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This was an exciting year at Frostburg State University that culminated with outstanding commencement exercises on May 16 where more than 600 graduate and undergraduate students received their diplomas. Commencement is my favorite event of the year; I get to shake the hands of hundreds of graduates who are looking forward to their lives and careers and soon after graduation are looking back on their years at Frostburg State University as alumni. I suspect all of our alumni reading this edition of Profile can remember back to the day you said goodbye to Frostburg and, as Henry David Thoreau said, “walked confidently in the direction of your dreams.”

Those dreams are embodied in every edition of Profile. In this issue, you will read about Ricky Arnold, who graduated in accounting and education and went on to be an astronaut as part of NASA’s Space Shuttle program. You have read in previous editions about Broadway actors, Hollywood television writers, business people, teachers, scientists and many people who have walked across the stage at Frostburg to enter into whatever possibilities the world may hold for them. In this edition, we introduce you to five young alumni, working in a variety of fields, who are worth watching in the years to come.

The graduates who walked the stage in May 2009 are entering a world of uncertainty. The jobs they may ultimately possess may not have even been created yet. This is a time in our history when we all face new challenges. We can hope that this new economy will be defined by great and creative leaders. As uncertain as this time may be, it is a time when Frostburg graduates have an opportunity to define our future as they have for many generations.

This is also a time when your alma mater needs your help, a time when I hope you will consider giving something back to assist our students with their financial burden so they, too, can graduate. Our comprehensive campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, is well under way, and we truly need your support. This isn’t raising funds for the sake of raising money — this is raising funds that will forever impact our students’ lives. This edition of Profile also features the stories of those who have stepped up and given generously. If you haven’t already, I hope you will join them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter
President
Frostburg State University
Lifetime of Accomplishments

FSU honors Woodward Pealer with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at May’s commencement in recognition of his leadership in business and the community.

Five Young Alums Soar to New Heights

Here are five alumni to watch, all under the age of 40, in widely different fields, but who share a formula for success.

A Capital Idea

FSU will join the Capital Athletic Conference in 2010, increasing conference competition opportunities and making it easier for families and alumni to cheer on the Bobcats in person.

Behaving Like Animals

FSU students have a rare opportunity to study animal behavior thanks to a colony of tiny cotton-top tamarins who now live on campus.
Chill's First Year Full of Progress

What a difference a year has made in the health and well-being of FSU students!

Guided by CHILL (“Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles”), a campuswide wellness initiative the University launched in September 2008 that is supported by a contribution from AstroZenea, Bobcats have taken advantage of numerous opportunities to learn more about how to live wellness-centered lifestyles. Here are some highlights from CHILL’s first year:

- Five hundred and one students participated in free biomedical screenings that included body composition, blood pressure and lipid screenings. Students with readings that caused concern were contacted for a follow-up consultation at FSU’s Ready Health Center.
- Twenty-four student teams took part in FSU’s own version of a “Biggest Loser”-style competition, which challenged participants to work out, maintain nutrition diaries, donate blood and attend CHILL events through a point-based system. Some teams accumulated more than 350 points and lost a combined weight of more than 77 pounds as a result of their commitment.
- FSU hired a project coordinator for University Wellness, April Baer, and Registered Nurse Julie Miller to ensure CHILL’s success.
- FSU received a Worksite Innovation Award from the American Heart Association and was

FSU Helps Protect Local Ambulance Squad

Frostburg State University and the FSU Foundation, Inc., have donated a total of $8,000 to pay for the purchase of blood-borne pathogen protective suits for members of the Frostburg Ambulance Service. FSU gave $6,000, and the Foundation donated $2,000.

The state requires these protective suits for emergency personnel, said Wayne Lewis, FSU Ambulance president. The suits must be custom-fitted to each volunteer squad member. Costing $991 each, they were purchased in early 2008, and a community fund drive has been ongoing to pay for them and for suits for future volunteers.

The donation from the FSU Foundation put the fund drive over the top on its $50,000 goal, according to Frostburg City Administrator John Kirby.

“This is the second year in a row that we have received a $2,000 grant from the FSU Foundation, says Kirby. Our goal is to receive an annual grant of $2,000 to purchase protective suits for the Frostburg Ambulance Squad.

Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center in his name to honor many of his accomplishments.

FSU has received praise for its community involvement through its contribution to the Frostburg Area Ambulance Service President Wayne Lewis, right, and volunteer Scott Jolly demonstrate the squad’s new blood-borne pathogen protective suit. They are joined by Bernard J. Davison, II, center, FSU vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

Two Local Sororities “Go National”

Two national sororities, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Mu, will “colonize” two local FSU sororities starting this fall.

Phi Mu, the nation’s second oldest sorority, will be returning to Frostburg after an absence of about a decade, reopening its Phi iota Chapter and absorbing Kappa Tau Epilon, an FSU organization that values sisterhood, leadership, responsibility and philanthropic endeavors. Alpha Sigma Alpha is a new chapter with Alpha Gamma, an active FSU group that was recently named Sorority Chapter of the Year at FSU’s annual Greek Stars of Excellence Banquet.

“We are so excited to reestablish our Phi iota Chapter at Frostburg,” says Phi Mu National Vice President, Communication and Extension, Andie Burkett-Kai

Many area alumnae have already expressed an interest in assisting with recruitment and volunteering as chapter advisors, she said. National President Robin White Fanning, as well as several national and area officers, will be visiting during recruitment.

Founded in 1852, Phi Mu is a women’s organization that provides personal and academic development, service to others, commitment to excellence and lifelong friendships through a shared tradition. Phi Mu promotes vibrant living, encouraging members to achieve their personal best.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was founded on Nov. 5, 1901, at the State Female Normal School, now Longwood University, in Farmville, Va. Alpha Sigma Alpha is a women’s organization that exists to promote high ideals and standards for its members throughout their lives by emphasizing balance among the four aims of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development.

Nationally, Alpha Sigma Alpha has nearly 72 collegiate chapters and 78 alumnae chapters. More than 67,000 members are committed to promoting sisterhood, heritage and leadership.

Jamie Wetten, assistant director for Student Activities and Greek Life, is excited about what the next year holds for Greek life at Frostburg. “All of FSU’s recognized Greek organizations have been working really hard and promoting Greek pride and collaboration with each other,” she said.

Phi Mu and Kappa Tau Epilon will hold an alumni brunch, which will include national representatives, to celebrate the merger of the two groups on Saturday during Homecoming Weekend. (See schedule, page 24.)
Lyric Building, FSU Main St. Presence Taking Shape

FSU is gaining more of a “face” on Main Street in Frostburg. Thanks to a $250,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to the FSU Foundation and administered by FSU, most of the first floor of the historic Lyric Building, 16-24 E. Main St., has been adapted to FSU use.

In September, the FSU Bookstore opened the Bobcat Store, selling Frostburg-branded shirts, hats, cups and other items. Then, in November, the University Advancement staff now headquartered at the Lyric Building on Main Street are, from left, Leslie Reed, Laura Bowling ’05, Barbara Filer, Robert Spalding, Emily Dzidzik, Christy King, and back: Kirk 76/91, Alivia White 85, and Carolyn Brown. (Photo by Shannon Gribble ’98 and Lynn Ketterman.)

FSU Renews Its Commitment to Sustainability With Earth Week 2009

This year, FSU responded to the growing need to increase awareness of climate change and sustainability by celebrating not just a single Earth Day, but a whole week’s worth of activities dedicated to environmental education and dialogue.

Organized by the University’s Learning Green, Living Green (LGLG) Committee. Earth Week 2009, which ran April 20 through 26, devoted each day of the week to a different aspect of environmental awareness: “A Day of Celebration,” “A Day of Learning,” “A Day of Action,” “A Day of Appreciation” and “A Day of Service.” Highlights included a lecture by keynote speaker Brian Tokay, a noted advocate, author, and prominent voice on environmental issues since the 1970s; Fouts Frostburg, a “Day of Learning,” featuring presentations by FSU faculty, staff and community partners; a concert with earth-themed vocal and instrumental pieces by FSU’s musical talent; and a “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” poster contest, which invited people to vote for their favorite student-created Earth-themed posters in person and online at FSU’s Earth Week 2009 Facebook group. Taking a holistic approach to sustainability, FSU also incorporated its annual Relay for Life fundraiser as part of Earth Week’s “Day of Service.” The event drew 818 participants divided among 59 teams and raised nearly $44,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Following Earth Week 2009, FSU’s LGLG team completed a working draft of the campus Climate Action Plan and presented it to FSU’s Executive Committee May 6. The Climate Action Plan, a requirement of FSU’s membership in the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), outlines comprehensive, specific strategies that will guide the University in reducing its carbon footprint. It will be submitted to ACUPCC in September.

