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Passing It On

Learning to Link Hands, Heads and Hearts



Charles Dickens once said, “It was the best of times – it was the worst of times.” These words sum up so much for us at Frostburg State University as we ride the wave of the current national economic challenges.

There is so much good news to report to you – but it has to be reported in the context of declining state tax revenues and the impact this is having on Maryland’s general fund. In the past 18 months, Frostburg State University has lost more than \$5 million from its general fund, fund balance and through temporary salary reductions to all of our faculty and staff. The rate at which the state is losing tax dollars is slowing slightly, but, even in a perfect world, the restoration of the general fund usually lags behind any economic recovery. So, in many ways, these are the worst of times, at least the worst economic crisis that I have seen since I entered higher education 25 years ago.

But, these are also the best of times and we have much to be grateful for. Our enrollment continues to grow,



FSU President Gibraltar and his wife Laurie at the Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner held in October.

presenting us with the largest undergraduate class in our 111-year history. We have seen an increase in student retention (more students are staying here to complete their degrees) and, with our six-year graduation rate improving – they are finishing their degrees sooner. These dramatic increases in enrollment say a lot, not only about our enrollment management process but also about the confidence that people feel toward this fine institution.

Another area of confidence is seen in the results of our comprehensive campaign: It is setting records for our ability to raise funds for scholarships – vitally important because we have had to cut institutional student scholarships by \$250,000 this year and next year. With the high rate of unemployment,

scholarship funds are critical for our students to be able to afford to attend school. This year alone, we had such a huge demand for scholarships that our financial aid office expended all of its resources in the fall and has almost nothing to distribute for the spring.

Our focus right now is being driven by our new strategic plan (*learn more at www.frostburg.edu/splanning*). We are focusing on the strategic objectives of sustainability, engagement, academics and leadership. These are the areas we are strengthening for our students and for our region. I know that once this economic crisis comes to an end, this University will realize potential it has never imagined as we focus our priorities and keep our daily spotlight on our most precious resource – our students. Our students are our future. They are why we are all here, why we all get up every morning and why we love our jobs.

Thank you for the support you have given us as our alumni and our friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar
President



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Largest Undergraduate Class in FSU History Celebrated

FSU welcomed its largest undergraduate class in its history last fall, 4,755 students, thanks largely to a strong transfer class from community colleges, increased international enrollment and more students who are staying to complete their degrees at FSU.

Undergraduate enrollment, which has been increasing steadily in recent years, is 3.8 percent higher than last year and up nearly 10 percent since 2006. Total undergraduate and graduate enrollment is 5,385, up 170 students from last year.

"I am very pleased that our total enrollment has increased by close to 10 percent since 2006. This growth shows that an institutional approach to enrollment management and to targeted marketing and public relations really can increase enrollment at FSU," said President Jonathan Gibraltar. "FSU offers an incredibly rich and vibrant learning environment for students, and the word is getting out. Our student population is representative of the entire state, and we will continue to grow, flourish and be an incredibly rich asset to the University System of Maryland and to the State of Maryland."

A demonstration of the confidence students have in FSU is that 3,170 undergraduates are "continuing students," meaning they returned to FSU from the previous semester, the strongest continuing group in at least two decades. Figuring out how to keep students in college, especially those students who are the first in

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their families to attend college, is an ongoing dilemma in higher education nationwide. "Students are staying here because they want to be here," Gibraltar said. "They appreciate the quality of education they receive at Frostburg and the environment that this University provides to them."

A number of FSU initiatives are designed to improve student success, such as FSU Connections, learning communities that allow freshmen to explore an area of interest with a small group of fellow students; the Center for Advising and Career Services, providing essential support for transfer students and those who have not decided on a major; and a wide array of academic support services and monitoring programs, including tutoring, math and writing instruction, study groups, career development and assistance with the financial aid process. All of these measures are designed to keep a single area of weakness from sinking a student's entire college career.

In addition to more students staying at FSU, the University welcomed 416 transfer students, the highest number of transfers since 1991, reflecting increased success in recruitment from Maryland's community colleges.

"We have worked very hard with our community college partners to help transfer students in their transition here," said Wray Blair, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "It is gratifying to enroll these outstanding students."

University Community Aiming for Climate Neutrality by 2030

Climate Action Plan Finalized

In September, FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar finalized the University's Climate Action Plan and submitted it to the campus community and the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). With a goal of climate neutrality by 2030, FSU will begin implementation of all 49 strategic initiatives in the plan within two years.

The plan documents FSU's commitment to reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions and outlines initiatives designed to achieve an overall goal of climate neutrality as well as a set of steps that will teach students the skills they will need to help society do the same.

"One of the greatest challenges we face today is the threat of global warming. Our nation's colleges and universities should be the leaders in both action and education that set the stage for the mitigation of carbon dioxide and turn us from our current path," Gibraltar said. "The faculty, staff and students of FSU took this to heart and spent the better part of two years drafting our Climate Action Plan. In it, we will develop and implement strategies to become carbon neutral by 2030. This is a goal I truly believe we can and will accomplish."

The CAP provides a framework that will guide FSU; it is divided into five structured areas to ensure a multifaceted approach to addressing climate neutrality:

- **Mitigation Strategies** – Implementing strategies that will reduce FSU's carbon footprint
- **Education** – Strengthening environmental sustainability studies throughout all areas



of the curriculum to ensure that every FSU student is exposed

- **Research** – Providing FSU students, faculty and staff opportunities to engage in research opportunities relating to climate change and environmental sustainability
- **Outreach** – Connecting with all FSU constituents to promote sustainability and encourage others to get involved

- **Finance** – Identifying ways to finance the CAP, faculty research relating to environmental sustainability as well as Learning Green, Living Green, the University's broad-based green campus initiative, as a whole

FSU has already made a number of moves toward reducing its carbon imprint, from adding hybrid vehicles to its fleet and mandating the purchase of Energy Star appliances to promoting research into renewable energy. Student groups have been promoting recycling and energy savings with "Blackout Days," encouraging lights-out in unused offices and classrooms. FSU rated an 85 in "The Princeton Review's" Green Rating Honor Roll.

More than 660 college and university presidents have joined the ACUPCC. Gibraltar was a charter signatory and is a member of the ACUPCC leadership circle.

To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg.

faculty books

Folded Notes by Dr. Tyra Phipps '71 Mass Communication

Folded Notes is the story of the tragedies that strike an internationally ranked tennis player and the new life she builds for herself, beginning with an old love note she finds. Proceeds from Phipps' novel will benefit the



Tyra Phipps '71

Dr. Tyra C. Phipps Scholarship fund she has established through the FSU Foundation for students studying in the Department of Health and Physical Education.

It was published by Create Space and is available on Amazon.com.

Wish List by Gerry LaFemina English

Part punk rock concept album, part poetic observation and part man-in-the-street reporting, *Wish List*

chronicles the lives of people who just might be someone you know: alienated teens, mid-life crisis adults or those suffering from loss or from love.

LaFemina is the author of seven books of poetry and prose poetry. This is his first collection of short stories.

Wish List was published by Marick Press and is available on Amazon.com.



Gerry LaFemina

Gridiron Leadership: Winning Strategies and Breakthrough Tactics

Making Telework Work: Leading People and Leveraging Technology for High-Impact Results by Dr. Evan Offstein Management

Gridiron Leadership: Winning Strategies and Breakthrough Tactics, written with Jay Morwick and Scott Griffith, was published by Praeger. Using the common thread of sports, in general, and football, in particular, *Gridiron* reinforces the fact that football is first and foremost about great leadership and expert management.



Dr. Evan Offstein

Making Telework Work: Leading People and Leveraging Technology for High-Impact Results, co-authored with Morwick, details what leaders need to know to integrate technology, manage knowledge workers and teleworkers, and drive competitive advantage for their organizations.

Both books are available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble online booksellers.

Sport and the Talented Tenth by Bob Wells Professor emeritus, HPE; baseball coach

Sport and the Talented Tenth focuses on early African American athletes in predominately white colleges and universities. The title comes from W.E.B. DuBois' call for the "talented tenth" of the African American population to become an elite group of leaders. Wells features 145 of these scholar-athletes who preceded leaders such as Jesse Owens, Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, detailing their successes in both athletics and their careers that followed. Wells' work in sport history and sociology led to a 25-year study of African American athletes, the development of undergraduate and graduate coursework in the subject at FSU, and the research that culminated in this book.

Released by iUniverse, it is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble online booksellers.



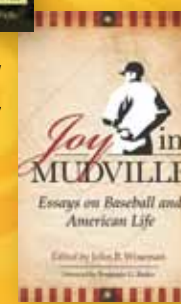
Joy in Mudville: Essays on Baseball and American Life by John Wiseman Professor emeritus, history

Published by McFarland & Co., this book about the American pastime contains 15 essays, two previously unpublished interviews with Jackie Robinson and Carl Erskine (a Dodger teammate), with introductions to the various sections written by Wiseman.



Dr. John Wiseman

Born from the weeklong baseball conference, *Baseball Forever: Mirror of American Life*, that Wiseman orchestrated at FSU in 2006, the book is filled with essays, among them tracing the evolution of the game from the 1870s to the present, discussing Jackie Robinson and his importance to the game, as well as the rising Latino influence in the sport.



Brace for Impact: Surviving the Crash of the Industrial Age by Sustainable Living

Thomas A. Lewis Mass Communication

Brace for Impact offers a fresh and startling perspective on the problems afflicting modern industrial society, and on the increasingly urgent need for sustainable living. But Lewis argues that it is entirely possible for any individual, family or community that embraces sustainable living to avoid the worst consequences.



Thomas Lewis



It was published by Outskirts Press of Denver, Colo. More information can be found at www.thomasalewis.com.

Recreation and Parks Management Master's Now Entirely Online

FSU's Master of Science in Recreation and Parks Management, always a program friendly to the working professional, has taken that orientation a step further by making the entire program online, accessible from anywhere with a computer and Internet access. It is FSU's first fully online academic program.

Despite being an online program, students still have significant access to the Recreation and Parks Management faculty, as well as the seasoned practitioners who are part of the educational staff. Students progress through the program in a group – or cohort – providing a support system of fellow students and an immediate network of professional colleagues. A weekend orientation at the beginning of the program, which helps build relationships between students and faculty and among members of the cohort, is the only in-person time required. The 30-credit program can be completed in 2 1/2 years. No summer classes are offered, since this is a particularly busy time for most mid-level managers in the profession.

"This program has already provided a valuable educational experience to many working professionals in the region, and we are excited to expand that option to more prospective students looking to advance in the field," said Dr. Maureen Dougherty, coordinator of the program. "We are already seeing interest from Washington, D.C., to Washington state, and we look forward to having a diversified group of students to create our first online learning community."

Each program will be catered to the student's areas of interest, focusing on providing professional advancement. The program is primarily designed for professionals who have some administrative and supervisory experience, providing them with the skills and techniques necessary to become upper-level managers in public, nonprofit and commercial agencies in the parks and recreation field.

Students may select from various templates to complete a final project that is applicable to their area of interest, with a focus on providing professional advancement within their current agency and the profession as a whole.

For more information, contact the FSU Office of Graduate Services, 301.687.7053.

— S.A.D.



MCTA Takes Folklore Studies to Main Street

By Steven A. Diggs Jr. '06/'09

A hub for local artists who preserve the Appalachian traditions of banjos, dulcimer, knitting and quilting is in Mountain City Traditional Arts (MCTA), at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Traditional folk music plays through the store. The Frostburg Museum displays articles of Frostburg's past in one storefront window, while modern art pieces done in the traditional Appalachian style are on display in the other.

MCTA came together as a joint operation among FSU, the Folklore & Folklife Programming at FSU, the Allegany Arts Council and FrostburgFirst, an organization dedicated to revitalizing Frostburg's Main Street, and with support from the FSU Foundation.

"The purpose is to expand the community's and University's awareness of its Appalachian roots," said Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas, director of MCTA and Folklore & Folklife Programming at FSU, who anticipates that storefront building will become a hub for local, traditional arts.

MCTA sells traditional arts and crafts from the region. Knitting, quilting and traditional musical instruments such as dulcimers are on display – and for sale.

"Every piece on sale in the building was created in the traditional, hand-crafted way known in the Appalachian region," she said. "Every piece was created within two hours of Frostburg. We wanted to keep it to the Appalachian region."

Rogers Thomas' students set up and staff the shop.

"The opportunity to work and see the faces of the quilters is quite a fun experience," said Patrick Abrams, a student worker at MCTA.

With its continuing focus on the Appalachian region, MCTA is becoming known as a hub for local artists and local flare. "Ever since we opened, we have been expanding with musical guests and authors giving speeches," Rogers Thomas said.

C-SPAN Visits the 'Burg

In December, the C-SPAN Civics Bus spent the day on campus, opening up its 45-foot, state-of-the-art mobile production studio and media demonstration center to FSU students who wanted to learn more about the nonprofit cable network's government and public policy programming and its value as an educational resource. And one member of the bus crew, C-SPAN Marketing Representative **Doug Hemmig** (pictured at a video switcher with FSU international studies student Tiffini Adams), brought greetings from all the FSU alums in his family, his wife, **Margaret Hastings Hemmig '90**, his brother, **Mark Hemmig '92**, and his sister, **Laurie Hemmig Porterfield '90**.

— photo by John A. Bone/ *The Cumberland Times-News*.



Remembering Katrina: FSU Faculty and Students Continue to Assist New Orleans Schools

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in fall 2005, the educational system changed forever. Many schools closed for good, and teachers lost materials they had developed over the years. Since then, FSU faculty and students have been responding to the needs of that battered city, with each effort encouraging the next.

The most recent project came from the Department of Educational Professions, where faculty and students created sets of flannel boards and stories to go with them, popular materials for elementary students. Faculty members **Dr. Thomas Palardy**, **Maureen Palardy** and **Dr. Minerva Ladores**, who provided the contact in New Orleans, were inspired by a previous project that provided playground and athletic equipment in schools.

Ladores got the FSU chapter of the Maryland Student Education Association involved, with students providing the volunteer time to produce the labor-intensive materials.

While the cost of transportation was a major hurdle, simply sending on the flannel boards with anyone heading for New Orleans risked having the materials shoved in a closet and forgotten. The Palardys and Ladores felt the need to travel to New Orleans in person to demonstrate the materials – or preferably, have them demonstrated by FSU students.

Pairing the distribution of the materials with attendance at the National Association of Multicultural Education's conference, held in New Orleans, allowed the organizers to use faculty travel funds to offset some costs. They and the four students who attended, Meghan McDearmon, Bethany Sine, Crystal Alexander and Sarah Buzard, still had to foot much of the travel bill themselves. In all, they distributed and demonstrated 10 boards in three schools.

"One memorable incident was the teacher who was so thankful for the flannel board set that she cried and gave every one of us a hug," Tom Palardy said. "She said that she has been slowly building up her teaching materials, all of which were destroyed during Katrina."

The success of the first visit, and word that



FSU student Meghan McDearmon presents a flannel board story to New Orleans kindergartners.

the project had received money from the Catherine Gira Campus to Community Fund encouraged the organizers to move forward with a second visit in the spring.

