Homecoming Court Raises $9,506 for Area Charities

Seven recognized FSU fraternities and sororities raised more than $9,506 for seven charities as part of FSU’s Homecoming festivities Oct. 3 to 5.

For the fourth year in a row, candidates for FSU’s Homecoming King and Queen and the organizations they represent raised money for charities as a way to earn the Homecoming crown. The money was raised within a 30-day time frame.

- Alexandra Cozart, representing Delta Zeta, was crowned Homecoming Queen. Her organization raised more than $3,900 for the United Way.
- Matt Byars, representing Tau Kappa Epsilon, was crowned Homecoming King. His organization raised more than $1,100 for the Alzheimer’s Association.
- Roya Zarpak, representing Alpha Sigma Tau, was crowned Homecoming Queen. Her organization raised more than $1,700 for the Dove Center of Garrett County.
- Stacey Hill, representing Alpha Gamma Delta, raised more than $1,500 for the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity.
- Alexander Haslacker, representing Pi Lambda Pi, raised more than $500 for the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity.
- Patrick Simpson, representing Phi Mu Delta, raised more than $300 for the Union Rescue Mission.
- Justin Underwood, representing Sigma Tau Gamma, raised more than $200 for the American Cancer Society.

In addition to efforts by the Homecoming courts, students, alumni and FSU employees continued the Happy Hats Homecoming service project. Now in its third year, participants in Happy Hats project create soft, jester-like hats that will be given to critically ill children in pediatric intensive care units, burn centers and hospices.

Finally, as has been a tradition at FSU for a number of years, students affiliated with a number of campus groups fanned out through the neighborhood adjoining the campus Sunday afternoon for the Big Event, a Frostburg City Clean Up. It was sponsored by the FSU Student Government Association.

This Week (Oct. 13-19)

13 LP: Find Your Passion 7 p.m., Lane 201
16 Cyber Bowling 10 p.m., The Bowler in LaValle
16-18 University Theatre: “Victor/ Victoria,” 7:30 p.m. (also Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.) PAC Drama Theatre. Adapted from the musical film success, “Victor/ Victoria” opened on Broadway in 1995 with Julie Andrews reprising her title role of a nearly starved singer in 1930s Paris, where males impersonating females is all the rage on stage. $6 for students and $12 for non-students. Info: Box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
17 CES: Maryland Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. (with Prelude at 7 p.m.), Pealer Recital Hall, PAC. Under the direction of music director and conductor Elizabeth Schulze, the orchestra will perform three great melodic masterworks. Wagner's stirring “Prelude to Die Meistersinger” opens the program, followed by Brahms’ formidable “Violin Concerto,” featuring the return of guest violinist Rachel Barton Pine, who awed MSO audiences in 2005. The MSO will close its performance with Dvorak’s richly lyrical “Symphony No. 8.” Schulze will host an interactive discussion - free and open to the public - on the evening’s musical selections at 7 p.m., before the orchestra presents its concert. Tickets for the performance are $30 per person. Call x3137 or online at http://ces.frostburg.edu.
17 UPC: CL Lindsay, From Free Speech to Facebook, 8 p.m., Lane Manicur Assembly Hall. The advent of social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook have put universities and their students in a precarious and, largely undefined space. Add to that the fact that students are commonly accused of online harassment, electronic stalking, copyright infringement, and software piracy. It is clear that cyberspace can be a dangerous place, indeed. Lindsay's program will teach what your rights are; how the laws operate; what potential liabilities await you, and, most importantly, how to protect yourself both legally and personally when you log on. Info: x4411.
17-19 UPC Feature Film: “Dark Knight” 8:30 p.m., Lane 201
19 FSU Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m., Pealer Recital Hall, PAC. Directed by Philip Klickman, the performance will feature music of Henry Fillmore, Philip Sparke, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Eric Whitacre. Also featured in the program will be “Pastime: A Salute to Baseball” by Jack Stamp, and a suite of music from “Carmina Burana” by Carl Orff. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for students, with children younger than 17 admitted free. Info: x4109.
Music

Czech Pianist Radoslav Kvapil to Perform

FSU's Music Department, in conjunction with the Ambassador Series of Cumberland, will present a solo performance of Czech music by world-renowned Czech pianist Radoslav Kvapil on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. in the FSU Performing Arts Center's Pealer Recital Hall.

Kvapil was born in Brno, Moravia, and was taught from the age of 6 by Dr. Ludvik Kundera, Leos Janacek's closest disciple and student. In 1999, Kvapil founded the International Dvorak Society, which has organized a number of concert series, including the Vysocina Music Festival, Noonday Concerts for Seniors and The American Spring Festival. The latter is the largest-running project of Czech-American cultural cooperation currently taking place in the Czech Republic. Kvapil's visit to Western Maryland is in advance of his performance at the Kennedy Center for National Czech Day on Oct. 28.

