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## 122nd Commencement to be May 24

The 122nd commencement ceremonies of FSU will be held Saturday, May 24, in the Harold J. Cordts Center Main Arena.

Two exercises will be held during the day. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of Business and the College of Education ceremonies will start at 2 p.m. FSU President Catherine R. Gira will confer graduate and undergraduate degrees at both events.



The featured speaker this semester will be FSU alum The Honorable **W. Dennis Thomas** (Class of 1965), former Assistant to U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Student speakers at the spring commencement include **Angela D. Burns**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; **Aaron Deeb**, College of Education, and **Ian G. Iliff**, College of Business.

Burns is a wildlife and fisheries major with a minor in biology. She served as president of the FSU student chapter of the Wildlife Society. Angela has participated in several research projects, including serving as an aquaculture technician and assisting with surveys for river otters in Pennsylvania.

According to his faculty nominator, Deeb, an elementary/middle school education major, is "an extremely dedicated and professional student, whose positive attitude and work ethic have been a model for his peers." Aaron has brought his specialty in language arts to the classroom by generating lesson plans and developing related activities for grades 3 through 8.

Iliff will graduate with a degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and a minor in economics. A member of FSU's Finance Club, Ian held an internship with *German Life* magazine, a local travel publication, as an advertising representative.

For more information about commencement, log on to the FSU Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm).

## Tootoonchi, Edwards, O'Rorke to be Honored



**Tootoonchi**

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**Edwards**

implications for the diagnosis, treatment and education of children and adolescents, and he has achieved a national reputation as an expert on

FSU will present three professors with Faculty Achievement Awards during this year's University Honors Convocation: **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, Department of Business Management, for teaching; **Dr. Jason H. Edwards**, Department of Psychology, for academic accomplishment; and **Dr. John J. O'Rorke**, Department of Political Science, for University/Community Service.

The excellent teaching of Dr. Tootoonchi is recognized widely by both students and faculty. Students benefit from his abundant knowledge and his informative and innovative teaching styles and also have great respect for him, which emanates from the consideration and courtesy he gives them. Since he joined the university in 1989, Dr. Tootoonchi has been recognized by the College of Business for being an outstanding teacher, and he is one of only two faculty members since 1983 to have received the Foundation Award twice in the same category.

Since coming to FSU in 1997, Dr. Edwards has published 10 articles in refereed journals in the area of psychotherapeutic treatment of children and adolescents. His findings have had clear



**O'Rorke**

*The Office of the Provost cordially invites you to join the FSU community in celebration of academic excellence*

**THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION**

Friday, May 23, 2003  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall  
Performing Arts Center

Reception following in PAC Lobby

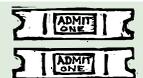
*Please join us to recognize the recipients of the*

*Faculty Achievement Awards  
Graduate Program Honors  
Undergraduate Departmental Honors  
Honors in General Education*

numerous childhood psychological disorders including attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

For over a decade, Dr. O'Rorke's commitment and vigilance in matters of governance have had a tremendous, positive impact on the lives of other faculty. In the four years he served as Chair of Faculty Senate, Dr. O'Rorke demonstrated his dedication to ensuring that faculty had a voice in shared governance. He has worked tirelessly to see that those committee members entrusted with specific tasks completed them while continuing to update faculty on changes and important issues as they occurred.

## Entertainment



## Senior Send-off

FSU Foundation, Inc., FSU Alumni Association & the Office of Annual Giving cordially invite graduating seniors to the Sixth Annual Senior Send-off at Gandalf's, 20 E. Main St., on Thursday, May 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Admission is only \$1 with your FSU Senior Survey and \$1 towards your senior class gift (graduating seniors will receive an invitation and the senior survey in the mail next week).

Food and beverage will be provided. There will be trivia games, gifts, prizes and fun. RSVP to x4758 or [fsudevelopment@frostburg.edu](mailto:fsudevelopment@frostburg.edu) by Tuesday, May 20.

## Sail Pittsburgh with the Alumni

Come sail with the FSU Alumni Association in Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The trip includes a day cruise and lunch. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3 to 12. RSVP by May 16 by e-mailing [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or calling x4068.



## Take Note

### \$140,000 Unrestricted Goal Met by Annual Fund

The 2002-2003 FSU Annual Fund Campaign has reached its initial goal of \$140,000 in gifts and payments of pledges, according to Chris Harmon, director of annual giving. The 2003 fiscal year was a very ambitious campaign that had to overcome many obstacles due to the aftermath of 9/11 and the Iraq War. The Annual Fund



Campaign is a targeted appeal beginning in early fall directed to alumni, parents, businesses, faculty, staff and friends for unrestricted support of FSU. Major efforts include direct mail, two aggressive phonathon campaigns, parents' campaign, faculty-staff campaign and the Senior Appeal.

Contacts were made to over 19,000 constituents, which resulted in over 2,800 pledges and gifts. A special campaign was developed to allow contributors of \$1,000 or more to have a named unrestricted scholarship to incoming freshman. This first-year effort has generated 18 new named Annual Fund Scholarships.

