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Winter Commencement Ceremonies Set for Dec. 22

The 119th commencement ceremonies of FSU will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Harold J. Cordts Center Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Two exercises will be held during the day. The College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremonies will start at 2 p.m. FSU President Catherine R. Gira will confer graduate and undergraduate degrees at both events.

The featured speaker this semester will be John R. Kirby, Jr. the deputy director of the Department of Economic Development for Allegany County. Kirby has been with the department since October 1985, serving a variety of senior positions, including a five-year tenure as director. A native of Allegany County, Kirby is a second-generation alumnus of FSU (Class of '79) where he received a bachelor's degree in geography.

Student speakers at the winter commencement include Brett A. Siefers for the College of Business, Sara Peoples for the College of Education and Jessica D. Walbert for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Siefers will graduate with a double major in economics and accounting and a minor in business administration. A resident of Cumberland, Brett received practical experience with a



Siefers

summer internship at the Allegany County Tax and Utility Office where he distributed, collected and processed property taxes. This semester, he interned with CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Co. in Cumberland and worked with data to produce pension plan evaluations for county governments.

A student-member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a dean's list student, Siefers served as vice president of the FSU Accounting Association. He also worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer/tutor for elementary students. In addition, he traveled to Key Largo, Fla., to work with other AmeriCorps members to offer tornado relief. He has accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., as an auditor.

Sara Peoples, a resident of Rising Sun, Md., was selected as Team Leader for the first-year of the Allen HallSTARS! She completed 500 hours of service and wrote a paper on her experiences that she presented at the English Colloquium. She also served as a resident assistant on campus.

With a double major in elementary education and history, Peoples performed internships in both areas of study and has maintained a cumulative 4.0 grade point average and spent a



Peoples

semester studying abroad at the Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland.

Peoples has been accepted into the Peace Corps and plans to spend two years serving in Thailand.

An English student with a graphic design minor, Jessica Walbert graduates with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. She is a member of the FSU Honors Program, English Honor Society and the Freshman Honor Society.



Walbert

Walbert served as the design/advertising manager and a staff writer for The Bottom Line. She presented an essay at the FSU English Colloquium, published a work in the campus literary magazine and acted as a tutor for the Writing Center on campus. She worked for two years as a student assistant during the Summer Planning Conference for incoming freshmen and was an active member of the BURG Peer Education Network to promote healthy choices.

A native of Frostburg, Walbert interned at German Life, a national magazine.

For more information about commencement, you can log on to the FSU Web site at www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.

Mining Proposal on Table in Dec. 13 Open Forum

On Thursday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m., in Lane 140-141, we will have an open forum on the environmental impact of surface mining on university property.

Dr. David Dean will facilitate the open forum with panelists from the departments of biology, philosophy and geography.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Presentations



Honors Seminar Presents Human Rights Fair

The students of the Honors Seminar on Human Rights will present a Human Rights Fair Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Lane University Center room 201.

The Human Rights Fair will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Dec. 10, 1948. For the students, it

will also mark the completion of a semester of intensive investigation of human rights issues around the world.

The students have invited other campus groups who work on human rights issues to join the evening of presentations, displays and discussions about the status of human rights and the role individuals can play to further their implementation.

Short presentations will be offered by the students on issues they have investigated.

The fair is free and open to the public.

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Engineering Students to Demonstrate Designs

Engineering students will showcase their semester projects Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Leake Room of the Cordts P.E. Center. Freshmen from three sections of the Introduction to Engineering Design class will demonstrate the products which they designed, built, and tested. These include wind turbines used to power a model train, catapults and single-person cooling units. The event is open to the public. For information, contact Linda Steele at x4137.

Art



'Exodus of Mind' on Display at Roper

Bachelor of Fine Arts students Brian So and Maureen Pezzanite will display their work, titled "Exodus of Mind" at Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building from Friday, Dec. 14, through Friday, Dec. 21. A reception will be held on Dec. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual Arts at x4797.



Take Note

MLK Day of Service to Feature Rev. Scott

After a successful visit in September, Rev. Mark Scott, co-director of Faith-Based Initiatives at the White House and the Corporation for National Service, will be joining us as our keynote speaker for our fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 21, 2002.

This is truly an honor. Rev. Scott could have celebrated this day at any service site in the United States and he selected to spend the afternoon with our FSU National Service Programs.

The program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 33 Broadway, Frostburg, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is the eighth year that the Corporation for National Service has led efforts to fulfill the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994, which seeks to transform King's birthday into a day of service that reflects his life and teaching.