For more information on Learning Green, Living Green and Earth Week 2009, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg or look for “Earth Week 2009, Frostburg State University” on Facebook.

New Facility Offers Research Opportunity in Animal Behaviors

FSU students have a rare opportunity to work with the tiny members of this unique species, who weigh between 1 and 1.5 pounds and are called “cottontop” because of the “Einstein-like” hair on their heads. FSU’s tamarins were born in captivity and are housed in male-female pairs in large aviary-like enclosures that have been arranged with a variety of branches to simulate their natural habitat. Environmental enrichment is very important in the care of these animals, and each tamarin pair has toys, swings and foraging opportunities to keep them active. The care and well-being of these very special animals are of the utmost importance, and the colony has been fortunate to have an excellent team of students and volunteers dedicated to their daily care.

For the past year, FSU has been home to 12 cotton-top tamarins, who live in newly renovated space in the Guild Center. The tamarins, a very small monkey species found in the wild only in Colombia, were generously donated to FSU by the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in hopes of continuing the legacy of quality noninvasive behavioral research with this species that was begun by Dr. Charles T. Snowdon, his students and collaborators.

Dr. Erica Kennedy of the Psychology Department directs the tamarin colony and noninvasive student research involving the behavior and problem-solving abilities of these animals. Kennedy has spent more than eight years studying the intelligence of a variety of primate species. She believes that the tamarin colony will serve as a valuable opportunity for FSU students and area K-12 students to learn about animal behavior research. There are very few colleges and universities in the country that give undergraduates the chance to study the behavior of nonhuman primates, so this is an especially exciting opportunity for FSU. The addition of the tamarin colony has also allowed for the development of related courses. Kennedy is now teaching a new course titled “Animal Learning and Cognition,” which involves students conducting behavioral observations of the tamarins as part of a course project.

Another important goal of FSU’s tamarin colony is to increase students’ knowledge of conservation issues. Cotton-top tamarins are an endangered species, and sadly there are very few of them left in the wild, where their natural habitat is being lost to deforestation. One of Kennedy’s goals is to increase awareness of this species and of ways to help them in the wild. Conservation programs such as “Proyecto Titi” provide an avenue to assist cotton-top tamarins through education and financial contributions.

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Godiva, a member of FSU’s tamarin colony

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faculties accolades

Dr. Amit Shah

Shah Honored With USM’s Highest Faculty Award for Public Service

The University System of Maryland recognized Dr. Amit Shah, professor of management, with a Regents Faculty Award, one of only four faculty members statewide to receive the Regents’ Award for Public Service in recognition of his contributions to his community and profession.

Shah has been involved as a project coordinator for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s AIDS administration grants, which are designed to build the capacity of Community-Based Organizations in Maryland. More than 20 organizations have been helped by more than $100,000 in grants in the last three years.

Shah also founded the FSU College of Business’ Center for Community Partnership, which provides area businesses with skill development and management training. The organization, recently transformed into the Center for Leadership Development, offers workshops specific to organizational needs.

Shah has also contributed significant service to his profession during his 19 years at FSU. He has served on the editorial boards of three journals: AIDS International Journal of Management, The Coastal Business Journal, and the Advanced Management Journal.

Shah also has served on leadership roles in the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute and the Southeastern Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

Faculty Honored for Achievements

Five faculty members were recognized with the 2009 Faculty Achievement Award this year, made possible through the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Megan E. Bradley, Psychology, recognized for academic accomplishment, is a primary recipient of a grant to redesign the introductory psychology course. She has served in the British Journal of Educational Technology concerning students’ participation in online discussions and is recognized for her expertise in online education. Most notable is the grant she won from the National Science Foundation to conduct research on the development of deception in children. Her preliminary findings appear in the NSF 2009 Highlights, which showcases “research of high caliber and strong public interest.”

Dr. Richard L. Raesly, Biology, also recognized for academic accomplishment, focuses his research on systematics of freshwater fishes, biological monitoring, the ecology and evolution of introduced species and the biology of endangered species. He has been awarded over $1 million in grants in his 20-year career at Frostburg, and nearly half that within the last three years. Raesly has co-authored 20 publications with colleagues and former (or current) students and has several manuscripts in press on freshwater fish.

Also recognized for academic accomplishment, Dr. Amit Shah, Management, has been a prolific writer and researcher, having presented 51 papers and workshops at various professional meetings. In the past five years, he has published 21 journal articles, two of which have received the “Best Paper” awards. His co-authored textbook, Introduction to Business, sold over 7,000 copies in its first semester, and its applied approach is fast becoming a popular choice for professors. Recognizing the scarcity of literature on micro-entrepreneurial activity, Shah collaborated to examine the three western-most counties to determine the extent of micro-enterprises in Maryland.

Dr. Thomas F. Hawk, Management, recognized for teaching, has shown an energetic and passionate dedication to teaching recognized by his peers and students alike. He has won high praise for accommodating students’ myriad learning styles. His use of a single complex case for the entire semester has been his signature technique, with each case containing a number of interrelated issues faced by real managers in a real organization.

Dr. Hongqi Li, Biology, recognized for university and community service, has shown particular dedication to the promotion of cross-cultural awareness. He founded the Chinese Culture Club at FSU in 2007 and continues to serve as its adviser. His participation in the Chinese Initiative and his work with Chinese exchange students since their arrival in fall 2008 has been exemplary.

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Richard R. “Ricky” Arnold II ’85, accounting major, marine biologist, teacher, NASA astronaut and first Bobcat in Space, was prepared for everything — except for what he saw when he looked out the window.

By Liz Douglas Medcalf
Arnold may have been more than 200 miles straight up, and he wasn’t out of reach. He was able to carve a couple of opportunities out of the busy mission schedule to e-mail a few friends — including some fellow FSU alums — and to call his family using the ISS’s Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) System, which was set up for the space station crew members who spend months away from earth. He and the other astronauts also got to speak to President Obama, who was joined by a group of school children at the White House for a video conference.

Each morning, the shuttle crew is awakened by Mission Control with a different song specific to one of the astronauts. Arnold’s songs, chosen by his wife and two daughters, were “Bright Side of the Road” by Van Morrison and “In a Little While,” which was performed by friends of his, a Houston-area group called Pilgrims and Davit. He enjoyed expanding the group’s reach to an astronomical level.

The only low time was during several flight delays, which postponed takeoff by about a month. Each time a scheduled takeoff was near, all the astronauts had to go into quarantine for four to five days before launch, as well as adjust their sleep schedules. The first launch was scheduled for early morning, so they had to adjust their internal clocks to wake up around 10 p.m. That process was repeated several times — with different wake-up times — before the actual launch. “That’s hard on your family,” Arnold said. “But once you get into space, you forget all that.”

The main goal of STS-119 was to deliver and install the final pair of power-generation solar array wings and the truss that would hold them to the station. Arnold performed two of the three spacewalks on the mission, where the view was even better than through the Space Station window.

“On the first space walk, we came out at night and saw the sun come up in the broad panorama through my visor,” he said. “You’re 200-some miles up, travelling 17,000 miles per hour.” That perspective took some getting used to.

The first spacewalk was so packed with duties that Arnold didn’t have much time to reflect, or even look around, but the second outing provided that opportunity, and one of the high-lights of his flight. “Joe was getting back in front. We were going over Newfoundland and Labrador and the sun was just going down. While I was waiting for him, I was able to look around, watch the sunset over the snow and ice,” he said. “It was pretty amazing.”

