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Campus Welcome at President's Reception

The campus community is invited to the President’s Holiday Reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Compston Science Center. At 3 p.m., the University Children’s Center will sing in the second floor atrium.

The Exploratorium, located inside the main entrance on the first floor, will be open to the public during this time and refreshments will be available, as well as in the second floor atrium. The menu will include eggnog, punch, hot cider, veggie tray, fruit tray, cookies and assorted pastries and spinach dip.

The Exploratorium will feature a new horns and antlers exhibit from the Cavallaro collection, the Earth as Art satellite images from NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey, a geography demonstration on the North Pole about why Santa might want to use GPS rather than just a compass to get home when he is done delivering presents and an electronic presenta
tion on snowflakes.

Fun Festivities in Store for Class of 2006

The Class of 2006 is invited to a variety of fun events to mark the end of the semester—and celebrate graduation!

Mortarboard Decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Library 237

Enjoy light refreshments while creating a memory for all to see!

Senior Send-Off

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Lane University Center 201

Take a break from finals and socialize.

Senior Snack Break

Friday, Dec. 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Lane University Center, ARMAH

Come celebrate with your classmates and meet some alumni. Refreshments and beverages will be served. Please bring a completed survey and $1 to attend. This is for December graduates ONLY, and an R.S.V.P. is required by Dec. 12; contact alumni@frostburg.edu or call x4068.

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Opening Time Set for George Winston Concert

The Cultural Events Series at FSU has had to implement a schedule change regarding the eagerly anticipated George Winston concert scheduled for Monday, Dec. 11, in Windsor Hall at Town Center. Please note that doors will open at 6:50 p.m., not 6:30 p.m., as previously stated. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The Allegany Arts Council’s Savile Gallery, 52 Baltimore St., will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. and concertgoers are invited to enjoy art on view in the 5th Annual Members Exhibition before walking across the street for the concert at Windsor Hall.

Additionally, Winston has specifically requested that all attending bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank. Those who have purchased a Meet and Greet ticket are invited to a post-concert meeting with the artist; and are asked to arrive for their seat selection at 6:30 p.m.

This concert is sold out. For more information, call x3137.

Moscow Symphony Offers Holiday Classics

The world-famous, all-Russian, 40-member Moscow Symphony Orchestra will usher in the spirit of the holiday season with an unforgettable evening of festive music at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Allegany High School Auditorium.

The holiday pops concert, part of the Cultural Events Series at FSU, will include favorites from such composers as Tchaikovsky and Strauss, with a mixture of holiday, Broadway and movie compositions, plus a special sing-along portion featuring the vocal talents of an Allegany County High School All Star Choir presenting Craig Courtney’s “Musicalo- gical Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas” and a Christmas carol medley of traditional holiday songs.

Established in 1989 as the first privately supported orchestra in Russia, the Moscow Symphony Orchestra has become an integral part of Moscow cultural life.

The orchestra has conducted successful concert tours of the United States, Europe, Japan and South Korea, and in 2001 took part in the Festival of Russian Art in Cannes, France.

A special Mountain Reflections package is also available with this performance. The FSU bus will transport patrons from Allegany High School to Rocky Gap Resort to view the Mountain Reflections Holiday Lights following the performance. Advanced seating purchase is required. Proceeds from the sale of bus seats will be donated to the Western Potomac Chapter of the American Red Cross.

To purchase tickets or for more information about the performance, call the FSU Cultural Events Box Office at x3137 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-CES, or visit online at ces.frostburg.edu. All seats are reserved.

This performance is being supported through the generosity of Tom Kurek of Century 21 Potomac West. The Cultural Events Series at FSU is supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art; and in part by the Allegany Arts Council with funds from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Trident Showcases Student Projects

The Trident Initiative at FSU is holding its end-of-year celebration at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, in the Lane University Center Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall. The event will provide a forum for entrepreneurship students to present their business projects to the community.

Area business leaders, bank officials, economic development practitioners, as well as the faculty, staff and administration of FSU will attend the dinner ceremony. John Kirby, city administrator for the City of Frostburg, is the invited speaker.

The event will conclude with a presentation of cash awards to the top three business projects. For more information about the Trident Initiative, contact Dr. Sudhir Singh at x4093.

