Professor Barbara Hurd to Deliver Elkins Lecture

FSU’s Department of English announces the first in a series of lectures by Barbara Hurd, holder of the 2002-2003 University System of Maryland’s Wilson H. Elkins Professorship. Titled “Turning Facts into Truth: Writing Essays about the Natural World,” the lecture will be presented on Monday, Nov. 25, at 3 p.m. in Dunkle Hall 219.

Riffing off of Thoreau’s warning to “not underestimate the value of a fact; it will one day flower into a truth,” Hurd will discuss the differences between facts and truths and how to turn one into the other so that an essay might matter to a reader. Dr. Hurd teaches creative writing at FSU and is the author of Stirring the Mud: On Swamps, Bogs, and Human Imagination, a Los Angeles Times Best Book of the Year, and a book on coves titled Entering the Stone, which Houghton Mifflin will publish in 2003.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Department of English at x4221.

Thanksgiving Service: Celebrate Freedom, Hope

Amid the mood of national uncertainty, terrorist threats and international turmoil, students, faculty and staff will gather on Monday, Nov. 25, to celebrate our freedoms and blessings via the FSU Thanksgiving Service. It will take place in Cook Chapel (Frost Hall) at 7 p.m. All persons are welcome.

The FSU Collegium Musicum will perform along with individual student musicians. There will also be special readings and an opportunity for personal sharing. Traditional Thanksgiving songs will be sung.

We encourage people to bring canned goods for the needy.

The service is sponsored by United Campus Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Baptist Student Ministry and Hillel.


The FSU Department of Visual Arts presents “Artemis: Nature’s Myth, Nature’s Beauty,” featuring works by seniors Trish Limbaugh, Lauren Crystal and Matthew Donatelli, on display in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building. The exhibit will run through Sunday, Dec. 1. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Limbaugh’s work consists of ceramics, constructed with thrown and hand-building techniques to make functional and non-functional forms influenced by nature. In December, she will receive her bachelor’s degree in art and design with a concentration in ceramics and a minor in art history.

Crystal’s photographs and paintings focus on the linear aspects and dramatic lighting of nature. She will graduate in December with a degree in art and design with concentrations in photography and painting. Donatelli’s work reflects his visits to and study in his ancestral homelands of Ireland and Italy. He expresses his dreams and love for the classics in his interpretations of landscape and the human figure. Now completing his bachelor’s degree, he hopes to pursue his passion for painting while completing master’s and doctoral degrees in art history.

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

Special Matinee of ‘The Nutcracker’ Added

Due to popular demand, the FSU Cultural Events Series will offer a special matinee performance of “The Nutcracker,” starring the International Ballet Theatre of Russia, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, in the Performing Arts Center’s Drama Theatre. The evening shows scheduled for Nov. 26 and 27 are sold out. Dinner Show Packages are available with the Wednesday matinee or can be added to existing ticket purchases for the evening performances.

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Lavish costumes and elaborate sets, combined with the talents of an international ensemble of award-winning dancers, bring artistic Director Vladimir Shumelkin’s version of this classic to life in the grand Russian tradition of classical ballet, enlivened by contemporary style but dedicated always to beauty and elegance.

Dinner Show Packages offered by seven area restaurants, including complimentary transportation, are available to transform the ballet performance into a special occasion. Participating restaurants include the Acropolis.
Restaurant & Lounge, El Canelo Mexican Restaurant, Gandall's Restaurant & Pub, Gehau's Restaurant, Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, Harrigan's Restaurant and the Tombstone Café. Reservations for the Dinner Show Package must be made by Monday, Nov. 25. Patrons pay the restaurant of choice after the completion of their meal. For ticket and package prices and purchases, call or visit the CES Box Office, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Office is in the Lane University Center, Room 295, and can be reached at x3137 or toll-free at 1-(866) TIXX CES. Tickets for the Wednesday matinee can also be purchased online at http://ces.frostburg.edu.

From left, Charles Owens Jr., Natalie McKenzie, Adam Hughson, Mary Gorge, James Derdock and Anthonie Ruffin.

‘Seventh Dimension’ Portfolio Exhibit Set

The Department of Visual Arts at FSU announces the opening of the Senior Portfolio Exhibit, “The Seventh Dimension,” on Friday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Arts Gallery located in the Fine Arts Building. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, includes work by six graphic design seniors pursuing bachelor of fine arts degrees in art and design. A specialist in Web design and multimedia, James Derdock will graduate in December. Influenced by the fast-paced and ever-changing world of the Internet and the exponential growth of technology, Derdock has created a style that reflects the hi-tech world.

