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CES Presents 'DaPonte String Quartet'

The DaPonte String Quartet is coming to FSU as a part of the Cultural Events Main Stage Series. The show will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

"Doing things differently is business as usual" has become the motto of the DaPonte String Quartet. These gifted graduates of the Julliard School and the Peabody Conservatory are inheritors of a great classical chamber music tradition that has been carefully passed from generation to generation, carrying on a direct oral tradition traceable to Hayden, Mozart and Beethoven. They play the music they love, and their joy in performing makes



The DaPonte String Quartet, from left, Stéphane Tran Ngoc, Ferdinand Liva, Myles Jordan and Mark Preston.

the music, regardless of when it was written, come alive.

To purchase tickets or find out 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. Ask about FSU's Get-Away packages.

Physics Dept. Marks Einstein's Birthday

In celebration of Albert Einstein's 125th birthday, the FSU Department of Physics will host a panel discussion on the concept of time on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in 226 Compton Science Center.

Panelists will be FSU professors Dr. Greg Latta, on relativistic time and space travel; Dr. George Plitnik, on entropy as time arrow; Dr. Robert Doyle, on cosmic time and evolution; Dr. Paul LaChance, on Zen time and nothingness; Dr. James Hagen, on history and perspective in time; and Francis Tam, as moderator.

Following the discussion, birthday cake will be served. This event is free and open to the public and is funded by the Faculty Development and Sabbatical Subcommittee. For more information contact Linda Steele at x4137.

'The Dating Doctor' Making a House Call

FSU welcomes Dave Coleman, "The Dating Doctor," on Wednesday March 16, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall. The event is co-sponsored with the BURG and G.O.L.D. Leadership Program.

Coleman is the author of trend-setting relationship books, including "101 Great Dates," "Date Smart!," "Leadership's Greatest Hits" and his new release "Making Relationships Matter!" His presentations provide honest and direct advice to help make relationships matter.

For more information, contact the Lane University Center Information Desk at x4411.



Speakers

Lecture by Journalist Conover Rescheduled

FSU's Department of English and Center for Creative Writing has rescheduled the talk by acclaimed journalist Ted Conover to Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Tawes Hall room 232, after the previous event was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing, sponsored by the FSU Office of Student and Community Involvement, will follow.

Conover's most recent book, "Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing," describes his rookie year as a corrections officer inside New York's legendary Sing Sing prison. Initially banned by the New York State



Ted Conover

Department of Correctional Services, the book is still considered contraband unless several key pages have been removed. Conover, whose writings are often based on first-hand participation, contributes to the "New York Times Magazine" and other publications.

For more information, contact the Department of English at x4221 or the Center for Creative Writing at x4024.

USGS to Host Lecture on Stream Restoration

The United States Geological Survey's Frostburg Field Office will be hosting a lecture on Monday, March 14, at 4 p.m. in Compton Science Center room 226.

The topic is "A Multi-Disciplinary Study of the Effects of Stream Restoration on Nitrogen Processing in Minebank Run, Baltimore County, Maryland." The presenter will be Edward Doheny, a hydrologist with USGS in Baltimore.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact Linda Steele at x4137.



Music

Trombone Recital Set for Ides of March

Brian Plitnik will be performing a trombone recital on Tuesday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall as part of the Music Department's Faculty Artist Series.

The program will consist of: Concerto for alto trombone by Georg Christoph Wagenseil; Arrows of Time by Richard Peaslee; BEAMS! by James Mobberley; and two pieces featuring the FSU Brass

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Faculty: Quintet by Malcolm Arnold; and Dance Suite by Leonard Bernstein. Plitnik will be accompanied by pianist Hui-Ling Son.

Members of the Faculty Brass Quintet include: James Moore (FSU trumpet instructor and director of Jazz Ensembles) and Dereck Scott, trumpet; Marissa Ulmer (FSU Horn instructor), horn; and Danny Hoover, bass trombone.

