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FSU's New President Ready for the Road Ahead

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar

President's Message

I am extremely pleased to be able to write to Frostburg State University alumni in the first edition of *Profile* to be published since I arrived on campus. Laurie and I are grateful for the welcome we have received both on and off campus from our many graduates.

Among the many important things I have discovered since my arrival is that Frostburg alumni cherish this institution and the importance it has held in their lives. FSU is fortunate to have so many alumni who remain connected and involved with the institution.

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

- Your Alumni Association is exploring avenues to rekindle those lost relationships. Shannon Gribble, Director of Alumni Programs, has dedicated the current year to shaking the hands — in person or by e-mail — of 1,000 alumni, with the aim of asking each one how he or she can be kept better connected with Frostburg State University (*see page 3*).
- I am also making a concerted effort to work with a group of alumni who have coined the term, Got.Frostburg. This group of alumni sees the importance of business networking opportunities with their classmates and wants to create both internship and employment opportunities for our students.
- We are interviewing candidates for Vice President for University Advancement, a position that has been vacant for more than a year. We are seeking an individual who can create the framework for a \$15 million, sustainable capital campaign. I hope to announce our new Vice President very soon.

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

- To have an immediate impact on FSU's current students, consider offering internships or other off-campus experiential

opportunities. That could be a priceless contribution to a future Frostburg alum.

- Since I have arrived, I have been engaging the campus community — students, faculty and staff — in discussions about who we are and who we want to be. I want to ask the same of you, the alumni of Frostburg State University. You have a unique perspective on what an education from Frostburg State University can really mean to one's future.

These are the questions that are being asked in campus forums to spark deeper discussion. Please consider sharing your thoughts on any or all.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gibraltar

President, Frostburg State University



Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar

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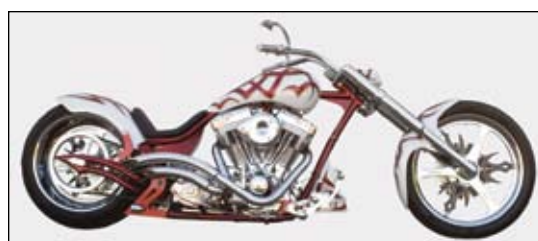
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to a NEW year!

“NEW” IS THE KEY WORD. Frostburg State University has a NEW leader, **President Jonathan Gibraltar**. On behalf of your Alumni Association Board of Directors, I welcome him and his wife Laurie to Maryland and especially to FSU. The Board and I look forward to knowing him and to helping him to take FSU to even greater success than we’ve known. We also welcome NEW Director of Alumni Programs, **Shannon Gribble**, former director on our Board. She is our campus connection and has already been working hard on plans for all of us. This is exciting for all of us, knowing Shannon’s energy and enthusiasm for serving FSU.

As the NEW President of your Association, I speak for your Board of Directors, a very lively and diverse group of alumni who are loyal to FSU and committed to making it the best. Together we represent all decades from the 1950s through the current one, all kinds of careers and a variety of special interests. Some of us have been involved with alumni even as students. Several have been honored for their life achievements and for their service to FSU. Our common thread is an appreciation for what Frostburg State University has given us and a desire to give back.

In this NEW year of supporting FSU, the Board and I plan to do what we hope you will do...

- **CONNECT** with our fellow alumni, more than ever
- **COME** to campus and other events and **COMMUNICATE** support with students and staff as well as the public
- **CONTRIBUTE** time, talents and funds to help FSU continue all that makes it a great place to learn and grow.

In our very first meeting with him, Dr. Gibraltar outlined exciting plans he already has for involving alumni in active support roles. From assisting in admissions activities to new student orientations to career mentoring to leadership training to expanded recognition programs, alumni — that’s you and me! — will be called to COME, to be on the FSU team. Many of you did CONNECT with us in your surveys and told us that you were ready to CONTRIBUTE, and you gave us ideas.

I want you to know that we have listened and want you to keep talking with us. Use the phone, mail or e-mail to contact the Alumni Office. Check the Web site regularly. Watch for the NEW e-newsletter coming soon. Read the mailing that will come when we hold events around the state for you to meet Dr. Gibraltar and many of us. Finally, be open to ongoing phone calls and mailings that will come to all of us to encourage our continuing contributions, however small or large, to the Annual Fund, the main financial support for FSU and also for our Alumni Association activities.

So, this is the NEW year, and a highlight of our ongoing mission. Be a part of it—CONNECT, COME, CONTRIBUTE! I’m looking forward to many of you joining me this year!

Sandy Day ’67

President, FSU Alumni Association

From the Alumni Association President



Sandy Day '67



Shannon Gribble '98, the new Director of Alumni Programs at FSU, right, starts the Alumni Handshake Challenge with Alicia White '85.

Dear Alumni, Faculty, Staff & Friends,

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

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

I have now decided to change the rules. The new president, Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, and I are committed to reconnecting alumni with FSU and creating a new spirit here. I challenge each alum, friend of FSU, faculty and

staff member to fill my mailbox, e-mail me or call me with

From the Director of Alumni Programs

your story and ideas. Everyone who contacts me will receive my business card in the mail and a gift. It might be a sweatshirt, T-shirt, pen, calendar — but it will represent FSU. It is delightful to drive down Interstate 68 and see FSU stickers on cars, see FSU sweatshirts at the mall and read about our friends in the newspapers. You can contact me at alumni@frostburg.edu, 301/687-4068 or at the Office of Alumni Programs, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303.

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

Very truly yours,

Shannon Gribble '98

Director of Alumni Programs



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University Earns Middle States Reaccreditation

Frostburg State University’s accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education was recently reaffirmed unconditionally.

Reaccreditation means that FSU continues to meet the eligibility requirements put in place by the Commission on Higher Education in its Characteristics of Excellence.

This reaffirmation is the culmination of an exhaustive two-year self-study process that involved nearly 90 faculty, staff members and students, as well as a visit from a Middle States evaluation team last April.

The evaluation team in particular noted that since the

last time FSU’s accreditation was reaffirmed in 1996, the University has evolved from a comprehensive college to a regional university.

As part of the self-study, a special emphasis was placed on the University’s relationship with and commitment to its community, in particular its cultural, community service and economic development efforts.

That community outreach was one of the areas the evaluation team found

“The entire University community is to be commended for its dedication and for the strength of the self-study process.”

— Former FSU President Catherine R. Gira

commendable, in addition to the University’s support systems for students, its innovative general education and online programs and its ability to enroll a diverse student body.

“As a Middle States commissioner, I know that it is rare for any institution to be reaccredited with no conditions. The FSU community should be proud.”

— FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar

In addition to the positive overall findings, FSU was commended for the quality of its self-study report, which was highlighted at the Middle States Self-Study Institute held in Philadelphia in November. Frostburg State was one of only two institutions whose self-study process was featured at the Institute’s plenary session. Commission staff members commended the FSU self-study for both its candor and its emphasis on analysis.

Grant to Fund Solar-Wind Energy Project

WITH THE HELP OF A GRANT from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), FSU is now on its way to becoming an important center of research and community and University-wide collaboration in the study of smaller-scale solar-wind energy as a renewable source of power.

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

which supplies anemometers (wind meters) to residents interested in installing them on their properties.

Dr. Oguz Soysal, chair of the physics and engineering department, will direct the new project, which will include important hands-on research opportunities for faculty, staff and students across a variety of disciplines. A Renewable Energy Symposium and Exposition at the University is being planned for September. The program will also enable Frostburg to develop first-hand experience with technical, economic and environmental and administrative issues residents might face through the construction and operation of wind power systems.

“I call it the good, the bad and the ugly,” he said.

Soysal also envisions several significant long-term goals of the project, including founding an FSU Renewable Energy Center to sustain project outcomes and disseminate expertise on wind and solar power and developing case studies that

evaluate economic assessment, social reactions in the community and technical knowledge in the management of the systems.

FSU President Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar commented that research into renewable energy resources such as wind turbines, solar energy, clean coal technology, hydrogen and many others are critical to the future of the nation.

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

For more information about FSU’s solar-wind energy project, please contact Dr. Soysal at 301/687-7079 or e-mail osoysal@frostburg.edu.

—Becca Ramspott

Early Childhood Education Program Offered in Hagerstown

Frostburg State University will bring its **elementary education program with a specialization in early childhood education** to the University System of Maryland - Hagerstown campus beginning with the fall 2007 semester.

Dr. Kenneth Witmer, interim dean of the College of Education at FSU, made the announcement during a program launch and press conference on Oct. 25. Students who complete the program will be certified to teach pre-kindergarten through grade 5.

Counseling and Psychological Services Reaccredited

Counseling and Psychological Services at FSU has been reaccredited by the International Association of Counseling Services Inc., an Alexandria, Va.,-based organization of U.S., Canadian and Australian college counseling agencies.

The center was evaluated by IACS against high standards of counseling practice and was found to offer competent and reliable professional services to its clientele. Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development, as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance.

Counseling and Psychological Services is directed by Dr. Spencer Deakin and offers personal counseling on a variety of issues affecting a student's academic achievement and personal development. It serves all full- and part-time students at FSU.

Wiseman Honored as Outstanding Mentor

Dr. John Wiseman was given the Outstanding Mentor Award at the Career Expo luncheon on Homecoming weekend.

Dr. Wiseman came to the Frostburg State University History Department in 1971. His teaching credentials include American History surveys, African American history, Appalachian history and 20th-century U.S. history, to name a few. He has organized a number of national conferences held on the campus of Frostburg State, including the most recent, "Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life." (See story, right)

The World Comes to Frostburg

"Baseball Forever" Brings Together Lovers of the Game

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

Over the following three days, 20 sessions described the evolution of baseball from its creation in the 1840s to the present day. The speakers were an unusual mix of distinguished historians, sports journalists, radio announcers, commentators, baseball professionals and informed baseball enthusiasts. Former FSU baseball coach Bob Wells led off the first full day of the conference with a talk about the earliest days of baseball.

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

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

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

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

— LDM



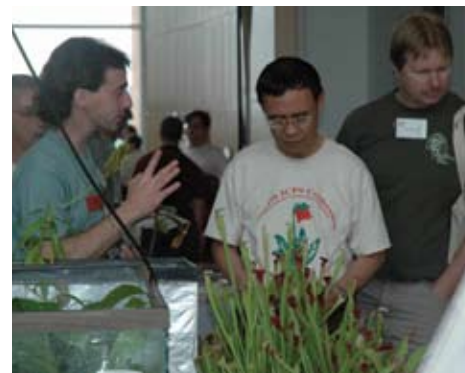
Baseball experts Lee Lowenfish, Clyde King and Thomas Cripps share a laugh before a discussion of baseball during World War II.

Scientists, Collectors Converge on FSU for Conference on Carnivorous Plants

Frostburg State University hosted nearly 80 researchers and fans of Venus Flytraps, pitcher plants, sundews and other mysterious carnivorous plants recently for the 6th **Conference of the International Carnivorous Plant Society**, the first time the conference has been held in the United States in six years.

Conference participants came from China, Taiwan, Germany, England, Canada and the U.S., and nearly 100 local people in addition were introduced to the fascinating plants through workshops or visits to vendors, who had scores of plants to sell.

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



Pictured from left: Thomas Hayes, a plant vendor from Falls Church, Va., Francis Tam of the FSU Physics Department and Joseph Isley from North Carolina.

FSU biology professor Dr. Hongqi Li, whose study of living carnivorous plants was sparked by his interest in similar plants found in 125 million-year-old fossils, co-chaired the conference with Dr. Doug Darnowski, a biology professor at Indiana University Southeast.

The International Carnivorous Plant Society is made up of horticulturists, conservationists, scientists and educators all interested in sharing knowledge and news of carnivorous plants. Founded more than 28 years ago as a club of those who cultivated carnivorous plants, the group has evolved a more scientific focus, including a professional journal and a network of horticulturists, and it has taken a larger role in calling for conservation.

— LDM

First Appalachian Festival Celebrates Region's Traditions

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

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

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



Lori Senese weaves baskets, one of many crafts on display.

