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CES Presents Gregory Popovich's Comedy & Pet Theatre

Put a world-famous, Russian juggler in charge of a motley collection of stray cats and dogs and the result is a charmingly unusual show. FSU's Cultural Events Series and the Cumberland Holiday Inn will present two performances of "Gregory Popovich's Comedy & Pet Theatre." The first performance will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Fort Hill High School Auditorium and benefits the capital campaign of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation's goal to build a new Animal Shelter. The second performance will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall.

Sunset Magazine heralded its "Reigning cats and dogs," after the 1999 Las Vegas debut of "Comedy & Pet Theatre" at Circus Circus. Gregory Popovich, a former member of the Moscow Circus and Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey, adopted his feline and canine cast entirely from animal shelters. Featured on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Comedy & Pet



Theatre" is half animal tricks, and half juggling, acrobatics and just plain

clowning around.

"I don't train the animals, really," says Popovich, an advocate of adopting pets from animal shelters. "I analyze them. And they trust me, and we play, and then they find a trick or two that they like to do. That's what they do on stage."

This show is presented in partnership with FSU's University Programming Council.

For tickets or more information, call the FSU Cultural Events Box Office at x3137 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-CES, or visit online at ces.frostburg.edu.

Additional packages include the Arts Getaway Packages, providing accommodations for two, selected meal options, transportation between the hotel and campus, a gift at check-in, and preferred seating for the performance.

You can also add a Dinner Show Package to your ticket purchase and transform your performance into an enchanting social event. The Dinner Show Package provides you with complimentary transportation to and from campus to any one of five participating restaurants.

Music

Trahan to Present 'Super Bowl Serenade'

Baritone Corey Trahan, a voice and opera instructor at FSU, will present "Super Bowl Serenade," a faculty recital with guests artists, on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

"Some people would probably not attend an afternoon of classical music on Super Bowl Sunday," says Trahan. "With that in mind, we have named our concert 'Super Bowl Serenade.' We promise to get everyone home in time to watch the pre-game show."

The concert will feature selections from several genres, including opera, classical, theatrical, pop and country music. In addition, the recital will offer appropriate costumes and moments of comedy.

Trahan is a native of Baton Rouge,

La., and an active performer in opera, oratorio, musical theatre, operetta and recital venues. He has soloed with the Akron, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Brazos, Monroe and Houston Master-



Corey Trahan

works symphonies. He has also served as an apprentice with the Central City, Des Moines Metro, Nevada, Amarillo and Seagle Music Colony operas. Trahan is a recipient the Challenge American Grant from The National Endowment for the Arts. He is in his first year of teaching at FSU.

Trahan will be accompanied by mezzo-soprano Kristina Driskill, who has performed with the Dallas, Amarillo and New Orleans opera companies; cellist, Dr. Ellen Grolman, associate chair of FSU's Division of Performing

Arts; and pianist Ann Baltz, from Los Angeles, founder and artistic director of OperaWorks, the nationally acclaimed performance training program.

For more information, contact the FSU Department of Music at x4109.

Art



Billy Colbert Exhibit Opens Feb. 6

The Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery will host an opening reception for Billy Colbert's exhibition "Remembering-ThingsThatNeverHappened," Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts 118. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the FSU Black Student Alliance and Iota Phi Theta.

For more information, please visit www.BillyColbert.com or call x4797. The gallery is open Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. from Sunday, Feb. 8, to Sunday, Feb. 29.

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Speakers

Appalachian Lab

On Thursday, Jan 29, Claire Welty of the Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education/Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Maryland Baltimore County will discuss "Documenting the Effects of Urban Sprawl on a Model Watershed Near Philadelphia, Pa.," the first in the spring seminar series offered by the UMCES Appalachian Lab. The talk will be at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. Refreshments will follow.



Take Note

Official Notices to be Sent in Student E-Mail

Starting in the spring 2004 semester, the University will begin using University assigned e-mail addresses to communicate official information to students. General announcements, as well as student specific notices from faculty and administrative offices will be sent to the FSU e-mail address assigned to students when they first arrived on campus instead of using the postal service and the student's local address.

The use of e-mail will increase as the new student software system (PAWS) is fully implemented. Automated financial and academic communications will be sent through PAWS to assigned e-mail addresses. Therefore, it is imperative that students check their University e-mail account on a daily basis.

Students can access e-mail from any Web browser by going to www.frostburg.edu/mail/. From here, students can read on-line instructions, sign-on as a first time user, look up e-mail username or login to the e-mail system. Students should become familiar with the system as soon as possible.

If students experience difficulty accessing their e-mail accounts, they should contact the FSU Help Desk at x7777 (301-687-7777 from off-campus).

