Here are a few updates as we begin March.

Women's History Month. We celebrate Women's History month in March. You can learn more about this designation <u>here</u>. We will be providing information about upcoming events on campus.

Bobcat Giving Day. Today is our second Bobcat Giving day - which officially begins at noon. Follow the event on social media as well as our webpage. Please give to your favorite programs. There is also a live giving day party in the Lane Center today from 1 - 4 p.m., along with discounts at the University Bookstore.

Legislative Testimony. Along with Provost Taylor and VP Donoway, I am testifying before the state legislature today and tomorrow. This testimony is given every two years and gives us the opportunity to highlight our achievements and respond to questions from the state legislature.

125th **Anniversary Celebration – Community Connections.** There is a community-led committee as part of our 125th anniversary celebration. The committee members are Emeritus VP Tom Bowling, Emeritus Assistant VP Carmen Jackson, and FSU alum and former Frostburg city manager John Kirby. The committee has recommended that we have several community/campus events in the fall celebrating FSU's contributions in education, service and leadership. We'll be working with the committee on developing these events. We are also scheduling some campus events on May 5 and 6 to celebrate the anniversary.

125 years ago – The Frostburg Mining Journal (March 5, 1898):

The Lonaconing *Review* seems to have lived on Georges Creek to little purpose and less effect. Its latest aberration takes shape in the assumption that – Frostburg's advocates (voiced by the *Journal*) have shown that they favor the "dog in the manger" policy by stating that they would rather go outside of the county than to Cumberland for a site. The *Journal* has never made any such statement. That notion *originated in Cumberland*. The *Journal* did say in effect that a State school, established and conducted in Cumberland under Cumberland auspices, in the very nature of things, would be of little more, if any advantage to outsiders than a real State school located in any other county. To that we stick. The bill now in the House of Delegates, however, provides for a *State* school under *State* management, no matter where it is located. If Cumberland can obtain that sort of school, the *Journal* prefers its location there to any outside the county. In every essential respect, however, Frostburg is very far the superior place for it. The paper, therefore, which sees "smallness" in that attitude doesn't know the name of the first letter in the alphabet of bigness.

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