Meighen and Sapp Receive 2005 Faculty Recognition Awards

Dr. G. H. “Budd” Sapp (left) and Dr. Mary Meighen (center) are congratulated by Dr. Daniel J. Bradley (right) as the recipients of the 2005 Faculty Recognition Award. The ceremony was held March 24 in the Ruth Ann Musick Library.

Dr. Mary Meighen and Dr. G.H. “Budd” Sapp were each presented with the 2005 Faculty Recognition Award during a reception Thursday, March 24, in the Ruth Ann Musick Library.

Outstanding faculty members are nominated by their peers. The Faculty Development Committee reviews nominees and then chooses two recipients. Each award winner receives permanent recognition on campus in the form of a plaque and a monetary award from the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.

Meighen and Sapp were chosen for their personal commitment to continuing education and their pursuit of excellence in their chosen fields.

During a ceremony that included members of the campus community and the families of the award recipients, Dr. Daniel J. Bradley, FSU President, praised the award winners.

“Dr. Meighen and Sapp have excelled, not only at teaching their students, but also at pursuing their own personal learning and growth,” he said. “They have demonstrated a dedication to the campus through their outstanding service. They have shown leadership in their profession and the community.”

If you would like to honor Mary Meighen, G.H. “Budd” Sapp or another outstanding faculty member who has touched your life, send your tax-deductible gift, in support of faculty development, to the Fairmont State Foundation 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554.

A letter acknowledging your honorary gift will be mailed to the faculty member.
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Falcon Cheerleaders continue to dominate the regional and national conferences. This year’s squad won the school’s 16th West Virginia Conference cheerleading title in 18 years. On January 13, the cheerleaders claimed the All Girl Division II Championship at the UCA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships held in Orlando, Fla. The title marked the cheerleader’s fifth national championship since 1995.

The men’s swimming team swam their way to a win in the WVIAC. Sophomore Matej Tomas was named Conference Swimmer-of-the-Year for the second straight year. Tomas, along with freshman William Muriel, earned first team All-American Honors for their individual performances in the NCAA Division II National Swimming and Diving Meet. All members of the men’s and women’s teams received Academic All-American status this year, placing fourth in the nation in Division II.

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To support a student athlete, designate your gift to the Lettermen’s Athletic Scholarship. For more information about Fairmont State Athletics, visit www.fightingfalcons.com.
Alumni Notes

Graduation from Fairmont State marked a major milestone in your life. We celebrated with you then, and we are here to celebrate with you now. Please send us your news—marriage, births, professional accomplishments, retirement, a special anniversary or vacation—we are here to keep you connected.

Send your news to Maroon & White, Erikson Alumni Center, Fairmont State, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554 or fax us at (304) 367-4742.

Molly B. Alvaro, class of 1990, is the Coordinator of the Learning Center at Potomac State College.

Brian W. Bicknell, class of 1993, was appointed as Dean of Students at Montserrat College of Art in September of 2004. He credits the lessons he learned as an orientation leader at Fairmont State as being essential in cultivating a belief that a strong student affairs division can have a profound impact on our next generation of leaders. Brian is also pursuing a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts Boston in educational leadership and should have his dissertation completed next May.

Donald E. Brown, class of 1990, finished his MBA in the spring of 2002. Donald and his wife, Beth, celebrated the birth of Mitchell Edward in the spring of 2002. They most recently moved back to Fairmont where he took the position of Mechanical Engineer with the Novelis Corporation.

John B. Criss, class of 1990, is the Dean of the Calvert County, Maryland, Board of Education. John was a student football coach during his time at Fairmont State.

Corey Q. Cosner, class of 2004, is a Special Education Teacher for the Darlington County School District in South Carolina.

Joan M. Deem, class of 1984, works as a Budget Officer for United States Army Headquarters in Japan.

L. Patrick Elkins, class of 1988, is a Police Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Patrick was a Freshman Counselor in 1987.

Danny G. Fairbanks, class of 1983, was a 1982 Academic All American in football as well as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Danny now teaches and coaches at Eagles Landing High School in Georgia.

William J. Floyd, class of 2004, recently began a residency with the Cub Creek Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the ceramic arts. William will be living and working as an artist in residence on the grounds of Cub Creek Studios for a year or two, making functional stoneware pots as well as one of a kind sculptural works.

Larry and Natalie Hissam, class of 1988, work for the Christian Missionary Alliance. Both were extremely active in Baptist Campus Ministry and have recently worked with Fairmont State students to start a new ministry group titled ROA. Natalie cheered at Fairmont State and Larry played golf.

Dale Hounshell, class of 1954, was awarded the 2005 Letterman of Distinction Award. The award was presented to him April 9 at the Fairmont State Lettermen’s Association Athletic Scholarship Banquet.