For the second trip, the organizers decided to hold a storytelling contest to determine the students who would join them. The winners were Amber Bindas, Amelia Dotson, Erika Ferguson and Mariel Vallano, and materials

were delivered to classrooms in three more schools.

"In several classrooms, the students were so enchanted with the flannel board," Tom Palardy said. "They kept touching and feeling it and were delighted that we were leaving it for their use."

The group visited the hard-hit Ninth Ward to see not only the continuing devastation of many rotting shells of houses, but also to see the determination and grit evident in the brightly painted homes that had been restored.

"According to one principal, prior to Katrina, there were approximately 144 schools in the New Orleans area. After Katrina, that number is around 50 schools," Tom Palardy said. Their minds were bogged by the logistics of educating so many students in so few locations, transporting them, funding schools when the tax base has been devastated, and serving a large number of homeless children, just the beginning of the hurdles New Orleans educators are facing.

The group has made presentations on their experiences at schools and conferences, explaining both the value of the story-telling flannel boards and the learning that comes from serving others.

"For all of our students, this opportunity really made a difference in their lives. We could almost see them grow," Tom Palardy said.

For more information on the New Orleans flannel board projects and sample stories, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/flannelboardproject>.

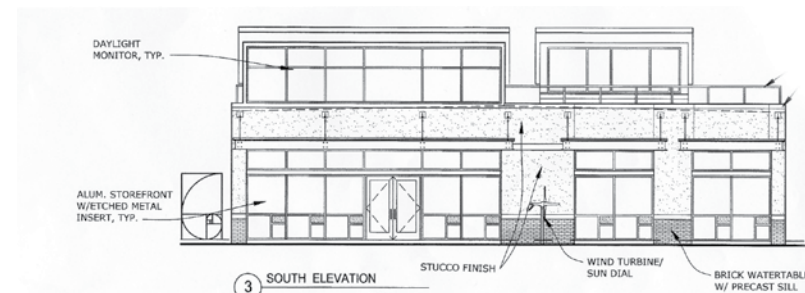
— Eric Manns '10 contributed to this story.

COMMENCEMENT SNOW DAY



The major snowstorm that strangled most of the East Coast in December threw a monkey wrench into FSU's plans for commencement as well. With about 15 inches of snow in Frostburg and even more reported in the Baltimore and D.C. metropolitan areas, FSU officials decided to postpone the two ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19, and offer a combined ceremony on the following Monday. An estimated 80 percent of graduates were able to rearrange their schedules and participate. Those who couldn't will have the option of walking in the spring commencements. "We realize that this option may be difficult for many," said President Jonathan Gibralter when making the announcement, "but we need to keep safety in the forefront, without disappointing our students who have worked so hard for this day."

major grants



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESEARCH FACILITY - ELEVATIONS
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

Sustainable Energy Research Facility Receives \$856,000 Federal Grant

FSU's **Renewable Energy Center** has been awarded an \$856,350 appropriation from the U.S. Department of Energy to fund the final steps in the establishment of its Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF), a green, self-sufficient, off-the-grid building designed for educational research on renewable energy in the Appalachian region.

Obtained with the assistance of Maryland Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-6th), who also helped secure the initial funding for the construction of the building, this money will make it possible to purchase research equipment and computer hardware and software, as well as to employ researchers and student assistants.

"Faculty and students will be using the new SERF facility to expand FSU's leadership role in the Appalachian region for research, development, implementation and training in renewable energy technologies and sustainable living," Bartlett said. "America's grid, while an efficient and cost-effective distributor of electricity, is also remarkably vulnerable to natural disaster or deliberate attack. Residents and small businesses will benefit from SERF's work to develop alternative, renewable, local sources of energy and technologies to provide enough electricity for a small facility to operate independent of the grid."

SERF, a residential-size green building completely supplied by various renewable energy sources, will be built in the Allegany Business Center at FSU, close to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences Appalachian Laboratory.

The research planned at SERF will study the effectiveness of sustainable energy resources in Appalachia. Using sensors to record wind and solar energy data at numerous locations, the data will be collected at SERF for processing and analysis, used to model, design and control integrated renewable energy supply systems. The ultimate goal will be to develop a knowledge-base for renewable and clean energy resources available in the region. Faculty members **Dr. Oguz Soysal** and **Hilkat Soysal** are co-directors of FSU's SERF project and the Renewable Energy Center.

"FSU is perfectly located for this and other new energy research projects, with the state's broadest access to renewable energy resources," said Stephen Spahr, FSU vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations. "With the work being done here on renewable energy and other new energy resources, like the research into the Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves, FSU is positioning the region as a center for energy for the future."

"The new funding secured by Congressman Bartlett will make it possible to purchase cutting-edge equipment and employ distinguished researchers to conduct renewable energy projects in SERF," said the Soysals, both faculty in the Department of Physics and Engineering. "The design team is currently completing the architectural plans. Construction will start this spring and the building will be completed in fall 2010."

To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/renewable.

—LDM

Appalachian Ethnobotanical Studies Program Gains \$550,000 Appropriation

The Appalachian Ethnobotanical Studies program at Frostburg State University, which is devoted to the multidisciplinary study and conservation of native plants, received a major boost in the form of a \$550,000 federal appropriation from the Agricultural Appropriations Committee, a request of U.S. Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.).

"FSU's Ethnobotanical Center will help bring economic development to Allegany County and it also will build our scientific knowledge of important plants and how they affect our health and well-being," said Cardin, a member of the Senate Budget Committee.

The Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies (ACES) is a partnership of FSU, West Virginia University and the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute. This collaborative, inter-institutional effort is devoted to the multidisciplinary study and conservation of native plants. A primary focus of ACES is to foster economic growth in the region through the managed development of the area's natural resources. Funding will support scientific research, economic development and public outreach, and educational outreach.

In particular, the grant will be directed toward research into locations of wild-growing black cohosh, a medicinal herb often used in place of hormone therapy in menopausal women.

This project involves several active graduate students in the Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology program and undergraduate ethnobotany majors on research projects. The students are able to apply the scientific method and gain valuable field skills, which allow them to be highly qualified for employment upon graduation, according to **Sunshine Brosi**, coordinator of the program. Many of these students have received awards and given scientific presentations on the outcomes of their individual research (*see p. 8*).

"I really feel honored to watch the learning that happens when students' hands are dirty, their feet are wet, and they are making a difference in the world," Brosi said.

To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/ACES.



Above: Students leave farewell messages on the Lane University Center's walls prior to the building's closure. Left: An artist's rendering of the new addition.

Lane University Center Renovations Promise Big Changes

FSU is embarking on a \$17 million renovation of the Lane University Center, the first major update since the building was opened in 1973. Site work began this fall on an addition to the clock tower side of the building, and the entire project should be complete by the beginning of 2011.

The student union building, which closed at the end of the fall semester, has taken on a different look, surrounded by construction fencing. The walkway between Lane and Tawes Hall is closed for the next year, but access between the clock tower and library quads is available through Tawes Hall.

While the building is closed during 2010, most offices and services – including the bookstore and food service – have moved to Tawes and the attached Engineering Annex until the renovations are complete at the beginning of 2011.

The construction process will create some inconveniences, but the final product will be worth it. Paid for by student fees collected over the years, the renovated Lane Center will be larger, with more meeting space, a 24-hour computer lab, student organization offices, a cardio workout room, a larger bookstore and expanded food service, among other amenities.

Follow developments at <http://renovatingthelane.blogspot.com>.

BUSINESS DEAN APPOINTED



Tootoonchi

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, who has served as interim dean of the College of Business at FSU since March 2009, has been named to the position of dean by Provost Stephen Simpson. He was selected following a national search and campus interviews with multiple finalists.

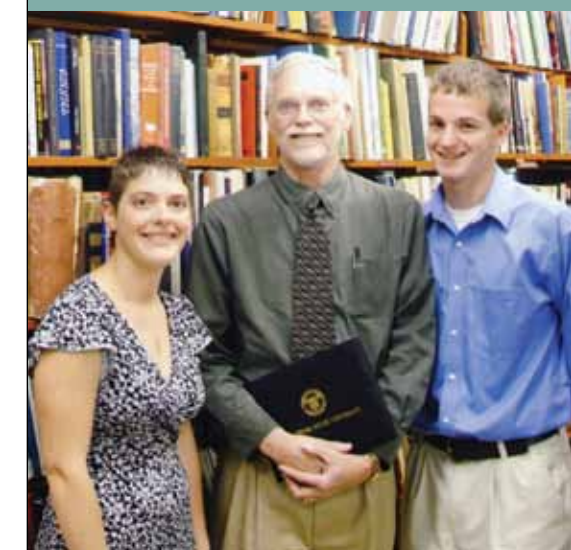
"Dr. Tootoonchi is an outstanding leader with a vision for the future. He has a national and international perspective on trends in business at both the undergraduate and graduate level," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. "He understands the importance of partnerships with business and industry and works hard to make all of our business programs relevant to students in an effort to enhance their employment opportunities. Most importantly, Dr. Tootoonchi is a good person who views the world always in a positive light with a view on what is possible."

Treasure Trove of Baltimore History Items Donated to Library

The Lewis J. Ort Library has received a significant gift collection to add to its holdings. After almost two years of cataloging and processing, the nearly 1,000 items in the **George L. Chisholm Jr. collection** are now available for public view. His son, also George L. Chisholm and the father of two FSU graduates, donated the collection dealing with Maryland history, particularly of the Baltimore area, on behalf of his parents.

Chisholm Jr. was an amateur Baltimorean historian who collected materials dating from the 1880s through the early 2000s. These items include 700 monograph works, city directories and almanacs from the 19th century, photographs of the Baltimore and Bay areas, miscellaneous maps and old Baltimore street guides, commemorative plates of church dedications, Maryland license plates, old bottles (medicinal and distillery), advertising pieces and miscellaneous memorabilia that most people throw away but still have research value today. Additionally, dozens of old high school and university yearbooks from the Baltimore area were accepted by the University of Maryland Archives.

Library Director Dr. David M. Gillespie noted that "this collection contains many rare items not found in any other Maryland university or college. Now that they are cataloged, we expect interlibrary loan requests for many of these research items."



Jennifer Elizabeth Chisholm Darmsteadt '02 and **Matthew James Chisholm '08** flank their father, **George L. Chisholm**, amid the collection of Baltimore historical items collected by grandfather/father George L. Chisholm Jr., that was donated to the Ort Library.

honors

University Police, SafeRide Honored for Crime Prevention

By Eric E. Manns, Jr. '10

University Police has won the Maryland State Governor's Crime Prevention Award for the 20th consecutive year, and this year, the **FSU Student Government Association** has also won the prestigious award in its first year of nomination for its SafeRide program.

SafeRide is a student-run program that offers other FSU students a safe, alternative ride home from any Frostburg event on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The program is designed to promote safety and awareness to students and to encourage them not to drink and drive. SafeRide, in its third year, has provided thousands of rides to FSU students.

"SafeRide has contributed to a decrease in crime in our community. DUI numbers, along with other crimes related to alcohol abuse, are significantly down," said Sgt. T.S. Donahue of University Police. (See related story, p. 20.)

"SafeRide indirectly reduced vandalism and noise on streets where students travel. As a result, this program has been welcomed by the community and Frostburg City Police," said Dr. Jesse Ketterman, FSU dean of students.

In addition to SafeRide, University Police is being recognized again for its impressive efforts to do its best to make sure every student in Frostburg is safe. The department strives to educate every student on personal safety, rape prevention, drug and alcohol education, theft prevention, residential and commercial activity as well as other topics specific to college populations.

"Campus safety and educational programs do work in combating crime," Donahue said.

BURG's "Outstanding Creativity" Earns National Recognition

FSU's **BURG Peer Education Network** was honored at the National BACCHUS General Assembly in Orlando, Fla., receiving two national awards for Outstanding Creativity in Peer Education Recruitment and Public Relations Strategies.

FSU student **Mark Freeman** was elected as the National Student Trustee, the highest student honor in Peer Education. The student trustee oversees the 12 regional student advisory



Mark Freeman

council members and serves on the BACCHUS Peer Education Network Board of Trustees.

"This is a historic moment for us. We have never had an FSU student peer educator serve in this prestigious role," said Don Swogger, BURG advisor.

Nanowire Synthesis Technology Developed at FSU

Dr. Kasif Teker, Physics and Engineering, and his student, **Joseph Oxenham**, developed a novel synthesis technique for making silicon carbide (SiC) nanowires in the FSU Nanotechnology Lab over the past summer. SiC nanowires are used for applications in nanoelectronics, field emission devices, nanocomposites, high-temperature sensor applications, etc., due to their excellent mechanical and electrical properties. In addition, SiC nanowires can emit blue-green light, so they have great potential as light-emitting devices.

FSU Student Massimino Presents Research at McNair Conference

Christopher Massimino, junior ethnobotany major, presented his research, "Metabolic Profiling of *in vitro* Cultured Medicinal Plants," during the McNair Conference in Delavan, Wis., receiving the McNair Ambassador Award.

Massimino presented research that he completed at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute on micropropagation of black cohosh. The goal was to find a way to mass produce subcultures of black cohosh for genetic and chemical analysis.

Offstein Paper Named Best by International Journal

Research indicating a positive relationship between higher-paid CEOs and a company's competitiveness earned a paper co-authored by **Dr. Evan Offstein**, an assistant professor of management in FSU's College of Business, recognition as Best Paper by the international journal *Group & Organization Management*, which focuses on organizational behavior, organization theory, business strategy and human resources.

The paper, "The Impact of the CEO Pay Gap on Firm Competitive Behavior," investigated how pay differences between a CEO and the rest of the members of the top management team influence a firm's competitive behavior, reflected in the observable and purposeful competitive moves launched by the firm. The authors



Dr. James Saku, Geography

– Offstein collaborated with Dr. Devi R. Gnyawali of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Dr. Rebecca S. Lau, a professor at the City University of Hong Kong – used data from the U.S. pharmaceutical industry.

"High-pay prizes create tournaments where the winner wins CEO pay. That drives incredible effort and some risk taking," Offstein said.

Saku Named Distinguished Scholar

Professor Dr. James Saku of the Department of Geography was awarded the 2009 Pennsylvania Geographical Society Distinguished Scholar Award. Saku earned the award, given to individuals who excel in research, publications and professional development of Geography, for his research and publications on Aboriginal Canadians and overall professional development.

Professor, Grad Student's Poster Lauded at National Conference

Natalie Walsh, a graduate candidate in applied ecology and conservation biology, was awarded the Traditional Ecological Knowledge Student Merit Award for her poster with advisor **Sunshine Brosi** of the Department of Biology. They received the award for "Stratification Protocols and Germination Rates of Open-Pollinated Families of Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa* L.) from Three Western Maryland State Forests: Population Dynamics of a Medicinal Herb Native to the Appalachian Mountains" at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America in August. ■

Playing to Your Strengths

University Finds a Way to Accentuate the Positive in Academic Advising

By Ty DeMartino '90

A student has one A, a few C's and an F for his end-of-the-semester grades. When he meets with his academic advisor, the advisor will most likely question the student about the "F" first.

