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FSU to Present Cas Taylor with Honorary Doctorate

FSU, in recognition for his service to the State of Maryland, Western Maryland and the University, will present Casper R. Taylor Jr., Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, with the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters at the University's Spring Commencement Saturday, May 27.



Cas Taylor

"Cas' contributions to the state and to Western Maryland are legendary and well-documented," said FSU President Catherine R. Gira. "The press, including the Sun and the Washington Post, have lauded him as the most inspired and inspiring of Maryland's political leaders – a true visionary."

Taylor has been an advocate for FSU numerous times over the years, playing a vital role in enhancing the University. He backed to change to university status and the building of the Performing Arts Center. He helped make it possible for the Washington Redskins to move the team's summer practice camp to FSU, boosting not only FSU's revenue and image, but those of the community as well. He has provided vocal and vigorous support for the new Appalachian Laboratory and what will be the Compton Science Center. In ways large and small, he has called positive attention to the institution.

Taylor has served as Speaker of the House since 1994 and has marked his 25th anniversary in the House of Delegates. He serves a co-chair of the Legislative Policy Committee and is a member of the Spending Affordability Committee and Joint Committee on Maryland Port.

He has long championed economic development in Allegany County and has played an instrumental role in bringing jobs to the area. He secured funding for the Canal Place Historic Preservation District, which is making the area along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Cumberland into an attraction that will celebrate the region's transportation heritage with museums and a waterfront park.

After 15 years of effort, Speaker Taylor realized the culmination of a dream as final funding was secured to begin construction of the \$54 million Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort, thus transforming Western Maryland into a premier tourist destination.

The Allegany County native has received numerous honors recognizing his efforts on behalf of business, including the Maryland Chamber of Commerce's Public Affairs Award and being named the Nation's Outstanding Legislator by the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

The degree will be presented at the 2:30 p.m. commencement ceremony.

Wind Ensemble to Perform May 14

The FSU wind ensemble under the direction of Noel T. Kunkle will perform a concert of standard and contemporary band literature Sunday, May 14, at 3 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

Featured euphonium soloist will be Dr. Neal Corwell. Dr. Corwell is a 1981 graduate of Frostburg State. He received his DMA in performance and pedagogy from the University of Maryland. He was also a member of "Pershing's Own" U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C. for nine years. He is now a freelance composer and soloist/clinician. Corwell has appeared in Europe, Asia and Japan. Dr. Corwell's appearance is partially sponsored by DEG music products Inc., the U.S. distributors of Willson euphonium and tubas.

The bands repertoire will include "Emperata Overture" by Claude T. Smith, "A Movement for Rosa" by Mark Camphouse, "Fantasia for Euphonium and Band" by Gordan Jacob, "Carnival of Venice" by Herbert L. Clarke, "Amazing Grace" by Frank Tichelli, "Festive Overture, Opus 96" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "American Faces" by David R. Holsinger and "Black Horse Troop" by John Philip Sousa.

Commencement Info on FSU Web Site

The commencement Web site has been significantly expanded to provide

as many details as possible about this very important milestone event. Information available is as varied as procedures regarding transcripts and diplomas, an overview of the ceremony, graduates' seating plans, a floor plan of the Cordts Center, and a listing of offices to contact for questions and concerns. There is also a rotation schedule for the Colleges through 2004 to indicate morning or afternoon ceremonies to assist in advance planning. Commencement dates are posted as soon as they are available. A similar site has also been developed for the Hagerstown Center Commencement.

To reach the site, simply go to the University's main page (<http://www.frostburg.edu>), click on "News and Events," then select Commencement, and navigate from the main site.

If there are any questions, please contact Jim Limbaugh, Director of Special Academic Services, x4489 or e-mail jlimbaugh@frostburg.edu.

Info Session on Master in Special Ed Degree Set

The Department of Educational Professions will hold an informational session on Monday, May 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Leake Room in the Cordts Center for persons interested in the proposed new Master of Education in Special Education degree.

The proposed degree is now in the process of university and state approval and is designed for certified teachers or candidates who are eligible for special education positions. The area of concentration is Special Education Teachers of Students with Disabilities in Individualized General Education Programs.

This 39-42-credit program is intended to lead to certification as a generic special educator of students with mild/moderate disabilities at the Elementary/Middle (K-8) or Secondary/Adult (6-12) levels.

Applicants to this program must hold or be eligible for certification as a public school teacher.



Portfolio Night Shows Off Graphic Design Works

The Department of Visual Arts will host its annual "Portfolio Night," an evening of presentations and activities for individuals interested in graphic design and the BFA degree, Friday, May 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Fine Arts Gallery on campus.