Mary Gorge will graduate in December with a minor in art history. While her main focus is graphic design, Gorge also works in painting, drawing, ceramics and photography. Her work has been displayed in the Allegany Arts Council Gallery in Cumberland. Adam Hughson, who will graduate next spring, has a minor in art history. He has applied his interests in other types of art, including photography, printmaking and drawing, into his graphic design work. Most of his portfolio consists of logo design, business packages and an interactive Web page featuring a mechanical style with 3-dimensional shapes and a clean-cut, linear design. He plans pursue a full-time internship in the spring and perform freelance work with different art firms.

Natalie McKenzie will graduate in December with a minor in art history. She uses abstract colors, organic and geometric shapes to create a style characterized by simplicity and minimalism. Charles Owens Jr. plans to graduate next spring. His design interests include Web design, animation and graphics. After graduating in next spring, Anthonie Ruffin will pursue a master’s degree in studio art/graphic design at Towson University. His Web sites and graphic design work features 3-dimensional designs, text and digital animation. For information, contact the FSU Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Collegium to Perform at Emmanuel Episcopal

The Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Cumberland, 16 Washington St., will host the FSU Collegium Musicum in concert, Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Karen Soderberg Sarnaker, and accompanied by Betty Jane Phillips, Collegium Musicum’s performance will include Roland de Lassus’ Christmas motet, “Resonet in Laudibus” and “Four Motets for the Christmas Season” by Francis Poulenc. They will also perform “Kondalilla,” based on Aboriginal aboriginal beliefs of spirituality, by Stephen Leek; “Sigalagala” (Kenya), arranged by S.A. Otieno; and “The Storm Is Passing Over” (American gospel), arranged by Barbara Baker. Collegium Musicum will conclude with “A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square,” arranged by Gene Puerling, “Salseo” (Venezuela) by Oscar Galian and “Take The A Train,” arranged by Stephen Zegree.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the FSU Department of Music at x4109.

Lecture to Look at Election, Race Relations

FSU’s African American Studies Program will present “Will the African American Middle Class Hold? Implications of the 2002 Election on the Future of Race Relations.”

The lecture will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6:45 p.m. in Tawes Hall room 232 on the FSU campus. Dr. Robert Moore of the Department of Sociology will make the presentation. Moore is the editor of a recent book about race relations, “The Quality and Quantity of Contact: African Americans and Whites on College Campuses.”

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Jean-Marie Makang, coordinator of African American Studies at x1089 or at jmakang@frostburg.edu.

Maryland 2002 Charity Campaign Results

The Office of the President and the Office of Human Resources would like to thank all the employees who donated to the Maryland Charity Campaign. The Maryland Charity Campaign Baltimore Office informed us that FSU gave 17 percent more than last year. It proves that, when asked to do a special thing, we have special employees who will step up to the plate. Again this time, as always, they hit a home run for the campus. You know who you are. Thank you so much.

New Group Life Insurance Provider

The Standard Insurance Co. will be the State of Maryland’s new provider of group term life insurance starting Jan. 1, 2003. Employees who currently have term life insurance through MetLife Life will automatically roll over to the new provider unless the coverage is changed or terminated during Open Enrollment. Your beneficiary designations will not, however, transfer from MetLife to Standard Insurance.

FSU employees who will have term life insurance through Standard Insurance must complete a new form to designate one or more beneficiaries. The next to last page of the 2003 Summary of Health Benefits booklet is a “Beneficiary Designation and Change Form” from Standard Insurance. Remove that form from the booklet, complete and sign it. If you have more than two primary and/or contingent beneficiaries, make a copy of the form to have enough room for all beneficiary information. Return completed forms to the Office of Human Resources and we will submit all forms to the Employee Benefits Division.

Note that this beneficiary form applies only to those employees with insurance provided by Standard Insurance (MetLife in 2002). It does not apply to employees with group life insurance from Unum.

What to Do When You Dial 911 by Mistake

Accidents happen all the time, even on the phone. If you happen to dial 911 while attempting to call long distance, you’re going to be connected to Allegany County Dispatch instead. If this should happen, please DON’T HANG UP! Let the dispatcher know you misdialled. When police or emergency services receive a call with no answer, they will attempt to call you back. If they get no answer, a police officer is dispatched to that location to verify that everything is OK. Let’s not take an officer from a real emergency. If you make a mistake by dialing 911, stay on the line and tell the dispatcher you misdialled.
Campus Health, Wellness
The Office of Human Resources applied for a Club Maryland Worksite Wellness Grant from the Club Maryland State Employee Wellness Program. Dr. Fred Surgent, H.P.E.R., is the Club Maryland Wellness Coordinator for the campus. Dr. Surgent received information last week that FSU was approved to receive a part of the monies from the grant program. The Office of Human Resources is reviewing a number of health and wellness activities, e.g., cholesterol screening, stress management, weight management, diabetes screening and earing conservation. The campus will be informed as to the decision and a letter will be sent informing employees of the day, date, time and type of program. Thank you for your participation in the past programs.