Admission is $10 at the door, cash only. For information, contact Dr. Joan Deleeve Dixon at x4115 or joandevee2@aol.com.

Lunch in the Loft Presents Lijie

Los Angeles-based musician Lijie will perform as part of FSU's Lunch in The Loft Music Series sponsored by the University Programming Council on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. in the Drezinski Lounge/Loft in the Lane University Center.

Lijie moved to the United States from China at age 5 with her parents, who imagined her leading a traditional Asian/American lifestyle of getting good grades, learning to play classical piano and proceeding to college to become anything other than a musician. But Lijie's plans were different from her parent's right from the beginning. Her never-fail habit of falling hard and fast in love became the impetus for her music. Lijie states that "music is my life experience." After completing college, Lijie moved to L.A. and waited tables for two years while she developed her first album, "Roam."

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

Entertainment

UPC Presents Comedian Rebecca Corry

Comedian Rebecca Corry will perform as part of FSU's Comedy Series sponsored by the University Programming Council on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9 p.m. in the Manicur Assembly Hall in the Lane University Center.

Corry says her career in comedy began "when I came out of my mother's womb thinking, 'What is this, some kind of joke?"? After an 11-month run in the Chicago production of 'Tony and Tina's Wedding' as the pregnant maid of honor, Corry moved to Los Angeles, where, following her arrival, she appeared at the HBO workplace in her first one-woman show, "Have You Ever Been Called a Dwarf?" Corry beat out thousands of comics to become a finalist on "Last Comic Standing" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

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Visual Art

‘Local Landscape’ Juried Exhibition at AAC

The Juried Local Landscape Art Exhibition will be on display through Oct. 18 in the Saville Gallery in Cumberland. The theme is the artist's interpretation of the term "Local Landscape." Shirley Girrarra is the juror for the exhibit. The exhibit is sponsored by the FSU Art Club, the Allegany Arts Council and Kappa Pi. There will be a $100 award for the best reception on Oct. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For information, call Jackie Brown at x4319 or jbrown@frostburg.edu.

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Susan Dodge, lecturer in art at FSU, was the juror for the exhibit. The opening will be on Oct. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m., and there will be a $100 award for the winner in each category. Categories include best in show, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, illustration, jewelry and best student work.

For information, contact Patti Graham at x7977 during normal business hours, or Dustin Davis at (301) 722-6397 after business hours.

Poli Sci to Present Election Panel Discussion

FSU's Political Science Department will hold a panel discussion about the 2008 election on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center Room 201. The event is being sponsored by the Political Science Department, the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs, the International Relations Club and the Politics, Law and Society Club.

Dr. Steve Hartlaub will moderate the panel. The event will include Dr. Peggy Dalton, who will compare the energy policies of McCain and Obama; Dr. David Lewis, who will talk about the 2008 election and the U.S. Supreme Court; Dr. Steve Simpson, who will discuss the hazards of polling in the 2008 elections and Dr. Steve Twing, whose topic will be "McCain vs. Obama Foreign Policy: What's the Difference?"

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call the Political Science Department at x4386.

AST Lecture: ‘Ongoing Genocide in Darfur’

John Prendergast, co-chair of the ENOUGH Project, will speak about "The Ongoing Genocide in Darfur" on Thursday, Oct. 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Lane University Center 201.

Prendergast has written a number of books, including a recent co-authored work with "Hotel Rwanda" actor Don Cheadle. "Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond." He served as the Director of African Affairs at the National Security Council in President Clinton's administration and has been interviewed numerous times by major news networks including CBS’ "60 Minutes."

The presentation is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Potomac State College and African American Studies Program.

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

Motivational Speaker Petrocelli to Speak

Bobby Petrocelli will return to FSU to present his motivational speech, "Discover the Power of One Decision," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall. The event is being sponsored by the S.A.F.E. office and the BURG Peer Education Network.

Petrocelli has travelled the county sharing his inspirational message and life experiences to motivate and empower crowds all over the United States. The title of his speech comes from his belief that each life’s choice impacts our future. This presentation provides insight into responsible decision making. The better prepared our foundation is, the greater our chance is for success, significance and fulfillment.

This will be Petrocelli’s 12th appearance at FSU. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call the S.A.F.E. office at x7955.

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PeopleSoft PAWS/HRSA 9.0 Returns This Week

The new and improved PeopleSoft PAWS/HRSA system will be available to the staff on Monday, Oct. 13, and to faculty and students on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Note: Faculty will be able to access the new PeopleSoft PAWS/HRSA system on Wednesday, Oct. 15, not Monday, Oct. 13, as previously stated. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Campus to Community Grant Applications

The Gira Campus to Community Grant has sent by e-mail an Invitation for Grant Applications for spring 2009 projects. 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 includes an application and criteria for grant awards, was e-mailed recently. 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. For information, contact Dave Fell, Gira Campus to Community Grant, at FR 110, x4218 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Planning to Graduate in December?