Dr. Mary Mumper, a professor of chemistry and an academic advisor at FSU, wants advisors to change their approach and accentuate the positive when counseling their students.

"We want to change the conversation. Instead of focusing on that 'F' first, we want advisors to take a look at the 'A' first and ask, 'How did you get that? What worked?'"

Mumper is one of the leads on a new campuswide movement toward academic advising at FSU called StrengthsQuest. Based on positive psychology, the principles behind StrengthsQuest were developed over 30 years ago by the Gallup Organization and Dr. Donald Clifton. Its original purpose was for corporations and businesses to identify and play to the strengths of its employees to create happy, healthier and more productive workers. Within the past decade, the same concepts were introduced into the academic realm by Dr. Edward "Chip" Anderson. Mumper believes the principles are ideal for first-year students who are often trying to find themselves as they embark on their academic journeys.

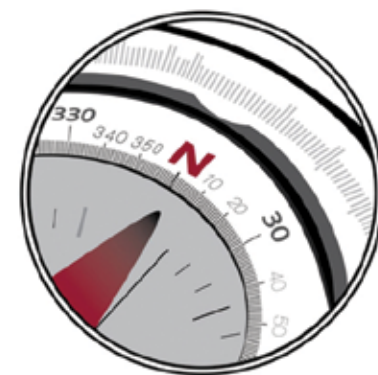
"It's all about trying to figure out what is good about you – your strengths – to help you manage what may be not so good about you," she says.

Mumper was first introduced to this idea at a National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) conference in Baltimore over a year ago and was intrigued by the concept. She took StrengthsQuest's online survey, which helps identify an individual's strong points within 34 themes. Themes include such categories as "Achiever," "Deliberative," "Futuristic," "Includer" and "Relator."

Mumper was amazed at how accurate her test results were. "I kept thinking, now that I know this information, I can play to my strengths."

Mumper shared her experience at the conference with Dr. Tom Bowling, vice president of Student and Educational Services at Frostburg, whose division oversees the freshmen orientation program. The two started brainstorming on how to incorporate positive psychology into the first-year experience. Now FSU is a leader in this approach to advising and empowering college freshmen.

"We are one of very few institutions in the country who make it available to its first-year students," says Bowling.



StrengthsQuest™
THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION

Over the past few years, FSU has been retooling its curriculum for new students in an effort to challenge them to discover their true passions in life. The University continues to offer FSU Connections (formerly Learning Communities) in which groups of freshmen with similar interests explore a specific major, life skill or theme by linking together appropriate courses in general education. Also, orientation classes have introduced freshmen to Roadtrip Nation, a movement that encourages students to get

out of the classroom to meet and interview professionals in the "real world" to hear about their successes and challenges. According to Bowling, StrengthsQuest fits right in with these existing initiatives for first-year students. "Orientation is a great vehicle for this type of program," he says.

FSU's orientation instructors were trained on the StrengthsQuest program and asked to incorporate it into their class curriculums. Freshmen who took the test online were challenged to think about how their assessed strengths – not their weaknesses – could help them in their college careers. According to Bowling and Mumper, the results can help students in everything from how they approach class assignments and how they study to how they resolve roommate conflicts, socialize and choose a major.

When her students received their StrengthsQuest assessments, Mumper instructed them to call three people who know them best and share the results. "I've had 100 percent of the students come back and report that their family and friends said, 'That is absolutely you,'" she says. "It's all about building up people, not about tearing them down."

Students were so pleased with the new program that Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honor society at FSU, presented Mumper with a special leadership award for introducing StrengthsQuest to campus.

"We want students to understand themselves better and develop their strengths. Research shows those who are using their strengths are living happier lives," adds Bowling. "For the University to play a role in helping students develop their strengths, as well as respect the strengths of others, I think that's a wonderful way to welcome them to our campus."

For more information on StrengthsQuest, visit online at www.strengthsquest.com. 🐾



Nearly \$3 Million Raised in First Public Year of Campaign

At a dinner and program honoring leading donors last fall, Frostburg State University and the FSU Foundation, Inc., celebrated raising nearly \$3 million in the year since Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg was publicly launched. They set their sights on reaching the campaign's \$15 million goal by the end of fiscal year 2011.

In the period between the 2008 and 2009 Leadership and Homecoming Weekends, \$2,942,880 was raised in support of FSU. As of Dec. 31, 2009, more than \$11.4 million was raised toward the \$15 million goal, and nearly \$1.6 million was raised in the first half of fiscal 2010.

"This is extraordinary, given the state of the economy," FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar told approximately 130 guests assembled in the Lane University Center's Manicur Assembly Hall. "It is also a tribute to your dedi-

cation and support, and a sign that our ultimate campaign goal of \$15 million is within our sights."

"The economic challenges that the world and our country face are affecting all of us in our work and private lives, to some degree or another," FSUF President Sam Griffith told the honorees. "Yet despite these challenges, all of you have demonstrated exemplary leadership and generosity through your support."

Several individuals and organizations were singled out for recognition. Special honorees included:

- **NewPage Corp.**, which has played a significant role in providing FSU with the resources to keep up with technology through an endowed technology fund. A long-time donor to the Foundation, NewPage is particularly proud of its NewPage Scholarship program;
- **Russ Youngers '68** who is helping the Foundation raise much-needed money for athletics through his membership on its Campaign Steering Committee, and

who, with his wife, Penny, has donated significantly to both athletics and the unrestricted Annual Fund;

- **Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon**, chair of the FSU Department of Music, a founder and key organizer of Friends of Music, who has provided her personal funds and matching gifts from her late husband's employer to provide musical instruments and other music program priorities;
- **Joseph Maley '50**, who attended FSU on the GI Bill in preparation for a career as an educator; and who established the Joseph E. Maley Endowed Scholarship Fund to help other Allegany County education students;
- **Dr. J. Hopwood Wooddell** and his wife, **Karen Wooddell**, who established the Dr. J. Hopwood and Karen Wooddell Scholarship for Garrett County students; and
- **Nancy Beall**, widow of the late Sen. J. Glenn Beall Jr., who with her husband and family established the J. Glenn Beall Jr. Institute for Public Affairs at FSU to encourage young people to embrace public service, and which supports scholarships, internships, outreach programs and research fellowships.

Gibraltar praised those who were honored, saying, "The obvious love and commitment everyone has for the University are absolutely overwhelming, and their commitment and support are just extraordinary."

Attendees were treated to a performance by the FSU Chamber Choir and a video featuring historical images of the school, as well as interviews with some of FSU's strongest advocates explaining their varied reasons for supporting the University.



Nancy Beall and Victoria Beall Muth



Marsha & Donald Wilkinson, representing NewPage



Russ Youngers '68



Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon



Joe Maley '50

Wooddells Show Appreciation for Education Through Scholarship

Even though Dr. Hopwood Wooddell had to wait 57 years to receive the diploma he came so close to earning in 1940, he never forgot the value he received from his college education. In recognition of that value, he and his wife, Karen, established a scholarship for students from Garrett County, have given more than \$200,000 to the FSU Foundation over the course of their lives, and have contributed more than \$65,000 to Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg.

Young Hop Wooddell didn't really consider going to college after high school. It was the middle of the Depression, and his father had died after a long illness, leaving the family nearly broke. Instead, he went to work in a five and dime store in Oakland, where he stayed until he got a visit from the basketball coach at Frostburg State Teachers College, who was looking for players. With some financial assistance, it became possible for him to attend the only college available and study the only course available – elementary education. "I was very happy there," he said. It was a run-in with a faculty

member that cut short his college career just six weeks from graduation, a dilemma that was set right in 1997 by former Frostburg President John Morey and then-President Catherine Gira, who took into account that he had later earned a dental degree and deemed him ready to receive the degree he had nearly earned in 1940.

He bears no ill will. He sees his college education as a great benefit, starting when he enlisted in the Army in 1940. Because of his education, he was given a field promotion to captain and was given choice assignments.

"Frostburg gave a lot to me – in just admitting me to go to school, with no funds whatsoever. I think

they gave me all they could give me. I just wanted to say thanks," he said.

His thanks came in the form of the Dr. J. Hopwood and Karen Wooddell Scholarship for students from Garrett County. The Wooddells see plenty of young people in their region who are in a similar dilemma to his all those years ago, with minimal resources. They want those students to still see college as an option, even if they aren't straight-A students.

"Our legacy is in those students, what they do with their education and how they proceed from life because they had the opportunity to go to college," Karen Wooddell said.

"Frostburg gave a lot to me – in just admitting me to go to school, with no funds whatsoever. ... I just wanted to say thanks."

— Hop Wooddell

Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$15 MILLION

\$11.8 MILLION

AS OF 3/23/10

FY10 GOAL

\$2.1 MILLION

FY10 to date

\$1.9 MILLION

AS OF 3/23/2010



Karen and Hopwood Wooddell stand to be recognized at the 2009 Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner.

New Endowed Funds from September 2008 - December 2009

- Roy and Gi Buckheit Endowed Scholarship
- Quincy and Eugenia Crawford Scholarship
- Delta Chi Fraternity Disability Support Services Scholarship
- Jack and Lois Elliott Scholarship
- First United Bank & Trust Scholarship
- G. Wesley and Margaret M. Forrester Education Scholarship
- J. Frederick Gibraltar Regional and Cultural Arts Endowment
- Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education
- Margaret G. Guild Vocal Music Scholarship
- Herzog Family Scholarship
- Jennifer Leigh Johnson Theatre Scholarship
- Kim and Marion Leonard Fund
- Joseph E. Maley Endowed Scholarship
- Walter Moore Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Raymond P. Morgan II Biology Award
- Howard and Audrey Naylor Scholarship
- Betty Jane Phillips Scholarship
- Dr. Tyra C. Phipps Scholarship
- Michael Schrodell Scholarship
- Nellie Thomas Souders Scholarship
- Constance Spates Endowed Scholarship
- Charlie and Wanda Steiner Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Jack W. Vrieze Scholarship
- Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund
- Robert and Johanna Weimer Scholarship
- Morris H. Willey Memorial Scholarship
- Russell and Penny Youngers General Athletic Fund

These funds, like all FSUF endowments, gladly accept additional contributions.

The family of Morris Willey '72/M'74 has established a scholarship in his memory.

FSU Fortunate Love Affair Wasn't Nipped in the Bud

Mel Malchenson M'81/M'93 claims she's had a 30-year love affair with Frostburg State University, but the romance nearly ended before it had a chance to get started.

The first day she arrived in 1979, she almost turned around and went right back home. Her father, who had just moved her and her belongings into Gray Hall, encouraged her to stay for just a week. He knew she would get over the fear that often gripped her in new situations.

"The mountain worked its magic on me," she said, and she never looked back.

Now, 30 years later, Malchenson has two master's degrees from Frostburg, has been a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the past two decades, chairs the Old Main Society and, with her family, has established the **Ethel Hollinger Malchenson Scholarship Fund** in memory of her mother.

Malchenson, who has movement and mobility problems caused by cerebral palsy, credits her parents with raising her as a person with a disability, not a disabled person. They expected as much out of her as they did her brothers and sisters, right down to the chores they all had to do.

It was her experience living with her disability that encouraged her career choice as a special education teacher. In addition to her desire to work with children, "I wanted also to prove that somebody with a disability could ... make a contribution to society," she said. She thought she could serve as a role model.

She earned a bachelor's and the first of three master's degrees before encountering Frostburg. She taught for 17 years, then moved into guidance counseling for the next 10. She retired in 2003.

Her Frostburg love affair began with her second master's degree, and continued

through her third. All the while, the mountain – and the people there – continued to work magic.

"I feel a closeness to the entity of the University, the quality of the University, the personhood of the University. When I

picture the University, I picture a collage of people who very much worked together to make me who I am," she said with a catch in her voice.

As the years have passed and she has increased both her volunteerism and philanthropy, her devotion has grown.

The scholarship, created as a memorial soon after her mother's death, supports education stu-

dents from Washington County, where she grew up, and Frederick County, where she had her career, and neighboring counties in Pennsylvania. Since it was established in 1992, more than \$31,000 has been contributed to the fund. Malchenson has made a \$15,000 pledge to FSU's Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, benefitting the scholarship fund.

She sets goals to reach certain giving levels each year, and her latest effort has been to help the FSU Foundation encourage people to consider remembering FSU in their estate plans, which is the role of the Old Main Society. She has written FSU into her will.

Despite her and her parents' natural reluctance to "never toot your own horn," she is determined to continue working for the place she loves so much. "I want my parents to have this legacy," she said.

For more information about the Old Main Society, contact Cherie Krug at 301-687-4161 or e-mail ckrug@frostburg.edu.



Mel Malchenson M'81/M'93

MEMORIAL TO MUSIC LOVERS TO ASSIST MUSIC MAJORS

A new music scholarship fund has been established at Frostburg State University in memory of a couple who neither played music nor sang, but who passed on their love of music to their children nonetheless.

The Charlie and Wanda Steiner Memorial Scholarship was established by their son, Mark, through a pledge of \$15,000 to Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. The scholarship will specifically benefit music majors who play the piano or organ.

Mark Steiner '78 is the organist at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Md., and the owner of the Steiner-Murphy Pipe Organ Company, which repairs and services pipe organs throughout the Mid-Atlantic region from a base in Cumberland.

Steiner said he chose to name the scholarship in honor of his late parents, Charlie and Wanda Steiner, for the musical influence they had on his life.

"They never played an instrument or sang, but when my sister and I were talking about it recently, we realized that there was always music playing in the house," he said. "It was a part of daily living. We didn't realize until later how big an impression that made."

Mark Steiner doesn't think either of his parents had the opportunity to study music when they were young, but they made sure their children did, and Mark eventually made music his career.

Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, chair of FSU's Department of Music, said the new scholarship comes at an important time.

"We have tremendous need for music scholarships," Dixon said. More than 90 students are majoring or minoring in music at FSU.

She said that Mark Steiner was instrumental in founding Friends of Music at Frostburg, which raises money through the FSU Foundation to support music students and programming. He currently serves on its steering committee.

CHILL Gearing Up for Exciting Second Year, Thanks to AstraZeneca Contribution

Thanks to a generous contribution from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Frostburg State University is gearing up for another promising year with CHILL ("Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles"), a campuswide wellness initiative.

"We are thrilled that AstraZeneca was so pleased with the progress we made in the important first year of this project that they wanted to continue their philanthropic support for another year," said B.J. Davisson II, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. "This program would not happen would it not be for their very serious commitment to wellness and prevention. Together, we can do great things for young people."

Originally launched in September 2008, CHILL has

successfully developed and organized various educational outreach activities focused on health and wellness during the past year, including workshops led by nationally renowned fitness expert Scott Cole, a "Biggest Loser" student competition and campus community walks organized in affiliation with popular University traditions like Homecoming. CHILL also offered student health screenings, which helped students become more informed of how to take charge of and improve their personal health. With AstraZeneca's support, FSU was also able to hire April Baer, project coordinator for University Wellness, and Registered Nurse Julie Miller.

