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FSU Delegation's Trip to China Yields Four New Agreements With Universities

Meetings Overseas Open Doors to More Faculty, Student, Cultural Exchanges

After two weeks in China, a delegation from FSU led by President Jonathan Gibraltar has returned to Maryland with four new, signed agreements to expand international education opportunities for FSU and with a more informed perspective on how to cooperate with institutions there.

"I'm very pleased with the work that was accomplished during this most recent trip to China, a visit that follows several other great trips made by our faculty, students and staff," Gibraltar said.

"China is a fascinating place with so much history and culture, and it is increasingly assuming a prominent role in how the world is changing. It's so important that our campus has a connection with schools in China and that our students, faculty and staff understand China's role in the global community. Meeting so many university leaders face to face really helped facilitate more opportunities for FSU as well as solidify existing relationships."

The delegation, which visited schools in Beijing, Changsha and Chengdu from Oct. 18 through Nov. 1, included select members of the FSU administration who gave presentations and conducted meetings with officials at Changsha's Hunan Normal University (HNU), where Gibraltar served as the keynote speaker and sole representative of overseas institutions at HNU's 70th anniversary ceremony and celebration. The group also visited Southwest University for Nationalities, Sichuan Normal University and Sichuan College of Education in Chengdu. Additionally, the delegation talked to students at Beijing's Chenjinglun High School and the staff at the American Center for Educational Exchange at the Embassy of the United States of America. Members of the delegation also had productive meetings with business leaders and government representatives interested in advancing international education.

As a result of these visits and conversations with university and community leaders, FSU came home with an expanded agreement with HNU as well as new agreements with Southwest University for Nationalities, Sichuan Normal University and Sichuan College of Education. The agreements pave the way for collaboration



FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar, center, served as the keynote speaker and sole representative of overseas institutions at Hunan Normal University's 70th anniversary ceremony and celebration.

in the specific areas of faculty, student and cultural exchanges and joint research and development programs.

"When we were at HNU, their vice president Dr. Jiang Hongxin said that a single visit was worth a thousand phone calls," said Dr. John Bowman, Vice Provost. "Our official partner institutions understand the importance of face-to-face meetings for developing and strengthening their relationships with FSU. I am pleased that these institutions have expressed an interest in visiting FSU in the near future."

In addition to Gibraltar and Bowman, the delegation included B.J. Davisson, Vice President for University Advancement; Dr. Tom Bowling, Vice President for Student & Educational Services; Stephen Spahr, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Economic Development and Government Relations; Lynn Neddo, Director of the Center for International Education; and Becca Ramspott, Public Relations Specialist.

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Gibraltar, right, shares a smile and a business card with Tan Tao, left, Director of the Office of International Education at Sichuan Normal University. Lily Luo of China Star International Training School, center, has been a key facilitator and organizer of many of the successful meetings.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY:

CES: "Our People, Our Place, Our Coal," 10-11:30 a.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. In this historical perspective presentation, Grammy Award-winner Kathy Mattea and local historians Albert Feldstein, Dr. Vagel Keller, Jr., and John Carey will discuss the region's rich Appalachian multifaceted mining heritage and its cultural, economic and industrial influence. Mattea will begin the program with "Our People" where she will discuss and perform a song highlighting the history of coal mining. Feldstein will follow with "Our Place," and overview and historical highlights of Western Maryland's coal heritage, historic sites and personal biographies. "Our Coal" will be presented by Keller and Carey. Keller will speak on "Coal Sufficient to Supply the Whole Union for Centuries," examining the rise and decline of the underground coal-mining industry in Western Maryland. Carey will discuss the environmental protection and regulatory changes over the past 50 years. Free and open to the public. Info: x3137.



Kathy Mattea will speak at "Our People, Our Place, Our Coal" on Monday, Nov. 10.

TUESDAY:

President's Task Force on Alcohol, 9 a.m., Leake Room, PE Center. The task force explores and makes recommendations to address substance abuse issues at FSU. This committee is open to all faculty, staff, students and members of the local community. Alcohol affects student life, the academic environment and our community. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved, contact Jesse Ketterman at jketterman@frostburg.edu or x4311.