Muth Interim Director of Hagerstown Center

Lewis F. Muth III, a university business instructor, has been named interim director of the FSU Hagerstown and Frederick centers, following the retirement of Director Dr. James W. Shaw.

Muth will direct the operations of the two FSU centers until the opening of the University System of Maryland Hagerstown Education Center in January 2005. A search is under way for a director of the new USM center.

FSU's Frederick Center will close at the end of 2004, and the FSU Hagerstown Center's operations will be incorporated into the USM Center.

In addition to managing day-to-day operations, part of Muth's role will be to facilitate the transition from the current centers. Muth, a resident of Hagerstown, will also continue as a part-time faculty

member for FSU's College of Business, for which he has taught in Hagerstown for a number of years.

FSUF Contributions in Memory of Nelson Guild

The FSU Foundation, Inc. is receiving contributions in memory of Dr. Nelson P. Guild to the further benefit of the Dr. Nelson P. Guild Endowed fund. The program supports scholarships for students in the FSU Honors Program.

Memorial gifts may be directed to: Guild Fund-FSUF, FSU Foundation, 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, MD 21532. The FSUF will notify the family of gifts.

Legislative Update

StateLines will bring you updates on the USM-related happenings in Annapolis during the legislative session.

The Maryland legislature begins its second week. Some important calendar dates are already set:

On Jan. 21, the governor sent his operating budget to the legislature. We are expecting the USM budget to remain the same as the final approved budget for last year with some additional funds for the new Hagerstown Center.

Jan. 27- the Governor will submit his capital budget.

Jan. 29- the State of the State address by Gov. Ehrlich

March 4- President Gira will give her testimony before the Senate committee on March 4 and the House committee on March 9.

Three bills that have an impact on USM have already been filed but no dates have been established to hear testimony on them.

HB 10 (introduced by Del Healy et al)- proposes a cap of 25 percent on out of state undergraduate enrollment at USM campuses. (FYI, FSU's undergraduate out of state enrollment is about 10-11 percent.)

HB 66 (Del. McMillan et.al.)- proposes a cap on tuition at or below the CPI for the previous year.

HB 96 (Del. McKee)- proposes a tuition plan which provides that a student's tuition remain the same for the four years he or she is at the university working for a degree. There are also provisions for students who require more than 4 years to get a degree and for transfer students.

Undergraduate Ed. Initiative Proposal

This spring, the steering committee of the Undergraduate Education Initiative will present its proposal for the reform of the University's undergraduate curriculum.

The proposal represents almost two years of work that included an evaluation of the current curriculum, research into national curricular trends, and collection of input from faculty. In addition to the work of the steering committee, four sub-committees prepared comprehensive reports reflecting recommendations for their design-

nated areas: The Classroom Experience; Multiculturalism, Gender, and Internationalization; Co-Curricular and Experiential Education; and Technology and Information Literacy.

The timeline for the review of the proposal is as follows:

2004: Feb. 20: The proposal is submitted to the president, the provost, the deans, and the Faculty Senate and posted on the Undergraduate Education Initiative Web site.

March: In addition to general campus review, the proposal is submitted for initial consideration by the Academic Standards Sub-Committee and the General Education/Program Assessment Sub-Committee of the Faculty Senate.

April: A faculty assembly provides opportunity for voicing of faculty opinion regarding the proposal.

May/summer: After making any appropriate revisions as a result of the faculty assembly, the UEI Steering Committee formally presents the proposal to the chair of Faculty Senate.

September-December: Faculty Senate discusses various tenets of the proposal and acts to accept, revise or reject.

2005: Fall 2005: Changes to the undergraduate curriculum, as approved, take effect.

Points of Pride



FSU's mechanical and electrical engineering programs, offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland College Park, have been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, a designation indicating that met ABET's standards and that graduates are prepared to begin professional practice or graduate study.

The unique FSU-UM programs employ an innovative use of distance learning to provide new opportunities for engineering education in a region in which this resource had previously been lacking. Students enrolled in these programs complete all course work on the FSU campus, with approximately 20 percent of the curriculum delivered from professors at the University of Maryland's acclaimed A. James Clark School of Engineering through the use of interactive video technology linking classrooms at FSU and UM. The majority of the coursework, however, including all design and laboratory courses, is taught by engineering faculty on-site at FSU.

Students receive UM degrees but are in residence at FSU for the duration of the program.

The accreditation is considered retroactive to the beginning of the program, meaning all students who have graduated from the program since the first class in May of 2001 have degrees from an accredited program, a requirement of many graduate schools, government agencies and licensing boards.

Students at FSU work closely with Dr. **Oguz Soysal** in electrical engineering and Dr. **Chandrasekhar Thamire** in mechanical engineering.