Plitnik is currently the low brass instructor and director of Brass Ensembles at FSU. Plitnik also serves as adjunct faculty at West Virginia University where he is pursuing a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in trombone performance.

The program will also be presented at WVU on March 9 at 8:15 p.m. in the Bloch Learning and Performance Hall.

CES Presents Latin Jazz Ensemble April 1

FSU Cultural Events Series presents Hilton Ruiz and Dave Valentin Latin Jazz Ensemble on Friday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pealer Recital Hall.

The Ruiz/Valentin Jazz Ensemble delivers a sizzling combination of Latin jazz, progressive jazz and blues. Audiences from all around the world have experienced the hot Latin rhythms and cheerful jazz vibrations of this superbly entertaining ensemble. Valentin received a Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album in 2003.

This program is sponsored in part by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. To purchase tickets or find out more information, call the FSU Cultural Events Box Office at 301-687-3137 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-CES, or visit online at ces.frostburg.edu. Ask about FSU's Get-Away packages.

'Live! at the Loft' Series Presents Jim Boggia

Center Stage "Live at the Loft" series presents critically acclaimed pop musician Jim Boggia on Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center Loft.

Boggia has a gift for writing pop songs. His talent for writing these surefire hits has made him an emerging star in the music industry. Boggia has opened for Michelle Branch after he received a personal invitation from the Grammy winning singer. The Philadelphia Music Conference voted Boggia the Artist of the Millennium.

This event is free and open to the public.

Presentations



AAST Presents Summer Mini Grant Colloquium

The African American Studies Program at FSU has rescheduled its Summer Mini Grant Colloquium for Tuesday, March 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the

Cordts Physical Education Center Leake Room.

Come and celebrate the work and share the research findings of Suzi Mills, Music/Performing Arts, and Kate Keely, Visual Arts. Mills and Keely were the first two recipients of the AAST Summer Mini Research Grant Program initiated this past year. The focus of Mills' project, "Salsa Caliente," was "to better understand the collaborations that took place in the early decades of the 20th century between Cubans in the U.S., African Americans and other Latin American musicians that resulted in the contemporary Latin musical genre of Salsa. Keely's research focus on African American and Afro-Hispanic artists yielded great insight into the happenings and movements in the contemporary world of art. After a brief presentation by each of the grant recipients, they will share some of the sights and sounds of their research efforts.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call x4995.

Hadra Forum: Zen in Poetry of W.B. Yeats

The free weekly James Hadra forums continue each Monday at noon in Ort Library room 237. The 50-minute programs are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Upcoming programs are as follows:

March 14: Paul LaChance, "Zen in the Poetry of W. B. Yeats."

March 28: Richard Raesly, "Fishable and Swimmable? The Integrity of Our Nation's Fresh Water."

April 4: Mary Jo Price, "The Arts and Crafts Movement in America."

The forum is sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministries, United Campus Ministries and Hillel. For information, contact Rev. Larry Neumark at x7490.

Entertainment



Try Out Your Talent at Open Mic Night

Do you have a talent you want to share? Come to the Lane University Center Loft from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday March 17, for Open Mic Night.

Come perform in a laidback coffee house type atmosphere. Relax and enjoy the show or show off your talent! Sing, dance, or read poetry. Come out and express yourself.

Students can sign up upon arrival.

Film



Int'l Film Series Presents 'L'Auberge Espangole'

FSU International Film Series continues with the film "L'Auberge Espangole" on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center's

William Reeder Atkinson Room 201. The series is sponsored by Center Stage.

"L'Auberge Espangole" follows the journey Xavier, an economics student who signs up to a European exchange program in order to gain working knowledge of the Spanish Language. Following his arrival, Xavier is soon thrust into a cultural melting pot when he moves into an apartment full of international students. An Italian man, an English girl, a boy from Denmark, a young woman from Belgium, a German man and a girl from Tarragona all join him in a series of adventures that serve as an initiation of life.