THURSDAY:

UPC: Comedian Paul Varghese, 9 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall. Varghese, born and raised in the South, says his humor starts at the randomness that is his everyday environment and detours to insecurity and sarcasm, only to end up at a nice middle ground of twisted reality. Free and open to the public. Info: x4411



THURSDAY-FRIDAY:

Opera Theatre: Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," 8 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. FSU Opera Theatre will perform this popular children's story, which is filled with wonderful melodies that will charm children of all ages. It tells the timeless story of two poor children who escape from a witch's grasp and are finally reunited with their parents. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for University students, age 17 and younger free. Info: x4109.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY:

Michael Hollinger's "Incorruptible,"

7:30 p.m., PAC F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre.

In this dark comedy about the Dark Ages, Michael Hollinger satirizes the fragility of faith in the face of survival.

"Incorruptible"

is a fun and gentle rib-poking look at how humans gleefully twist convictions to rationalize bad behavior. Admission \$6 for students and \$12 for non-students. Info: x7462.



Micah Shockney plays Brother Martin.

SATURDAY:

Third Annual Writing and Music Workshop, noon-4:30 p.m., Lane Center.

FSU's Department of English, the Center for Creative Writing and the Allegany Arts Council will sponsor the third annual Writing and Music Workshop. The program is designed to bring musicians and writers together for an afternoon of creative exploration. Participants may choose to work in one of four seminars. Cost is \$25. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, and payment is due in full at the time of registration. Applications may be picked up at in Tawes Hall, Room 218, or online at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter/Music&Writing.htm. Info: Gerry Lafemina at x4024 or www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.

Student Piano Recital: Senior Charlene Beyerlein and Junior Amy Jaklitsch,

7 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The performance is free and open to the public. The recital, which will alternate between the two pianists, will include works by Scarlatti, Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bennard, Debussy, Gonzaga, Gershwin and Ginastera. Free and open to the public. Info: x4109.

SUNDAY:

Student Voice Recital: Senior Danny Durr, 3 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

The baritone recital will feature works by Handel, Bellini, Bowles, Mozart and Finn. Durr will be accompanied on piano by Betty Jean Phillips, and on one Finn piece by soprano Olivia Hartman. Free and open to the public. Info: x4109.

CHILLVILLE Helps With FSU's Healthy Habits

Two Weeks of Wellness Activities Invites FSU to Take Charge of Health

FSU's campus community is invited to take charge of their personal health and make informed decisions about wellness by participating in a variety of fun activities during **CHILLVILLE**, a two-week series of wellness activities, **through Wednesday, Nov. 12**, at FSU.

"**CHILLVILLE** is going to be an energizing time on campus when all Bobcats can re-integrate wellness into their lives," said April Baer, project coordinator for university wellness at FSU. "During these two weeks, students will be able to get a free biomedical screening. This fasting screening will allow students to learn their current health condition in regards to BMI (body-mass index), blood pressure, blood glucose and more. Every student participant will receive a free **CHILLVILLE** T-shirt as well as be eligible for door prizes, hourly drawings and two weekly drawings for new iPod Shuffles."

CHILLVILLE is organized as part of "Creating Healthy, Informed Lasting Lifestyles (**CHILL**)," FSU's new wellness initiative established to promote health practices and education among college students and the local community. **CHILL** is funded by a \$228,225 contribution from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP.

CHILLVILLE includes a variety of events dealing with mental and physical health.

Get more informed about the state of your health by taking advantage of free body composition, blood pressure and lipid screenings aka "The **CHILL** Factors" from 8:30 a.m. to noon, during **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, and **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, all in the Lane Center, Room 201. Free T-shirts for all participants and lots of great door prizes will be distributed through daily and weekly drawings.

Get your game on during FSU's Student Government Association's "Still **CHILL** and Ballin' Dodgeball Tournament" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, in the Lower Gym of the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center, Room 164. Teams of six are encouraged to attend - sign up in advance in the SGA Office or e-mail SGA Sen. Josh Humelsine at jahumelsine0@frostburg.edu with your team name, team members and team members' e-mail addresses. Teams may also sign up on site to participate. Come for fun, exercise and bragging rights! First, second and third prizes will be awarded during this great event.