Graduate Students - Dec. Commencement:
Graduate students who plan to complete their degrees in December 2002 should file the “Application for Graduation” no later than Monday, Nov. 25, if they wish to be listed in the December 2002 Commencement Program. The Application for Graduation is available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen, or by calling x7053.

Open Enrollment
Open Enrollment for Health Benefits has started. Employees can call the IVR (Interactive Voice Response) automated enrollment system to modify benefits 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Dec. 6. Open Enrollment materials were distributed to benefitted employees through the campus mail. Contingent employees, COBRA members, and retirees will receive their materials at home.

Please read the new Summary of Health Benefits booklet and the instructions on using the IVR system carefully. Remember that Open Enrollment is the only time during the year when you may make changes to your health benefit plans unless there is a “change in family status.” Any changes you make during Open Enrollment will take effect Jan. 1, 2003.

Telemarketing Alert
The University Advancement’s Office of Annual Giving is conducting its annual fall telemarketing campaign through Monday, Nov. 25. Students will call alumni from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Cordts Center Telemarketing Center to ask for contributions to this year’s Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund provides support to the University’s greatest needs, including scholarships, student, faculty and staff development; cultural events; athletics and alumni programs. For information, contact Chris Harmon, director of Annual Giving, x4758, or graduate assistant Andrew Dinbokowitz at x3163.

Commencement Info
Any student planning to complete his or her studies during this semester must first officially file for graduation. Undergraduate students should contact the Registrar’s Office (x4349, 144 Pullen Hall), while graduate students should submit paperwork to Graduate Services (x7053, 141 Pullen Hall). Special mailings and notices regarding Commencement are sent only to those students who have completed all filings.

Caps and gowns are provided at no charge to all students cleared to participate in Commencement; however, each student is responsible for placing an order in advance. Orders should be submitted to the University Bookstore as soon as possible.

Information about Commencement is always available on the University’s Web site. Go to www.frostburg.edu, click on “current students,” then on “academics.” A drop-down screen will list Commencement. You may also type in www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.) For information, contact Beth DeSaltheuser in Special Academic Services, x3120, 127 Performing Arts Center, or by e-mail at bdesaltheuser@frostburg.edu.

Sex Offender Registry
The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act is designed to make campus communities aware of sex offenders in their midst, just as “Megan’s Law” does for non-campus, residential communities. In Maryland, a sex offender registry is maintained by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. You can access it at http://www.dpcs.state.md.us/sor or by clicking on the link at the University Police Web page, http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/police. The linked page gives a full explanation of the uses to which the sex offender registry can be put, as well as some cautionary advice.

Points of Pride
Dr. Barbara Hurd, professor of English, has won the Bright Hill Press Poetry Award, which will include publication of her book-length collection of poems, “The Singer’s Temple,” in addition to the associated national recognition and cash award.

Bright Hill Press is a not-for-profit, literary organization and press dedicated to literary excellence.

The final judge was the poet Richard Hugo, whose work has appeared in “Paris Review,” “Poetry Journal” and “Harper’s,” among others, and who has published collections of poetry himself. He wrote the following about his choice of Hurd’s work:

“Early in this book Barbara Hurd confronts the reader with the scary and fascinating proposition, a medical conjecture, that many of us are actually twins in our single bodies and oblivious of it. In her compelling, well-crafted poems Hurd carries us through varied perspectives on this theme of self-accompaniment. We encounter sea urchins, Dr. Jekyll, a grackle falling down a stovepipe, Monet, the cinema, Elvis, Eros, a vacuum-cleaner salesman, Doubt- ing Thomas, Peter Pan, an egret, and Gyoto monks. We ride double on a motorcycle in India. We are taken into a surreal dream of an anthropomorphic cave that has aggressive sexual inten- tions. Hurd takes us where never have been, which is the job of a poet, and she does it well. Her voice is genuine and convincing, her versification is sure, and, above all, her poems are interesting. Once I began, I read the book through; I was drawn from poem to poem. Altogether, this is a splendid collection. Read it—you will be more than doubly pleased.”

The Omicron Pi Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority has donated $300 to FSU for the purchase of 15 books on the topic of the hearing impaired, as well as a copy of the Delta Zeta centennial book, all in honor of the sorority’s 100th anniversary on Oct. 24, 2002. The gift is part of a nationwide project begun over a year ago, in which each of Delta Zeta’s collegiate chapters across the country will present gifts to their colleges or universities.

One of the largest sororities in the National Panhellenic Conference, Delta Zeta was founded on Miami University’s campus in Oxford, Ohio, in 1902. The sorority has more than 180,000 alumnae and collegiate members in the United States and Canada.

