) and slugging percentage (.783). He is second all-time in doubles (45) and RBIs (148).

As a senior, Sweeney was named to the Mid-Atlantic All-Region Third Team, was an ECAC Division III Southern All-Star and earned his second AMCC Player of the Year award.

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Stephens Garner's More Accolades

Despite her season being over for six months, FSU volleyball standout **Sarah Stephens '11** continues to garner accolades after a highly successful senior year.

In June, Stephens grabbed two more honors as she was chosen as the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year nominee for the Capital Athletic Conference and was named the CAC's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Stephens was one of 400 nominees from all three NCAA Divisions for the 21st annual Woman of the Year award, which honors senior student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletic excellence, service and leadership.

Stephens, who graduated in May with a degree in business administration and a 3.96 grade point average, was also selected by the conference's athletic directors and sports information directors as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year, honoring the top senior student-athlete in the CAC.

Stephens spent all eight undergraduate semesters on the Dean's List and was named a 2010 Capital One Academic All-American. On the volleyball court, Stephens was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and was the CAC Player of the Year.



– Noah Becker

sports wrap-up

Winter Sports

Women’s Basketball

Record: 12-14 overall, 9-7 CAC

Highlight: Finished tied for fourth and earned a bid to the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament in the school’s first year in the conference.

Recap: The team won seven of eight conference games in January and early February to earn the tournament spot. Senior center Mindy Sharp was named to the CAC Second Team, averaging 10.9 points and 9.9 rebounds in 26 games, while posting seven double-doubles. Freshman Elaina Hummel also averaged double digits in scoring (10.2 points per game), while shooting 40.7 percent from three-point range.

Next Season: The backcourt of Hummel and Stephanie Straka will lead the Bobcats into action in 2011-12.

Men’s Basketball

Record: 11-14 overall, 6-10 CAC

Highlight: Pride of Maryland Tournament Champions for the first time in school history.

Recap: The men’s team got off to an amazing start to its 2010-11 season with their Pride of Maryland title. In the championship game, the Bobcats defeated No. 11 ranked St. Mary’s, 56-54. Senior point guard Brian Anderson earned CAC second team honors and surpassed 1,000 career points. He averaged 14.1 points and nearly four assists and two steals per game. DeSean Antoine and Maurice Williams both averaged double figures in scoring.

Next Season: After losing a handful of close games in 2010-11, Antoine and Williams will try to lead Frostburg into the top half of the CAC.

Men’s Swimming

Record: 3-10 overall, 0-6 CAC

Highlight: Won the Yellow Jacket Invitational at Randolph-Macon.

Recap: Sophomore Caleb Stair led the way for the Frostburg men, capturing 10 wins on the season. Four of those wins came in CAC action, while two more came at the Yellow Jacket Invitational (YJI). Despite the Bobcats not earning an

official CAC win on the season, they defeated CAC opponents Hood and Mary Washington at the YJI.

Next Season: The Bobcats lose just one senior, Bill Ford, from their roster as they head into their second year of CAC action.

Women’s Swimming

Record: 1-12 overall, 0-6 CAC

Highlight: 85-6 victory over NCAA Division II Davis & Elkins.

Recap: The Frostburg State women’s swimming team gained tremendous individual performances from sophomores Samantha Mulvey and Jessica Rice. Mulvey won nine races in 2010-11, including multiple wins against Gallaudet and Pitt-Bradford. Rice finished with six wins, with two coming against Gallaudet.

Next Season: With no seniors on the roster, the women should be poised to continue to rise behind their returners.

Men’s Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: Junior Chauncey Manson won the 200-meter dash five times while qualifying for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships in two events.

Recap: Although he finished eighth at the ECACs, Manson posted his best time of the season at that event (22.43). He was also part of the 4x200-meter relay team that qualified for the ECACs with a pair of wins to close out the season.

Next Season: Manson will be back for his senior season as he looks to capture a berth in the ECAC and NCAA championships.

Women’s Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: Senior Emily Furr and freshman Morgan Carroll each qualified for the ECAC Championships.

Recap: Furr won the high jump and triple jump and had top-five finishes in the long jump, while newcomer Carroll won three events in the winter season. In the ECACs, Furr competed in the triple jump, while Carroll placed seventh in the 500-meter dash.