Proceeds for the Annual Fund are used to support a variety of FSU programs including the Alumni Association; scholarships; faculty/staff/alumni Achievement Awards; faculty, staff and student development; student leadership programs; student work programs; Homecoming; reunions; and the Golden Anniversary Program.

### Special Education Institute Planned

A summer institute dealing with current issues in special education will be held at FSU during the week of June 23 to 27. The institute is free of charge and open to area teachers and the general public.

Events include a workshop conducted by Dr. Richard Villa from San Marcos, Calif., dealing with instructional strategies designed to promote success for students of all ages with learning difficulties; workshops on instructional and communication assistance for individuals with autism, including a teleconference with Dr. Temple Grandin, an expert in the subject; a presentation by the lead educational consultant for the brain trauma unit of Walter Reed Army Hospital; assistive technology and adapted physical education forums and panel discussions featuring college instructors.

Three hours of graduate credit in special education will also be available to those interested by registering for SPED 691. For more details, contact Dr. Oma Gail Simmons at x4432 or osimmons@frostburg.edu.

### Have an Interesting Part-Time Job?

The Office of News and Media Services is looking for current students with interesting summer or part-time jobs for a package of feature stories planned for the next issue of Profile Magazine, the alumni publication. If you (or anyone you know) has worked as a grave digger, stand-up comic, chicken plucker, pearl diver or any number of off-the-beaten-path jobs to put yourself through college – and you would like to share your story, drop us an e-mail at [tdemartino@frostburg.edu](mailto:tdemartino@frostburg.edu) or call us at x4161.

### Athletics



#### FSU Athletics Golf Tournament

The annual FSU Athletics Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 7, at the Maplehurst Country Club, Frostburg. Registration begins at noon. A buffet dinner will be served after the tournament. Hole sponsorships are available. The entry fee is \$75 per golfer. Silent auction contributions are also being sought. Please contact the athletic department at x4455 for information or to register.

#### FSU Volleyball School

FSU will host the second annual Volleyball School for two consecutive weeks, July 27-31 and Aug. 3-7. The first session will accommodate both individual players and entire high school teams. The second session will be a team camp only.

Registration forms and printable brochure are available online at the following link: <http://sports.frostburg.edu/camps/vbschool.htm>. Pricing is structured for both residential and commuter campers. For more information, call Jeff Billington at x7014.

#### Appalachian Laboratory Golf Tournament

On June 23, the Appalachian Laboratory will celebrate its students by hosting its first Golf Tournament. This fund raiser will benefit graduate student research at the lab. The tournament will be a Scratch Play, 18 Hole, Scramble, 4-Person Team, and will take place on Maryland's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, located at Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort. Registration deadline is June 9.

For complete details about the tournament or to register online, visit the tournament Web site at: <http://www.al.umces.edu/golftournament>.

#### Dance/Swim Camps Planned for Summer

FSU is planning to host three Dance and Swim Camps for Kids and Teens this summer. Dates will be announced later.

The camp includes modern dance instruction and swimming. Dr. Barry

Fischer of FSU's Department of Dance will teach, with the assistance of FSU Dance Company members Amy Gordon and Susan Manger.

The previously scheduled Frostburg Summer Dance Retreat has been cancelled.

For more information and enrollment forms, contact Fischer at x4730.

### Points of Pride



English professor **Dr. Barbara Hurd** has been awarded a second year of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship from the University System of Maryland, which will allow her time to work on the third book in her series of environmental essays.

The first \$80,000 Elkins Professorship allowed Hurd more time to complete the research, writing and revision of her second collection of essays, *Entering the Stone: On Caves and Feeling Through the Dark*. The second \$75,000 award will allow her to research and write essays for her third collection, tentatively titled *The Wrack Line*, named for the line of debris left on a beach after the tide goes out.

As a requirement of the Elkins award, Hurd will present three lectures at FSU during the coming year. The first is scheduled for Sept. 9.

*Entering the Stone* will be published by Houghton Mifflin Co. in August.

On May 14, **Shivaji Prasad** (Geography) and **Keith Klemm** (an undergraduate student in Geography) participated in Appalachian Remote Sensing Conference at West Virginia University in Morgantown. There, Prasad presented a research paper titled "Relative Efficiency of Adaptive Filters in Suppressing and Preserving Sharpness of Feature Boundaries in Multi-Spectral Satellite Images." This is part of his on-going project on satellite image classification techniques for coastal waters.

**Jacquelynne McLellan** and **Bill Anderson** have had a paper accepted by the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, to be published in a forthcoming edition. The paper is entitled: "Newspaper Liberal Bias or 'Statist Quo'? The Acid (Rain)Test."

### International



#### Apply for Student Fulbright Program

The application period for the 2004-5 Fulbright US Student Program is open. Applications and catalogs are now available from the CIE. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates and developing professionals and artists to conduct career-launching study and research abroad. The program is competitive, but the financial rewards are substantial and the experience is priceless. For more information, contact

the CIE at x3091 or visit the Fulbright Web site at [http://www.iie.org/FulbrightTemplate.cfm?Section=U\\_S\\_Student\\_Program](http://www.iie.org/FulbrightTemplate.cfm?Section=U_S_Student_Program).

### Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases, students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. 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](mailto:asimes@frostburg.edu), or visit the CIE's new and improved Web page at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm) or the updated newsletter at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/newsletter.htm>

### Semester Overseas for Same Price as FSU

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) allows FSU students to register at FSU, pay FSU tuition and housing, and then study overseas for a semester, year or summer at one of more than 140 locations. Students may take financial aid with them and apply for scholarships from the CIE and from ISEP. Students may choose programs taught in English or other languages. For the price of an airline ticket, this is a great way to earn credit toward your FSU degree while enjoying life in a foreign culture. Apply now for spring 2004.

### Study in Non-traditional Locations

FSU is affiliated with the School for International Training. This enables FSU students to study through SIT in over 50 locations while remaining registered at FSU. All financial aid will transfer. SIT offers programs in Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and Austral-asia. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who would like to spend a semester, year or summer off the beaten track.

### Choose from Over 20 Locations to Study

FSU affiliates with the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), which offers study abroad programs in a variety of locations at universities around the world, including Richmond College in London. Programs are open to all majors. Study in Prague, South Africa or Japan. You may register at FSU and use your financial aid for all programs. AIFS offers scholarships to qualified students.



**Drive Safely Today  
so You Can  
Return Tomorrow**

## Safety Message

### BuckleUp America! Week ... May 19-26

How many of these Fairy Tales have you told?

**"I don't need a safety belt when I'm traveling at low speeds or going on a short trip."**

The truth is that all driving can be dangerous. More than 80 percent of all crashes occur at speeds less than 40 mph. And three out of four crashes causing death occur within 25 miles of home.

**"I might be saved if I'm thrown clear of the car in a crash."**

The fact is that your chances of being killed are almost 25 times greater if you're thrown from the vehicle. The forces in a collision can be enough to throw you as much as 150 feet – about 15 car lengths.

**"Our vehicle has air bags so we don't need to use our safety belts."**

The combined use of safety belts and air bags provides the best protection. Safety belts keep you correctly held in place inside the vehicle to protect you in all kinds of crashes.

**"It takes too much time and trouble to fasten my safety belt."**

In reality, fastening your safety belt may take a little time and effort—but it's worth it! In fact, buckling up takes only about 30 seconds. That much time and trouble you can live with – if you want to live.

**"When I have a shoulder belt on, I don't need to fasten my lap belt."**

During a crash, a shoulder belt keeps your head and chest from hitting the steering wheel, dashboard, and windshield. The lap belt must be fastened to prevent you from "submarining" in a crash. The combination of a lap and shoulder belt offers you the maximum amount of safety in the event of a crash.

**"If I wear a safety belt, I might be trapped in a burning or submerged car!"**

Forget about it! Less than one-half of 1 percent of all injury-producing crashes involve fire or submersion. You are better off wearing a safety belt at all times in a vehicle. With safety belts, you are more likely to be unhurt, alert, and able to escape quickly. If you are unbelted, then you might be knocked unconscious by striking the interior of your vehicle and then your chances of getting out would be far less.

**"Fairy Tales will live forever. You won't. So do all you can to live longer."**

Buckling Up is a primary law in Maryland. Drivers and front-seat passengers must be secured by seat belts, all children younger than 16 must be buckled in appropriate child safety seats or seat belts, children younger than 16 must not ride in the open bed of a pickup truck, and citations with fines are issued for these violations. Most police officers hate to spend their time looking for people who are unrestrained in vehicles. But they would rather do this than find those people dead or injured because of a motor vehicle crash. Wear your safety belt every trip, every time! For more information about traffic safety issues, call Jennifer Drees at x7692!

## FSU Events Calendar

Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at [www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm)



### MONDAY, MAY 19

- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 8 a.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Manicur, Atkinson Room, Lane 202
- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 6-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 8:00 a.m.-10:45 p.m. ... Manicur Assembly Hall, Lane 202
- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 1-10:45 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room
- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 6-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 8:00 a.m.-10:45 p.m. . Lane Manicur Assembly Hall, 202
- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 1-10:45 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room
- \* SCI Study Hall ..... 6-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

- Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.*
- \* Sixth Annual Senior Send-off ..... 3:30-5:30 p.m. .... Gandalf's, 20 E. Main St.

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

- \* Men's/Women's Outdoor Track: NCAA Division III Championships, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY
- \* Men's Baseball: NCAA World Series (through May 27) ..... TBA
- \* Honors Convocation ..... 7:30 p.m. .... PAC Pealer Recital Hall

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

- \* Champagne Brunch ..... 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. .... Lane Manicur Assembly Hall
- \* Class Ring Promotion ..... 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. .... Lane Lower Lobby
- \* Commencement ..... Cordts PEC Main Arena  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences ..... 10:00 a.m.  
College of Education & College of Business ..... 2:00 p.m.

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

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