When they undocked from ISS, they had enough fuel to spare an opportunity to review their work and take scores of photos as the shuttle circled the station at a distance of 400 feet. “There’s a practical purpose — the space station is bombarded constantly by tiny fragments of debris. The highly detailed photos are examined by NASA engineers looking for damage to the station. “The bonus for the crew is we can take the pretty pictures that everyone else likes to look at,” Arnold said of this mission high-light. “When you can see your work, it’s pretty spectacular.”

Speaking with an undecurrent of wonder — as a boy, he followed the Apollo missions; and as a man, he realized a lifelong dream — Arnold said he has been so busy since the mission that he hasn’t really had time to sit and reflect on his experience. After all, he traveled more than 5 million miles in the course of 12 days, 19 hours, 29 minutes and 33 seconds.

“I just had to capture some mental snapshots to think about later.”
They say age is just a number ... but as we watch the world change around us at what feels like a mile a minute, time becomes a precious commodity, and knowing there are people out there who are stepping up to the plate and making a difference at a relatively young age is reassuring. Here are five alumni, all under the age of 40, who share a formula for success that factors in several common denominators: commitment to their communities, support from friends and loved ones, an eye for opportunity, and perhaps most importantly, a strong sense of self. And it all adds up to a generation of Bobcats who, along with Frostburg’s many other fantastic alums, will define the future.

”If there’s any way to describe 2,000 10-year-olds screaming at the top of their lungs in applause after a rousing performance of Tchaikovsky’s ‘1812 Overture,’ complete with bellowing cannon fire in a state-of-the-art, acoustically awesome Music Center at Strathmore, then that would be my quote. I will spend the rest of my life trying to attain that level of sheer delight, energy and enthusiasm.”

Ken Oldham’s daily soundtrack might consist of everything from an orchestra premiering an original silent movie score for 1,200 schoolchildren in North Bethesda’s Music Center at Strathmore to the rustle of applications he’s going through as a volunteer for the Frederick Arts Council’s Community Arts Grants Committee to the voice of his 17-month-old son, Landon.

Oldham “learned the role of an ii-V7-I chord progression and how to read a balance sheet at the same time” while studying the basics of music and business at FSU. “Irrefutably, the core knowledge that I picked up at Frostburg not only helped define my notion of success, but also provided a paramount point in the right direction,” he says.

That direction led him to helping the National Philharmonic uphold its mission of being an integral and indispensable community resource through music and music education. As president, he spends most of his time building important connections with arts advocates.

“What I enjoy most of all is the people who make it all happen,” he says. “Musicians, board members, donors, ticket buyers, staff—they’re fascinating people and their passion and enthusiastic support is contagious.”

Oldham also cites his mentors as incredible influencers of the work he does today, including FSU’s Joan DeVee Dixon, chair of the music department. “She continues to be one of my most trusted friends,” he says.

Together with Dixon and fellow alum Alison Combes, executive director of Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C., Oldham has helped pioneer FSU’s Friends of Music group. He’s also a member of the FSU Foundation Board.

“It is our responsibility—not our luxury—to ensure that the University is there to provide a superior level of education to the next generations. If my son chooses to go to Frostburg in 2026, I’d like to see the University on the cutting edge of facility and technology,” he says.

“What were previously very specific professional goals are now much more personal and full of criteria that are much more difficult to quantify,” he says. “Ultimately, it’s my job to be the best father I can be. This means providing the best possible example.”

It’s no surprise that Landon’s first word was “wow!”
Maysoon Kaibni

Age: 30
FSU degree: B.S. in Business Administration, 2000
Job: Vice President of Business Development, Newsdesk Media, Inc.

Maysoon Kaibni juggles her personal and professional life in an around-the-world sort of way. As vice president of Business Development for the London-based publishing company Newsdesk Media, Kaibni is responsible for overall business development and client interaction, activities that entail frequent, extensive travel.

“I enjoy the diversity of it. Because our clients range from financial to defense to governments, I’m able to always learn and stay current with global issues,” she says, noting her job has allowed her to attend events with world leaders like former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, President Barack Obama and Asif Ali Zardari, president of Pakistan.

And as a first-generation Palestinian American, Kaibni is also very personally affected by global issues, something that inspires her to volunteer with organizations like Partners for Peace, a public platform for the voices of Israeli and Palestinian women working for a peaceful and just resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Playgrounds for Palestine.

“My family background and traditions are very much a part of me, so being involved in a few organizations, particularly those that involve women and children, is very important to me,” she says.

In and around all of her activities, Kaibni has found time to purchase and maintain her own home for the past eight years – no small feat for a young professional in this economy. She also hopes to eventually visit her family in Ramallah, Palestine, a trip for which she is inspired to learn Arabic.

“It’s easy for people to provide their opinions; however, we don’t have to be influenced by them. A lot of people have their own agendas, and if we aren’t strong, then we might subject ourselves to unnecessary background noise and potentially miss out on a great opportunity.”

Royal Hines

Age: 38
FSU degree: B.S. in Accounting, 1994
Job: Operations Planner for the Pepsi Bottling Group’s Atlantic Business Unit

Royal Hines is definitely a numbers guy for Pepsi Bottling Group, providing budget analysis and helpful reports on things like the company’s selling and delivery and fleet and business unit functions. After he joined Pepsi in 2002, Hines soon became the “go-to” financial person through a series of promotions from business analyst to retail analyst to his current position.

“What I like most about my job is the ability to think analytically and provide my own perspective that will add value, help others make sound business decisions and ultimately, make the business,” he says.

Along the way to his current success, Hines has never forgotten the importance of other value-added factors in his life, such as volunteerism and philanthropy. He is very active with his church and a board member of the Clarence “Du” Burns Memorial Fund, which serves as the living legacy of the late Baltimore mayor, that city’s first African American mayor. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the FSU Foundation and the FSU Alumni Association, as well as a former president of the alumni group.

“It was an honor to be president of the Alumni Association… I was the first African American president of this association, which to me speaks volumes about the role FSU is playing in ensuring a diverse environment that is equal to all,” he says.

Hines’ interest in civic service and African American leadership is a natural continuation of his various activities at FSU. While in college, his busy schedule included membership in the Black Student Alliance, the campus chapter of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, an organization he continues to serve today as alumni brother and treasurer for the Xi Xi Lambda chapter in Frederick, Md.

“For most FSU students, college is probably the best opportunity you have to gain knowledge and experience without the pressures of Corporate America, family responsibilities and financial obligations,” he says. “If you should be like a sponge and just soak everything in… Be well-rounded and active, but don’t let the extracurricular activities deter you from your ultimate goal of graduating with the highest G.P.A. possible.”

“The best is yet to come! Whatever you have accomplished or are going through is just the tip of the iceberg… the future is much brighter than the present.”

“Here’s a lot going on in today’s world, and I’m not sure if people are that aware of everything that impacts us,” she says. “The things we individually get involved with are usually personal to us, so it’s unfortunate that there are so many issues we all have to face — young and old. I would hope we all would be able to step outside of our reality for a bit to be more sensitive to issues that may not impact us directly.”
To see some of the videos Tobiason has worked on, check out the U.S. Government Printing Office’s YouTube Channel, www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter.

John Tobiason

John Tobiason has the type of career many artists only dream about—his designs reach millions of Americans every day, through everything from presidential inaugural materials, to U.S. passports to award-winning videos promoting different governmental initiatives.

The latter in particular has given him perhaps one of the greatest moments in his own professional history. In May 2008, as part of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s celebration of Small Business Week, Tobiason created a short one-minute video ad that was displayed on the NASDAQ Tower in New York, and for the 26 HD monitors on the inside of the Tower.

“This was a once-in-a-lifetime event, seeing my design work on an eight-story-tall screen in the middle of Times Square,” he says.

Tobiason also found out in June 2009 that a video documentary he shot about the printing of the Official Photograph of President Barack Obama won a Stevie Award, which honors organizations and business people worldwide.

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A first-generation college student, Harrington eventually applied for and accepted a position teaching and writing curriculum at the Princeton Review Taiwan. Overseas, she has maintained strong ties to her mentors at FSU and the meaningful experiences she had in college.

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“Recognize the impact of the University in our region,” Sam Griffith said. “It’s a force economically, culturally and educationally. I think it’s important to keep this asset local.”