Appalachian Lab

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory’s fall series of seminars will conclude Thursday, Dec. 14, with Andy Lazur of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Horn Point Lab. His topic is “Integrating Aquaculture as a Tool in Conservation and Restoration Applications.”

Refreshments follow in the lobby. For more information, visit www.al.umces.edu/facseminars.htm.

Energy Project Awarded

With the help of a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), FSU is now on its way to becoming an important center of research and community and university-wide collaboration in the study of solar-wind energy as a renewable source of power.

The FSU Department of Physics and Engineering recently secured external funding from the MEA that will allow the University to build a demonstration system with a 35-45 ft. wind turbine and photovoltaic solar panels to supply energy to a small building on the FSU campus. The purpose of the project: to develop interdisciplinary curriculum and educational outreach programs that will explore the possibilities of harvesting wind and solar energy in Western Maryland. Additionally, FSU will also administer the Maryland State Anemometer Loan Program, which supplies anemometers (wind meters) to residents interested in installing them on their properties.

Students: Don’t Forget to Sign up for Eblils

Please remember when registering for intersession, payment is required within 24 hours of registration.

If you have not already done so, don’t forget to sign up for your eblil!! Spring semester undergraduate bills are now available, with a due date of Dec. 15. Graduate bills are available the week of Dec. 4, with a Jan. 2, 2007, due date. If you require assistance, please contact the University & Student Billing Office in Pullen Hall, room 148, x4321.

USM Staff Awards Nominations Sought

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) is again accepting nominations for the Board of Regents’ University System of Maryland Staff Awards. These Staff Awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the system for achievements of Exempt and Nonexempt employees from USM institutions, and are presented to staff members who have demonstrated excellence in one of the following categories: (1) contribution to the institution and program to which the person belongs; (2) service to students in an academic or residential environment; or (3) public service to the university or to the greater community.
Two employees are recognized in each category—one Exempt and one Nonexempt—for a total of six awards.

Nominations are first considered at an office system-wide meeting for region 12. The decision committee is comprised of the following employees:

Don Swogger, Management, has been elected as the incoming President of the International Advisory Committee for region 12.

Ahmad Tootoonchi, Department of Management, has been elected as the current Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, also present at the event.

Becca Ramsott, News and Media Services, was recently commissioned by the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art to write six biographical essays on contemporary artists for a catalog that will be published in conjunction with an exhibition titled "Phantasmania." The show will open in June 2007 at the museum based in Kansas City, Mo.

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Applications are due Feb. 5, 2007. At a minimum, each candidate must:
• Be a college senior or recent graduate (since May 2002) from an accredited college or university in the United States
• Have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
• Plan to begin first graduate degree in fall 2007
• Be nominated by his or her undergraduate institution

To learn more about the nomination process, contact John McMullen at x3162. For faculty representative contact information and program guidelines, visit the Foundation’s Web site (www.jackkentcookefoundation.org) or call 1-800-498-6478. The Foundation does not accept applications directly from students.

Community

Recycle Old Computers and Make a Difference
Do you have any old computers at home sitting around collecting dust? If so, consider donating them for a charitable cause. Gail Ryan at (240) 477-2252 or Mikaela at (301) 367-6535 and they will pick them up. Proceeds will support the Maryland Salem Children’s Trust.

Construction Update

Ongoing Construction Affects Campus Traffic

The City of Frostburg is doing a streetscape project on Broadway. The majority of the work will be done in the spring and summer of 2007 but a small portion of the job between Park Avenue and College Avenue that began on Dec 4 will continue to affect traffic flow. During the month of December, students at Beall Elementary will be dropped off and picked up on the University Drive side of the school. Buses will make a left turn from College Avenue into the elementary school parking lot, pick up or drop off students, exit the parking lot onto University Drive and leave the general area by traveling south on University Drive. Police officers will direct traffic in the area during the pick-up and drop-off periods. Please avoid this area if at all possible.

