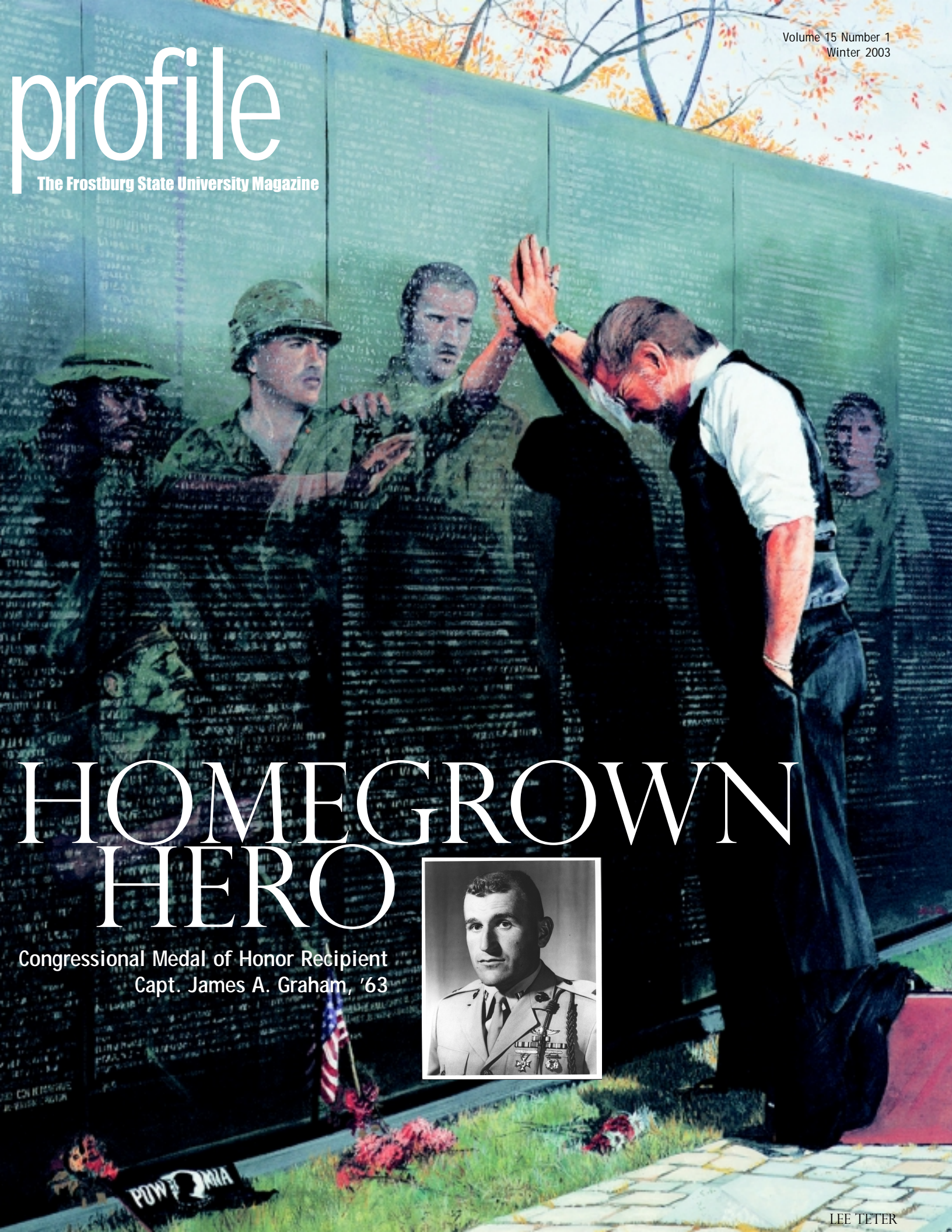


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## Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present to you another edition of *Profile*, recently converted from newsletter to magazine format. We have been gratified by the response to this publication by our readers and trust that you will find this issue to be as interesting as its predecessors. Special thanks go to our media relations and advancement staffs for their superb work.

As you doubtless know, these are difficult times for higher education institutions, not only in Maryland, but in most states. Following the recession of the early 1990's, when state appropriations for public institutions in the state fell by approximately 20 percent, a slow but steady recovery took place, especially during the years 1993-2002. Major investments were made in capital building projects, including, at Frostburg, the extensive renovation of Gunter Hall, which reopened last fall, and the construction of the new \$33 million Compton Science Center, which will open this spring. During this same period, enrollments grew, even as admission standards were raised considerably; faculty grew in both numbers and aca-

demie reputation; major academic programs received national accreditation; and a number of new programs were initiated, building upon our historic strengths as an institution. Now we are faced with a challenge not unlike the one we faced in 1990-91. Let me put our situation into some sort of perspective.

During the current academic year, a hiring freeze has been imposed, our budget has been reduced by approximately 6 percent to date, and another reduction of significant magnitude is imminent. In a recent article in the *Washington Post*, Steve Hill, director of the non-partisan Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute, points out that per-student support in Maryland's public higher education institutions is "more than 20 percent lower today than it was in 1990." Budgets grew during the rebuilding years, but so did student enrollments. In fact, Maryland continues to see dramatic increases in the numbers of students graduating from high school and seeking admission to our institutions. Similarly, applications from transfer students continue to rise.

Our challenge, then, is to maintain the level of excellence we have achieved during the past decade, even as we serve a growing student population. The hiring freeze, which next year will result in 22 lost positions, impacts support areas essential to maintaining that excellence: positions in the library, the counseling office, financial aid, the health center, housekeeping services and clerical support in a

number of offices. We estimate that our state appropriations will have fallen by about 12 percent over the next 18 months, even as we serve more students.

One consequence of reductions in state appropriations is inevitably an increase in tuition to help minimize the negative effects on our academic programs. On Jan. 23, the Board of Regents approved a 5 percent tuition increase for the current semester, and tuition for next year is certain to



Dr. Catherine Gira

rise. The exact amount will be determined in large measure by the budget passed by the General Assembly in March or April. We will make every effort to secure financial aid for our most needy qualified students.

Despite the sobering fiscal situation in which we find ourselves, I

want to assure our readers that the University will manage the challenge prudently, as we were able to do in 1991-1992, and that the education our students receive will continue to be among the finest available to them in the state.

On a more positive note, I invite you to read the good news in this issue about many exciting things going on here. Our faculty continue to distinguish themselves and to win accolades not only regionally and nationally, but internationally; our students continue to excel not only academically, but in their dedication and service to the community; our athletic program continues to reflect the philosophy of Division III schools, that our athletes are student-athletes; and our alumni continue to bring honor to their alma mater. Enjoy the articles, and trust that there will be much more good news to share in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Catherine R. Gira  
President

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Be sure to include your address and graduation year!



## "Keep 'Em Coming!"

...My congratulations and gratitude to the writers and editors of *Profile* magazine. The recent issue was packed with articles that were very interesting and quite informative. I really enjoyed reading it and discussing it with other alumni. Keep 'em coming!

Bob Grimm  
Class of '66  
Millersville, Md.

..I wanted you to know how much I enjoy *Profile* magazine and reading how the college has grown since I attended. It seems so long ago. At that time it was just a Teacher's College and I loved every minute of those college years.

In those days few men were at the college during the war and so the sailors from Bedford, Pa., would be invited to our dances and girls were given numbers to match with a number given to a sailor when he arrived...

Upon receiving my degree I returned home and taught elementary school for 43 years in Washington County.

I still visit Frostburg occasionally because some of my college friends still live in that area. I was surprised to see how the University has expanded throughout the years.

Nancy Binkley  
Class of '46  
Hagerstown, Md.

## "Fabulous Classes of the 60's"

...What a "hoot"... The folks from those fabulous Classes of the '60s were well represented in the last edition of the *Profile*.

What a thoughtful article by Sara Mullins on the FSU Memorial Wall ("*Memorial Pays Tribute to Alumni*") – the heart warming descriptions and sensitive comments made about the eight graduates. I was touched as I reflected on some of the good times and personal experiences. The article was indeed special.

And then to my delight, Ty DeMartino's article on The Crab

Feast ("*Crab Feast at Thomas Farm*") just made me smile! He captured the essence of just how wondrous, special, joy-filled and important (and both irreverent and sacred) are the friendships that were forged by our Frostburg experience. All one has to do is look around during that annual magical summer weekend and you can just feel the love, care, compassion, teasing and the joy. We are so blessed. And it all began in that far away mountain State College —just up the road from Cumberland, past the White Tower in LaVale, past Duncan's on Main St., past the all the bars and all the churches to that bright and shiny place called "Frostburg."

Ralph Jordan  
Class of '68  
Palm Harbor, Fla.

## Hitting Some Wrong Notes

...Recently I was reading an article in the *Profile* magazine about the gospel choir at Frostburg ("*Making a Joyful Noise*"). During my stay at Frostburg, I was an active member of the gospel group, so it feels good to see material printed about the choir. The only catch is that some of the information printed in the article is incorrect.

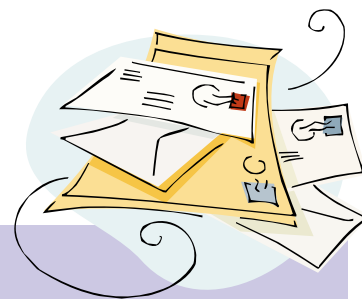
Corey Finch was never the president of the gospel choir — he was the music director. I know this because I was the president during most of Mr. Finch's tenure.

Also, the information stating that Tony Logan and Elyria Clark are married is incorrect as well. Mr. Logan married Anissa Hewitt in 1998 and they have a wonderful son named Kobe, of whom I am the godfather.

I really do appreciate the article. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Go Bobcats!  
Quentin Lowe  
Class of '00  
Forestville, Md.

(Editor's Note: Thank you for the clarifications. We apologize for the inaccuracies.)



From the President of the FSU Alumni Association...

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Believe it or not it is now 2003! I trust this letter finds each of you in good spirits and anticipating a prosperous new year. As president of the Frostburg State University Alumni Association, I have been invited to contribute to this publication and consider it a privilege to do so. *Profile* is the primary communication link between the University and its alumni and friends and I would like to personally acknowledge the staff for so successfully introducing its new look and format. This is truly a quality publication and a reflection of a quality institution.

Since my graduation in 1994 and my five years of serving on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, I have seen many changes take place at my alma mater. The changes are cosmetic and curricular, subtle and dramatic. Through its evolving environment, FSU offers students opportunities and experiences that I, and probably you, never had available as students. Frostburg is making its mark as a quality institution and, in the process, is gaining national recognition for its programs and new initiatives. I believe it is safe to say that FSU is "on the move." Dr. Gira and her staff have done a phenomenal job in making Frostburg a quality educational institution and one that is constantly striving for excellence.

Let me take this opportunity to encourage you to become active in some form in Frostburg's growth. There are so many avenues and opportunities that are available to alumni who wish to contribute to the University. Frostburg is fortunate to have a strong alumni base that is also very active and involved in the University's programs and students.

I challenge all Frostburg State alumni to become ambassadors for their alma mater. Your contribution can be made in a variety of ways: making a financial contribution to the FSU Foundation that supports student and alumni programs; committing time to enhance a student involvement program; being an advocate for Frostburg everywhere you go (whether it is simply showcasing a Frostburg coffee mug on your desk at work or sharing the good news of Frostburg with high school juniors or seniors you may know).

There are exciting alumni events that have been planned for the next few months and I encourage you to attend as many as you can. Information about these activities is included in this publication or you may wish to check them out on the alumni Web pages at [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu). These events are planned for you and hopefully you will take advantage of them and the opportunity to network with other FSU alumni.

Respectfully yours,

Royal V. Hines  
President  
FSU Alumni Association

(Letters have been edited for space. Views and opinions expressed by readers are not necessarily those of Frostburg State University or Profile Magazine.)



## AboutTown

### Palace Theater Memories

*(In our last issue, we asked for alumni to share their memories of the Palace Theater on Frostburg's Main Street. By your overwhelming response, you gave our idea "two thumbs up!")*

...The thing I remember most about the Palace was "penny night." On Wednesday night the first person paid 50 cents and the second could get in for a penny. My roommate and I used to go every Wednesday. Dr. Briggs and his wife always attended and held hands. We all thought this was so sweet.

Anne Gaskill Forrester  
Class of '67  
Mtn. Lake Park, Md.

...My favorite memories about the Palace Theater, besides the two-for-one penny nights (51 cents on Weds!), was the camaraderie between friends as we walked to the theater and back, or the long walks with your date afterwards, or going for a burger before or after the movie.

Inside the Palace was like sitting in a very large living room, where you knew just about everyone in each row. There was no way you were going to be lost in that crowd.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" at the Palace will remain a special and almost watershed event, especially when the world soon began to change so dramatically in late 1963. By 1964 the Beatles arrived and by '65 Vietnam was here to stay - for a very long time.

I hope that in the future the Palace can provide a special time and place for future FSU students. Because "living in the present" needs to be savored and appreciated more than ever, the intimate Palace is a gift to be passed on for many more years...even if the films shown there are not first run. Some of those old classics might be just the ticket.

Art Walker  
Class of '65  
Richmond, Va.

...Wow! The Palace Theater in Frostburg was the only game in town for us students who were too poor to afford our own transportation in the late '60s.

Walking to the movies at the Palace is a fond memory of mine. I remember the Spates brothers who owned and operated the theater, and how "Moe" Spates (because his haircut was identical to Moe of the Three Stooges) lived upstairs above the theater with his wife, Leslie. I remember watching the Disney movie "Fantasia" at the Palace (although the crowd of students that night perceived the movie in a different way than perhaps "Uncle Walt" originally intended). The college crowd who frequented the Palace often was a rowdy, albeit good-natured, group.

During the showing of "1,000,000 Years B.C." with Raquel Welch (a favorite of the guys), the theater crowd began stomping its feet in unison during one of the primitive drumbeat scenes. The noise and vibration literally shook the walls, prompting Moe and his brother to rush into the seating area and warn us that the movie would be stopped and we all would be ejected if we didn't settle down.

Larry D. Kump  
Class of '70  
Falling Waters, W.Va.

...The Palace was an essential element in the extraordinary "charm" that was FSC, and the town of Frostburg, during my four years there. I have a clear picture of trudging up from campus to the warm and cozy Palace with friends for \$1 first-run movies, through deep snow and with giant snowflakes falling softly through the lights of the streetlamps.

On a side note, I also saw the piece about the uproar over the \$2.75 ticket price for the Linda Ronstadt concert! (*"FSU's Student Newspaper, 1967 to 1972: The Missing Years - Lost but Never Forgotten"*). I was on the CCB "chair set-up crew" for that concert, and Linda and her band (the Eagles before they were the Eagles) helped us and threw the Frisbee with us on the quad after we were done!

Ah, those halcyon days!

Henry Smith  
Class of '75  
Towson, Md.

...I believe it was in spring of 1985, and I was head of an events committee within the Student

Government Association. We were trying to come up with ideas for something to do each night of "Senior Week," to give the seniors a fun send-off. I came up with the idea of showing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." For full effect, we would need a movie house, but the Palace had been closed for some time. I met with the caretaker who was concerned that the upholstery of the seats and other beautiful, historic items in the building would be ruined, but I promised we would keep the mess to a minimum... After volunteering to clean up afterwards, and practically begging to hold the show there, she finally gave in. I don't think she realized the extent of the festivities — flying rice, confetti, toilet paper, toast, hot dogs, not to mention the squirt guns. The event went as planned, and we did clean up the mess. However, it was a LONG time before any other college events were held at the Theater. I still have the poster advertising the show hanging in my basement!

Alisa (Crew) Hoffman  
Class of '86  
Baltimore, Md.



Next Issue:

### A Call for Compton Hall Recollections

The new Compton Science Center is almost complete on campus. Since razing the old building, many alumni have shared informally their memories of the original Compton Hall.

As a final tribute to the place that served as a gymnasium, theatre and classroom setting for years, we'll publish a collection of your memories of the former building as we usher in the new one.

Send your "Compton Hall Memories" to *Profile Alumni Magazine* Editor, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, Md. 21532-1099 or e-mail [tdemartino@frostburg.edu](mailto:tdemartino@frostburg.edu).

(To check out the construction progress of the new Compton Science Center, visit the *ComptonCam* online at <http://comptoncam.frostburg.edu/>)

From the USM Chancellor...

## "Maintaining the Momentum" for Higher Education

Maryland's economic situation has taken a dramatic turn for the worse, and political uncertainties make it unclear how much of a priority higher education will be to our current administration. No matter how much the fiscal circumstances have changed, however, the need for funding remains.

At the University System of Maryland, we feel our key mission now is to get this message out to Maryland's citizenry and its political leadership. To ensure that people understand that, when we talk about funding for higher education, we are talking about fueling the economic engine of this state. We are talking about fundamental quality of life issues for our citizens. And we are talking about providing the opportunities that allow people to provide better lives for themselves and their families.

To this end, we have launched what we are calling the "Maintaining the Momentum Campaign." As Gov. Ehrlich examines Maryland's budget, we want to make sure he knows what kind of return this state gets out of its investment in higher education. I want to present some highlights.

First and foremost, the USM is one of the primary economic engines of our state.

- ▶ Nationally, Maryland ranks fourth in the percentage of its population holding a bachelor's degree or above.
- ▶ USM graduates with a bachelor's degree earn almost twice the annual income of

someone with just a high school degree, a difference of \$1 million over a working lifetime.

- ▶ The economic activity generated by a single graduating class supports an average of 3,000 annual jobs.
- ▶ In 2000, the USM met 62 percent of the State demand for occupations requiring postsecondary education.
- ▶ Between 2001 and 2010, the increasing number of workers retiring from Maryland's workforce will create a shortfall of 400,000 workers.
- ▶ Workforce shortages will be most severe in the fields of education, information technology and medicine.
- ▶ In 2000, USM institutions awarded 85 percent of the bachelor's degrees in education, 73 percent in computer science and 60 percent in nursing.
- ▶ The one ever-present factor in technology hot spots is the "proximity of a research univer-



William E. Kirwan

sity shifting from ivory tower to revving economic engine." - *The New York Times*

Maryland is home to more than 300 bioscience companies and federal agencies engaged in bioscience research.

- ▶ In FY 2000 to FY 2002, USM institutions' research grants and contracts grew by \$220 million to \$891.8 million.
- ▶ Grants from corporations, foundations and other private sources totaled \$224 million in FY 2002.

Secondly, our institutions provide a ladder of opportunity for Maryland citizens.

- ▶ Over the next five years, 60 percent of all job openings in Maryland will require postsecondary education.
- ▶ In 2000, USM institutions awarded 71 percent of the undergraduate degrees awarded in the State.
- ▶ Applications and attendance at USM institutions are at record levels and increasing.
- ▶ Between now and 2010, there will be a 27 percent growth in Maryland's college age population.
- ▶ Between 1991 and 1998, the number of state residents attending Maryland colleges decreased by 15,000.
- ▶ In the 2001-2002 school year, the number attending Maryland colleges increased by 13,000.

- ▶ The growing academic reputations of USM institutions are attracting Maryland's best and brightest.

Finally, USM institutions contribute, measurably, to Maryland's quality of life.

- ▶ Research at USM institutions has led to better health care for Marylanders and a cleaner environment from the Chesapeake Bay to the Allegheny Mountains.
- ▶ USM institutions are the cultural hub of communities throughout the state.
- ▶ USM institutions are responding to the needs of an increasingly diverse population in Maryland.
- ▶ Between 1998 and 2000, Maryland had the nation's highest median household income and lowest poverty rate.

Our community colleges and private colleges and universities also make enormous contributions to the health and vitality of Maryland and its economy. I would argue that our common agenda now must be to ensure that we have the funding necessary to carry out our separate and common missions to this state. The well-being of our institutions depends on our ability to convince the state of the importance of higher education. Together, we can work to prevent the kinds of disastrous budget cuts that could cripple our ability to perform our fundamental mission of public service via education and research.

Sincerely,

Dr. William E. Kirwan  
Chancellor  
University System of Maryland



## Number of Applicants Rise at University

It appears that the good news about Frostburg State is getting out.

More people are applying to FSU than ever before – both as potential freshmen and as transfers, an increase of 12.5 percent in 2002 over 2000, the previous high mark.

More applicants means FSU can be more selective in choosing its students. The 2002 freshman class had the highest average SAT scores of any class in recent years, a number that has grown steadily — by nearly 40 points in the past four years.

In addition, FSU's Honors Program, which has been growing incrementally since it was introduced, took a big jump within the last year. The number of students accepted to the fall 2002 class is about 22 percent larger than the 2001 class, which was the largest to date.

"We are pleased that both the numbers and quality of students seeking admission have grown, in part because of the increased state-

wide and national recognition of our programs and our faculty," says FSU President Catherine R. Gira. "The University strives to provide experiences through which students develop intellectually and socially and in which they are encouraged to engage in community service."