“I’ve always been impressed by the caliber of the students I encounter at Frostburg,” Pam Griffith said. The insight he gained from his role on two boards serving FSU helped guide his gift’s distribution. In particular, as the president of the FSU Foundation’s Board of Directors, he has come to learn of the crucial value of unrestricted gifts, so the bulk of this gift contributed toward the Staking Our Claim campaign was designated as such. “Unrestricted (funds) give us the ability to put the money where it is needed immediately,” Griffiths said. Money that is given with restrictions may only be used for the purposes for which it was designated, such as to a specific scholarship fund, but unrestricted contributions provide the institution with the flexibility required to address the most pressing needs as they appear. Griffith was struck by the range and size of requests the Foundation received in 2008 when it made more than $41,000 in unrestricted funds available for the first time to fund new educational projects at FSU. The board received nearly 50 requests seeking more than $320,000. “That really highlighted the need for more unrestricted money,” Griffiths said. “You don’t have to be a graduate of Frostburg to help the University,” he said. “If you live in the region, you should recognize its value to this area. There’s a real need for us to support it.”

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Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL
$55 million

$45 million

AS OF 7/15/2009

$10.1 million

We would like others to think about the value FSU brings to our region and how it has touched their lives and others in our community, throughout Maryland and around the world,” the Belts said. “We encourage them to support this campaign so that the FSU legacy passed to us might enrich the lives of others who will become our community leaders of tomorrow.”

Carl Belt continued, “I have noticed that a significant number of graduates have become leaders and outstanding professionals in a variety of vocations that you would not imagine, since it was primarily a teacher education school until the mid-70s. This speaks to the fine basic education being offered at FSU and the passion and commitment of the faculty to transform lives, nourish excellence and promote personal development.”

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Naylor Family Gift Helps Grad Students With Special Education Focus

Thanks to a generous gift from the Howard and Audrey Naylor Family Trust, FSU is making it possible for more graduate students in its education program to get the preparation they need to work with special needs children in the Appalachian region.

Joseph Maley ’50 grew up in Frostburg, but even though Frostburg State Teachers College was right in his backyard, nothing in his background or his schoolwork made him think that college was for him. “I didn’t have any idea what I was going to do. I never thought I would go to college,” he said. Maley is the youngest of his siblings; none of them went to college. “Little College” Offers Undreamed of Opportunity

In December 2008, the FSU Foundation, Inc., received a generous contribution from the Trust, establishing the Howard and Audrey Naylor Scholarship (Naylor Scholars Program). Starting fall 2009, the new scholarship will be awarded annually to promising graduate students in FSU’s College of Education. Naylor Scholars will receive paid tuition and associated fees, books and in-state enrollment for one year and one summer at FSU. They will be selected based on their interest in teaching and working with children who have special needs. The scholarship also includes preferences for candidates who intend to teach in the Appalachian region, preferably close to Western Maryland, and who are able to conduct practical research related to facilitating students with special needs placed in traditional classrooms.

Howard and Audrey Naylor both passed away in 2006. The scholarship’s specifications reflect the Naylor family’s personal experiences with special needs children and their lifelong commitment to education. Both Howard and Audrey were teachers and advocates in the education community. Audrey served as a teacher in classrooms with special needs students well into her 80s. Additionally, one Naylor family member had both a daughter and a grandson with special education needs.

The Naylor family has deep roots in the Western Maryland area of Appalachia. In addition to the popular Naylor’s Ace Hardware store for which the family is known, Howard, an Oakland, MD, native, also filled a variety of important roles in the Garrett County community, including serving on the town council and as president of the Oakland Lions Club. He also lived along in Western Maryland and bought the ski tow equipment that led to the successful establishment of Western Maryland’s Wolf Ski Resort. Howard and Audrey enjoyed many years in Oakland, where they raised their five children.

The decision to fund a scholarship at FSU supports the Naylor Family Trust’s mission — the trust is dedicated to organizations and institutions located in Appalachia that are committed to helping the most.

Naylor Scholars are expected to work closely with FSU’s Dr. Cindy Herzog, who led the development of the scholarship in its current form. “Dr. Herzog’s efforts in bringing this scholarship to FSU have been critical,” Maley said. “She is the main reason the trust felt comfortable supporting this scholarship.”

Herzog, a native of West Virginia, received her undergraduate degree in psychology and her master’s degree in counseling from West Virginia University. After completing her doctorate in counseling psychology at Kent State University, she went on to accept a position as assistant professor at FSU, where she has taught for two years.

“Dr. Herzog is a wonderful person who is very passionate about her work and who has a lot of expertise in this area,” Maley said. “She is very dedicated to seeing this scholarship succeed.”

Herzog has worked with a wide variety of students, including post-partum depression patients, people with addictions and those recovering from addictions, and people with cancer.

“I want to make sure the students who receive this scholarship will be able to make a difference in the lives of those who need it,” she said.

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Herzog Turns Bad News on Its Head

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Scholarship Honors Those Who Mattered Most During a Trying Time

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It was the diversity of interests among the stu- dents involved in Relay for Life that also encour- aged her broad-based approach to the distribution of the scholarship. Gi Buckheit Endowed Scholarship

“I wanted to make it really open,” she said of the broad base of majors that can qualify for this scholarship. “I didn’t want it to be exclusive.”

Herzog also has made a bequest benefiting the Herzig Family Scholarship through the Old Main Society, a group for those who have decided to support FSU through their estate planning. If her estate is not needed to care for her parents or her sister, who is her first prior- ity, she wanted to make sure it supported causes she cared about.

— LDM
“Gentle Giant’s” Legacy of Kindness Continues

For Mary Jane Guik’s late brother, Walter Moore, the chance to attend FSU was a dream come true for a child who had fought a number of serious physical difficulties since birth and whose family was told he was unlikely to even finish high school.

Walter’s legacy will now live on in the Walter Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund through the FSU Foundation, benefiting political science major at FSU who have financial need. Guik said her brother was a kind and giving man, so she and her other brother, John Victor and Michael, and friends, added $7,500 to $5,200 left from a special bequest of Walter’s to help out future FSU students.

“He was a kind and gentle soul who always had a ‘hello’ and ‘God bless you’ and ‘may the force be with you for your whole life’, said Guik. ‘He was just a delight – so kind to everybody’.

Walter dealt all his life with coordination, speech and vision problems, but encouraging teachers and counselors throughout his schooling recognized his ability and worked tirelessly with him, Guik said. He graduated high school and came to Frostburg for college, where he found more helping hands, she said. ‘He locked out with John Barbam and John Wiseman,’ she said of his two favorite FSU professors. ‘He had a longtime love of the political scene and history, and he graduated in a political science major with honors.

Walter was certainly one of those unforgettable and memorable characters that grace the classroom,” Guik said. ‘He was intelligent, well-spoken and possessed a sense of certainty about himself, as well as wry humor, that endeared him to all. But he was more. Walter embraced his education at FSU far beyond the classroom and always kept in touch with professors and those who mattered to him. Wiseman recalled frequent, fervent but good-natured arguments about politics and monarchy, which was a particular interest of Walter’s. ‘He was always willing to argue, and he would hold his ground, ‘ Wiseman said. ‘He was just very upbeat and eager to learn, a very likable guy.’

He spent most of his career working for Social Security in Baltimore, retiring early as a quality review technician when he developed a vision problem.

The sister said they had to turn people away from his retirement party, he was so popular. Walter loved Allegany County, where Guik lived, and had always wanted to return. After retiring, he took that opportunity, moving with his mother to Windsor, near his sister. She cared for her mother until her death. To Guik’s honor and sorrow, just two weeks later in October of 2007, her brother was dead, too, after complaining of nothing more serious than a dizzy spell the day before. He was 57.

Guik was devastated that her “gentle giant” of a brother was gone, and so soon after losing her mother. As time has passed, her grief has turned into reflection.

“Now I have to look at the blessing he was in my life,” she said, hoping his scholarship might be a blessing to others. Thereafter, the last money Walter’s bequests was money his estate that was held by an early spring of this year in the Baltimore area. The $2,500 left from that event was the seed money for the new scholarship in his honor.