Herman Jacquez, class of 1955, retired from the Chase Manhattan Bank. He and his wife Mary Vivian (Wood) Jacquez celebrated 50 years of marriage. They met at Fairmont State, and are the proud parents of five children: Frank, David, Craig, Denise and Susan and twelve grandchildren.

Jennifer R. (Frame) Kalleel, class of 1999, moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she was married to Paul Kalleel in July of 2004. Jennifer and Paul just bought their first house on the beach.

Steven R. Morris, class of 1999, received a Master of Science degree from Western Maryland College in 2004. Steven is a teacher for Calvert County, Maryland, Public Schools.

Shay A. (Ours) Millwood, class of 1996, married Jeremy Millwood on September 13, 1997. Shay and Jeremy have two children: Morgan Hope, 5 years old, and Andrew, 2 years old.

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Fairmont State “Rocks the Boat”

Congratulations to Fairmont State’s American Society of Civil Engineers Student Club, pictured above. The ASCE Student Club “rocked the boat” again this year by winning the gold medal in recent conference competitions.

The highlight of the conference was the Concrete Canoe Competition. Fairmont State students constructed a canoe entirely of concrete and participated in a race against other teams. The students took first place in all four categories of the canoe competition: paper, presentation, product and races.

“These students have worked so hard this year and have impressed me and the other schools at the regional competitions tremendously,” said Tia Richardson, club advisor. “I believe they have a good chance to place in the top ten at the National Competition in June. They really raised the regional bar!”

The Fairmont State Concrete Canoe Team will represent our region at the 18th annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competitions. The competition will be held June 25-27 at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.

I’ll See You On the Web-The Virtual Campus Gets a New Look

The Fairmont State web page, has a great new look! The new web format is redesigned to be more user friendly for current and prospective students, parents, friends and alumni. A virtual visit to Fairmont State allows you to accomplish as much with the click of your finger as you do in a visit to Hardway Hall or the Erickson Alumni Center.

The new web applications provide alumni with opportunities to stay connected to campus life and activities. Campus event calendars are all at the touch of your fingers.

We also have a page dedicated to the special needs of alumni at www.fairmontstate.edu/alumni. There you can view upcoming alumni events or update your alumni record following a marriage, move or special life event. These are just a few of the things you can do online:

• Look up an old friend.
• Send us an alumni note for Maroon & White.
• Find pictures of recent alumni events.
• Become a volunteer recruiter in your area.
• Plan a reunion for your class or organization.
• Coordinate an alumni reception in your area.
• Mentor a current student through the Alumni Mentorship Program.
• Find interns or employees for your business.

The Office of Alumni Relations is committed to providing outstanding service. If you have an idea how to make your alumni web site better, please contact us at (304) 367-4009 or send an e-mail to ksirk@fairmontstate.edu.

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Lyla Grandstaff is a Fairmont State graduate who provides life changing opportunity to every person she meets. Through her position as Admissions Counselor, Lyla opens the doors of Fairmont State for perspective students and their families.

Lyla graduated from Rivesville High School in 1980. Like many students, personal and family responsibilities forced her to enter the workforce without gaining her degree. Lyla worked for twenty years in a series of jobs, but did not receive career advancement opportunities because she lacked a degree.

In 2000, she made the life-altering decision to return to college. “The first step was the hardest,” explains Lyla, “I was afraid that I would be the oldest person in the classroom and I didn’t know if the other students would accept me.” Lyla soon learned that she was not alone, over twenty-five percent of Fairmont State students are non-traditional students over the age of 25. Non-traditional students are attracted to Fairmont State for many of the same reasons that Lyla was interested. The small class size, personal attention and the flexibility to schedule classes around busy work and family schedules allow non-traditional students the opportunity to get back into the workforce, increase their earning potential and provide a better life for their families.

Lyla graduated from Fairmont State with a Bachelor of Science in Business in 2003. She immediately joined the staff of the Office of Admissions as an Admissions Counselor. She now counsels other non-traditional students making the transition into higher education. “Not only did Fairmont State provide me with a degree, they helped me find my career path.”

She walks prospective students from Fairmont State’s thirteen-county service area through the admissions process and connects them with counselors in the Office of Financial Aid. “Eighty percent of students receive some form of financial aid at Fairmont State and our students graduate with the lowest student loan debt in the state.” Lyla advises returning or new non-traditional students to investigate their financial options.

As an alumna of Fairmont State, Lyla can speak from the heart about what it means to receive a degree from Fairmont State. She encourages other alumni to become involved in the recruiting process. “Earning a degree from Fairmont State is one of the proudest accomplishments of my life. It has opened doors to me that I never thought I could enter. Through my work as an admissions counselor I am able to provide the same key to hundreds of other people. It is a great feeling and every alumnus can experience it by becoming a volunteer recruiter.”