"**CHILLVILLE** will be an amazing time on campus to explore new avenues of wellness. We encourage all of our Bobcats to come out and have a **CHILL** time!" Baer said.

For more information about **CHILL**, contact Baer at x4311 or apbaer@frostburg.edu. For more information about AstraZeneca, please visit www.astrazeneca-us.com.

Literature



Barbara Hurd to Read from 'Wrack Line'

FSU's Department of English and the Center for Creative Writing present Dr. Barbara Hurd, who will read from her newly released book, "Walking the Wrack Line: On Tidal Shift and What Remains," on **Monday, Nov. 17**, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Books in Frostburg. Hurd, an evocative nature writer, is a professor in the English Department at FSU.

"Walking the Wrack Line" explores diverse beaches from Massachusetts to Morocco in a series of poetic essays. Ann Fischer-Wirth, author of "Five Terraces," says "This is a beautiful book. It is as skillfully constructed as a poem, and like a poem its meanings widen. It is a series of fascinating, informative nature essays, but more deeply it is a series of meditations on 'what might be rescued from near-destruction, from silence, from invisibility.'" The book is the third installment in Hurd's environmental meditations trilogy, which also includes "Stirring the Mud: On Swamps, Bogs and Human Imagination" and "Entering the Stone: On Caves and Feeling Through the Dark."

The reading is free and open to the public. A reception and a book signing will follow. For more information, contact the Center for Creative Writing at x4024 or nightsun@frostburg.edu.

FSU Will Host Writing and Music Workshop

FSU's Department of English, the Center for Creative Writing and the Allegany Arts Council will sponsor the third annual Writing and Music Workshop on **Saturday, Nov. 15**, from noon until 4:30 p.m. in the Lane University Center. The program is designed to bring musicians and writers together for an afternoon of creative exploration. Participants may choose to work in one of four seminars.

Music as Muse, taught by George Guida, is designed to increase the level of musical techniques in prose (fiction and non-fiction) and poetry by choreographing the sentence as a unit of rhythm, exploring the potential meanings in syntax and exploiting poetic techniques to create structures near chant and song.

Critical Writing About Music, taught by Jack DuBose, will address the "other side" of writing for musicians. Participants will look at various examples and try their hands at writing band profiles, album and performance reviews and more.

Gerry Lafemina will present **Lyric Writing**. This workshop will address what makes some lyrics stand out and their relationship to the melody, the music and the audience. Songwriters are encouraged to bring lyrics-in-progress or whole songs they feel aren't coming together, with their instruments, to

work on the art of song lyric writing.

Song and Structure will be taught by Kenny Tompkins. Students will focus on the structure of the song and eventually make their way to the integration of lyrics into the music.

The cost of the workshop is \$25. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, and payment is due in full at the time of registration. Applications may be picked up at in Tawes Hall, Room 218, or online at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter/Music&Writing.htm.

For more information, contact Gerry Lafemina at x4024 or www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.



Music

Opera Theater Presents 'Hansel and Gretel'

FSU Opera Theatre, under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Hodel, will perform Humperdinck's opera masterpiece "Hansel and Gretel" on **Thursday, Nov. 13**, and **Friday, Nov. 14**, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pealer Recital Hall.

This popular children's story is filled with wonderful melodies that will charm children of all ages. It tells the timeless story of two poor children who are sent into the woods to pick berries. Losing their way, they must spend the night in the forest. The next day, they come face to face with a witch who lives in a gingerbread house. After escaping her grasp, the children set the gingerbread children free from the witch's spell and are finally reunited with their parents.

Tickets will be available at the door. Individual tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for University students and are free to those age 17 and younger. For more information, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/music or call x4109.

Lunch in the Loft Presents Austin Willacy

San Francisco-based musician, vocalist and songwriter Austin Willacy will perform as part of FSU's Lunch in the Loft Series sponsored by the University Programming Council on **Thursday, Nov. 20**, at 2 p.m. in the Dereziński Lounge/Loft in the Lane University Center.