Creating legacies of lifetimes

Everything is new again with Old Main Society

As director of major Gifts for FSU, Cherie Krug is endlessly busy with meetings, appointments, phone calls and trips. But there is one part of her day when she feels like time just stops – when she’s helping FSU friends and alumni figure out ways they can remember the University in their planned giving.

“When I work with them and see how much they care about FSU and how generous they are about the programs they love … I get lost in the moment, learning about the history of the University, and what these friends and alumni did. … It’s probably the favorite part of my job,” she says. ‘It’s intensely personal and meaningful work.”

These conversations are part of Krug’s ongoing efforts to infuse the FSU Foundation’s Old Main Society with new growth and involvement, a renaissance she is spearheading with Bernard J. Davison, II ’81, vice president for University Advancement and FSU’s executive director. The Society, established in 1996, is a group for FSU friends and alumni who have identified a gift in their estate plans to FSU through the FSU Foundation.

“The Old Main Society recognizes donors who make a significant impact at Frostburg, and that will make a difference for years to come,” says Davison. “It’s an effort to help people create legacies that last long after their lifetimes—and one that includes tax benefits, too,” Davison said.

Requests are simple, and there are several options, including designating a portion of your estate, making a gift of a specific amount or asset, or creating a testamentary trust that will provide for a loved one first.

“Most of us will make our most transformative gifts in our wills,” Krug says.

Krug and Davison are working with the society’s campaign volunteer committee: Mel Mahlensson M’81/P’93, chair; John Reger ’90; Narmeen Reger ’90; Dr. Cindy Herzog, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sharon Robinson, professor of accounting; Theresa Tosti ’85; Jim Mason ’75/M’87; Gary Love, who founded the society; and Jason Switzer. They serve as regional resources to increase the society’s membership and visibility. This year alone, 13 new members joined, and FSU received more than $1.7 million in estate gifts from FSU friends and alumni from 2007 to 2009.

There are new communication efforts, too, like The Compass, a newsletter that demonstrates concrete ideas for “taking that next step.”

Henry Smith ’75 is a long-time member who sees his participation “as the perfect way to give something back to Frostburg State in recognition of the extraordinary opportunities, and thousands of small—and large—kindnesses I received during my four years at Frostburg,” he said. ‘I hope that my gifts can contribute to one more Frostburg students having a Frostburg experience as valuable and enjoyable as was mine.”

To learn more, contact Krug at ckg5@frostburg.edu or Davison at bdavison@frostburg.edu, call 301.687.4161 or visit http://frostburg.plannerdirects.org.

Students looking after other students

FSU students are known for their dedication to service and volunteering—now they’re using those experiences to empower themselves as advocates and fundraisers for the University. In early April 2009, Frostburg kicked off the Student Gift Campaign, which invites students to get involved in their peers’ future by making contributions to the University’s Annual Fund. This new fundraising effort, led by a student committee and advisor from the FSU Foundation, includes strategic e-mails to the FSU student body, a new University Web-page and a Facebook group (“Student Gift Campaign at Frostburg State University”), and has brought in over $5,000 so far. To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/studentcampaign.

Lystira’s event celebrates progress

More than 100 friends and supporters celebrated philanthropic progress and enjoyed a night of entertainment April 18, when the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Foundation organized a special reception followed by an attendance of University Theater production of the lively Greek comedy, Lysistrata. During the reception, FSU Alumni Association Board member Estelle Martin ’77, left, presented a check for $5,000 to Board President Ron Forrester ’67, right, that will allow the FSU Alumni Association to hire a student to research and record data on FSU alumni’s involvement in activities to improve future planning and reunion events. The contribution was generated on behalf of the University System of Maryland Alumni Association International, an organization of which Martin is a representative.

Staking our claim

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FSU helps build character the ripken way

FSU has spent the past year teaching character lessons to local children thanks to a grant from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. The Healthy Choices, Healthy Children, Baseball Camp, held every four each semester, with two as a lesson per session, focused on teaching children to make good choices. Topics included sportsmanship, leadership, taking responsibility, communication and the value of hard work, said FSU softball coach Wes Landrum, who coordinated the program.

A number of Landrum’s softball players, who are teacher candidates, as well as a handful of teacher candidates on the Bobcat baseball team, worked with the children, who ranged in age from 8 to 14. Children were recruited from the local community through the Cumberland Salvation Army, a partner in the program, which was offered free of charge.

The Ripken Foundation committed nearly $1,000 to the program, with a third of that coming in the form of equipment to be used by the children. The program, part of the Ripken Foundation’s Banners for Baseball, was developed as a character education plan that uses the philosophies that Cal Ripken Sr. practiced on the playing field to teach youth how to live off the field. FSU and Salisbury University were the first educational institutions to offer Healthy Choices, Healthy Children, Landrum said. The program had previously been implemented by youth-serving organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, recreation departments, after-school programs and police athletic leagues.

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That time of year is nearly upon us. Pack up the car, grab your family and friends and head back to the mountains of Western Maryland as Frostburg State University celebrates Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2009! Take some time to enjoy a little camaraderie, friendship and the Bobcat SPIRIT. Please join us to celebrate our student-athletes and our former athletes, grab a hotdog with President Gibraltar and enjoy the talents of our students.

Friday, October 16, 2009

Career Expo “Explore Your Potential!”
The Office of Career Services invites successful alumni from numerous professional fields and graduation years to share their life experiences with our students. This is an amazing opportunity for alumni to reconnect with today’s students.
Contact Donna Sivic - dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.

Career Expo Luncheon
By Invitation Only
8:00 am
Main Arena
Cordts PE Center

Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast
Bobcat baseball alumni gather to celebrate the success of past and current teams, to celebrate each other’s life successes, and to remember their teammate and friend, Jim Anderson, who died of leukemia.
Cost: $20 per person, $10 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP by Friday, October 9, to Susan Eisel at 301.689.8700 or send an e-mail to jsise@aol.com.

Career Expo Luncheon
By Invitation Only
9:00 am
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC

Fine Arts Building
Roper Gallery Admission is FREE.

7:00 pm
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Saturday, October 17, 2009

All-Campus Sing - Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota
If you think American Idol and America’s Got Talent are exciting, wait until you see what FSU students have come up with! Join us to fiber on the campus' newfound talent.
Cost: $1 per person, $2 for anyone wearing Greek letters.

Bobcat Club Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour
Reservations to Hall of Fame dinner required to attend (See below)
6:00 to 8:30 pm
Main Arena
Cordts PE Center

Bobcat Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner
FSU will induct five alumni to the Hall of Fame:
6:00 - 8:30 pm
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Seventh Annual Track & Cross Country Alumni Breakfast
Grab your running shoes and join fellow alumni as they discuss the past and plan for the future of track and field and cross country.
Cost: $11 per person, $6 for children 12 and younger. Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

10:00 am
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

12:00 pm
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC

Alumni Luncheon - Phi Mu & Kappa Tau Epsilon
Drop by to celebrate with Phi Mu national representatives and members of local sorority Kappa Tau Epsilon on the merger of the two organizations during the 2009-2010 academic year.

11:00 am
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC

12:45 pm
At Home after game
Stadium Lot
Tailgating
Free parking at a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete list of tailgating rules and regulations, visit the Web at http://alumni.frostburg.edu and click on “Leadership & Homecoming Weekend.”

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Bobcat Football vs. Ithaca College
Show your spirit by wearing your RED and BLACK and cheer on the FSU football team! Admission is FREE.
1:00 pm
Bobcat Stadium

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11:30 am
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC

Pre-Game Picnic - A Celebration of Men’s Lacrosse
Help celebrate the return of men’s Lacrosse to FSU as a varsity sport — and meet head coach Tim Pease! Enjoy the fresh mountain air and grab a bite to cut before the football game.
Hamburgers, hotdogs, corn in the cob and cold drinks are the fare, and a cash bar is available. Cost: $11 per person, $6 for children 12 and younger. Please RSVP by Friday, October 2, to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Roger Gallery
Fine Arts Building

Making Connections and Networking Workshop & Reception
Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
3:30 - 5:30 pm
Atkinson Room
Room 201, LUC
Leadership Donor Gala
By Invitation Only
5:30 pm
Cordts PE Center

6:00 pm
Main Arena
Cordts PE Center

National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show
This dance program is an annual highlight.