FSU's total population continues to grow steadily, with a current population of 4,544 undergraduates and 913 graduate students. Much of the growth comes from transfer students, with this year's 385 transfer students reaching a high mark in recent Frostburg State history.

"FSU has a projected growth in student population of 3 percent each year for the next three years

to accommodate the increased demand across the state. Fortunately, the increased number of applicants means we can achieve that growth without compromising the quality of our student population," said Vice President of Enrollment Management James Antonio (Class of '74).

FSU is making a number of moves to accommodate a larger student body. The new Compton Science Center is due to open for the fall of 2003, as is Edgewood Commons, a new, apartment-style residence complex designed to

house about 400 students. Gunter Hall has also been recently renovated into a second science building, helping to meet the growth of science studies at FSU.

"For the past two academic years, Frostburg State University has had two classroom buildings unavailable for instruction because of the replacement of Compton Hall and the renovation of Gunter Hall. We are pleased that one of those buildings, Gunter Hall, is now occupied and that we can accommodate more of the qualified students seeking admission," Gira adds.

— Liz Douglas Medcalf

### Enrollment Up at FSU Centers

Enrollments this past fall were the second highest in history at the FSU Center in Hagerstown.

The total of 426 students is second only to the 427 who enrolled in fall 1995. This is the fourth consecutive semester of increases, dating from a recent low of 387 in fall 2000. The Center opened in fall of 1988 with 114 students.

The director of the Center, Dr. James Shaw, attributes growth primarily to expanded offerings in Education, where enrollments have grown by over 100 students since spring of 1999. In addition, all undergraduate majors have recently shown an increase, which Shaw attributes to two factors – a downturn in the economy, which usually sends more people back to get a degree, and the recent turnaround in enrollments at Hagerstown Community College, the principal feeder school for the FSU Hagerstown Center.

Other shifts in enrollment show declining trends in accounting, where the profession's requiring five years of college has produced a decline nationwide; and the Master of Business Administration program, where FSU has satisfied

much of the backlog that existed over the years.

Overall, FSU's increased enrollments compensate for reductions in programs offered at the Center by other University System of Maryland institutions. Low enrollments have caused the University of Baltimore to withdraw its Criminal Justice program from Hagerstown, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore to defer offering its Master of Social Work.

Call to find out about the third of the System's local programs, UMB's nursing degree, as well as for all of Frostburg's programs, which include undergraduate majors in accounting, business administration, justice studies, liberal studies and sociology as well as graduate degrees in Master of Business Administration, MBA/ Master of Nursing, Master of Education and Master of Arts in Teaching, a program for adults who have a degree but lack certification to teach. Prospective students can stop by the Center at 20 Public Square, phone 301/791-4020 or check the Web at [www.frostburg.edu/centers](http://www.frostburg.edu/centers).



### The New Gunter

Former Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening (front row, third from right) joined former Speaker of the House Casper Taylor (fourth from right), FSU President Catherine Gira (right) and other campus representatives for the official ribbon cutting of the remodeled Gunter Hall. The site of the former campus dining hall, snack bar, chapel, bookstore and meeting place in the 1960s and later the home of the Appalachian Laboratory, Gunter underwent a \$5.6 million renovation. The building, which officially opened in the summer of 2002, now houses classrooms, laboratories and offices for studies in biology and geography.



FSU Professor Dr. Hongqi Li shares a recent archaeological find.

Can you dig it?

## FSU Professor Gets to the Root of Plant Origins

Dr. Hongqi Li, assistant professor of biology at FSU, reaches into a filing cabinet and pulls out a large, flat rock that he brought back from China. On it are the tracings of a complete plant with roots, feathery leaves and clusters on top that look vaguely like clover flowers. It's a fossil from a region of northeastern China, Liaoning, that has given rise to scores of plant and animal fossil discoveries, including a feathered, flying dinosaur and the oldest known flowering plant – *Archeafructus*, reported in the journal *Science* to be between 124 million and 147 million years old.

The thing is – Li's foot-long fossil is from a rock bed that is slightly older than the *Archeafructus*, which would make it an older plant. It's also a valuable specimen because it is so complete, with all its parts preserved together, a rarity in paleobotany, the science of plant fossils. As such, it could provide a lot of information about the origin and evolution of early flowering plants.

Li is in his third year at FSU, and he's returned to China each summer, the second time with the

help of a \$2,300 Faculty Development Grant.

He has already made a presentation on this particular fossil to the Fourth World Chinese Conference on Geological Studies in Nanjing, China. Last year Li was awarded about \$47,000 in grant money to continue his study of early flowering plants, or "angiosperms," from the American Chemistry Society's Petroleum Research Fund and the China National Petroleum Corporation.

It's a real crusade for him, try-

ing to find out when and where all these flowering plants originated, and along the way, changing the way paleobotanists, those who study plant fossils, look at the evolution of plants.

Little is known about the origin of flowering plants, such an essential part of daily life that we eat their products for breakfast and sit on them as wooden furniture during the day. Charles Darwin called it an "abominable mystery."

"For 100 years since Darwin's time, there was very little change in the dating of angiosperms," Li says. Plenty have been found in the Upper Cretaceous period, and exploration is going on now in the Lower Cretaceous period, where some have been found dating back 124 million years.

The community of paleobotanists is split on when angiosperms originated. For the past 30 years, most believed that they originated within the Cretaceous period, but a few are thinking they originated much earlier. Genetic data – a molecular "clock" – may be suggesting that the origin could be as far back as 300 million years, but those hypotheses need to be supported with fossils from that period.

He has plenty of other fossils in his cabinets, "samples just sleeping there," he says, including a number of flowering plants taken from pre-Cretaceous excavation sites.

Of particular interest to him is a special fossil plant group, Gigantopterids, which existed in China and southeast Asia – as well as in the northwestern region of North America. They strongly

resemble both living and fossil flowering plants, but their age, from the Permian period, 250-290 million years ago, make paleobotanists hesitant to consider them flowering plants. Their molecular clock supports that age estimate as well.

There are two main obstacles for the acceptance of Gigantopterids as angiosperms, the lack of reproductive organs of that plant to study and the fact that no fossil angiosperms have been found between the Jurassic and Permian periods. Li thinks he has answers to both. He has fossils of reproductive organs, and he has angiosperm fossils from the Jurassic period, both of which need more study.

He has also found another way to trace them — using molecular fossils. The molecule Oleanane is found in living flowering plants, but that same molecule is found preserved in fossils and is currently used as a marker in petroleum research. It is also found in Gigantopterids, the first time it was found in a Paleozoic fossil plant. (He co-authored an article on that discovery, which was published in *Science News* and *Scientific American* in 2001.) He is trying to trace angiosperms by looking for Oleanane in rock strata where there is no record of such fossils.

More research needs to be done. And he's juggling a full class load along with the effort of getting time on specialized equipment.

He refuses to give it up, however. It's not a big field. Only a few hundred people are doing research on plant origins, with only a handful able to study it full time. On his theory of Gigantopterids, "I'm the only person working on it in the whole world."

—Liz Douglas Medcalf

## FSU Awarded \$384,000 Federal Community Outreach Partnership Center Grant

FSU received a federal grant of \$383,709 in October for an ambitious, wide-ranging Community Outreach Partnership Center that is designed to serve areas in Cumberland and Frostburg.

The Center is a university-wide partnership that links FSU faculty, their service-learning course curricula and their students to work side-by-side with the community – including more than 40 community organizations, among them community and business

“This is a very prestigious, very competitive grant. We are delighted not only for the University, for the recognition it brings to our community service contingent, but also for the communities of Frostburg and Cumberland, which will be the direct beneficiaries of the grant,” Gira continues.

Through surveys of residents and community meetings, the partnership identified needs that will be addressed by the Center’s activities.

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—FSU President Catherine Gira

leaders, nonprofit agencies and neighborhood organizations – to address unmet needs. The COPC grant will be an initiative of the FSU Institute for Service-Learning under the Center for Volunteerism and National Service.

“We are indebted to FSU professors Kathleen Powell and Peggy Dalton, for having suggested some years ago that we work with the community to pursue a COPC grant,” says FSU President Dr. Catherine R. Gira. “Cherie Krug and her staff in FSU’s Center for Volunteerism and National Service then embraced the idea and began to do the important work of making connections with community agencies through the ties that have been forged by our AmeriCorps programs.

One need to be addressed by the Center is in improving building infrastructure, community organizing and planning in two Cumberland neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations from those two areas have expressed a great need for training and support to assist them in establishing organizational structure, applying for non-profit status, developing volunteer networks, writing grants, developing programs and fund-raising.

In Frostburg, there is no neighborhood association, and help is needed to organize residents and establish community programs. Effort is also needed to join FSU and the community in positive collaboration and avoid tension between the two groups. The

Center would coordinate training programs and service projects with community organizations, FSU faculty and service-learning students to help build lasting partnerships.

In the area of economic development, job training, education and health care, the Center will help coordinate information about already available services. FSU faculty members and three community agencies will create the database, and the new E-Coordination center will provide a database of available services in employment training, business assistance, lending and health, then a coordinated system will allow the user to locate all services available to that individual.

As for housing issues, the Center will establish a neighborhood real estate marketing campaign to encourage home ownership in the targeted Cumberland neighborhoods as a way of reducing crime, based on documentation by one of the neighborhood associations, which indicated that most of the police reports filed in that area come from transient residents in houses owned by out-of-town landlords. Many of the houses in the targeted neighborhoods were built by talented architects at the beginning of the 20th century, but time and a depressed local economy have taken their toll on what were fine structures. Many could be renovated if buyers could be found and linked with resources to help. FSU faculty and service-learning students will assist the neighborhoods in the campaign by showing the potential of available properties

and training buyers to gain available resources to use in restoration of these homes.

The grant will be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under the COPC program, colleges and universities are provided with funds to develop, coordinate and administer partnerships with community organizations to solve problems and strengthen neighborhoods in urban areas.

— LDM

### FSU Adopts Online Alcohol Education Program

This past fall, FSU made alcohol awareness education a required component of the University’s Orientation course for its students. All first-year students now take a three-hour interactive course, AlcoholEdu™, developed by Outside The Classroom Inc., the leading provider of online health education for colleges and universities. The university also makes AlcoholEdu available to other campus groups, including athletes, Greeks, and disciplinary referrals.

“Binge drinking and other high-risk alcohol consumption can be a major problem for young men and women, especially early in their college careers,” says Tom Bowling, associate vice president for Student and Educational Services at Frostburg. “By incorporating AlcoholEdu’s online format into our required orientation course, the University will

strengthen our preemptive alcohol education to all our first-year students.”

In their recent study, “A Call to Action: Chang-



ing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges,” the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism notes the staggering toll alcohol takes on today’s college students. The survey cites 1,400 deaths, 500,000 injuries, 70,000 sexual assaults, 2.1 million incidences of drunken driving and 159,000 first-year student drop-outs due to alcohol and drugs every year. Further, high-risk alcohol consumption has been linked to a host of other serious problems from poor academic performance to property damage in the communities surrounding college campuses.

Implementing the AlcoholEdu course for all first-year students is an important initiative in the comprehensive program FSU has developed to address such disparaging statistics. In addition to AlcoholEdu, the university also has implemented other successful prevention programs in the past including substance-free housing, a peer educator program, a social norms program, educational activities and a parental notification policy.

“Frostburg State University is setting a new standard in the prevention field. Their decision to preemptively educate all first-year students demonstrates a strong commitment to preventing alcohol related problems,” says Brandon Busteed, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Outside The Classroom. “Students are given years of preparation for the academic challenges they face in college, but most students haven’t been given any real instruction to help them understand alcohol, the effects it has on the body, and the role it plays in college culture.”



Dr. Dick Sloop and his wife, Jane.

## Learning to Lead: The Sloop Leadership Institute

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” Although these words were written for former U.S. President John F. Kennedy, they could have been written for retired Frostburg State University professor, Dr. Richard “Dick” Sloop. To FSU students and alumni, his name has come to be synonymous with leadership.

“I just tried to be available to students,” Sloop says.

From 1961 through 1996, he touched the lives of many Frostburg students as a professor in the Educational Professions Department. Sloop also had a profound impact on ‘60’s-era members of Tau Kappa Epsilon, known as TKE, a former recognized fraternity he advised during those years.

“He was a mentor before the word became fashionable, before we knew what it meant,” says Bill Graves (Class of ‘65), a former TKE member, who credits Sloop with encouraging leadership among the TKEs. As a member of FSU’s Alumni Association Board of Directors, Graves took the opportunity to honor Sloop by establishing the Sloop Leadership Fund when working with the

University’s Centennial Campaign in 1996.

“It was a no-brainer, a great way to honor him,” says Graves, a long-time guidance counselor at Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, Md. “It shows the absolute respect all of us have for him.”

At the time the Fund was established, FSU offered a leadership program for Greeks, a Fall Leadership Retreat for all students, Leadership Awards for those involved with recog-

nized campus organizations, the G.O.L.D. (Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development) residential program for first-year students and workshops on specific topics, through the Lane University Center.

“We wanted to develop broader, experiential leadership programs with components to develop aspects like team-building through focused activities,” says Dr. Alice Manicur, FSU’s vice president for Student and Educational Services. “We sought an integrated approach to leadership similar to practicum.”

So the FSU Leadership Program was established, consisting of components that include academic options, community service, official recognition and four separate leadership tracks: Emerging Leaders, Sloop Leadership Institute, Senior Experience and Leadership Mastery. According to the program brochure, its mission is “to prepare students for leadership roles and responsibilities through the use of multiple leadership techniques, theories and models.”

Of all the tracks offered, the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership is the “cream of the cream,” according to Manicur, an advanced experience in leadership open for about 50 students. Open to sophomores and juniors, the track may be repeated once. The 4-

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"Students know about Dr. Sloop," says Kelly Ducatt, director of FSU's Leadership Programs, who attributes some of the

program's popularity to the power of the student grapevine.

The Sloop Institute begins each year with a one-day retreat in September, then continues on a monthly basis from October



Dr. Sloop regularly attends the meetings of the Institute.

through March with in-depth workshops exploring such popular topics as fund raising, setting goals, marketing and programming.

"Research has shown that students' out-of-class experience with faculty is critical to their success," says Ducatt, who is now engaged in recruiting more staff and faculty as workshop presenters. Currently, most are alumni.

The highlight of the program, the two-day Sloop Leadership



The 2001 Sloop Leadership Institute.

Institute, is scheduled in early March. Participants eagerly await this chance to network with alumni, bond with each other and meet the famous Dr. Sloop, who, Ducatt says, takes the time to meet with each student and regale the group with stories about his former students.

"Dick is almost like the beacon," says Colleen Peterson, associate vice president of University Advancement and director of Alumni Affairs. "What he did to a core of '60s alumni helped set our sights on being leaders. This program is part of a larger, evolving, co-curricular life interwoven with academics."

Sloop himself seems somewhat bemused by all the fuss, but acknowledges that he's "very, very, very honored" by his former TKE advisees. "They're a fabulous group. They keep surprising us," he says.

During his years at FSU, he served as chair of the Department of Educational Professions, moved into teaching research methods at the graduate level and watched the student body change from primarily local to both regional and national.

Sloop and his wife, Jane, a former teacher of business education at Allegany High School, remain connected with the teaching field. A recent gathering at their home for his TKE advisees from the classes of '65 and '66 was a highlight of their reunion visit to FSU. Each spring, they attend the Sloop Leadership Institute, where he says he has met children of his former students.

Funding for FSU's Leadership Program now comes from the FSU Foundation Inc. and the Division of Student and Educational Services. The Alumni Association Board hopes to boost the endowment level so that all funding comes from the Foundation.

"This is a good way to give back to the University, to make a difference," Graves says. "It's important that the memory of the institution continues because it fosters activity and care for students as leaders, parents and teachers."

To assist with the Sloop Fund, contact the FSU Foundation at 301/687-4200.

—Sara Mullins

## Wynder Named Counselor of the Year

**Bernard Wynder** (Class of '78), who has guided prospective Frostburg State students since 1979, has received the College Admissions Counselor of the Year Award from CollegeBound Foundation Inc. Wynder, assistant athletic director/admissions counselor, was recognized for his "dedication, commitment and support of the mission of College Bound and ... service to Baltimore City high school students."

"We thought it was time to recognize colleges reps who go above and beyond the call of duty," says Jimmy Tadlock, program director of CollegeBound Foundation.

Wynder is the first college admissions representative to be honored by CollegeBound.

Tadlock praises Wynder's personal touch with students, saying Wynder will frequently counsel an underclassman at a college fair on taking the college boards or improving his grades, then remember that student at the next college fair a year later. He also rolls out the red carpet for Baltimore students and their parents on tours of Frostburg, where they note that he greets all the FSU students from Baltimore by name, checking in to see how they are.

Wynder started working with Frostburg State's Admissions Department in 1979 as an admissions counselor and minority recruiter.



Wynder (Class of '78)

He has held a variety of positions, but a major goal has continued to be to identify students with potential who might otherwise not consider college and to convince them and their parents that they can — and should — seek a college degree.

The Baltimore native's father died when he was a child and his mother quit school at a young age, so his family didn't offer much understanding or support for his educational goals. Nevertheless, Wynder earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Frostburg State. He knows the value of CollegeBound's efforts for young Baltimoreans.

"CollegeBound is helping young people make a decision that really has an impact on the next 50 years of their lives — to attend college or not to attend. They give students not only the information needed to make a choice, but they also give the confidence and belief that this is something they can do," Wynder says.

CollegeBound is a Baltimore-based non-profit organization that offers a complete college access program to Baltimore City public school students. The mission is to encourage and enable those students to attend college, with the goal of increasing the number of students who apply, enroll, attend and graduate from college. The majority of the students who benefit from CollegeBound's efforts are first-generation college students and low-income inner city Baltimore residents, Tadlock says.

"It's a joy to be able to encourage people from my hometown to go on to college. This experience and a college degree will make a difference not only in their lives, but in the generations that follow," he says.

— LDM

## Visual Arts Prof. Named Welcome Fellow

Harlowe Hodges, the sixth FSU recipient of the Henry C. Welcome Fellowship, fell into his current passion, researching and creating illustrations of real-life African-American cowboys and cowgirls from history, from a job decorating a shopping mall.

His task was to create a series of large-scale illustrations of African-American cowboys for a shopping complex in Norman, Okla.

"It snowballed into something more personal," Hodges says. "They're really amazing, colorful people, not your stereotypical cowboys."

The assistant professor in the Department of Visual Arts says he produces art in a wide variety of media, but the majority has been professional graphic arts.

Hodges' undergraduate work was completed at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmondton and at the Parsons School of Art in Los Angeles, Calif. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas in Denton. In between, he worked as a graphic artist, designer and illustrator and has lived in Missouri, California, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. He also spent time as a training consultant in Jakarta, Indonesia, a position that provided him the opportunity to see much of Southeast Asia.

The Welcome Fellowship is an incentive program designed to help colleges and universities attract and maintain a diverse faculty. The \$20,000 award from the Maryland Higher Education Commission is paid over three years and is designed to assist the



Hodges

fellow with research or other academic development through a variety of means.

Hodges' initial fellowship payment bought improved computer equipment and software for the Department of Visual Arts.

The three other current Welcome Fellows are Dr. Trina Redmond, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Baxter B. Wright, chair of the FSU Department of Social Work, and Dr. Carole G. Parker, who teaches graduate-level courses in the Department of Business Management. Redmond is in the second year of the three-year fellowship, and Wright and Parker are both in their third years.

Previous fellows were Dr. Jean Marie Makang, assistant professor of philosophy and coordinator of FSU's interdisciplinary African American Studies minor, and Dr. Gersham Nelson, a former FSU history professor who began the African American Studies program at FSU.

The fellowship is in honor of the late Dr. Henry C. Welcome, a prominent Baltimore physician and former member of the Maryland State Board for Higher Education.

— LDM

## Police Department Receives Governor's Award - Again

For the 13th consecutive year, the FSU Police Department has received the Governor's Crime Prevention Awards for Categories A and D.

"As in the past, this year's awards recognized our broad-based crime prevention strategy, involving each of the department's 16 officers," says Brian Shanley, FSU's Chief of Police. "Several participated in classroom or other educational outreach efforts, while others emphasized technical aspects of crime prevention. All gave of their creativity and caring."

To demonstrate eligibility for Category A, the department was required to document its participation in six specific areas: Programs identified by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute in the areas of personal protection, rape and sexual assault, youth crime prevention, drug abuse prevention, residential security and commercial security; residential/commercial security surveys and referrals; In-service crime prevention training for officers; crime prevention public information/media activities; officer and citizen recognition for crime prevention activity; and officer and citizen recognition and support of the National Crime Prevention "McGruff" Campaign.

Because of the predominantly younger age of the population the police serve, University Police substituted a program for the Elderly Crime Prevention Programs category a program entitled "Campus Counter-Terrorism" to perform a self-assessment of the University's preparedness in the event of a terrorist attack. Several activities were conducted as part of this effort, including response to and dissemination

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nation on the anthrax attacks, checks for suspicious activity on campus computers and participation in the University's new crisis response plan.

