125th Commencement Ceremonies Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18

The 125th commencement ceremonies at FSU will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Cordts P.E. Center Main Arena.

Dr. Catherine R. Gira, FSU president, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and The College of Business and the College of Education ceremony will start at 2 p.m.

Student speakers at the winter commencement are Amanda D. Buskirk, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Rebekah A. Brunner, College of Business; and Martin (Marty) McFadden, College of Education.

A native of Lonaconing, Buskirk took classes at FSU during her senior year of high school. Her goal was to eventually attend medical school. However, when her mother was diagnosed with a terminal and incurable illness, she decided to major in biotechnology to research medical mysteries. Buskirk has continued to excel in the classroom and the laboratory and was inducted into Tri Beta (biology honor society). This past summer, she received a competitive scholarship to research missions work in Rwanda, Africa. She has secured a position as a marketing coordinator at her present employer, Skelly and Loy Inc., an engineering/environmental consulting firm in Hagerstown.

McFadden, a resident of Towson, graduated with a degree in recreation and parks from FSU’s collaborative program at The Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville. A non-traditional student, McFadden earned a degree in psychology from Salisbury University in 2002. This past summer, he completed an internship with the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Division, where he organized events at both children’s and adults’ day camps. He is the site director of an after-school program for 50 school children, grades kindergarten through eight, at Roland Park Elementary/Middle School in Baltimore City. He is a member of the National Recreation and Parks Society, National Therapeutic Recreation Society and the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, Therapeutic Branch.

Presenting candidates for degrees will be Dr. Stephen Simpson, provost; Dr. Susan Arisman, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business; and Dr. Joe Hoffman, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.

Dr. Gira’s Annual Holiday Reception

President Catherine Gira’s annual Holiday Reception will be Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. Faculty, staff and students are cordially invited.

CES Offers ‘7 Brides for 7 Brothers’ in New Year

FSU’s Cultural Events Series welcomes the New Year with a musical production of the Broadway favorite “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, and 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 25, 2005, in the Performing Arts Center’s Drama Theatre.

“Goin’ courting” has never been as much fun as in this rip-roaring stage version of the popular MGM movie. Millie, a young bride living in the 1850s Oregon wilderness, plans to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage. Her plan backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides. Bursting with rambunctious energy, “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” is all boisterous fun and romance that harks back to the glory days of the movie musical.

Tickets are $25 for adults and $22 for children under 13. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the FSU Cultural Events Series Box Office at 3137 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-CES or visit online at http://ces.frostburg.edu.

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Senior Send-Off to the Graduating Class of '04
December 2004 graduates and faculty and staff are cordially invited to the FSU Foundation, Inc., Alumni Association and Office of Annual Giving's ninth Senior Send-Off.

In your honor the FSU Annual Fund Campaign will sponsor a "Senior Send-Off" exclusively for graduating seniors from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, at Duncan's on Main Street. There will be a sign-in, trivia game, giveaways, food, beverages and fun in what has now become as traditional as making an Annual Fund contribution.

Admission is free with the FSU Senior Survey and $1 towards the Senior Class Gift. Admission is also free to faculty and staff. If you can attend, please let us know by Tuesday, Dec. 14, at x4758 or send an e-mail to fsudevelopment@frostburg.edu.

Children's Center Holiday Performances
The Children's Center will visit the Frostburg Village Nursing Home on Friday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. to share a few of their holiday songs. They will also sing at 3:30 p.m. at the President's Holiday Reception on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Introductory Italian Offered in Intersession
Introductory Italian will be offered evenings at FSU from Jan. 3 to 25, 2005.

The emphasis of the course will be on the ease of oral communication in Italian, in situations that are common to most tourists and students abroad, including: ordering, reservations, talking about ourselves, talking about our families, talking about our hobbies and activities and talking about our culture. The students will also learn how to write in Italian.

Dr. Katherine Almgquist, who has worked with the FSU Foreign Language Department for three years, will teach the course. She has designed the course to prepare the students to be able to travel to Italy and be able to efficiently communicate in situations that are common to most tourists and students abroad.

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Schedule for Dec. 13-17

Monday:
3 & 6 p.m. Author: Daniel Mark Epstein 4 & 7 p.m. NASA SCI Files, "The Case of the Radical Ride" 5 & 8 p.m. Live at the Loft: Lavish Mikell

Tuesday:
3 & 6 p.m. Zen Lecturer: Amala Wrightson 5 & 8 p.m. Live at the Loft: Amanda Garrigues

Wednesday:
3 & 6 p.m. Destination Tomorrow 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Motivational Speaker: Dr. Hongqi Li, Assistant professor, Department of biology, in a hands-on summer program designed for students interested in biology and Chinese culture.

Thursday:
3 & 6 p.m. Cafe Frostburg: Greg Latta & Cuillin 5 & 8 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Dr. Jerome Miller Friday:
1 p.m. MD State of Mind 4 p.m. Scales and Tales Presentation 5 p.m. Frostburg City Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Spring 2005 Graduate Course Registration
Registration with payment for spring graduate courses continues over the PAWS Registration System. Spring 2005 bills have been sent and are due in the Student Billing Office on Jan. 3, 2005. Late registration and payment fees begin Jan. 4, 2005, for continuing students.

