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.

Tootoonchi, Edwards, O’Rorke to be Honored

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

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.

**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/volleyball School. 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 host a benefit golf tournament at the Maplehurst Country Club, Frostburg. The tournament will be a scramble with an entry fee of $35 per player. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, and there will be an award for the best shirt worn at the tournament. Proceeds will benefit graduate student research at Appalachian Laboratory. For more information, call Jeff Billington at x7014.

**International**

**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 Effectiveness of Adaptive Filters in Suppressing and Preserving Sharpness of Feature Boundaries in Multi-Spectral Satellite Images." This is part of his ongoing 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."

**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 OE. 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 Fulbright at x4730.

**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.
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