The festival was a joint project of FSU and several university organizations and departments, including the Cultural Events Series, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the University Programming Council and the FSU folklore program. Additional collaborators included the Frostburg Palace Theatre, the Maryland State Arts Council Maryland Traditions program and the National Center for Traditional Arts. Festival planners were especially grateful for the grant support of the National Endowment for the Arts.

— LDM

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CoB Establishes Refereed Journal

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

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

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

Magrath Named Executive Director of Beall Institute

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

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

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

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

"I am delighted to have Tim join us in this important role," said FSU Provost Stephen Simpson. "His experience, governmental contacts, as well as his deep affection for and long association with Senator Beall, will be invaluable as the Beall Institute continues to develop in its mission."

— LDM

“Renaissance Prof” at Home in Music and Physics

Singer. Songwriter. Award-winning virtuoso on the hammered dulcimer. And . . . physics professor? Yes, as different as they all are, these titles belong on **Greg Latta’s** resume.



Greg Latta

In Frostburg, many people think of Latta as a modern-day Renaissance man. If they’re not listening to him play music at various area summer festivals, they might be looking at the popular local weather Web site

he maintains, or learning the difference between speed and velocity in one of the many physics courses he teaches at Frostburg State University. He also makes instruments, runs a recording studio out of his house and conducts workshops that connect music to science at local elementary schools, part of his duties as an accredited Visiting Performer with the Maryland State Arts Council Artists in Education Program.

“I’m not Leonardo Da Vinci, but I relate strongly to him,” Latta said, noting that Da Vinci wore the hats of scientist, inventor and celebrated artist.

Latta holds degrees in mathematics and physics from Kent State University, and he’s completely self-taught as a musician, playing everything from the dulcimer to the guitar to Irish bouzouki.

In September he took his talents to the next level when he was selected as one of 11 Maryland artists who performed at the Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) Conference in Baltimore.

With the conference coming to Baltimore, the Maryland State Arts Council used its position as host to highlight Maryland talent by organizing two independent juried showcases featuring Maryland performers. Latta submitted a demo recording of his work and made the cut in a field of about 100 performers.

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

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

As a society, “we’ve become too specialized,” he said. “You do not have to do one thing in life. If you’re organized and passionate about what you want, you can do a couple of things.” — BR

FSU Students’ “Engagement” Rates Well in National Survey

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

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

NSSE is a national effort to assess quality in higher education. Over 1,000 institutions have participated by sampling freshmen and seniors to measure the extent to which they participate in educational practices that are linked with learning, personal development, satisfaction and graduation. FSU student responses are compared to those at peer institutions, similar Carnegie classification institutions and the entire population that uses the NSSE. FSU students responded at the same level or higher on all areas measured, including level of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and supportive campus environment.

According to NSSE, increasing student engagement helps all learners. FSU is using the results to determine strengths to build on as well as areas needing improvement.

University Police Piling up Accolades

Frostburg State University’s Police Department has won a variety of honors in the past year:

- University Police won the **Maryland State Governor’s Crime Prevention Award** for the 17th time since 1990. FSU Police won the award under Category A, which includes efforts on all fronts of crime prevention. The purpose of the award is “to recognize those departments who have incorporated an

overall outstanding crime prevention program as an integral part of their daily operations.”

- University Police won the **2006 Maryland Chiefs’ Challenge Award**. The award was received by Sgt. Scott Donahue and Cpl. Jamie Winters, program coordinators. The juried award is given to a select number of police departments each year, and recognizes outstanding efforts on behalf of highway safety through seatbelt use. Each department’s program is evaluated in terms of the results of community compliance surveys, educational outreach, media and public relations efforts and enforcement. Every officer of the FSU Police Department participated in some way.

- **Captain Clyde W. Stewart Jr.** was honored by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions’ at their annual Instructors Conference. Stewart was one of two police officers recognized as “Non-Academy Instructor of the Year,” in recognition of his role as Training Officer for the FSU Police Department. In addition to seeing to the training requirements of the FSU Police, over his long career he has also trained officers from all local police agencies in both law enforcement and medical topics.

- **Cpl. James Satterfield** received a medal and commendation for the enforcement of impaired driving. FSU and College Park were the only universities to be recognized in these awards.

“Crime prevention is always well received in an educational setting. We try to get our students and employees to think about the ways in which they might be victimized and to give them the information that they need to take action to prevent that from happening,” said Brian Shanley, FSU’s Chief of Police. “We keep our programs fresh because there is always something new in the world of victimization, and because our student body and their needs are always changing. For this and other reasons, we have one of the safest campuses in the country.”



New Leadership Team Taking Shape

Frostburg State University President Jonathan Gibraltar has named **Dr. Thomas Bowling** the new Vice President of Student and Educational Services, **David Rose** as the new Vice President of Administration and Finance; and **Stephen Spahr** as Chief of Staff to Gibraltar and Vice President for Economic Development and Government Relations.

In addition to the vice presidential appointments, **Wray Blair** will be returning to FSU as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.

Bowling and Rose had both been serving these roles on an interim basis since shortly after Gibraltar arrived on campus. Bowling has been employed at FSU since 1976. Prior to being appointed interim vice president, he served as associate vice president of the division for 22 years. Rose has been a member of the FSU staff since 1984. Prior to being appointed interim vice president, he held the position of associate vice president for Budget and Planning since 1995.

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

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

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

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

Blair was most recently director of admissions of Bethany College in West Virginia. Returning to FSU after an absence of three years, Blair brings to the role more than 20 years of experience in admissions and strong knowledge and personal relationships with high schools and community colleges throughout Maryland and the surrounding states.

Under his leadership at Bethany College, the applicant pool increased by more than 50 percent and the academic profile of the entering class also improved. During his years at Bethany, Blair gained significant experience with marketing, branding, and recruitment practices designed to raise the visibility of a small, rural institution.

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

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



Dr. Evan Offstein

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

Offstein, an FSU business management professor and a West Point graduate, approached leaders at our nation’s oldest and most celebrated military academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Department of the Army with two primary questions: (1) How does West Point develop its leaders?; (2) Can other individuals and organizations apply these methods effectively? Two years later, after conducting extensive on-site research at West Point and with busi-

ness leaders in a variety of industries, he offers unprecedented access to the process of leadership development at West Point and practical insights that can, indeed, be applied in any type of organization that strives to operate on the principle of integrity.

From Civil War General Robert E. Lee to astronaut Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin to basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski to our nation’s greatest political and military leaders such as Norman Schwarzkopf, West Point has groomed leaders whose contributions far exceed the successful management of their immediate charges. By illuminating the principles by which West Point teaches leadership, *Stand Your Ground* not only provides a unique tour behind the scenes at this revered institution, but, more generally, imparts lessons of honor and character-building that can be adopted by any aspiring leader.

Readers of Offstein’s *Stand Your Ground* are in good company. *Stand Your Ground* won early and notable endorsements from such leaders as Virginia Tech and former national football coach of the year Frank Beamer and former U.S. Attorney General and governor of Pennsylvania Dick Thornburgh. Since the book came out in August, Offstein has been interviewed on Troop Talk Radio and was invited to speak at a number of leadership conferences and similar conferences, including at The Citadel in South Carolina.

For more information, visit www.honorableleaders.com. *Stand Your Ground* (ISBN 0-275-99143-1) is available through the publisher at www.greenwood.com/catalog or www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Foundation Welcomes New Members

The Frostburg State University Foundation, Inc., recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors: **Ralph Jordan '68** and **Mary Clapsaddle '83**. Elected to three-year terms, both bring business and leadership experience to the Board.



Ralph Jordan '68



Mary Clapsaddle '83

After receiving his bachelor's degree at Frostburg, Jordan went on to become a noted leader and entrepreneur in the health care industry. His credentials include founding Trident Surgical Corp., a company that distributes innovative specialty medical and surgical products, as well as establishing the Trident Scientific Corp. and General Hospital Corp. He is now president and CEO of Trident Health Resources, which specializes in outsourcing certified providers of cardiovascular technology and advanced services and providing management to open-heart surgery teams in the United States and Puerto Rico. He is an active alumnus, serving on the FSU College of Business Advisory Board for four years and serving on the Board of Advisors for the Sloop Leadership Institute. He has also worked as a member of the committee for the Sloop Alumni/Speakers Program for two years. As a Foundation Board member he plans to "assist in providing a higher profile through corporate sponsorship and endowments so as to make available more meaningful opportunities to the students of the University."

Clapsaddle is the assistant state superintendent for business services with the Maryland State Department of Education, where her responsibilities include monitoring all aspects of the agency's fiscal and grant-making operations, advising the Board of Education and overseeing units that

provide programmatic support and technical assistance in the areas of school facilities, school and nutrition programs and pupil transportation. She has also worked as director of policy development for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, served as a senior policy analyst for the Maryland General Assembly's Department of Legislative Services and served as a research associate.

"I've been looking for an opportunity to give back," she said of her appointment to the Foundation's Board. "The time at FSU shaped the rest of my life."

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— Mary Clapsaddle '83

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

When the FSU Department of Music's Moller pipe organ suffered extensive damage in March 2006 after a water pipe broke in the Performing Arts Center ceiling, it became yet another item on a long list of needs the department is struggling to meet. Today, in addition to repairing the pipe organ, the department is endeavoring to fund more scholarships for music students, buy

various instruments and sponsor important travel opportunities for performing ensembles.

It makes sense that such a diverse range of challenges would need the help of a diverse group of advocates, and luckily such an organization is now ready and able to take FSU's music programs to new levels of excellence: Friends of Music at Frostburg. Composed of FSU faculty and

administrators, students and alumni, the group aspires to foster and ensure the future of a vibrant, comprehensive music program at FSU.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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New Scholarships

Alum Memorializes Parents, Passion for Travel With Study Abroad Scholarship

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

"My dad always wished he had done these trips when he was younger and was so happy and proud to see me out there exploring and growing as a person through my adventures," he said.



Jonathan Wickert '03

Wickert's Australian travels led to other trips. During the rest of his collegiate career at Frostburg, his passport was filled with stamps from New Zealand, Costa Rica and Japan. He also fostered his passion for seeing the world by working at FSU's Study Abroad

Office, serving as student representative on the International Education Council and helping to organize international student events.

"He really became almost a sidekick to me," said Dr. Amy Simes, former director of the Center for International Education. "Jon's enthusiasm and positive attitude were always welcome around here."

Shortly after Wickert graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 2003, his father died suddenly of a heart attack. Then, a little over a year later, just before Christmas, Wickert's mother was killed in a car accident.

In response to these tragedies, he decided to honor their memory by fostering similar dreams in others with the establishment of the Alan and Jane Wickert Study Abroad Memorial Scholarship. The mission behind the endowment is to help FSU students experience global diversity in a non-Western social and cultural setting — for example, a non-English-speaking country, or one not considered to be Anglo-European.

"Just before my mom died, she had finally started to live and enjoy her life and travel herself," Wickert said. She loved to tell him about her trips and show him pictures. "It made me really happy to see her so happy. My parents would have encouraged me to keep traveling if they were alive, and since they aren't alive, I am hoping to help someone else to travel the way I did. I feel like it's time to give back."

\$1 Million Giving Milestone Reached

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

Today, Wickert continues to make adventure and exploring part of his daily life. He and a friend run Return to Nature, a company that offers people guided trips, lessons and kayak rentals throughout the country.

"I want students to get out of their comfort zone and go wild walking and talking and doing and to bring it all back and tell everyone about it and help another person make the decision to travel," he said. "Maybe they will come back with better inter- and intrapersonal skills and decide to change the world, or even just be themselves, for the better."

Hagen History Scholarship Established

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

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

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

Scholarship Fund to Foster Soccer Players' Academic Success

Russell Younkers '68 has established the Russell and Penny Younkers Academic Support Fund through the FSU Foundation Inc. The purpose of the program will be to support graduate and un-

dergraduate students who monitor the academic progress of students in the men's soccer program. Recipients will assist in the academic monitoring of FSU soccer players and work on projects, programs and reports designed to strengthen the overall academic success of players in soccer. The Younkers have a history of fostering the University's academic programs. They previously funded a scholarship for majors in health and physical education and were instrumental in leading the effort to fund a scholarship in memory of FSU soccer coach Ken Babcock.