Don't Be Incomplete

The last day for removal of graduate incomplete grades for the spring 2001/summer 2001 semesters is Wednesday, Dec. 12. Instructors may contact Marcy in the Registrar's Office at x4347 if they have questions or need "Change of Grade" forms. Also, the last day to withdraw with a "WF" in a course for the fall 2001 semester is Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Undergraduate Commencement

Any student planning to complete studies during the current semester must first officially file for graduation.

Undergraduate students should contact the Registrar's Office (x4349, 144 Pullen Hall). Notices regarding commencement are sent only to those who have completed all filing requirements.

Caps and gowns are provided at no charge to all students cleared to participate; however, each student is responsible for placing an order in advance. Submit orders to the University Bookstore immediately.

For information, contact Beth Deatelhauser in Special Academic Services, x3130, 127 Performing Arts Center, or by e-mail to bdeatelhauser@frostburg.edu.

Grad Students Dec. Commencement!

Please complete your application for graduation as soon as possible. Graduate student graduation applications are available from the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall; by telephone at x7053; by fax at x4597; and after hours on the display rack outside the Pullen Hall Office.

Graduates-to-Be Invited

The University Advancement Office of Annual Giving cordially invites graduating seniors to the annual senior send-off at Gandalf's, 16 W. Main St., Thursday, Dec. 20, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 (a contribution toward your senior class gift) with an FSU Senior Pass. (Call x4758 to learn how to get one.) Food, beverages, gifts and raffle prizes will be provided. RSVP to x4758 or charmon@frostburg.edu by Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Points of Pride



The project produced by the *first batch of FSU/U-Md. Mechanical-Engineering students* was positioned in the fourth place in the Student Paper Competition at this year's International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition of the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers). They received an honorable mention for their project at the convention. Five of the six students, **Tom McGrath, Dan Butler, Jason Latgis, Laurie Zink and Russell King**, graduated in May 2001. The sixth, **Dan Matthews**, will graduate in this month.

FSU Hagerstown Center enrollments jumped to 410 students this fall, an increase of 23 students or 6 percent over fall enrollments a year ago, and the fourth highest fall total in the Center's history.

The combined enrollments of 565 students at the Hagerstown and Frederick centers represent 11 percent of the University's total enrollments.

Leading the increases were the master's programs in Education, which grew by 45 students to a total of 149, thereby helping to offset a decline of 65 students in the combined Frederick/Hagerstown MBA programs, which nonetheless led all programs with a Frederick/Hagerstown total of 263.

Dr. Chandra Thamire, Mechanical

Engineering, presented two papers at the 54th Annual Conference of the Division of Fluid Dynamics, American Physical Society, in November. There were "Convection and Diffusion in Microcirculation" and "Natural Convection in Spherical Annular Enclosures."

Dr. Terry Tannacito, professional writing instructor in the English Department, has an article in the current issue of Kairos, an online journal for "teachers of writing in webbed environments." Her article, "Teaching Professional Writing Online with Electronic Peer Response," can be accessed at this address: 129.118.38.138/kairos/6.2/

Tannacito also recently gave a multimedia presentation at the EAPSU Conference at Kutztown University entitled "The Point and Power of PowerPoint." Both the PowerPoint presentation and the related article are online as links from her résumé at this address: www.frostburg.edu/dept/engl/tannacito

On July 1, **Dr. James Hagen**, associate professor of history, presented a paper at the annual international, World History Association Conference at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. The paper was titled "Biology and Monotheism: An Approach to Teaching the History of Human Separation from Nonhuman Nature." This was the first public presentation of Hagen's work on using the biological notion of "biophilia" as a working hypothesis in world history topics. Hagen also organized and chaired a separate panel at the conference on the topic of "Systems of Education in World History."

Volunteers



Help Sodexo Help Others

Sodexo Campus Services invites you to join us this year in helping local people in need.

Sodexo is again working with the Western Maryland Food Bank and FSU's Center for Volunteerism and National Service to create a brighter holiday for many in Western Maryland. In 2000, they were able to provide 670 complete and healthy holiday meals. This holiday season they hope to reach over 1,000 people with this program.

Now through Dec. 14 you can use Bonus Bucks, Bobcat Express or cash to purchase a full meal for someone who might not get one otherwise.

For \$4 per meal you will be buying roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberries, green beans, pumpkin pie and a beverage. Sodexo Campus Services employees and managers will again work without pay to prepare and package each meal. All meals will be delivered in a timely manner to be enjoyed for the holidays.

You may purchase a meal at any Sodexo Cashier in Chesapeake Hall, Appalachian Station, The Loft, Cat Trax or Sub Connection.

Get Involved



United Campus Ministry

On Monday, Dec. 10, UCM will conduct Bingo at Frostburg Village Nursing Center at 7 p.m. Meet at 6:30 p.m. behind Ort Library.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, Ben Hurley, a graduating senior, will present "Five Years of Faith – and Beyond," sharing some poignant thoughts and experiences regarding his faith development.

