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Grant Kicks Off FSU's Project of Building Sustainable Energy Research Facility

Thanks to U.S. Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett of Maryland, FSU's Department of Physics and Engineering is now moving forward on building a Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) with a grant of \$738,000 from the Department of Energy. The total project amount of \$1,476,000 includes 50 percent federal and 50 percent non-federal funding. The grant is managed by the U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown, W.Va. The project, co-directed by Dr. Oguz Soysal and Hilkat Soysal of FSU's Department of Physics and Engineering, will be completed in two years.

"The first step is site selection," Oguz said. "It will be on the FSU campus, but we don't know yet the exact location. SERF will accommodate the FSU Renewable Energy Center to conduct extended research, education and community outreach programs on renewable energy applications developed by FSU faculty and their project partners. The facility will also serve as an example of a self-sufficient off-grid building for individuals such as homeowners, farmers or

entrepreneurs who seek energy security in Western Maryland or similar geographic locations."

SERF will be a residential-type green building of approximately 4,000 square feet usable area, supplied by renewable energy sources providing sustainable heating, cooling and electric power.

The Soysals plan to travel to various university locations where similar projects are already under way to learn about ideas and possibilities for SERF. They have many goals in mind for SERF, including being able to provide real-life experience gained from construction of an off-grid sustainable energy building in Western Maryland; research, education and community outreach activities to enhance the use of renewable energy sources for better environmental quality, energy security and economic development of the region; and case studies and a knowledge base to evaluate sustainable energy options in the region as a backup plan for catastrophic and disaster situations.

To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/renewable or contact the Soysals at renewable@frostburg.edu.

Robin & Linda Williams Headline Appalachian Fest

The University community is invited to learn more about the region's rich cultural heritage during **FSU's Appalachian Festival Sept. 19 and 20**. Now in its third year, the much-anticipated event brings together a variety of performers and craftspeople to celebrate the natural landscape, history, food and musical and artistic offerings



of the region. Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group, regular contributors to Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," join the line-up this year as the featured musical guests at the popular Saturday evening concert that culminates the weekend of fun.

The Festival kicks things off Friday, Sept. 19, with "The Appalachian Environment," an informative symposium focusing on pressing issues affecting the Appalachian natural environment. Scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, the symposium includes hands-on workshops on sustainability initiatives throughout the day at FSU and a performance by Pennsylvania-based musician Jay Smar emphasizing the mountain region's rich coal heritage. An Appala-

chian Film Festival caps off Friday's festivities at 8 p.m. in the Palace Theatre in downtown Frostburg.

Then on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., check out daylong presentations, workshops, arts and crafts demonstrations, live music, Appalachian dance, environmental talks and various children's activities on the

FSU campus. These festivities, held on FSU's Upper Quad, are free and open to the public and provide entertainment for all ages. Performances will include Frostburg Arion Band, South Mountain String Band, Farmington Youth Experience Community Choir, "That's It" Barbershop Quartet, FSU favorites Academic Probation, Highland Grass and the Woodticks, among many other talented artists. Frostburg's Appalachian Festival culminates with 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Palace Theatre with a concert featuring Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group.

For info, contact FSU folklorist Kara Rogers Thomas at x3124 or krogerstthomas@frostburg.edu or visit www.frostburg.edu/events/afestival.

THIS WEEK

15 **UPC: DECISION 2008** featuring MTV's Cyrus and Robin 2 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall.

16 **UPC Film: "LA BAMBA,"** 6 p.m. Lane 201

16 **STUDY ABROAD FAIR,** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. next to the Clock Tower (or Lane Manicur Hall if it rains). Program representatives, international and returning students talk about FSU's study abroad programs. Don't just learn about the world . . . experience it.

16 **ROS SZABO,** 3-4 p.m., 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Szabo will be doing a combo program featuring the best of his programs, "Mixed Drinks, Mixed Emotions," which discusses the link between substance abuse and mental health, and "What Happy Faces Are Hiding," about mental health and the complexities of depression and suicide.

17 **"HENRY V,"** 7:30 p.m., Pealer Recital Hall, presented by Cambridge American Stage Tour (CAST). \$5 for students; \$10 for everyone else. Call



x4145 or purchase at the door. One of Shakespeare's most memorable and exciting plays, his most patriotic piece and an epic and vigorous portrayal of one of England's most popular national heroes. www.castonline.org.

