

This week's update:

Visit from EwingCole. The architectural and design firm EwingCole has been on campus this week to tour campus and meet with the campus community as they complete a feasibility/conceptual design study for our proposed Regional Recreation Center. They have met with faculty, staff and students to gather information. They are working with the Maryland Stadium Authority on this project and hope to have a report to us before the summer.

Enrollment and Recruiting. As of today, we have 413 deposits for next fall from first-time and transfer students. This compares with 211 at this point last year. We are seeing increases in both in-state and out-of-state students. Thank you to all who have been helping on visit days this semester. We are moving forward with registration sessions in April. We have already received 60+ students registered for the first session on April 1. As a reminder, our goal is to convert these deposited students into matriculated students for next fall. For those that read the Cumberland Times-News, there was a front-page story today on the Bobcat Academy that is being offered to Allegany County High School students. We have extended the program to Garrett County as well.

Normal School #2 to State Teachers College at Frostburg. The library exhibit on Normal School #2 will be transitioning soon to the exhibit featuring State Teachers College at Frostburg (in 1935). Check out the exhibits in the Ort Library.

125 Years Ago – Frostburg Mining Journal (Mar 19, 1898):

A Proposition. The School Board and Cumberland papers have all along contended for *unity* of action to get the Normal School *to the county*. There is excellent ground for belief that the Frostburg bill, unobstructed by adverse influences, will succeed. And that success will *bring it to the county*. Now, gentlemen all – will you make your professions good by helping us? We may need your aid to bring it to the county – can we depend up on it? Speak out loud.

Normal School. A telegram from Hon. James Campbell Thursday afternoon announced that he *expected* a favorable report in sum of \$20,000 on Frostburg bill. He is doing intelligent, faithful, heroic work for this place as the *situs*, and as he is undoubtedly an influential member of the House, the *Journal* looks for its passage through that body. And the people need not be less sanguine of Mr. Dick's devotion, energy and success.

[Also thought you would appreciate this warning!] *Notice.* All persons are hereby warned against shooting, or trespassing for the purpose of shooting, on the meadows, pastures, or cleared lands of the Consolidation Coal Company, except the rifle range of the Frostburg Rifle Association. Persons disregarding this notice will be prosecuted. B. S. Randolph, Mining Superintendent.

Spring Break. My next update will be in two weeks. I hope everyone traveling over spring break has a safe and enjoyable break. For those of us remaining, let's hope for a return of spring weather! Go Bobcats!

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