"Because of the perceived relationship between alcohol and college life, the Absolute Wooze substance abuse program was given special recognition," Shanley says, referring to the Category D award given for the program, which uses Fatal Vision goggles to simulate varying levels of visual impairment resulting from alcohol consumption, in an effort to de-



crease the number of drinking and driving incidents.

"The success of our crime prevention efforts would not have been possible without the cooperation of many other university units and individuals, notably the Residence Life and Lane Center staffs, the Facilities Department, WFWM and the Bottom Line, and Western Maryland Regional Safe Communities," Shanley says.

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"Arrivederci, Professore"

## Before Retiring, Bauman Makes Beautiful *Musica* Abroad

After 30-plus years of teaching, Dr. Jon Bauman, professor of music at Frostburg State University, is savoring some special attention both abroad and at home.

Last spring, he received a warm Italian welcome while participating in a teaching exchange at the Conservatorio Statale di Musica in Adria.

"I was honored when the conservatory and city sponsored a concert featuring my composition students and original composition in a special cultural event," he says. The composition was "Moments," for solo clarinet. Featuring Guido Arbonelli, the piece was recorded and released on compact disc.

Bauman looks forward to the performance of his second string quartet in Italy next year, next July's recording by the Moravian Symphony of his "Symphony #2" and two versions of "Horizons" (one for full orchestra and one for string orchestra) and the performance of a work for clarinets at an all-Maryland composers' concert next spring.



Bauman

Another highlight is this spring's Frostburg residency of Luigi Verdi, a composer, musicologist and conductor from the Conservatorio. Next fall, an Italian chamber group will perform at FSU.

"What's thrilling is to be involved with people who love to do nice things and make music with no selfish agendas," he says of his Italian colleagues. "I have such a good relationship with the people over there."

The City of Adria said "arrivederci" to Bauman by presenting him with a seal of the city

that dates back to around the 9th or 10th centuries.

Life on the home front looks exciting, too. Bauman has been busy making plans for the first-ever Alumni Jazz Ensemble Concert on April 5.

The response, he says, has been "wonderful," with some alums making travel arrangements from as far as California and Texas. A gala reception sponsored by the FSU Foundation will be part of the festivities.

"It's been a very successful performing group for the University," he says of the Jazz Ensemble. "Many alumni are still playing."

In June, Bauman plans to celebrate his upcoming retirement from Frostburg. With a legacy that includes original compositions, recordings, the FSU Jazz Ensemble and an exchange between FSU and the Conservatorio for faculty and students, it's likely that Bauman will continue to receive encores after his grand finale.

For more information on the Alumni Jazz Ensemble, contact Bauman at 301/687-4381 or jbauman@frostburg.edu.

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## Wofford Honored

The University awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to former Pennsylvania Senator and former CEO of the Corporation for National Service Harris Wofford (center) at a campus ceremony in October. Wofford has dedicated much of his life to the goal of making citizen service a common expectation and experience for all Americans. He held the post of special assistant to President John F. Kennedy and helped launch the Peace Corps. He has also served as chairman of the White House Sub-Cabinet Group on Civil Rights from 1961 to 1962, counsel for the U.S. Committee on Civil Rights and trustee to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. The honor was the 14th honorary degree to be bestowed by the University.





Faculty, staff, students and alumni came out for the rededication of the William Reeder Atkinson Room in the Lane University Center during Homecoming: (left to right) Director of the FSU Diversity Center Carmen Jackson, BSA past president Adeola Fayomi, Director of Affirmative Action (and Atkinson's widow) Pansye Atkinson, Assistant Director of the Diversity Center Robyn Wynder (Class of '80) and Assistant Athletic Director/Admissions Counselor Bernard Wynder (Class of '78).

## Room Rededicated in Memory of William Reeder Atkinson

A meeting room in the campus Lane University Center was rededicated over Homecoming weekend as a means for current students to pay tribute to the memory of **William Atkinson**, the first minority admissions counselor at Frostburg State.

Atkinson was born and raised in Georgetown, S.C. During the 1950s, he graduated from Morgan State University with a bachelor's degree in biology. After completing his degree, he began his teaching career in his hometown.

In the fall semester of 1969, Atkinson became the first minority admissions counselor at Frostburg State College. As the assistant director in the admissions department, he recruited minority students – predominantly African Americans. He also worked with Minority Affairs and other offices at Frostburg to initiate programs that would guarantee the success of minority students on this campus. In addition to this, Atkinson continued his educational endeavors as a graduate student at Morgan State University where he received his master's degree in biology in the early 1970s.

"Mr. Atkinson was a jovial, outgoing and friendly person with

a gregarious personality," according to his widow Pansye Atkinson, Director of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity at FSU. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson were hired as a team to work with minority students when they first arrived on campus. "Although he was easygoing, he did not fail to assert himself in the interest of fairness and justice," Mrs. Atkinson adds about her late husband.

Atkinson was also known as a very giving person. At times, he financially assisted many students in addition to advising and counseling them. He was also very supportive of athletes.

"As a result of his dedication to the education and welfare of minority students, he was acknowledged as a dynamic presence on campus," states his widow.

On May 6, 1982, the Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. at FSU dedicated room 201 in the Lane University Center to Atkinson. The members of this organization believed that this dedication was important as a result of Atkinson's "outstanding service" and unflinching devotion to his students. Earlier this semester, the Black Student Alliance decided to rededicate the Atkinson

Room so that the students and faculty members can become familiar with a man who paved the way for many African American students at FSU.

Carmen Jackson, director of the Diversity Center and advisor of the Black Student Alliance says, "He showed me how, instead of telling me how, to be effective when relating to people." Jackson describes Atkinson as a very caring person and a father figure to the African American students on this campus. She adds, "He did that through his willingness to speak up and set the record straight when necessary."

In the late 1970s, Atkinson became ill, which limited his ability to work. He died in 1981 due to heart failure.

Although most current students never got the chance to meet William Reeder Atkinson, his widow believes that there is one thing he would like to instill in them – he would want minority students to "remember the struggles" that African Americans and other minorities experienced and overcame in this country. He would also want them to "never forget that they stand on the shoulders of those who went through the struggle," says Mrs. Atkinson. "And true to form, Mr. A. would probably add, 'Don't forget to bust the books!'"

— Leatrice Burphy

## Harman is FSU's First Intern with National Geographic Society

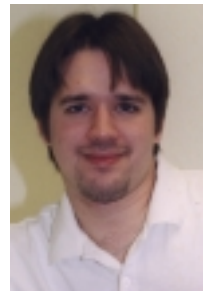
**Matt Harman**, a December 2002 FSU grad, has been accepted to the National Geographic Society's Geography Intern Program, the first FSU geography major selected for this coveted position.

Harman is one of fewer than 10 students invited to participate by the National Geographic Society from the hundreds of applications from around the world. He will serve the program as a mapping scientist during summer 2003. His primary responsibility will be working with the cartography group preparing maps and illustrations for the *National Geographic Magazine*.

In addition to his geography major, Harman majored in geography with a concentration in the mapping sciences and a minor in computer science.

He was active in the Geography Department, serving as president of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) – an honors society for geography majors.

Since 1978, the Department of Geography has had a strong internship program helping to place qualified students majoring in earth science, environmental analysis and planning, geography, mapping sciences and urban and regional planning. Recent interns have held positions with the U.S. Army Topographic and Engineering Center, Baltimore Ecosystem, the Allegany County Planning Department and the city of Frostburg.



Harman (Class of '02)

— LDM



The Touring Company of BLAST 2: SHOCKWAVE

## Alum Has a BLAST! with Touring Company

**Kenneth Odom** (Class of '02) has packed up his tuba and is taking it on the road with the touring company of BLAST 2: SHOCKWAVE, a spin-off the popular Tony Award-winning show that combines the art of drum corps, band and military pageantry.

A music performance major (with a concentration in the big brass instrument), Odom spent three years playing contra-bass with the world championship finalist Crossman Drum and Bugle Corps. Through his affiliation with the Drum Corps, he heard of BLAST! Odom, a first-generation college student, passed up his first offer to audition for BLAST! and waited to try out upon completion of his schooling.

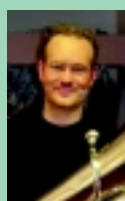
"I later saw the show live in Baltimore and consequently bumped into many of my old friends," says Odom who was asked to try out for the Company's new venture — BLAST 2: SHOCKWAVE, a North American tour of the BLAST! show.

He auditioned via videotape a week before graduation and got the gig.

So far, Odom has toured throughout the country "covering Connecticut to Minnesota and Illinois to Florida," he says. After a small break, the group recorded a CD this past January and started the second leg of its tour, which included Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico. When this tour wraps in April, the Company might venture into Canada or perhaps Europe or Asia.

In the meantime, Odom, a resident of Elkton, Md., enjoys meeting people from all around the country.

"One unique thing about BLAST! is that



Odom

after the show, the performers go to the lobby with the patrons to thank them for coming," he says. "They seem to love it as much as we do."

Odom hopes to continue with his education and get a master's degree in music or military or symphonic performer.

"As my experience with BLAST! has shown me, the future can bring any number of possibilities," he says.

And for now, he's having a BLAST!

## Frostburg Presidents Named in "Women of Achievement"

FSU President **Catherine R. Gira** has been featured in the newly published *Women of Achievement in Maryland History* (Anaconda Press, 2002), joining a diverse list of women that includes Rachel Carson, Emily Post and Clara Barton.

Former Frostburg State President **Lillian Compton**, credited with saving the college from closing in the 1940s, and the late Frostburg professor **Alta Schrock**, who established Penn Alps Inc., are also featured.

The biographies were divided into the categories of civil rights, education, community service, health and science, arts and culture, business, sports, law and public service. Some other honorees include Harriet Tubman, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, victim's rights advocate Roberta Roper, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, author Anne Tyler, singer Toni Braxton, entertainer Kathie Lee Gifford, Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes and Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

Gira was also featured in the September/October issue of the AARP magazine *Modern Maturity*. In his story "Leaving a Lasting Legacy," reporter Denis Boyles, one of Gira's former students, writes, "[Gira] is perhaps one of the most influential academics in Maryland; thousands of men and women have met her in the course of her career and few, if any, feel their lives



President Compton

have been untouched by the experience. In fact, I am typing this sentence because of the almost Zen-like patience she employed guiding me through an undergraduate career in the 1960s. As a kid who flunked out of nearly half of the seven colleges he attended, I had more than ample opportunity to meet many, many teachers..."

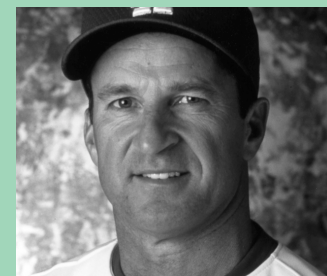
## FrostBITE Falls University?

Alumni who tuned into the Nov. 18th episode of the CBS hit comedy "Yes, Dear" received a special treat when the words "Frostburg State University" were uttered over the airwaves.

The show, which was created and is produced by **Gregory Garcia** (Class of '92), features a character who has ties to FSU. In the episode entitled "Jimmy Saves the Day," Jimmy was interviewed for a new job. When asked if he attended college, Jimmy replied he had attended a semester at Frostburg State University to which the interviewer replied, "Isn't that where Bullwinkle™ went to college?" Jimmy clarified that Bullwinkle Moose™ (from the cartoon "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle") actually attended "Wossamotta U in Frostbite Falls." (Thanks, Greg, for the "animated" plug for your alma mater!)

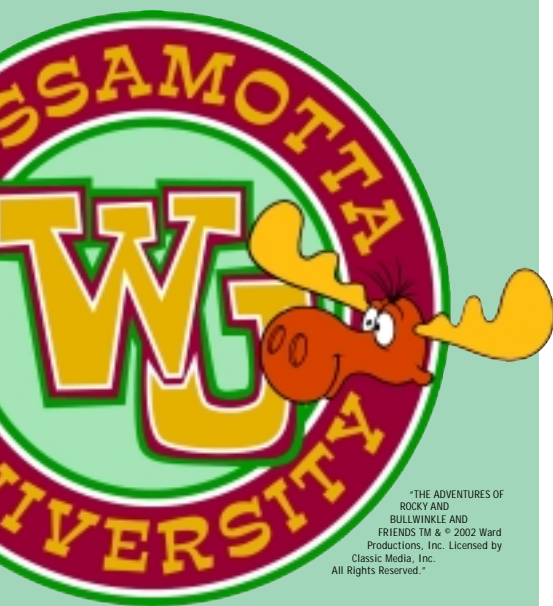
## Mariners "Eye" Rigglesman

When the Seattle Mariners started looking for a new manager this past November



Jim Rigglesman

to replace Lou Piniella, they narrowed their search to four finalists. According to reports by the Associated Press, one of those in the running was FSU alum **Jim Rigglesman** (Class of '74) who is a bench coach for Los Angeles Dodgers. Even though the Seattle job was eventually handed to Bob Melvin, a bench coach from Arizona, Rigglesman was in very good company.



## FSU's Center for Children and Families Formally Sanctioned

Parents in the region served by FSU have a new friend to help them cope with the often daunting challenges of one of their most important jobs, raising healthy children, thanks to the efforts of two FSU psychology professors.

The FSU Center for Children and Families, a collaborative project, recently received official sanction from FSU President Dr. Catherine Gira as an established center in the University System of Maryland.

The Center exemplifies the Psychology Department's philosophy of integrating teaching, research, critical thinking and practical experience with education to offer students a strong foundation in the field.

For about two years, Dr. Jason H. Edwards and Dr. Megan E. Bradley have been working together as co-directors of the Center, created to provide opportunities in applied developmental research, education and community service in child and family psychology. They donate their own time to support the operation of the Center.

Developed after the two professors discovered they shared a common interest in children and experience with clinical settings, the Center offers multiple benefits to students, the University and area service providers. As a multifaceted resource, it seeks to fill a need for developmental knowledge and research to assist providers of mental health services for children and families.

"The purpose will continue to evolve and inform the Center's activities," Edwards says. "It has been an organic process. Our primary focus has been, 'How can we involve students?'"

The foundation was already in place, with service-learning options, FSU's Child and Family Certificate Programs, related courses, and established student research opportunities.

Edwards' training as a clinical child and family psychologist and Bradley's training in applied developmental psychology and master's level clinical psychology allow each professor to contribute distinctive, yet comple-



Drs. Jason Edwards and Megan Bradley

mentary expertise to the Center. In Bradley's Child Development course, students learn about typical children's behavior and can opt for a service-learning experience that allows them to observe "on-track" activities. After learning what's typical, students have a foundation from which they can better understand children with problem behaviors in Edwards' Child and Adolescent Disorders course, which has a service-learning option for observing "off-track" behavior.

About 15 local agencies now welcome the students. They include day care centers, schools, Head Start Programs, youth centers and mental health agencies. As of the beginning of the fall 2002 semester, 171 students had provided 3,100 hours of service.

"It's really heartwarming to see how service-learning has created relationships," Bradley says. "The sites accommodate students doing the research and involve the children's families."

One example is a study Bradley and FSU student researchers recently conducted with the cooperation of area Catholic schools. By measuring the children's stress levels during stan-

### Grad Gets Gig as TV Gardening Guru

Kelly Moran (Class of '82) joined Fox 5 in Washington, D.C., as the on-air gardening expert and is headed for her own TV show.

Moran landed the job at Fox after hosting a TV segment on tea (following the publication of her book on teacups, *Shelley Chintz*). She made friends with the show's hosts and producers who quickly learned of Moran's talent for gardening and garden design. Moran

was asked to serve as resident green thumb for the "At Home" segment of their 5 o'clock newscast.

Now she is in talks with Discovery Networks to host her own Saturday morning gardening show called "Kelly's Garden Rescue." Homeowners will pay \$1,000 for Kelly and her crew to redo their gardens.

The entire process will

be taped and broadcast. Check local listings in the Washington, D.C., area starting in April or visit [www.KellysGardenRescue.com](http://www.KellysGardenRescue.com) for details.

### Ethnobotany Program Blooms

Frostburg's new ethnobotany research program received national attention this past year with news stories from Associated Press, Yahoo News and even syndicated radio personality Paul Harvey.

The Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies will look into the cultural significance of wild plants grown locally. Researchers are interviewing resident herb and medicinal plant experts.

— Ty DeMartino



Sen. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., center, cuts the ribbon of the new archives with the help of FSU President Catherine Gira.

## Archives Dedicated

This past October, the University dedicated two diverse archive collections in the new the J. Glenn Beall Archive room in the Lewis J. Ort Library. The first, **J. Glenn Beall Archives**, houses thousands of papers, photos and artifacts from former U.S. senators J. Glenn Beall and his son, J. Glenn Beall Jr., one of Western Maryland's most prominent political families. The elder Beall served in the U.S. Senate from 1953 to 1965, following a decade in Congress as U.S. Representative from Maryland's 6th District. Before that, he was a Maryland State Senator. He died in 1971. His son, J. Glenn Beall Jr., was a U.S. Senator from 1971 to 1977, following a term as 6th District U.S. Representative and five years in the Maryland House of Delegates.

That same week, the Library unveiled the **George A. Meyers and the Victor Perlo collections** of Communist literature. Meyers, a native of Western Maryland who rose to become the Labor Secretary

of the Communist Party USA, gave dozens of personal collections, books, pamphlets and other memorabilia numbering in the thousands related to the progressive and socialist movements in the United States. The donation of the works of Victor Perlo, an internationally recognized economist, was deemed

large enough to be designated a separate collection. The Archive Room is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. For more information, call 301/687-3014.



Dr. David Gillespie, left, director of the Lewis J. Ort Library, unveils a plaque listing names of the donors at the Meyers and Perlo collections ceremony.

dardized testing, they discovered that some stress is needed for optimal performance. Next spring, Bradley plans to create an intervention to help the children block negative thoughts while being tested.

Both professors hope these research projects will result in the direct application of what they call "real-world data" to improve the quality of psychological services and to help parents improve their skills. They have made a variety of presentations regarding their work to professionals in the area, including the Western Maryland Health System, Allegany County Head Start and Allegany County Health Department. Further, the co-directors have made numerous presentations at national professional conferences. In the past two years, approximately 23 students have been involved in research projects directed by Bradley and/or Edwards.

One significant benefit has been preparing students with marketable skills for the community. Some have found employment with local agencies, attracted by their practical experience. By pursuing the service-learning options available, they reap the intangible benefits of researching possible career paths by testing their interests, developing skills, deciding if they enjoy working in a particular field and focusing on a specific area of interest.

The Center itself consists of three rooms in the Department of Psychology on the third floor of the Guild Center. The central room, the "data room," serves as a sort of mission control, complete with one-way windows that allow researchers to observe participants in the adjoining rooms, sound and video equipment and computers to store data, and a smattering of

furniture. Flanking the room are two observation rooms, one with audio/video capability and one with audio. Characters and scenes from Winnie-the-Pooh figures enliven one room, thanks to the talents of a student who painted the mural over the course of a summer. The other room is more subdued in decor. Both are furnished with cast-off furniture of varying styles and have an assortment of donated toys and books.

"The Center is still evolving, and well on track," Edwards says.

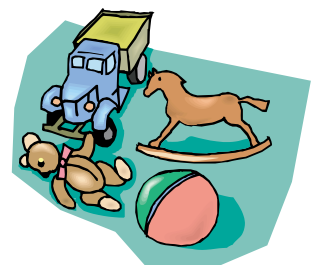
The word is out among the students. More are pursuing the Child and Family Certificate Programs and engaging in research projects.

"The agencies are opening doors," says Bradley. "They see opportunities. It's a two-way street."

Bradley and Edwards are now working toward establishing a fund with the FSU Foundation that would help support the Center. Monetary donations, which can be anonymous, are welcome. Also, donations of toys, games, children's books, furniture, computers and audiovisual equipment are also much appreciated. They hope to obtain another camera so both rooms have audio/visual capability.

"We want to encourage the development of [each] child," says Edwards.

— SM





Donor Helen Smith Herboldsheimer and Doug Salmon, FSU art instructor.

## Herboldsheimer Family Donates Tinsmithing Tools

FSU's Department of Visual Arts struck a different sort of gold recently as the recipient of tinsmithing tools donated by the Herboldsheimer family of Cumberland. These family treasures, some passed down through three generations, helped tinsmith and educator **Robert "Spike" Herboldsheimer** (Class of '57) provide a livelihood for his family. The tools include seamers, edgers, tongs and a metalworking stake for razing metal and making vessel forms.

"Our family is proud to donate Spike's tools and things to the Frostburg metal sculpture program in his honor and memory," says his daughter, Joy (Herboldsheimer) Fiore, who now lives in Key West, Fla. "Education was very important in my family, and all eight grandchildren will have finished college in May."

Besides Herboldsheimer, other family FSU grads include his wife, Helen Smith (Class of '61) and granddaughters Stacie Fiore (Class of '88) and Marcy McCagh, who graduated with a M.Ed. this past December. The family connection, according to Fiore, actually dates back to Frostburg's inception,

when her mother's grandfather, a coal miner, joined with other miners in contributing money to establish the teacher's college that has become Frostburg State University.