Next Season: With Furr graduating, Carroll will lead the team with her talents in multiple events.



▲ The Bobcats celebrate their CAC Tournament victory.

Spring Sports

Baseball

Record: 28-15 overall, 11-7 CAC

Highlight: Won the CAC Tournament and earned a berth in NCAA Tournament.

Recap: The FSU baseball team had an uphill battle from the start of the season, but in the end, the Bobcats conquered every obstacle on their way to the Capital Athletic Conference tournament title. The Bobcats not only faced a tough schedule their first year in the conference, but had to battle poor weather, which limited them to just a handful of games on their home field. The team proved up to the challenge by defeating Mary Washington in the CAC title game and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007. FSU won 10 of 13 games down the stretch prior to the NCAA Tournament and finished 28-15 overall. Individually, five players were selected to All-CAC teams while Head Coach Guy Robertson was named the league’s Coach of the Year for guiding the team to the title. Senior Greg Ross (*see related story*) was honored with numerous awards, including being selected to a pair of All-American teams.

Next Season: Frostburg loses a host of contributors in its senior class, but still has the makings of a team primed for another run to the NCAA Tournament.

Softball

Record: 19-18 overall, 7-5 CAC

Highlight: Won three games in the CAC Tournament to reach the championship game.

Recap: The softball team used the poor spring weather to its advantage in 2011. With conference games canceled until the week before the CAC Tournament, the Bobcats hit a hot streak and won seven of eight CAC games leading into the tournament to earn the No. 3 seed. Their streak continued as they advanced to the CAC Championship before losing to Salisbury. Freshman Caitlin Lovend, the CAC’s Co-Rookie of the Year, won the team’s triple crown categories with a .402 average, eight home runs and 30 RBIs. Senior Brooke Tapman finished her career as the most prolific hitter in Frostburg history. She hit .347 with five home runs, 18 RBIs and 19 stolen bases.

Next Season: Lovend joins pitcher Megan Magee and infielder Taylor Vandegrift, both CAC second-teamers, in trying to lead the Bobcats to an NCAA Tournament berth.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Senior Emily Furr qualified for the NCAA Championships in the triple jump.

Recap: Furr hit the NCAA provisional mark twice during the season. Those marks, along with a third ECAC qualifying jump, allowed her to finish third at the ECAC Championships before entering the NCAAs. Junior Amy Brennan also earned a win and a few top-five finishes in sprint races.

Next Season: Brennan leads the group of returning women in the outdoor season as the Bobcats look for a new NCAA qualifier.

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Eight men competed in the ECAC Championships.

Recap: Continuing his success from the winter indoor season, junior Chauncey Manson qualified for the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the ECACs. Sophomore Jason Jackson joined him in the 100-meter field. Those two also competed on a 4x100-meter relay team, and the 4x400-meter relay team also made the qualifying mark. Junior Wes Jacobs competed on that team along with qualifying for the 800-meter run.

Next Season: The Bobcats will look to this group of ECAC qualifiers to take the next step and become NCAA contenders in 2012.

Men’s Tennis

Record: 6-8 overall, 3-4 CAC

Highlight: Two All-CAC performers and a fifth seed in the CAC Tournament.

Recap: Junior Mike Stevenson and freshman Aaron Littlejohn led the Bobcats to a berth in the CAC Tournament in their first year in the conference, while picking up CAC second team honors in the process. Stevenson was 8-4 as an individual and teamed up with Littlejohn to go 9-4 in doubles. As a team, the Bobcats shook off a sluggish start to win six of their last eight matches.

Next Season: With Stevenson and Littlejohn returning, the Bobcats look to have a solid base on which to build for a CAC run in 2012.



Women’s Tennis

Record: 5-9 overall, 2-5 CAC

Highlight: Earned a bid to the CAC Tournament.

Recap: Senior Vicky Stafford posted an impressive 8-4 record in her final season as a Bobcat, while freshman Amber Beckman went 5-4 in her rookie year. Those two helped lead Frostburg State to the CAC Tournament in its first year as a member of the conference.

Next Season: Beckman will look to improve on her fine freshman season as she joins a host of returners for the Bobcats.