Trident Health Resources Funds Business/Leadership Scholarship

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

- **Housekeeping Scholars Fund**
- **University Police Fund**

Thanks to the generosity and support of FSU employees and FSU Foundation, Inc., FSU students will benefit from two new scholarships to attend the University—the **Housekeeping Scholars Fund** and the **University Police Fund**.

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Gov. O'Malley's Office

David Edgerley '74 speaks at the ceremony in which Gov. Martin O'Malley, to his right, announced Edgerley's appointment.

Alum Named to O'Malley Cabinet

David Edgerley '74, an alumnus with longstanding ties to Allegany County and to FSU, has been tapped by Gov. Martin O'Malley to head Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development.

"I think it is a tribute to Frostburg State University to have one of our graduates, David Edgerley, nominated as Secretary to the Department of Business and Economic Development," FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar said. "I know that Mr. Edgerley is familiar with the importance of this fine university, as well as our enormous potential as an economic development engine for Western Maryland. To have him in this position is something that makes FSU extremely proud."

The designation is the latest in an impressive list of significant achievements and experiences for Edgerley, who received a bachelor's degree in economics and political science, working closely with noted faculty such as political science professor John Bambacus. Following graduation, Edgerley was hired as a grant writer for the Human Resources Development Commission. He eventually was appointed to serve as Director of the Allegany County Department of Economic Development and Director of the Allegany County Office of Development Assistance. In recent years, he has served as Director of the Department of Economic Development for Montgomery County. His accomplishments earned him an FSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1989.

"David is highly respected in the field of economic development," Bambacus said. "Anybody who knows him is not surprised by this appointment."

Edgerley cites Bambacus as one of his earliest mentors, and he continues to stay in touch. He credits Bambacus with encouraging him to do a rewarding internship in the Public Affairs Internship Program through the Department of Political Science.

"Frostburg was the right school, the right size, the right group of professionals . . . it gave me an early grounding that led me to be able to survive in the business world," Edgerley said.

Edgerley's nomination coincides with a series of promising developments in FSU's commitment to further economic opportunities for Western Maryland, including beginning site work for the much-anticipated Allegany Business Center (ABC@FSU), a \$1.5 million project that will establish the county's first high-tech business incubator and is cited as one of Gibraltar's most pressing priorities in his presidency at FSU. —BR

The endowed funds, created from annual gifts made by FSU physical plant employees and University Police staff members, will open new doors for promising students in whom these groups have particular interest.

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

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

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

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

To date, more than \$213,000 has been raised, through the FSU Foundation Inc. for the **Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Fund**, which will support student leadership programs, alumni connections, community service, internships and study abroad.

FSU's former president established the scholarship because of her belief that student education is incomplete if it is limited only to classroom learning.

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

The Gira Fund is designed to support students who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful. The activities it supports will nurture students who are prepared for the workplace in an increasingly competitive, global economy. Unlike many scholarships, the Gira Fund will assist students with expenses that often make these opportunities otherwise unattainable, such as transportation and housing.

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

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

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

BURG Peer Education Network Nets National Award

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

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

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

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

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Kelli Connolly '91 and her son Eric

'J-MAC' Story Puts Alum's Family, Autism in Spotlight

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For McElwain and the Connolly's story, go to www.nba.com/finals2006/jmac_060616.html, then click on the link: Video: ABC's Game 4 Feature on J-Mac

And the Emmy Goes to ...

My Name is Earl creator **Greg Garcia '92** won the Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for writing the pilot episode of the hit NBC comedy. If there were an Emmy for acceptance speeches, Garcia would have another statue on his mantel. He delivered what was widely reported to be the best acceptance speech of the evening:

"I don't have time to thank everybody that I should, so I thought it would be easier if I mentioned a few people that I do NOT want to thank:

"-- My eighth grade social studies teacher who told me to sit down and shut up because I wasn't funny, no thank you Mr. Macadoo.

"-- My boss when I was a PA on the show *Step by Step* who made me clean gum off the executive producer's shoe, no thank you ma'am. Tonight I do not share this with you.

"-- And finally, God, I'm sure you're responsible in some way, but you took my hair, and that's not cool, man."

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



Greg Garcia '92

The Emmy is just one of the awards Garcia has collected in the past year. Others included the Television Critics Association's award for *Earl* as best new show, and the Humanitas Award, which honors films and television shows that "entertain, engage and enrich the viewing public," which cited it "for its light-hearted portrayal of how we can right our wrongs."

Earl has been picked up for the '07-'08 season by NBC.

Another Bobcat Emmy

Greg Garcia wasn't the only Bobcat to take home an Emmy this year. **James Madigan**, who attended FSU in the late '80s and early '90s, won for visual effects on the HBO series *Rome: The Stolen Eagle*. Madigan has been busy in the visual effects biz, most recently as visual effects supervisor for *The DaVinci Code*, according to his pal Gordon Nall '95.

focus on biology

Interdisciplinary Ethnobotany Major Only One in Continental U.S.

STARTING IN THE FALL OF 2007, FSU undergraduate students will have the opportunity to major in ethnobotany, a unique interdisciplinary program that examines the connection between people and plants. Currently the only undergraduate program of its kind in the continental United States, the major was approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents last June.

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

Within the pharmacological ethnobotany concentration, career possibilities include becoming an herbalism consultant for holistic veterinarians, doctors and alternative health settings; being employed at drug detoxification programs or detention centers; and working in laboratory technician positions in research settings.

By specializing in biogeographical ethnobotany, students will be qualified to work in environmental



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

Ethnobotany examines the connection between people and plants.

consulting; native and non-native plant mapping programs; plant nurseries; landscaping; invasive plant management research teams and arborist positions for private gardens.

Those focusing on cultural perspectives will develop the skills needed to work within profit and non-profit organizations dealing with community environmental health; community garden/nursery organizations; summer camps for children; as a community coordinator with Native American reservations; or as a park naturalist.

"While ethnobotany as a professional field is gaining notice worldwide, its roots lie in some of the earliest human practices as people learned to interact with their environment," said Dr. Linda Lyon, the program's coordinator and a faculty member in the FSU Department of Biology.

"I'm thrilled that this unique program provides such a well-rounded, interdisciplinary perspective," said FSU's Provost, Dr. Stephen Simpson. "FSU's ethnobotany major allows students to develop career paths that draw upon the rich culture and ecological diversity of Appalachia."

The objectives of the major include imparting knowledge of the biological and chemical prin-

ciples of plants; familiarizing students with their unique natural environment; providing a learning environment that integrates both biological and social science theories; involving students in legitimate scientific research with applications that directly benefit environmental communities where the plants are used; and instilling an appreciation for the interdependence of humans and plants. Students will be encouraged to learn other languages and participate in study abroad experiences to help them become scientists with a global perspective.

For more information about FSU's ethnobotany program, contact Lyon at llyon@frostburg.edu or 301/687-4213.

—Liz Douglas Medcalf



A wide variety of plants have medicinal properties.



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

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

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

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

His efforts in Africa are focused on two species of otter there, the Cape Clawless Otter and the Spotted-Necked Otter. Otters in Africa have become a priority for the World Conservation Union because so little research has been done there.

He has developed a relationship with Kenyatta University and its faculty in Kenya, where he is an adjunct faculty member. A colleague at Kenyatta,



Otters are thriving in Pennsylvania following their reintroduction there.

is using the adorable, fascinating otters to draw attention to aquatic habitats. Local residents and area students are getting involved, with the desire of using the otter to boost their local economies with eco-tourism.

One of the most fertile locations for eco-tourism is on Tanzania, Rubondo Island National Park in Lake Victoria. The Tanzania National Park Service is trying to promote eco-tourism there, inviting tourists to see their hippos, crocodiles, elephants — and otters.

"It's a magnificent gem — very few people visit it or know about it," Serfass said. "It's one of the best bird watching locations I've ever encountered."

Serfass' first year under the Elkins Professorship was spent developing these projects, and the second year's funds have been used to continue his work. The Professorship provided \$80,000 in its first year and \$75,000 in the second year.

"I couldn't have done this without the Elkins. Now I need to find continuing funding support," he said. He would like to spend at least five years on the project in Africa to do it justice, he said.

And Serfass hasn't forgotten about otters elsewhere. He's also been advising in New Mexico, where they're trying to start a river otter program; working with the Pittsburgh Zoo, which developed a large part of its educational center around his work with otters; and working on educational materials for Yellowstone National Park. Plus, after having six of his graduate students finish in one year, he's now on the hunt for a new crew to continue the research in North Dakota and Africa.

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Bio Prof Uses Elkins Funds to Further Otter Research



Dr. Tom Serfass

Mordy Ogada, who spoke at FSU last year, is helping Serfass develop a field class for FSU students in Kenya, and Serfass has developed a number of other relationships with faculty and students.

"The connection with faculty over there hopefully will be long-lived," Serfass said.

Research is focused on a variety of places in north central Kenya and part of Lake Victoria. The mixed effort, merging conservation and research,



Serfass examines hippo tracks on a recent trip to Africa.

DR. JONATHAN GIBRALTER NEW VIEW

When Jonathan C. Gibraltar took his place as the 14th president of Frostburg State University on Aug. 2, 2006, he arrived at an institution experiencing a series of contradictions. Barely a month before, FSU had achieved reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education with no conditions, a rare feat for any university. Two of its individual colleges, The College of Business and the College of Education had received notable national recognition, as had numerous individual programs. And alumni, faculty and students were accomplishing great things. Yet FSU's enrollment was dropping, the lowest it had been in 17 years, and was facing a \$2.7 million budget shortfall because enrollment projections hadn't been met over the previous few years. Enter Gibraltar, bringing with him a record of remarkable success at his previous position. Farmingdale State University of New York had been in a precarious position, a former agricultural college suffering from declining enrollment, deteriorating facilities, minimal on-campus housing and an unclear direction. When Gibraltar departed Farmingdale to come to FSU, he left a strong and vibrant institution with new programs, higher enrollment, stronger academic standards and a healthy financial picture.

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



Classroom Wake-up Call

Frostburg State University is and has been first and foremost a place for learning, and Gibraltar knows it will stay that way. He has seen the ups and downs of teaching in higher education and is determined to maintain what FSU does best.

Gibraltar initially intended to study pre-med in college, but at Binghamton State University of New York, he found it very difficult to study science in 400-student lecture halls, with virtually no access to faculty.

“Honestly, I was disenchanted by the undergraduate science curriculum at Binghamton,” he says. “I found it extremely hard to learn under those circumstances.”

He’s gratified by the dedication to individual student learning that he sees at Frostburg. Since he knows first hand what it’s like to get lost and left behind in a huge lecture hall, he’s happy that FSU classes are small enough that students aren’t invisible and that students and faculty develop a lasting connection.

“I walk into departments and students know the faculty by name. They spend time in their departments. They’re not just there for class and then running off. That’s an important part of a university and an important part of a student’s learning,” he says.



Dr. Gibraltar has been getting acquainted with the state’s political leaders, including Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley at the annual PACE reception in Annapolis.

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

Once when he was getting on a plane in New York, he handed over his boarding pass. The man who took it looked at the name on the pass and said, “So you’re Dr. Gibraltar – I was in your abnormal psychology class.”

Gibraltar was stunned. “He was in my online class. We had never met face to face.”

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

Adaptations

Gibraltar is finding that he has a history in common with many of FSU’s students and alumni — a sometimes indirect, sometimes difficult journey toward a very successful destination.

“John Lennon wrote a song that said, ‘Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans,’” Gibraltar said. “That is true in so many ways.”

Gibraltar’s world was turned upside down at the age of 12 when his father died of cancer. He was blessed with a strong mother, however, who lovingly raised him and his two older brothers while simultaneously advancing through the



Meeting as many members of the campus community as he could was an early priority. Franks ‘n Thanks, a pre-semester gathering for faculty and staff (above), and the President’s Barbecue welcoming students to campus (right), were two early opportunities.

ranks of hospital administration. Without the benefit of a college education, she eventually became vice president of a major New York City hospital. It was she and his grandmother who impressed upon him the importance of college.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“It was the missing piece,” he says.