Willacy was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and received a degree in psychology from Dartmouth College. On graduation, he moved to San Francisco to refine his songwriting and pursue a career in music. Willacy's contemporary, edgy music has been recorded on four House Jacks albums as well as his three solo albums, demonstrating his musicianship and determination to entertain fans with his amazing and refreshing work. Willacy has appeared on CNN, CBS and FOX and has been featured in articles from "Wired" and "Ebony" magazines.

The performance is free and open to the public. For information, contact the Lane University Center Information Desk at x4411.

Jazz Master Heath Brings Quartet to FSU

Legendary jazz master and saxophonist Jimmy Heath will bring his style of jazz to Western Maryland on **Saturday, Nov. 22**, when the Jimmy Heath Quartet comes to FSU. Presented by the CES Jazz Club and sponsored by Kauffman Music, the renowned quartet will perform in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall in FSU's Lane University Center at 8 p.m.

Prior to the concert, Heath will lead a discussion on his ensemble's style of music and share his experiences in the jazz industry at an Arts Outreach session at 4:30 p.m. that is free and open to the public.

Recognized as a brilliant instrumentalist and magnificent composer and arranger, Heath, 81, began as a Charlie Parker disciple in the 1940s and made a leap from stylistic jazz by changing from alto saxophone to tenor and soprano sax. He has performed with nearly all the jazz greats of the last 50 years, from Howard McGhee, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis to Wynton Marsalis. The jazz icon Gillespie said of him, "All I can say is, if you know Jimmy Heath, you know Bop."

During his career, Heath has performed on more than 100 record albums, including seven with the Heath Brothers and 12 as a leader. He has written more than 125 compositions, many of which have become jazz standards and have been recorded by other artists, including Art Farmer, Cannonball Adderley, Clark Terry, Chet Baker, Miles Davis, James Moody, Milt Jackson, Ahmad Jamal, Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, J. J. Johnson and Dexter Gordon.

After having just concluded 11 years' service as professor of music at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queen College, Heath maintains an extensive performance schedule and continues to conduct workshops and clinics throughout the United States, Europe and Canada.

Tickets for the Jimmy Heath Quartet performance are \$18 for adults and \$13 for youth under 17. Group discount tickets are also available.

The Jimmy Heath Quartet performance at FSU is graciously supported by Allegany Aggregates Inc. The Cultural Events Series is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. An agency of the Department of Business & Economic Development, the MSAC provides financial support and technical assistance to non-profit organizations, units of government, colleges and universities for arts activities. MSAC funding is also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency that believes a great nation deserves great art. This engagement of Jimmy Heath Quartet is a Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Tour funded by the Foundation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program, and is an Arts for Adjudicated Youth program supported by a grant from the Maryland

State Arts Council and by the National Endowment for the Arts. The CES Jazz Club is sponsored in part by the Allegany Arts Council with funds from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Second Show Added for 'Celtic Christmas'

Due to ticket demand for Tomáseon Foley's "A Celtic Christmas," the Cultural Events Series at FSU has decided to add a second performance at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, Dec. 1**. Tickets for the additional performance in FSU's Pealer Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, are now available for sale.

"We originally scheduled 'A Celtic Christmas' for Tuesday, Dec. 2, and that date sold out almost as soon as tickets went on sale. We were very fortunate to be able to add a second performance to our schedule," said Mary Jane Plummer, director of CES.

"A Celtic Christmas" is a joyous and unforgettable celebration of the season. An acclaimed Irish storyteller, Foley recreates the joy and innocence of a night before Christmas in a farmhouse in the remote parish of Teampall an Ghleanntain in the west of Ireland, when the neighbors gather around the fire to grace the long wintry night with the laughter of their stories and the joy of their music and dances.

Foley's "A Celtic Christmas" features Grammy-award winning guitarist William Coulter, renowned Irish fiddler and Irish dancer Kathleen Keane, acclaimed piper Brian Bigley and world champion Irish harpist and champion Irish step dancer Marta Cook.

Tickets for the additional performance are \$18 for adults and \$13 for those under 17; discounted group tickets are available. Tickets may be ordered by calling x3137 or online at <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

"A Celtic Christmas" is graciously supported by The Peter and Iris Halmos Family Foundation.