Herboldsheimer enrolled at Frostburg State Teacher's College in '36 after graduating from the LaSalle Institute but interrupted his education during tough economic times to take up the family's sheet metal business. He later returned to Frostburg, where he participated in theatre productions and school publications while completing his teaching degree.

According to Fiore, he was happiest when he had the opportunity to combine his love of sheet metal and education by teaching sheet metal apprentices in the Sheet Metal Workers Union of America Local #100. He also taught at Mt. Savage High School for several years.

Considered a Renaissance man by family and friends, Herboldsheimer was known for his love of writing, athletic prowess in a wide range of sports, officiating basketball, softball and basketball games for local schools

and the Catholic Youth League, artistry as a tinsmith, teaching skills and commitment to his community. He was also a "proud member" of the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization for Women and the Metropolitan Opera Foundation.

After retiring, Herboldsheimer enjoyed setting up his tin shop at local craft and folk art fairs to create canal boat lanterns, candle holders and other necessities for daily living.

"We're taking tools designed for making common, ordinary

items and using them to do sculpture and decorative work," says Doug Salmon, a local artist who teaches a variety of metalworking courses at FSU. Students can use them for making jewelry, sculpture and metal pieces. Eventually Salmon hopes to move the tools into a separate area from their current location in the metal shop when more space becomes available in the Visual Arts Building.

It's likely that Spike would have approved of this new home for his beloved tools.

## Foundation Receives First Online Donation

Contributing to your alma mater is now as easy as a mere "click" of the computer mouse.

Access to the online payment option can be found through the FSU Foundation's Web site, [www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation) and click on "Make a Gift."

Donations, which must be made by credit card, are processed via the PayPal system. To create or access an account, click on the PayPal logo to reach [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com).

Upon completion of a transaction, the donor and the FSU Foundation receive an e-mail confirmation. Online donors may also take advantage of a matching gift if their employers offer this option.

The options for online donations include FSUF Annual Gifts, FSUF Designated Funds/Programs, FSUF Bobcat Club and FSU Athletics.

The Foundation received its first online contribution this past semester to establish the Michelle Lynne Reed "In Pursuit of Excellence" Scholarship.

**Richard Hammond** (Class of '96) donated funds to establish the annual award for eligible students. He named the fund after a friend, also a student at FSU, after noticing the difficulties she and other students sometimes have with financing their college education.

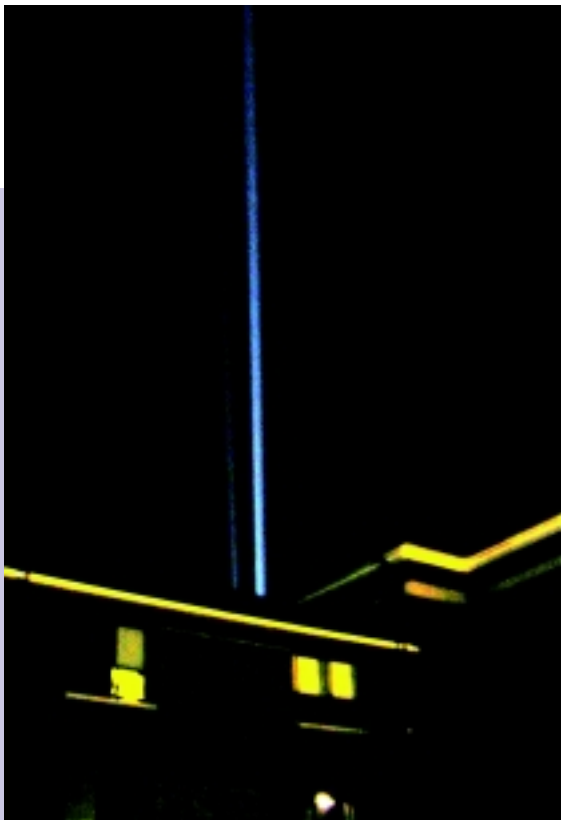
"I wanted to help," Hammond says. "I give what I can. It's well worth it."

The Foundation's home page also offers a "Send a Card" option that offers six scenic views from the FSU campus.

For information about online donations and the FSU Foundation, Inc., contact Jack Aylor, executive director, at 301/ 687-4200 or [jaylor@frostburg.edu](mailto:jaylor@frostburg.edu).



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## Remembering 9/11

The sky above Frostburg was illuminated on the night of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as the campus held a vigil to remember the tragedies that took place in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Two searchlights were beamed into the night sky as a salute to the fallen

Twin Towers in Manhattan. The event, which brought out about a thousand community members, featured a keynote address by FSU alumna Donna Bertazzoni (Class of '85), an associate professor of journalism and co-director of the communication arts program at Hood College, who spoke on "September 11 One Year Later – Where Do We Go From Here?" Also throughout the day, the FSU community had the opportunity to write and posts their feelings on a 9/11 Reflections Wall in the Lane University Center.



## Annual Fund Closer to Goal

The 2003 FSU Annual Fund Campaign has met 57 percent of its overall goal of \$140,000 through the fall phonathon and end-of-the-year mailings.

The Office of Annual Giving employed 25 students calling over 10,000 alumni in November. In addition to asking for a pledge and contribution, the students updated alumni addresses and provided information on alumni campus activities.

According to Annual Giving Director Chris Harmon, the downturn in the national economy is reflected in the number of alumni givers. "We have experienced fewer commitments and more people asking for us to send the pledge card. The overall number of contributions has remained steady and the average amount of an actual gift has increased. Alumni are a little more cautious, but they are still supporting FSU and we are in a great position to meet our goal during the spring phonathon."

Starting with the 2003-04 academic year, contributors of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund may name one of the Annual Fund Scholarships for freshmen.

"We're off to a great start in this program and eight scholarships were named in December alone. It is nice way to honor a loved one or become more directly involved with helping students. The donor will receive information on the recipient and the recipient will make contact with the donor," says Harmon.

The Annual Fund provides funding for unrestricted scholarships, emergency student loans, the Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards Program, student development programs for community

service and leadership, the Cultural Events Series, the Alumni Association, Alumni Achievement Awards, Homecoming, Golden Anniversary Weekend, alumni reunions, career connections, recruiting and summer sendoffs and University special events and promotions.

## Pay Tribute on the Memorial Wall

On the FSU campus, there is a special place to remember alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University. The FSU Memorial Wall, a group of three brick partitions, is located outside of the Performing Arts Center. Names can be placed on the wall in honor of someone who has a connection to Frostburg. A contribution of \$500 is required for each name. Proceeds go toward beautifying the campus with flowers, landscaping and benches. If you would like to memorialize a special person, contact Jack Aylor, FSU director of development and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. at 301/ 687-4161 or at jaylor@frostburg.edu.

## "Bike" Up the Band

It looked a little like a college prank along the lines of streaking and flagpole climbing. In reality, it was Cyclophonica, the meeting place of physics, music and bicycles.

Leonardo Fuks, an acoustics professor from Federal University in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, came to campus last fall at the invitation of physics professor George Plitnik. The two shared an inter-



Cyclophonica, a new way to perform music from Brazil, rolled onto campus.

est in musical acoustics and had met over the years as a result of their studies.

Cyclophonica, a creation of Fuks', was already a phenomenon in Brazil, where his orchestra on wheels performed frequently in public places and on Rio television. When he came to Frostburg for Cyclophonica's first appearance in the U.S., he had to build a new orchestra, which he did with the help of Plitnik and his son, FSU brass instructor Brian Plitnik. They gathered students with a variety of musical skills.

Fuks and his musicians set to work adapting their bicycles. Some of the instruments were homemade, using trumpet mouthpieces and plastic tubing, while others were adapted, like an autoharp wired to an old Schwinn or a child's 12-note keyboard, duct-taped to handlebars. A couple of students played their own trumpets, a practice Fuks normally avoids because real trumpets are expensive and might not survive a tumble too well. Percussion was provided by cymbals glued to bike helmets.

During Fuks' week on campus, members of the nine-member rolling orchestra only had four rehearsals before their debut. They rode from Water Street in Frostburg, down University Drive and onto campus between the Ort Library and the Fine Arts Building, playing music all the way.

They took a few spins around Reflection Circle, then headed to Delaney Plaza, where a small crowd was waiting to hear them, and circled the clock tower.

Ravel's "Bolero" was the most popular – and most recognizable – piece.

"'Bolero' is usually a hit because it is so cyclic," Fuks told a reporter from The Associated Press.



Professor Leonardo Fuks

Fuks name rhymes with "kooks," but he's got a serious purpose behind his unusual interest. Brazil is a country with very little musical education, and access to instruments is rare. Bikes are not, however, and the homemade instruments can be played easily.

"We want to make it so that music-making can be as simple as riding a bike. At the same time, riding a bike should be as conscious and artistic, in some way, as making music," Fuks said.

It's a definitely a new "spin" for combining art and science.

— LDM

## "Good to the Last Drop"

# Coffeepot "Loan" Perks Up More than 50 Years Later

It may have been a joke, but **Doris Crichton Anderson** (Class of '50) kept her promise.

Back when she was a day student at Frostburg State Teachers College, Doris was the manager of the Varsity Shop, a gathering place for students serving sandwiches and sodas, with a few tables and a ping-pong table.

She asked then-President Lillian Compton to lend her \$100 to buy a coffee urn. Miss Compton complied, and FSTC students had coffee to go along with their ping-pong tournaments in the hole-in-the-wall around the back of Old Main under the old gymnasium.

Both Doris, and the man who became her husband, Adrian Anderson, worked there for their last two years of school. Sometime after graduation, Doris ran into Miss Compton, who jokingly said, "You never paid me for that coffeepot."

Doris was stunned. She wasn't a businessperson, and since the pot belonged to the college, she never assumed she should pay for it. But she still wondered, did Miss Compton really want to be paid back? "She was such a dear. She just said it jokingly."

It stayed in the back of Doris' mind, and she would think about that \$100 when she and her husband passed through Frostburg as they traveled to Deep Creek Lake from their new home in Montgomery County.

At her 50th reunion, she stood up and told her classmates, "I have to make a confession. I never paid Miss Compton for the coffeepot. I have to get this off my chest."

At the reception later, she asked FSU President Catherine Gira how she could give that \$100 back. Gira suggested a donation to the Lillian Compton Scholarship Fund, through the FSU Foundation. It provides funds to upper level teacher candidates.

"Don't you think she'd just love that?" Gira asked Anderson. That seemed right, and Doris gave a check to the Foundation on her next trip to Deep Creek.

"We loved Frostburg," Doris says.

—LDM



# HOMEGROWN HERO

By Ty DeMartino

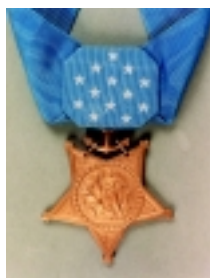
THE SECOND OF JUNE, 1967, WAS A SWELTERING DAY IN THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. AS COMPANY F, 2ND

Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division moved through a large U-shaped rice paddy the size of a baseball stadium, enemy machine-gunfire rang out from the bamboo thicket. A large number of Americans were wounded and killed.

The company's captain, James A. Graham, launched an attack against the enemy. As shots sputtered from two concealed automatic weapons, Capt. Graham rallied an assault unit of 10 men. Ignoring the crossfire, the troop rushed the field and managed to stop the shots from one of the machine gun nests, relieving pressure on the second platoon and allowing the wounded to be relocated to secure areas.

As the second machine gun continued to ring out, Capt. Graham and his small force remained strong. He suffered two minor wounds and was personally responsible for eliminating 15 enemies. But the fire was heavy and constant. It was Capt. Graham's decision to order his men to retreat for their own safety. It was also his decision to remain behind with one man, a lieutenant, who could not be moved due to serious wounds.

His last radio contact reported that he was being attacked by 25 enemy soldiers. Capt. Graham was killed. He was only 26 years old.



Eighteen months later, on an autumn day in October, as sharp winds hinted of the oncoming winter, the family of Capt. Graham reported to the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. There, a widow and two small children accepted the Congressional Medal of Honor in memory of Capt. Graham for his "outstanding courage, superb leadership and indomitable fighting spirit." Only 3,400 Medals of Honor have been issued since the American Civil War. Capt. Graham was the 17th Marine to earn the Medal in Vietnam.

*The following is the story of Capt. James A. Graham (Frostburg State Class of '63) – family man, friend and, still to this day, an American hero.*



# JIM

Capt. James A. Graham often thought he was invincible.

Those who remember "Jim" recall his resilience and determination. By all accounts, he was a hard worker, diligent scholar and strong leader – a modern-day Renaissance man who could "do anything."

"Jim could even make his own clothes," recalls childhood friend Harold "Pork" Vance (Class of '62).

Graham's resourcefulness came out of a sad and difficult childhood.

Born Aug. 25, 1940, in Wilkinsburg, Pa., Graham was a little boy when his parents divorced. His mother remained with her family in Pennsylvania, while Graham and his father settled in the town of Accokeek in Southern Maryland. Friends and family recall Graham's unhappiness with his father as the two operated their family-owned grocery store and gas station.

Graham attended Brandywine Elementary School and Gwynn Park High School. In seventh grade, Vance befriended "Jimbo" and witnessed the tension between Graham and his father.

"It was an unhappy home life for Jim," Vance says.

Graham would often run away to his mother's family in the Turtle Creek area of Pittsburgh, forcing his father to come after him. One story recounts Graham jumping from rooftop to rooftop to avoid returning with his father.

At age 15, Graham took his father's car and drove to El Paso, Texas, where he joined the Army.

"He lied about his age to get in," says Vance, noting that Graham was always patriotic. "Jim taught himself to type and became a secretary to an officer."

Graham got a speeding ticket in the "borrowed" car, which led his father to his whereabouts. By that time, Graham had already served 22 months of active duty.

He returned to Accokeek and got his GED and applied to Frostburg State College. He entered in the fall of 1959. Many believe he chose Frostburg to be closer to his mother's family in Pennsylvania, whom he continued to visit.

On campus, Graham was a math whiz and soccer player and member of both Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and the Marine Corps Reserves.

"He was a serious student. A very solid young man," recalls Dr. James Cotton, former geography professor and advisor to Graham's fraternity. "He was one of the better students at Frostburg at that time."

Classmates remember Graham as quiet, but personable. He stood about 6 feet tall with a square jaw and a short, neat crew-cut.

"When I picture Jim, I think of a bandy-legged man with his feet apart and a devilish grin," remembers Edward Root (Class of '62), one of Graham's fraternity brothers who also served in the Marine Corps Reserves. "Whatever Jim did, he took it seriously. But he also had a good sense of humor. He lit up when he smiled."

Vance, who reunited with his childhood friend at Frostburg, remembers getting his nickname from Graham one evening in the cafeteria. When a group turned up their noses

at the main course – pork chops – Vance graciously ate the leftovers. "Jim said, 'Look at that pork disappear!'" From then on, Vance has been known as "Pork."

Graham juggled a job as a cashier and stockman at the Safeway Supermarket in LaVale while maintaining a full college course load.

"He worked 40 hours a week and had super grades," Vance says.

During his early Frostburg years, Graham's mother passed away after a lengthy illness. His campus friends rallied around him.

The Frostburg students from Southern Maryland would get together on campus for parties and pizza. At one of these gatherings, Graham met Janice Pritchett (Class of '63) from District Heights. They started dating.

"He appeared to be much older than he was," Janice remembers. "His eyes were sad, and he held a lot of pain in his heart."

Janice invited Graham to attend services at First English Baptist Church in Frostburg where Graham made friends with the pastor and members of the congregation. He became a born-again Christian.

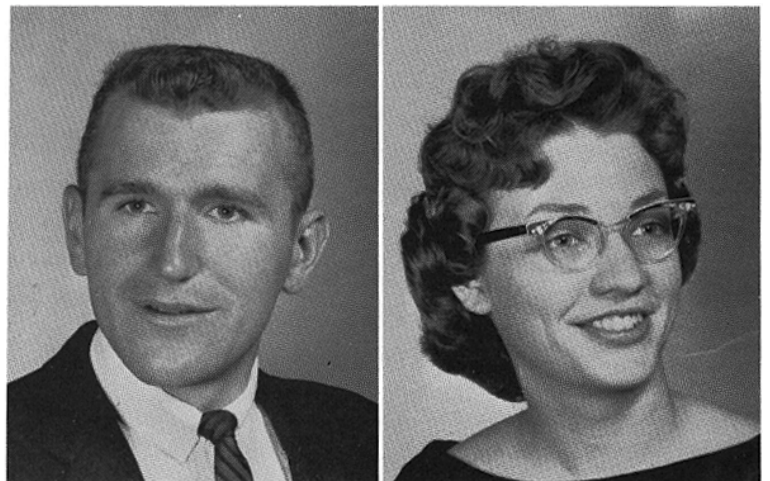
"When I took Jim to church with me, he was very open to it. He found a peace and love that he was missing in his life," Janice recalls.

Graham also found love with Janice and asked her to marry him when the two were juniors. The couple planned a wedding for the summer of 1962 but had to move up the date due to a conflict with Frostburg State officials.

Jim brought a mobile home to Frostburg in January for the newlyweds to live in after their marriage. College administrators were reluctant to allow a single



Graham adored his maternal grandparents from Pittsburgh. As a young boy, he would often run away to visit them.



The 1963 Frostburg yearbook photos of young newlyweds – James Graham and Janice Pritchett Graham.



Janice and Jim on the Frostburg campus.

man to move off-campus. Their decision would have forced Graham to pay both rent at the trailer park and an on-campus housing fee. After persuading Janice's family, the couple moved up their wedding date so they could live off-campus as husband and wife.

"I scratched out the (summer) date on the invitation and wrote in the new one. And I borrowed a wedding dress," Janice remembers.

After their wedding in February of 1962, Janice soon discovered that her new husband had blood that ran true red, white and blue.

"I remember Jim telling me once that he hoped to go to Cuba. I thought 'Who did I marry?' I came from a family where you hope you don't get drafted and here's a guy who is begging to go. But that's the way Jim was. He was a hard player," Janice adds. "And a hard driver."

Graham's other love was cars. When Janice met him, he drove a '57 Chevy. He traded it in for a white Corvette after their marriage and enjoyed fiddling with the engine with little wrenches he carried in his pocket.

"He had a complete and adoring love for Corvettes," Janice says. "We didn't have a lot of groceries. And what we did have were dented cans. But we had a Corvette."

Both Graham and Janice continued their studies at Frostburg. Graham would take his

new bride to visit his mother's family every month. He also enjoyed spending time with his in-laws.

"He liked to be around families. Jim didn't have that growing up," Janice says, remembering how Graham could fall asleep on the floor of her parent's home with his head resting on a basketball – content, as activity buzzed around him. "Having a happy home life didn't start for Jim until we got married. He was anxious to have his own family."

In April of 1963, Graham and Janice welcomed a son, John, while living in the



Graham, 1965.

trailer in Frostburg. Two months later, Graham received his bachelor's degree in mathematics and set his sights on a career in the military. At commencement, Graham received honors as the top student in mathematics.

Graham's father attended his son's graduation. Although Graham had a new family, academic honors and a college diploma, he still didn't have one thing – a good relationship with his dad.

"Jim always tried to prove himself to his father. Mr. Graham was livid about Jim's plans to go into the military. I'm not sure what his plans were for Jim," says Janice. "I know Mr. Graham loved his son, but I think he just didn't know how to show it."

A year after graduation Graham's father died in a Veteran's Administration Hospital.

As Janice finished her student teaching in Frostburg, Graham joined the Marines full time, graduating from Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va., in 1963, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

The young idealist had big dreams for his life.

"I thought Jim was foolishly optimistic. He talked about sailing the world in a sloop or even becoming President some day," his wife remembers. "He didn't see any limits, but all the possibilities."

## HIS DUTY

Graham decided to enroll in Flight School. With his wife and small son, he headed to Pensacola, Fla., for training. But he was faced with one obstacle he could not overcome – airsickness.

"It was very emotional for Jim. He didn't want to give up," Janice recalls.

The family headed back to Quantico for Graham to complete his studies and had their second child, a daughter named Jennifer. Graham was then assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He served as a platoon commander of Company I, Executive Officer of headquarters and Service Company, and commanding officer of Company M. He reported to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from April to June of 1965, to protect Americans during an uprising.

Graham climbed ranks from lieutenant in 1965 to captain in 1966 – the same year he received his orders to go to Vietnam. On Thanksgiving Day, Graham said goodbye to his wife, 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter and headed to Southeast Asia.



John, Janice, Jennifer and Jim in a family photo, which was featured in a newspaper after Graham's death.

In Vietnam, Graham joined 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, serving as commanding officer of Company H and later, his final assignment, Company F.

Janice remembers speaking with her husband about the differences between him and the other men at war. While others were partying with beer, Graham prayed and drank his tea.