For more information, contact the Lane University Center Information Desk at x4411.



Take Note

MAT – Secondary to be Offered at USM-H

Following recent approval by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, FSU will begin offering its Master of Arts in Teaching program for secondary education at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.

FSU has offered the secondary education program at its Frostburg campus for two years and a similar elementary program in Hagerstown since 2000. FSU's Master of Arts in Teaching programs are designed for career changers or recent college graduates who want to pursue careers in teaching. The full-time program, which begins in the summer and lasts a year, provides its students with all of the necessary course work and classroom experience to obtain teacher certification in the state of Maryland.

The MAT programs are part of FSU's effort to address the growing shortage of teachers in Maryland, especially in certain critical subject areas.

Two information sessions are scheduled at USM-H in March. They will be Tuesday, March 15, and again on Thursday, March 31, to speak to prospective applicants for the group beginning studies this summer. Both sessions are at 6:30 p.m. in room 124-125 of the 32 W. Washington St. center.

The deadline to apply is April 1 to join the cohort of about 20 students that will begin studies begins this summer.

Content certification will be offered in English, mathematics, social studies, biology, chemistry, earth science and physics. Certification in French, Spanish and K-12 art are currently offered in the MAT program that meets on the Frostburg campus, and they may be available in Hagerstown if there is sufficient demand.

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the subject area in which they plan to seek certification, in addition to other requirements, including a passing score on the PRAXIS I test.

For more information, call the FSU

Graduate Services Office at x7053 or MAT – Secondary Program Coordinator Dr. William Childs at x4216.

Mark Your Calendars

Dr. Gira's Spring Convocation will be Tuesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre.

DC Day Trip: Holocaust Museum and More

All interested students, faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend the DC Day Trip of Saturday, April 23, to the Holocaust Museum and other places. The trip is limited to 48 people, including those persons from Allegany College of Maryland. There is no cost, except for lunch and snacks. We will leave by bus at 7 a.m. from Allegany College of Maryland and tour the Holocaust Museum at approximately 10:30 a.m. Following that, we are on our own. There are 25 reserved tickets to the National Museum of the Native American at 2:15 p.m. This trip is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus will leave Washington at 4 p.m. We will arrive back in Frostburg at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested or have questions or concerns, please contact Larry Neumark at neumark@mindspring.com or x7490.

Academic Advising Evaluations Coming

Students will be evaluating their academic advisors during the early registration period, March 29 to April 22. The Faculty Senate approved a campus-wide test of an advising evaluation instrument and process for spring 2005. Beginning in fall 2005, academic advising will be considered as a factor in renewal, tenure and promotion decisions. All academic advisors (faculty and staff) with students assigned to them must participate in the student evaluation. Watch your mail and e-mail for further information.

Nominations Sought for Staff Excellence Awards

One of the goals of the University's Strategic Plan is to reward outstanding service to the institution. Again this year the FSU Foundation Inc. will fund three \$500 Staff Awards for Excellence to employees who have demonstrated excellence in service. All members of the University exempt/nonexempt staff are eligible to be nominated, whether contractual, full-time, or part-time. Awards will be given in these categories:

- A nonexempt employee in facilities/maintenance
- A nonexempt employee other than facilities/maintenance
- An exempt employee

The Staff Awards Review Committee will select award winners based on demonstrated evidence of all of the following criteria in the nomination:

- A high level of professionalism and performance related to the employee's job description.

- Exemplary service to the University community.

- Outstanding service to the external community (including professional and community activities).

Any FSU employee may nominate him/herself or another staff member for an Award for Excellence. Past Staff Awards for Excellence nominators as well as nominators for the Board of Regents' University System of Maryland Staff Awards are encouraged to revise and resubmit previous nominations.