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

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



The President’s wife, Laurie, frequently joins him at campus events, including the Homecoming “Growl,” pictured here.

“My wife Laurie, who is really truly my inspiration, and someone who gives me enormous support, said it would be a shame to go this far and not finish my degree,” he says.

With his Ph.D. completed and his sons out of high school, he was ready to look for new opportunities. He found a mentor in the president of Corning (N.Y.) Community College. In exchange for a five-year commitment, Eduardo Marti offered to groom him for academic leadership. Gibraltar took the position of dean of Academic Affairs. Then just 18 months later Marti left, and Gibraltar was named interim president at Corning.

He adapted quickly to the presidency, and after serving as Corning’s interim for about a year, he was ready to become the permanent president at Farmingdale State University of New York, back in his childhood home of Long Island.

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

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

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

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

Between the high visibility of his job and the friendly, curious community, “It’s hard to have any anonymity in Allegany County,” he says. But they’re enjoying themselves.

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

An avid runner, Gibraltar has discovered the newly opened Allegheny Highlands Trail

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in Frostburg, which follows the right of way of an old rail line. And with Allegany County's thriving arts scene, both on and off campus, he and Laurie realized that they worried needlessly about leaving behind the cultural offerings of the big city.

"That part of who we are is being fulfilled," he says.

Immediate Issues

When Gibraltar arrived at FSU, he set his sights at once on three immediate issues — enrollment, marketing and economic development — all of which had been cited in the Middle States Self Study that was prepared in advance of the Middle States reaccreditation.

He set up an Enrollment Management Committee made up of a cross section of faculty, staff and students. He moved the Department of Enrollment Management under the direction of the Provost, the University's top academic officer. He's facilitating the enrollment committee himself, an unusual position for a University

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— Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

president, but one that indicates the importance he places on fixing the enrollment picture.

"It is unusual for a president to do this, but I need to facilitate the kinds of relationships that need to exist cross-functionally across departments, so that we can really move the place ahead," he says. At Farmingdale he was able to increase enrollment by 25 percent while he was there, an increase that topped the entire SUNY system.

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

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

Part of addressing enrollment is the need for FSU to clarify its brand and then market its successes far and wide. It was a comprehensive marketing and branding initiative that went a long way toward turning the corner at Farmingdale, and the Middle States self-study concurred that a similar initiative was required at Frostburg.

Gibraltar quickly established a Marketing and Branding Task Force, charged with developing an integrated campaign that will increase FSU's

profile not just in Maryland, but nationwide. It is also made up of a cross-section of the campus community, with additional representation from alumni, The University System of Maryland Board of Regents and the local area.

He created the Office of Communications and Media Relations from the communications arm of University Advancement. In the rapidly changing world of information, Gibraltar recognizes that new, more aggressive approaches are needed to get FSU's message beyond the mountains of Western Maryland.

In another move prompted by the Middle States self-study, Gibraltar quickly named a vice president of economic development and government relations, a position that also serves as his chief of staff.

FSU has long played a vital role in the economic development of the region, and Gibraltar's experiences, both good and bad, will serve him well in that arena.

He learned a hard lesson about the unpredictability of local government when he was dean of the Rome, N.Y., campus of Mohawk Valley Community College. The Rome community was facing the significant loss of employment following the realignment of Griffiss Air Force Base, which would leave hundreds of people looking for new careers.

Gibraltar designed a program that would help retrain the laid-off employees, using some of the now-vacated officer's club on the base to be a demonstration kitchen/laboratory for the college's signature hospitality program. After two years of work and just inches from completing his task, a few local politicians began to object. They took over the building—gutting its 22,000 square feet of kitchens—to turn it into an office building for an HMO.

The lessons of Mohawk stayed with him when at Farmingdale he turned his attention to creating business ties on Long Island. He created forums that focused on several industries, including banking, bioscience, healthcare, horticulture and engineering/manufacturing. He teamed up with local legislators to create the Broadhollow Bioscience Park with close to \$50 million in state funding. This park created a cluster of opportunities between higher education and a number of pharmaceutical research companies. And he salvaged Farmingdale's Professional Pilot program by securing funds to buy a fleet of Piper Aircraft. Farmingdale now has one of



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

the nation's premier public flight schools.

At Frostburg, Gibraltar has already helped kick start the development of the Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University (ABC@FSU), a business park on campus designed to attract technology firms to Allegany County, provide internships for students and collaborative research opportunities for faculty. Site work has finally begun, a private development firm is ready to build the first building, and an anchor tenant has been secured.

The Road Ahead

As immediate challenges are addressed, Gibraltar is also building a collaborative vision for FSU's direction further into the 21st century (see letter, p. 1). He has been seeking the contributions of campus constituencies to create that plan.

"I want there to be a collaborative climate here where people are engaged with one another in crafting our future." He is going to present the results of this collaborative effort as the University vision statement in his Inaugural Address April 18.

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

"We have to be supportive of faculty development to avoid being the place where young faculty members cut their teeth and move on in a few years," he says.

Gibraltar believes FSU's location is part of what makes it successful in helping both students and faculty find that certain something within

themselves. Away from the literal and figurative "noise" of urban and suburban areas, "you have time to think. You have time to focus. When you don't have a lot of distractions and you have people who care about you, who will take the time to give you the time of day, it gives you a much better opportunity to do that inner exploration," he says.

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

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

"I want to create dedicated, top notch, technologically enhanced facilities," he says.

The cost of higher education is a challenge for universities everywhere, and Gibraltar long ago realized that relying on government funds and tuition alone were insufficient. At Farmingdale, he began the university's first-ever major gifts campaign in 2003, with the goal of raising

\$10 million in five years, and in just over three years, they are well on their way to meeting the goal.

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

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

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

"We're a great story waiting to be told."

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The Gibralters have both had the opportunity to prove that they are good sports. Laurie Gibraltar braved a driving rain at the Homecoming game to crown the Homecoming queen, Darcie Stem (above), and the President posed atop the mechanical bull used in the road show production of *Urban Cowboy* that was launched at FSU in January.



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classnotes

1927

Ida Brenneman Reckner celebrated her 100th birthday in February 2006. She resides with her daughter, Donna, in The Villages, Fla.

1957

Golden Anniversary

Celebrating the Class of 1957 & before; June 9 ~ FSU campus
For more details, call the Alumni Office at 301/687-4068.

1962

SAVE THE DATE!

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

1964

Patricia Vranas Land retired from Stone Bridge High School after teaching English for 35 years.

1967

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Class of 1956 Celebrates Golden Anniversary



Pictured from left: first row – Robert Rahn, Florence (Marshall) Rahn, Ethel (Houck) Stambaugh, Edward Wallace, Jean (Holbert) Bruchey, Joanne (Shertzner) Harris, Leland Harvey, Donald Bell; second row – Dale Bittner, Lorraine (Martens) Robeson, Virginia (Shoemaker) Barnard, Mary Lou (Malcomb) Bane, Margaret (Kershner) Cornett, Pauline (House) Conley, Maureen (Manley) Spearman; third row – Donald Beeman, Charles Hout, Dale Swecker, and William Scott. Not pictured: Charles Briggs.

Class of 1966 Celebrates 40th Reunion



The Class of 1966 celebrated its 40th reunion Oct. 20-21, 2006.

Dear FSU Alumni,

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Shannon Gribble '98
Director of Alumni Programs

Timothy M. Martin is celebrating 30 years of teaching at Sage College of Albany in New York. He has been invited to be an artist-in-residence at the Cill Rialaig Artists Retreat in Ireland, an international retreat for artists, writers, poets and composers in a once-abandoned pre-famine village. Tim will be studying the geography and architecture of southwest Ireland as it potentially influences his works in ceramic sculpture.

1972

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Carmela Vito Smith is the principal at Crofton Meadows Elementary School in Crofton, Md.

1976

Amy S. Sanford Summey was named 2006 MAHPERD Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Amy and her husband **Dave C. Summey**, (Class of '76), celebrated their 30th anniversary, and Dave celebrated 30 years as a teacher in Anne Arundel County. Both their sons, David (28) and Daniel (26), graduated from Salisbury University.



Dave & Amy Summey '76



Connie Green '76

Connie C. Green was recognized as Director of the Year of the National Coalition of Campus Childcare Centers. The center where she has been employed for eight years was the first in the county to receive a 5/5 star rating. Connie has been in the childcare field for 30 years.



Christopher Thomas Kilmartin '76

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

1977



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Bob D. Bechill is the associate regional dean for National University's Stockton, Calif., campus. Bob retired as a captain from the U.S. Navy after 27 years of service.

Harold G. Levin retired after 25 years as an elementary school teacher in the Baltimore County school system.

1978

Joseph K. Diseati won an outstanding performance award for his work with troubled teens in Fairfax County, Va.



On a recent visit to Frostburg, pictured clockwise from left are: Tom Buxton '81, Terry Kenny '82, Tony Launi, Lee Zaben, Don Nachtwey, John Savercool, Carole Bollinger McShea, Mike Arnone (all Class of '81) and Suzy O'Mahoney Holtzman '82 in the center.

1979

John R. Isaac was named Coach of the Year for Howard County Softball by the Washington Post. John is in his third year as head coach of the start-up program, which has gone 25-4 in the last two years of conference play. His team finished first in the regular season standings in the IAAMC Conference.

Raymond Alan Kiddy is the new men's soccer coach at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md.

Ralph M. Perrey was appointed to the Nashville Metro Sports Authority, which oversees the city's sports venues and relationship with its professional sports teams, including the NFL Titans and NHL Predators. Ralph was also re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. He is the director of Tennessee Community Business Center at Fannie Mae.

1981

Susan Ann Athey-Oxford was chosen by the *Daily Record*, Maryland's business and legal newspaper, as one of its Top 100 Women in Maryland award recipients. Susan is the executive director of the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families Inc. in Oakland, Md.

B.J. Davisson was appointed senior relationship manager with the firm of Kaspick & Co.

Scott McDowell was a presenter at the South Carolina Environmental Conference. Scott is an environmental engineer employed by Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern Inc. in Roanoke, Va.

Gary K. Wilson is a co-chair for the 2007 United Way of Mineral County fund-raising campaign. Gary retired in 2005 as president and CEO of Burlington United Methodist Family Services. He is the current president of the United Way of Mineral County.

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They Made It Happen



Above: Mark Richmond, Terry Hall, William Sayles, Frazier Nelson, Buster Nelson. Left, front row: Theresa McKelvin, Janet Griffin, Felicia Boyd, Jackie Williams; back row: Calvin Bush, Buster Nelson, Dana Lewis, William Sayles, Charles Johnson.

It was just some old photos that got them moving....

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

Joined by **Janet Jefferson '77** and **Terry Hall '76**, they managed to bring 90 alumni and their guests to the Four Points Sheraton BWI in Baltimore for an evening of dinner, dancing and sharing memories on June 24, 2006. One special guest, **Pansye Atkinson**, was honored with her late husband, William, for their "trailblazing counseling to all of us during this period," Buster said.

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

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



Above: from left — Diane Richardson, Shelby Blackston, Benita Lucas, Robbie Dodson, Nina Dodson and Robin Crawford.



Dallas Snuggs, Earl O'Neil, Lauren Campbell and James Preston



Three of the four organizers: Devera Thomas, Buster Nelson and Janet Jefferson.

Greg Wright and Robin Wynder



Alum Finds Rx for Success in Pharmaceuticals

Tony Zook '82 has fallen in love twice. In college, it was with Trish Ward '83, the woman who would become his wife. After college, the object of his affection was the pharmaceutical industry, where he is leaving a very positive impression as the President and CEO of AstraZeneca US, a post he has held since early 2006.

"I'm one of a fortunate few. I always have a bounce in my step coming to work," he says. The job market was particularly tight when he graduated from Frostburg State University in the early '80s, and the Pittsburgh native still wasn't sure what he wanted to do. The sciences gave him a starting point. In addition to his FSU biology degree, he had simultaneously earned a chemical engineering associate's degree from Penn State University. He looked into pharmaceutical sales at the urging of his sisters and mother — all nurses who had regular contact with people in that profession, and who saw the benefits they provided to patients.