17 **JUANA BORDAS** Leadership Scholar-in-Residence, public session 7 to 9 p.m. Lane Manicur Hall, "Multicultural Leadership: A

Conversation and Celebration,"

Bordas will serve as a diversity consultant to the FSU administration, faculty and staff,

and will share her scholarship about multicultural leadership with students. She is author of "Salsa, Soul and Spirit: Leadership for a Multicultural Age." Info: Dr. Elesha Ruminski at x4480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu.



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17 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARENESS DAY, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lower Quad, hosted by University Police and sponsored by SGA. Police representatives will provide professional demonstrations, displays, recruiting and crime prevention tips and hand-outs. Photograph and fingerprint identification for children will be provided. Rain date, **Sept. 24**. Info: Cpl. Michael Ruppenkamp, mcruppenkamp@frostburg.edu or x4223.

18 UPC: LIBBIE SCHRADER, 2 p.m. LUC Loft. L.A.-based Schrader won the Pantene Pro-Voice "New Song of 2001" Competition, beating 1,200 other female-fronted acts for the award. Schrader's band also took part in Jewel's "Soul City Café" program for independent artist. NPR.org. Free and open to the public. For info, x4411.



18 MIPS RESEARCH FUNDING WORKSHOP, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Compton 224. Learn how faculty and local businesses can participate in the MIPS program, which provides funding — matched by participating companies — for university-based research that help companies develop new products. MIPS funding goes directly to faculty for research that benefits the company's ability to commercialize a product. Research may be in engineering, computer science, physical, environmental and life sciences, as well as employee industrial training programs. Contact Linda Steele at x4137 or lsteale@frostburg.edu.

18 PLAYRIGHTS, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pealer Recital Hall. Equality theatre company presents "One Night" interactive theater: "It started with alcohol and flirtation and ended with a conflicting story. Who's telling the truth?" Free and open to the public. All students are encouraged to attend one of the two performances.

19 13TH ANNUAL BURG BASH, Lane Manicur Hall, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Dancing, music, games, prizes and lots of FREE food.

19-21 UPC Film: "SEX AND THE CITY" 8:30p.m., Lane 201

19-20 APPALACHIAN FESTIVAL (See separate story).

Presentations



AAST Talk: 'Genocide in the Horn of Africa'

The first program in the Fall 2008 African American Studies Lecture Series will be "Genocide in the Horn of Africa" by Dr. Edward Kissi of the Department of Africana Studies at the University of South Florida. He will speak **Monday, Sept. 29**, at 7 p.m. in Compton Science Center 226. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Kissi is the author of a book titled "Revolution and Genocide in Ethiopia and Cambodia." He has done consulting work for the United Nations. His recent discussion paper for the UN is titled "The Holocaust as a Guidepost for Genocide Detection and Prevention in Africa."

The second program will be **Thursday, Oct. 23**. John Prendergast, co-chair of the Enough Project will speak on the ongoing genocide in Darfur. Mr. Prendergast served as the director of African Affairs at the National Security Council during President Clinton's administration. He was involved in several peace initiatives in Africa. Other details will be announced later.

For information, contact Dr. James Saku, x4724 or jsaku@frostburg.edu.

Nietzsche on Speed

The Philosophy Department will sponsor a lecture, "Nietzsche on Speed: Neuroscience, Technology and Politics" by Dr. Ben Corson (a member of the Philosophy Department) as part of the Philosophical Forum lecture series. This will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in Dunkle Hall auditorium, Room 218. The lecture will be followed by open discussion.

For more information, contact Dr. Jean-Marie Makang, chair of the Philosophy Department at x3089 or jmakang@frostburg.edu.

Literature



Banned Books Session Honors Freedom to Read

Lewis J. Ort Library and the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta will present an evening of readings from books deemed controversial enough to be banned or challenged. The readings will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 2**, at 7:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Lewis J. Ort Library.

This event will be held in conjunction with the American Library Association's annual Banned Books Week: "Celebrating the Freedom to Read." This yearly commemoration, as the ALA notes, "reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted."

For information, contact Dr. Mary Anne Lutz at the Department of English at x4237 or mlutz@frostburg.edu, or

Jeffrey Maehre at the Lewis J. Ort Library at jamaehre@frostburg.edu.

Theatre



University Theatre Launches World Tour

Come take an around-the-world cultural tour with FSU's University Theatre! From 411 B.C. to 9/11 in the 21st century, from Greece to America, adventure, comedy and thought-provoking entertainment awaits!