As a result of CHILL's success and the University's overall focus on health and wellness, in spring 2009 FSU was recognized as a "Fit-Friendly Company" by the American Heart Association and received a "Worksite Innovation Award" from AHA for its efforts to promote and foster an institutional culture of health and physical activity in the workplace.

AstraZeneca's new contribution of \$228,000 ensures the mission

to make FSU a national model for campus health and wellness can continue. CHILL has organized a variety of activities centered on the theme "The Amazing Race," which encourages participants to push themselves – or race – to reach various goals and events that promote overall well-being. Fall semester activities included fitness education ("The Amazing Race for My Personal Best," "The Amazing Race to Homecoming" and "The Amazing Race for Fitness") and a community race in downtown Frostburg ("The Race to Main Street"), as well as ongoing efforts to encourage students to give back to the community that overlap with FSU's Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement ("The Amazing Race for Service"). CHILL is offering "The Amazing Race for Reading" with FSU's Lewis J. Ort Library, which provides texts to engage the mind and help students think about wellness from different perspectives.

"It is so rewarding to see how excited this campus and our community are for wellness. Within one year, CHILL has become a fixture on this campus," Baer said. "We hope to grow and provide resources for our students to inspire them to lead healthier, happier lives."

To learn more about CHILL, visit www.frostburg.edu/chill or e-mail wellness@frostburg.edu.



From left, Mark Steiner, Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon and Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

Passing It On

How FSU Alumni Educators Are 'Linking Hands, Heads and Hearts'



by Becca Ramspott

Teachers expect children to ask questions such as “Why is the grass green?” or “Why is the sky blue?”
But what about, “Why is the water orange?”

It was the summer of 2003, and some kids from Oakland, Md.’s Crellin Elementary School who were enrolled in a science camp had stumbled across liquid the same color as Ernie from “Sesame Street” seeping into nearby Snowy Creek. And they wanted to know why it was there.

Dr. Dana McCauley '89/M'98 had recently joined Crellin as principal and had initiated the summer science camp to continue teaching students academics over the summer break. “We honestly answered that we didn’t know, but that together, we could find out,” she said. “We realized that allowing the kids to ask questions and search for answers was the best way to teach. We certainly didn’t know what the orange water was or why it was there but we could help them find other people who did know.”

This teachable moment about acid mine drainage evolved into “Crellin Community Corps of Discovery,” a program that seeks to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities by relying on “learning

partners” – community leaders and representatives from local, state and national organizations who work with Crellin students to answer questions about different topics, through activities like class projects, field trips and guest lectures.

“Our learning partners all have a strong interest and love and desire to come in and connect with kids and help us teach them,” McCauley said. “We have realized that we don’t need to know every answer to questions asked or the ‘I wonder ...’ statements kids have. We just need to be willing to guide them to the resources that can help them.”

It’s activities like these that have earned Crellin Elementary accolades like a 2007 President’s Environmental Youth Award from the Environmental Protection Agency – and honors for McCauley as well. In 2009, she was named Maryland’s National Distinguished Principal. The educator who receives this recognition is chosen from a group of applicants who are nominated by peers in their state.

McCauley is one of many FSU graduates who, after studying education at Frostburg, have gone on to successful careers in teaching and administration, often becoming leaders in their respective areas. In 2009, McCauley was joined by Dean Warrenfeltz '77, who was named West Virginia’s National Distinguished Principal. Jennifer Burdock Rankin '96/M'01 was deemed 2010 Maryland Teacher of the Year.

And the list goes on and on...

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Passing it on



Crellin Elementary School fourth-graders perform biological and chemical testing in the stream that runs by the school.

A Legacy in Learning Excellence

The visibility and success of FSU's graduates who work in education are anchored in the institution's historical commitment to preparing excellent educators. After it opened its doors as State Normal School No. 2 in 1898, Frostburg encouraged a

"learn-by-doing emphasis" with its model school, the elementary school in which Frostburg's Normal School students observed and practiced teaching with local miners' kids. This hands-on learning environment was soon joined by one-room schoolhouses where Frostburg's aspiring teachers taught in the community. According to "A Century of Commitment," a 1998 publication commemorating FSU's Centennial anniversary, Frostburg had its eye on teaching the "whole child" from the very get-go: Elocution, group singing to enhance the spirit of community and incorporating physical activity into the curriculum were all part of how Frostburg taught and developed its learning experiences. Over the years, accreditations by notable organizations such as the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (1949), the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (1953) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (1953) and the addition of

Master of Education (1958) and Master of Arts in Teaching degree programs (1999) have further enhanced FSU's standing as a university known for turning out great teachers.

Dr. Ken Witmer, dean of FSU's College of Education, can summarize FSU's reputation for teaching excellence in another way: He's heard colleagues throughout the state of Maryland describe how, when faced with the prospect of hiring new teachers, put all the applications submitted by FSU graduates in one pile, and everyone else in another, and they start their search by going through the Frostburg pile first.

"These schools know our graduates will be successful," Witmer said.

Witmer attributes these quality graduates to the College's conceptual framework – "Linked Hands, Heads and Hearts: Building Powerful Learning Communities."

"We like to think we create educators who are passionate about their work not just as a job, but as a contribution to

society," he said. "People leave here understanding it's a mission as well as a vocation. That attitude permeates everything we do."

To ensure the success of FSU graduates, the College of Education takes a multi-faceted approach that combines base knowledge – what must be taught in the most current state curriculum – with key interpersonal skills ("knowing the student – where the head and heart combine"). Developing qualities like leadership and a sense of global community and providing technologically enhanced learning experiences are also essential aspects of the College's approach to preparing educational superstars.

"Being out here in Western Maryland, some people have the misconception that we're behind the times, but we're actually ahead of the curve," Witmer said, pointing out the College's interactive Smart Boards and Promethean Boards, digital versions of old-fashioned blackboards where teachers can show students anything that can be presented on a computer's desktop with a touch of their fingertips.

The interactive boards are evidence of the College of Education's dedication to ensuring that technology is an integral part of its curriculum: All candidates in the College's early childhood, elementary, secondary and physical education programs must take three technology labs as part of the teacher education

programs. The College also offers professional development workshops to faculty in which professors decide what skills in technology they need to best prepare future teachers.

"I'm very open about the expectation that our faculty remain up to date and teach each other how to stay on top of the latest developments in education," Witmer said. "We have a professional obligation to stay current."

Education programs are also guided by a campuswide technology advisory council, which reviews technology integration applications and helps plan for technology field experiences FSU students may encounter during their teaching internships.

"We also work closely with the schools to find out what is out there right now, what are the needs," Witmer said.

Unexpected Roles and New Challenges

Of course, in today's schools, those needs go beyond basic instruction to include a whole range of other issues that shape the lives of students.

"Many of the things that used to be taught in the home or in a religious setting are now left to the schools ... healthy lifestyles, character education," said Warrenfeltz, who graduated with a degree in music education in 1977 and began his teaching career as a choral/general music teacher. Today he is principal of West Virginia's Winchester Avenue School in Martinsburg.

"In many cases, people ask why the schools aren't teaching

Thoughts on the Profession

What has inspired me as an educator has evolved over time. As a teacher, the inspiration for me was in helping kids learn. Watching the excitement as they tackled challenging tasks and grasped new concepts. As an administrator at the system level now, that same inspiration still holds true for the kids, but I am also inspired to create the best school system possible for students and adults. Why I want to do it – and why I keep doing it – has also evolved. Having three children of my own is all the inspiration and reason I need now.

Steven Lockard, '92/M'98

*Associate Superintendent for Elementary School Improvement, Instruction and Administration
Frederick County (Md.) Public Schools*

I had two students in the fifth grade in one of my last years as a classroom teacher who had a tremendous impact on me. It was a fabulous year with the best class of students and parents of my career. Years later, I got two letters from students in that class. One had said she chose to be a teacher because of that year in my class. Today she is a successful teacher. The other said that she was able to go on to high school and be successful, and ultimately to college, because of the preparation and inspiration she got from my class.

Dennis Albright, '79/M'87

*Superintendent, Braxton County Schools
Sutton, W.Va.*

You could not pick a more noble profession. However, they (aspiring teachers) must realize that this is not a career that is going to make you rich – so don't go into it to make a fortune. Likewise, it is not an easy job. Many people look at the schedule and think, wow, I could like to have my summers off, all the holidays, the early dismissal times. They need to know that you will be spending many of those summer days taking workshops and graduate classes. They will be working hours after school grading papers or planning lessons.

Dean Warrenfeltz, '77

West Virginia's 2009 National Distinguished Principal

*Principal, Winchester Avenue School
Martinsburg, W.Va.*

Commenting on how FSU psychology professor Dr. Bill Southerly inspired her: So we called him – can't remember if we really had a question or if we wanted to see if he would accept the call (we called collect). He accepted the call and talked us through our questions. I remember thinking, "If I am ever a teacher, I want to be like him." Hopefully I am!

Dr. Dana McCauley, '89/M'98

Maryland's 2009 National Distinguished Principal

*Principal, Crellin Elementary School
Oakland, Md.*

FSU's teacher candidates learn how to stay on top of the latest in educational technology, including these interactive, digital versions of old-fashioned blackboards as demonstrated by Dr. Emily Milleson, assistant professor of Educational Professions.





... when faced with the prospect of hiring new teachers, put all the applications submitted by FSU graduates in one pile, and everyone else in another, and they start their search by going through the Frostburg pile first.

kids these things, and at the same time we have some parents who don't want the school taking on this responsibility because they still want to have ownership over these areas with their child," he said. "The mixed demands can be overwhelming when you are trying to please everyone and meet all the local, state and federal requirements."

Warrenfeltz was inspired to attend FSU because two teachers he knew and greatly respected also happened to be Frostburg

alumni: his middle school band teacher, **Susie Downs Kunkle '65**, and her husband, **Noel Kunkle '66/M'74**, who directed choirs at his church.

It was the Kunkles' influence, along with Warrenfeltz's desire to share his love of music with others, that initially got him into education. He is an example of the many College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Business students who benefit from Frostburg's solid teacher preparation and who go on to specialize in teaching a subject they already love. At Frostburg, in addition to studying music, Warrenfeltz also learned how to orchestrate his time, juggling Marching Band and other ensemble group performances with his coursework.

Today, "time management is very important to my career as an educator," he said. "Whether

you are a teacher in the classroom or an administrator, there always seems to be more things to do than time to get them done. Learning how to prioritize and determine what is essential are a large part of being successful and not being overwhelmed in a very stressful job situation."

A Holistic view

With so many demands on their time and numerous goals to consider, teachers have to keep their work in perspective, said **Kim Green '86/M'93**, principal of Cumberland, Md.'s Washington Middle School.

"As educators, we can lose our focus when we place too much emphasis upon standardized testing, and when we allow the pressures related to high-stakes

Passing it on

testing to cloud our mission," she said. "Administrators feel the pressure of whether they should schedule cultural learning opportunities for the children because it takes time from the classroom. However, students need to experience a wide range of learning experiences, and the development of a strong student-teacher relationship is crucial to learning and student achievement."

Green has firsthand experience of how students benefit from mentorship beyond the classroom setting. After beginning her teaching career at the Center for Career and Technical Education in Cresaptown, Md., she took on various responsibilities and activities such as serving as newspaper, yearbook and prom advisor and as co-advisor for the bicycle club and ski club.

She also coached the girls' tennis team for several years at Fort Hill High School in Cumberland. In 1998, she was selected as the Career Center's Teacher of the Year. From 1990 to 1999, in addition to her regular job, she also worked with FSU's Upward Bound program.

"(Working with Upward Bound) was a great teaching experience for me," Green said. "Students had the opportunity to engage in creative learning experiences, and they were afforded the opportunity to participate in many exciting field trips. I tremendously enjoyed working with Allegany County students, as well as the college students from FSU who served as tutor counselors."

Like many FSU graduates in education, Green continues

to push herself and is aiming to complete an Ed.D. in educational leadership at nearby WVU. She would love to return to FSU one day in an entirely new capacity: as a professor.

"It would be a great highlight of my educational career to return to Frostburg State University and teach graduate courses in education, administration or technology," she said.

Fast Forward to the Future

When Green became principal at Washington Middle School, Bev Andrews, a recently retired supervisor of pupil services and a long-time mentor, gave her a folder she had created and decorated.

"She told me that sometimes I would have difficult days where it seemed like I couldn't do anything right. To cope with those days, she told me to keep all the cards, notes and meaningful items that students, teachers or parents gave me," Green said. "When I was feeling frustrated, I was to open that folder and re-read those cards and notes. These are powerful images that provide inspiration and purpose."

It's one of many meaningful personal connections that push FSU educators to be good at what they do, every day.

For McCauley, it's important not to lose sight of the collective effort behind her work at Crellin. "The principal is often seen as the person whose job it is to keep everyone motivated, focused and moving in the right direction," she said. "The truth is that if you have the right people, then you keep each other motivated, focused and moving in the right

direction. ... You can't reach the top without standing on one another's shoulders; it's a team effort. They are not 'my kids' – they are 'our kids.'"

And there's nothing like seeing those kids again, and hearing how much a teacher has influenced them.

"When former students that I run into around the community take the time to say that they remember something I did for them years ago, that I got them into singing in the high school show choir and that experience changed their life, or that I inspired them to do better, these are the things that assure me that I am having an impact," Warrenfeltz said. "That gives my career purpose and meaning. It is certainly not for wealth, fame or rewards ... Bottom line is that we do it for the kids!"

It's a legacy in learning that returns tenfold to Frostburg.

"We have a lot of alumni throughout the entire state, and they are the ones who send us students who will make good teachers," Witmer said. "If we can make one teacher who is great at helping a handful of students, that's work that's worthwhile." ■



Opposite page: First-graders at Crellin Elementary School prepare the school's garden for a pumpkin patch.

Above: Dr. William Pope, a bird enthusiast and one of Crellin's community learning partners, shows fifth-graders how to call birds, using bird songs recorded on his iPod.





BATTLING BINGE DRINKING

FSU fights for the lives and futures of its students, but its reputation is at stake, too.

by Liz Douglas Medcalf

Picture the typical college house party: A hundred or more young people crammed into a basement, each holding a plastic cup of beer or something stronger, music blaring, someone at the door collecting five bucks or so a head. This could be any university in America. This could be Frostburg State University.

Across the country, it's a picture that has gone relatively unchanged for decades, but today at FSU, attitudes are beginning to change – attitudes of students, the administration and the community – and statistics and anecdotes are starting to paint a different picture.

The Truth About the Myths

American college campuses and high-risk drinking seem to be enduringly intertwined. The phenomenon is celebrated in the culture, mythologized in movies. Thirty years of national surveys on binge-drinking among college students show only a minimal decline. For the past 30 years, between 40 and 45 percent of American college students drank to excess (five drinks or more in a row) at least once in the two weeks before they were surveyed.

Part of the myth is that binge drinking among college students is a harmless pastime, just kids sowing their wild oats before going out into the world to become productive citizens. In reality, according to the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, approximately 1,700 college students between ages 18 and 24 die each year because of alcohol-related activity, primarily from accidents or alcohol poisoning. Countless more are injured or injure others.

