

Here is this week's update:

Bobcat Bound Day. Thanks to all who helped make last Saturday a welcoming event for over 80 new Bobcats and their families. Incoming students and their families were very appreciative of the time and attention they received as these students moved from deposited to matriculated students. We have our second Bobcat Bound Day scheduled for April 15, and it is already oversubscribed. I hope we continue to see this resurgence in interest in FSU. As of this morning, we have 519 deposits for fall (compared with 260 at this time last year) and 90 students with fall schedules.



National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM). Last year, President Biden formally recognized April as Arab American Heritage Month. Celebrations of Arab American Heritage have been traced back to the 1980s. You can learn more about this celebratory designation at this [link](#).

“Thoughts of a Colored Man.” The FSU community has a very unique opportunity to attend “Thoughts of a Colored Man” by FSU alum, Keenan Scott II. Keenan’s play had its origins while he was a student here, and he brought it back to FSU after its Broadway run. There are five days to see the play – April 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Don’t miss this opportunity that rarely happens on any college campus. Thanks to Keenan and our theatre faculty, students and campus staff for making this happen.

125 Years Ago (Frostburg Mining Journal).

April 9, 1898 (Published on the day the MD Legislature Ended its Session – when the Journal had been published, it had no idea that the Normal School would receive approval on the final day of the session):

Uncomfortable Condition. “The Normal School at Frostburg is not a dead certainty it now appears.” – Cumberland Times. Quite so. In other words, it is a live kicking certainty.

One or the Other. “It now looks as if the Frostburg normal school appropriation had met the same fate as the Western Maryland Hospital appropriation, and that lack of formalities leaves it uncertain as to who has authority to obtain or use the fund. If this is so, our sympathy takes the place of congratulations.” – Cumberland News. In the outset the *Journal* gave expression to a strong plea for the hospital appropriation, but both the *News* and those who describe the *Journal* as “locally selfish” seemed to take it as a matter of course. As to the discovery of “lack of formalities” these seems to be a professor of superfluous utility handing around outside of the legislative halls. Or the *News’* party is placing the wrong men inside.

On April 9, 1898, the MD legislature passed the following under the sub-title, “Schools,” the part of section 1, relating to “State Normal School No. 2”.

For the erection of a building at Frostburg, Allegany county, to be known as State Normal School No. 2, the sum of twenty thousand dollars and for the support of said school when established, five thousand dollars annually; provided that the people of the town of Frostburg furnish the ground for the site of said building and deed the same to the State; . . .

Founders Day - Happy Birthday to all FSU Bobcats on our 125th Birthday this Sunday, April 9! Go Bobcats!

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