The 2008-2009 season will open with the Julie Andrews hit musical "Victor/Victoria." The production will be presented **Oct. 10 and 11** at 7:30 p.m., and again **Oct. 16, 17 and 18** at 7:30 p.m., with matinee performances on **Oct. 11 and 18** at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre.

Adapted from the musical film's success, "Victor/Victoria" opened on Broadway in 1995 with Andrews in the title role of a nearly-starved singer in 1930s Paris, where males impersonating females were all the rage on stage. Desperate for a job, Victoria Grant disguises herself as a man who then impersonates a woman and becomes a singing sensation. All is well until she falls madly in love with a powerful gangster who is equally "disturbed" by his attraction to this apparent female impersonator. With musical numbers like "Le Jazz Hot," "You and Me," "Almost a Love Song," "Living in the Shadows" and "Crazy World," "Victor/Victoria" is gender-bending at its comic best!

"Incorruptible," Michael Hollinger's dark comedy about the dark ages, will be presented on **Nov. 7 and 8** at 7:30 p.m., and again **Nov. 13, 14, and 15** at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **Nov. 8** at 2 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre.

The setting is Priseaux, France, circa 1250 A.D., where the Abbott and his brother monks have fallen on hard times as Saint Foy, the patron saint of the monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in 13 years! The future rests with the Pope, whose promised visit will surely entice pilgrimages and restore the abbey to its former glory. Everything goes according to plan until a rival church claims to possess the actual relics of Saint Foy. Their bones are working miracles and their coffers are overflowing. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts. "Incorruptible" is a fun and gentle rib-poking look at how humans gleefully twist convictions in order to rationalize bad behavior.

Next, "bobrauschenbergamerica" offers a wild road trip through the American landscape on **Feb. 27 and 28** at 7:30 p.m., and again **March 5, 6, and 7** at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on **Feb. 28** at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre.

In the spirit of one of America's greatest artists, Robert Rauschenberg, Charles Mee paints a collage of people,

places, music and dancing by the way of love stories, picnics, business schemes, shootings, chicken jokes and golfing. "bobrauschenbergamerica" embodies the sheer exhilaration of living in a country where people make up their lives as they go.

The Main Stage series will close with Aristophanes' Greek comedy, "Lysistrata," with performances on **April 17 and 18** at 7:30 p.m., and again **April 23, 24, and 25** at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **April 18** at 2 p.m.

Athens and Sparta have been locked in a civil war for 20 years with no end in sight. What's a peace-loving girl to do? In a bold attempt to save Greece from ruin, Lysistrata unites the women of Athens and Sparta in a sex strike to force the soldiers to come to their senses. At the same time, the old women of Athens seize the Acropolis, and therefore, the state treasury, cutting off war funding before the entire male population is wiped out. A comedic hit since 411 B.C., Aristophanes' fast-paced and bawdy comedy eloquently explains the war of the sexes while simultaneously denouncing the war of the city states.

Second Stage will present "Recent Tragic Events," by Craig Wright, on **Dec. 11 and 12**. The musical, "See What I Wanna See," by Michael John LaChiusa, will run on **May 1 and 2**. Both productions begin at 7:30 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre. These shows will focus on the complex issues of 9/11 within two major American cities.

For a 2008-2009 season brochure and information about Season Discount Flex Cards, which are now on sale, please call the box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flex cards are \$40 for four Main Stage Tickets, and individual prices are \$6 for students and \$12 for non-students. All Second Stage tickets are \$6.



Music

Joan DeVee Dixon Will Present Polka Mass

Concert organist and FSU professor Joan DeVee Dixon, who presented concerts across the Czech Republic for six weeks this spring, will present a Polka Mass at St. John's Episcopal Church in Frostburg. The concert will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 21**, at 4 p.m. She will be joined by the University Chamber Choir, led by director Dr. Karen Sarnaker Soderberg.

The Mass for Spillville (Polka Mass) by Dixon was commissioned by the Czech Heritage Partnership in Spillville, Iowa. The world premiere was given at St. Wenceslaus church, the same congregation where Dvorak spent his famed Iowa summer in 1893. Dixon's Mass setting is not limited to polkas and instead draws upon several influential Czech hymns, waltzes and chants. Although the term Polka Mass in its strictest definition would apply only to the Catholic Mass, polka services now happen with great frequency in non-Catholic churches too,

especially throughout the Midwest.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 58 Broadway, Frostburg. This musical performance and Mass in honor of St. Wenceslaus Day will be celebrated by the Rev. Rick Morley. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact St. John's Episcopal Church at (301) 689-6634 or the Department of Music at x4115. You may also visit www.joandeveedixon.com.