According to Outside the Classroom, an organization that is dedicated to helping educational institutions fight binge drinking, this is truly a phenomenon among college students – something they have dubbed “The College Effect.” It describes the sharp uptick in use of alcohol among students from the moment they enter college, especially in the

first six weeks. Students who already drink, drink more. More students who didn't drink before college start drinking. The most telling statistic, the one linking it to college life, is that young people in college drink more than people the same age who did not go to college.

Those on the front lines in the battle against college binge drinking have a different view of that quintessential house party: They see a fire hazard. They see alcohol being sold without a license. They see underage drinkers. They see students who will sleep through their next class – or fall asleep while in class – because they are hung over. They see potential victims of crime who are lowering their guard more with each drink. They see neighbors who can't sleep because of the noise, or who wake up to trash and vomit in their yards. They see people drinking beyond drunkenness to stupor or unconsciousness. They see potential trips to the hospital or the morgue. And they see actions and habits that can follow a person throughout life.

“This is a serious national problem, but so many schools seem to just ignore it. They don't want to deal with it,” said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. His first month as president at Frostburg, Gibraltar was faced with an alcohol-fueled tragedy when a community member was severely injured outside an off-campus party. This sobering crisis led Gibraltar to take immediate action by creating a wide-ranging Alcohol Task Force, which has guided and given momentum to FSU's efforts to fight the college alcohol culture.

Consequences at FSU

Frostburg State University unfortunately is no stranger to heavy college drinking and its consequences. Over the years, students have died, been injured or injured others. The 1996 death of John Stinner from alcohol poisoning, a case that led to charges against other members of his unrecognized fraternity, was the highest-profile. But other students have died, and while in many cases alcohol wasn't listed as the primary cause of death, it was a contributing factor.

It's the other consequences – assaults, injuries, hospitalizations, arrests, academic failure – that keep FSU's student affairs staff busy trying to keep these problems from ending a student's academic career, or worse, his or her life.

But beyond the risk to the individual students, the binge-drinking culture poses risks to the community and the institution as well.

Much of what passes for town-gown tension between Frostburg residents and

Frostburg students is related to alcohol consumption and parties. City police are stretched by policing underage drinking, public drunkenness, parties illegally selling alcohol or pushing the capacity of houses in town far beyond fire codes, and by responding to fights, assaults and accidents among students in which alcohol is a contributing factor. Neighbors in the college district, both long-time residents and current students, complain of noise and trash following large parties and “party houses,” houses in which no one lives, but which are packed with scores of people on the weekends. The situations did not go unnoticed by FSU's administration.

“My first year here, on Sunday of Homecoming, I drove by a house where they were using a rake to get all the beer cans out,” Gibraltar said.

Jesse Ketterman, FSU's dean of students, who for several years was FSU's point man with the community – and by extension on the alcohol issue – points out that the party culture in town is not all FSU students. Students from the region's two-year colleges, former FSU students who flunked out but never left, and people just looking for a party – or trouble – are drawn to the area.

Branded

Beyond the immediate neighborhood is a broader, more insidious impact, that of FSU's “brand,” what people think of when they hear the words Frostburg State University. For Frostburg, the “party school” brand has been hard to shake, regardless of the reality.

“There's a direct correlation between party school image and brand recognition,” said Outside the Classroom CEO Brandon Busteded, who has worked closely with FSU for a number of years.

OTC closely monitors studies on the issue, and a body of research is beginning to draw some conclusions: High-risk drinking weakens the perception of a school's academic commitment, which can turn off high-caliber candidates, and employers may be less inclined to hire graduates of perceived party schools.

The erosion of FSU's “brand” can happen in subtle ways: snide laughter that astronaut and FSU alumnus Ricky Arnold '85 heard from an interviewer on a Baltimore TV station when he talked about his days as a Frostburg student, the bewildered reaction some alums received from their friends at the news that the alums are encouraging their own children to attend Frostburg, or the scene at college fairs when a prospective student starts to approach FSU's table but is

shooed away by a parent who won't let them consider a "party school."

"Campuses that have addressed the party school image have shown increased brand value," Busted said. "Alumni are benefitting from this."

Alumni themselves can be guilty of perpetuating the reputation out of pride or bragging rights. But, often, it can be to their own detriment and erode the value of their own degree, Busted said. The perception becomes that successful alumni achieve not because of their education at Frostburg, but in spite of it.

"A lot of alumni look at the alcohol issue as a happy part of the experience. Stories are told and repeated" and become more feeling than fact, Busted said. "But when they really look at what they achieved as part of it, they may see it differently."

Adjusting the Picture

The thing is, the story really is different these days, and Frostburg now has statistics to back it up.

FSU has offered AlcoholEdu, Outside the Classroom's online education program, since 2002. It's now required of all freshmen and offered to their parents as well. Data received from the students who complete the course indicates that between 2004 and 2008, the number of students who enter FSU who are nondrinkers went from 40 percent to 57 percent, a trend that is outpacing the national average by two and a half times.

"That means the makeup of the student body is changing," Busted said. At least among prospective students, so is FSU's image.

Don Swogger, director of the S.A.F.E. office and advisor to the BURG Peer Education Group, which promotes healthy choices, conducts an informal survey of incoming freshmen, asking them to raise their hands if they had heard of FSU being a party school. Over the past decade, the number of hands has gradually diminished, although the parents, especially parents who are alumni, are more likely to consider FSU a party school than their children do.

Swogger sees that as one of the challenges. "We need to get the word out that this is a much different institution than it was 30 years ago."

In addition, every three years since 1997, Dr. Spencer Deakin, director of the FSU Counseling Center, has administered the national Core Survey – an assessment of use, attitudes and impact of alcohol and drug

use – to students. In its first year, 59 percent of students surveyed reported binge drinking within the previous two weeks, well above the national average. However, over the past 12 years, that rate has steadily decreased, now coming in line with the national average at 43 percent, over a period when the national average has barely budged.

Progress is showing in other areas, too. For example, in 1997, 90 percent of FSU students drank alcohol at least once in the month before they were surveyed, but in 2009, that number was 69.5 percent. And those who did drink are drinking less, down from an average of 9.5 drinks consumed in a week to 5.2 drinks.

"Less than a dozen universities nationwide have shown this kind of success over this period of time," said Busted about FSU. One of the highest profile, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, managed that decline with the help of a \$500,000 grant, something that FSU has been doing only with a shift in priorities and current resources.

"That's real, tangible progress," Busted said. "Frostburg has made a real commitment to this, not just the student affairs office, but across the whole university. ... All the folks at Frostburg are on the same page. They want to tackle this."

Changing Behaviors

Beyond statistics, there are other signs that behaviors are changing.

Senior Tierney Callahan-Harding, a member of the unrecognized group, Delta Delta (formed after Phi Sigma Sigma was barred from campus in 1999 for hazing), has personally witnessed the change in her four years at FSU.

"People used to 'rage' here – that was the

word everyone used. House parties are so much smaller now. It's not the huge, raging house parties any more," she said. "Parties were getting busted, and people got tired of running from the cops."

One of FSU's fastest-growing fraternities, Phi Mu Delta, chartered just three years ago, still has parties and still allows beer, but from the very beginning, the choice was made that they would be different, according to member Zach Bensley. Each party has a guest list requiring RSVPs. Guests are limited to the amount of beer they can bring – there's no keg – and steps are taken to make sure that underage guests don't drink.

And other on-campus Greek organizations are starting to follow suit, doing more to prevent their guests from over-indulging and to keep underage guests from drinking at all.

Phi Mu Delta takes pride in its leadership on the issue. "This semester, all the other organizations got stricter, so we got even stricter still," Bensley said.

The big parties off campus still exist, especially on big weekends like Halloween and Homecoming, but they're shrinking, becoming less frequent, and becoming less brazen. To Gibraltar, that's still progress. A smaller party is just a safer place to be.

"I don't want to ban drinking or parties. I just don't want a student to die," the president said.

FSU's student activities staff is also seeing an increase in students participating in campus programming, according to Robert Cooper, director of student activities. The increase is partly due to changes in timing, with many activities starting around 10 p.m., the same time as the local parties gear up or students start rolling into bars. Cooper said students, and, in particular, the campus Greeks have played a large role in identifying programming that resonates with their fellow students; it's now activities like Laser Tag tournaments that draw numbers.

Students were also behind the creation of SafeRide, the van service that has already provided thousands of late-night rides home from Frostburg parties and bars on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. (See related story p. 8.) After overcoming an initial reluctance on the part of the FSU administration, which feared that the service would encourage drinking, SafeRide has been in operation since spring of 2008, supported by the University, but staffed almost entirely by students.

Where's This All Coming From?

FSU's student affairs staff has been fighting the good fight for years now, and they deserve credit for those early declines in binge drinking. For more than a decade, the University has been using social norming, in which a student's often exaggerated perception of the amount people drank is given a dose of reality, using data from the Core Survey. The BURG Peer Education Network has been active for 23 years and is currently at 50 members. Educational programs, "alternative" activities and more intensive, small-group counseling for students with addiction issues are all part of the arsenal.

"Whatever we do, some students will continue to press the envelope," Swogger said. "We have to keep pressing on. Being complacent is the worst place to be."

FSU's Alcohol Task Force, created early in Gibraltar's administration, an answer to that early tragedy and to the culture of binge drinking that he saw putting so many students at risk, has been directing the next steps, always looking for the next front in the battle. The Task Force is a broad-based coalition of people from throughout FSU – students, faculty, counseling staff, activities staff, athletics staff, University Police – as well as interested members of the community. Two of the newest members are the manager of a local pub and a rental property manager.

The Task Force has looked at FSU's relationship with its surrounding community, reviewed current policies and procedures and worked to find programming and activities that will resonate with the student of today. Meetings have been held with Frostburg city law enforcement and local alcohol-serving businesses, and letters have been sent to local landlords and FSU parents.

The Task Force members continue to look for areas of improvement. One area of current focus is off-campus, unsanctioned organizations – most adopting Greek letters, but many with little in common with recognized groups, and among which some of the most dangerous behavior exists.

"The majority of these groups just exist as drinking clubs, and they create a very risky environment," Ketterman said.

Last fall, a former student and member of one of these groups died as a result of what is believed to be taking a combination of alcohol and pain killers. The subsequent police investigation opened the door to some information to which the University previously had no access. Of 22 members with a definite affiliation with FSU, only nine were current students – six of them on academic probation

– while another nine had been academically dismissed.

The members of Delta Delta, also unrecognized, but with a goal of regaining recognition someday, can see the difference, and they're bothered to be lumped in with the groups who primarily exist to facilitate drunkenness.

"We're based on friendship and sisterhood, not based on drinking," Callahan-Harding said.

The Role of Leadership

Gibraltar remains committed to changing the predominant college culture – at least on FSU's campus – and change has happened. But he knows there is still work to be done at FSU, since even with the reduced numbers, 43 percent of FSU students can be classified as binge drinkers.

"We get a new group of freshman each year, and we have to start all over with them," he said.

In the past year, as a result of the Presidential Leadership Award given to Gibraltar from seven higher education organizations, including Outside the Classroom, he has been called upon frequently to talk about what's happening at FSU and to talk about ways to address the binge-drinking issue. He encourages his counterparts at other universities to get involved.

"Often University presidents shy away from this issue because of the fear of bad press," he said, "but a president's leadership empowers everyone else – students, staff, faculty, alumni and the community – to do their own part."

Ketterman agrees. "Presidential leadership is the key. It motivates us, pushes us forward."

Gibraltar also knows that progress against binge drinking leads to progress elsewhere. There is clear national data on the detrimental impact that binge drinking has on academic performance, student engagement and retention. At Frostburg, in just the three years of the high-profile push, retention has improved by 5 percentage points.

Gibraltar was asked by a reporter early on whether he thought taking on Frostburg's party school image might hurt enrollment. He mulled the question for a minute, then said, "there's a silent majority out there who don't always speak their mind, but who really want an environment where alcohol is not so rampant."

It may be a coincidence, but this fall Frostburg State University posted the largest undergraduate enrollment in its 111-year history. ■

Work of the Alcohol Task Force

Because the problem of binge drinking among college students is a multifaceted issue, Frostburg State University is addressing it from multiple angles. Students, faculty, counseling staff, activities staff, athletics staff, law enforcement, parents, alcohol-serving businesses, landlords and local residents all have a part to play.

Frostburg State University's Alcohol Task Force encompasses all the above groups. It began by breaking down the examination of the issue into subgroups:

- Campus and the Community
- Policies and Practices
- Alternative Programming/Today's Student

Each subgroup identified and prioritized issues within its individual focus, collecting information from a wide range of sources.

Among the groups the Task Force has met with are:

- University Neighbors (a coalition of residents and students in the neighborhood surrounding the University)
- Allegany County Liquor Control Board
- Local liquor establishments
- Local law enforcement agencies (Regular meetings are now conducted, and a member of FSU's police force is part of the Allegany County Combined Criminal Investigations unit.)
- Officials at Allegany College of Maryland and Potomac State College, regional two-year institutions.

Among the other efforts or recommendations of the Task Force:

- Alerted landlords to excessive noise citations at their properties
- Alerted those who rent venues of alcohol policies, unrecognized groups and risk management procedures
- Paid for Training Intervention Procedures (TIPS) for local establishments
- Worked with the City of Frostburg for code enforcement
- Expanded parental notification to off-campus infractions
- Examined the nature of incidents to identify "at-risk" students, referring them directly to an alcohol support group





President Gibraltar crowns 2009's Homecoming Queen Myah Coleman, representing Alpha Sigma Tau, which raised \$1,430 for Special Olympics.



Laura Bowling '05, alumni office grad assistant, and Becca Ramspott, FSU's social media guru, celebrate the conclusion of the Back to the 'Burg Scavenger Hunt with Bob E. Cat and Kitty.



FSU football players touch "the rock" for luck before the Homecoming game, a long-standing tradition at home football games.



Honored at the annual Bobcat Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony, this year's inductees include, from left, Ariel "A.J." Bell '95, Evan O'Rourke '89, Kim Creighton Heierling '90, Ray Pietras '73 and Craig Rotruck '92.



Baseball alumni, current players, coaches and friends gather for the annual Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast.



The Track and Cross Country Breakfast brought together alumni from all eras. From left are Head Coach Dale Luy, Charles Minear '72, Harry "Bud" Rizer '75, Daemon Dartouzos '91, Julie Sanders '91, former Head Coach Bob Lewis, Dwain Thomas '84, Dennis Albright '75/M'87/M'89 and John Casadonte '82.



Chilly weather didn't keep alumni and students from enjoying the Homecoming football game and halftime festivities.



Bob E. Cat joins the sisters of Delta Zeta to watch the football game.



FSU Foundation Board member Gladys Faherty '55 gets a visit from her friend, Bob.



B.J. Davisson '81, center, FSU's Vice President for University Advancement, chats with honoree Dr. Joan DeVeve Dixon, right, and Dr. Peter Halmos, left, at the Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner. See page 20 for story.



Dawn and Dennis Thomas '65 were among the guests attending the Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner. Afterwards, they were inspired to make a significant donation to the Campaign.



