Thanksgiving Service: Freedom and Hope

Amid the mood of national uncertainty, terrorist threats and international turmoil, students, faculty and staff will gather on Monday, Nov. 24, 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 Chamber Choir 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 will also dedicate the money which has been raised by numerous campus organizations for the Heifer International Project, an organization which helps third world families become more self-sufficient.

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

Music

FSU Hosts Tri-State Honor Band Concert

The Tri-State Honor Band Concert will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center’s Pecer Recital Hall.

Volunteers

Take Food Bank Donations to Edgewood

Donations to the food bank may be dropped off at Edgewood Commons. There will be a barrel/box to place the food in and the items will be picked up by the food bank the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next pickup will be on Monday, Nov. 24. This should be nonperishable items. The suggested items would be peanut butter, tuna, beans, etc. These are some of the much-needed items that can help a family to stretch their food dollars in preparing meals. If you have any questions, please contact Christine O’Neil at (301) 689-1396.

Psychology Club to Sponsor Toy Drive

The FSU Psychology Club will be sponsoring a Toy Drive from Nov. 17 until Dec. 12. Toys will be donated to “Toys for Happiness.”

Sponsored by the FSU Department of Music, the Tri-State Honor Band is made up of 160 students representing 25 high schools from Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Students are recommended for honor band by their high school band directors, then band members are selected from that number. Some 230 students applied for this year’s honor band.

George Parks, director of band at the University of Massachusetts, will be the guest director. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens.

Art

‘Different Lights’ Senior Exhibit at Roper Gallery

The Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery will host the senior portfolio exhibit “Different Lights” through Nov. 26. Featured artists are Shannon Sweeney, Greg Gincley and Paul Mills. For information, call x4797.

Presentations

Social Work Seniors Present Posters

On Monday, Dec. 1, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Guild Center 112, the Department of Social Work invites the campus community to attend a poster presentation session hosted by the December 2003 social work graduating class. The session showcases the findings from research projects conducted by students as part of their senior internships. Included in the session are the following presentations:


- Crystal Kolb: An Analysis of the Effects of an Incentive Program on Worker Productivity Levels. Internship Site: Archway Station, Inc. Field Instructor: Jackie Morrissey.


Social work students utilize a single system design research methodology in evaluating their practice with clients in their internship setting. For information, contact Kathy Powell at x4695.

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A Message from President Catherine Gira

FSU President Catherine Gira has been appointed to a new work group of University System of Maryland presidents charged with creating greater effectiveness and efficiency in USM institutions. This group is looking carefully at virtually everythi...
Announcements

AIG VALIC Rep on Campus Dec. 3

Bill Spencer, financial advisor from AIG VALIC, will be visiting the University on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Spencer will be in Lane Center 207-208 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days to meet with FSU employees who currently are enrolled in a VALIC retirement plan and those who may be interested in enrolling. No appointment is necessary.

Commencement Announcement

Any students planning to complete their studies during the current semester (December 2003) must file for graduation. Undergraduate students should contact the Registrar’s Office (x4349, 144 Pullen Hall), while graduate students should submit all necessary paperwork to Graduate Services (x7053, 141 Pullen Hall). 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.

Advance information about Commencement is available on the University’s Web site. Go to www.frostburg.edu, click on “current students,” then on Commencement Information under the Academics heading. (www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.) This will connect you to full details on Commencement and related activities. For information, contact Beth Deatelhauser in Special Academic Services, x3130, 127 Performing Arts Center or bdeatelhauser@frostburg.edu.

Graduate Students - Dec. Commencement

Applications for graduation are available from the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall or by calling x7053. Applications are due in the Graduate Services Office. The deadline has passed to guarantee a listing in the Commencement Program, but applications will still be processed, and graduates can still participate in Commencement. The Application for Graduation is available on the display rack outside the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053.

Points of Pride

FSU’s Administration and Supervision Master’s Degree Program was recognized at a recent conference of the National Policy Board for Education Administration. The NPBEA honored FSU for its attainment of accreditation by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council, whose approval is required by NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. FSU’s program is one of only 70 nationwide to have such approval, out of more than 500 similar programs.

The FSU baseball team, 36 players and the coaching staff, recently volunteered three hours with the Oriolesville Volunteer Fire Department, assisting with its annual testing of pumps and hoses on its tanker.

Keith Schlegel, English, performed his one-man show, “The Good Gray Poet,” at Loyola College in Baltimore, Nov. 10 and 11, and at Garrett College on Nov. 17. In the monologue, researched and written by Schlegel, he provides a historical characterization of America’s most well-known poet as he might have appeared to the public during America’s Centennial. Following the monologue, “Walt Whitman” responds to questions from the audience.