WFWM to Record Radio Shows 'Live at the Depot'

WFWM 91.9 FM, Public Radio from FSU, in cooperation with the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, will record a series of old time-style radio shows called "Live at the Depot" at the historic Old Depot in Frostburg. The shows will feature live performances by local roots music bands and musicians.

The recordings will take place each Friday in September between 12:30-2:30 p.m. while the train is at the Depot. Train passengers and the general public are invited to attend the recordings for free. WFWM will broadcast each show on the radio at a later date. In addition, the performances will be videotaped and featured on the WFWM Web site. Musicians scheduled include Highland Grass, Short Mountain String Band, Black Diamond, Erik & Dhru, Jeff Thomas & John Neral, Greg Latta and Academic Probation.

The "Live at the Depot" shows are supported in part by the Allegany Arts Council, FrostburgFirst, Allegany County Tourism and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. For information, call WFWM at x4143. WFWM broadcasts at 91.9 FM in Frostburg and 96.3 FM in Oakland, Md., and can be heard on-campus at www.wfwm.org.

Live At The Depot schedule

(subject to change):

- **Sept. 19:** Academic Probation (old-time Appalachian), Jeff Thomas & John Neral (Irish traditional), Savage Family (bluegrass gospel)
- **Sept. 26:** Black Diamond (bluegrass & gospel) and Greg Latta (acoustic folk)

Hedge Band Performs for Roots Music Series

Irish traditional musicians the Hedge Band will be the featured performers for this fall's Roots Music Series concert and workshops on **Saturday, Oct. 11**. The event will begin with instrument workshops for flute/tin whistle, guitar, fiddle and accordion from 2 to 4 p.m. Both workshops will be held at City Place in Frostburg. A concert performance will be held at the Palace Theatre in Frostburg beginning at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

The Hedge Band was formed in 2005 by Laura Byrne, Donna Long, Pat Egan and Billy McComiskey, four of Maryland's pre-eminent Irish traditional musicians. In addition to being highly recognized and respected performers, each of these artists has had extensive teaching experience.

The musicians of the Hedge Band have performed independently of each other at countless festivals and venues around the world including The Kennedy Center, the White House, Lincoln Center and many other great venues across the U.S. Mexico and Europe. Byrne, McComiskey and Egan are recipients of Maryland State Arts Council grants and all have taught with the Baltimore Irish Arts Center.

The Roots Music Series was established by the Allegany Arts Council, in cooperation with WFWM Radio and Dr. Ken Roberts, to encourage and sustain "traditional" music in our community. Using a program format that includes afternoon workshops followed by evening concerts, the Roots Music Series is able to showcase a variety of musical traditions (such as bluegrass, folk, country, blues, gospel, etc.), to educate, instruct and nurture local musicians, and to increase awareness and interest in these important art forms among area residents. The Roots Music Series is supported in part by Susquehanna Bank, Potomac Highlands Pathology Associates, and the Maryland State Arts Council/Maryland Traditions Program.

Concert tickets will be available at the door or in advance from the Allegany Arts Council, the Book Center in Cumberland or Main Street Books in Frostburg. For info or to register for the workshops, contact the Allegany Arts Council at 301-777-2787 or visit www.alleganyartscouncil.org.

Film



Wind That Shakes the Barley at City Place

The Irish film "The Wind That Shakes the Barley" will be shown **Friday, Oct. 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at City Place on Water Street in Frostburg. It is free and open to the public. Prior to the viewing, Chuck Dicken will give a brief talk in which he will help describe the historical background in Ireland during the period covered in the film. He will also answer questions and lead a discussion of the film after the viewing. Dicken has a master's degree in Irish Studies from the Catholic University of America.

Set in Ireland beginning in 1920, "The Wind That Shakes the Barley" tells the tale of a young doctor named Damien O'Donovan who gets caught up in Ireland's struggle for independence from the British and the Irish Civil War that follows it. Directed by award-winning British director Ken Loach, the film won the PALME D'OR at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival as well as Best British Independent Film and Best Irish Film in the same year.

The showing is in conjunction with the Fall 2008 Roots Music Series. For info, contact Dicken at x3063 or cdicken@frostburg.edu.