At the Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner, FSU President Gibraltar announces that Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg surpassed the \$10.7 million mark.

LEADERSHIP & HOMECOMING WEEKEND

classnotes

ClassNotes listed are those received as of December 1, 2009

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Jane Souders Bugg self-published a volume of poetry called *From One Spark*.

1960

Save the date: June 5, 2010
2010 is your Golden Anniversary Year. We will be celebrating the **Class of 1960** and before. Please contact the Alumni Office at 301.687.4068 or e-mail alumni@frostburg.edu to learn more.

James J. Lupis, Jr. received one of three American Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Awards on Feb. 19, 2009, at the A.A.S.A. National Conference on Education in San Francisco.

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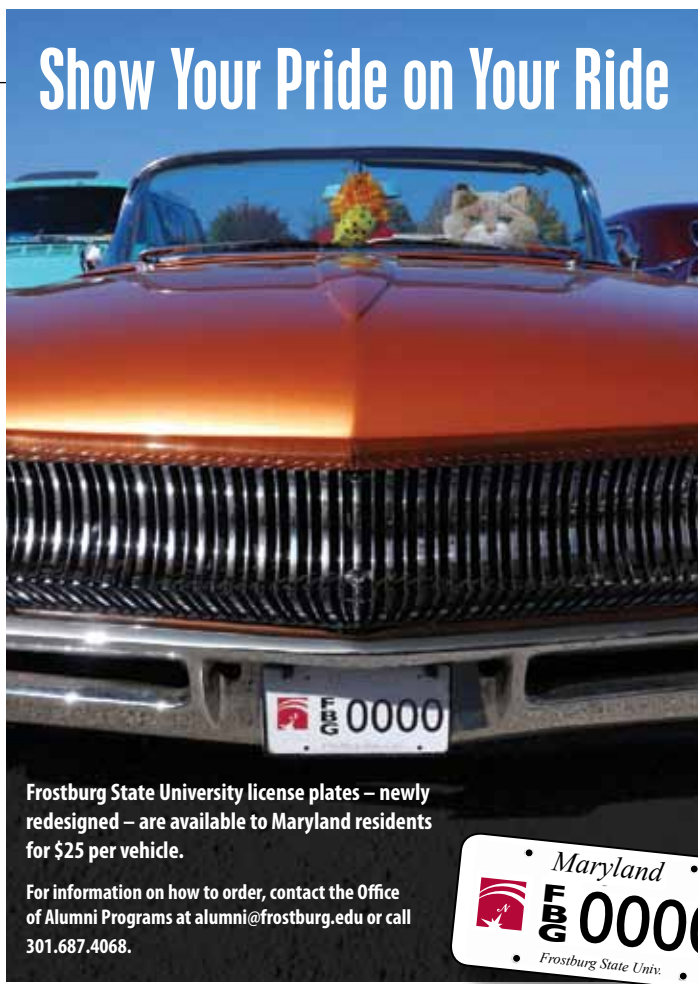
Dr. Donald Forrester received a Doctor of Ministry degree in biblical counseling from Master's International School of Divinity in Evansville, Ind., on Aug. 1, 2009. He was recently named president of the Garrett County Board of Education, and serves as vice chairman of the Local Management Board, chairman of the Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee, chairman of the Garrett County Healthy Families Advisory Committee and president of the Mountaintop Ministerial Association.

1969

J. Ronald Hennings is superintendent of schools for Canon School District No. 50 in Black Canyon City, Ariz. He is completing his 40th year in public education, 33rd in administration and 16th as superintendent.

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Frostburg State University license plates – newly redesigned – are available to Maryland residents for \$25 per vehicle.

For information on how to order, contact the Office of Alumni Programs at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068.

1971

Dr. Frederic S. Lee is the editor of the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.

1972

Mike Dreisbach and his wife, Jan Russell, were honored when their business, the Savage River Lodge, in Garrett County, Md., was awarded the 2009 Small

Business of the Year Award by the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. In September, Mike was elected president of Mountain Maryland Trails, a nonprofit organization that serves as an advisory board to Allegany County commissioners on matters related to Maryland's Great Allegheny Passage.

1974

Rexann Allen Dubiel is a third-grade teacher in Sunset Beach, Hawaii. She has created the stuffed animal, "Rex the Surf Dog," with whom she and her husband have traveled to promote literacy and kindness. Learn more at Surf Dog's blog: www.surfdogsunsetbeach.com, and download a free coloring book and calendar featuring his travels in the U.S. and abroad.

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From the Alumni Association President

There is something very special about Frostburg State University



Col. Ronald Forrester '67

that I find hard to put into words. Forty-plus years ago, led by my teachers' love of history, I decided that I wanted to inspire students the way my teachers had inspired me. The key criteria in my search for a prospective college were cost and the college being recognized as an outstanding "teacher's college." My twin brother, Don, and I both aspired to be teachers and wanted to minimize the financial impact on our parents. Based on the strong recommendations of counselors and teachers, we journeyed over the mountains. What a prophetic trip that proved to be.

Frostburg State had the reputation of being "the state college of choice" for students in Maryland aspiring to be teachers, with an education program recognized by school districts throughout the state. I was hooked. I fell in love with the small campus, the small class sizes, the friendliness of the staff and faculty – and the mountains! My expectations were high; I can honestly say I was not disappointed. My four years at Frostburg State proved to be ones of self-discovery and growth – personal, spiritual and intellectual. My classes, coupled with the mentoring and encouragement of my professors, provided the educational foundation I needed to be successful. Even though I did not teach, the leadership and academic skills I developed at Frostburg served me well as a career military officer and in my post-military career supporting the Department of Defense. My experiences also made me truly thankful for the opportunity afforded to me, my brother and other students of modest means in acquiring a quality education without breaking the bank, made possible because of the State of Maryland's full-tuition scholarship for education majors.

My experiences have ingrained in me a deep affection for my alma mater and my fellow alumni. I truly enjoy serving on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, supporting a wide variety of programs, and reconnecting with the University – my University. I've especially enjoyed working with the Sloop Institute for Excellence in

Leadership, where I observed first-hand the outstanding academic and leadership skills of those students in attendance. My involvement has reinforced my belief that Frostburg is a special place to get an excellent education through the unique variety of learning opportunities.

This sense of family and connection I feel, coupled with a desire to show my appreciation for what Frostburg did for me, has motivated me and my wife, Dee (also a Frostburg grad), to support Frostburg financially. In order for Frostburg to continue to grow and prosper, the University needs financial support now and in the future from its friends, benefactors, faculty, staff and alumni. My brother and I (and our wives) have established an education scholarship in honor of our parents. Additionally, my wife and I support other scholarships and make monthly unrestricted contributions to the Annual Fund. I invite all alumni to join us in supporting Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg. I am confident that we, individually and collectively, can ensure Frostburg State University's bright future.

I hope to see you on campus in the future.

Col. Ronald G. Forrester '67 | USAF, Retired

Ron Forrester Honored With ACE Award

Col. Ron Forrester (retired), senior military analyst for Science Applications International Corp., 26-year U.S. Air Force veteran and 1967 Frostburg State graduate, was honored by the FSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with its Alumni Circle of Excellence Award. Forrester was given the award during the Career Expo luncheon during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend.

Forrester, of Middletown, Md., has been a dedicated supporter of his alma mater. He is the president of the FSU Alumni Association and a strong supporter of the FSU Foundation and its Annual Fund.

In Forrester's military career he was a missile and space operator and had two tours as a detachment and squadron commander. His current analyst position supports the Director for Operations, U.S. Joint Staff, Department of Defense, in the Pentagon. He was an active FSU student, including being a freshman senator, vice president of the sophomore class, Alpha Delta Chi founding father and secretary, and president of the student union his senior year. A history major and psychology minor, he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education.

The CLAS ACE award serves not only as a showcase for those alumni who have demonstrated sustained excellence and leadership in their field, it also provides a forum for awardees to meet with FSU students and to provide inspiration of what can be accomplished through a Frostburg education and hard work. CLAS has presented eight ACE awards since March of 2007.

BACK TO THE 'BURG SCAVENGER HUNT

Online Contest Winners Announced

Although 77 Bobcats participated in Back to the 'BURG, FSU's first-ever online scavenger hunt that gave alumni the opportunity to flaunt their social media savvy, there could only be three top winners! From left, grand prize winner **Corey Ryan '07/M'08**; second prize winner **Beth Stallings '92** and her daughter, Emma; and first prize winner **John Densmore '05**. Many thanks to those who participated. Stay tuned for more online (and in-person) adventures by becoming a fan of the Frostburg State University Alumni Association Facebook page.



1977

Peggy Miller works for the Baltimore County Department of Aging as an information and referral specialist.

1979

Dennis Albright M'87/M'89 is superintendent of schools for Braxton County in West Virginia.

1980

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1982

David J. Daigle is the director of business development at HealthCare Resolution Services, Inc., a health IT firm based in Laurel, Md.

1985

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1987

Ron Bertolina is a professor of computers (master rank) at Garrett College in McHenry, Md. He specializes in graphic/Web design and office applications.

1990

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Allen Twigg M'05 is director for health management at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown.

1991

Dr. Jerri Drummond, associate vice president for student affairs and director of multicultural affairs at Alfred State College, recently facilitated a Diversity Awareness Training for 75 Head Start teach-

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April 24-25

Alumni Association Board of Directors Spring Retreat
Lyric Building, 20 E. Main St., Frostburg

April 24

Donor Reception University Theatre production of "Godspell"

Celebrating members of the President's, Nelson P. Guild, Lillian C. Compton and Benefactors Societies
Compton Science Center Atrium & Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre
(By invitation only)

May 16

Chautauqua Program featuring Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon

11 a.m.
Hidden Waters, Baltimore
(By invitation only)

May 22

Commencement Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Presentation

Barbara Graves '66 & Kenneth Oldham, Jr. '98
Cordts Physical Education Center
(Tickets required to attend commencement)

June 5

Golden Anniversary Reunion
Celebrating the Class of 1960 and before
11 a.m.
Old Main & Compton Science Center Atrium

Nov. 5-7

Leadership & Homecoming Weekend

For more information on any of these events, contact the Office of Alumni Programs at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068.

ers and assistant teachers for the ACCORD Corporation at Our Lady of Angels Church in Cuba.

1992

Shireen Rahman is teaching in the Applied Exercise Science Department at the University of New England in Maine. She was honored with the campuswide Debra Summers Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award in June 2009.

1992

Paula Holler put her daughter, who now has a doctorate in educational psychology, through college.

1993

David Hawxhurst, photographer for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, was awarded a fellowship to attend the Earthwatch Climate Change Workshop.

1994

Jeff Hyde, Ph.D., is an associate professor at Penn State. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association.

Jonah Berger is the owner of Rhythm Within, a therapeutic mentoring program based in Denver, Colo. The program provides one-on-one attention to children with special needs. More information can be found at www.therhythmwithin.net.

1995

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Jon-Mikel Bailey and **Jason Giuliano '96** recently celebrated the seventh anniversary of their Web and graphics design and development firm, Wood Street. The marketing company serves the Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia area; more information can be found at www.woodst.com.

Matt Monjan is an account manager for the Discovery Educator Network. He is also a member of their Speakers Bureau, serving as a keynote speaker at educational conferences across the country. Discovery Education promotes the use of technology in educational settings. More information can be found at www.discoveryedspeakers-bureau.com/taxonomy/term/18.

1996

Forrest Easton was sworn in as a Hagerstown City Council member on June 1, 2009. He lives with his wife, Kelly, in Hagerstown, Md., and works as a senior service coordinator, monitoring services for people with developmental disabilities.

1997

Amy Kelsch Bielski is featured in a new book called *No One Path: Perspectives on Leadership From a Decade of Women in Technology Award Winners*. More information can be found at www.womenintech-nology.org.

2000

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Travis Growden-Gilmore was recently given a tenure-track teaching position with the Universidad Catolic San Pablo in Arequipa, Peru. He will be teaching English to undergraduate students and hopes to complete his dissertation.

Sara-Beth James, director of Institutional Research for Allegany College of Maryland, has been named chairwoman of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany! Committee.

Renee Butler O'Farrell has self-published *The Orangery Cookbook*, inspired from her travels and containing more than 600 recipes from all over the world for any taste and every occasion. The book is available on Lulu.com and Amazon; a preview of the book is available via Google Books.

2001

Tom Kemp is currently an art director at Gala Events, Inc., an upscale event planning company in Rockville, Md. More information can be found at www.galainc.com, www.tk3d.com and www.artalchemycircle.com.

2002

Michelle Ingrodi has become involved in animal rescue and has saved more than 70 cats and dogs in the last two years.

2004

Jennifer Searles is the owner of Social Butterfly Events LLC, a professional event planning business that offers planning for a wide range of business and personal events. More information can be found at socialbutterflyeventsllc.com.



PARKS & REC RENDEZVOUS

From left, **Katie Cosgrove '07**, **Eric Worley '07**, **Sarah Hartman** and **Conor Joyce '06** – all FSU Recreation and Parks alums or students – reunite at the Frostburg booth at the National Recreation & Parks Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October.

2005

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Justin Dyke has left his job as a copy editor with the *Cumberland Times-News* in Maryland to take a teaching position in China.

Heidi Kaiser is working for the American Red Cross as an assistant station manager (reservist); she travels abroad to deliver emergency communication messages to military commands.

2006

Conor Joyce received the John (Pat) Harden Practitioner Award. This award recognizes supervisory/managerial professionals who have worked in armed forces recreation at the operations level for no more than seven years, planning, producing and executing programs in direct contact with the participants. Conor serves as an outdoor recreation program manager in the U.S. Army.

2007

Jerilyn Jackson is community development project specialist for the city of Frostburg.

Marriages

1987

Donna Jean and **William Liller** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 18, 2009, by renewing their wedding vows. The couple was married on April 24, 1959, in Cumberland, Md. Donna Jean is retired from the State of Maryland as a senior parole and probation agent.

1996

Joanna Bradford married Timothy Reed on June 20, 2009. Joanna researches and analyzes motor vehicle fatalities for the state of Alaska. The couple resides in Juneau, Alaska.

2001

Wendy Hevel M'07 married Charles "Chuck" VanMeter on May 31, 2008. Wendy is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education. They reside in LaVale, Md.

2002

Lauren Haines married Patrick Cowan on Aug. 30, 2008. Lauren is employed as a licensed social worker. The couple resides in Barton, Md.