"I think many of the men wondered, 'Who is this guy that is going to lead us?'" Janice says.

The soldiers came to respect their new leader. Graham was a strict disciplinarian and could be hard on his Company, having them

Graham would lead the men in prayer and, at times, offer eulogies at services for Marines killed in battle.

"He was born to lead others in war. He often prayed in private and called us into prayer circles," a fellow Marine once wrote. "In the middle of the bush he would pull ironed and creased fatigues from his pack, shave and read the Bible... A complex and fearless man... Jim was one of the few men who truly found his place in life."

In the spring of '67, Janice got word that she and Jim could meet for "R and R" in Hawaii.

But, as she made plans, something stopped her.

"It was very strange," she remembers. "I couldn't get flight reservations. If I would be shopping for something for the trip, I would put it back. It was like subconsciously I didn't expect to go."

Janice never made that trip.

The details of what happened the afternoon of Friday, June 2, 1967, are varied with accounts from different perspectives of those involved in Operation Union II. What's undisputed is that Graham died a hero that day in Vietnam.

As Graham and his Company, F, moved through the large rice paddy, in Quang Tri, enemy machine-gunfire rang out from the bamboo thicket and many Americans were wounded and killed.

Graham launched a counter attack. As shots sputtered from two concealed automatic weapons, Graham created an assault unit of 10 men. Ignoring the crossfire, the troop rushed the field and managed to stop the shots from one of the machine gun-nests, relieving pressure on the second platoon and allowing wounded to be evacuated.

As the second machine gun continued to ring out, Graham and his small force remained steadfast. He suffered two minor wounds and was personally responsible for eliminating 15 enemies. As



Graham (second from left) and members of Company F.



At the An Hoa airstrip, Vietnam, April of 1967.

repeat training drills and stressing the importance of their physical conditions.

Half a world away, Graham's thoughts were never far from home and his family. In a Sigma Tau Gamma newsletter, Marine Capt. James Scuras of Illinois remembered meeting fraternity brother Graham in Vietnam. He wrote, "Many nights when things were quiet, Jim and I would sit somewhere and talk about anything that came to mind. He was quite naturally proud of his wife and two children and liked to show pictures of them. He also had a picture of his yellow Corvette that he carried with him and told about races he had won with it."

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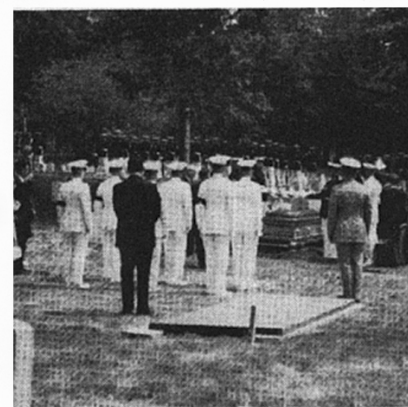
the fire was heavy and constant, Graham ordered his men to retreat for their own safety. He remained behind with one man, a lieutenant, who could not be moved due to serious wounds.

His last radio contact reported that he was being attacked by 26 enemy soldiers. Graham was killed at age 26. Reports say that Graham's body was found huddled over the lieutenant – protecting him.

On Sunday, after church, Janice put John and Jennifer to bed and read *The Washington Post*. An article on the front page reported of a huge skirmish in Vietnam.

"I read the story, but it didn't register," she says. "I think God spared me one more day."

That next morning as the family ate breakfast, Janice listened to the "Today" show on television. Newscaster Garrick Utley gave his regular



Graham's funeral, with full military honors, at Arlington National Cemetery.



Janice Graham accepted the Congressional Medal of Honor from Navy Secretary Paul Ignatius at a ceremony at the Marine Barracks in D.C. on Oct. 29, 1968. Right, Ignatius shows the award to the Graham children Jennifer (hidden) and John.

update of the Vietnam War. She heard him describe a battle, 25 miles south of Da Nang. She heard an interview with a Marine Captain. Then she heard Utley signing off.

"He said, 'That was Captain *So-and-So*. He's the only Marine Captain to return unharmed.' Right then, something didn't feel right."

Janice still did not hear any word of her husband's status the entire day, but she still had the feeling "something was terribly wrong."

The next day as John and Jenny took a nap, the doorbell rang.

Janice greeted a major, a woman Marine and a chaplain. Although she knew the reason for the visit, she followed protocol, as her husband would have.

"I invited them in and we sat down. And I waited for them to tell me."

Janice learned her husband was killed in action, but she did not know the details.

John and Jennifer were later told about their

father, and friends from Camp Lejeune and church gathered to offer support.

An official telegram arrived days later regarding Graham's death, but it did not contain details. "It said he had died from a gunshot wound to the head. I pictured him going through the jungle. Maybe shot by sniper fire. I didn't know."

The family waited 13 days for Graham's body to be returned to the United States. A funeral was held three days after. Graham's childhood and college friends attended.

"It was the first time a lot of people knew someone who had died in Vietnam," Janice says.

On the night of the funeral, someone told Janice that the latest edition of *Newsweek* contained information on her husband's death. Stopping by a newsstand, she picked up the magazine, which gave an account of the fight at Quang Tri and her husband's heroic acts. She read first-hand the account of how he rallied his men, saved many who were wounded

and gave his life for his country.

A long funeral brigade, accompanied by a military escort, made its way through Washington, D.C. The family stood by his graveside as Graham was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

## A HERO

For Janice, reality sat in.

"At 25, I was a widow with two children," she says. "I'm amazed now at how young I was. I had so little clue about who I was or where I was heading."

Janice returned to the District Heights area with John and Jennifer to be closer to family and pick up the pieces of her life.

A little over a year later, she received word that her husband would be presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action bestowed upon those in Armed Services. Graham was the 17th Marine to earn the Medal in Vietnam.

On Oct. 29, 1968, limousines chauffeured the Grahams to the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, which brought out over 100 family, friends and associates. National newspapers covered the event.



Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius presented Janice with a blue leather case holding the Medal. One newspaper commented that Ignatius hugged Jennifer and tried to explain the honor to John, saying, "This is for your daddy."

Janice remembers the outpouring of love from family and friends on that day. She has scrapbooks filled with professional black and white photographs of the ceremony. Graham also received other honors – the Purple Heart, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Presiden-



## The Medal

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. Generally presented to its recipient by the President of the United States of America in the name of Congress, it is often called the *Congressional Medal of Honor*.

To date, 3,400 Medals have been presented since the Civil War.

## The History

On Dec. 9, 1861 Iowa Senator James W. Grimes introduced S. No. 82 in the United States Senate, a bill designed to "promote the efficiency of the Navy" by authorizing the production and distribution of "medals of honor." On Dec. 21 the bill was passed, authorizing 200 such medals be produced "which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war (Civil War)." President Lincoln signed the bill and the (Navy) Medal of Honor was born.

Two months later on Feb. 17, 1862, Massachusetts Senator Henry Wilson introduced a similar bill, this one to authorize "the President to distribute medals to privates in the Army of the United States who shall distinguish themselves in battle." Over the following months wording changed slightly as the bill made its way through Congress. When President Abraham Lincoln signed S.J.R. No 82 into law as 12 Stat. 623-624 on July 14, 1862, the Army Medal of Honor was born.

Courtesy of The Congressional Medal of Honor Society. [www.cmohs.org](http://www.cmohs.org).

tial Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

While the headlines heralded Graham's accomplishments and the nation honored his memory, Janice, as a wife and mother, questioned her husband's actions on that rice paddy.

"I often thought, 'How could you just run out there? You knew you wouldn't come back,'" she asks. "I don't know what was going on in his head."

Over the years, she has come to terms with his actions. "There were times when Jim thought he was invincible. He did save a lot of lives."

For John and Jennifer, it was sometimes difficult living in the shadow of their war hero father of whom they have little memory. (*See story, right*).

"They grew up with this 'John Wayne' type of dad that they didn't really know. But they certainly have his drive and attitude," Janice says proudly. "They're Grahams."

John received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from FSU (Class of '85), and is now a lieutenant colonel and Cobra helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps., following a similar path as his father. He is on active duty with Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., where he works as an action officer in the Operations Directorate. Jennifer also pursued a military career. She graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1986 and is currently a lieutenant colonel stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

In the summer of 1999, John and Jennifer traveled to Vietnam, visited the battlefield in

Quang Tri and buried a time capsule filled with letters, photos and personal belongings on the site of their father's death.

Janice eventually remarried and had another child, a son. She worked at a law firm across from Andrews Air Force Base before retiring and now resides in Fredericksburg, Va.

Even though her life has moved on, Janice knows that she will always be connected to her first husband. In the late 1980s, the family attended a ceremony at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico for the dedication of Graham Hall, named in Jim's memory. Graham's high school and many local organizations have also honored him throughout the years. Janice has been asked to lecture at colleges and schools on her husband's honor and deals with occasional inquiries about Capt. Graham. It's a role she has accepted.

"One day the phone will ring and it will be someone with a question about Jim," she says. "Being his wife will always be part of my identity."

Thirty-five years later, others still reminisce about Graham's bravery. A posting on a Medal of Honor Web site recalls Graham's actions and thanks him.

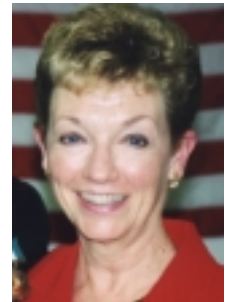
One Marine writes: "If a man ever deserved the Medal of Honor, Capt. Graham did. If not for this man and his actions... all of us would surely have died. The fire was so heavy [that] time seemed to stand still. I think of him often. God bless him forever."

This ripple effect continues to amaze the Grahams.

In the beginning of June each year, Janice, with family and friends, visits Graham's grave in Arlington. The white marble headstone is adorned with gold lettering to signify that the man laid to rest has received our nation's highest military honor.

Each time, Janice finds a surprise left by an anonymous visitor – a small stone on the top of the grave marker, a customary sign of remembrance and reverence.

"Someone who I don't know remembers that special day and makes a point of visiting," she says. "Jim's actions have touched a lot of people. His reach is wider than I will ever know."



Janice today



His grave marker is adorned with gold letters, signifying Graham's Medal of Honor.



## A SON AND DAUGHTER'S JOURNEY TO THE PAST

John (Class of '85) and Jennifer Graham have little memory of their father, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Capt. James A. Graham.

While there are the stories from family and the men who served with him in Vietnam and the many photographs, awards and official citations, the siblings did not experience a sense of closure with their father's death until they stepped foot on Vietnamese soil.



John (left) and Jennifer (right) Graham visit with children during their trip to Vietnam.

"We had a strong presence of our father from the people who knew him and loved him," says Jennifer, who was almost 3 when her father was killed. "He was so much a part of our lives on a daily basis."

Both John and Jennifer chose careers in the military – the Marines and Air Force respectively. It has been both challenging and comforting to serve in the shadows of their heroic father.

"Growing up in the shadow of a memory is quite different than seeing and being with a real person... I grew up in the shadow of legend – a perfect person who did no wrong and was above reproach," says John, who strongly resembles his father in both looks and mannerisms. "When I joined the Corps, there were people still around who knew my father, so I was singled out often and had to toe the line. Was I going to measure up?"

While their motivation for joining the military differs, they know their father would have approved. John wanted to find out "why a man would abandon his family, go to an unpopular war and get killed for it." He found out that the military is about "commitment, dedication and brotherhood."

For Jennifer, she saw it as her duty. "I feel as if there was a bit of debt John and I had to pay back. The U.S. Military has taken care of us since the days we were born. They made a large investment in us," she says. "I think we're

serving in a capacity in which our dad would be proud."

John posed the possibility of going to Vietnam to Jennifer one morning as they jogged.

"I just needed to know what it was like – where he was," says John. "[I wanted] to feel some closure about the whole experience."

The two began a yearlong process to visit the country – from booking the tickets to joining an organized tour. The biggest challenge was to find the exact location of where their father was killed. The two made phone calls, researched their father's official military maps and posted messages on Web sites. Their research was successful.

In June of 1999, John and Jennifer left on a 10-day tour with a small group of Vietnam War veterans and their wives. The men served in the same area as Capt. Graham and shared stories. Others, impressed by the dedication of these younger people, told their own stories to John and Jennifer.



The children of Jim Graham, John and Jennifer, traveled to the location of their father's death in Vietnam (above) and buried a time capsule on the site (left).

"It was amazing. It was the first time some of these men ever talked about their experiences in Vietnam. Even their wives didn't know the stories," Jennifer says. "It was an incredibly healing experience."

John and Jennifer took a bus into the interior of the Quang Tri Province and then hiked several miles, passing bomb craters and remnants still there from the war.



Jennifer Graham washes her father's name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

"The battlefields are right in the middle of someone's rice paddy. They aren't hallowed grounds as they are in this country," says Jennifer.

The two eventually reached the site of Union Operation II, dug a hole and buried a time capsule filled with letters, photos and keepsakes for and about their father. Both came away changed by the experience.

"It was quite touching and emotional," Jennifer recalls.

Despite their loss, the Graham siblings know they are fortunate to have both infor-

mation about their father and the opportunity for closure. Through their involvement in "Sons and Daughters in Touch," an organization for children who lost fathers in Vietnam, they realize how others continue to struggle.

"There are other kids who lost their fathers and know nothing, and they have these feelings of anger and bitterness," says Jennifer. "I see how lucky we are."

Both John and Jennifer have frequented the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Jennifer has taken part in ceremonies to wash the Wall on Father's Day and appreciates that the 58,229 names are equal on the black granite Memorial.

"Everyone is treated equally there – all the men who represent a great part of our American history," she says. "Not one life is different from another."

*(To find out more about "Sons and Daughters in Touch," visit online at [www.sdit.org](http://www.sdit.org)).*

— Ty DeMartino

Graham's son, John, and grandchildren take a rubbing of Jim's name from the Wall.



## LOCAL CHAPTER OWNS RIGHTS TO FAMOUS MEMORIAL PAINTING

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172, based in Cumberland, Md., is one of the most successful chapters in the nation, thanks largely to an artist who created a work that stirred such strong emotions that he couldn't bear to profit from it.

The artist is realist painter Lee Teter, and the work is "Reflections," a widely recognized image of a veteran leaning in grief against the Wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Reflected in the wall are the ghostly images of his compatriots who died in Vietnam.

Teter poured his admiration for the veterans he knew into the painting, according to the story of "Reflections" on the VVA Chapter 172 Web site. Despite the months it took to finish, Teter felt the experience related by it could never be used for his profit. A Cumberland resident at this time in the late 1980s, he decided to donate it to the town's small chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America.

The men pictured in "Reflections" are all actual veterans. Six are members of Chapter 172, who modeled for Teter. One additional image is taken from a family photo of a man who died in Vietnam.

In addition, to get sales off the ground, he helped organize the selling and promotion within the chapter, supervise the printing and signed thousands of prints. In addition, he gave them a license to reproduce and distribute the prints. Even though he didn't ask, the chapter soon bought the copyright from Teter using proceeds from print sales, giving them complete control over the print.

"Our overwhelming success is largely due to Lee Teter and his allowing us the rights to the print 'Reflections,'" says Bruce Whitaker, immediate past president of Chapter 172 and Maryland State Council President. "With that, we have the necessary funds to provide a number of different services for Vietnam Vets."

Among its services for Vietnam Veterans is a food pantry for veterans, an annual contribution toward the volunteer coordinator position at the local Veterans Affairs clinic, a monetary assistance fund for members in crisis, providing transportation for veterans to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, W.Va. and an honor guard for veterans' funerals.

They provide significant support to Re-Entry, a counseling group for combat veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They bought and

refurbished a building in downtown Cumberland, then donated the building to Re-Entry.

In addition to its numerous services for Vietnam Veterans, VVA 172 is active in a number of community charities. They provide scholarships for Vietnam veterans and their descendants to FSU and Allegany College of Maryland. Members



*Reflections* by Lee Teter, reprinted with permission of Vietnam Veterans of America.

frequently volunteer at area charitable events, including bell-ringing for The Salvation Army, road cleanup and an information booth at Heritage Days.

The local chapter boasts 490 members, second in Maryland only to Baltimore. At one point, Baltimore and Cumberland were first and second in membership nationally. 172 was national chapter of the year in 1998.

Chapter 172 was founded in the mid-1980s, just a few years after the national organization was started. Vietnam veterans received a lukewarm response, at best, from other veterans' service organizations, and their particular needs were largely ignored by governmental organizations.

"Our motto is 'Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another,'" Whitaker says. "That gives you a pretty good idea."

For more information about Chapter 172 and "Reflections," visit the chapter's Web site at [www.vietnamreflections.com](http://www.vietnamreflections.com). The Web site for the national Vietnam Veterans of America is [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org).

The "Reflections" print can be purchased online by visiting [www.vietnamreflections.com/](http://www.vietnamreflections.com/) or you may call 1-800-482-VETS. All proceeds benefit the Vietnam Veterans of America.

— Liz Douglas Medcalf



In her successful book of essays, *Stirring the Mud: On Swamps, Bogs, and Human Imagination*, FSU English professor Barbara Hurd recounts a Mongolian myth that says that "in the beginning the world was all fluid until a holy being bent down and stirred the water." Eventually, the water thickened and congealed into land.



# artists and scientists causing quite a "stir" at FSU

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

Likewise, something is slowly taking shape at FSU, starting with Hurd's words, swirling around the minds of Alice Shields, a composer from New York, and Mark Taylor, a choreographer with Dance Alloy from Pittsburgh, built on a foundation of environmental science and literary art. It will eventually gel into "Stirrings, a multi-disciplinary work connecting the arts, the environment and human life," an hour-long dance work which will be performed at FSU in early April.

Like Hurd's book, and the swamps themselves, "Stirrings" is difficult to define. It is a work of performance using dance and music, incorporating substantial segments of text from the book. It will celebrate the ambiguity of where the dry land ends and the bog begins, and that same in-between area that is paralleled elsewhere in life.

It all started with Hurd's critically acclaimed book, which was named one of the best of 2001 by the *Los Angeles Times*. Bill Mandicott, assistant vice president for Student and Community Involvement at FSU, whose department oversees each year's Cultural Events Series, wanted to figure out how to bring this work of literary art into the world of performing arts.



## Digging Deep

Barbara Hurd's fascination with swamps began when she was a child, when a small swamp near her home provided a solitary escape. Her fondness continued through the years, but it was only 10 or 15 years ago when she started to take a notebook along to record her reflections.

"Stirring the Mud" bears little resemblance to its beginnings, which evolved "in a very halting, zigzag way," Hurd says.

The poetic essays started as a single poem, "The Russian Water Grandfather," based on mythology she had read. She soon realized that a poem was too small to express what she needed.

She was also working on a series of scholarly essays about wetland imagery in literature. "It had lots of professional jargon." It was an editor who pulled her away from that path, who says, "Why are you writing that kind of stuff when your voice is this kind of voice?"

"I'm very grateful to him," Hurd says.

Choreographer Mark Taylor and composer Alice Shields both have "swamp experience" in their youth, but neither foresaw that it as an artistic outlet.

"That was just where we played," Taylor says, who passed time in wetlands near his boyhood home in northern Delaware. "There was a creek that would flood every year. We'd make dams and dig out clay."

Shields remembers driving by a bucolic view of migratory birds and cattails as a youngster, but that was in northern New Jersey, and the Meadowlands has since become a dumping ground for all kinds of toxic substances. "Medical emergency" is the image those swamps evoke for her today.

—LDM



(From left) Author Barbara Hurd, choreographer Mark Taylor and composer Alice Shields visit Finzel Swamp, inspiration for "Stirrings."

Alice Shields and Mark Taylor get a "feel" for the grass at Cranesville Bog in Western Maryland.

"My reaction to the book was, 'What a work of art – what a jewel we have in Barb, here in our back yard,'" he says. "I wondered if it could be translated into some other medium, take the words off the page and integrate it into some other genre."

Mandicott got started on his particular artwork, finding grants. He learned of a new program of the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, an organization with whom FSU already had a relationship due to the University's proximity to Pennsylvania. PennPAT has expanded its reach to allow presenters from the Mid-Atlantic region to apply for grants, and it is supporting the creation of new works with Pennsylvania artists.

Dance Alloy, from Pittsburgh, was one group that Mandicott already knew. They had performed several times at FSU, and had been commissioned to create a dance for the University Centennial in 1998.

"When those pieces started to come together, I cornered Barb one day and asked her, 'Would you be interested in taking your writing into another artistic realm?' It piqued her curiosity," Mandicott says.

"The idea was totally his," Hurd says. "He came up to me one day and said, 'I've been thinking about this and Dance Alloy,' and I said, 'What?'"

Once the ideas firmed up, the pieces fell into place. Mark Taylor from Dance Alloy

was chosen as choreographer. He had worked with Alice Shields, a New York composer who specializes in electronic music, and brought her in on the project.

An important element of "Stirrings" is the residency of the artists. Shields, Taylor and a group of dancers from Dance Alloy visited FSU for several days in September. The group traveled to two local sites that had been inspiration for Hurd, Finzel Swamp, near Hurd's home, and Cranesville Bog, on the western border of Maryland.