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

• 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 commencement information.

• The first Commencement mailing is scheduled for early 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 Britnii Teter at x4423 or bkteter@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 Hagers- town: Students who may be interested in continuing their graduate studies through FSU should plan to attend an Open House and Advising Seminar on Oct. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the USM Hagerstown, at 32 W. Washington Street. (For details, visit www.frostburg.edu/ graduate). 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 stu- dents entering the MBA Program complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admis- sions 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 www.gmac.com/gmac. GRE and Praxis are both administered at the FSU testing center.

Open GA Positions for Spring 2009

Applications for GA positions for spring are due Oct. 15. You can get an application at the Office of Graduate Services or online at www.frostburg.edu/ grad.

Graduation Exceptions: Deadlines For December

Are you planning a December 2009 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 Oct. 16 for the October meeting, or 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.

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 bbluebaugh@frostburg.edu. Applications can be picked up at Frampton 203-3.

Get Involved

Debate Watch

The Communication Studies Club and Leadership Studies Minor will sponsor a DebateWatch open to the campus community on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 9 p.m. on the second floor of the Lane University Center in the television lounge area. The informal gathering will bring students and faculty together to watch the final presidential debate and discuss what they learned. DebateWatch is a nonpartisan educational program of the Commission on Presidential Debates. For more information, contact OMST Club President Christine Yurko at clyurko@frostburg.edu or Dr. Eleisha Ruminski, assistant professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of the Leadership Studies Minor, at eruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480.

V-Day Committee at FSU

V-Day is a global movement to stop sexual violence against women and girls. Come join us at the Braddock House for our meeting Monday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. V-Day is a SPIRIT. We believe women should spend their lives creating and thriving rather than surviving and recovering from terrible events - especially here on our own FSU campus!! Like to know more? Contact Dawn Lucas at Dluca0@frostburg.edu

Learn Meditation, Contemplative Prayer

If you are interested in learning to practice various Christian meditation or contemplative prayer methods in small groups, please contact Dr. Cindy Zrillott, Protestant chaplain at x7490 or...
C.zirlott@frostburg.edu. She would like to know your experience level and possible times that would fit your schedule. This group experience is open to students, faculty, and staff.

Christian meditation as a practice is rooted in the Hebrew scriptures and early church in practice. The Christian scriptures mentions “meditate” or “meditation” over 20 times and implies its practice even more. The psalm says, “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord.” As a practice it is also good for overall wholeness, health and Shalom. Interested in more discussion and practice? Call this week.

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Looking for Money to Pay For Study Abroad?

Applications for study abroad scholarships are available at the OE Office located in the Fuller House. The application deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 15 for students who have been approved to study abroad during the intersession and spring ‘09 semesters. Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to $1,000. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Grad Student Study Abroad Opportunity

The Fulbright Scholarship Program will accept applications until Oct. 20. Students have a few more weeks to apply for one of approximately 1,500 grants to over 140 countries. This federally sponsored program provides students the opportunity to study, conduct research and teach in other countries. For more details, visit the Fulbright Scholarship Program Web site at www.us.fulbrightonline.org or contact the Center for International Education: x4714. Don’t delay! Deadline for summer and fall ‘09 applications is Feb. 27.

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3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files “The Case of the Great Space Exploration”


3:30 & 7:30 p.m. Earth Revealed: “Volcanism”

5 & 8 p.m. African American Studies Guest Lecturer: Dr. Jeroome Miller

Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. President Gibraltar’s Fall Convocation Address

4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Student Government Association Meeting

Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Learning Math: Patterns, Functions & Algebra: “Solving Equations”
Keeping Warm While Being Safe from Fire

The cold weather is just down the road and heading straight for us. Here are a few fire prevention tips for us to use before you turn the furnace on or put wood in the fireplace or pellets in the wood burner:

- Test your smoke DETECTOR!
- Have the fireplace or wood burner CHIMNEY cleaned!
- Do not STORE WOOD too CLOSE to the fireplace or wood burner!
- Have your natural gas or oil FURNACE cleaned!
- Inspect your KEROSENE HEATER for damage and missing parts!
- Have an APPROVED storage CAN for your kerosene!
- Locate a SAFE area OUTSIDE for your kerosene STORAGE!
- INSPECT the WIRING on your ELECTRIC HEATER!
- Confirm the THERMOSTAT CONTROL is working properly!
- Test the CUT-OFF SWITCH functions.
- Follow the manufacturer’s installation and maintenance instructions on all equipment.
- Have a SAFE and CLEAR EVACUATION PLAN to the outside from all floors!

Keeping warm and comfortable is what we desire during the cold season. Accomplishing it safely is a commitment we all must make.