Detailed nomination criteria and nomination forms have been distributed to employees. Please direct any questions about the Staff Awards for Excellence nomination process to Kelly Durst at kdurst@frostburg.edu or x7487, or to Patrick McLane at pmclane@frostburg.edu. Complete nomination packets will be due no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 31. Any nominations received after this deadline will not be considered. The awards will be presented in conjunction with Dr. Gira's Spring 2005 Convocation.

The FSU Staff Awards for Excellence are sponsored by the alumni and friends of FSU through the 2005 Annual Fund Campaign.

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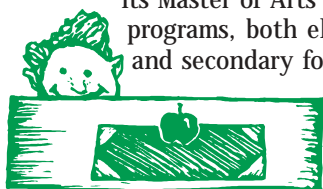
When you use the SkillSoft e-learning program for FSU employees, you are part of the latest trend for on-demand training opportunities in the workplace. SkillSoft puts hundreds of topics at your fingertips, making it easy to enhance your existing skills and learn new skills as time permits. E-learning is yours for the taking, from the nearest computer, with no travel and no charge involved.

If you aren't taking advantage of the SkillSoft program yet, use the SkillPort Quick Start document that has been e-mailed to all employees or contact the Office of Human Resources at x7487 to become part of this new trend in training today.

Info Meetings Set at USM-H on MAT

FSU will present three information meetings for prospective applicants for its Master of Arts in Teaching programs, both elementary and secondary for the group beginning studies in summer 2005.

MAT–Secondary Program Coordinator Dr. William Childs and MAT–Elementary Program Coordinator Dr. Kim Rotruck will be at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, 32 W. Washington St., on Tuesday, March 15, and



again on Thursday, March 31, to speak to prospective applicants. Both sessions are at 6:30 p.m. in room 124-125.

The Master of Arts in Teaching – Elementary is offered at USM-H. The deadline for summer 2005 cohort applications is May 1, 2005. The summer 2005 applicant admissions interviews will be scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, April 13, in room 124-125.

The Master of Arts in Teaching – Secondary program is now offered both at FSU's Frostburg and Hagerstown locations. The deadline for summer 2005 applications is April 1.

For more information, call the FSU Graduate Services Office at x7053 or contact Rotruck at 240-257-2736 for questions about the elementary program or Childs at x4216 for questions about the secondary program.

Non-Credit Course in Photoshop Offered

The Department of Visual Arts is offering a non-credit course in Photoshop for the spring semester.

The course will be offered Monday evenings, March 28 through April 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Fine Art Building, room 205 on campus. The cost of the course is \$80, plus the price of the book. Harlowe Hodges, professor of multi-media graphics at FSU, will teach the course. Participants will learn the basics of Photoshop in the graphics labs in Fine Arts.

For more information or to register, contact Patti Graham at x4797.

Grad Student Commencement Info



Students who plan to graduate in May 2005 need to complete the "Application for Graduation" as soon as possible. The forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053.

Environmental Photo Contest Under Way

The second annual Environmental Photography Contest is currently being held by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute of FSU (a joint venture between the FSU Department of Geography and the Maryland Bureau of Mines, MDE).

Anyone over the age of 11 who lives, attends school or works in either Allegany or Garrett County is eligible to enter. This is an amateur contest, no professionals. The photographs should be environmental or natural habitat scenes of either



Allegany or Garrett County which depict an interpretation of the natural environment that defines the beauty and richness of these counties.

If interested in entering the contest, please submit one to three 8" x 10" photographs, either black & white or color to the FSU Department of Geography, Room 202 FSU Gunter Hall or the Maryland Bureau of Mines, Room 309 Dunkle Hall.

The following businesses sponsored the 2004 photography contest: The Maryland Coal Association, Mettiki Coal LLC, Leisure Photography Studios, Duncan's Photo, Olan Mills Portrait Studios (LaVale), AES Warrior Run Inc., Chris Studios, Phase One Multimedia, Bernie's Photography, the FSU Department of Geography and the Maryland Bureau of Mines. This year there is a combination of cash, prizes and gift certificates.