Fund-Raisers

GTU Doing Around the World Dinner Raffle
GTU (the Geography Honor Society) has organized an Around the World Dinner Raffle to support student attendance at the Association of American Geographer’s Conference next April in San Francisco. Tickets are $5 each, or get five chances for only $20! With five opportunities to win, why not take five chances? The drawing will be held during the last week of classes:

1st Place- over $200 value! Includes Au Petit Paris, Oxford House, Ristorante Ottaviani, Fratelli’s, Banana Café, El Canelo, Acropolis AND Gringer’s Asian Kitchen
2nd Place- over $100 value! Includes Baltimore Street Grill, Manhattan Bar & Grill, Applebees, Carmichaels, Oscar’s, AND Pennys’
3rd Place- over $50 value! Includes Ponderosa, Princess Restaurant, Penny’s, Mountain City Coffeehouse AND Queen City Creamery
4th Place- $30 value! Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf resort
5th Place- WILDCARD! $40+ value (Giuseppe’s+)

Congratulations to Jesse Scribner, winner of $320.50 in GTU’s 50/50 raffle. sponsored by FSU Geography Honors Society GTU. See any GTU member for tickets or contact Tracy Edwards (x7596, Gutter 210, twedwards@frostburg.edu).

A Holiday Safety Message for All to Share
The Office of Human Resources Safety Office wishes you a safe and joyful winter break. Safety must be a part of our lives both at work and at home. Be alert, cautious and aware. Here are a few routine safety tips:
• Mixing and matching decorative electrical lights can create a fire hazard both inside and outside.
• Evergreen (natural) trees should be kept in water when cut (cut 2 inches off the bottom first) and not placed in exits or near a heat source.
• Responsibility for a safe holiday is not to be overlooked or put aside during our time away from work.
• Remember to turn off and unplug your inside and outside electrical lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
• Young children should not be left alone in the kitchen when a meal is being prepared.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S.
• Candles should be placed in metal, ceramic and other non-combustible holders and kept away from decorations. Don’t use candles on your Christmas tree or carry them in a power outage.
• “Holiday cheer” (alcohol) is a part of the holiday celebration (for some people.) Do not have “cheer” and steer.
• If you are planning to travel be sure your have a WINTER-SURVIVAL KIT in your vehicle. The SURVIVAL KIT should contain— but not be limited to— a first aid kit, blankets, a flashlight and batteries, a shovel, moisture-proof matches or lighter, a compass, road flares, quick-energy foods (nuts, seeds, dried fruits) kept in a metal container, a small bag of rock salt or sand. These items will not take up much space but may prove very important.
• Smoke detectors should be tested monthly, especially at this time of year.
• Tinsel and other types of decorations should be fire retardant and kept away from open flames and heat source.
• Metal Christmas trees alone present no fire hazard, but when electrical lights...
are attached, it is a potential source of electrical shock.
Inform those staying overnight at your residence what your fire escape plans are.
• Always remember an accident will spoil the best of times with family and friends. Take a second to think safety.
• Smoking tobacco is a health issue and a potential fire hazard. Take care when emptying ash trays; do not fall asleep in a chair while smoking.

**FSU Events Calendar**

**MONDAY, DEC. 11**
* SCI Study Hall .................................................. 6 -10 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* CES Jazz Club: George Winston ..................... 7:30 p.m. ... Windsor Hall at Town Centre Cumberland
* SGA “Study the Night Away” ...................... 10 p.m.-midnight... Chesapeake Dining Hall

**TUESDAY, DEC. 12**
* SCI Study Hall .................................................. 6 -10 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* NAACP General Body Meeting ...................... 8:00 p.m. ................. Lane 201

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13**
* SCI Study Hall .................................................. 6 -10 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14**
* SCI Study Hall .................................................. 6 -10 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* CES: Moscow Symphony Orchestra Celebrating the Holidays 7:30 p.m. .......... Allegany High School

**FRIDAY, DEC. 15 – Hanukkah (through December 23)**
Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16**
Have a great day!

**SUNDAY, DEC. 17 – Commencement**
* The College of Business & Education .......... 11:00 a.m. ... Cordts Center Main Arena
* The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences ........ 2:00 p.m. ... Cordts Center Main Arena
* Men’s Basketball: Christopher Newport U. ..... 1:00 p.m. ........................................ Away
* Planetarium: Yule Skies and What’s Ahead for 2007 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. .............. Tawes Hall

**TUESDAY, DEC. 19**
Winter Break (through January 1, 2007)
* Men’s Basketball: Waynesburg College ...... 7:30 p.m. ........................................ Away

**MONDAY, DEC. 25 – Christmas**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 26 – Kwanzaa Begins**
* 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.