Women’s Lacrosse

Record: 4-13 overall, 3-5 CAC

Highlight: Freshmen Malory Brunett and Cianna Lawrence earned CAC postseason honors.

Recap: Although the team managed just four wins on the season, a group of promising freshmen have the Bobcats looking favorably toward the future. Brunett, the CAC Rookie of the Year, scored in each of the Bobcats’ 17 games, finishing eighth in the CAC in goals with 36. Lawrence made the CAC second team, finishing fifth in the CAC in caused turnovers (25) and 10th in groundballs (33). She led the Bobcat defense in both categories and finished sixth on the team with 14 draw controls. Freshman goalie Caroline Miller finished 18th in the nation in saves.

Next Season: After an appearance in the CAC tournament, these freshmen will try to lead the Bobcats back there in 2012.

Men’s Lacrosse

Record: 6-11 overall, 1-7 CAC

Highlight: After 33 years, the program was restored for the 2011 season.

Recap: The Frostburg State men’s lacrosse team began its highly anticipated season with a win over Shenandoah in its first varsity game since 1978. Despite the 1-7 conference record, the Bobcats hung tough with many of their CAC opponents, including then-No. 2 Salisbury. Frostburg trailed by just three goals heading into the fourth quarter, before falling to the Sea Gulls. Junior Dan Dowd led the team with 31 goals and tied freshman Ryan Serio for the lead in points with 51 each. Serio was named CAC Rookie of the Year.

Next Season: With no seniors on the 2011 roster and wins in the final two games of the season, the Bobcats appear poised to take the next step in the second year of the program.

— Barry Beal

◀ Maurice Williams

Ross Drafted by Atlanta Braves

Frostburg State pitcher **Greg Ross** was curious, and rightfully so. He’d been contacted by at least six Major League Baseball clubs in the lead-up to the 2011 amateur draft. But as he followed along with the draft’s progress online, he was unaware that his Internet connection had frozen somewhere during the 10th round.



Greg Ross

Fortunately, his head coach, Guy Robertson, was following along at home when Ross’ name popped up when the Atlanta Braves made him their 18th-round selection on June 7. Robertson even beat Braves player scout Gene Kerns to the punch when he called his star pitcher to congratulate him.

“At the same time I was talking to coach, Gene was calling me,” Ross said. “I saw the number come up, and I said, ‘Oh my God, this is really happening.’”

“It was complete elation,” Robertson said. “To see ‘Frostburg State University’ and one of your players’ names pop up that early in the draft, it was an unbelievable feeling.”

And with that, Ross fulfilled a dream. “I figured there was going to be a chance,” he said. “I didn’t know when. I thought later in the draft it could happen. I had hopes, but I wasn’t expecting to go in the 18th round.”

Ross becomes the third Bobcat to be drafted by a major league club, and the first since 1978. **John Elder ’79** was selected by the New York Mets that year, while former Washington Nationals manager **Jim Riggleman ’74** was picked by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1974.

“Being drafted — you look at Jim Riggleman, a manager in the big leagues — makes me a part of a group of a very few,” Ross said.

His 2011 stats and accolades strongly warranted a selection. The right-hander posted an 11-2 record with a 1.49 ERA in a team-high 90.2 innings. He also had a team-low opponents’ batting average of .196.

The senior finished with a single-season record of 112 strikeouts, breaking the old mark of 103 set in 1972.

Those numbers earned him selections to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-America First Team and the D3Baseball.com All-America Second Team. He was also named the ABCA Mid-Atlantic Pitcher of the Year, the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was also a CAC first team member.

“You look for good, easy arm action, little effort in a delivery, where there’s not a lot that has to be fixed. And this young man has it. I can guarantee you that,” said Kerns, who also scouted Riggleman in the early 1970s when Kerns worked for the Kansas City Royals.

Ross’ professional journey begin immediately in the Gulf Coast League, but after four days, he was reassigned to the Danville Braves of the Appalachian League, the advanced rookie league, where he earned a win in his professional debut.

— Barry Beal



◀ Caleb Stair

the last word

A portrait of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and white patterned tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a solid, vibrant red color.