Lyla and her husband, Mark, reside in Rivesville, West Virginia with their two sons: Dustin, twelve and Daniel, six.

If you want to share the gifts that Fairmont State has given to you by becoming a volunteer alumni recruiter in your area, go to the Fairmont State web page at www.fairmontstate.edu. Choose the Alumni link, and then choose the Volunteer link to submit your information.
In Memoriam

Contributions in memory of a friend or loved one may be sent to the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please indicate your gift is a memorial by including the words “In memory of” and the name of the decedent in the note section of your personal check.

Emily Nichols, class of 1950, deceased March 17, 2005.
Sandra Ott, class of 1992, deceased March 9, 2005.
Anthony Powroznik, deceased March 18, 2005.
Walter Reed, class of 1951, deceased January 18, 2005.
Glenda Rumbaugh, class of 1985, deceased March 9, 2005.
Harold Shaffer, class of 1931, deceased January 23, 2005.
John Steadman, class of 1963, deceased February 20, 2005.
Juanita Tichenor, class of 1931, deceased May 13, 2002.
Nickey Tutalo, class of 1990, deceased February 27, 2005.
Helen Viggiano, class of 1932, deceased February 1, 2005.
William Wease, class of 1957, deceased March 12, 2005.
Glenn Willis, class of 1940, deceased March 10, 2005.
Thomas Wilson, class of 1954, deceased February 14, 2005.
Francis Wolfe, class of 1938, deceased March 9, 2005.

Emily Nichols, class of 1950

The Fairmont State community was deeply saddened by the death of Emily Ann Leaf Nichols, class of 1950, on March 17. Emily was recently honored with the 2004 Alumna of Achievement Award for her contributions to Fairmont State and the community. Through her passing, we have lost a wonderful friend and supporter. She is truly missed.

If you would like to honor Emily Nichols with a special gift to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, send your tax-deductible gift to the Fairmont State Foundation, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554.
Show your Falcon Pride!

Order your Fairmont State apparel. Call (304) 367-4090 or (866) 372-2586.

Don’t Forget to Nominate Your Outstanding Alumni

Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni, Alumni of Achievement and Outstanding Young Alumni for 2005 awards will be accepted through Wednesday, June 15.

To nominate deserving alumni for one of these awards, please submit their name, address, telephone number and an explanation of why you think he or she should be recognized.

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Falcons Landing in Your Area

Keep your eyes peeled for invitations to alumni chapter events coming soon to a city near you!
For more information or to host an event, call the Erickson Alumni Center at (304) 367-4090.

Baltimore, Maryland
June 5, 2005
Home of Joe and Ellen Jenkins

Homecoming
October 14-15, 2005
Fairmont State Campus

Emeritus Club
Fall, 2005
Fairmont State Campus

It’s All Greek to Me…

Does your fraternity, honorary or sorority organization have an event that you would like to publicize? Call us at (304) 367-4090 to see how Maroon & White can keep you connected through event listings.

August

5-7 TBI Convention

Tau Beta Iota will hold its annual convention Aug. 5-7. Traditional events including a reception at the Erickson Alumni Center and the annual golf tournament are planned. For more information, call Treasurer Dave Roth at (304) 367-1573.

6 Gamma Chi Chi Convention

Aug 6 has been set as the tentative date for the annual Gamma Convention. For more information, call President Shirley Champ Stanton at (304) 366-1240.

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June 13-16
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Men’s Basketball Camp
Boys grade 4th – 11th
Camp Directors Tim Murphy and Brett Vincent
Register by June 2
For more information call 304-367-4220

June 13-16
8:30 a.m. – Noon
Baseball Camp
Boys ages 9 – 18
Camp Director Ray Bonnett
For more information call 304-367-4220

June 13-16
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Coach Mac’s D.I.M.E. Basketball Camp
Girl’s ages 8-18
Camp Director Steve McDonald
Register by June 1
For more information call 304-367-4220

June 20-23
9 a.m. – Noon
Biddy Basketball Camp
Boys and Girls Grades K-3
Camp Directors Tim Murphy and Brett Vincent
For more information call 304-367-4220

June 28-30
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Football Camp for Boys
Boys ages 8 – 18
For more information call 304-367-4220

July 25-29
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Crime Scene Investigation Camp
Boys and girls grades 7th – 8th
For more information call Mark Flood 304-367-4309

August 8-12
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Hands-On Biotech Camp
Boys and girls grades 8th – 11th
For more information call Mark Flood at 304-367-4309