Take Note

Campus to Community Grant Applications

The Gira Campus to Community Grant will be sending by e-mail an Invitation for Applications for spring 2009 project awards. More than \$6,000 will be available to support spring 2009 projects and programs that involve students in community outreach/leadership/mentoring/internship/travel opportunities. The invitation, which will include an application and criteria for grant awards, should be on your e-mail today. The deadline for grant applications, which can be submitted by individual students or faculty or by student or departmental organizations, will be **Monday, Oct. 20**. Grant awards over the last several semesters have ranged between \$500 and \$2,500. To learn more about the application process or to secure a paper copy of the application, contact Dave Fell, Gira Committee Chair, at FR 110, x4218, or dfell@frostburg.edu, or any member of the committee (Lynn Neddo, Cherie Krug, Bill Mandicott, Shannon Gribble).

Attention All Education Students - Deadlines

The application deadline for students entering Phase I, Phase II or Phase III of the Teacher Education Program for the spring 2009 semester is **Tuesday, Oct. 14**. All applications should be returned to the office of unit assessment, Frampton Hall, Room 203-3, on or before deadline date. For info, contact Barbara Bluebaugh at x7953 or babluebaugh@frostburg.edu. Applications can be picked up at Frampton 203-3.

Planning to Graduate in December?

If you are planning to graduate at the end of this semester, please note the following:

- The 133rd Commencement Ceremony will be Saturday, **Dec. 20**, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will hold its service at 10 a.m., while the College of Business and College of Education will present their graduates at the 2 p.m. ceremony. Please complete your graduation application in PAWS now. This will enable you to receive information about your upcoming Commencement.
- The first Commencement mailing is scheduled for the first part of October and will be sent to both your local and your permanent address. Please update your address information in PAWS to assure that you will receive all the details.
- Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates and may be ordered at the University Bookstore. Your order must be placed by **Oct. 24**.
- Full details about Commencement

are on the University's Web site under "Current Students." Commencement info is under Academics on the left side.

If you have any other questions about Commencement, please contact Brittini Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Course Redesign Workshop Offered

• **Sept. 19: How to Engage in Course Redesign and How Clickers Can Enhance Your Student's Classroom Experience.** Guest NCAT Scholar: Dr. John Broida. Sponsored by Worth Publishers. Open to anyone. For information or to register, visit www.usmd.edu/usm/academicaffairs/courseredesign/091908ws.html.

FSU takes part in course redesign through USM and NCAT. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/courseredesign/index.htm.

Children's Center Accepting Students

The FSU Children's Center, which is in its 21st year of offering Pre-School/Extended Day Care, is still accepting students. Anyone interested in enrolling a child between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 years should contact Denise Payne at x4027 or dpayne@frostburg.edu.

For Grad Students

December 2008 Commencement

Graduate students who plan to graduate in December need to complete the "Application for Graduation" by **Nov. 4**, in order to be listed in the December Commencement Program. The forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053.

Graduate Program Open House

Frostburg Campus and USM Hagerstown: Students who may be interested in continuing their graduate studies through FSU should plan to attend an Open House and Advising Seminar on **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, from 5 to 7 p.m. at FSU's Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall or on **Oct. 22**, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the USM Hagerstown, at 32 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, (For details at www.frostburg.edu/grad). Those interested in the Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary and Secondary, MBA, and Master of Education should attend.

MBA Applicants for Spring 2008

The MBA program requires that students entering the MBA Program complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) or the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). GRE testing registration information is available through the Educational Testing Services Web site at www.ets.org or by calling the FSU Counseling Center, at x7990. For information regarding the GMAT please review the Web site at <http://www.gmac.com/gmac>. GRE and Praxis are both administered at the FSU

testing center.

Open GA Positions for Spring 2009

Any open GA positions for Spring will be posted on **Sept. 30**. Applications are due **Oct. 15**. You can get an application at the Office of Graduate Services or online at www.frostburg.edu/grad.

Get Involved



UCM Welcomes New Chaplain

United Campus Ministry welcomes the Rev. Dr. Cynthia (Cindy) Zirlott as the new Protestant Chaplain at FSU. She was ordained in the United Methodist Church, serving churches for 29 years in Alabama, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia. Her office is in Sand Spring Hall #114 (x7490).

"I am here to serve the students, faculty and staff of FSU on their spiritual journey. We have some exciting new changes in the works and I hope everyone will feel free to drop by the office or take advantage of the various events that UCM will offer this fall," Zirlott said.