Senior graphic design BFA majors will be on hand to present their professional portfolios and talk to interested individuals. Viewers will have a unique opportunity to review graphic arts pieces created for class projects, as well as pieces actually printed for special events.

Preceding the opening, a special information session will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Roper Gallery for students interested in pursuing a BFA degree at FSU. Facts about the graphic design focus, the BFA program, at education certification, admissions criteria and financial aid will be available.

Portfolio Night and the educational session are free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be served. For further information, contact the Department of Visual Arts at x4797 or Dustin Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu.

Senior Solo Exhibition "Anthropology of Male"

"Anthropology of Male," an exhibition of artwork by FSU senior Cindy Weisenmiller, will be on view at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building through May 10.

The exhibition consists of three-dimensional assemblages, welded steel and fiber sculptures. Also included is a series of black and white photographs focusing on the objectification of the male form.

"Anthropology of Male" is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

More Senior Economics Projects to Be Presented

Senior FSU Economics Students will be presenting their senior seminar projects during the first two weeks of May. The public is welcome to attend. All presentations will take place in Old Main 205, from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. Anyone coming to campus for a seminar, and in need of a parking pass, can get one from Peggy Dalton (x4418). The schedule of Seminar Project Presentations is shown below.

Tuesday, May 9:

Factors Affecting Teen Pregnancy Rates: An Empirical Study — Karen Kuhns

Oil Prices and Inflation: How Strong is the Relationship? — Jerry Carr

Real Wages and Expansions: What Gives the Boost? — Meaghan Duetsch

Thursday, May 11:

Factors Influencing Crime Rates: An Empirical Study — Scott Richter

Can Natural Disasters Actually Be Good For An Economy? — Brad Turner

Population and Economic Growth: An Empirical Comparison — Richie Juergensen

Tuesday, May 16:

What Would Have Happened if the Monetary Rule Was Used in the 1970s — Bob King

Does Specific Party Legislation Affect Poverty Rates? — Rick Medvitz

Students have conducted research, interviews, and empirical analysis in studying their topics. Anyone unable to attend can request a copy of the research paper by calling Peggy Dalton at x4418.

Study Abroad Opportunities

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. For information on any of the programs or scholarships that may be available, check with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x3091 or e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu.

• National Scholarships to study overseas

Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship from the Fulbright Foundation, NSEP (National Security Education Program), or the Rotary Foundation, should contact the CIE for application information. All three scholarships provide comprehensive funding for students who want to study overseas before or after graduation. These are prestigious national scholarships with high cash awards. For further information about Fulbright scholarships, please contact Dr. John Neral, x4265. For all other scholarships, please contact Amy Simes at the CIE.

• Go Down Under for a semester or summer

FSU is now affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities for students to study at a variety of universities in Australia. AustraLearn arranges

cheap flights, a weeklong orientation program, pre-registration, and transcript evaluation. Students may choose from a variety of Australian and New Zealand universities, all offering a broad range of course offerings at campuses set in beautiful and exotic surroundings.

• Spend next spring in Ireland!

Students interested in studying in Ireland next spring (2001) at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick (western Ireland) should turn in application forms to the CIE as soon as possible. There may be one or two spots left for next spring. Students pay FSU tuition and are able to take all financial aid with them. An FSU faculty member accompanies the group. Students take one FSU class and three Mary I classes. Next spring Fred Surgent will accompany the students and will teach classes in human sexuality, nutrition and sports psychology.

• Football, Shopping, Pubs & Clubs, History and Culture in the UK

Students interested in studying at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, during the spring semester 2001 should contact the CIE for an application form. Newcastle is one of the liveliest cities in the UK, just across the Channel from Amsterdam, and three hours north of London (one hour south of Edinburgh) by train. Course offerings are available in a wide variety of subjects. The cost of the program is the same as one semester (in-state) at FSU.

• Culture Shock is a Good Thing

FSU affiliates with both the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). Both organizations offer study abroad locations in hundreds of universities around the world for all majors. If you are an adventurous student looking for an exciting and unique experience overseas, and you would like to enhance your job resume, this may be the program for you. You may register at FSU and use your financial aid for all programs.

• Work/Volunteer Overseas - Enhance your resume!

Students interested in working abroad should come by the CIE for information about internships, volunteer organizations and paid work overseas.

Many organizations help students obtain jobs and work permits, and some help to arrange housing as well. Students can choose from short experiences (1-2 months) to longer experiences (4-12 months), or even look into a more serious commitment (1-3 years). Destinations are available throughout the world.