News for Spring 2005 MBA Applicants
The 2004-2006 Graduate Catalog is available at the Graduate Services office, 141 Pullen Hall. The revised MBA program requires that all students entering as of spring 2005 complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test). Test registration information is available through the Educational Testing Services Web site at www.ets.org or by calling the FSU Counseling Center, Sand Spring Hall, at x7990. The test is available as a computer-based examination, given at FSU Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Study Abroad Express
China Join Dr. Hongqi Li, Assistant professor, Department of biology, in a hands-on summer program designed for students interested in biology and Chinese culture. Students will stay on the campus of the China University of Mining and Technology in Beijing. Afternoon and weekend trips to selected regional sites will be included. Program details can be found at http://faculty.frostburg.edu/biol/hli/. Dates: May 23 to July 4.

Honduras
This program will provide hands-on experience to deepen and enhance the students' knowledge of the social and economic circumstances of Central America. This course will include two weeks with a volunteer community development program (Peacework). Excursions with other volunteers will be organized by Peacework. Dr. Maria-Luisa Sanchez from the Foreign Languages Department will accompany the students. Web link: www.peacework.org Dates: May 23 - June 17.
Malaysia
Travel to the Far East, take two courses and live on a paradise island this summer! Business and international studies majors have a chance to broaden their business horizons by traveling to Malaysia with Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan of the Department of Management. Web link: www.usm.my/en/Dates: July 5 to Aug. 17.

Belize
Science majors have an opportunity this summer to improve the science education in a third world country while developing their own skills with Dr. Frederick Senese of Chemistry Department Preparatory and follow-up work will be done in Frostburg. Two weeks will be spent in Belize working with local science teachers. The ProBelize Service Corps will plan several excursions, including environmental tours and other cultural events. Web link: www.proworldsc.org Dates: July 5 - Aug. 17.

Apply For Study Abroad Express: Pick up an application at OE or from the program director. Apply by Feb. 25, 2005.

Prevent Holiday Fires

Tree Safety:
Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree is fresh. The trunk should be sticky. If many needles fall off when a tree trunk is bumped on the ground, the tree is a fire hazard.

Holiday Lights:
Maintain your holiday lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not link more than three strings to an extension cord. The wires should not be warm to the touch.

Candle Care:
Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning. Never put lit candles on a real tree. Do not go near a real tree with any type of open flame. Finally, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And practice your home escape plan.

The Office of Human Resources Safety Office wishes each employee a safe, peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Holiday Season. For more information contact The U.S. Fire Administration, Office of the Fire Management Programs, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

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FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
Final Exams (through December 17)
Intercession Course Cancellations
Late Registration for Intercession (with Late Fees) through January 3
Bookstore Book Buyback.......................... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ....... FSU Bookstore
* SCI Study Hall ........................................... 6-11 p.m. ...... Lane 205-6 & 207-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
* Bookstore Book Buyback.......................... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ....... FSU Bookstore
* SCI Study Hall ........................................... 6-11 p.m. ...... Lane 205-6 & 207-8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
* Bookstore Book Buyback.......................... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ....... FSU Bookstore
* President’s Holiday Reception ....................... 3-5 p.m. ....... PAC Lobby
* SCI Study Hall ........................................... 6-11 p.m. ...... Lane 205-6 & 207-8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
* Bookstore Book Buyback.......................... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ....... FSU Bookstore
* Thursday Senior Send-Off ......................... 4:30-7 p.m. ....... Duncan’s, Main St.
* SCI Study Hall ........................................... 6-11 p.m. ...... Lane 205-6 & 207-8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
Lone University Center closes @ 7 p.m.
Residence Halls Close @ 7 p.m.
* Bookstore Book Buyback.......................... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ....... FSU Bookstore

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18—Commencement
* Commencement Brunch .................................. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Appalachian Station
* The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences .............. 10 a.m. ....... Cordts PEC Main Arena
* The Colleges of Business & Education .............. 2 p.m. ....... Cordts PEC Main Arena

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
* Men’s Basketball: Christopher Newport ........ 2:00 p.m. ........... Home
* Planetarium, “Year End Wonders: Yule Holy Days and Sky Signs” ........ 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ....... Tawes Hall
* Open to the public. Questions? – Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

Lone University Center Final Exam Hours

Building Hours
Monday, Dec. 13, through Thursday, Dec. 16 ............................. 7:45am-10:45pm
Friday, Dec. 17 ............................................. 7:45am-7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 18 ............................................. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 19 .............................................. Closed
Thursday, Dec. 23, through Sunday, Jan. 2 ................................ Closed
Monday, Jan. 3 ............................................... 7:45am-4:30pm

Administrative & Reservations
Monday, Dec. 13, through Friday, Dec. 17 ............................. 8:00am-4:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 18, & Sunday, Dec. 19 ............................. 8:00am-1:15pm
Monday, Dec. 20, through Wednesday, Dec. 22 ............................. 8:00am-4:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 23, through Sunday, Jan. 2 ................................ Closed
Monday, Jan. 3 ............................................... 8:00am-4:30pm

Information Desk
Monday, Dec. 13, through Thursday, Dec. 16 ............................. 8:00am-10:45pm
Friday, Dec. 17 ............................................. 8:00am-1:15pm
Saturday, Dec. 18, & Sunday, Dec. 19 ............................. Closed
Monday, Dec. 20, through Wednesday, Dec. 22 ............................. 8:00am-4:15pm
Thursday, Dec. 23, through Sunday, Jan. 2 ................................ Closed
Monday, Jan. 3 ............................................... 8:00am-4:15pm

Game Room
Monday, Dec. 13 through Thursday, Dec. 16 ............................. Noon-10:45pm
Friday, Dec. 17 through Saturday, Jan. 24 ................................ Closed

F & M Bank
Monday, Dec. 13, & Wednesday, Dec. 15 ..................... 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-4:00pm
Friday, Dec. 17 ............................................. 10:00am-2:00pm

Bookstore
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