"I fell in love with this industry," he says. Even though it wasn't on his radar when he entered college, it met the criteria he knew he wanted in a career: a professional position in a broad organization, one that was involved in the sciences and entailed a little travel. As the head of the American arm of the British-based pharmaceutical firm, he travels more than a little, but everything else about his chosen field fits like a well-worn baseball glove.

From his first job in the pharmaceutical industry, with Berlex in 1984, Zook knew he was in the right place. He had joined an industry that has a huge positive impact on people's lives in which innovation is everything.

"There's challenge every day," he says of his competitive industry. "Innovation is the foundation of what we do, innovation targeted at advancing patient health." AstraZeneca is possibly best known to the general population for Nexium, "the Purple Pill," which treats gastrointestinal reflux, but its catalog of medications ranges from heart and respiratory medicines, to the migraine medication Zomig, to hope-giving cancer drugs and more. And research is constantly evolving.

"Your portfolio has to change or your company will no longer exist," he says. That combination of competition and science that appealed to Zook had early roots. While Zook's childhood goal was to be the next great baseball legend, by the time he headed off to college, he just wanted to play ball and pursue a science degree. Dave Devey (Class of '77), one of his high school coaches, was a Frostburg graduate and introduced him to coach Bob Wells. Zook had looked at a number of colleges in the region, but when he visited the campus and was ushered around, "it felt right to me."

The combination of playing on the baseball team and pursuing a science degree wasn't an easy one, especially when required lab sessions conflicted with away games. The flexibility his professors offered him has resurfaced today in the flexible working arrangements for his own more than 12,000 employees, he says. His approach has gained notice. AstraZeneca US was named to *Fortune Magazine's* "Top 100 Best Companies To Work For in 2007." According to *Fortune*, the firm "works hard to align staffers via town hall meetings, newsletters, road shows, and breakfasts with the U.S. CEO (Zook), making it feel like 'a down-home family-run outfit.'" The company has also been listed for five years in a row as one of *Working Mother* magazine's "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers."

Care for its employees' health has garnered more recognition recently. The company was given the American Heart Association's "Fit-Friendly Company" award and reaccredited by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer with the CEO Cancer Gold Standard — one of only 12 in the United States — in recognition of efforts to promote cancer prevention, early cancer detection and access to care for employees and their dependents.

The company's care extends beyond its own family, though. In 2005, AstraZeneca donated \$750 million in products to patients who need it most, he says, and it takes a strong role in its Wilmington, Del., community and the surrounding region. "We take our responsibility as a corporate citizen very seriously," Zook says. He would definitely recommend the industry to students. "It's an absolutely thriving industry," one that allows people to grow, and one that needs people with focus, determination and personal discipline, he says.

His foundation in the sciences served him well when he started in the industry more than 20 years ago, but he urges newcomers to pursue more broad-based skills. He was able to learn the business side of the job while in the trenches, but he urges current science majors to gain some business knowledge while still in college; likewise, business majors should study science.

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

— LDM

classnotesclose-up



Tony Zook '82

1982
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1983
Brian A. Mattingly is chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington, a regional trade group representing more than 560 building and contracting companies in Prince George's and Montgomery counties and Washington, D.C. Brian is also a part owner of a site construction company, Goldin & Stafford.

1984
Peter Dominick Marghella is a founding member of the American Board of Disaster Medicine instituted by the American Board of Physician Specialties. This marks the first time in the history of medicine that physicians may earn board certification in disaster medicine.

1985
Carolyn W. Bond is the director of publishing and printing services in the advancement office at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md.

James W. Dawson joined Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll & Greenfeig in Rockville, Md. The firm specializes in state and federal tax controversy. Prior to joining this firm, Jim was the assistant director, legal, for the Comptroller of Maryland.

Caryn D. Shearer was recognized as the Brook Lane 2005 Employee of the Year, where she is a recreation therapist.

1986
Mae Lee Adams Hafer will lead the national resources staff of the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests. She earned her doctorate in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from Clemson in 1997 and was promoted to forest wildlife biologist for the National Forests of North Carolina in 2003.

Artworks by Lawrence J. Imes, an artist who works in mixed media, were featured an exhibition at the Cumberland Theatre for the Arts Gallery in Cumberland, Md.

Mark T. Prokop is the executive director of Meals on Wheels of Durham, N.C. Mark and his wife, Betty, have two children. They reside in Chapel Hill, N.C.

1987
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Dale Edwin Iman is the city manager of Southfield, Mich., and was named a Taubman Fellow. He attended Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government this past summer in a program designed for senior executives in state and local government.

Melissa K. Kimmitt Linthicum and husband, Robert, announce the birth of Robert Edward Linthicum Jr. on April 1, 2006. Robert joins big sisters Katy (10), Lauren (7) and Bridget (2). Melissa is a part-time teacher in Baltimore County public schools.

Terry Curran is training with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training for the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, and needs the help of fellow alums to raise funds to help stop leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkins lymphoma and myeloma from taking more lives. Please make a donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at: www.active.com/donate/tntmd/tntmdTCurran.



The Chiavacci family

Kelly Thomas Chiavacci and husband, Tony, have adopted Luca (3) from Guatemala. Luca joins the Chiavacci's biological children: Jenna, Dominic, Lindsay and Georgi.

David Haliday Lucas was named president of WEPCO Federal Credit Union in July 2006.

1990
Julie Gilliam graduated with a Master of Science in computer system management with a concentration in applied systems from University of Maryland, University College, in May 2006. Julie accepted a position in instructional technology at UMUC as a support specialist.

Edward Marc Greenbaum was appointed regional sales director for the southeast region of Aon Consulting, the human capital consulting organization for AON Corp.



What happens with "The Girlfriends" stays with "The Girlfriends"

Belinda Ransom '87 writes: "My girlfriends from FSU have been getting together for an annual FSU girlfriends' weekend for the past two years. In 2006 we went to Myrtle Beach, S.C. We traveled from all over — Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia and Ohio — to spend the weekend together relaxing, reminiscing. In 2007 we plan to get together at the FSU Homecoming for our 20-year class reunion." Back row: Jill (Bresinger) Kilby '89, Stephanie (Prochaska) Peluso '87, Denise Raby '87, Gretchen (Strange) Trout '87, Susan (Emery) Renner '87 and Andrea (Kinderman) Senn '87. Front row: Debbie (Aurigemma) Monninger '87, Karen (Cranford) Thompson attended '83-'85 and Lori (Summerfield) Harbison '85. Not pictured: Belinda Ransom '87.

David Allen Ruth was named dean of students at Drexel University in 2004 and recently completed his Ph.D. He is proud to say he got his start in student affairs as an RA in Diehl Hall. David and his wife, Christine, are pleased to announce the birth of Abigail Victoria on Dec. 8, 2005.

1991
Kevin Michael Fillman is the head coach of the men's golf program at Longwood University in Virginia.

Michael Gentry is a CPA and has been named shareholder with the firm KAWG&F in Timonium, Md.

1992
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Christine Boling-Leubecker '92 with Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Hagee.

Christine Sylvie Boling-Leubecker attended a Marine Corps Congressional reception in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Brian

Leubecker, a Desert Storm veteran. Christine was honored to have the chance to meet Sen. John McCain and Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Hagee.

Andrew Joseph Carlstrom is the new head football coach for the Holmdel High School Hornets in New Jersey.

Michael Joseph Farrell was named to the Board of Directors of Amerinet, a health care group purchasing organization. Farrell is the CEO of Somerset Hospital Center for Health.

Cynthia Brubaker MacDonald and husband, Andrew, announce the birth of Luke William on June 25, 2005. Luke joins big sister, Sarah.

Scott Dale Shumaker is the pastor at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church in Parkton, Md.

Marianna Lynn Massey Woodard is the property manager for Wellmont Health System in East Tennessee. Marianna was married on June 4, 2006. She says hello to her sorority sisters and thank you to the members of the '92-'94 ROTC unit classes.

1993
Shane Andrew Dentinger has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va.

Timothy Charles Jenkins is employed with Service Coordination of Germantown, Md., in continued ▶

Alumni Events

Frostburg With Pride
Somerset, Pa.
April 24 ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Oakhurst Tea Room
Casual dress; light appetizers compliments of the FSU Alumni Association

Golden Anniversary
Celebrating the Class of 1957 and before
June 9 ~ Lane Center, FSU Campus

FSU Family Day
Picnic lunch, horseshoes, jumping pillow, farm animal barnyard, mazes and play area and hayrides to u-pick fields.
Great Country Farms - Bluemont, VA
June 24, 2007 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$8 adult; \$4 child

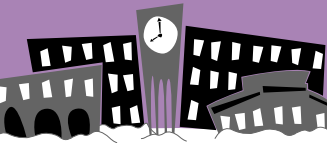
Frostburg With Pride
Western Maryland
July 18 ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Savage River Lodge
Casual dress; light appetizers compliments of the FSU Alumni Association

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September 8, 2007
FSU campus

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Alum is the Marketing Mastermind Behind Under Armour’s Success

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

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

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

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

Today Under Armour has grown so successful in its sales of performance clothing that it rivals top dogs like Nike, with an estimated 75 percent of sales in performance gear. It boasts five distinct product lines, including apparel for women. Ogbogu has become something of a movie star for his memorable roles in Under Armour’s special “micromovie” commercials. And Stephens has been credited with infusing advertising and creative branding with a new energy and edge, helping the company win a slew of awards that include everything from a Stevie from the American Business Awards to “40 Under 40,” a special recognition for top business leaders under the age of 40.

“I think that in the late ‘90s, as some of the larger companies’ consumers grew up, so did their marketing, and it left a void for a voice to a younger consumer,” Stephens said, reflecting on Under Armour’s gain on its bigger competitors. “We have found a voice to speak to young athletes that they understand and appreciate.”

In addition to his fascination with the sports marketing and advertising of the early 1980s, Stephens also credits FSU with helping him fine-tune his creative approach by giving him a traditional background in the visual arts.

“I think there’s a fine art layer and a truth to our advertisement . . . which makes our commercials and ads mini-pieces of art,” he said, noting that in all Under Armour’s commercials, they never blatantly instruct viewers to buy the product, but rather sell them an idea or experience. “They don’t feel like paid ads as much as artistic communications.”

—BR

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its Gaithersburg office as an advocate for adults with mental and physical disabilities. Timothy assists his clients to become self-advocates who can meet their life goals and insure that they receive appropriate services.

Kevin L. Johnson was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Oct. 30, 2005, in Annapolis, Md. He serves as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore, Pa., just outside of Pittsburgh. Kevin and his wife, Katherine, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Grace, on April 13, 2006.



Braedan & Brendan Dillon

Dennis Daniel Dillon completed his M.B.A. and is the vice president of Reprographic Technologies in Washington, D.C. He resides in Mount Airy, Md., with his wife, Jaimie Penrod, and their two sons, Brendan Edward (5) and Braedan Hunter (2).

Karen Lynn Foglepole was promoted to vice president at CBIZ Financial Solutions, Inc.

Gidget Natalie Maffitt married Stephen M. Gallahan on June 3, 2006. Gidget is employed as a financial compliance auditor with the State of Maryland’s DLLR in Hagerstown, Md.



Margaret & Sophia Harris

Phaedra Lynn Nickl Harris and **Jim Harris** (Class of ‘94) announce the birth of Sophia Anne on Feb. 18, 2005. Sophia joins big sister, Margaret.

Michelle Christine Mayhew married Kenny Langley on April 29, 2006, on the beach in Naples, Fla. Michelle is a designer for the Closet Factory. She and her husband reside in Ashburn, Va.

Joyce Kay Lapp was promoted to senior vice president of wealth management at CBIZ Financial Solutions Inc. in Cumberland, Md.

1994

Ernie Burden is a shareholder in the firm of Querrey & Harrow of Chicago. His practice concentrates in litigation, contract disputes, construction, product liability and food contamination. Burden serves on the Young Alumni Advisory Council at the John Marshall Law School.