Erin McCormick married Jay Dudley on June 20, 2009. Erin is employed as a teacher at the Jefferson School. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

2003

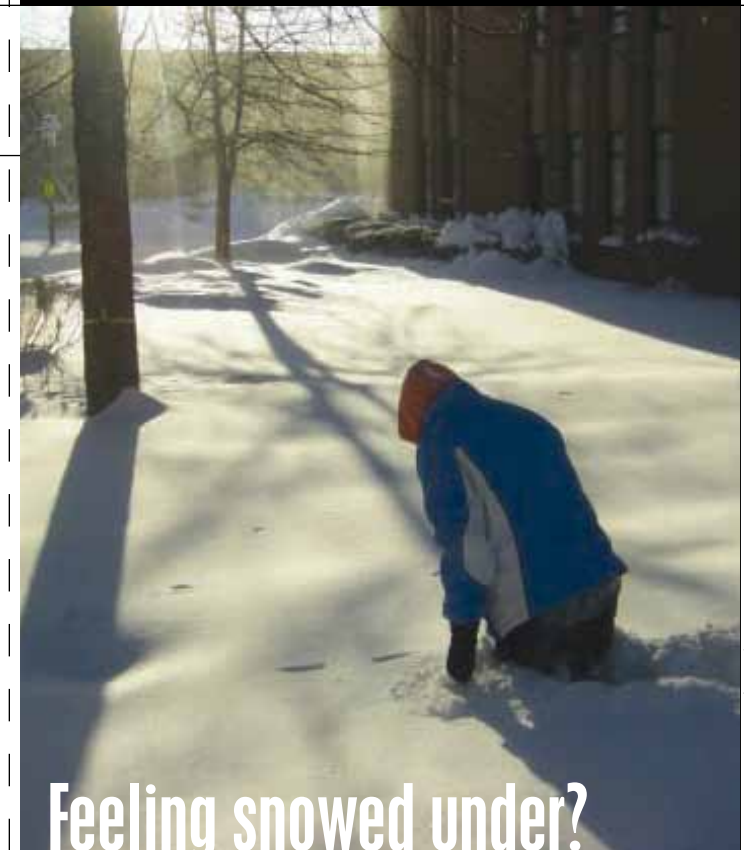
Shelly Clingerman married Frank Fernandez on June 27, 2009. Shelly is a kindergarten teacher in New Hanover County schools in Wilmington, N.C. The couple resides in Leland, N.C.

Christopher Golliday married Chrystal Beitzel on Oct. 25, 2008. Chris is employed by the city of Cumberland as a police officer and is assigned to the C31 investigation unit. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

Ryan McKenzie married Melissa Kostelansky on July 5, 2008. Ryan is a veterinarian in Wilmington, Del. The couple resides in Kennett Square, Pa.

Amber Booth M'06 married **Eric Ward '04** on Sept. 27, 2008. Amber is employed as a licensed clinical professional counselor. The couple resides in New Market, Md.

Linda Draper married Aaron Foster on Aug. 1, 2009.



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A DAY ON THE BAY

In late September, more than 50 alumni and friends of FSU came together to celebrate its past, present and future at an outreach event hosted by the Alumni Association and FSU Foundation at the Cambridge, Md., Yacht Club. In the photo at top left, from left, **Willa (Tharp) Klingensmith '66**, **Lynda (Tinsley) Lockard '65**, **Brian Lockard '65**, **F. Harold Schriver '61** and **Joyce Schriver** enjoy one another's company. Below, from left, **Col. Ron Forrester '67**, president of FSU Alumni Association, receives a citation from Maryland state Sen. Richard Colburn, Del. Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio and Del. Adelaide Eckardt.



photo by Della Boone, FSU student



FIELD HOCKEY REUNION

Field hockey team members from the late 1980s got back together for the Hall of Fame induction of teammate **Kim Creighton Heierling '90** during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend in October. From left, back row, are **Julie Hengemihle Nowaskey '88**, **Kathy Harding '88/M'90**, **Lisa Delauter Westwood '89**, **Kathy Rafferty Kelly '86** and **Lisa Ireland Glymph M'87**. Front row, from left, are **Carol Stevens '86**, **Karen Jackson Darmstead '89**, **Rita Fowler Hegeman '87**, **Heierling**, **Coach Christine Lottes** and **Robin Coburn Sherman '88**.

2005

Dave Bena M'08 married Amanda Kasecamp on Oct. 18, 2008. Dave is employed by the Western Maryland Health System in Cumberland. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

Danielle Walker married **Victor Craig Campbell Jr. '03** on July 14, 2007. Danielle is a specialized engineering lab tech, and Craig owns Campbell Insurance & Investments, LLC. The couple has one child, Miles Alexander, and they live in Hagerstown, Md.

April Muir M'06 married Craig Knipple on June 8, 2008. April is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

Kristina Keifer M'08 married Matthew Laber on June 20, 2008. Kristina is employed by the Western Maryland Health System. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

Michelle Lechlitter married Nathan Potter on Aug. 22, 2009, in Las Vegas. Michelle is a project manager for the U.S. Navy. The couple resides in San Diego, Calif.

Shawna DeVore married **Nathan Shipe '06/M'07** on July 5, 2008. Both Shawna and Nathan are employed by the Allegany County Board of Education. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

Abigail McCormick M'07 married Cory Twigg on July 19, 2008. Abby is employed by the Washington County Board of Education as an elementary school counselor. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

2006

Sherry Chungo married Andrew Farrell on June 21, 2008. The couple resides in Rawlings, Md.

Kera Bartels-Riddle married **Joseph Jefcoat '04** on July 18, 2009. Kera works

as a loan underwriter/loan reviewer for First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, and Joe works as the branch manager of the Lonaconing branch of First Peoples. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

Ann Johnson M'08 married **Brent Furr '05** on June 20, 2009. Ann is employed as a customer service representative at Traffic Control Services in Harrisburg, Pa. Brent is a parts administrator at IBM in Mechanicsburg, Pa. The couple resides in Harrisburg.

Brandon Rethemeyer M'08 married Erin Gobbi on July 25, 2009. Brandon is a project manager for Federal Stone Industries, Inc., and the assistant men's soccer coach for Hagerstown Community College. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

2008

Victoria Nielsen married **Joseph Farrell '07** on July 18, 2009, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Ellicott City, Md. The **Rev. Ed Hendricks** of FSU Campus Ministries officiated. Tori teaches middle school science and Joey teaches middle school social studies in Charles County Public Schools. The couple resides in St. Mary's County, Md.

Sheila Nolan M'09 married Anthony Garroville on Aug. 16, 2008.

Julia Schaffer married Hugh McCall on July 12, 2008. Julia is a teacher. The couple resides in Sykesville, Md.

Melanie Shaffer married **Michael Preston '09** on June 21, 2008. Melanie is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education as a substitute teacher, and Michael is in the Army Reserve. The couple resides in Mount Savage, Md.

Jessica Whorton married Corey Farris on July 12, 2008. Jessica is employed at Bishop Walsh High School. The couple resides in Eckhart, Md.

Christa Kucharczyk M'09 married Dustin Williams on Nov. 1, 2008. Christa is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education as a chemistry and engineering teacher at the Center for Career and Technical Education in Cresaptown, Md. The couple resides in Chaneyville, Md.

2009

Daniel Rotruck married Melissa Baasland on May 31, 2008. Daniel is employed by WalMart. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

Births

1993

Chaplain Kevin Johnson, USN, and his wife, Kathy, announce the birth of their son, Timothy Calvin, on Aug. 31, 2009. Timothy joins big sister, Grace (3). Kevin was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on Oct. 1, 2009. The family resides in Oceanside, Calif.

1997

Caryn Hill McGraw and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of their son, Ramsey Donovan, on July 29, 2009. Ramsey joins older siblings Kelsey and Braeden.

1998

Wendy Young Durst M'99 and **J.D. Durst '99** announce the birth of their second daughter, Rylie Morgan, on July 22, 2009.

John "Jamie" Myers and his wife, Janine, announce the birth of their son, Jake Merryman, on June 1, 2009. 🐾

2000

Joseph Comer and his wife, Michele, announce the birth of their twins, Luke and Henry, on Aug. 19, 2009. Joseph is employed at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. The family resides in Annapolis, Md.

Martin Mood and wife, **Jennifer Long Mood '01**, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah, on Aug. 4, 2009. Hannah joins big sister, Madison (3).

2001

Heather Gandy Erxleben and **Steve Erxleben '02** announce the birth of their son, Michael Adam, on May 22, 2009. Heather is a probation officer for the Department of Juvenile Services, and Steve is a teacher and the varsity head football coach at South River High School. The family resides in Edgewater, Md.

2002

Molly Albright Moore and **Robert Moore '02/M'05** announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Grace, on Jan. 28, 2009.

2003

Nicole Michael married **Jack Pifer '04** on July 9, 2005. The couple has two children, Caden and Barret, born Dec. 4, 2006, and Dec. 22, 2008, respectively. Nicole is a teacher for the Allegany County Board of Education, and Jack is a firefighter and EMT with Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. The family resides in Frostburg.

2004

Johanna Eckhart Mullendore M'06 and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their first daughter, Tenley Ann, on Jan. 8, 2009. Johanna is a first-grade teacher for Washington County Public Schools. The family resides in Boonsboro, Md.

Michelle Boucher Ross and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Lauren and Alivia, on June 24, 2009. Michelle is a social worker at San Mar Children's Home and is pursuing her master's degree at West Virginia University. They live in Hagerstown, Md. 🐾

In Memoriam

Janet Thomas, who died Oct. 18, 2009, was an assistant professor emerita of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, serving from 1959 to 1994. In addition to teaching most of the major lecture courses and supervising Physical Education student teachers, she led the Women's Recreation Association at a time when there were no women's varsity sports at Frostburg, providing the only athletics activities for hundreds of women students, her colleague Dr. Carol Cleveland said. She also managed student employees and led the annual spectacular decorating of the trees at the Lowndes administration building.

Norma Blacke Bordeau, who died Feb. 7, 2010, taught in both the English and Philosophy Departments at FSU. She was president of the Allegany County Chapter of NAACP since 2003, when she brought the local chap-

ter back from dormancy, and was honored with the Freedom Fighters Award from the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP. She wrote and lectured on African American history throughout North America, advocated for peace and was a talented singer.

Charles E. Teets, who died Jan. 26, 2010, was the longtime director of Academic Computing at FSU. He was instrumental in creating a framework for bringing the use of technology to FSU's students and faculty and to classrooms, laying the groundwork for FSU's current use of educational technology. He was a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. C. Frederick Sloan, Jr. '71/M'72, who died on Dec. 9, 2009, was a sitting member of the Allegany County Board of Education and a faculty member in the Department of Educational

Professions since 2002. He had been an elementary school teacher and a principal in Allegany County public schools and received his doctorate in education from the University of Maryland. Sloan was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division.

Alma Logsdon, '34 (certificate), '46, who died Oct. 16, 2009, was a member of the Bobcat Hall of Fame, a dedicated volunteer and a member of the Old Main Society. A life-long resident of Frostburg, Logsdon played varsity basketball for the Bobcats, earning Hall of Fame induction in 1994. After graduation, Alma became an elementary school teacher and principal in Allegany County. She was also a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. She was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame in 2004.

Betty Jane Phillips, who died Feb. 8, 2010, was the staff accompanist for the FSU Department of Music, accompanying scores of individual and group performances for a number of years. Before moving to Maryland, she lived most of her life in Oregon, where she taught piano and accompanied numerous ensembles and concerts. She is survived by four children, including Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker of FSU. A few months before Phillips' death, Soderberg-Sarnaker established a scholarship in honor of her mother through the FSU Foundation to support music majors with a concentration in vocal performance or music education. ■



Alumni

1926 Lola Bachtel
June 20, 2009

1935 Rhea V. Arnold
Feb. 18, 2008

1941 Dorothy E. Barrus
July 25, 2008

1945 Peggy Couchman Brode
April 22, 2008

1946 Vernon Ray Robeson
May 30, 2009

1950 Billy C. Menges
Oct. 18, 2009

1952 William R. Brake
July 5, 2009

William H. Rephann
March 25, 2009

1954 Teresa R. Sommerkamp
Nov. 12, 2009

1957 Lauren L. Pryor
June 8, 2009

1958 Leo Rowan
Sept. 25, 2009

1961 Bettie A. Witt
Nov. 5, 2009

1963 Sharon J. Davis
Sept. 8, 2009

1964 Jacqueline Evelyn Williams
July 28, 2009

1966 Ann R. Baird
July 13, 2009

James S. Getty, Jr.
Aug. 8, 2009

1967 John R. Boroughs
July 6, 2009

Beverly J. Stork
Jan. 20, 2009

Jane M. Dawson
July 24, 2009

1968 Virginia M. McLaughlin
Aug. 1, 2009

1971 Lucile D. Kraus
June 7, 2009

1973 Daniel H. Kane
April 17, 2009

1974 Joseph Amato
June 17, 2009

Gary L. Evans
Aug. 26, 2009

1976 Ira B. Staley
July 21, 2009

1977 Nancy Stakem
July 8, 2008

1979 Robert L. Brodey, Jr.
Aug. 13, 2009

Evelyn Phillips Gill
Jan. 12, 2009

Anne F. Moeller
April 22, 2009

1980 Steven J. Riggan
Feb. 24, 2008

1982 Jennifer L. McGiverin
Feb. 26, 2009

1988 Charles Judge
Dec. 21, 2008

1989 Rhonda Carolyn Dziuk-Masloch
May 7, 2009

Virginia Connor
June 27, 2009

1992 Frederick A. Holliday
June 17, 2009

1993 Anita R. Bishop
Sept. 27, 2008

1995 Lisa M. Galligani
Aug. 17, 2008

James W. Jeffries
June 27, 2009

1997 Terri L. Tucker
March 24, 2009

Friends of the University

Alyssia M. Cage
July 1, 2009

Mark Conway
Oct. 28, 2009

Genevieve Dolan
Oct. 22, 2008

Frances Frank
Sept. 3, 2009

Gertrude S. Graybill
Sept. 1, 2009

James W. Manges
Oct. 16, 2009

Sidney D. Renick
Aug. 20, 2009

George Waingold
Sept. 15, 2009

Robert N. Twigg
Nov. 16, 2009

Rhonda Masloch
May 7, 2009

Lydia Reeves
July 11, 2009

Donald Pyles
June 29, 2009

Nicholas Vigilante
June 6, 2009 ■

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Riggleman Drops "Interim" from Title

New Nationals Skipper Using Lessons Learned as a Bobcat

By David Driver

It has been more than 35 years since **Jim Riggleman '74** played baseball at Frostburg under **Bob Wells**, the long-time Bobcats head coach. "Bob Wells is one of the smartest baseball men I have come across," Riggleman said. That puts Wells in some pretty good company, since Riggleman has worked with some major names in the major leagues, including Tony LaRussa, Jerry Manuel and Jim Tracy.

"Bob was a teacher. He didn't cut anyone from the team if they wanted to play. I use some of his stuff to this day, including defensive alignments," Riggleman said. Riggleman was named the team's manager Nov. 12, after serving as interim manager for the last 75 games of the 2009 season. So you may see a little of Wells' influence if you watch the Washington Nationals in action in the upcoming season.

An infielder in college, Riggleman was drafted in the fourth round in 1974 out of Frostburg by the Los Angeles Dodgers. He grew up watching the old Washington Senators play at RFK Stadium as a student at Richard Montgomery High in Rockville, Md. So his appointment to the head post of the

Nationals was special for the former Bobcat standout.

"This has been a dream of mine. It's Washington baseball. It couldn't be better for me. It is where I wanted to be," Riggleman said at the press conference announcing his appointment.