At Cranesville, a Nature Conservancy site, they were led on an educational walk by Kevin Dodge, a natural resources and wildlife technology professor from nearby Garrett College. He took them through the bog's walkway, describing the strange landscape, home to a number of plant species that normally aren't found south of Canada. He described the changes in sound and sight that the land undergoes as the seasons change. In mid-September, under drought conditions, the normally emerald green peat had turned golden, and the cranberries were just beginning to change from white to barely pink. The sounds of insects and an occasional bird were in the background, but Dodge said in late spring, tiny peeper frogs made Cranesville a deafening place to be.

At one point, Dodge stood in a wooded area, and imitated first a screech owl, then a saw-whet owl, and tiny chickadees flew into

the branches surrounding them, looking for their predator.

Later, with special permission from The Nature Conservancy, which protects the fragile wetland, Dodge led the dancers into a section of the bog so they could get the feel of the wet, spongy,

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—Bill Mandicott



Artists are up to their necks in the brush.

Kevin Dodge, a biology professor from Garrett College, leads the "Stirrings" collaborators through the swamp.

"At first I wanted the whole stage covered with water, but the theatre people were not really into that."

—Mark Taylor

springy peat. They first just stood in place, feeling the ground bounce beneath them, then a few tried a few dance moves in the calf-deep muck.

The next day, Dodge – Taylor calls him "The Muck-Meister" – led them to the Finzel swamp, which was wetter, more marshy, and a different kind of wetland. There they sank deep into the mud, Shields going hip-deep.

The dancers, a group of people used to controlling their bodies, reacted to the clinging muck by "shrieking, yelling, screaming," Taylor said. "Everyone shed a couple or 20 years."

Shields said the visit enriched her understanding of the swamp, but "what Barbara wrote is universal. You would understand it even if you never stepped in a swamp."

A month later, Shields and Taylor returned to campus. A second visit to Finzel swamp was planned, but first an unseasonal rain-storm and then a devastating ice storm quashed those plans. Nevertheless, the group was able to hold a number of meetings to discuss their artistic focus. Two recording sessions were held, which involved Shields speaking the libretto, 10 pages of text gleaned from Hurd's nine essays over 143 pages.

Shields took those recordings back to her New York studio, where from October until the end of 2002, the words would become music, and she set to work composing the music for the dance that was to come.

In early January, she sent Taylor a package of music, and he began the choreography in Pittsburgh. He'll work on that until he comes

back to Frostburg for the beginning of the final residency and performance.

Taylor says his initial ideas for the set design were rooted in thinking about the swamp on a horizontal plane, considering a variety of floor coverings.

"At first I wanted the whole stage covered with water, but the theatre people were not really into that," Taylor said.

He then got the idea that instead of trying to represent the mud, he would turn the stage on end and represent the sense of bottomlessness, using lighting and scrims. "It's more evocative of that ambiguity." That set design is in the hands of Richard Kagey and Conrad Maust of the FSU Department of Theatre.

"The goal in this project is to create an opportunity for the humanities and the environment to intersect, to create a piece that would bring writers and artists together with environmentalists and scientists," Mandicott says.

The diverse interests involved in this project have stuck together every step of the way, Mandicott says. "Even though they were not sure where it was going, they were intrigued by the possibility.

"It has been exciting, it has been a struggle, it has been a challenge," Mandicott says. "It's the perfect project to be housed in an educational institution."

Beyond just the performance, however, will be the residency from March 29 to April 7, with a myriad of opportunities for students and the larger community to join in the multifaceted experience.

## "Stirring" Events

"Stirrings" will be performed the first time for area school children, Friday, April 4. Public performances will be Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre.

Among the other events are:

► **Landscapes in the Impressionistic Style**, "an exhibition in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery by FSU fine arts graduate Tim Bell and his wife, Leah Bell. Their paintings will be on display from March 14 to April 7, with a reception on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

► **Connecting Movement and the Environment: An Interactive Seminar Exploring the Creation of 'Stirrings' with Artistic Director Mark Taylor**, on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre. The choreographer will examine the creative foundation of the project by exploring the union between the natural environment and the dance movement. He will also share his experiences as a certified practitioner of Body-Mind Centering.

► **LIVE! at the Loft with Tom Wisner: Learn and Sing the Songs of the Chesapeake Waters**, Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center Loft. The musician and environmental educator will present the story of the Chesapeake Bay with a multi-media presentation on "The Watershed: Land, Water, Life and the River.

► **Meet the Artistic Team: Open Forum with Barbara Hurd, Mark Taylor, Alice Shields, Richard Kagey and Conrad Maust**, Saturday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Drama Theatre. The collaborators will examine the creative process in developing "Stirrings" and the collaborative relationships forged between the environment, music and dance.

For tickets, visit the CES Box Office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in 235 Lane University Center, or call 301/687-3137 or toll-free 1-866/TIXX CES. All tickets not purchased in person will be charged a \$1 per ticket handling fee. Payment by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover and Bobcat Card), check and money order is accepted.

## 1962

**Carolyn Brooks McCrossin** has (perhaps) retired again after retiring from the federal government in 1996 and a second career as an editorial consultant in Jacksonville, Fla. She made good use of her summer, trekking around the Australian Outback for three months after crossing the Pacific on a freighter for a month. Her next adventure will be to the American Southwest for a few months to compare the two continents.

## 1964

**Henry Heller** was re-elected to his fifth term in the Maryland General Assembly. He has served 16 years.

## 1965

**D. Lynn Zeller** retired June 30, after 37 years of teaching instrumental music at Braddock Junior High/Middle School in Cumberland, Md. His bands consistently received superior ratings at state and regional festivals. He is still active musically, directing the Potomac Concert Band and performing with numerous bands and ensembles.

**Elliot Weiner**, Ph.D., had his full-length play, "Brunch," a comedy about six friends in Manhattan, produced at Players-By-the Sea Theatre in Jacksonville, Fla., in August 2002. His murder-mystery, "Couldn't Be Grandma," was produced at the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre. He also has been admitted to the international screenwriting/film institute in Amsterdam and was there this past fall studying film and completing his first movie script.

**John Taylor** recently retired from the Carroll County Board of Education after 35 years of teaching instrumental music in Maryland, first in Prince George's County at Bladensburg Junior High, then in Westminster at both the junior and senior high schools, Mount Airy Middle, and in recent years at numerous elementary schools throughout Carroll County. He is now enjoying retirement in Westminster with his numerous hobbies and interests and is catching up on those things "we are all going to do someday!"

**Laura Verge** has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by the 106th U.S. Congress to plan commemorative programs for the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth in 2009. She is the director of the Surratt House Museum in Clinton, Md.

## 1967

Thanks to a 1980 photograph of her teaching school, an interview fact sheet that said she directed school plays and her speaking part for five years in a play at the Springs Folk Festival, **Barbara Miller** was chosen as a background extra in the Disney movie "The Pennsylvania Miners Story," which aired on ABC on Nov. 24, 2002.

## 1969

**Margaret (Peggy) Thorn Johnson** has been employed by Baltimore County Public Schools since her graduation from Frostburg. She taught Spanish in several high schools in the county, was foreign language department chair, was an assistant principal at Eastern Technical High School for seven years and was recently appointed principal of Dundalk High School (her alma mater). She married Craig Johnson in 1974 and they have three sons, Keith, a sophomore at the U.S. Naval Academy, Scott, a freshman at Harford Community College, and Todd, a high school freshman.

**Michael Davis** has joined the staff of Linsco/Private Ledger in Frostburg.

## Cross Country and Track Alumni

**Are you interested in being part of a network of cross country and track alumni?**

If so, contact Colleen Peterson in the Office of Alumni Programs at 301/687-4068 or [cpeterson@frostburg.edu](mailto:cpeterson@frostburg.edu) and she will add you to the growing list of FSU alumni who participated in cross country or track during their college careers.

One of the goals of this group is to plan a gathering during Homecoming weekend, scheduled for Oct. 17-19 in 2003. In addition, we would like to develop an e-mail directory to facilitate communication throughout the year.



He is a financial consultant and certified public accountant.

## 1972

**Jeanne Hessong Endrikat** wrote an article titled "Sink or Swim," which gives advice on how to help new science teachers become successful. It appeared in the September 2002 National Science Teachers Association journal, *The Science Teacher*. She is a geosystems and biology teacher and science chair at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax County, Va.

## 1970

**Frank Florentine** has designed the lighting for some of the nation's most important artifacts as the lighting designer for the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. His projects have included the Wright brothers' airplane and the first aircraft to travel the speed of sound.

**Larry Kump** recently was diagnosed with cancer, but his prognosis for recovery is good. His wife, Nancy, asks that he please be included in your prayers.

## 1973

**Robert Sheppard** is still a special agent with the FBI and resides with his wife and three sons in Winchester, Va. He can be reached at [shepwin@yahoo.com](mailto:shepwin@yahoo.com). He enjoys life in the Shenandoah Valley.

## 1971

**David Booz** has retired from Carroll County Public Schools with 30 years of service as a teacher and administrator. He now teaches full-time at Carroll Community College as an associate professor. His wife, **Barb** (Class of '71), continues to teach fifth-grade math in Carroll County. Their son Brian teaches art at Shiloh Middle School and son Matthew is a junior at Messiah College.

## 1974

**Darlene McIntosh Frederick** is celebrating her 16-year anniversary of gallery operation. She recently started teaching art part-time at Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va., and is also a substitute teacher in Mineral County, W.Va.

## reunion time?

### Is It Time for YOUR Reunion?

If you are a member of any class ending in '3' or '8', it's time to start planning your reunion. Here some easy steps to planning a successful reunion.

Most importantly — it takes 5-10 class members who are enthusiastic, committed and interested in contacting classmates about the reunion. The Office of Alumni Programs arranges most of the logistical details with your help and suggestions. However, we need **you** to bring the members of the class back for the celebration. Getting in touch with classmates by phone and letters or developing phone trees are the primary responsibilities of a class reunion committee — and the effort culminates in the most successful and fun reunion programs! After all, what's a reunion without the people you want to see most?

The Office of Alumni Programs will also assist alumni of any recognized student organization in planning a reunion for alumni members. Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Phi Alpha, BURG and the 1970 football team have all worked with the Office of Alumni Programs in bringing back alumni for their reunions. Contact us at 301/687-4068 or by e-mail at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) for more information on assistance our office can provide in planning these special programs.

## 1975

**Joseph Sirna** married Elaine Tredwell Aug. 18, 2002. He is beginning his 28th year educating public school students and is employed by the Calvert County Public School System in Maryland.



**Rick Davis**, above, moved west to Big Sky, Mont., in '79 and took up whitewater kayaking and rafting. This past May, as part of his 50th birthday present to himself, he took his second rafting trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon (after being on a 10-year waiting list!) to get a private self-support permit. He invited 16 people to go along (on six rafts) and floated over 80 major rapids over the 225-mile, 18-day trip. They had a safe trip with no flips (and still had cocktail ice on day 18). "The trip is often referred to as the trip of a lifetime," Rick says. "But you have to do it more than once!"

## 1976

**Michael Pearce** and his wife, **Rita Bent Pearce** (also Class of '76), celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Kylie Ryan Ibbettson, on Oct. 21, 2002. Mike is the director of community development for the city of Reidsville, N.C., and Rita is a high school teacher at Rockingham County High School.

**Norris Sandridge** is a successful sales representative for Houghton, Mifflin and his wife, **Paula** (also Class of '76), is a staff development facilitator with Carroll County Public Schools. Their son, Michael, is finishing his history degree at Mary Washington College and will student teach in the spring of 2003. Daughter Mindy is a sophomore at the University of New Hamp-

shire, majoring in wildlife management. The family resides in Taneytown, Md.

## 1978

**John Garvey** teaches French and computer literacy at a laboratory high school for gifted and talented students. He has been married to Barbara Oehlschlaeger since 1980, and they have three daughters, Emilia, first year at Grinnell College, Tess, high school freshman, and Madeleine, seventh-grader.

**Ward Clem** earned his certification in Reality Therapy in August 2002. He is employed as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, Md.

## 1979

**Cynthia Delaney John** was named Maryland School Counselor of the Year for the 2002-2003 year.

**Dennis Albright** was elected to a four-year term on the Allegany County (Md.) Board of Education. He is employed as a principal with Washington County Public Schools. Dennis is working on his doctorate at Morgan State University in Baltimore. His wife, Kim, is a full-time student at Frostburg in elementary education and his daughter, Molly (Class of '02), is a second-grade teacher at John Humbird Elementary School in Cumberland, Md.

## 1981

**B.J. Davisson** has been promoted to senior director of gift planning. He will head the Johns Hopkins University Office of Planned Giving, where he has been director of gift planning for five years. Davisson earned a master's degree in 1983 from Ohio State University.

**Martin Crump** was named principal of Westmar Middle School in Allegany County, Md. He is now in his

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## Fry Named President of Greater Baltimore Committee

**Donald C. Fry** (Class of '77) became president of the Greater Baltimore Committee on Nov. 1, 2002, after serving as executive vice president and general counsel for more than three years. He will be the fifth chief executive of Baltimore's largest public policy organization.

Founded in 1955 by a group of prominent Baltimore business leaders, the GBC works to improve the business climate of the Greater Baltimore region by working with its corporate and civic leadership toward solutions to problems affecting the region's competitiveness and viability. The GBC played a prominent role in Baltimore's acclaimed "renaissance" that included construction of the Jones Falls Expressway and development of the Charles Center and Inner Harbor.

Fry replaces another FSU alum, **Donald P. Hutchinson** (Class of '67), who left the position to become president and chief executive of SunTrust Bank's Maryland division.

"He absolutely is the most tireless worker I've ever known," Hutchinson told the *Baltimore Sun* about Fry, noting he would have been his top choice had he single-handedly chosen his successor. "What sets him apart is the unrestricted access he has with legislators and people in city hall and county government. He can and will be remarkably persuasive. He has real relationships that go back many years."

These relationships arise from his experience in the Maryland House of Delegates, where Fry represented Harford County from 1991-1997 and served on the House Appropriations Committee from 1993-1997. He then represented Harford and Cecil Counties in the Maryland Senate in 1997-1998. From 1980-1999, he maintained a private practice as an attorney in Harford County. Since joining the GBC in April 1999, Fry has managed day-to-day operations and supervised community revitalization and economic development. His efforts include East Baltimore's BioPark and the completion of West Side revitalization. He also worked on developing a management structure for the Inner Harbor after a GBC task force discovered that several city agencies had jurisdiction with little inter-agency communication.

Initially, GBC board members had intended to name Fry interim president while conducting a national search but realized they needed to look no further than Fry.

"We decided that if we threw the net out, we weren't going to find a better candidate," GBC Chairman Francis B. Burch Jr. told the *Sun*. "He knows the organization inside and out. Over the past three years, he has become increasingly known to the business community. We are just delighted to give Don the opportunity to lead the organization. We don't think we're going to miss a beat."

Along with managing the GBC, Fry will work toward coordinating the efforts of the Greater Baltimore Alliance, the region's economic development organization, and the Downtown Partnership, which works to promote the downtown area.

Fry lives with his wife and son in Bel Air. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Frostburg in 1977 and is a 1979 graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law.

— Sara Mullins



Donald C. Fry

close-up

## alumni calendar of events

Sunday, March 2, 2003

### **Cinderella at The Maryland Theatre**

in Hagerstown, Md.

8 p.m. Production

7 p.m. Reception at the FSU Hagerstown Center

Tickets: \$48 per person

March 22-30, 2003

### **California Coast Group Travel**

Offered in partnership with Collette Vacations

Saturday, April 5, 2003

### **Alumni Jazz Band Performance**

FSU Performing Arts Center

7 p.m. Reception

8 p.m. Performance

FREE

Saturday, April 12, 2003

### **42nd Street at The National Theatre**

in Washington, D.C.

2 p.m. Production

Tickets: \$55 per person

Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April, 27, 2003

### **FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors Planning Retreat**

FSU Campus

Saturday, May 10, 2003

### **Baltimore Harbor Cruise & Commodore's Lunch**

11:30 a.m. Boarding/2:00 p.m. Return to Dock

Tickets: \$25 per person (all ages)

FSU Alumni Association Discount Rate

Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2003

### **Golden Anniversary Reunion**

FSU Campus

Saturday, June 21, 2003

### **Gateway Clipper (Pittsburgh's River Tradition) Cruise**

11:30 a.m. Boarding/2:00 p.m. Return to Dock

Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 children under 12 FSU

Alumni Association Discount Rate

July 11-17, 2003

### **Smithsonian Pacific Northwest Group Travel**

Offered in Partnership with Collette Vacations

## **Save the Date for Homecoming!**

The 2003 Homecoming Celebration will be held from Oct. 17 to 19. We'll mail out brochures and post info. on our Web site as details are finalized. Mark your calendars now!

For more information on any of these events, contact Becky Coleman or Colleen Peterson at 301/687-4068 or e-mail [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu).

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21st year in the school system. He and his wife, **Kathleen** (Class of '82), have two daughters, Erin (17) and Megan (14).

**Melanie Shullenbarger** is still teaching in Montgomery County, Md. She currently teaches kindergarten, but she taught first grade for 18 years and special education for two. Her daughter, Heidi, will be graduating from Urbana High School in Urbana, Md., in June 2003. Her son, Derek, is in the eighth grade. Her husband, Scott, owns and operates Gustin Gardens Tree Service Inc.

## 1982

**Charles Horkey**, his wife, Suzanne, and daughters Ali and Haley are returning to the United States after five years in Africa. He will be working at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., upon completion of his two-year tour in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This past year he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, and the family enjoyed numerous trips to game parks and Zanzibar during their time in Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

**Diane Gnegy Donham** is sole proprietor of her CPA practice in her home. She resides in Oakland, Md., with her husband, Randy, daughter, Jennifer (11) and new addition, Chloe Rayne, a Springer Spaniel puppy.

## 1983

**Jennifer Joy** is a stay-at-home mother, busy trucking 4-year-old Rianna and 6-year-old Reagan from soccer, ballet, etc. She is also instructing drama and singing and teaching Sunday school at Rosemont Alliance Church. She is preparing her home for sale soon and is "very happy!"

**Peter Curry** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and is a graduate of the National War College, National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. He is now a professor at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He has been married to Rene (a Mount Saint Mary's graduate) for almost 20 years, and they

have three daughters, Frances, 18, Kelly, 15 and Lindsay 13. "The Army ROTC department taught us well. Of the six graduates who were commissioned in 1983, two of us, **Bob Waltemeyer** and I, became battalion commanders. That speaks volumes for the training that we received while there at FSC."

**S. Rudy Shiley** and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this year. He, Nancy and their two daughters, Stephanie (15) and Rachel (11), reside in Winchester, Va.

## 1984

**Kevin Riley** has just been awarded a grant to complete a textbook titled, *Evaluation in Recreation and Leisure Services* from the Hubbard Center at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. During the past year he has had four articles published for the National Recreation and Park Association in *Parks and Recreation* magazine. He is an assistant professor in Recreation Management at ASU.



Carl E. Parker II, and son, Carl E. Parker III

**Carl E. Parker II** has been a licensed preacher for three years, accepting a call to preach in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church after serving 15 years as minister of music. Carl continues to teach at Andrew Jackson Middle School and was elected Outstanding Region 3 Employee of Prince George's County Public Schools.

## 1985

**Robert Wirt** married Elizabeth Babin June 8, 2002. He is a program manager for the Department of the Navy in Arlington, Va.

In 2002 **Susan Bowman Cottrell** saw a dream come true! Her contemporary Christian band, Leap of Faith, made a CD. She and friend Laura were the songwriters and their band is playing at churches in the metro area and having a great time. Susan's children are growing up so quickly. Thomas is 12, Becky is 10, Emily is almost 6 and Jon is 4 1/2. She sends a special "hi" to the Music Department and Baptist Student Union friends.

## 1987

**Ronald Bertolina** has been appointed associate professor of computers at Garrett College, where he teaches introduction to computer.

## 1989

**Christopher Busky** earned his Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in June 2002. He is chief financial officer for the Equipment Leasing Association in Arlington, Va. He and his wife, **Krista Wright** (Class of '89), live in Springfield, Va., with their two sons, Josh, 6 and Evan, 3.

**L. Renee Shaffer** has been married to Bobby Shaffer since 1995. She has three children, Brittany, 16, Andrew, 12 and Kerenne 5.

## 1990

**Dawn Fike** became engaged to Michael McDonald on March 16, 2002. They will be married in March 2003. After the wedding, they will relocate to Frederick, Md.

**Ester Verhovsek** was promoted to associate professor at Allegany College of Maryland. She is director of the radiologic technology program.

**Jill Hudson-Miller** is married to Aaron W. Miller, whom she met at FSU Baptist Student Union. They have three sons. Aaron is a pastor of a church in Gaithersburg, and Jill just completed a doctorate in Human Resources from Trinity College and Seminary.