Alexander McKenzie Giles was elected principal with the law firm of Semmes, Bowen & Semmes in Baltimore. His practice is in the areas of admiralty and business litigation. Alex is also pleased to announce the birth of Timothy Anderson on July 7, 2006.

Andrew John Secula, his wife, Jennifer, and two children, Drew and Julian, purchased a new home in Jacobus, Pa. Andrew is employed with Sterling Financial in Lancaster as a senior recordkeeper.

1995

Jon-Mikel Bailey and business partner, **Jamie Stup** (Class of ‘95) started a Web and graphic design company, “Wood Street” — appropriately named for the Frostburg street where they shared a house and first collaborated on design projects at FSU. **Jason Giuliano** (Class of ‘96) recently became the third partner. Find out more at www.woodst.com.

Andrew Justin Bensimon was awarded the designation of PSP (Physical Security Professional) from ASIS International. Andrew is the regional physical security programs manager for the National Capital Region with SAIC in McLean, Va.

Lorrie Anne Breckenridge Brennan and husband, **Terry** (Class of ‘95), announce the birth of Abigail Grace on April 20, 2006. Abigail joins big brother Connor Mark (2). Lorrie is an LCSW-C with the State of Maryland. Terry teaches physical education in Prince George’s County

Jessie Ann Changuris Frushour and husband, Charles, announce the birth of Sarah Mae on April 18, 2006. Sarah joins proud brothers Matthew (7) and Mark (4).

John Timothy Gilmore married Jodi H. Sindler on June 18, 2005. He is a subcontractor coordinator for Cherry Hill Construction in Jessup, Md.

Thaddeus Allan Kiesnowski is the principal of North Star East Elementary and Middle School in Somerset County, Pa.

Laura Lynn Temple serves as the public relations and media relations manager for KenCrest Services in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., which provides services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. Laura enjoys century (100-mile) cycling events in her spare time and

attends LaSalle University in Philadelphia, where she is pursuing a master’s degree in professional communication.

Barbara Kay Zuchelli is associate dean of administration for Pennsylvania campuses at Allegany College of Maryland.

1996

Maria Lorraine Zumpano married Donald L. Lipscomb on July 16, 2005. Maria is employed as a business and computer teacher at Southern Garrett High School in Garrett County, Md.

Jay Noah Atkinson played the role of Alan Baker in *Come Blow Your Horn*, a Neil Simon production at the New Embassy Theatre in Cumberland, Md.



Alexandra & Kyle Stetson Schofield

Renee Leigh Mathsen Schofield and husband, **Rich** (Class of ‘96, ‘02) announce the birth of Kyle Stetson on Dec. 20, 2005. Kyle joins big sister, Alexandra (3). Rich is the area director at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.



Shelaine Curd Hetrick

Shelaine Curd Hetrick has been appointed to lead the Information International Associates Biodiversity Informatics Group in Oakridge, Tenn. Shelaine leads IIA’s major biodiversity informatics contracts with the U.S. Geological Survey, joint work with the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

1997

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Michael Wilson Bennett is pastor of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Deale, Md.

Susan Elaine Davison married Bruce C. Hampton on June 23, 2005, at the Tropicana Resort in Las Vegas. Susan is employed as a residential director with the ARC of Washington County in Hagerstown, Md..

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Alum’s Co. Makes State-of-the-Art Motorcycles with Personal Touches

Rick Hill ‘83 was five years old when he rode his first mini bike, an adventure that led to his falling off and the bike crashing on top of him. The muffler burned his leg, but after his injury was taped up, he immediately got back on again. “Anything with two wheels and an engine, I loved,” he said.

Over time, his love for motorcycles evolved into a preference for Harley Davidsons, which he rode while attending FSU and completing a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Later, after he took over the family business and became the president of Metropolitan Steel Inc., he realized the possibility for beauty and ingenuity in using tools and steel to create motorcycles while watching *American Chopper* on the Discovery Channel, a television show that features customized motorcycles, or “choppers.”

Today, Hill is the owner and founder of Frederick, Md.-based Metropolitan Choppers, one of the nation’s most exclusive and reputable makers of customized motorcycles. The company is known for sleek, unique bikes that are carefully tailored to reflect the personalities and fantasies of their owners, the list of which includes Donald Trump, radio personality G. Gordon Liddy and golfer John “the Lion” Daly.

“These bikes are adult trophies,” Hill said. “People have become successful in their various aspects of life, and these are trophies that show where they come from, what they’re all about.”

For example, golfer Daly’s bike features giant whimsical golf ball hubcaps and a Dunlop golf bag on the back. Daly’s motto, “Grip it & Rip It,” is inscribed on the chrome front wheel.

In creating the specialized and highly personalized bikes, “the thought process is just as important as the actual mechanical abilities,” Hill said. “You can go up to any motorcycle shop and buy a motorcycle. We do extensive background research on our clients.”

When Hill was hired to create a bike for Joseph Hardy III, the founder of 84 Lumber Co., he visited an 84 Lumber store for inspiration, noting how “barebones” and spare the store was. The resulting bike reflected the store’s aesthetic, with an exterior hand-painted to resemble the sleek, simple lines of hardwood flooring, and had personal touches, such as a humidor for Hardy’s cigars.

Metropolitan Choppers builds only 12 bikes a year with a staff of 15 dedicated motorcycle enthusiasts. When Hill isn’t busy running Metropolitan Choppers, he’s often involved in various community projects, including helping to raise more than \$4 million to bring a new athletic field to Hagerstown, Md., where he and his family live.

In addition to meeting his wife of 22 years, **Kelli Gaborik Hill ‘84**, Hill said the best experiences he had at FSU were acquiring the knowledge and skills in business that gave him the confidence to follow his dreams.

“It isn’t all about making the highest amount of money you can make,” he said. “It’s about staying true to what you believe in, having integrity and treating people like you want to be treated.”

—BR



Metropolitan Choppers created this personalized bike for PGA touring professional John Daly.



As invited guest of Donald Trump, Rick Hill points out the finer details of designing and fabricating upscale motorcycle builds to Trump and more than 800 guests at a recent Trump fund-raiser in Palm Beach, Fla.

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The Office of Alumni Programs would like to thank all alumni who participated in this project. We were able to correct and add over 1,000 new e-mail addresses to our database. This project also allowed us to correct personal information and gather exciting news about our alumni that we hope to share in future editions of *Profile*.

Michelle Langley '93 was the lucky winner of our Homecoming Extravaganza. She received a one-night stay in a local hotel, two tickets to the Homecoming concert and reserved parking at tailgating. We strive to keep our records accurate and up-to-date, so if you have corrections or want to share exciting news with us, please contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301/687-4068.

Reacquaint. Remember. Reconnect.

Just Nod Continuously if You Love “Earl”

My Name is Earl star Jason Lee has gotten a swelled head – but in a good way. Lee and “Earl” creator and FSU alum **Greg Garcia '92** allowed the Hagerstown Suns minor league baseball team and FSU to create a bobblehead in Lee’s image to give away at a Suns game Sept. 3. Hagerstown-area alumni were invited to a bullpen party on Bobblehead Day.

The idea came from Garcia’s habit of sprinkling Western Maryland references throughout his hit NBC show. In Season One’s “Stole Beer From A Golfer” episode, Earl’s brother Randy boards a bus to Hagerstown.

Garcia was as excited as Suns fans about the giveaway. “I’d take a Hagerstown Suns bobblehead over an Emmy any day of the week,” he said. (*Of course, now he doesn’t have to choose between the two. See News, p 11.*)

Would you like your very own Earl bobblehead? Send us a list at least five things you did while a student at FSU that, in the spirit of Earl, you’d like to “cross off your list” (bad hair decade, never returned cafeteria tray, put soap in the fountain . . .). Or, if you’re still not willing to face up to your past, send in a list of five things you loved about your time at FSU. Include your name, address, class year and e-mail address to emedcalf@frostburg.edu.

The first 25 alums to send their lists will receive a bobblehead, and list highlights will be published in the next *Profile*.

Enjoying the Bobblehead Day fun are, left: Jim Mason '75 and Estelle Martin '77; center: Jim Limbaugh '94, Trish Limbaugh '02 and Robin Wynder '80; right: Leslie Flores '04 and Shannon Gribble '98, director of alumni programs.



Thomas Jason Jones recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq with the Navy SEALs. He served as the staff judge advocate and recently graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School. He is stationed at the Naval Special Warfare Center in San Diego. He would love to hear from friends at FSU. He can be contacted at tjonesjd@yahoo.com.

Justin Keith Kiddy was named partner at McCay & Hubbard CPAs LLC of Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Heather Marie Hanger Wilson, her husband, Ron, and their three daughters Johanna (5), Naomi (3) and Gracie (17 months) relocated to Scotia, N.Y., when Ron was transferred by his engineering firm in July to its New York office.

1998

Chamnan Anna Lim married Sophal Ear on July 8, 2006, in a traditional Cambodian wedding ceremony following a non-denominational ceremony on July 7. Chamnan is a policy adviser to the United Nations Development Program on aid coordination for Cambodia. She earned an M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins University.



Carrie Rose Gottesman

Marcia Elizabeth Sefcik Gottesman and husband, **Seth** (Class of '97), announce the birth of Carrie Rose on Oct. 29, 2005. Marcia and family reside in Montgomery Village, Md.

Jesse M. Ketterman Jr. and wife, Lynn (Buckheit) Ketterman are pleased to announce the birth of Andrew Charles on June 4, 2006. Andrew joins big brother, Jesse (3).

Jessica Glyn McKendry Smith served as a police officer with Baltimore County police department for five years. Jessica married fellow officer Larry Smith in October 2004. She is employed as an aesthetician and works part time at a spa in White Marsh, Md.



Liam Joseph Schmidt

Chasity Lynn Wilson Schmidt and husband, **Guy** (Class of '96), announce the birth of Liam Joseph on June 28, 2005. Chasity and Guy celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary this year. Guy is employed by Lockheed Martin Corporation as a Web content coordinator while Chasity is a stay-at-home mom.

Carrie Ann Clise married Brian Sheinfeld on Aug. 27, 2005. Carrie is manager of finance at PCI Insurance in Harrisburg, Pa.

1999



Kassidy Lin Magagna

Meagan Lin Mulgrew Magagna and husband, **Shane** (Class of '97), announce the birth of Kassidy Lin on Sept. 30, 2005. Meagan is employed at Johns Hopkins University in the Office of Design and Publications. Shane is an assistant manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.



Jack Robert Patterson

Melissa Regan Grace Patterson and husband, Bobby, announce the birth of Jack Robert on March 27, 2006.

Shawn Paul Wilt married Monique Gem Yskes on July 15, 2006, on the beach of the Iberostar Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Shawn is employed by Sterling Nissan in Sterling, Va.



Jake Christian Vasami

Kelly Elizabeth Valentine married Ralph Vasami in October 2004. **Kelly Offutt** (Class of '98) and **Jennifer Baker** (Class of '00) were members of the bridal party. Kelly and Ralph would like to announce the birth of Jake Christian on Mar. 30, 2006. Kelly is employed by Prestwick House Inc. as a graphic designer and owns her own freelance design company, ValentineDesigns.com.

2000

James Irving Bowser fulfilled a dream to return to his hometown as the choral director at Leonardtown High School. He is also the music director at St. John's Catholic Church in Hollywood, Md., where he plays the organ and directs the adult and teen choirs.

Charles Walker Boyd is assistant coach of the women's soccer team at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire.

Geren Francis Knight was promoted to plant manager at the Keyser, W.Va., facilities of Automated Packaging Systems, Inc.

Kendra Sue Hendershot married Andre B. Moore on June 15, 2006, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Kendra is employed as a parole and probation officer for the State of Maryland. The couple reside in Hagerstown, Md.



Kylie Elizabeth Hahn

Jennifer Lynn Hoffman Hahn and husband, **Colin** (Class of '00) proudly announce the birth of Kylie Elizabeth on Jan. 10, 2006.

Lori B. Hansroth was appointed as Fulton County Extension Director as part of the Penn State Cooperative Extension.