Starting this week:

• **Sept. 15** and every Monday (10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.), Agape Latte Study Breaks in the Lane University Center at a table near Java City. "Agape" is a Greek word for a kind of love that seeks nothing in return, like God's love. This fall's Agape Breaks will be informal conversations to ponder divine questions, questions About God

• **Tuesday, Sept. 16**, UCM Welcome Picnic from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Picnic area in front of Sand Spring Hall. Free picnic food, freebie golf (with prizes), and a get-acquainted time with sign-up/sharing of upcoming events. (If it rains, the event will move to the Leake Room in the P.E. Center)

• **Wednesday, Sept. 17**, and every Wednesday will be Sup and Bible Study in Sand Spring Hall Room 123. Sup & Bible Study is a Bible study over a light meal. Serving starts at 5 p.m. and the discussion begins at 5:15 p.m. This fall's study will explore the life of Peter, the fragile stone.

• Every second Sunday there will be a Protestant Worship Service in Cook Chapel in Frost Hall at 6 p.m. Each month this worship and celebrative experience will incorporate a variety of worship styles such as contemporary, traditional-blended, healing, emerging and contemplative worship. All are welcome.

Raise Your Vote Voter Registration Returns

The Student Center for Volunteerism is pleased to announce the return of the Raise Your Vote Voter Registration Campaign for the General Election. During this fall's campaign, students will have the ability to register to vote in the General Election, request an absentee ballot for the General Election and get general information about voting in

Maryland.

Tables will be the Lane University Center Second Floor Lobby on Mondays from **Sept. 29 to Oct. 20**, as well as **Wednesday, Oct. 8**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two special tables will accompany two major events on campus. The first table will be for the MTV Decision 2008 Program on Monday, **Sept. 15**. Sponsored by the University Programming Council, the program will start at 2 p.m. in Manicur Assembly Hall. The voter registration table will be outside Manicur Hall from noon to 4 p.m.

The second table will be during the Capitol Steps Performance on **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, in the PAC Pealer Recital Hall. For information or tickets, call x3137 or visit ces.frostburg.edu.

Here are a few tips to ensure your vote counts in the 2008 General Election:

- The last day to register to vote in the General Election is **Tuesday, Oct. 14**, at 9 p.m.

- Make sure you register with someone certified to register people in Maryland. Ask for proof of certification to be sure.

- If you need an absentee ballot, request your ballot early. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for the General Election is **Tuesday, Oct. 28**, at 4:30 p.m. After that date (through Election Day), you must apply in person at your local board of elections. If you wait until the last minute, there is no guarantee you will receive your ballot.

Also, due to the potentially high Absentee Ballot request rate, we will not offer the option to fax absentee ballot requests after the last table on **Oct. 20**. If you are an Allegany County resident, you can still fax your absentee ballot application to the local Board of Elections by 11:59 p.m. on **Oct. 28**.

- Make sure your form is postmarked on the deadline date or earlier or your vote won't count.

All SCV members at the table will be certified Voter Registration Volunteers. For info, visit organizations.frostburg.edu/studentvolunteerism/ryv2008/ or contact the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at x4210.

Catholic Campus Ministry

CCM September Dinner: Chicken on the Grill will be Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Osborne Newman Center's Bishop Murphy Hall at 6 p.m.

Let's Walk with American Heart Association

The FSU Wellness Initiative has launched Walk FSU. For the month of September, there will be individual and group competitions to see who can walk the farthest. Winning prizes include bookstore gift certificates, personalized fitness consultation, iPods and more. Group competitions can also be established, such as an IFC competition or between residence halls. This event is for all faculty, staff, and students.

To participate, sign up at

mystartoline.org. On each Friday of September, submit your distance sheet to April Baer in 116 Hitchins or apbaer@frostburg.edu.

All Campus Sing Looking For Acts

Sigma Alpha Iota is looking for students with musical talent who are interested in participating in this year's All Campus Sing, a new feature of Homecoming that will be held in the Performing Arts Center on **Friday, Oct. 3**, at 8 p.m.

Participants must perform live music, including but not limited to any combination of instruments and voices, and accompanied by dance if desired. Prizes will include \$200 first prize, \$100 second prize, \$50 third prize, and a People's Choice Award voted on by the live audience. Participants are encouraged to recruit audience members for support. Performers must have some association with FSU (student or faculty) and FSU's Greek organizations are especially encouraged to sign up. Rehearsals/auditions will be held during the week prior to the event.

Judges will include alumni, FSU administrators, and FSU Foundation board members. This event is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, the FSU Alumni Association, the FSU Foundation, and the Department of Music and is free and open to the public.