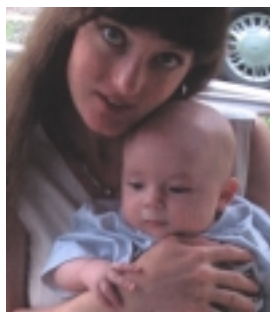
**Joseph Coleman** and his fellow Delta Phi Omega business partner, Dean

Maiorano, are continuing to grow their mortgage company, Blue Ridge Financial Inc., into one of the leading lenders in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

**Matthew Scott** married Lora L. Hott Dec. 29, 2001. He is employed with Alliant Techsystems Rocket Center as a chemist.

**Richard Plaskon** has reached his \$23 million career sales milestone as a manager at Vector Marketing Corp.'s Virginia Division.

## 1991



Angela and Alex Hedderick

**Angela Siehler Hedderick** and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first child, Alex, on Feb. 12, 2002. They are having a wonderful time with him.

**Sandra Bollinger Morrison** and her husband, **Scott** (Class of '94), are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Luke Samuel McCorkle Morrison, born on May 10, 2002. Luke joins his 3-year-old sister, Brenna. Sandra teaches kindergarten for Anne Arundel County Schools. Scott owns and operates a private percussion studio, Rimshots Inc. He also plays professionally with Big Blow and the Bushwackers, a world-beat funk group that is well known in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Their e-mail is sammallets@msn.com.

**Ryan Grimes** has been promoted at McLean, Koehler, Sparks & Hammond to In-Charge Accountant. He has experience with audits, reviews and compilations and has worked extensively with the firm's death-care industry team.

## 1992

**Cynthia Brubaker MacDonald** and her husband, Andrew, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Catherine MacDonald, born June 17, 2002.

**Julie Shircliff Baker** has joined the staff at Linsco/Private Ledger in Frostburg. She is a registered representative and financial consultant.

**Sarah Barczewski King** and her husband, **Eric "Tag" King** (Class of '93), have four children, Tyler, 9, Triston, 6, Samantha, 5, and Juliet, 3. They reside in Highland, Md. Eric is employed at Photo Effects, a digital printing company in Columbia, Md. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom.

**Thea Hosselrode** has been promoted to assistant professor at Allegany College of Maryland, teaching in the office technologies program.

## 1993

**Kenneth Miller** has assumed command of the Military Police Detachment at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

**Tracey Henline** has been named Assistant State's Attorney for Garrett County, Md.

**Rebecca Ahern** married Michael Baird Sept. 28, 2002. She is an attorney for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C.



**Beth Haschen** married **Daniel Bittner Ingham** (Class of '92) on Oct. 27, 2001. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

## 1994

**Bonnie Crichton White** and her husband, Daniel, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Renny Mae, born on Oct. 14, 2002. She is employed with Marriott International in Washington, D.C., as grants manager.

**Deana Geisler** married Mark Kozak April 6, 2002. They reside in Cambridge, Md. She is employed at ISG International Inc.



**Maria (Gini) Figueroa** married William R. Young on April 20, 2002. They reside in Stoney Beach development in Pasadena, Md., with their Jack Russell puppy named Vegas. She is living the life she has always dreamed about thanks to her parents, sisters and husband.

**Joy Strider Fratz** and her husband, Brent Fratz, live in Accident, Md., with their two daughters, Emily, 6 1/2, and Adriana, 5. She is a CPA employed by Strider and Associates in Accident.

**Kathleen Ertel Lloyd** is beginning her third year as girls athletic director for The Bullis School in Potomac, Md. She resides in Potomac with her husband, Ty, and son, Brenden (3 years old). Last year she was named Montgomery County Coach of the Year for Lacrosse by the *Montgomery Journal*.

**Denise Whorral Oseneek** and her husband, **Ken** (Class of '96), are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Kenneth Oseneek, born July 24, 2002, weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Denise is a full-

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## McComas Hits the Road with The Outdoor Channel

No such class is offered in the FSU catalog, but **Tony McComas** (Class of '98) is grateful for one lesson he learned from Frostburg: driving in snow.

As events coordinator for The Outdoor Channel, a cable channel devoted to hunting and fishing, McComas is called upon to drive one of the channel's two recreational vehicles all over the country for events at cable providers, sporting goods stores or conventions and trade shows.

"We drove through West Yellowstone in May of last year. There was still plenty of snow," he says. "It's like riding a bike."

The mass communications and public relations graduate and Gaithersburg, Md., native loves his job. In the year and a half that he has been with The Outdoor Channel, he has visited 30 states.

"When I get into the smaller towns, where they really love The Outdoor Channel, I meet such nice and kind people, real country American folk." It's the best part of his job, he says, meeting "neat, unique, interesting people."



Tony McComas has already logged thousands of miles in The Outdoor Channel RV.

It's not a job that anyone would have guessed for him. He neither hunts nor fishes, nor ever really showed an interest.

"I had buddies at Frostburg who were big into The Outdoors Channel; they carried it there. I'd go over to their apartment and they'd be watching, and I'd say 'What's this?'"

Isn't there a football game on somewhere?" Now I'm working here."

His events are primarily designed to build customer relations and to get the word out about The Outdoor Channel. March through October is the traveling season, while the winter is spent planning upcoming events.

Tony also helped implement a recent contest – sort of an "American Idol" for the outdoors set. The winner – to be announced soon – will get his or her own fishing show.

If you want to see if Tony will be coming to your town once the travel season starts up again in March, check out the Web site at [www.outdoorchannel.com](http://www.outdoorchannel.com).

— Liz Douglas Medcalf

close-up



and watch them grow and grow and grow...

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Job Title		

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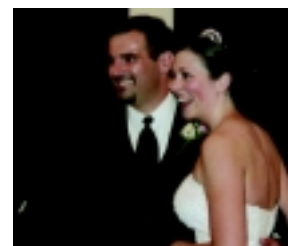
# 1995



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# 1998

**Mark Nicholas** married Rebecca Elizabeth Edmonds May 24, 2002. He is employed as a pension consultant for First Financial Group in Towson, Md.

**Michelle Shoemaker** married Randy Michael Gunzburger July 27, 2002. She is a financial analyst at Allegheny Energy in Hagerstown, Md.

**Rebecca Densmore** married **David White** (Class of '98) June 24, 2000. They are happy to announce the birth of their son, Brennan Vincent White, born March 13, 2002.

**Rebecca Holmes** married **Brian Patrick Rau** (Class of '99) June 22, 2002. She is working as a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. He teaches elementary physical education in Prince George's County, Md. They reside in Crofton.

**Tonya Detrick** will be teaching special education with the Allegany County Board of Education in Allegany County, Md.

**Warren Campbell** recently moved from Dublin, Ohio, to Edwards, Colo. He is working for the Town of Vail as a Planner II. He "loves those blue skies!"

## 1999

**Wayne Carr** performed his one-man show, "I Wonder If Heaven Gotta Ghetto," at the 2002 Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Festival, Scotland. Carr's 45-minute monologue is a "high-energy, gritty drama that focuses on trials and tribulations of controversial rapper Tupac Shakur." Reviewers called Carr's play "a moving account of a wasted life that deserves to be seen."

**Cassandra Pearl Moser** married Darren Wayne Weaver Nov. 3, 2001. She is employed as director of human resources for Reeder's Memorial Home in Boonsboro, Md.

**Debra Helman** resides in Purgitsville, W.Va., with her husband, Ralph, and their sons, Samuel and John. She is teaching pre-schoolers at West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney.

**Jacqueline Turner** married **Alexander Gillis Kelly** (Class of '96) Oct. 13, 2001. She is employed by the Allegany County Health Department Outpatient Mental Health Clinic as the coordinator of the therapeutic preschool program in Cumberland, Md. He is serving as a Trooper First Class Flight Paramedic with the

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### 19th Grant From AA-I

FSU Alumni Association President **Royal V. Hines** (left, Class of '94), accepted a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from **Estelle Martin** (Class of '77), FSU's representative to AA-I, during the Alumni Board's quarterly meeting during Homecoming weekend. The grant support provided funding for the Alumni Association's year-end calendar/greeting card that was distributed in December to all FSU alumni. Since submitting its first grant proposal to AA-I in 1991, the Frostburg Alumni Association has secured nearly \$80,000 in grant support that has funded a variety of initiatives.

## alumni getaways

The FSU Alumni Association, in partnership with Collette Vacations, presents two exciting travel opportunities:

## The Best of the Pacific Northwest a Smithsonian Journey

July 11—17, 2003

7 Days/11 Meals  
(6 breakfasts & 5 dinners)



### Highlights include:

- Seattle, Victoria
- Royal British Columbia Museum
- Butchart Gardens
- Duncan, Chemainus
- Whistler
- Sea to Sky Highway
- Vancouver

### Accommodations include:

Delta Whistler Resort  
The Claremont Hotel  
Chateau Victoria  
Renaissance Harbourside.

## Shades of Ireland

March 22—31, 2004

10 Days/15 Meals  
(8 breakfasts & 7 dinners)



### Highlights include:

- Limerick
- Medieval Banquet
- Cliff of Moher
- Galway
- Killarney
- Ring of Kerry
- Blarney Castle
- Kilkeeny Castle
- Dublin
- Waterford Crystal visit

### Accommodations include:

Castletroy Park Hotel  
(Limerick)  
Great Southern Hotel  
(Killarney)  
Granville Hotel (Waterford)  
Kinnitty or Cabra Castle (Birr)  
Radisson SAS St. Helen's Hotel  
(Dublin)

Pricing for both trips includes round trip airfare from Baltimore.

Interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities? Please contact Becky Coleman at 301/687-4068 or e-mail at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu).

**you're invited!**

## Annual Alumni Association Meeting

The annual meeting is the forum in which alumni determine the leadership of the Frostburg State University Alumni Association. On Sunday, April 27, 2003, several alumni will be elected to the Board of Directors of the Association in the capacities of officers and directors.

Per the by-laws of the FSU Alumni Association, the following are considered members of the FSU Alumni Association and, therefore, are eligible to vote during the election process: graduates and former students of Frostburg State University, Frostburg State College, Frostburg State Teachers College and Frostburg State Normal School.

All members of the FSU Alumni Association are encouraged to exercise their voting privileges. In the event that a member chooses to vote but is unable to attend the annual meeting, a mail or e-mail ballot may be used.

To request candidate information, including a mail ballot, please contact Colleen Peterson in the Office of Alumni Programs at 301/687-4068 or by e-mail at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) by April 4, 2003. Upon your request, we will forward the appropriate candidate information, as well as a meeting agenda to you.

Aviation Division, stationed at the Cumberland Section.

**Marie-Megan Mabey** married Ronald Martin Leach Sept. 15, 2001. She is employed as director of the YMCA after-school program in Hancock, Md., and works as cashier and hostess for the Country Inn in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

**Michelle Lease** married **Michael Carey Howard** (Class of '99) Oct. 6, 2002. She is employed at Snow Hill High School in Snow Hill, Md. He is employed by Aqua Care Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury, Md.

**Pamela Hook** has been promoted to plant manager of Hunter Douglas Northeast. She worked for Bausch and Lomb for 18 years and joined Hunter Douglas in 1997 as a supervisor.

**Susan Hall** married Tyler Lee Defibaugh June 23, 2001. She is employed by the Montgomery County Board of Education as math teacher.



**Thomas Forrest** graduated from the Virginia National Guard Officer Candidate School at Fort Pickett, Va., on Aug. 24, 2002, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard. The commissioning oath was administered by his father, retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Robert M. Forrest. He resides in Luray, Va., where he is employed by the Page County School System. His first assignment as a second lieutenant will be as a rifle platoon leader with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 116th Infantry of the National Guard in Charlottesville, Va.

**Tracy Knott** married George K. Still Oct. 6, 2001. She is employed as an account executive at WFRB, GO106 and WTBO Radio in Frostburg.

**Krista Kalbaugh** will teach English at Westmar High School.

## 2000

**Adam Lassiter** married Carrie E. Styles on May 4, 2002. He is a sales representative for Accu Tech and she is a dental hygienist. They live in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Andrew McCullom** married Amanda Marie Aldridge July 7, 2001. He is employed as a graphic designer at Graphic Technologies in Issaquah, Wash.

**Andrew Miller** has been promoted to Public Affairs Consultant with Bose Treacy Associates LLC in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Charles Nolan** retired from the Garrett County Sheriff's office in August 2002. He was the D.A.R.E. Officer for a number of years and now has ambitions of returning to Frostburg for his teaching certificate to teach secondary students.

**Cristopher Janoff**, since graduating from Frostburg, has become an author. His book, *Songs From the Golden Flute: A Book of Poems and Lyrics* (Writers Club Press), was published in December 2001.

**Daya Chaney** and **Ryan Webb** (Class of '99), also known simply as "Webb," tied the knot in Frederick, Md., in December 2002. Webb works as a cartographer in Gaithersburg for EarthData International. Daya works as a counselor for Girls Incorporated of Washington County. They bought a turn-of-the-century colonial farmhouse in Sharpsburg, Md., and are enjoying their quiet nights in the country.

**Krista Kane Craig** is employed as the executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Alleghenies in Cumberland, Md.

**Marty Adams**, along with his father, has opened a Subway Sandwich Shop in Hagerstown, Md.

**Melissa Judy** has joined the staff at the Allegany County Human Resources Department in Cumberland, Md., as elder support services manager.

**Sara-Beth James** married Gerald Phillip Wolfe Jr. Aug. 20, 2002. She is employed by the Allegany Office for Children, Youth and Families.

**Shawn Swisher** married Erica Jane Kelly June 30, 2001. He is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education.

**Timothy Kelly** has been promoted to the rank of senior airman for his exceptional military performance. He is serving with the 7th Security Forces Squadron Air Combat Command in the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## 2001

**Brooke Kronner** is a successful and extremely happy elementary music teacher in Talbot County, Md. "Thank you Frostburg!"

**Carrie Duckworth** has joined the staff at the Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission

Inc. in Cumberland, Md., as a family service specialist with Head Start.

**Frank Guthrie** married **Nan L. Grove** (Class of '97) April 20, 2002. He is employed as a production team leader for Mack Trucks Inc. in Hagerstown. She is employed as an accounting supervisor at Ingersoll-Rand in Shippensburg, Pa.

**Kristina Turner** has passed the examinations allowing her to conduct business as a stockbroker and financial consultant. She is employed with the Foreman Financial Group in Cumberland, Md.

**Stuart Czapski** has joined Hunter Douglas Northeast as project engineer.

**Tonya Lewis** has joined the staff at the Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission Inc. in Cumberland, Md. She is a lead teacher II with the Head Start Program.

## 2002

**Alexa Robertson** is in her first year as volleyball coach at Smithsburg High School in Smithsburg, Md.

**Christine Bushneck** teaches second grade at Dundalk Elementary School.

**Deborah Adams** is now teaching English classes for eighth, ninth and 10th grades at Calvary Christian Academy in Cresaptown, Md.

**Erin Cheshire** married Jeffrey Paige Jenkins Aug. 29, 2002. She is employed by the Hampshire County Special Services Center as a clinical supervisor.

**Karney McNear** is employed at Creative Education Institute in South Florida as an educational consultant.

**Rebecca Kreger** married Jordon Christopher Bishop June 1, 2002. She is interning at the Federal Correctional Institution.

**Timothy Elliott** has joined the Phoenix Theatre Circle for the 2002-2003 season.

**Tricia Schaidt** is teaching high school math at her alma mater, Calvary Christian Academy in Cresaptown, Md.

## President of Erie Insurance Succumbs

**Stephen A. Milne** (Class of '71) passed away on Sept. 3, 2002, after a three-year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Steve retired from his duties in January as president and CEO of Erie Insurance, where he served in the leadership role from 1996 until January 2002. He worked in various capacities within the company for nearly 29 years. According to Erie press releases, the insurance company ranked as one of the country's premier property/casualty insurers under Milne's leadership. He was passionate about Erie's service-oriented environment, which led to the company winning the prestigious J.D. Power and Associates Award.

Steve served on countless professional and community organizations, lending his business expertise.

Steve was a native of Washington, D.C., and lived in Maryland for many years before settling in Pennsylvania.

"Steve was not just my brother, but a best friend and confidant as well," remembers Steve's sibling **Henry Milne** (Class of '68). "We shared many passions, the greatest being a love for music, both of us spending part of our younger life in folk and rock groups. Those who knew Steve know that he lived his life to the fullest and shared his enthusiasm and spirit with his friends and family. His optimism and strength throughout his illness was a tremendous inspiration to me, and the rest of our family."

He is survived by his wife, Joy (Wheeler), a son, Lucas, and a daughter, Holly.

He and his family were strong believers in by the ALS-Therapy Development Foundation. Contributions can be made to the Stephen Milne Society to Benefit ALS Therapy Development Foundation. For more information, visit [www.stephenmilne.org](http://www.stephenmilne.org).

## Faculty

**C. Waldon Skinner**, former head of the Department of Education, died on Sept. 26, 2002, at age 79.

He received two bachelor's degrees from Fairmont State College in West Virginia and his master's degree from West Virginia University.

From 1955 to 1958, Dr. Skinner taught biology and health education at FSC before leaving Frostburg to earn a doctorate at Columbia University Teacher's College. He returned to Frostburg in 1960 and resumed his duties instructing biology and human physiology before being named as education head in 1964.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, and is survived by his son, Michael, and daughters Lynn, Kathy and Shelly. Dr. Skinner had eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was a resident of Neptune Beach, Fla.

Family requests that donations be made in Dr. Skinner's name to the American Cancer Society.

**Mary E. Murray**, former instructor of social sciences in the 1960s and '70s, died on Nov. 6, 2002. She was 95.

She was born in Mount Savage, Md., of Irish parents. She attended Frostburg Normal School, the University of Maryland, West Virginia University and the London School of Economics.

Miss Murray taught 48 years at Allegany High School, Frostburg State College and the Catholic University of America. A woman of great faith, she was elected national regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and served two terms from 1978-1982, during which period the Daughters raised \$1 million and established the Chair in American Catholic Church History at Catholic University.

She published books of poetry and won the World Poetry award in 1988 and 1992. During the Reagan administration, she was one of a hundred religious leaders of the nation, only four of whom were women, to have luncheon with the President at the White House. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Church, 15706 St. Patrick Church Road, Mount Savage, MD 21545, for its renovation fund.

**Helene L. Esperance Baldwin** died on Jan. 16, 2003, in Salisbury, Conn., at age 83. She served as a member of the Frostburg English Department from 1966 until her retirement in 1986.

Educated at Strathcona Academy, Mrs. Baldwin received her bachelor's degree from McGill University. She was a lieutenant in the Canadian Women's Army Corps. during World War II. After moving to the United States, she received a master's degree from George Washington University, and later, a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. She was a former editor

for the United States Geological Survey. Her numerous published works includes the book *Samuel Beckett's Real Silence*.

She was also a lay minister, educator and vestry member of the Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan H. Baldwin, and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be conducted in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06038 or to the Bark Lake Protective Association, c/o Helene Baldwin Fund, CP 572, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9R4S7.



## Alumni

**1924 Martha M. Diehl**  
July 29, 2002

**1927 Elma Carr Perdew**  
June 23, 2002

**Mary Murray**  
Nov. 6, 2002

**1928 Ethel K. Holter**  
Dec. 4, 2002

**1930 Camilla Angle Boward**  
Oct. 27, 2002

**1931 Katherine E. Bailey**  
March 15, 2002

**Florence Robinette**  
July 15, 2002

**Katherine Elaine Wisegarver Bailey**  
March 15, 2002

**1942 John L. Feldmann**  
July 15, 2002

**Nina L. Weaver Straser**  
Sept. 15, 2002

**1943 Kathleen B. Baer Layman**  
Aug. 15, 2002

**1951 Rosemary W. Weimer Ford**  
July 9, 2002

**George F. McGaughey**  
Aug. 19, 2002

**1966 Judith Schubert**  
Aug. 1, 2002

**1971 Philip Scott Fey**  
Jan. 1, 2003

**Stephen Allen Milne**  
(see left) Sept. 3, 2002

**1976 Carol Lois Bittner**  
July 30, 2002

**1977 Florence R. Whitworth**  
July 21, 2002

**1978 Arnold S. Nelson**  
May 29, 2002

**Stephanie L. Buser**  
Nov. 10, 2002

**1981 Gregory P. Mullen**  
Aug. 10, 2002

**1982 William S. Burke**  
July 15, 2002

**1983 Kathleen Ann Lese**  
Aug. 11, 2002

**1989 Colleen Rinard**  
Nov. 3, 2002

**Patricia Ann Welch**  
Sept. 1, 2002

**1999 Dana Marie Fretterd**  
April 28, 2002

## Friends of the University

**A.P. Boxley**  
July 28, 2002

**Ethel H. Malchenson**  
Aug. 14, 2002

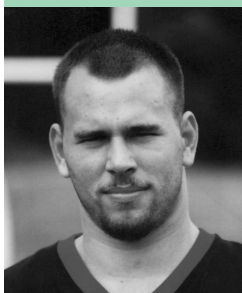
**John J. Zimmerman**  
June 23, 2002

**Lucille Cinquegrani**  
Dec. 24, 2002

## Football Players Named to Hewlett Packard All-America Team

Senior defensive lineman **George O'Brien** and junior tight end **Roy Olson** were among the 115 players from 69 schools named to the 2002 Hewlett Packard Division III All-America Football Team.