2001

Mary C. Baykan has been accepted into the Leadership Maryland Class for 2006-07. She is employed as the Director of the Washington County Free Library and serves on the Board of the Greater Hagerstown Committee.

Erin Elizabeth Paul married **Jason J. Reuter** (Class of '02) on Feb. 4, 2006. Erin is employed as a human resources recruiter and benefits adviser at Ephrata Community Hospital in Pennsylvania. Jason is employed as E.S. specialist with the Department of Labor and Industry in Harrisburg, Pa. The couple reside in Lititz, Pa.



Jason Lee Hiser received a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Virginia Tech University in May 2006.

Jason Lee Hiser

Sampsa Murray Tuomisto is a director at WCAV News in Charlottesville, Va.



Luke William Miller

Kristina Renee Turner married Eric Miller on Mar. 22, 2003. Kristina received her financial planners license in 2005. The Millers are pleased to announce the birth of Luke William on Jan. 20, 2006.

Amanda Michelle Paul White is the Older American Act program director for the Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission Inc.

Jennifer Lee McKenzie Wilhelm announces the birth of Breanna June Wilhelm on May 31, 2006. Breanna joins big sister, Brooke Rachel, born June 25, 2003.

2002

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Laura Ann Anderson is loan officer assistant at Flaherty Funding.

Gary L. Austin completed a master's degree at McDaniel College, Westminster, Md. He is an adjunct lecturer at FSU's Hagerstown Campus in the sociology department and full-time employee of the Washington County Government. Gary is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, Pinnacle, The American Society of Training Directors and The Maryland Building Officials Association.

Shannon Jean Montgomery married Derrick J. Bridges on July 30, 2005. Shannon is a community living assistant for Friends Aware and substitute-teaches for the Allegany County, Md., Board of Education.

Shawn M. Golden married **Michael A. Llewellyn** (Class of '01) on July 9, 2005. Shawn is employed as a student initiatives specialist in the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs at West Virginia University, where she is pursuing a doctorate in counseling psychology. Michael received a law degree from WVU and is employed by Judge Sharer's office in Cumberland, Md.



Stephen Matthew McKinley

Stephen Matthew McKinley received a doctor of optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

Stacy Kristan Carter is the economic development director for Mineral County, W.Va.

Christine M. Amyot married **Benjamin J. Hurley** (Class of '01) on July 23, 2005. Christine is a fourth-grade teacher at Pangborn Elementary School in Hagerstown, Md. Benjamin is employed at Eastern Elementary School in Hagerstown.



The Matthews Family

Sarah Elizabeth Lanosz Matthews and husband, Danny, announce the birth of Benjamin Michael on Feb. 9, 2006.

Shannon Melita Watkins and husband, Kenneth, are the founders of Souls Won Outreach Ministries in Cumberland, Md. They celebrated their official grand opening in a new building at 12 W. Industrial Blvd. in September 2005.

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Reunion Reminder

These classes are already planning reunions; watch your mail for details:

Class of 1962 Reunion
September 8, 2007

Class of 1967 Reunion
Planned for Homecoming Weekend, October 19-21, 2007

Class of 1986 & 1987 Reunion
Planned for Homecoming Weekend, October 19-21, 2007

Looking for interested alumni to plan reunions for the following years:
1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002

For more information and details on all events, contact the Office of Alumni Programs at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301/687-4068.



Annie Sidorenko

Field Hockey, Lacrosse Teams Welcome New Coach

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

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

This past spring, the Bobcat lacrosse team finished 6-11. FSU opened the season 1-4 but posted four wins in its next five games to even up at 5-5. However, the Bobcats struggled the rest of the season with just one win in their final seven games.

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

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

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

—Noah Becker

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Three Inducted into Hall of Fame

FSU inducted three new members into the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame at its annual dinner and induction ceremony Oct. 27 as part of the Homecoming festivities. The Hall of Fame now has 146 members.

Track & Field assistant coach **Dr. Charles H. Hircock**, swimming star **Michelle Mazur** '95, who was unable to attend the induction ceremony, and former consensus All-American **Russell Williams** '93 form the 36th class.



Charlie Hircock

Hircock, the 144th inductee, was a 30-year member of the FSU track and field coaching staff, serving as recruiting coordinator for a majority of his tenure.

He also served as coach of the throwing events while leading seven of his athletes to NCAA Division III All-American status.

He helped guide the Bobcat men to National Championships in 1986 and 1987 and a third-place showing in his final season. Hircock helped guide the Bobcat women to a runner-up finish at the National Championships in 1982.

He was also a dedicated faculty member in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He retired in 2005.

Williams, the 145th inductee, established himself as one of the top players in Bobcat football history as a safety. He was also a triple jump participant on the Bobcat track and field team. Williams is the only athlete in FSU history to be named a consensus All-American.

As a senior, he was chosen as a First-Team Football Gazette All-American, First-Team Kodak All-American, First-Team Champion USA as well as being named to the Associated Press Little All-American third-team.

He helped the Bobcats to a school record 10 wins (10-2 overall), first-ever NCAA playoff berth and first-ever NCAA playoff win.

He led the team with 107 total tackles and 11 pass breakups. He also recovered two fumbles and had one forced fumble and tackle for loss. He added

three interceptions, one returned 100 yards for a touchdown, an accomplishment shared with only 17 other NCAA Division III players.

As a junior, he made 72 tackles, four interceptions, forced two fumbles and added one pass breakup while helping the Bobcats to a 6-3-1 record. During his sophomore year, FSU won its first ECAC South Championship and posted an 8-3 record. Williams made 82 tackles with three interceptions and one recovered fumble. In the 46-16 championship win over William Patterson, he made four stops including two pass breakups. In his first season in a Bobcat uniform, Williams helped FSU to a runner-up finish in the ECAC South Championship game and a 9-2 overall record.

Mazur, the 146th inductee, was a four-year letter-winner for the Frostburg State swimming and diving teams from 1992-1995 under head coach Dr. Bob McFarland. She was voted the team's most outstanding swimmer in her final three seasons.

In her senior season, Mazur qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships in two events. In the 100-yard breaststroke, she earned

Honorable Mention All-American honors after taking home 13th-place in 1:08.40. She also captured 22nd in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.40).

As a junior, Mazur qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships in the same two events. In the breaststroke, she was 13th, and in the individual medley, she captured 20th place.

She also left her mark on the Bobcat record books, holding five individual and two relay records: the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.40), 200-yard breaststroke (2:31.36), 200-yard individual medley (2:13.19), 400-yard individual medley (4:56.63) and the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:10.61). She is also part of the record-holding 400-yard medley (4:15.00) and 800-yard freestyle (8:17.24) relay teams.

During her career, Mazur set the 100-yard breaststroke record five times, the 200-yard breaststroke record three times and the 200-yard individual medley record four times.

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Russell Williams '93



Winter '06 Wrap-up

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team (12-15 overall, 8-10 in the AMCC) struggled this past season despite opening 3-1. The Bobcats started with a fifth-place showing in the Pride of Maryland Tournament. FSU fell to McDaniel in the opening round but won over Salisbury (70-62) and Hood (65-63), followed with a regular season win over Waynesburg. However, the Bobcats fell on hard times, dropping the next seven. The slide ended with a three-game winning streak against Hilbert, Medaille and Penn State Altoona, bringing the regular season record to 5-7. In the opening round of the AMCC Tournament, the No. 6 seeded Bobcats defeated the No. 3 seeded Penn State Behrend 59-54, but then fell to No. 2 seeded Pitt-Greensburg, 69-54.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team had a solid season finishing 18-10 overall and 13-6 in the AMCC, including a berth in the ECAC Tournament. FSU won its first five games and nine out of its first 11. In January, the Bobcats recorded their second five-game winning streak, but lost three of their final four, including to nationally ranked Mary Washington. The women's basketball team earned a No. 3 seed in the AMCC Tournament and defeated Hilbert, 90-61, in the first round. The Bobcats fell in the second round to Pitt-Greensburg, 66-62. FSU then earned a No. 8 seed in the ECAC Tournament but lost in the first round to Johns Hopkins (56-38).

Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team got off to a rocky 0-4 start. They turned their season around after that, winning their next five. FSU started the streak with a 71-57 defeat of La Grange, then continued with wins over Hood (103-81), Bethany (96-95) and St. Vincent (104-90). The men ended on a high note, finishing sixth at the Grove City Invitational. Senior Chris Williams had the best individual finish, taking fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (47.34).

Women's Swimming

The women's swimming teams struggled early with a 0-4 start. FSU earned its first victory at a tri-meet with La Grange and Agnes Scott, but dropped the next two meets to Randolph Macon and Hood before defeating Bethany (98-79). After taking second in a tri-meet with Penn State

Altoona and Penn State Behrend, FSU beat St. Vincent (78-72) and NCAA Division II West Virginia Wesleyan (102-70). They accented their season with a sixth-place finish at the Grove City Invitational. Sophomore Shannon Dunnigan had the highest individual finish, capturing fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 18:58.82.

Indoor Track and Field - Men

The track and field men had a fine indoor season, capped off with a third-place finish at the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships. The Bobcats had two individual champions: junior Andy Watson won the one-mile run (4:23.66) and freshman Brian Leiter won the 800-meter run (1:58.28). Runners-up were sophomore Dave Cheeks, second in the 200-meter dash (23.09); sophomore Curt Ruble, second in the 5,000-meter run (15:36.57); and junior James Pruitt, runner-up in the shot put (13.09 meters). At the ECAC Division III Championships, Leiter was third in the 800-meter run (1:54.94) and Watson took home fourth in the one-mile run (4:25.30).

Indoor Track and Field - Women

The FSU women had another successful season. Freshman Sumer Rohrs finished sixth at the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships in the 55-meter hurdles (8.36). At the ECAC Division III Indoor Championships, Rohrs became the first-ever FSU runner to win the 55-meter hurdle (8.34). The 4x200-meter relay team of Rohrs, sophomores Adrienne Raiford and Jess Clingan and freshman Ashlee Resh finished third in 1:46.26. At the Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championships, the Bobcats captured second. Rohrs took the 400-meter dash title in 59.84. She also took second in the 200-meter dash (26.45), 55-meter hurdles (8.43) and long jump (4.29 meters). Raiford won the 55-meter dash, with a time of 7.27. She also took home third in the 400-meter dash (1:00.26). Rohrs, Raiford, Clingan and Resh came in second in the 4x100-meter relay (4:08.69). Individually, Clingan was third in the long jump and senior Chelsea Lewis was third in the 55-meter dash (7.48). In the 5,000-meter run, freshman Jennifer Patton was third, with a time of 19:34.48.



Sumer Rohrs

Spring '06 Wrap-up

Baseball

The Bobcat baseball team finished with a 29-13 record overall and a 14-4 slate in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. FSU made just its third trip to the NCAA Tournament and first since 1987. With a 6-2 opening round win over regional champion Montclair State, the Bobcats captured their first-ever NCAA Tournament regional win. FSU went on to finish the regional 2-2 after collecting its second victory against Gwynedd-Mercy when sophomore Brett Mitchell singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

For the second year in a row, FSU hosted the AMCC Tournament. After needing late-game heroics to defeat La Roche in the winner's bracket final and again in the championship game, the Bobcats captured the AMCC title and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Softball

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

Women's Lacrosse

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

Men's Tennis

The Bobcat tennis team (7-7, 3-3 AMCC) won two out of its first three matches over Pitt-Greensburg (9-0) and Bethany (8-1). After suffering back-to-back 7-2 defeats at the hands of Alfred and Penn State Behrend, Frostburg State downed NCAA Division II Fairmont State (6-3). The team went on to finish an even 4-4 with wins over Penn State Behrend (6-3), Washington and Jefferson (8-1), Pitt-Greensburg (9-0) and Shenandoah (7-2). At the AMCC Championships, sophomore Matt Chisholm captured the only Bobcat singles win when he won the No. 3 title over Pitt-Greensburg's Adam Dearborn, 6-1, 6-4. Freshmen Gregg Shedd and Fabian Uribe captured the No. 2 doubles title, downing Penn State Altoona's Pat Cooper and Kevin Dolansky, 9-8.