10:00 pm - 2:00 am
Main Arena
Cordts PE Center

Student Government Association Big Event
Alumni teams welcome. Gather in the Lane University Center, then fan out to help us clean up the streets of Frostburg.
1:30 - 4:00 pm
Roger Gallery
Fine Arts Building

Maryland Printmakers Exhibition
Admission is FREE.

To register for events online or for more information, please visit the Web site: alumni.frostburg.edu or contact the Office of University Advancement at 301.687.4068, E-mail alumni@frostburg.edu.

To request accommodation through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301.687.4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1.800.735.2258.

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Golden Memories

On Saturday, June 6, 14 classmates from the Class of 1959 returned to their alma mater to celebrate their 50th reunion for the Golden Anniversary Reunion hosted by the FSU Alumni Association. In all, more than 65 alumni from the Class of 1959 and earlier celebrated together. Pictured in the front row are Frances Werner Blachter, Kathy Gentry, Max Ross Ope, Joanne Triboulevetsky, Virginia Zone, Dorothy Ellick Applegate, Katherine Krupin Heades, Jeanne Rury Guaraldi, Joey Scott Mercs, Pago Bubbling Bear, Tony Montornyis,lam, Noma Mitchell Gombe, Army Crogman Schleffert and Mary Ann Hesson Nisson. In the second row are Jack Williams, Bill Fair, Joan Luttrell Goodwin, Mary Ina Rowan Dougherty, Louise Grahame VanVletter, Saba Hout Hiem, Joan Swenne Harvey, Mary Frances Deluca Kelly, Jim Kelly and Tom Shuffler. In the back row are Olivier Witting, Bill Prutherford, John Huxton,4nny Eppley, Russ Hoyt, Bob Humphrey, Stan Wilson, Judy Soderj, Gerry Hall and Thomas Richards.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, June 5, 2010, when we celebrate the Class of 1960.

Tous of the Beach

For more than a decade now, a group of Sigma Tau Gamma brothers from the 1970s has been gathering for the “Taus at the Beach” weekend in Ocean City, Md. According to George Guhan 66 (standing, second from left), the Taus brothers “gather at a beachfront hotel pre-party for a weekend of playing poker, watching basketball, grilling and renting the tales for Frostburg days nearly 50 years ago.” Pictured at the 11th anniversary gathering are, standing from left, Bill Buttrill 80, John Horine, Danny Pfeiffer, Russ Heyde, Bob Humphrey, Stan Wilson, Judy Soderj, Gerry Hall and Thomas Richards.

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1956
Robert Miller M’69 was honored with the Richard J. Missioner Environmental Education Award, presented by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory. The award honorees local citizens for their outstanding contributions to environmental education. Robert is a retired of the Allegany County School System.

1960
The Golden Anniversary Reunion, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1960, is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010. Please contact the Office of University Advancement at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068 for more information.

1965
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1966
Doug Martin will be inducted posthumously into the inaugural class of the Montgomery Blair High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He was a 1961 graduate of Montgomery Blair High School. Doug was killed in action in Vietnam in 1966. He was awarded the Bronze and Silver stars.

1969
Dennis Jankiewicz M’74 would love to hear from his Sigma Tau Gamma brothers and friends from his FSC days. Call him at 443.955.5572.

Quincy Crawford ’65 of Annapolis, Md., is leader in the financial services field, founder of First Financial Group and former supporter of FSU, was given the Distinguished Alumna Achievement Award at the May College of Business and College of Education commencement ceremony. Crawford graduated from Frostburg State with a degree in mathematics and went on to enter the financial services field, becoming a general manager in Maryland for a national firm in 1971. In 1997, he founded First Financial Group, which has grown to 250 professionals and staff, generating approximately $50 million per year in annual revenue as the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. Prior to retirement, Crawford led First Financial Group to success as the firm’s sole owner, president and CEO.

Active in industry affairs, Crawford has served as president of the Prince George’s Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Baltimore Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Baltimore Society of Financial Services Professionals. His work has earned him numerous awards, and the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (MASHA) has placed him in the MASHA Hall of Fame. Crawford continually remains a dedicated leader and supporter of FSU. He serves on the advisory board of the College of Business, the board of directors of the FSU Foundation and is a campaign donor on FSU’s The Language for Frostburg. He also represents FSU’s interests on the University System of Maryland Foundation Board. He and his wife, Eugenia “Genie” Zorn Crawford ’67, established a scholarship at FSU for students interested in leadership studies.

Martin Honored as Business Alum of the Year
FSU’s College of Business has named Estelle M. Martin ’77, director of the Acquisition and Facilities Management Division of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, as Alumna of the Year. Martin, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a concentration in accounting, has been employed by the federal government since 1978. She has been employed by the Department of Transportation, the Air Force Plant Representative at Westminster; Depot Systems Command, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. In her more than 31 years in federal service, mainly in the contracting field, she has served in a number of roles: price analyst, contract negotiation, procurement analyst, contracting officer, chief of contracting, chief of acquisition policy, chief of acquisition and property management, bureau chief procurement officer and chief of contracting activity.

She has been an active FSU alumna. She serves on the Alumni Association board and is FSU’s representative on the Alumni Association – International. Martin established the Isa and Paula Martin Endowed Scholarship Fund, which benefits FSU business majors.

She was honored at a campus event that also recognized College of Business and College of Education faculty members for outstanding achievements.
Fans Celebrate Bob at Birthday Bash
FSU’s Bob E. Cat organized a celebration of appreciation for his fans and friends during Bob’s Birthday Bash April 1 in the FSU Lone University Center. Partygoers got to have Bob’s birthday cake and eat it, too, sign Bob’s birthday card and take their pictures with FSU’s loveliest-attending student and growing online celebrity.

As part of the entertainment, Bob also showed videos from the past year and debuted “What’s in a Name?,“ a man-on-the-street documentary in which people around campus were asked what the “E” should stand for in “Bob E. Cat.” Viewers were then invited to vote for the top middle-name contenders online through a poll on Bob’s Facebook page.

On May 1, fans officially dubbed Bob “Bob Elvis Cat,” following 55 votes and much Facebook banter. Long live the King!

To learn more about Bob E. Cat, visit him on Facebook (“Bob E. Cat”) and YouTube (“BobCat!”)

Marriages
1990
Mark Farris married Summer Nicole on Nov. 15, 2003. Mark is a vice president/Chief Financial Officer and general counsel for Carl Belt, Inc., and the Belt Group of Companies in Cumberland. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

1993
Melissa Lashley married Nicholas Gauzy on Sept. 29, 2007. Melissa is a residential rehabilitation manager for Humanarts, a nonprofit organization in Columbia, Md. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

1996

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Denise Sandridge married Al Lorraine on Sept. 22, 2007. She is a third-grade teacher in Allegany County. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

1998
Megan Simonds married Tricia Kittmiller on Sept. 14, 2008. Tricia is a mathematics teacher at Mountain Ridge High School, and Kenney is the bookkeeper for FSH. The couple resides in Coxsackie, N.Y.

2000
Terry Headlee married Shomna Anand in March 2009. The couple resides in Bowie, Md.

2001

2004
Brian Grum M’06 was elected in the Cumberland, Md. City Council in November 2008.

2005
Nicole Lapeña-Moller is the youngest-ever president of the Frederick County Association of Realtors in Maryland.

2006
Autumn Smith married Aaron Bexon on Sept. 30, 2007. Autumn works for Shibui, Michaels and Co., and Autumn works for Md Atlantic Medical as an independent orthopedic representative. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

2008

Motivation
Diane Carter Richardson ’80, the keynote speaker for the 10th Annual Shop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, addressed the audience during her motivational presentation. More than 45 persons and counsors from FSH are selected to receive an advanced level of leadership training and interaction with FSU alumni at the weekend event that was held at Brandy Springs Resort & Spa in March.

Astronaut. Shmastronaut!
Watch what I can do
Send us your ClassNotes and we’ll call off Undershirt Boy.