Take Note

Check out November Library Displays

When you are near the Ort Library, stop in to look at the two displays on the third floor. The display to the left of the entry is November – Hunger Month. The cases highlight the issues, concerns and the international crises of hunger. Countries throughout the world, Africa in particular, will have statistics about poverty and hunger. The Food Bank and Heifer Fund are showcased as two examples that help local residents. Dr. Anthony Crosby from the Sociology Department loaned materials on the Heifer Fund and books about the issues of hunger - poverty, compassion and resolutions.

Thank you to Jeffrey Maehre, Reference/Government Documents Librarian, for the concept and research on hunger, Dr. Crosby for the loan of the Heifer

information and books, and the local Food Bank. MaryJo Price, Special Collections Librarian, created the design for the cases.

The Our People, Our Place, Our Coal display uses materials from the Ort Special Collections to highlight the coal and coal-mining history of the area. Artifacts have been donated by area residents and were used in the areas mines. The title comes from the Special Collections Room. For more information on coal, please go to [catalogUSMAI at www.frostburg.edu/dept/library/usmai.htm](http://catalogUSMAI.atwww.frostburg.edu/dept/library/usmai.htm).

Nursing Program Celebration Nov. 10

Registered nurses, nursing students and interested community members are invited to a celebration of the FSU Nursing program on **Monday, Nov. 10**, in the third floor atrium of the Compton Science Center. Informal networking with Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, FSU President, Dr. Joe Hoffman, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Sue Coyle, Nursing Coordinator, will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a program overview presentation at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Ms. Coyle at x4791 or sbcoyle@frostburg.edu.

President's Task Force on Alcohol Meeting

The campus community is invited to attend the President's Task Force on Alcohol meeting on **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, at 9 a.m. in the Leake Room. The task force was formed two years ago to explore and make recommendations to address substance abuse issues at FSU. Our goal is to review prior recommendations, discuss policies and procedures, explore current literature and develop a list of new recommendations.

This committee is open to all faculty, staff, students and members of the local community. Alcohol affects student life, the academic environment and our community. Research indicates that alcohol is a factor in 1,700 student deaths each year.

If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved in future meetings, contact Jesse Ketterman at jketterman@frostburg.edu.

Diehl Hall Renovations to Begin in December

Beginning **Monday, Dec. 22**, Diehl Hall will undergo extensive renovation of all bathrooms, student rooms and common areas. Similar to the scope of last year's renovations in Sowers Hall, this project will run through intersession and spring semester, with the hall scheduled to reopen in summer 2009.

Diehl Hall students will be displaced from their current rooms for the Spring semester, and they will be given the opportunity to select another space on campus. Every effort will be made to assign students to a hall of their choice,

and with a roommate of their choice; this includes the effort to place students with their current roommate(s) in an empty room. To make this possible, residents of other halls who do not have roommates will be required to consolidate with other such residents. All room changes will be completed before students leave for the winter break in December.

Students with concerns are encouraged to speak with their hall staff or contact the Residence Life Office at x4121.

'Swipe and Win' Incentive Program

After months of planning and effort, each residence hall now has card-swipe access on two exterior doors, in addition to video security cameras at all exterior entrances. At this time, students may use their student ID card or their room key to gain access to their building via the card reader. However, in a few weeks, only their ID cards will allow them entrance.

In an effort to encourage residents to test their ID card in advance of this change, the Residence Life Office, in association with the Residence Hall Association (RHA), will conduct a "Swipe and Win" incentive program **through Tuesday, Nov. 11**. Each day, from among those students who swiped their ID in one of the card readers during the previous day, one student's name will be drawn randomly, and that student will win a \$20 prize redeemable at Wal-Mart. Please help the Residence Life staff by spreading the word about this program and about the importance of safety and security on campus.

Ph.D.s for Students

Students who aspire to receive a Ph.D. and faculty and staff who can recommend students with Ph.D. potential are invited to attend an information session on the 2009 McNair Scholars Program on **Friday, Nov. 14**, in the Leake Room, Cordts PE Center. The director of the University of Maryland, College Park McNair Program (with seven places reserved for FSU students) will be visiting to speak with faculty and staff only at 10 a.m. and with faculty and students at 11 a.m. Current participants will display their research and be available to answer questions.

