

# StateLines

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## Graduation News

The 114th Commencements are scheduled as follows:

Sat., May 22, 1999

Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center

10 a.m. School of Arts and Humanities & School of Natural and Social Sciences

2:30 p.m. School of Business & School of Education

Doors open one hour before each ceremony

- Graduates should please plan on attending the Commencement rehearsal, scheduled for Fri., May 21, at 4 p.m. in the main arena of the Cordts Physical Education Center. This important meeting will give you details on the order of the ceremonies and where you sit (so you can let your family and friends know).

- No tickets are required to attend either Commencement; you are welcome to invite as many family members as you wish. Special seating will be available for family members in wheelchairs or who may be unable to climb to a seat in the bleachers.

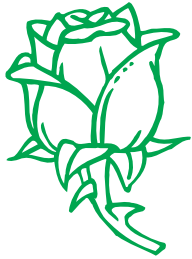
- Caps and gowns can be picked up during regular Bookstore hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 8:30 a.m. to noon Fri.) beginning Mon., May 17. Caps and gowns will also be distributed in the Cordts P.E. Center at rehearsal and prior to both ceremonies. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please do so immediately.

- For updates on Commencement activities, visit our website, accessible from the University's home page. Click on "Meetings and Events;" Commencement will be listed there (or go directly to the site: [www.fsu.umd.edu/events/commencement](http://www.fsu.umd.edu/events/commencement)). If your family will be driving a long distance and you want to make hotel reservations, Commencement's web site has links to Allegany County's roster of available accommodations.

If you have any questions about Commencement, please contact the following individuals:

- Graduation certification, address changes, diplomas: Registrar's Office x4349.
- Cap and gown orders, announcements: University Bookstore, x4341.
- Appeal process: Office of the Provost (ask for Dr. Mary Gartner), x4212.
- Rehearsal and ceremony: Special Academic Services (ask for Jim Limbaugh), x3130.





The Office of the Provost  
cordially invites you to join  
the FSU community  
in celebration of academic excellence at  
**The University Honors Convocation**

Fri., May 21, 1999, 7:30 p.m.  
Drama Theatre, Performing Arts Center  
Reception following in PAC Lobby  
Please join us to recognize the 1999 recipients of the  
Faculty Achievement Awards  
Graduate Program Honors  
Undergraduate Department Honors  
Honors in General Education

## PAC Power Outage

The Performing Arts Center will be closed for service to be performed on the building's main electrical panel on the morning of Mon., May 24. The nature of work requires that power to the entire building be shut down for at least the morning, if not the entire day. It is possible, however, the work will be completed in the morning and the building could be reopened in the afternoon.

Please call the PAC facilities manager's office at x7460 for a voicemail message confirming the re-opening time of the building. In the event the service call takes longer than scheduled, the building will re-open at 8 a.m., Tues., May 25.

## FSUF Budget Deadline - Monday

The deadline for submitting budgets to the FSU Foundation for the fiscal year 2000 is Mon., May 17. Budget formats may be found at <http://www.fsu.umd.edu/admin/foundation/forms.htm> or by calling FSUF at x4161.

## Professors Honored by State Arts Council

Dr. Barbara Hurd and Brad Barkley of the Department of English were

recently honored by the Maryland State Arts Council with Individual Artist Awards.

The awards are given every other year on the basis of state-wide manuscript submissions which are judged by out-of-state jurors. Barkley received his award for fiction writing and Hurd was honored for poetry.

Barkley, a 1994 recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, is the author of *Circle View*, a collection of stories published by SMU Press. Recent work has appeared in *Southern Review*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and is forthcoming in *Arts and Letters*. His novel, *Money, Love*, will be published by Norton next year.

Hurd, the author of *Objects in This Mirror*, a collection of poems, was recently named first runner-up for New Letters National Literary Award. She has published works in the *Yale Review* and *Potomac Review* and has work forthcoming in *Caesura* and *Connecticut Review*. Her essay "The Country Below" was selected as one of approximately 20 pieces for inclusion in the 1999 edition of *Best American Essays*. Hurd's collection of essays will be published by Beacon Press next year.

Barkley and Hurd, along with LaVale poet Karen Zealand, co-edit FSU's nationally recognized literary journal *Nightsun*.

## Women in Higher Education

Women faculty and administrators should mark your calendars (and save some travel money) for Tues., June 8, for the Maryland Network's Annual Conference "Transformations: Professional and Personal Lessons on How to Succeed." Have an affirming, super networking day with women from FSU and across the state at the wooded campus of Goucher College. Registration, including continental breakfast and lunch is \$55. Contact Mary Gartner, FSU's Network rep for additional information and to plan shared transportation (x4212. or [mgartner@frostburg.edu](mailto:mgartner@frostburg.edu).)

## Faculty/Staff Notes

**Tom Serfass**, assistant professor of Wildlife Ecology in the Department of Biology co-authored 6 papers at the 55th Annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, Manchester, NH, April 11-14. Co-Authors included Dr. Serfass' graduate students: Matt Jollick, Bob Cordes, Jon DeBerti and Kate Massey. Papers dealt with genetic, behavioral and management aspects of Dr. Serfass' work to reintroduce river otters, fishers, and elk in Pennsylvania.

**Alicia White**, bookkeeper for the FSU Foundation, is recovering at home after being hospitalized last week. She is doing fine and sends her thanks for the many inquiries and visitors she has received. Questions regarding FSUF deposits and expenditures should be directed to Jack Aylor, x4161.

## Safety Slogan

"Insurance is good. Protection is better. Prevention is best."