News and photos should be addressed to: Profile, 228, Frostburg State University, 101 Woodcock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2103. You can send e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu or fax us at 301.687.4600. You can also send your year info via our Web site: www.frostburg.edu (click on “Alumni”).
Have you shown your Bobcat pride?

Joe Short ’67 attended a taping of Regis and Kelly Live and proudly wore his FSU sweatshirt.

We would love to see you showing your Bobcat pride wherever you’ve been. Send photos (jpegs will be returned with your name, address, class year and e-mail address) to “Bobcat Pictures” in Profiles and Media Relations, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or e-mail emedcalf@frostburg.edu.

In Memoriam

Dr. Jon W. Bauman, who died on May 31, 2009, was an accomplished composer and educator who served on the faculty from 1970 until his retirement in 2003. He taught classes in theory and composition and directed the Jazz Ensemble. He also taught at the Conservatorio Statale di Musica in Adria, Italy, for several years, and established a student exchange between the Conservatorio and FSU. Over the course of his career, he composed more than 100 musical works, many of which were commissioned, that have been performed locally, regionally and internationally, including seven symphonies, an opera and a wide range of individual compositions. He was the recipient of FSU’s first-ever Outstanding Mentor Award. He is survived by his wife, Carole Folk Bauman.

Mary V. Zimmerman, who died on Feb. 9, 2009, was a librarian at Frostburg State University for 24 years, from 1959 to 1983. During her tenure, she served as a cataloger, head of technical processing and as associate director. She served several terms on Faculty Senate and was a state officer for the Maryland League of Women Voters and active in the local chapter. She was married to ESC Library Director John Zimmerman, who preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons, Matthew, Andrew and Joseph.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Back to the ’BURG SCAVENGER HUNT

Do you consider yourself connected to your alma mater?

If so, you might have what it takes to play BACK to the ’BURG, FSU’s first-ever online scavenger hunt that will lead you back to your alma mater for Leadership & Homecoming Weekend 2009.

Follow the leader, Bob E. Cat, and trust your FSU social media IQ by solving different clues.

To get started, search “Frostburg State University Alumni Association” on Facebook and become a fan, and we’ll send you everything you need to play, including your first clue!

BACK TO THE ’BURG SCAVENGER HUNT

GRAND PRIZE:

Leadership & Homecoming 2009 Weekend Package

A $75 gift card to gift certificate
For Castle & Homecoming (selected)
A pair of FSU football tickets
One $50 gift card
Bobcat glasses
Hand warmers

FIRST PRIZE:

(1) $50 gift card
(1) $50 gift card
Bobcat glasses
Hand warmers

SECOND PRIZE:

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(1) Castle gift certificate
Bobcat glasses
Hand warmers

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Bobcats Join the Capital Athletic Conference

Frostburg State University has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Capital Athletic Conference effective July 1, 2010, with athletic competition to begin with the 2010 fall semester.

“The Capital Athletic Conference Board of Directors is thrilled to offer CAC membership to Frostburg State University, an institution that not only fits our philosophical makeup but also offers a highly competitive array of intercollegiate athletic teams,” said CAC President Sean Sullivan. “The Bobcats joining CAC competition is a winning situation. The CAC further enhances its level of play on the field with yet another successful program, and FSU is able to join a like-minded athletic conference which frequently makes waves at the national level. It’s a fantastic match!”

FSU will join the eight other members of the CAC, including fellow Maryland state institutions Salisbury University and St. Mary’s College, as well as Hood College and Stevenson University in Maryland, York College in Pennsylvania, Marymount University and University of Mary Washington in Virginia and Wesley College in Delaware.

Frostburg State University is currently a member of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, which encompasses schools primarily from western Pennsylvania and western New York. FSU will remain in AMCC for the 2009-10 athletic year.

“Entry into the CAC represents a new era for Frostburg State Athletics that will improve our competitiveness and expand our range of sports,” Gubilter said. “In addition, the schools that represent the CAC are in our recruitment area, making it easier for FSU to attract student-athletes and for their families to watch their sons and daughters participate in intercollegiate athletics.

“We will miss the AMCC. It is an outstanding, competitive conference, but this is best for our students,”

Gubilter said.

The Bobcats compete in 13 of the AMCC’s 14 championship sports, but will compete in 18 of 19 sports in the CAC. That includes three Frostburg teams – field hockey, women’s lacrosse and its renewed men’s lacrosse team – that will find a conference after having to compete as independents. Frostburg fields 21 NCAA Division III varsity sports teams.

“Spiritual competition has always been a hallmark of the CAC, and Frostburg State’s programs will be an excellent addition to our conference,” said CAC Commissioner Tom Byrnes. "Under the leadership of President Gubilter and Director of Athletics Troy Dill, we look forward to the Bobcats’ program being a challenger in the already strong Capital Athletic Conference.”

For more information, visit www.cacsports.com.

FSU Adds Men’s Lacrosse

Frostburg State University will be adding men’s lacrosse as a varsity sport, with competition scheduled to begin as early as the spring of 2011, and Thomas Pearce has been hired to start the new era of men’s lacrosse at the University.

Frostburg offered men’s lacrosse from 1970 to 1978. The women’s lacrosse team has been active since the 1960s.

"Not only is lacrosse an incredibly competitive sport for our students, but it is a great recruitment tool," said FSU President Jonathan Gibralter. “The state of Maryland has a strong tradition in lacrosse, and adding men’s lacrosse to our athletic lineup will allow us to tap into a pool of students who would not otherwise consider Frostburg."

Men’s lacrosse is currently sponsored by 14 NCAA Division III institutions, including new members in the state of Maryland: Hood, Stevenson, Salisbury, McDaniel, St. Mary’s, Goucher and Washington. The sport has seen significant growth.

Pearce comes to FSU from Gettysburg College, where he served as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator for the men’s lacrosse team for the last four seasons, and where he was a two-time All-American as a student.

A native of Chestertown, Md., Pearce helped Gettysburg to an incredible run during his time with the Bullets. The team won the Centennial Conference Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of those four seasons, including a national runner-up finish this spring. Gettysburg collected an overall record of 46-12 and was consistently ranked in the top 10 in the nation, including a No. 5 ranking at the end of this past season.

Pearce, who earned the intercollegiate Men’s Lacrosse Coaches Association 2008 Division III Outstanding Assistant Coach award, helped recruit and coach 20 All-Americans while at Gettysburg, including six in 2009.

The team will play its home games at Bobcat Stadium.

Five to Join Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame

Frostburg State University will induct five new members representing four different sports into the 39th class of the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame at its annual dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, Oct. 16, as part of the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend festivities. With the addition of these five individuals, FSU’s Hall of Fame now has 160 members. The inductions will also be recognized at halftime of the Homecoming football game against Thiel on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m.

Ariel “A.J.” Bell, the 156th inductee, was one of the top kick return specialists to play for the Frostburg football program throughout its 47-year history. A First Team All-American as a senior, Bell helped the Bobcats to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance and victory in 1993 with a school-record 10 wins, as well as an ECAC Southeast Championship (’93) and an ECAC South-Atlantic runner-up finish (’94).

Kim Creighton, the 157th inductee, was a two-time All-American for the FSU field hockey team while helping the team to powerful appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Creighton, who earned All-American status as both a senior and sophomore, helped the Bobcats to a 49-20-3 overall record during her four years, one of the highest win totals during any four-year stretch in school history.

Evon O’Rourke, the 158th inductee, established himself as one of the top scorers in the history of the Frostburg men’s basketball program. He holds several top-five career records, including the second spot all-time in FSU history with 687 field goals made. He is also fourth in both points (1,462) and free-throw percentage (75.7 percent) and fifth in field-goal percentage (52.7 percent). O’Rourke, who started 97 of 110 games during his career, powered the Bobcats to an ECAC South Regional Final and was an ESAC All-Conference First Team selection as a senior in 1998-89.

Ray Pietras, the 159th inductee, helped the Bobcat men’s basketball team to 62 wins over his four years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, including a school-record 24 wins during the 1970-71 season. Often regarded as the team’s best defensive player, Pietras helped his Bobcat teams set several school records. The 1970-71 team holds the school mark for allowing the fewest points per game during a season (53.4), while the 1971-72 and 1969-70 squads are ranked second and third, respectively.