The deadline for all photos is 4 p.m. on April 1. The photographs that receive a "finalist" award will be on display at the FSU Ort Library from April 15 to 21. The award ceremony to will recognize the top four finalists (first, second, third places and honorable mention) will be held on April 21 at 5 p.m. in the Compton Science Center atrium. For further information or to pick up entry forms, call x4369 or x4721. The entry forms are also available on the FSU Web site at www.frostburg.edu/dept/geog/einstitute.

News for Summer-Fall MBA Applicants

The 2004-2006 Graduate Catalog is available at the Graduate Services office, 141 Pullen Hall. The revised MBA program requires that all students entering as of spring 2005 complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test). Test registration information is available through the Educational Testing Services Web site at www.ets.org or by calling the FSU Computer-Based Testing Center, Sand Spring Hall, at x7990. The test is available as a computer-based examination, given at FSU Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Points of Pride



Brett Hubbard, graduate student in Wildlife and Fisheries Science in the Department of Biology, recently had an article, "Assessing the Distribution of Reintroduced Populations of River Otters in Pennsylvania (USA): Development of a Landscape-Level Approach," accepted for publication in the *IUCN Otter Specialist Group Bulletin*.

Hubbard will be giving a presentation on this topic at the upcoming 20th Annual Symposium, United States Regional Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology in Syracuse, N.Y. March 14 to 16.

Oguz Soysal, Physics/Engineering, was awarded a Governor's Citation for making significant contributions to the field of gifted and talented education in Maryland as one of the directors of the Maryland State Department of Education's Summer Centers, who were nominated for the recognition by State Superintendent of Schools Nancy Grasmick.



Deadlines

Deadline for May 2005 Graduation Exceptions

Are you planning a May 2005 graduation? If your official degree audit 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 Building, by 4 p.m. on April 14 for the April 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.

Get Involved



Break Out of Winter with Chocolate Fest '05

Come join FSU's SAFE Office and the BURG Peer Education Network for a "sweet" time on Tuesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..

There will be sweet treats, a chocolate contest, prizes, raffles, gifts, music and more. Enjoy the chocolate fountain and help judge the delicious chocolate recipes. Visit some of our chocolate vendors and give your best guess at chocolate trivia. Everything is free.

The best chocolate recipe wins \$100. Second place wins \$50 and third wins \$25. The contest is open to all faculty, staff and students. Register by March 8 by e-mailing dswogger@frostburg.edu. Include the following: Contestant Name, FSU Affiliation (faculty, staff or student), Recipe Name(s).

Food items need to be physically in place in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall on March 15 by 9:45 a.m. You can enter more than one food item if you choose. Desserts, entrees, candy, whatever can be entered as long as chocolate is the main ingredient. You may not use alcohol in any of the recipes. Items will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity.

Catholic Campus Ministry

On Tuesday, March 15, CCM will dye Easter eggs and make Easter cards for residents of St. Vincent dePaul Nursing Home at 7:30 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center.

United Campus Ministry

On Tuesday, March 15, the UCM Bible study will discuss "What Makes Life Successful?" Bible study meets in Ort Library, room 237, at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 16, at 4:30 p.m., UCM will deliver Easter cards to nursing home residents.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs



Student Developmental Math Instructors Sought

FSU's Learning Center is seeking student instructors for its Developmental Math Program. Participants can earn \$500, receive three field experience credits and build their resumes.

For information or application materials, contact Beth Stallings at The Learning Center, 150 Pullen Hall, x4442 or bstallings@frostburg.edu.

Deadline for applications is April 1.

Student Telemarketing

The Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving, is now hiring experienced telemarketers to help with the Spring 2005 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. Fifteen positions are available. The positions are part-time evenings for a month and half (End of March, April and beginning of May), paying \$6.50 to \$9.50 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 pick up an application and return it on or before March 14 at the University Advancement Office, Hitchins Building Room 228, or call x3163.