On Thursday, Dec. 13, UCM will go Christmas caroling at Frostburg Village Nursing Center and Frost Village. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be served in the Frost Village community room.

Catholic Campus Ministry

CCM's monthly dinner and gift exchange will be Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center's Bishop Murphy Hall. The group will also plan events for the spring semester.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, CCM will hold an Advent Communal Service of Reconciliation, its annual Advent Penance Service, in Cook Chapel after both the noon and 8 p.m. Masses.

International



See the World with CIE

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on any of the programs or scholarships that may be available, check with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x3091, e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu, or visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Study Down Under: Australia, New Zealand

FSU is affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities to study at universities in Australia and New Zealand. AustraLearn arranges cheap flights, orientation on the Great Barrier Reef, pre-registration and transcript evaluation. Students may choose from a broad range of courses in beautiful and exotic surroundings. Scholarships are available from both FSU and AustraLearn.

Study in Newcastle, England

Students interested in studying at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, should visit the CIE. Newcastle is one of the liveliest cities in the UK, just across the Channel from Amsterdam and three hours north of London (one hour south of Edinburgh) by train. The cost is about the same as one semester at FSU and all financial aid will transfer.

Do Your Student Teaching in Copenhagen

Education majors who would like to

earn a semester of FSU credits while studying in Denmark should check with the CIE about the exchange program with the KDAS School of Teacher Training in Copenhagen. Students complete projects and spend several weeks in Danish schools practicing teaching skills. All courses are in English. Financial aid transfers and scholarships are available.

Octoberfest or Mayfest in Germany

FSU students who would like to take part in UMUC's semester programs in Schwabisch Gmund in southern Germany are advised to apply to the CIE. The campus is part of the University of Maryland system, and all credits transfer back to FSU. Live in a beautiful medieval village and study on a campus with students from over 100 countries. All teaching is in English, and German instruction is offered as well. Scholarships are available from both FSU and UMUC. Students may apply for fall or spring.

Study in Limerick, Ireland

Students interested in taking part in the Ireland Exchange Program in Limerick should come by the CIE for information about the spring 2003 program. Participants study at Mary Immaculate College and take one FSU class and three MIC classes. All financial aid will transfer and scholarships are available.

Semester Overseas for Same Price as FSU

The International Student Exchange Program allows FSU students to register at FSU, pay FSU tuition and housing, and then study overseas for a semester, year or summer at one of over 200 locations. Students may take financial aid with them and may apply for scholarships from the CIE. Students may choose programs taught in either English or other languages. For the price of an airline ticket, this is a great way to earn credit towards your FSU degree while enjoying life in a foreign culture. Apply now for summer and fall 2002.

FSU Events Calendar



Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- Advising/Registration 9:30 a.m. Lane University Center
- NPC Open House 7:00 p.m. Manicur Assembly Hall
- * UCM Bingo 7:00 p.m. Frostburg Village Nursing Ctr
- * Men's Basketball: Mt. Aloysius College 7:00 p.m. Away

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Human Rights Day 6:00 p.m. Atkinson Room
- CAB General Body Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lane 142
- * Sigma Tau Delta Open Mic 7:00 p.m. Lane Derezsinski Lounge/Loft

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Last day for Graduate Students to Remove Incomplete ("I") Grades
 Last day with Withdraw from Classes with "WF"
 Last Day of Classes

- * Student Recital Series #6 3:00 p.m. Pealer Recital Hall
- RHA Meeting 4:45 p.m. Dunkle 218
- * BSA Kwanzaa 7:00 p.m. Osborne Center
- * UCM: Ben Hurley – "Five Years of Faith—and Beyond"
 7:30 p.m. Library 237

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- Reading Day
- Book Buyback 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bookstore
- President's Student Advisory Council 5:00 p.m. President's Conference Room
- * UCM Christmas Caroling at Frostburg Village Nursing Center and Frost Village @ 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- Final/Common Exams
- Book Buyback 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bookstore

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

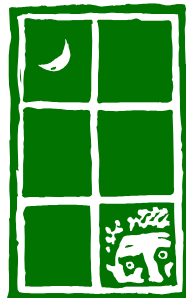
- Final/Common Exams
- RHA Semi-Formal 8:00 p.m. Lane Appalachian Station

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- Reading Day
- Study Hall noon – 3:00 a.m. Lane University Center
- * CCM Mass noon & 8:00 p.m. Cook Chapel
- * Planetarium: "The Shepherd's Story" .. 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Tawes Hall

* Open to the public. Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

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 Everyone's
 Business –
 Including
 Yours**