Riggleman was named interim skipper of the Nats midway through the 2009 season. Washington started the year 26-59 under manager Manny Acta, who was fired during the All-Star break. Under Riggleman, the Nationals' record was 33-42.

He has managed the San Diego Padres (1992-94), Chicago Cubs (1995-99), Seattle Mariners (2008 as interim manager) and Nationals, with an overall managing record of 585-694. His Cubs team in 1998 was 90-73 and gained a National League wild-card spot.

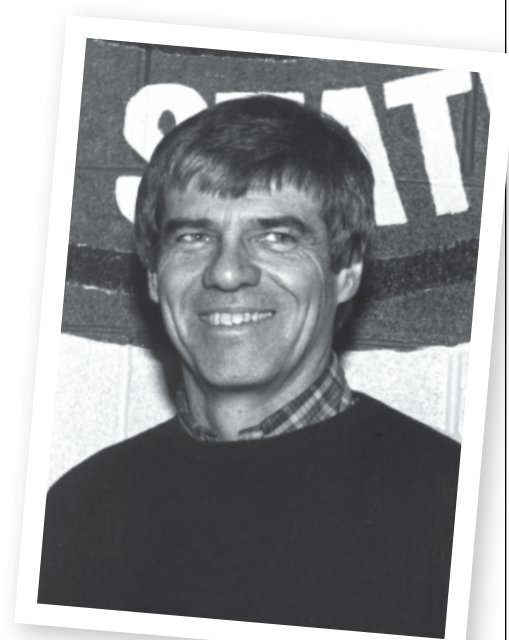
"I am just very grateful. This happens to be my hometown. To end up coming here after several stops is very exciting," he said.

Nationals Senior Vice President and General Manager Mike Rizzo, who was an interim himself for most of the previous season, looked to Riggleman to pull the team together after Acta was let go last summer.

"Halfway through the season we turned to Jim for stability. He did a masterful job in trying circumstances," Rizzo said.

Riggleman was a candidate for the permanent job from the beginning, one of 18 candidates for the top spot. "We started out (the process) believing he did a good job last year," Nationals President Stan Kasten said of the Frostburg grad.

Washington right-handed pitcher Craig Stammen, who made his Major League debut in 2009, said of Riggleman: "He is a man with a plan. We all needed a fresh start last year. It is very good for us pitchers. It is one less adjustment we have to make."



Coach Bob Wells

Riggleman said that, as a kid, a boy dreams of growing up to play shortstop for the hometown team. He never made it to the majors as a player, but he spent eight years in the minor leagues.

"You move on, and there have been other opportunities that took place, but this has been a dream of mine to land right here," Riggleman said. "This is a team I grew up on, the Washington Senators. To me, it's still the Nationals/Senators. It's a dream of a lifetime to grow up watching a ballclub and then end up playing or managing that ballclub."

After his playing career ended, he managed in the farm teams. He credited all the minor leaguers who played for him when he was named Washington manager. "A lot of them didn't make it" to the majors, he noted.

Riggleman's old coach never made it to the majors either, but a part of Bob Wells will still be on display when the Nats take the field in 2010.

Editor's note: David Driver, who played Division III college baseball, is a freelance writer who has covered minor and major league baseball for more than 20 years. For more, visit www.davidsdriver.com.

Full Conference Schedule Starts in 2011

Bobcats to Join Empire 8 Football Conference

FSU, along with Salisbury University, will become the seventh and eighth teams to compete in the Empire 8 Football Conference starting in 2011 as affiliate members. The Bobcats and Sea Gulls, who are expected to play a partial Empire 8 schedule in 2010, will join Alfred University, Hartwick College, Ithaca College, affiliate Springfield College, St. John Fisher College and Utica College.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Frostburg and Salisbury to the Empire 8's very competitive football competition," said Empire 8 President Dr. Thomas Meier of Elmira College. Empire 8 Commissioner Chuck Mitrano added, "Frostburg and Salisbury are two outstanding universities and we are honored to add them to the Empire 8. The addition of these fine institutions further enhances us as one of the premier Division III football conferences."

"It is an enormous honor to be invited to join the Empire 8 football conference," said FSU President Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar. "This will provide a level of competition in an outstanding conference that will benefit Frostburg State University and be a true asset to our student-athletes."

In seven seasons, the Empire 8 has recorded 18 postseason victories with all six current teams playing in at least one post-season game during that time. The current Empire 8 teams have posted a 30-17 record against non-conference Division III opponents over the past two years for a .638 winning percentage.

"It is truly an honor to be invited into such a prestigious conference that is committed first and foremost to the pursuit of academic excellence and seeks to distinguish itself as a premier Division III football conference in the NCAA," said Head Coach Thomas Rogish. "This is a milestone in Frostburg State University football history."

For more on Empire 8, visit www.Empire8.com.



Alum to Launch Stevenson Football Program

Stevenson University named **Ed Hottle '99/M'01** as the first head coach of its new NCAA Division III football program in December. The former Bobcat and FSU coach had served as the head football coach and assistant athletics director at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., since July 2005.

Hottle will work to establish the Baltimore County, Md., school's program by recruiting student-athletes for a developmental season in 2010 with the plan of beginning intercollegiate competition in 2011.

"Ed is a significant addition to the Mustang athletics team," said Paul Cantabene, associate director of athletics in charge of men's sports. "He has demonstrated tremendous drive as a program-builder at Gallaudet. We are confident that he'll lay a strong foundation for our program as well."

In five seasons at Gallaudet, Hottle amassed a 27-20 record, the first two of which were as a club team. After two developmental seasons, he led the Bison back into NCAA Division III status in 2007 as the team posted a 4-6 record with its toughest schedule in more than 15 years.

In 2009, Hottle was selected by his peers as the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference Coach of the Year after he led the Bison to a mark of 6-4 and a second-place finish.

Hottle earned his bachelor's in physical education and master's in education from FSU. While at FSU, he began as a football intern with the Bobcats before advancing to defensive line coach (1999-2000). He and his wife Ashley have three children and reside in Lothian, Md.

"Stevenson is giving me the opportunity to build a program from the ground up, and this is exactly the kind of challenge that motivates me," he said. "The commitment to principles of Division III athletics here is very strong, and I am truly excited to become part of such a growing university."

Read more about Hottle's work at Gallaudet in the spring '08 issue of *Profile* at www.frostburg.edu/news/profile.htm. 🐾



Ed Hottle '99/M'01



Improved Fitness Facility Unveiled in Cordts Center

This past fall, FSU opened a newly remodeled and expanded fitness center in the Cordts Physical Education Center, offering fitness and wellness training to students, faculty and staff, as well as a new strength and conditioning program for the varsity athletic teams.

Glenn Cain has been named the strength and conditioning coach and fitness center coordinator. Cain's philosophy is to bring more attention to injury prevention and reduce the risk for athletes becoming injured. He combines the technique of movement and body parts.

"I usually teach techniques for athletes specific to their sport. Football and basketball have different approaches for proper technique in landing and jumping," Cain said.

His duties include implementing conditioning programs for the athletic teams, as well as monitoring the daily activities of the fitness center and promoting safe practices for people interested in getting into better shape.

Among the added amenities are plasma screen televisions, new cardio machines and an electronic body mass index machine. Cain also works with six graduate assistants to help them build programs for the various teams they help train. Along with the new equipment, students are encouraged to train fellow students in fitness and exercise programs.

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Jim Riggleman '74

sports wrap-up

Men's Cross Country

Highlight: Third at AMCC championship

Recap: The men posted their highest finish of the season with third place at the AMCC championship meet, and they recorded a 38th place at the NCAA Division III Mid-east Regional Championship. The Bobcats' Gavin Caupp earned All-AMCC honors after finishing fifth at the AMCC Championships.

Next Season: FSU returns nine runners and hopes to build on this season's success when it enters the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) in 2010.

Women's Cross Country

Highlight: Second at AMCC championship

Recap: Senior Gwen Massey finished first at the AMCC Championships as the women's cross country team collectively came in second at the meet. Massey was named the AMCC Runner of the Year, joining teammate Anne Patron as NCAA Division III Mid-east All-Region team selections. Both Massey and Patron captured a top-10 finish in every race of the regular season.

Next Season: The Bobcats return six runners next season as they join the CAC, including NCAA All-Region Patron.



Brandi Mixell

Field Hockey

Record: 9-11

Highlight: Independent Tournament Champions

Recap: The field hockey team opened its season with six wins in its first eight games, and went on to win the Independent Tournament by defeating Wells College, 5-1, and Wilson College, 1-0, in the championship game. The Bobcats were led offensively by junior Breanne Russell, who scored 10 goals on the season.

Next Season: FSU returns all but one player on the roster as it joins the CAC.

Football

Record: 1-9 overall, 1-2 ACFC

Highlight: 14 All-ACFC players, including Special Teams Player of the Year

Recap: The football team competed against some of its toughest opponents in recent history, including No. 3 Wesley, No. 20 Washington & Jefferson and Division II No. 15 UNC Pembroke. Senior Avery Willie was named All-ACFC Special Teams Player of the Year after leading the league in several kick return categories, including returns (40), yards (747) and average (18.7). Seniors Ben Crowder and Mike Iheakanwa were named to the All-ACFC first team. Ten Bobcats made the second team and two more were honorable mention selections.

Next Season: The Bobcats return 22 starters from this year's roster as they prepare for their final season in the ACFC.



Anthony King



Ricky Marchant

Men's Soccer

Record: 12-7-1 overall, 7-3 AMCC

Highlight: Eighth-straight AMCC Tournament semifinals

Recap: After starting out 4-5-1, the team went on to win its last seven games of the regular season. The Bobcats' 11-6-1 record earned the fourth seed in the AMCC tournament. Frostburg beat La Roche in the first round, 6-1, but fell to Medaille, 3-0, in the tournament semifinals. After leading

the Bobcats to their eighth-straight AMCC Tournament semifinal appearance, three Bobcats were named to the All-AMCC first team, seniors Sean Jones and Ricky Marchant and sophomore Jamie Flewellyn, with one, junior Raul Diaz in his first FSU season, given honorable mention.

Next Season: Frostburg looks to continue its late-season success in 2010 in the CAC.

Women's Soccer

Record: 18-4 overall, 9-1 AMCC

Highlight: NCAA Tournament for sixth time in school history

Recap: The women's soccer team finished a record-setting 2009 season with an AMCC Tournament Championship (see page 36) and a trip to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2005. The Bobcats fell to No. 11 Otterbein, 1-0, in the opening round. The Bobcats, who defeated Penn State Altoona in the league championship game in overtime, landed six on the all-AMCC teams with four players on the first team and one each on the second and honorable mentions teams. Junior Lauren Russell, who knocked home the game-winning goal against Altoona, was named AMCC Player of the Year for her outstanding offensive performance this season, setting three individual records, assists (16), goals (26) and points (70). Also having an impressive offensive year, freshman Amanda Wharton was named AMCC Newcomer of the Year. She had 24 goals, nine assists and 57 points on the season. Collectively, the team broke the school's record for most wins in a season, putting up 18 in 2009.

Next Season: With the two explosive offensive players returning next fall, FSU looks to continue its success as it joins the CAC.

Volleyball

Record: 30-5 overall, 10-0 AMCC

Highlight: Third-straight NCAA Tournament

Recap: The volleyball team finished the regular season with nine straight wins and earned the No. 1 seed in the AMCC tournament, where the Bobcats defeated Penn State Behrend, 3-1, to earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight year. FSU later fell, 3-1, to Eastern in the opening round. Senior Brooke Winterling reached a personal milestone early in the season, eclipsing 2,000 career kills. She finished the season with 575 kills for a career total and school record of 2,204. Coach Peter Letourneau was also honored this season by being named the Mid-Atlantic Region Coach



Chelsea Wassell

of the Year after eclipsing his 100th career win and later becoming the winningest coach in school history with 110 victories.

Next Season: With five of the six starters returning in the fall, the Bobcats look to continue their dominating play as they enter the CAC.

Women's Tennis

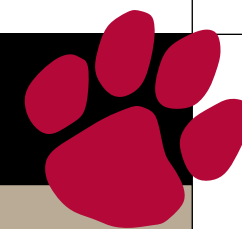
Record: 12-4 overall, 9-1 AMCC

Highlight: Second-straight AMCC runners-up

Recap: The women's tennis team finished second in the AMCC for the second-straight year. The team placed seven individuals on the AMCC All-Conference tennis team and freshman standout Megan Martin was named Newcomer of the Year. Martin also picked up Player of the Week honors once, while classmate Elly Dannenfelser took home Player of the Week honors twice. The Bobcats started the year on a 4-1 run, their best start in the last six years.

Next Season: FSU returns six players as it enters the CAC in 2010. 🐾

Fall Post-Season Awards and Honors



Women's Soccer

Earned NSCAA Team Academic Award for second straight year

Lauren Russell

- ECAC South Offensive Player of the Year
- NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region Third Team
- AMCC Player of the Year
- All-AMCC First Team selection
- CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Team

Amanda Wharton

- ECAC South Rookie of the Year
- AMCC Newcomer of the Year
- All-AMCC First Team selection

Lauren Lentine

- ECAC All-Star
- All-AMCC First Team selection

Stephanie Gwinn

- CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Team

Heather Fleishell

- All-AMCC First Team selection

Football

Nick Payne

- Selected to play in the inaugural D3 Senior Classic

Volleyball

Brooke Winterling

- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention
- AVCA Mid-Atlantic All-Region Team
- AMCC Player of the Year (third-straight year)
- All-AMCC First Team
- CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Team
- NCAA Division III Championship Juniata Regional All-Tournament Team

Sarah Stephens

- All-AMCC First Team
- CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Team

Women's Cross Country

Gwen Massey

- NCAA Division III Mid-east All-Region Team
- AMCC Runner of the Year
- All-AMCC Team

Anne Patron

- NCAA Division III Mid-east All-Region Team
- All-AMCC Team



the last word



Sweet!

Sometimes life comes down to a series of moments. For the FSU women's soccer team, winning the AMCC Tournament Championship – in overtime – was a moment to last a lifetime. Their 18-4 season sent the team to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2005 and broke the FSU record for most wins in a season, but for these young women at this moment, it's not about records.

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Deeannah M. Taylor '09

- Commencement speaker, December 2009
- Double major in Psychology and Spanish, Dean's List, award-winning presenter, prospective clinical child psychologist
- Single mother of 5-year-old Jamara

On commencement day, Deeannah said this to her fellow graduates:

"Nothing about college has been easy, at least not for me. There were times when I didn't think that I'd make it here. You see, according to the statistics of the average young single mother, I'm not supposed to be here, standing in front of you all today. I wasn't even supposed to graduate from high school, let alone college.

When you're approached by your peers, professors and strangers alike about the importance of what you're doing, you can't help but boldly state, 'I am not the average teen mother.' I was not raised to be either mediocre or average; this is simply not something I am capable of being."

If I hadn't received the scholarships I did, I wouldn't have made it past the first semester of my freshman year. They allowed me to focus more on my daughter and my studies, without the looming fear of what I would do when the time came to pay all of the money back.

I am very thankful for every scholarship that I received.

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