Victory in Europe Marked in Library Display

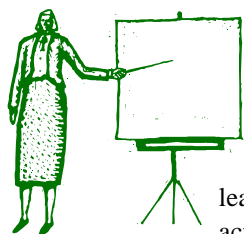
The displays on the Library's third floor this month are highlighting Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945. With a combined effort, the Allied forces were victorious. The display imitates a recruiting station with a request to "Check out the display cases."

Thank you to Mark de Jong for the concept and coordination of the layout, the Frostburg Museum for the uniforms, the Allegany County Recruiting Station for the posters, Mary Danaher Lutz for the scrapbook, and MaryJo Price for the desk, chair, and boots. Other items in the display come from the Library's collections.

Please stop by the Library and celebrate Victory in Europe.

Freshman Project Showcase Monday Night

Don't forget: Tonight is the Freshman Project Showcase. Come and support the efforts of 35 freshman students who will be presenting the results of their interdisciplinary learning and research activities.



The efforts of three project classes will be displayed at 7 p.m. in the Lane Center, Room 201. Presentations will begin at 7:20 p.m.

Five Inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta

Five students were inducted to Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honorary, on Sunday, April 30. Inducted were Angela Taylor, LaVale; Adrienne Snyder, Jessup; Deborah Judd, Hagerstown; C. Leigh Fox, Hagerstown; and Jeremy Tooley, Hagerstown. Advisors to AKD are Dr. Anthony E. Crosby, Jr., and Dr. Robert Selby, either of whom may be contacted about the organization at x4368.

Studio Theatre Dedicated in Honor of Perry Smith

In recognition of F. Perry Smith Jr.'s years of friendship and advice to FSU, the University dedicated the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre in the Performing Arts Center Saturday, May 6.

"The dedication of the theater to Perry Smith honors an individual who was not only a good friend and advisor to FSU, but also a philanthropist," said Dr. Gary Horowitz, FSU's vice president of University Advancement. "We miss his perspective on University events and

needs. He was a wonderful, wonderful human being."

Smith, who died in 1998, served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State Universities and Colleges and a member of the FSU Board of Visitors. He was former owner and operator of Cumberland Box and Mill Co. Inc. and of Pergin Farm in Garrett County. He served as mayor of Cumberland from 1974 to 1978.



Test Your Leadership Skills

Are you ready to put your leadership skills to the test?

FSU's Center for Service and Leadership is currently recruiting Site Coordinators for the 2000-

2001 academic year.

Are you looking for quality, hands-on, resumé-worthy experience?

Are you creative, committed, and seeking change?

Could you use additional funds to pay for school, or to pay back those tiresome student loans?

Call the CSL office today at x4708 for information in becoming one of 10 Site Coordinators for the Allegany and Garrett County Communities. Call today! Interviews begin soon!

Remove Your Incompletes

The last day for removal of incomplete grades for graduate students for Fall 1999/Interession 2000 semesters is Tuesday, May 16.

Instructors may contact Marcy in the Registrar's Office at 4347 if they have questions or need "Change of Grade" forms.

Also, the last day to submit "Course Withdrawal After the "W" Period" forms for the Spring 2000 semester is Tuesday, May 16.

Cultural Events Series Student Production Team

The FSU Culture Events Series produces a yearlong program of artistic events featuring internationally acclaimed artists performing classical music, jazz, theater, contemporary and classical dance. These events are produced with support from the CES Student Production Team. Membership is selective and the openings are limited, but those students selected will gain professional experience in all aspects of event production. Program graduates have moved on to professional positions in the arts and special events industry. The workload varies between five and 20

hours a week, based on the CES production schedule. The pay is great, and academic credit is a possibility – but the career experience is even better!

Openings for this year's Production Team include:

Artist Hospitality and Guest Relations: Coordinate the "care and feeding" of both artists and stage crew during the day of the show. Prep dressing rooms, fulfill catering requirements and supervise artist relations. Experience in catering or general hospitality field preferred. Coordinator and two Assistant Coordinator positions vacant.

Technical Services: Coordinate technical services for all series events; negotiate sound/light/stage contract requirements and manage day of show production schedule. Experience of any form of technical/audio visual production or theater is required. One assistant Coordinator position vacant.

Box Office Management: Provides support for series ticket sales and patron services, including weekday sales relief and day of show ticket sales. Will also provide general support for marketing and advertising functions as needed. Experience in retail sales, cash handling or general accounting required. One support position vacant.