For more information, e-mail SAI Fundraising Chair Abbie Vanderwest at akvanderwest0@frostburg.edu. Application with fee of \$10 is due **Sept. 19**.

Writing Green: E=(LG)2

Students are encouraged to submit materials for the Fall '08 issue of the student magazine **E=(LG)2**. We will consider 200-1000 word articles with an environmental or sustainability emphasis that pertain to student research, class activities, nature appreciations, club activities, reportage, and more, including photos and digital artwork. The magazine will be published in print and online. Submissions from all disciplines are welcomed. If instructors would like information or a class visit, contact Sydney Duncan at sduncan@frostburg.edu. Send materials to Lgmag@frostburg.edu by **Oct. 21**.

This magazine is a product of ENGL 402, Editing and Production. The portal Web site, which includes the first issue, is online at <http://organizations.frostburg.edu/LgMag>.

Participate in Annual Fall Diversity Retreat

FSU students interested in diversity issues have the opportunity to participate in the **10th Annual Diversity Retreat**. The event is scheduled from 4 p.m. Friday, **Oct. 10**, through 2 p.m. Sunday, **Oct. 12**. Offered by the Black Student Alliance and the Diversity Center, this year's theme is "Building Community: Forming a More Perfect Union." The retreat will include workshops on Diversity and other related

activities intended to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity issues, coalition building and social justice.

While former participants are welcome, new students are strongly encouraged to participate. This is an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with students from various cultural, ethnic, racial and other groups to develop relationships and understandings that reach beyond the surface.

Applications are available at the Lane University Center Information Desk and in the Diversity Center in Hitchins 122. **Completed applications must be submitted before Sept. 19**. Participation is limited and there is a selection process based on information provided in the application. Applicants are advised to submit a thoughtful response to the paragraph prompt. Those selected will be required to complete additional forms to confirm your commitment to attend and participate.

All Black Student Alliance and Diversity Center activities and events are open to ALL FSU students regardless of ability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

For information, contact Robin Wynder at x4050.

Community



Won't You Be My Neighbor?

University Neighbors is an association of year-round residents, off-campus students and landlords who live and/or own property in the neighborhood adjacent to the FSU campus. The association seeks to bring these three groups together to build mutual understanding, positive relationships and a stronger neighborhood for all. FSU students, faculty and staff who live and/or own property in the neighborhood are encouraged to join.

The next meeting will be **Sunday, Sept. 21**, at 7 p.m. at City Place (corner of Water and Mechanic Streets). City Place is about five blocks from the FSU campus. Follow College Ave. going west. Turn right onto Broadway (just past Beall Elementary School). Turn left on Mechanic Street (one block before Main St.). City Place is on the left (the building with large glass windows). For info, contact any of the members of the association's leadership team: Maxine Bond (301-689-5464), Lois Deasy (301-689-8082), Eleanor Miller (301-689-3572), Patrick O'Brien (240-580-4336), or Jeffrey Sellers (321-604-5920).

Trident Initiative Sets 3rd Annual Conference

FSU's Trident Initiative and the Western Maryland SCORE Chapters in Hagerstown and Cumberland will conduct the Third Annual Entrepreneurship conference on Thursday, **Sept. 25**, and Friday, **Sept. 26**, at the University System of Maryland in Hagerstown

(USMH), 32 W. Washington St.

Titled "Regional Renaissance ... Transforming Communities through Entrepreneurial Activity," this event will focus on business and entrepreneurial opportunities in the Western Maryland region, and in particular, the Hagerstown area. The conference will highlight the transformational impact of entrepreneurial efforts that contribute to the spirit of economic and cultural promise and renewal in the Hagerstown community. Innovations in agricultural entrepreneurship, educational efforts to spur entrepreneurship in the region and programs established by all levels of government to support entrepreneurs will be discussed as well.

The conference will also recognize and honor entrepreneurs of the region with a view to showcasing the region's "best practices" in small business. Awards for the Model Entrepreneur and Young Entrepreneur of the Year will be presented at the Awards Luncheon.

The conference will serve the needs of both prospective and current entrepreneurs along with members of the academic community and government officials as well. David W. Edgerley, Secretary, Maryland Department of Business and economic Development (DBED), will address the conference.

For information, contact Dr. Sudhir Singh at x4093 or ssingh@frostburg.edu, Marty Mattare at x4258, Pam Rose in the Western Maryland Business Resource Center at 301-722-2773. Information about the event and the Trident Initiative are available at www.frostburg.edu/trident.