To be eligible, a student must be a low-income, first-generation college student or be from a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education programs (such as Hispanic, African-American or Native American students or women in science and technology.) The ideal candidate will have completed the sophomore year by May 2009 and have a GPA of 2.8 or higher. Juniors also are considered. Participants receive unparalleled support, including paid summer research experiences, coursework and assistance in preparing for graduate school. Applications for 2009 are due before the holidays.

For further information, contact Dr. Mary Mumper, Faculty Coordinator, at x4359; Dr. Mary Gartner, Assistant Provost, at x4212 or Harriet Douglas, Director of Student Support Services, at x4263 or visit www.aap.umd.edu/mcnairprogram.html.

Second Annual HR Day to Be Nov. 17, Lane 201

The second Annual HR Day is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 17**, Lane University Center, Room 201, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Members of the OHR staff will be on hand to answer questions about their roles at FSU.

Part of the day's activities will include a Fall Wellness Fair, with flu shots being offered to current state employees. Once again, the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) is generously sponsoring the flu shots at a discounted price of \$10 per person. (Please bring \$10 in exact change or a money order made out to Kaiser Permanente.) Because there is a limited supply, vaccines will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, no appointment or registration is needed.

Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Western Maryland Food Bank. Employees dropping off food items will receive a special thank-you gift for their donation.

This is a great opportunity to meet with the staff of OHR, to ask questions and learn firsthand how OHR works for you. If you have any questions, please call Lee Ann Nightingale in OHR at x4398.

News for Grad Students

MBA Applicants for Spring 2009

The MBA program requires that entering students 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 x7990. For information about the GMAT, visit www.gmac.com/gmac. GRE and Praxis are both administered at the FSU testing center.

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 is scheduled for **Saturday, Dec. 20**, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will hold its ceremony 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 mailing was sent the first part of October to both your local and your permanent address. Please update

your address information in PAWS to assure that you will receive all the details.

Full details are on the University's Web site. Go to "Current Students." Commencement information is under Academics on the left side.

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

Graduation Exceptions: Deadline for December

Are you planning a December 2008 graduation? If your official degree progress report indicates you have not completed all requirements and you have a basis to request an exception, submit your written appeal letter and supporting letters and documentation to the Academic Standards Subcommittee, Office of the Provost, Hitchins 213, by 4 p.m. on **Thursday, Nov. 13**, for the November meeting (**last chance** for graduation exceptions and inclusion in the Commencement Booklet). If you have questions or concerns, please call the Provost's Office at x4212.

Points of Pride



Bob Moore of the Sociology Department moderated a paper-presentation session at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society on Saturday, Nov. 1, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Get Involved



Show Your Chops at Guitar Hero Tournament

Students are invited to come showcase their skills and earn prizes doing so at the Guitar Hero Tournament, hosted by the FSU Psychology Club. They can enter medium, hard and expert levels for a flat entry fee of \$5. Prizes include mall gift certificates up to \$25 as well as other smaller items. Students are encouraged to make it a group outing and bring all their friends to the Lane Center Game Room on **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, 7 p.m. Note: Because of the structure of this tournament, on-time arrival is the best way to secure a spot in the tournament.

ENCORE Meeting for Non-traditional Students

ENCORE, the group for non-traditional students, will meet on **Monday, Nov. 17**, at 4:30 p.m. in the Compton Science Center, fourth floor. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Moran at mmoran@frostburg.edu.