Marketing and Advertising: provides general support in implementing the series marketing plan. Develop e-mail newsletter and implement new multimedia advertising campaigns. Computer literacy and experience with e-mail systems required. One position vacant.

Position Requirements: Up to the challenge? Energy, enthusiasm, commitment and the ability to work within a team environment are a must! Direct inquiries to Bill Mandicott, CES Advisory Board, Lane Center room 236, x4151, or e-mail wmandicott@frostburg.edu. The selection process begins immediately until positions filled.

Special for Seniors

Send-off at Gandalfs

The FSU Foundation Inc. and the Office of Annual Giving would like to cordially invite all graduating seniors to the First Annual Senior Send-off at Gandalf's, 16 W Main Street in Frostburg on Thursday, May 25, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free with your SeniorPass. Food and beverages, door prizes and gifts provided.



How to get your SeniorPass

Your SeniorPass can be picked up by dropping off your completed Senior Survey (received in the mail) at the Lane Center information desk from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Get free popcorn

Drop off your completed survey this week and when you pick up your SeniorPass receive a free bag of popcorn. For more information contact Chris Harmon, Director of Annual Giving, x4758

Open Mic Night

Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, will sponsor an Open Mic night on Monday, May 15, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Lane Center MUR.

Bring your poetry, music, short stories and your friends. For more information, contact Krista Spiker at x7788.

Budget Deadline Nears for FSUF Accounts

FSU Foundation account directors are reminded to submit tentative budget requests for the fiscal year 2001.

The deadline is May 15. If you need a budget form, check the FSU web site at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/forms.htm> or call Alicia White at x4752.

**Sign Up for Stafford, Perkins Loan Exits**

The Financial Aid Office will be conducting student loan exit interviews this month for all graduating seniors who borrowed under the Stafford and/or Perkins Loan program as an FSU student. The exit interviews are mandatory and will last approximately 30 minutes. Students who borrowed under both programs must attend an exit interview for each loan.

The Perkins loan exit interviews will be held on Monday, May 15, in the Lane Center, room 202. Stafford loan exit interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, May 23rd in the Lane Center, 140-141 (back of the multi-use room). Multiple sessions will be offered on each of the interview dates. Letters will be sent to all graduating borrowers informing them of the times to choose from. No RSVP is required. Students may choose the interview session(s) most convenient to their schedule.

Students should call the Financial Aid Office at x4301 with any questions or concerns.

Discussion to View Many Faces of Puerto Rico

Four sophomores in the University's Honors Program (Carrie Flanagan, Andra Parker, Christine Petro, and, Jessica

Walbert) will facilitate a discussion of contemporary Puerto Rico on Tuesday May 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Honors Program/ International Education Lounge. The lounge is in the basement of 19 Braddock Road.

Light "island" refreshments will be provided. The students attended recently the annual meeting of the North East Region of the National Collegiate Honors Council in San Juan.

This program is sponsored by the President's Advisory Council on Diversity and the University's Honors Program.

Department of Social Work Sets Info Session

The Department of Social Work will hold an information session Friday, May 12, noon to 2 p.m., for persons interested in a career in social work. The meeting will include information on the curriculum requirements of the social work program at FSU.

The session will be at the Department of Social Work Offices in room 029, Guild Center.

The session is designed for people who want to learn more about the social work profession and FSU's undergraduate social work program. For those who intend to apply to the FSU program, the session serves as orientation to the major and provide details about admissions criteria, course requirements, curriculum planning, social work licensing and continued study beyond the undergraduate level.

Those who plan to attend are asked to call the Department of Social Work at x7497 at least one day in advance.

The FSU undergraduate social work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduates are eligible to take state licensing exams at the undergraduate level and are potentially eligible to apply for advanced standing in master's degree programs in social work. Advanced standing allows students to complete their Master of Social Work degrees in less time than it would otherwise take.

For information about FSU's social work program, contact Department Chair Kathleen H. Powell, M.S.W., at x4695.

Appalachian Laboratory Seminar

"Patterns in stream ecological conditions across the mid-Atlantic states from EMAP probability survey data" will be presented by Alan T. Herlihy, of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, in the term's last Appalachian Laboratory seminar. The presentation will be at 3 p.m., Monday, May 15, in AL room 109

(IVN). For information, contact Ed Gates at (301) 689-7173.

United Campus Ministry

Pizza will be on the agenda at the weekly United Campus Ministry gathering, Wednesday, May 10, in Lewis J. Ort Library, Room 237, at 7:30 p.m.