Science, Engineering & Technology Showcase

As part of its Family Weekend celebration, FSU will be exhibiting student, faculty and staff achievements in technology through a **Science, Engineering, and Technology Showcase**. Through interactive demonstrations, students and their families can experience and enjoy an understanding of and appreciation for the high level of technology fluency among our students, faculty, and staff.

The Showcase will be held in the Compton Science Center on Saturday, **Sept. 27**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more details on the Family Weekend Science, Engineering, and Technology Showcase, contact Stacey Utleigh-Bernhardt at x4211.



Schedule for Sept. 15-19

Monday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files "The Case of the Wacky Water Cycle"
 4 & 7 p.m. Human Geography: People, Places and Change: "Alaska: The Last Frontier?"
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Earth Revealed: "Earth Quakes"

5 & 8 p.m. Reading By Author: Daniel Mark Epstein

Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Curtis Johnson Concert
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. FSU Roadtrip: Miami and Puerto Rico

Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Learning Math: Patterns, Functions & Algebra: "Patterns in Context"
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Live at the Loft Featuring: Hannah Bingman
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. The Habitable Planet: "Oceans" (Repeat at 5 & 8)

5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Democracy in America: "The Courts: Our Role of Law"

Thursday:

3 & 6 p.m. Guest Speaker: CIA Analyst, Ray McGovern
 4 & 7 p.m. Live at the Loft Featuring: Edie Carey

Friday:

3 p.m. NASA Connect, "The "A" Train"
 3:30 p.m. NASA "Destination Tomorrow"
 4 p.m. Essential Science for Teachers: "Density and Pressure"
 5 p.m. Frostburg City Council Meeting to be taped on Thursday, Sept. 18.



FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

* Leadership & Civic Engagement Voter Registration Noon-4 p.m. Lane Lobby
 * UPC & Leadership & Civic Engagement Arts & Lectures: Decision 2008 with MTV's Syrus & Robin 2-4 p.m. Lane ARMAH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

* CIE Study Abroad Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Clock Tower Quad (Rain Site: Lane ARMAH)
 * S.A.F.E. Office Lecture: Ross Szabo 3-4, 4:30-5:30 & 6-7 p.m. ... Pealer Recital Hall
 * LASO International Film: LaBamba 6 p.m. Lane 201
 * Local Organizations Seeking University Recognition Meeting 6 p.m. Lane 202

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

* University Police: Law Enforcement Awareness Day 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lower Quad
 * BURG Freeze Pops & Mocktails 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lower Quad
 * BURG General Body Meeting 4 p.m. Cordts PEC Leake Room
 * Bordas: Multi-Cultural Leadership: A Conversation & Celebration 7 p.m. Lane ARMAH
 * RHA 7 p.m. Gunter Hall 208
 * Men's Soccer: Franklin & Marshall 7 p.m. Home
 * Women's Field Hockey: Washington & Jefferson 7 p.m. Away
 * Women's Volleyball: Catholic 7 p.m. Away
 * BSA General Body Meeting 8 p.m. Lane 201

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

* UPC Lunch in the Loft Music Series: Libbie Schrader 2 p.m. ... Lane Derezinski Lounge/Loft

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

* Women's Volleyball: Marymount @ Dickinson ... 5 p.m. Away
 * UPC Feature Film: Sex and the City 8:30 p.m. Lane 201
 * BURG Bash XIII 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Lane ARMAH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—Appalachian Festival

* Men's/Women's Cross Country: Dickinson College Long-Short Course Invitational Away
 * Appalachian Festival 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Upper Quad
 * Women's Volleyball: Dickinson 10 a.m. & noon Away
 * Football: SUNY Brockport 1 p.m. Home
 * Women's Soccer: Pitt-Bradford 1 p.m. Away
 * Men's Soccer: Pitt-Bradford 3 p.m. Away
 * Women's Field Hockey: Bridgewater 5 p.m. Home
 * UPC Feature Film: Sex and the City 8:30 p.m. Lane 201
 * UPC Late Night & Weekends: NYC Disco Dance Party 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Lane ARMAH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

* CCM Mass noon & 8 p.m. Cook Chapel
 * JV F: Shenandoah University 4 p.m. Home
 * Planetarium: Best Stars Through the Season . 4 & 7 p.m. Tawes Hall
 * UPC Feature Film: Sex and the City 8:30 p.m. Lane 201

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

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