United Campus Ministry

True North Program on Sunday Evenings – The True North Program begins at 6 p.m. with free Dinner with FSU ID in Lane Center, Room 140. True

North is a Sunday evening gathering of FSU students and other young adults in the Frostburg area who come together for Conversational Encounters with Scripture and other faith direction-seeking activities. On **Nov. 16**, the special guest will be Rev. John Dillion. Rev. Dillion will lead the conversation with the Scripture text, Matt. 16:-13-23, as the group explores its purpose and identity in God. Rev. Dillion is originally from Scotland, member of the Iona Community, and currently pastor of First Presbyterian of Cumberland. If you want to know more, contact Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott, Protestant Chaplain, at x7490 or e-mail: c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Free Mini-Retreat – Saturday, Nov. 15 – Sign up for this day to relax, unwind and explore the Shalom of Sabbath time rhythms that we all need in our life. The retreat will be held at New Covenant UMC, Cumberland; the carpool leaves the Sand Spring lot at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. To sign up, please call the UCM office at x7490 or e-mail Chaplain Cindy at c.zirlott@frostburg.edu. We need to know if you have any food allergies when you call.

Heifer Ark of Animals Project – Interested in doing something about world hunger and economic independence for those living in hunger around the world? We are looking for students to help with a Heifer Ark of Animals project, **Wednesday, Dec. 3, through Saturday, Dec. 6** – multiple time slots are open. If you are interested in getting more information about the December project or other ways to purchase animals, please call the Protestant Chaplain's office x7490 or e-mail: c.zirlott@frostburg.edu. Or just drop by the office at Room 114, Sand Spring Hall. Chaplain Cindy will be glad to help you get involved in changing the world one family at a time.

Mondays, Agape Latte Study Breaks – This fall's Agape Latte Study Breaks will be informal conversations and questions about God or faith issues. The chaplain will be ready to answer questions or talk about whatever you may bring concerning your God questions. Meeting in the Lane Center near Java City, there are two opportunities this week: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays, 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and/or 5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., Sand Spring Hall, Room 114. If you are interested in learning to practice various Christian Meditation or Contemplative Prayer methods in small groups, two opportunities are available – a lunch meditative prayer break or after-work transition. Mark your calendars for **Nov. 12** and **Nov. 19** as well as **Dec. 3** and **Dec. 10**. This group experience is open to students, faculty, and staff. Various Christian meditation methods will be introduced and used. Brief introductory instructions will be given, but the focus will always be on the practice of Christian meditation.

All Campus Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Mark your calendars for the All Campus Interfaith Thanksgiving

Service on **Tuesday, Nov. 18**, at 7 p.m. in Cook Chapel, Frost Hall. This service is sponsored by UCM and CCM.

Catholic Campus Ministry

On **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, CCM will discuss "What the Church Teaches: What Is the Meaning of Advent?" The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center.

International



Thinking About Study Abroad Summer or Fall?

Visit the Center for International Education in the Fuller House to check out the many different opportunities available. Some programs allow students to pay FSU tuition for universities located in Ireland, England, Japan and many other countries. The CIE office number is x4714. Don't delay! Deadline for summer and fall '09 applications is **Feb. 27**.



Fundraisers

Wildlife Society Sets Fundraising Events

The Skating Rink Fundraiser for the Wildlife Society will be **Saturday, Nov. 8**, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Starlite Skating Rink, 100 National Highway, LaVale. Admission is \$6; skate rental is \$1 and rollerblade rental is \$2. Show your student ID or say you want to support the Wildlife Society at the door. Help support the Wildlife Society by having some fun! For information call 301-724-5500.

The Wildlife Society's first annual Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lane Center ARMAH. The cost is \$5 and seating is limited – first come, first served. There will be a DJ on site. First-place prize is a \$50 gift card from Walmart.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs



Student Telemarketing Positions Available

The Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving, is hiring interested students to assist with the Fall 2008 Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn extra money and enhance your communications skills. Candidates will be responsible for contacting alumni, verifying information, informing them of the positive direction of the University and soliciting unrestricted gifts to FSU. Positions are part-time, evenings, through the fall semester, and pay \$7 to \$10 per hour.

Previous telemarketing experience is preferred but those possessing excellent communication skills will be considered.

Advanced marketing and sales skills are also a plus. Candidates must be available two to four nights, from Sunday through Thursday, from 7-9 p.m.

Interested candidates can download an application from the FSU Web site at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/annualfund/phonathon/AFTT.cfm>, and once it is completed, call x3163 to arrange an interview.