Outdoor Track - Men

FSU took third out of nine teams at the 2006 Mason-Dixon Outdoor Conference Championships. Sophomore Dave Cheeks won the 100-meter dash (10.82) and recorded second in the 200-meter dash (22.45). Junior Andy Watson won the 5,000-meter run (16:00.01) and freshman Brian Leiter won in the 1,500-meter run in 4:05.33. The 4x100-meter relay team of Cheeks, sophomore Kevin White, and freshmen Michael Sieman and Tade Turton captured second with a time of 43.59. At the ECAC Championships, Cheeks had the highest individual finish, finishing seventh in the 100-meter dash (11.05). Leiter also had a fine race, finishing seventh in the 800-meter run (1:52.83).

Outdoor Track - Women

The track and field women had a successful outdoor season, taking fourth at the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Conference Championships. Freshman Sumer Rohrs captured the 400-meter hurdle, winning with a time of 1:04.69. She also finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (14.76). Sophomore Jess Clingan took second in the 400-meter hurdles (1:05.74) and fourth in the 100-meter dash (12.60). At the ECAC Outdoor Championships, Rohrs finished third in the 100-meter hurdles (14.79) while Clingan was fifth in the same event in 15.14. In the 100-meter dash, senior Chelsea Lewis was fourth (12.72). At the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Rohrs finished runner-up in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.22.



Stadium Improvements in Place – Two major elements of the Bobcat Stadium's facelift are now in place, with Sprinturf synthetic turf and stadium lights, improvements paid by student athletic fees. The first-ever night home game in Bobcat football history was held in September, and a number of other sports are also benefiting from the improvements, including soccer (pictured).

Fall '06 Wrap-Up
Cross Country - Men

Men's cross country continued to dominate the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference by winning its sixth-consecutive conference title. The Bobcats have held the championship nine times in the league's 10-year existence. Junior Curt Ruble highlighted the season with four top-five finishes while earning AMCC Runner of the Year honors. Ruble was also named the league's Runner of the Week four times. At the NCAA Mideast Regionals he captured ninth and later finished in 186th place at the NCAA Championships.

Randy Lowe was named the AMCC's Head Coach of the Year for the sixth time.

Cross Country - Women

The women's cross country team captured the AMCC Title for the first time since 2003, and Randy Lowe earned Coach of the Year honors after guiding them to a close win over rival Penn State Behrend, 34-39, in the league championship. Sophomore Jennifer Patton led the women's team after taking second at the AMCC Championship.



Junior Kara Wastler, freshman Gwen Massey and freshman Christina Aumand finished in the top 10. At the NCAA Mideast Regional Championships, Wastler paced the women with a 57th finish while Patton finished 62nd.

Field Hockey

Under first-year Head Coach Annie Sidorenko, the Bobcats posted a 6-13 overall record. After starting out 0-5, FSU rebounded to finish the fall season with a 6-8 record. FSU also battled through many close contests, with eight games being decided by just one goal.

Freshman Kelly Filipowicz led the team in scoring with 19 points on nine goals and one assist. Junior goalkeeper Amanda Runion played in 17 games, making 128 saves and recording a 6-10 record with three shutouts.

Football

After finishing 2005 with a 6-5 record, FSU endured a disappointing 3-6 mark this fall. With the return of 15 starters, FSU was expected to build upon the previous season when the Bobcats hosted the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southwest Bowl Game. However, reality in the form of a 2-7 season didn't match expectations. FSU lost its first five games, the first 20-10 against Apprentice in the first-ever night game at Bobcat Stadium; then 10-7 to non-conference foe Randolph Macon; and 22-0 in a tough-fought game against league member SUNY Brockport, a game the Golden Eagles later had to forfeit. FSU fell in the fourth game 32-7 against NCAA Tournament Semifinalist Wesley and the fifth to Thomas More, 13-7.

Hitting the road proved a good thing, giving the Bobcats the season's first win against Union (Ky.), with the 7-3 win coming in the last two minutes when junior Gabe Ellis blocked a punt that was returned 15 yards by classmate Jim Robinson for the game-winning touchdown. The wins continued against Westminster for Homecoming, with FSU posting season-highs in total offense (361), rushing yards (269) and time of possession (36:58) in the 14-6 FSU win.

The streak ended the next week against Waynesburg, and FSU's season ended the following week with a 42-15 setback to rival Salisbury in the Eighth Annual Regents' Cup at Johnny Unitas Stadium at Towson University. Freshman kicker Nathan Menhorn earned the McGlinchey Most Valuable Player Award after kicking three field goals, including a 42-yarder in the first quarter.

Golf

The golf team had a successful season under third-year Head Coach Rick Flowers. The Bobcats won the Frostburg State Invitational at Maplehurst Country Club, took second at the Penn State Altoona Invitational and captured third at the Pitt-Bradford Invitational.

They capped the year with a fourth-place showing at the AMCC Championships. Junior Joe Eaton led with a fifth-place finish and a two-day total of 165.

Soccer - Men

FSU struggled through a 7-11-1 overall record this past season. The Bobcats entered the season with high hopes, but struggled to dig out of a 2-5 start.

The Bobcats opened with a tournament at Bobcat Stadium on the new Sprinturf surface, downing Neumann 2-0 in the opener but falling 3-0 to Gettysburg in the championship game. FSU dropped five of its next six, including a 1-0 loss to Bethany and a 2-1 setback to nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins.

FSU opened conference play with a 1-0 win over Lake Erie but posted just a 1-3-1 record in the AMCC over the next five. After a 4-0 win over Mt. Aloysius and a 3-2 loss to Pitt-Bradford, Frostburg State needed a 6-0 season-finale win over La Roche to earn the sixth and final spot in the conference playoffs.

In the opening round, FSU traveled to third seeded Lake Erie and came away with a 2-0 win. In the semifinals, the Bobcats traveled to No.2 Penn State Altoona. The two squads battled through 85 minutes without a goal until PSA scored at 85:11.

Soccer - Women

Despite having only one senior and 13 freshman, women's soccer had one of the most successful seasons in team history.

FSU finished 12-7 overall and 9-0 in the AMCC, earning its sixth-consecutive post season appearance while fifth-year Head Coach Brian Parker guided the team to its sixth-straight AMCC Tournament Championship appearance.

However, for the first time since 2001, FSU failed to win the AMCC Title, losing to rival Penn State Behrend 2-0 in the championship game. Frostburg State kept its post-season streak intact, however, earning the eighth seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Women's South Soccer Championship. The Bobcats fell in the opening round to Westminster, 2-0.

Frostburg State set several conference and school records, including the AMCC mark for all-conference selections from one team (9) and conference wins (9), as well as team records in consecutive shutouts (9) and goals in a game (13). Freshman goalkeeper Stephanie Gwinn set individual single-season records for save percentage (.872) and goals against average (.46).

Women's Tennis

After posting just one win in each of the last two seasons, fifth-year Head Coach Stuart Swink and his women's tennis team recorded a 7-9 overall record and an even 3-3 AMCC mark.

The Bobcats opened the season with a 6-3 win over Waynesburg before dropping their next three, but rebounded to finish with a 6-6 record.

In conference play, Frostburg State dropped its first two but won three out of its final four to enter the AMCC Championships in third place. At the league championships, the Bobcats recorded runner-up finishes in four of the six singles matches and two of the three doubles events and finished in third place overall.

Women's Volleyball

Despite just two seniors and 10 freshmen, the volleyball squad finished the fall with a 13-19 overall record and a 7-2 AMCC slate.

The Bobcats faced tough competition early at both the Coca Cola Classic and the Gettysburg College Battlefield Classic, opening with just a 2-8 record. FSU rebounded, however, winning three of four matches at the Maryland Division III State Championship.

The Bobcats opened conference play with wins over Medaille (3-1), Hilbert (3-0) and Mt. Aloysius (3-2). After defeating La Roche (3-0), FSU suffered its first conference setback, a 3-0 loss Penn State Behrend. The Bobcats ended the season on a high note, winning three of its final four before earning the No. 3 seed in the AMCC Championship. In the opening round, Frostburg State downed Pitt-Bradford 3-0 before being eliminated, 3-0, in the semifinals by eventual league champion Penn State Altoona.

- Noah Becker and Bill Shields

Post-season Honors for FSU's Student-Athletes



Men's Basketball All-AMCC:

Second Team - Marcus McIntyre, Dan Ryley

Women's Basketball All-AMCC:

Co-Newcomer of the Year - Caryn Wright
Second Team - Stephanie Watts, Krytsin Hargrove
Third Team - Tracie George (*third straight all-conference selection*)

Baseball All-AMCC:

First Team - Billye Hollister (*also AMCC pitcher of the year, American Baseball Coaches Association Second-Team All-American, All-Region Pitcher of the Year*), Kyle Mahan
Second Team - Allen Peake, Chris Jones, Art Barone
Honorable Mention - John Micklus

Softball All-AMCC:

First Team - Jen Cook, Bethany Seyler, Amanda Baldwin (*also 2006 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Atlantic Region Third Team*)
Second Team - Amanda Griswold

Men's Tennis All-AMCC:

First Team - Matt Chisholm, Gregg Shedd, Fabian Uribe
Second Team - Chris Schoenbauer, Andy Chisholm

Women's Outdoor Track:

U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-American - Sumer Rohrs

Men's Cross Country All-AMCC:

Andy Watson, Zach Gaudette, Brian Leiter

Women's Cross Country All-AMCC:

Jennifer Patton, Kara Wastler, Gwen Massey, Christina Aumand

Football All-ACFC:

First Team - Fred Howze, Lathon Romaine;
Second Team - Pete Wilson, Dave Kenderdine, Jack Hopkins, T.J. Changuris, Vincent Thomas, Shanorm Young, Najier Frazer, Gabe Ellis, Brendan Clancy, Nicholas Payne;
Honorable Mention - Ryan Cutsail, Justin Bressler

Men's Soccer All-AMCC:

First Team - Trevor Havey;
Second Team - Steve Zoutman, Derek Richardson, Kenny Dotter, Adam Gracia

Women's Soccer All-AMCC:

First Team - Lindsay Hoffman (*also AMCC Player of the Year, selected to National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Great Lakes Region team*), Tori Walter, Lauren Lentine, Stephanie Gwinn
Second Team - Jenn Naylor, Katie Emminger, Amanda Drake;
Honorable Mention - Jackie Donovan, Kendal Moss

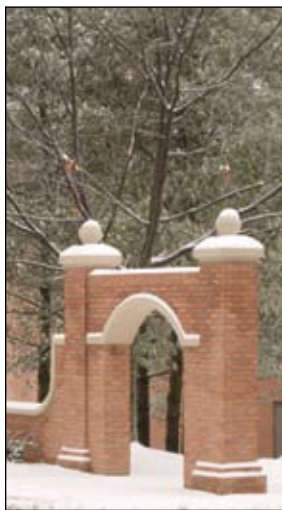
Women's Tennis All-AMCC:

Second Team (singles) - Heather Potosnak, Sarah Eisel, Jenn Tolbert, Caroline Shedd
Second Team (doubles) - Potosnak and Shedd (*runner-up in No. 1 doubles*), Amy Brenneman and Alex Buchanan (*second place in No. 3 doubles*)

Women's Volleyball All-AMCC:

First Team - Brooke Winterling (*Newcomer of the Year*), Amanda Hernandez

the last word



New Look

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

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



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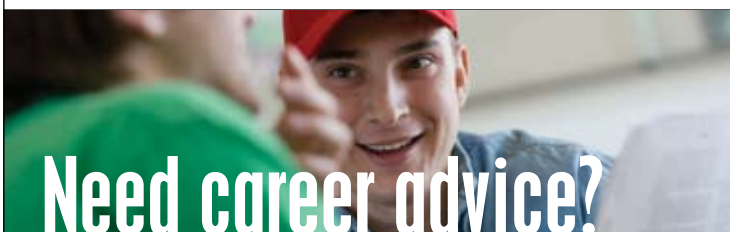
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