O'Brien, a resident of Mt. Airy, earned second-team honors, while Olson was named to the third team. This marks the first time in Frostburg State football history that two players were selected to the HP All-America team in the same year.



George O'Brien

O'Brien led the Bobcats with 89 tackles and tied for the Atlantic Central Football Conference lead with 9.5 sacks this season. He also tied for second on the FSU squad with 20 tackles for loss and added an interception, a pass break-up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

The Hewlett Packard award is one of many O'Brien has earned this year.

He has also been named to the prestigious American Football Coaches Association All-America Team, the Eastern

College Athletic Conference Division III Southwest All-Star Team, the All-Atlantic Central Football Conference first team and the Football Gazette All-South Region third team.

Additionally, O'Brien played in the Second Annual East Coast Bowl and was a member of the Division III United States All-Star Team that defeated Mexico, 15-9, in the 2002 Aztec Bowl.

Olson, who transferred from Ferrum (Va.) College and resides in Lexington Park, earned his first Hewlett Packard All-America

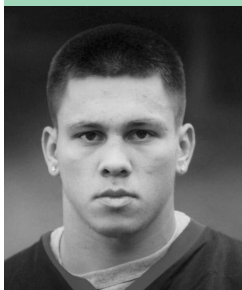
honor after his stellar debut season with the Bobcats.

He hauled in 44 passes for a team-high 825 yards, tied for the team lead for both touchdown catches (8) and points (48) and averaged an impressive 18.8 yards per catch.

Olson also earned first-team All-ACFC and second-team Football Gazette All-South Region honors.

The Hewlett Packard All-America ballot included 377 players representing 147 of

the 228 NCAA Division III football-playing institutions. The silver anniversary team was selected by a panel of 29 sports information directors representing the four playoff regions in NCAA Division III.



Roy Olson

## Four Inducted into Bobcat Hall of Fame

FSU welcomed four new members into the Bobcat Hall of Fame at its 32nd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony during Homecoming weekend.

The 2002 induction class consists of **Susan Eisel**, long-time secretary for Athletics and Health, Physical Education and Recreation; field hockey and lacrosse standout **Kathy Marron** (Class of '75); football and track and field great **Keith Shorter** (Class of '90); and women's basketball star **Diane Wisnewski** (Class of '84). The four additions bring the total of members in the Hall of Fame to 128.

Eisel has been one of the most significant people in the growth and development of FSU and Bobcat athletics. She joined Frostburg State in 1966 and was first assigned to Compton Hall as secretary for the Department of Health and Physical Education/Athletics, Music and Speech and Theater. Working for all three departments, Eisel made travel and meal arrangements for all sports teams, handled insurance and eligibility and also dealt with equipment and recruiting.

Eisel worked with Bobcat athletics until 1979, when she began concentrating all of her efforts into the expanded Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department. She continued to show her love and support of FSU sports as a member of the Bobcat Club, serving on the Board of Directors and chairing both the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony from 1984 to 2000.

Eisel has been very active in a broad range of on-campus activities throughout her tenure and has earned numerous honors and recognition for her service and dedication. She was presented the Jim Anderson Award for contributions to society by the FSU Baseball Alumni, and in October 2002 she received the prestigious University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Exceptional Contributions to the University.

Marron enjoyed an outstanding career as a member of the Frostburg State field hockey and lacrosse teams, earning varsity letters in each of her combined five seasons. In field hockey, Marron helped the Bobcats to an overall 16-5-4 record (1971, 1972 and 1974), scoring a then-career record 19 goals in that span. She tied for the team lead in scoring with five goals in 1971, and she led the squad in goals in both 1972 (8) and 1974 (6). Marron was named the team's Outstanding Forward in 1972, and she



Susan Eisel



Kathy Marron '75



Keith Shorter '90



Diane Wisnewski '84

earned All-Baltimore College Field Hockey Association honors in 1972 and 1974.

As a defensive wing on the lacrosse team, Marron helped lead FSU to a combined 17-7-1 record in 1973 and 1975. The 1973 squad posted a then-school record 12-0-1 finish and captured the Maryland State Women's Lacrosse Championship, defeating Salisbury, the University of Maryland, Towson and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Shorter established himself as one of the top players in Frostburg State football history during his standout career as a defensive back and return specialist and as a high jumper on the Bobcat track and field team.

Shorter made an immediate impact as a freshman, recording 62 tackles and four interceptions. As a sophomore, he made 52 stops and tied for the team lead with four interceptions, and he added a combined 14 punt/kick-off returns for a total of 92 yards. As a junior, Shorter helped lead FSU to a 9-1 finish, posting 41 tackles and two more interceptions. He capped his football career with a stellar senior season, recording 42 tackles and a Bobcat single-season record eight interceptions as Frostburg State went 9-2 and advanced to the ECAC South Region Championship game. He earned Division III

Third-Team All-America honors from both the Football Gazette and Champion U.S.A. Shorter, who started all 41 of FSU's games during his four seasons, finished with a then-school record 18 career interceptions, and he ranks second in that category at the time of his induction.

As a standout with the Bobcat track and field team, Shorter won three Mason-Dixon Conference titles in the high jump and added three more top-six finishes. His best marks were 6'7.5" (indoor) and 6'7.0" (outdoor).

Wisnewski was one of the most consistent and physically gifted players in Frostburg State women's basketball history.

Wisnewski, who played both forward and point guard, started all 96 of FSU's games in her career and led the Bobcats to unprecedented success. FSU posted a 72-45 overall record and made four postseason appearances during Wisnewski's tenure.

As a freshman, Wisnewski helped the Bobcats to a school-record 20-5 finish and a berth in the Eastern Region AIAW Playoffs, leading the team with 102 assists and ranking fourth in scoring (8.6) and fifth in rebounding (4.4). In her sophomore season, Wisnewski averaged 10.2 points and 8.9 rebounds as FSU finished 15-7, ranked among the nation's top scoring teams (71.8) and made its first-ever appearance in the

NCAA Division III Tournament. One year later, she posted 12.1 points and 9.8 rebounds per game to lead the Bobcats to a 20-5 finish and their first postseason victory. FSU advanced to the NCAA Atlantic Region Final, and

Wisnewski was named to the All-Region Team. As a senior, Wisnewski captained the team to a 17-8 record and the ECAC South Region Championship title. She scored a then-single season record 397 points (16.5 ppg) and also led the team with 259 rebounds and 39 blocked shots.

Wisnewski, who became just the second 1,000-point scorer in the program's history, finished her career with 1,139 career points. She ranks 10th all-time in scoring and sixth in rebounding (807).

The Bobcat Hall of Fame induction ceremony is held the Friday evening of every Homecoming weekend.



### FSU Takes Regents Cup (Again)

Frostburg State converted five Salisbury miscues into 35 points as the Bobcats trounced the 14th-ranked Sea Gulls, 37-7, in front of 2,500 rain-soaked fans in the Fourth Annual Regents Cup Game this past November at Towson Stadium. The Bobcats, who won their second straight Regents Cup title and third in the four-year history of the contest, also captured their second Atlantic Central Football Conference crown in the league's four-year existence. The Regents Cup is named of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. The tournament allows FSU and Salisbury to showcase their longtime rivalry at a stadium equal distance from both campuses.

# fall recaps

## FOOTBALL

The Bobcat football team continued its return to prominence under third-year head coach Rubin Stevenson, finishing with a 6-5 overall record and a 3-0 mark in the Atlantic Central Football Conference. FSU won its second straight Regents Cup crown, captured its second ACFC title in four years and advanced to the ECAC Southwest Championship game for the sixth time. Coach Stevenson was also voted the ACFC Coach of the Year.

The Bobcats posted impressive wins over Apprentice (42-6), Oberlin (48-14), two-time defending conference champion Wesley (37-18), Ursinus (35-14) and Westminster (24-17) before dominating state rival and previously unbeaten Salisbury, 37-7, in the Fourth Annual Regents Cup Game at Towson Stadium.

FSU's five losses were by a combined 21 points. Three came by three points, while two more were by six points in overtime, including a triple-overtime heart-breaker to eventual national quarterfinalist Brockport State.

Several Bobcats turned in stellar seasons, highlighted by junior quarterback Grant Burrough's record-setting year. Burrough was named the ACFC Offensive Player of the Year and also earned *Football Gazette* All-South Region honors after establishing 12 school marks. He established new single-season marks for completions (232), attempts (421), passing yards (3,041), touchdowns (26) and total yards (3,243), and he set single-game records for completions (35), attempts (65), passing



yards (452), touchdowns (5) and total yards (458). Burrough also became FSU's career leader in touchdown passes (44) and total yards (5,464) and had four games with over 300 passing yards.

Senior defensive tackle George O'Brien earned several postseason honors, including selections to the prestigious AFCA and Hewlett Packard All-America teams. He was also chosen to play in the East Coast All-Star Game and represented the U.S. in the Aztec Bowl against Mexico. Junior tight end Roy Olson was also named to the Hewlett Packard and *Football Gazette* All-America teams after catching 44 passes for 825 yards and eight touchdowns (see story on page 40).

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Bobcat men's and women's cross country teams continued their dominance of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference in 2002. The FSU men won the league title for the second straight year and the fifth time in the conference's six-year history. Five FSU runners finished in the top

seven, including sophomore Mike Replogle, who placed second. Freshman Ed May turned in a third-place finish and was named the AMCC Newcomer of the Year. Head Coach Randy Lowe garnered AMCC Men's Coach of the Year honors. The Bobcat women captured their fifth AMCC title in six years, placing five runners in the top nine. Freshman Sarah Valenta led the way with a fourth-place showing, while Lowe was named the AMCC Women's Coach of the Year as well.

The men's and women's teams, which had a combined 11 runners named to the All-AMCC squad, performed well at the NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships, placing 15th and 23rd, respectively.

## FIELD HOCKEY

The Bobcats enjoyed a strong turnaround in Head Coach Nicole Bonvouloir's second year at the helm, finishing 12-7 overall after a 7-9 showing in 2001. The 12 victories are the second-highest single-season total in school history, and the Bobcats set a single-season school record with 56 goals on the year. Senior Kim Faust capped her stellar career by scoring a school-record 23 goals, breaking her former mark of 22 she set as a sophomore. Faust and fellow senior Heather Kanowicz were selected to participate in the prestigious NFHCA North-South Senior All-Star Game played Sat., Nov. 23 in Springfield, Mass. Faust also earned STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III South Region All-America honors for her efforts.

## MEN'S SOCCER

FSU posted a respectable 8-9-2 overall finish under first-year head coach Keith Byrnes. After some early-season struggles to find the net, the Bobcats posted a five-match winning streak. Among those victories was a thrilling 2-1 double-overtime road win over regionally ranked Mary Washington. Four of FSU's losses came by a single goal while three others were by two tallies.

Six Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC team.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Bobcats continued their emergence as one of the top programs in the region, winning their second straight AMCC championship and making a second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament under first-year head coach and FSU alum Brian Parker. Facing the toughest schedule in school history, the Bobcats posted a 10-8-4 finish and played seven overtime games (FSU went 3-0-4 in those contests). Eight Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC team, led by sophomore standout Karen Kotofski, who earned first-team honors for the second straight year after notching 16 goals and 34 points. Kotofski was also named to the Verizon Academic All-District team for her efforts in the class-





room. Junior Stephanie Zych etched her name in the school record books, setting career marks for wins (32), shutouts (14) and saves (336). The future continues to look bright for the Bobcats with 19 players slated to return next season.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Bobcats struggled through a 2-10 season under first-year head coach Stuart Swink. With a lineup of young and inexperienced players, FSU endured an 0-8 start before finishing up strong, winning two of their last four matches and placing third at the AMCC Tournament. Junior Kirsten Getz, who improved her overall record to 24-4, including a perfect 18-0 against league opponents, captured the No. 1 singles title at the AMCC championships and was named the league's Player of the Year. Sophomore Aimee Mendoza showed solid development and posted a runner-up finish at the No. 4 singles flight.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

After having its five-year reign as AMCC champions come to an end in 2001, the Bobcats and second-year head coach Jeff Billington (FSU '84) returned to the top of the league in style. FSU posted a 25-10 overall record, including a perfect 12-0 mark against league foes, and claimed its fifth AMCC crown. The strong showing helped the Bobcats earn an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last four years, where they dropped a tough 3-2 decision to Gettysburg in the opening round. Four Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC Team, including sophomore Lauren Petrick, who took home AMCC Co-Player of the Year as well as Verizon Academic All-District honors. Billington was named the AMCC Coach of the Year. FSU returns 11 of its 12 players in 2003.



## Fall Post-Season Awards

### Grant Burrough (Football)

*Football Gazette* All-South Region Second Team

### Kim Faust (Field Hockey)

STX/NFHCA South Region All-America First Team

NFHCA Division III Senior North/South All-Star Game participant

### Chris Golliday (Football)

*Football Gazette* All-South Region Second Team

### Allen Jordan (Football)

East Coast All-Star Game participant

### Heather Kanowicz (Field Hockey)

NFHCA Division III Senior North/South All-Star Game alternate

### Karen Kotofski (Soccer)

NSCAA adidas Great Lakes Region All-America Third Team

Verizon/CoSida Academic All-District II Second Team

### George O'Brien (Football)

East Coast All-Star Game participant

Member of U.S. squad in Aztec Bowl (USA vs. Mexico)

*Football Gazette* All-South Region Third Team

ECAC Division III Southwest All-Star Team

AFCA Division III All-America Team

Hewlett Packard All-America Third Team

### Roy Olson (Football)

*Football Gazette* All-South Region Second Team

*Football Gazette* All-America Second Team

Hewlett Packard All-America Second Team

### Lauren Petrick (Volleyball)

Verizon/CoSida Academic All-District II Third Team

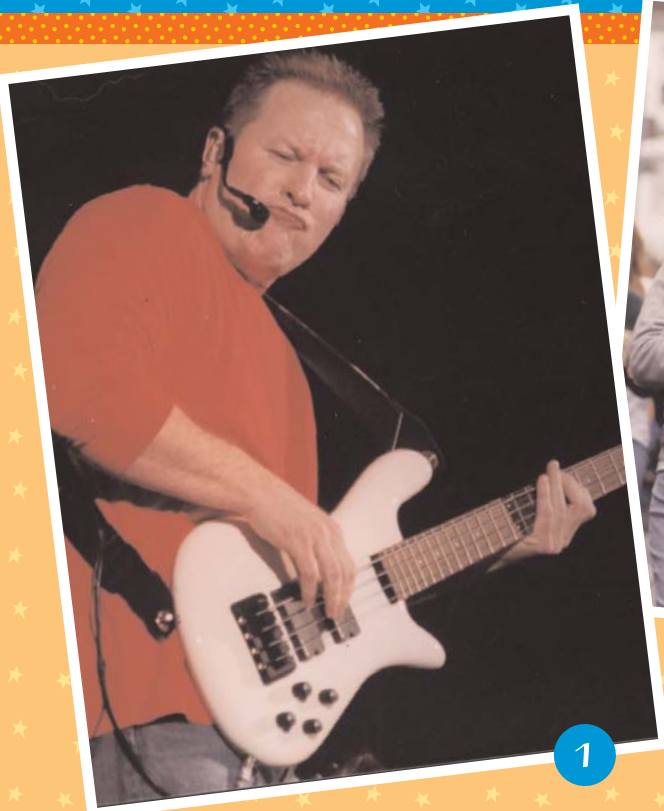
### John Wheaton (Football)

*Football Gazette* All-South Region First Team

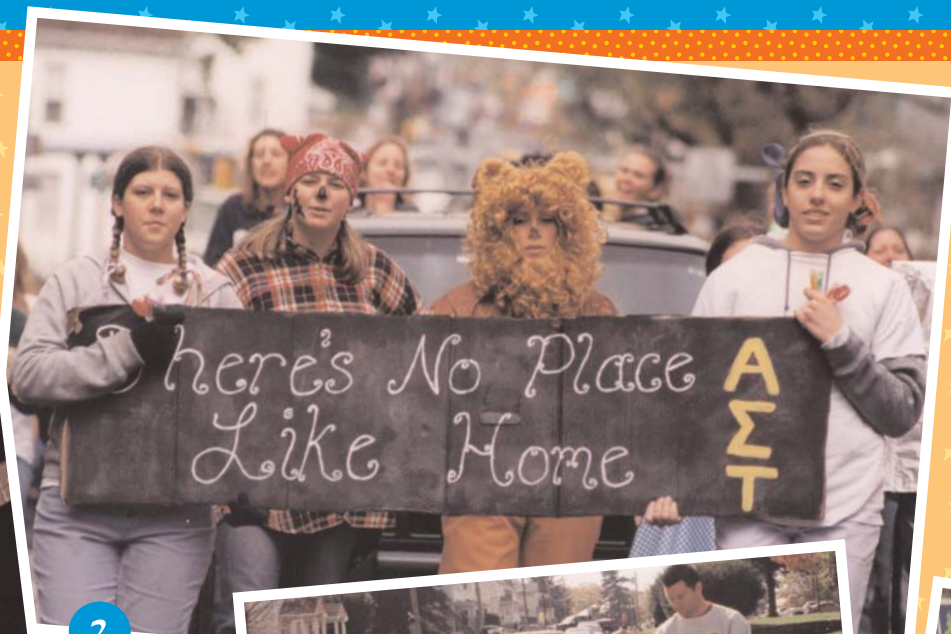


## Pumping Up Donations

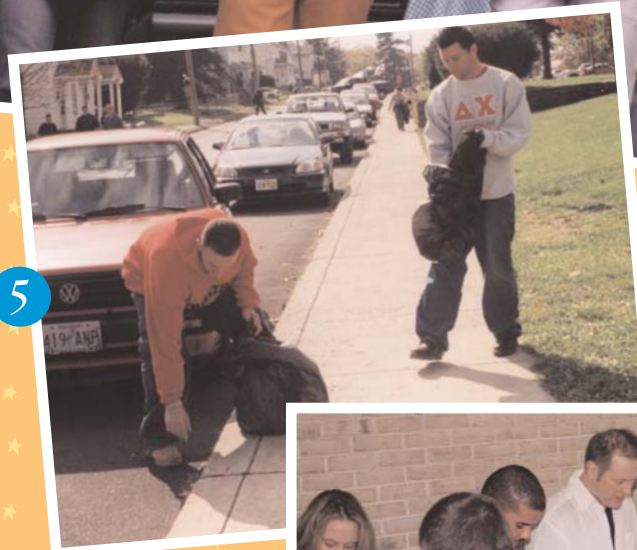
The annual Homecoming reception for the Varsity Club raised \$500 in donations to benefit the FSU Weight Room. The Bobcat Club sponsored the event. Here, **Tom Gorman** (left), manager of the FSU Weight Room, and Athletic Director **Ralph Brewer** receive a check from Bobcat Club president **Francis "Bud" Poland** (Class of '57).



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## Homecoming 2002 Scrapbook

**#1:** Country singer Collin Raye performed an energetic show before an enthusiastic audience. **#2:** The Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau earned top honors in the Best Theme and Best Use of Materials categories for parade entries. **#3:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity celebrated its 25th year reunion during Homecoming. **#4:** Lauren Ruch and Perry Woodland were selected as the 2002 Homecoming royalty. **#5:** Members of Delta Chi Fraternity joined many other student organizations for the Big Event Community Clean-up Project on Sunday. **#6:** Homecoming headliner Collin Raye (center) lent support to the University's Make a Difference Day service project. **#7:** In its second year, the Technology Showcase attracted even greater numbers of participants and observers. **#8:** Face painting once again proves to be a popular Campus Carnival activity. **#9:** Dr. James McCarthy (Class of '71) was one of the writers who participated in the "Authors Corner" at Homecoming. His book, "Ground Zero and Beyond," centers on a world-renowned dental forensic pathologist who identifies bodies after the 9/11 terrorist attack in NYC and finds a partially burnt denture containing a miniature computer disk. His discovery takes the doctor on a dangerous adventure. To obtain a copy, visit online at [www.tworiverspublishing.com](http://www.tworiverspublishing.com). **#10:** The 2002 Alumni Achievement Award recipients, Judy O'Neil Wolfe (Class of '67), Henry "Hank" Hanburger (Class of '71) and Rick Brindle (Class of '82) were honored during the Alumni Expo Luncheon on Friday. **#11:** The NPHC Step Show is a perennial Homecoming favorite. **#12:** Dr. Brit Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, enjoyed an opportunity to ride with his wife, Patty, in a horse-drawn carriage as Homecoming Parade Marshal.

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