Schedule for Nov. 10-14

Monday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA SciFiles: "The Case of the Physical Fitness"
 4 & 7 p.m. Human Geography: People, Places and Change: "Imagining New Worlds"
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Earth Revealed: "Weathering and Soils"
 5 & 8 p.m. Poetry Reading by Author: Robin Becker

Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Going Green with Dr. G.
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. FSU Volleyball vs. FSU Volleyball Alumni
 5 & 8 p.m. Roadtrip Frostburg: New York

Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Learning Math: Patterns, Functions & Algebra: "Algebraic Thinking"
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Fall 2007
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. The Habitable Planet: "Atmospheric Pollution" (Repeat at 5 & 8)
 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Connecting with the Arts: "Breathing Life into Myths"

Thursday:

3 & 6 p.m. FSU This Week
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Lead TV: Featuring Executive Director of the J. Glenn Beall Institute, Tim McGrath & SGA President, Kellie Goforth
 4 & 7 p.m. SGA Meeting held on Thursday, Nov. 6

Friday:

3 & 6 p.m. Bridging World History: "Breathing Life into Myths"
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. NASA "Destination Tomorrow"
 4 & 7 p.m. Essential Science for Teachers: "Chemical Changes and Conservation of Matter"
 5 & 8 p.m. Social Studies in Action: "Chemical Changes and Conservation of Matter" (Repeat at 5:30 & 8:30)

Park, in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union.

If you are interested in testifying, please contact Mya Pierce at the Department of Legislative Services (410-946-5510 or 301-970-5510) at least three days in advance of the hearing to sign up. Depending on the number of people who sign up, testimony may be limited to five minutes per person. Fifty copies of any written materials must be provided the day of the hearing.

The Commission was created by the

Maryland General Assembly to study the establishment of a consistent and stable framework for funding higher education. Students, parents, faculty and other interested members of the public are invited to testify.

More information about the Commission can be found at www.mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/chapters_noln/Ch_45_hb0133T.pdf and www.mlis.state.md.us/other/Funding_Higher_Ed/index.htm.

FSU Events Calendar



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

*Cultural Events Series: Kathy Mattea, Our People, Our Place, Our Coal Panel Discussion 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Pealer Recital Hall
 *Sigma Gamma Rho Founders Week Event 7:00 p.m. Lane Derezsinski Lounge/Loft

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

*SES: The CHILL Factor Free Biomedical Screenings 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lane 201
 *RHA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Dunkle Hall 218
 *NAACP General Body Meeting 8:00 p.m. Cordts PEC Leake Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

*SES: The CHILL Factors Free Biomedical Screenings 8:30 a.m.-noon Lane 201
 *BURG General Body Meeting 4:00 p.m. Cordts PEC Leake Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

*University Theatre: Incorruptible 7:30 p.m. PAC Studio Theatre
 *UPC Comedy: Paul Varghese 9:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

*Men's/Women's Swimming: Wheeling Jesuit University 6:00 p.m. Home
 *University Theatre: Incorruptible 7:30 p.m. PAC Studio Theatre
 *UPC Feature Film: Dark Knight 8:30 p.m. Lane 201
 *Sigma Gamma Rho Founders Week Finale 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Cordts PEC 164

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

*PRAXIS 6:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Dunkle Hall
 *UCM Mini-Retreat 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. New Covenant UMC
 Carpool leaves Sand Spring lot @ 9:30 a.m.
 *Music & Writing Workshops noon-5:00 p.m. Lane 2nd floor
 *Men's/Women's Swimming: Fairmont State 1:00 p.m. Home
 *Football: Regents' Cup with Salisbury 7:00 p.m. ... Naval Academy, Annapolis
 *University Theatre: Incorruptible 7:30 p.m. PAC Studio Theatre
 *UPC Feature Film: Dark Knight 8:30 p.m. Lane 201

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

*CCM Mass noon & 8:00 p.m. Cook Chapel
 *Planetarium: How Stars Die 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tawes Hall
 *UPC Feature Film: Dark Knight 8:30 p.m. Lane 201

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

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Commission Sets Hearing on Higher Ed Funding

The Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education will hold a hearing for members of the public to testify on issues related to funding of higher education. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, from 7-9 p.m. at the University of Maryland, College

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