The Law Enforcement Training Network (LETN) has honored **10 University Police Officers** as part of its first-ever list of "Training Heroes." Seven of those officers ranked in the network's top 10 in the nation. The honorees were determined on the basis of the number of training courses taken and passed.

Officer **Timothy Stevens** completed 64 of the online courses, ranking fourth in the LETN top finishers.

Officers **Robert Drees**, **Kevin Fearon**, **Louis Femi**, **Lynn Lewis**, **Cynthia Powers** and **John Ralston** each completed 63 courses, rounding out the LETN top 10. Officers **T. Scott Donahue** and **Jamie Winters**, who completed 62, and Officer **Krista Livengood**, who completed 61, were also recognized.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Student Telemarketing Positions Offered

The Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving is now hiring experienced telemarketers to help with the Spring 2004 Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn extra money and gain experience in telemarketing. Candidates will be responsible for soliciting contributions from alumni, friends and parents for unrestricted gifts to the University. Ten positions are available. The positions are part-time evenings for two months (March and April), paying \$6.50 to \$8.50 per hour.

The position requires prior telemarketing experience, excellent organization and communication skills. Advanced marketing and sales skills are a must. Candidates must be available to work Sundays through Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Interested candidates must complete an application by Wednesday Feb. 4, at the University Advancement Office, Hitchins Building Room 228. For more information, call x3163.

Get Involved

Welcome/Welcome Back Coffee House

A Welcome/Welcome Back Coffee House will be Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center (next to University Police). This will be an opportunity for old and new students to meet each other and have a good time. Light refreshments will be available. Come in from the cold and enjoy the warmth of this gathering. The event is sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry and United Campus Ministry.

Volunteers

Read to Succeed and Mathletics Needs You

Read to Succeed and Mathletics are accepting applications for new tutors. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for Education and Social Work students to earn service hours.

Read to Succeed provides two hours a week of free literacy support to children in grades K-8. Mathletics is the math component of the program and is offered to students in grades K-5.

Literacy Tutoring:

FSU Ort Library - Tuesdays or Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

St. Michael's School - Tuesdays, 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Math Tutoring:

FSU Ort Library - Mondays or Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.

St. Michael's School - Thursdays, 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Route 40 Elem. - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Training workshops will be offered in mid-February. For more information, please contact Hope Cober, Read to Succeed Coordinator, at x7615.

Students Offer Free Tax Preparation Help

Free help preparing 2003 tax returns is available through the IRS-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program at FSU.

Help with basic federal and Maryland income tax returns will be offered from early February through early April by FSU's College of Business students who have been trained and approved by the IRS. Faculty members will oversee these student preparers.

The VITA program offers this assistance to taxpayers filing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 federal tax return. Volunteers will alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Appointments must be made in advance by calling Joyce Middleton, VITA site co-coordinator, at x4154. Students will work Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Framptom Hall (except for March 20 and 27). A drop-off service will also be available throughout the week.

Taxpayers arriving for an appointment should bring any tax packages mailed by the IRS and the state, Form W-2 from all employers, interest and dividend statements (Form 1099), a copy of last year's returns, if available, and any other relevant information about income and expenses. Taxpayer and dependent social security numbers and birth dates are also needed.

Athletics

Spring Intramurals

2004 Spring Semester Intramurals sign ups will be from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2

for 5v5 Basketball and Indoor Soccer.

There will be a captains meeting Feb. 2. Basketball will meet at 7 p.m.; soccer will meet at 7:15 p.m. in a classroom in the Cordts PE center to be announced later.

Seasons start Feb. 3. Forfeit fees are \$15 for each sport. The maximum team roster limit is 10 players (two varsity players per team; JV players are considered varsity).



Scholarships

Women's Studies Scholarship Offered

Women's Studies is offering a \$300 scholarship for the spring 2004 semester. This scholarship is sponsored by the Cumberland Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

The recipient must be at the sophomore, junior or senior level of study with a minor in Women's Studies. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in women's studies as shown by previous scholarship, research and/or group memberships. Applicants must also be accepted or enrolled at FSU with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.

Applications are available from Linda McCulloch in PAC 312. A brief essay should accompany the application and should detail the individual's interest in Women's Studies, scholarship/research or other activities in the area of women's issues.

Deadline is Feb. 9. Return the form and essay to Linda McCulloch in Performing Arts Center 312.



Activities for Life

For information and registration of any AFL program, contact Center Coordinator Amy Nazelrod at x7934.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 27 to Feb. 26, from 6 to 6:50 p.m., at the pool in the Cordts Physical Education Center.

This class is geared towards those who want to increase cardiovascular fitness, flexibility and body strength. It is the perfect activity for those with painful joints or other movement limitations.