Tom Serfass was the keynote speaker for the European Otter Conference: The Return of the Otter in Europe - Where and How? The conference was attended by researchers from 20 countries and was hosted at Sabhal Mor Ostaig College on the Isle of Skye in Scotland, June 30 to July 5.


Matt is a 1999 graduate of the Department of Biology’s M.S. program in Wildlife Biology and will finish his Ph.D. program in Wildlife Ecology this semester at the University of Kentucky.

Get Involved

Baptist Student Ministry

The BSM invites the campus to B.A.S.I.C. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. This is BSM’s weekly praise and worship service led by students for students. Everyone is welcome to attend. This week is “Youth Night,” in which high school juniors and seniors from the area are invited to attend to experience this student-led time of worship. For more information, contact Matt Robertson at (301) 689-2588 or fsbsum@UWOL.COM. For all of BSM’s weekly and monthly activities, check out the web page at http://goliath.frostburg.edu/BSM.

International

Apply for Summer Programs Overseas Now

Students who are interested in studying overseas during the summer should submit an application to the CIE as soon as possible. Applications are being accepted for summer programs in Ecuador, Ireland, Ghana and England. For information about summer programs, or to download an application, visit the CIE’s Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm or phone the CIE at x4714.

Boren Scholarships - Deadline Dec. 12

The Institute of International Education, a NAFSA Global partner, is accepting applications for the 2004-05 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren undergraduate scholarships for study abroad during summer 2004, fall 2004 and spring 2005. These scholarships provide funding for U.S. students to study abroad in Asia, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, the NIS, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East. Award amounts range from a maximum of $10,000 a semester to $20,000 for an academic year.

Application deadline for FSU students is Dec. 12. For details and an application form, access www.iie.org/nsep. Students must apply through the CIE and must be accepted on to a study abroad program by Feb. 12 to qualify.

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 Siemes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x4714 or e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu, or visit the CIE’s Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm or the newsletter at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/
Prevent Slips and Falls

The Office of Human Resources Safety Office reminds everyone that preventing slips and falls on ice and snow is an individual responsibility. The following tips are just common sense to keep you on your feet.

- Survey the situation. Which is the safest way for you to get to your destination?
  - Take your time, slow down and take small steps.
  - Use sidewalks, stairs, service roads and parking lots that have been cleared or treated.
  - Keep hands out of your pockets and free of items to assist with your balance.
  - When entering your vehicle, hold firmly to the door and grab a hold of the steering wheel until you are sitting on the seat.
- When leaving your vehicle, hold firmly to the door, turn and sit on the edge of your seat and look at the ground where your feet will be placed.
- Wear footwear that is practical for the weather conditions. Wear rubber, rough-soled footwear that will help prevent a slip.
- Keep a small bag of sand, gravel, bird seed or table salt to give you traction in an emergency.

Holiday Safety Tips

Here are a few of our every day safety tips that will prevent accidents, sickness and injury to you and your family during the Holiday Season.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detector and test it after the installation.
- Do not place a live tree near a heating source.
- Do not use decorative lights that show wear or frayed wiring.
- Do not overload your electrical circuits.
- Do not place cardboard, decorative paper or gift wrappings close to a heating source.
- Do not block the exit doors at your residence with seasonal decorations, furniture, gifts or boxes.
- Do not leave candles unattended.

Correction

In the item titled “Donate Your Old Cell Phones” in previous issues, the office name and phone number for Paula Vroman were incorrect. She is in the Center for Regional Progress and her number is (301) 697-9799.

FSU Events Calendar

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Intersession Registration (With Payment) through December 12
* Advising/Registration ............... 9:00 a.m. ............ Lane ARMAH
* UCM/CCM/BSM/HiIllel Thanksgiving Service ............... 7:00 p.m. ............ Cook Chapel
* Men’s JV Basketball: Frederick Community Clg ............... 7:00 p.m. ............ Away

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
* Women’s Basketball: Mary Washington College ............... 6:00 p.m. ............ Home
* BURG Stress Relief Program ............... 7:00 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room
* Men’s Basketball: Indiana University of PA ............... 7:30 p.m. ............ Away
* Christmas from Dublin featuring Three Irish Tenors ............... 7:30 p.m. .... PAC Drama Theatre
  B.S.I.C. ............... 7:30 p.m. .... BSM Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.
* Christmas from Dublin featuring Three Irish Tenors ............... 7:30 p.m. .... PAC Drama Theatre

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Thanksgiving Break

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
* Men’s Basketball: Muskingum College ............... 3:00 p.m. ............ Home
* Women’s Basketball: Gallaudet Univ. Tournament .... 6 p.m./8 p.m. ............ Away

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Residence Halls Open @ Noon
* Women’s Basketball: Gallaudet Univ. Tournament .... 1 p.m./3 p.m. ............ Away
  * Open to the public. Questions? – Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services, and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, 302 Hitchins, 301-687-4102, TDD 301-687-7955.