Craig Rotruck, the 160th inductee, was one of the top power hitters in Frostburg baseball history. He is third all-time in Bobcat history with 24 career home runs and fourth in a single season with 10 home runs as a senior. Rotruck, an NCAA All-South Region and All-American honorable mention selection, hit .346 as a senior with a .753 slugging percentage, good for 10th in school history in a single season.

Ray Pietras ’73

Kim Creighton ’90

Evon O’Rourke ’89

A.J. Bell ’93

Craig Rotruck ’92

In 2008 the State of Maryland provided only 39% of Frostburg State University’s budget compared to 74% in 1967. And this funding cannot be used for athletics.

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Women's Indoor Track & Field
Highlight: Women captured third at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships.
Recap: Senior Sam Sauer Rohr captured yet another impressive indoor season for the women's track & field program as she was named the Female Track Athlete of the Meet for the MCA Championships after winning her third-straight national title in the 1,500-meter hurdles, setting an NCAA record in the process. The Bobcats earned a total of 17 All-Mason-Dixon Conference honors, while sophomore Emily Furr was named Field Athlete of the Meet.
Next Season: Frostburg returns a trio of young talent for the 2009-10 indoor season as the team tries for a Mason-Dixon Conference championship.

Men's Basketball
Record: 17-10 overall, 11-5 AMCC
Highlight: AMCC Tournament Semi-Finalist. Recap: The men's basketball team shook off a sluggish start (3-6) with 14 wins in its final 18 games, including a pair of overtime winning victories to capture the fourth seed in the 2009-10 AMCC Tournament. The Bobcats, who hosted their first AMCC Tournament contest since 2003-04, defeated Penn State Altoona 65-49 in the opening round for their third victory over the Lions during the season. Sophomore Brian Anderson finished as one of the conference's top scorers and earned All-AMCC First Team honors.
Next Season: FSU returns experience at the core of its returning junior class combined for 73 starts in 2008-09.

Men's Indoor Track & Field
Highlight: Men earned fifth place at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships and the one-on-one at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships to highligh the men's indoor season. The Bobcats men's team totaled 13 All-Mason-Dixon Conference selections and will return all but two of those honorees next season.

Women's Swimming & Diving
Highlight: Women finished second at AMCC Championships.
Recap: The Bobcats finished the season strong with a second-place showing, just six points behind champion Penn State Behrend at the AMCC Championships meet. FSU captured an impressive 25 All-AMCC honors and nearly swept the postseason awards. Freshman head coach Kaymen Kelly took home Coach of the Year honors, while junior Thresa Roberts was named Swimmer of the Year and freshman Aviele Harding was selected as the league's Newcomer of the Year.
Next Season: Frostburg returns 20 of those 25 AMCC-selected swimmers next season.

Baseball
Record: 25-16 overall, 13-3 AMCC
Highlight: ECAC South Regional Championship.
Recap: The baseball team recorded its eighth consecutive 20-win season and 11th in the last 12 years. The Bobcats also earned a trip to the postseason for the third time in the last four seasons as they were selected as No. 4 seed in the 2009 ECAC South Regional Tournament. Junior Andrew Opper and sophomore pitcher Trevor Conner were both named All-ECAC All-Stars, while Conner was also named to the Mid-Atlantic All-Region Third Team. Six Bobcats earned All-AMCC honors.
Next Season: FSU returns its top four hitters as it tries to recapture the AMCC Title, which it last captured in 2004-05.

Women's Lacrosse
Record: 7-7 overall
Highlight: Jenna McSherry ‘10 game-winning goal
Recap: The FSU women’s lacrosse team posted the fourth-highest goal-scoring total (117) in school history as it was led by a trio of scorers this past season. Junior Elizabeth Hildebrand led the way with 40 goals, while freshmen Rachel Frank and Joanna McIntire each chipped in 30 in their first year in a Frostburg uniform.
Next Season: The Bobcats return all five of their senior leaders, including All-AMCC Emily Furr, for a chance to capture the Mason-Dixon Conference title for a second-straight year.

Women's Track & Field
Highlight: Thresa Roberts
Recap: Frostburg’s women’s swimming & diving team ended its regular season as a positive note with a 15-3-2 trianing of Bemidji (WIS) before finishing in third place at the AMCC Championships. Seven FSU student-athletes were selected to the all-conference teams.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Elizabeth Carrington and Jamie Morningstar
Recap: The FSU women’s lacrosse team posted the seventh most in school history in mid-distance events. A nine-time All-ECAC selection and a 12-time All-American awards at NCAA Championships, while Leiter earned All-American awards and is tied for third all-time in FSU history on the women’s side. She was earlier named 2009 College Sports Information Directors of America/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District College Division honors.

Women's Basketball
Record: 16-10 overall, 13-5 AMCC
Highlight: AMCC Tournament Runner-Up.
Recap: The women's basketball team opened the season with just three wins in its first eight games, but rebounded to win 13 of its final 18 contests. The Bobcats earned a spot in the 2009-10 AMCC Tournament but were upset in their final 18 games, including a pair of overtime winning victories to capture the fourth seed in the 2009-10 AMCC Tournament. The Bobcats, who hosted their first AMCC Tournament contest since 2003-04, defeated Penn State Altoona 65-49 in the opening round for their third victory over the Lions during the season. Sophomore Brian Anderson finished as one of the conference's top scorers and earned All-AMCC First Team honors.

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Men placed fifth at Mason-Dixon Conference Championships. Leiter earned two All-America awards at MCA Championships.
Recap: Senior Sam Sauer Rohr set an FSU record as the school's first-ever All-American in the 1,500-meter run and finishes his career with three All-America awards, the most in school history in mid-distance events. The Bobcats won 20 All-Mason-Dixon Conference awards. Next Season: FSU graduates just one student-athlete (Leiter) and will return all 20 all-conference performers from the outdoor season.

Men’s Tennis
Record: 7-7 overall, 5-1 AMCC
Highlight: Third at AMCC Championships.
Recap: After a 2-5 start to the spring, the Bobcats fought hard in early April and posted a 5-1 record with a pair of shutouts of Pitt-Eastern and Goodrich to finish the regular season. Mike Swoyer was named All-AMCC Rookie Team First. Three Bobcats earned All-AMCC honors.
Next Season: The Bobcats look to continue their upward trend as they have increased their win totals by five wins per season over the last two years. Coach Landrum needs just one more win for 100 career victories.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Women finished sixth at NCAA Outdoor Championships.
Recap: Senior Sam Sauer Rohr set a school record with the National Championships after capturing two more in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Championships, while sophomore Emily Furr finished seventh in the high jump and became FSU’s first-ever All-American in that event during the outdoor season. The duo helped Frostburg field events at the outdoor championships, the school’s highest finish since 1987. The Bobcats won the Mason-Dixon Conference championships and earned a total of 12 all-conference honors.
Next Season: Most of last year’s roster returns, including All-American Emily Furr, for a chance to capture the Mason-Dixon Conference title for a second-straight year.

Softball
Recap: 26-16 overall, 10-8 AMCC
Highlight: ECAC South Regional Championship.
Recap: The softball team capped its season in stellar fashion as it made a run to the AMCC Tournament Championships for the second straight year. The Bobcats also made just their second-ever trip to the post-season as they were selected to the 2009 ECAC South Regional Championships. FSU set several single-season school records, most notably wins (26), home runs (25) and shutouts (9). Sophomore Brooke Tapman led the offensive attack for FSU as she set school records in runs (42), home runs (15), RBIs (41), and total bases (67). A 12-time All-American and three-time Most Valuable Player, Tapman was named to the NFCA All-District Second Team.
Next Season: The Bobcats return all five of their senior leaders, including All-AMCC Emily Furr, for a chance to capture the Mason-Dixon Conference title for a second-straight year.

Men’s Basketball
Record: 20-10 overall, 13-5 AMCC
Highlight: All-AMCC First Team honors.
Recap: frostburg returns 20 of those 25 All-AMCC selections next season.
Next Season: Frostburg returns its top four hitters as it tries to recapture the AMCC Title, which it last captured in 2004-05.
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