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"Talking with Mr. Thomas, I learned he himself went through a phase like the one I went through, where he really wasn't focused on school ... but then he ended up working in the White House," Kesler said. "It gives me the feeling that I really need to give back. The Thomases' whole philosophy has really struck a chord with me ... the belief in second chances."

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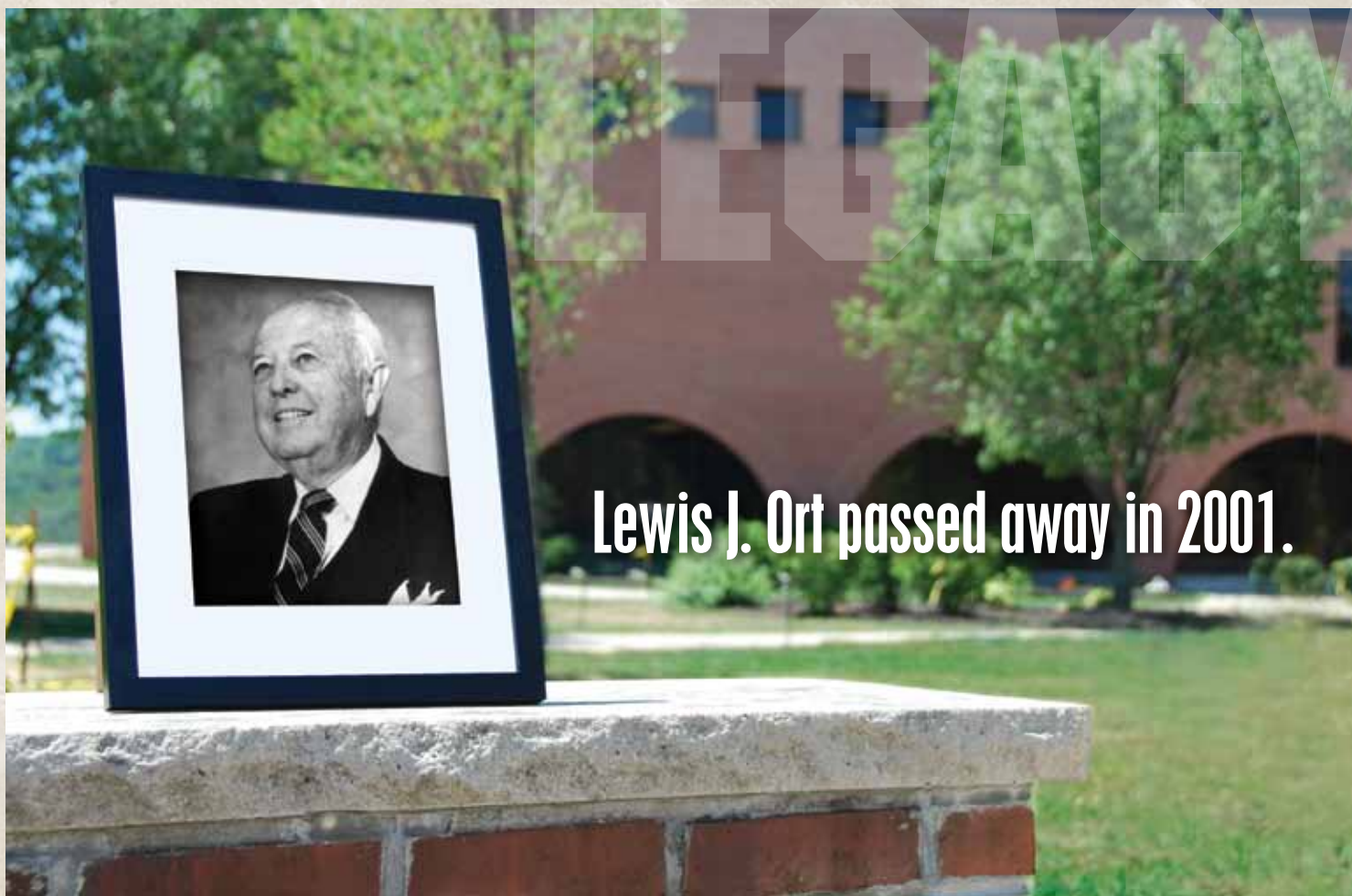


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