Several students were initiated into the International Sociology Honorary, Alpha Kappa Delta, in a ceremony held in Haccock on Sunday, Nov. 17. Inducted were Martina Bennet, Jessica Mills and Darlene Rebecca Durst, Hagerstown; Miranda M. Riley, Mitchellville; Nicole Fay DiGianno, Perryville; James H. Geibel II, Baltimore; Kelli R. Izat, Cumberland; Kristin D. Hitchins, Grantsville; Darlene Rebecca Durst, Baltimore; James H. Brotemarkle, Frostburg; and Jared E. Maffett, Cumberland. Students interested in joining the honorary should contact advisors Dr. Anthony E. Crosby Jr. or Dr. Robert S. Selby in the Department of Sociology.

Volunteers
Holiday Meal Drive
Sodexo Campus Services, in conjunction with FSU, FSU’s Center for Volunteerism and National Service and the Western Maryland Food Bank, will once again help the local community by preparing and delivering warm meals this holiday season for those in need. In the past two years, over 1,400 dinners have been prepared and delivered through this program.

You can help by purchasing an entire meal for someone (which includes roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberries, green beans, pumpkin pie and a beverage) for only $4.50. To help out this holiday, present your Bonus Bucks, Bobcat Express or cash to any Sodexo cashier in the Lane University Center, Chesapeake Hall or Sub Connection from now until the evening of Monday, Dec. 16.

For those wishing to give their time, volunteers will be assembling meals on campus.
Scholarship Brochures

FSU scholarship brochures for the 2003-04 academic year are now available in the Financial Aid Office in Pullen Hall.

McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Ed. Award

Applications for awards under the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Award Program for the 2003-04 academic year are available in the Financial Aid Office in Pullen Hall. This award provides funding to full-time or part-time students who are pursuing teacher certification in a critical shortage subject area. Applicants much meet one of the following criteria:

- Be an undergraduate student who will have earned 60 credit hours by the beginning of the first award year.
- Possess a bachelor’s or higher degree and no certification in a critical teacher shortage subject area.
- Be a classroom teacher who is not certified in a critical shortage subject area.

Applicants must be Maryland residents with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and attend or plan to attend an eligible Maryland postsecondary institution.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31.

Apply Now for Summer Study Abroad

The CIE is taking applications for summer study abroad. Many programs are available, either through FSU (Oxford, Ireland, Ecuador, Ghana, Germany) or through other organizations such as ISEP (Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Malta, Thailand, Scotland, Ireland) and AIFS (Austria, China, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain). Scholarships are available.

Study Abroad Programs

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 or e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu, or visit the

CIE’s new and improved Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Study in Non-traditional Locations

FSU is affiliated with the School for International Training. This enables FSU students to study through SIT in over 50 locations while remaining registered at FSU. All financial aid will transfer. SIT offers programs in Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and Australasia. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who would like to spend a semester, year or summer off the beaten track.

Financial Aid for Studying Overseas

FSU students are able to transfer all federal financial aid overseas to help pay for study abroad programs, along with state and institutional aid for most FSU sponsored programs. The CIE also awards study abroad scholarships of $500 and $1,000 to qualifying students. Scholarship deadline for summer, fall and academic year programs is March 15. Many other state and national scholarships are also available to help cover overseas costs.

Choose from Over 20 Locations to Study

FSU affiliates with the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), which offers study abroad programs in a variety of locations at universities around the world. Programs are open to all majors. Study in Prague, South Africa or Japan. Programs are open to all majors. Study in Prague, South Africa or Japan. You may register at FSU and use your financial aid for all programs. AIFS offers scholarships to qualified students. Take advantage of free rail pass offers.

Holiday Driving Safety Tip

While traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday, watch for wildlife out on the open road. Scan ahead and be prepared to stop when an animal crosses in front of you. Remember, we are usually crossing their right of way, so be careful. Have a safe and enjoyable time off.

At Work or at Play, Let Safety Lead the Way

Friday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Chesapeake Hall. All interested parties are welcome to participate. Please contact Steve Marr of Sodexo (301-689-8464) in advance if you want to help.

For more information, contact Jim Butler, Sodexo, at x4152. Let’s make the season “full” for those in need in our area.

Study Down Under

FSU is affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities for students to study at universities in Australia and New Zealand. AustraLearn arranges cheap flights, an orientation program on the Great Barrier Reef, pre-registration and transcript evaluation. Students may choose from a broad range of courses at campuses in beautiful and exotic surroundings. Scholarships are available from both FSU and AustraLearn. Applications for spring 2003 are being accepted through the end of November.

Learn More about Study Abroad

Students who would like to learn more about study abroad opportunities and how they fit into a degree program may come to the CIE. The staff will provide an overview of programs and requirements and have applications available. Scholarship and financial aid information will also be available. Students may use the CIE library and computer to search for programs. Many videos are also available.

FSU Events Calendar

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