Intermediate Stott Pilates Class

An Intermediate Stott Pilates class will be offered on Tuesdays, Feb. 10 to May 4 (no class March 23) from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the Cordts Physical Education Center Room 160. The fee is \$100. Participants must register in advance; some Pilates experience is beneficial. All participants must prove their own mats.

Beginner Tumbling

A Beginner Tumbling class for children ages 5 to 12 years will be offered on Tuesdays from Feb. 10 to March 16. The class, which will meet from 5 to 6 p.m., will be held in the Cordts PE Center Room 170. The class will include basic floor tumbling exercises and some work on the low balance beam. Advance registration is required.

Pre-School Tumbling

Pre-School Tumbling will be offered on Wednesdays, Feb. 4 to May 12 (No class March 24) from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays, Feb. 5 to May 13 (no class March 25), from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6 p.m. The classes will be held in the Cordts PE Center Room 170. Each class is for children 3 and 4 years old who have little or no formal tumbling training. Advance registration is required—no exceptions!

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons will be offered for children ages 5 to 12 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Feb. 9 to Feb. 25. The classes will be from 6 to 6:50 p.m. in the Cordts Physical Education Center pool.

Youth swimming instruction is separated into skill levels. Advanced swimming lessons are for those interested in learning advanced swimming skills or preparing for a swim team.

Advance registration is required.

Yoga Fitness

A Yoga Fitness class will be offered on Thursdays, Feb. 2 to May 6, from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in Cordts PE Center Room 106. There will not be class on March 25. Yoga can help your mind and body feel stronger and less stressed. It's a form of meditation that uses physical exercises and breathing techniques to develop awareness, stability and better health. Advance registration is required. Participants must supply their own mat.

Walker will answer questions about courses, costs and living in Newcastle. Application deadline for fall is mid-March. For information, call x4714 or visit the CIE Web site.

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, contact with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x4714, asimes@frostburg.edu or www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm or the newsletter at 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. 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 fall 2004.

Study in Non-Traditional Locations

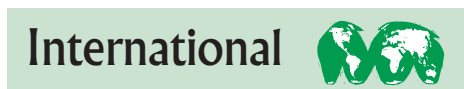
FSU is affiliated with the School for International Training. This enables FSU students to study through SIT in over 50 locations while remaining registered at FSU. All financial aid will transfer. SIT offers programs in Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and Austral-asia. This is a fantastic opportunity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

Gain Work/Volunteer Experience Overseas

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 (one to two months) to longer experiences (four to 12 months), or even look into a more serious commitment (one to three years). Destinations are available throughout the world.

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.



Summer Study Abroad - Information Meeting

Students interested in taking part in one of the many study abroad programs offered each summer should attend an information meeting at the CIE on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 4:30 p.m. Programs are available in Ecuador, Ireland, Tanzania, South Africa, the United Kingdom and many other destinations. Deadlines are in late February, early March. For information, phone x4714 or visit the CIE Web site.

Australia/New Zealand Information Meeting

Students may study abroad at over 25 universities in Australia and New Zealand through AustraLearn. Interested students are encouraged to attend an information meeting at the CIE on Monday, Feb. 2, at 4:30 p.m. Deadlines for fall programs are mid-March. For information, call x4714 or visit the CIE Web site.

Northumbria University Visit and Info Meeting

Dr. David Walker from the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, will visit FSU on Thursday, Feb. 12, to speak to students interested in the Northumbria program. The information meeting will be at 4 p.m. at the CIE.

FSU Events Calendar

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



- MONDAY, JANUARY 26**
Classes Begin
Late Registration/Drop/Add (through January 30)
* Student Ethernet Support 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**
* Student Ethernet Support 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
* Center Stage International Film, "Nico & Dani" 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**
* Student Ethernet Support 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
* UPC Poster Sale 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Lane 140-141
* Women's Basketball: LaRoche College 6:00 p.m. Home
* NAACP Movie, "Color of Fear" 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
* Men's Basketball: LaRoche College 8:00 p.m. Home
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**
* Student Ethernet Support 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
* UPC Poster Sale 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Lane 140-141
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**
Last Day to Add Classes
* Center Stage/UPC First Night Frostburg 8:00 p.m.-Midnight LUC
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**
* Men's/Women's Indoor Track: WVU-State Farm Games, Morgantown, WV Away
* Women's Basketball: Lake Erie College 2:00 p.m. Away
* Men's Basketball: Lake Erie College 4:00 p.m. Away
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
* Panhellenic Information Night 6:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
* Planetarium: "Saturn, the Mayas and Black Holes" ... 4 & 7p.m. Tawes Hall

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