**Books Donated, Distributed to Community**

Some 38,000 books of all types have been donated to the Frostburg State University Foundation for the benefit of the A Star! AmeriCorps Read to Succeed program by the Christian Appalachian Project, a non-profit distributor. The books are valued at approximately \$380,000.

The books were then distributed to the community through the after school programs at Frost and Beall Elementary Schools and through a five-day give-away at Country Club Mall in April.

Lisa Glass reports that they hope to do another giveaway in July. This is the fifth year for the giveaway.

Call for Kings & Queens!

The deadline for Homecoming King & Queen nominations will be Friday, Sept. 15. The Student Organization Competition Registration deadline is Sept. 22. Due to the early date of Homecoming, October 5 to 8, the Office of Alumni Programs and Student Government Association are providing copies of FSU's Homecoming Student Competition Handbook. The competition booklets are available in student mailboxes and at the Lane Center Information Desk. Stop by and pick one up before summer break.

Registration will be accepted beginning fall semester. Get involved in "An All-American Homecoming 2000!" Questions concerning competitions may be directed to the SGA Office at x4304.



Student Organizations planning alumni activities or other events during Homecoming Weekend should contact the Office of Alumni Programs at x4068 before May 26 to have your event listed in the Homecoming Brochure. The brochure will be mailed to over 21,000 alumni later this summer — don't miss out on this opportunity to advertise your event!

2000-01 Speakers Bureau Publication Available

If your organization would like a speaker at an upcoming event, consult the recently published FSU 2000-01 Speakers Bureau booklet.

Compiled by University Advancement, this booklet lists the varied subjects on which FSU faculty and staff are available to speak. From sports to religion, birds to literature, philosophy to women's issues, and many more topics of interest, the University community is willing to share its expertise and enthusiasm.

For information on how your organization can obtain the Speakers Bureau booklet, contact FSU Office of News and Media Relations, x4161 or news@frostburg.edu.

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Faculty Notes

Tom Serfass, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology in the Department of Biology has been asked to serve as the North American coordinator for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources Species Survival Commission Otter Specialist Group.

At the recent Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Chattanooga, TN, (April 5-8), the following presentations were given by Biology Department faculty and graduate students:

- "Nestling Tree Swallow PCB Body Burdens and Their Effects on Reproduction and Growth" by **Amy Kutay** (with **Mark Melancon** and **David Hoffman**)
- "The Effects of Three Fungicides on

FSU EVENTS CALENDAR

Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm

MONDAY, MAY 8

Graduate Council Meeting 4:00p.m. Library 237
* Freshman Project Showcase 7:00–9:00p.m. Lane Center

TUESDAY, MAY 9

* CCM Mass noon Cook Chapel
Allen Hall Stars Graduation 6:00p.m. Lane 142

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Chairs Council 3:00p.m. Leake Room
RHA Meeting 5:00p.m. Atkinson Room
* Phi Beta Sigma Game Show 7:00p.m. Loft
* UCM Pizza Party 7:30p.m. Library 237
BSA Meeting 8:00p.m. Library 210

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Staff Senate Meeting 10:00a.m. Lane 140-141

FRIDAY, MAY 12

* Men's Baseball: ECAC Tournament (12-14)
* Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field:
Baldwin Wallace College Invitational @ Berea, OH
* Visual Arts "Portfolio Night" 7:00–8:30p.m. Roper Gallery

SATURDAY, MAY 13

* Admissions Open House Recruitment 8:30a.m. Lane Center

SUNDAY, MAY 14

* CCM Mass noon & 8:00 p.m. Cook Chapel
* Planetarium: "How the World Will End" . 1:30 & 7:00p.m. Tawes Hall

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

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Larval Survival, Growth, and Time to Metamorphosis for Wood Frog and Grey Treefrog" by **Jan Ferrigan**, **James Howard**, and **Shannon Julian**

"Metapopulation Structure and Microsatellite DNA Markers of Bog Turtles" by **Robert Goodrich** and **James Howard** (with **Tim King** and **Scott Smith**)

"Phylogeny of Seed Plants Based on All Three Genomic Compartments:

Monophyletic Gymnosperms and a Close Gnetales-Conifer Relationship" by **Michelle Bowe** (with **Gwenaële Coat** and **Claude Depamphilis**)

"Observations of Andean Teal in Southern Ecuador" by **Jeffrey Peters** and **Gwen Brewer**

"A Bog Turtle Population In Decline?- Population Characteristics" by **Stephen Dinkelacker**, **Thomas Wilson**, and **James Howard**

Take care. You are important to us.