Summer Planning Student Positions

Attention students: Student and Educational Services will be accepting applications for student assistants to work in the Summer Planning Conferences this summer. We will be hiring 15 student assistants to work along with our 15 faculty advisors. There are five sessions. There are no large breaks between sessions. Student Assistants will be committed from June 12 through June 28. Conference dates and workshop requirements are as follows:

- Student Workshop – June 12-14
- Staff/SA Workshop – June 16
- Session I – June 17-18
- Session II – June 19-20
- Session III – June 22-23
- Session IV – June 24-25
- Session V – June 27-28

Applications must be returned to SES by March 17.

Following a review of the applications, qualified students will be invited for an interview (April 4-7). Those students selected to work in the program will be notified on or before April 8. The following criteria will be used to evaluate candidates: leadership experiences; ability to work well with others; ability to make convincing presentations; ability to work in a structured environment; excellent communication skills; flexibility and a genuine interest in helping first-year students; and a commitment to the success of the program.

Applications are available at Student and Educational Services, 116 Hitchins; Residence Life Office, Annapolis Hall; and the Lane University Center Information Desk.



Scholarships

F. Perry Smith Jr. Graduate Scholarship

The recipient of the F. Perry Smith Jr. Graduate Scholarship must have completed high school or the equivalent in either Allegany or Garrett counties in Maryland and be enrolled at FSU with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. The recipient must demonstrate financial need (completed FAFSA form). Get an application at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or call x7053. Deadline is March 15; award is \$1,500 annually.

Community



Little Big Math Minds {2} Grow in July

We are seeking bright young minds, now in grades 4 to 6, to attend a Maryland Summer Center for Mathematics: "Mystery + Mastery * Beauty + Power = ∞" from July 25 to 29 here at FSU. Kids will experience some thrills of math and surprising connections (Pascal's triangle, fractals, use the powerful software Geometers Sketchpad™, ...), learn exploration strategies, build habits of mind to look at issues from multiple perspectives, face challenges, meet new friends interested in math and see math as alive, growing, discovering new answers to new as well as old questions.

The instructional team consists of: Profs. Gerry Wojnar (director), Marc Michael, visiting fractalist, Len Brin (Southern Connecticut State University); Pam Deering (co-director; former FSU Center for Instructional Technologies training manager/instructional designer); teachers (FSU grads) LeeAnn Zlomek (Washington Middle) & Justin Keel (Northern Garrett); plus some FSU students.

The program is non-residential. Applications are due April 15 to Dr.

Wojnar. The program is funded by the Maryland State Department of Education.

For more information, visit the Web sites <http://faculty.frostburg.edu/math/wojnar/msc> or <http://marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters>. Information is also available in elementary and middle schools.

Future Engineers: Robot Design Summer Center

The "Maryland Summer Center for Future Engineers: Robot Design" will be offered at FSU between July 10 and July 22 for students entering ninth through 12th grades this fall. The application deadline is April 15. More information is available at www.roboticcenter.org.

Volunteers



Read to Succeed and Mathletics Needs You

Read to Succeed and Mathletics are accepting applications for 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 - Wednesdays, 2:45-4:45 p.m.
- Route 40 Elem. - Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Training workshops will be offered March 14 and 28 in the PE Center Leake room. For more information, please contact Lesley Baker, Read to Succeed coordinator, at x7615

Students Offer Free Tax Return Preparation

Free help preparing 2004 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 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. Electronic filing will also be available this year.

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 FSU's Framptom Hall (except for March 19 and 26). 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, all Form 1099s, 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 required (especially for electronic filing).



Activities for Life

For information or registration, contact Center Coordinator Amy Nazelrod at x7934.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 28 to April 28, from 6 to 6:50 p.m., at the FSU 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. Water Aerobics creates good muscle balance, making the muscles limber and strong.

Instructor for the class is Jo Mason. A minimum of eight participants is needed in order to have the class.

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons for children ages 5 to 12 will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, March 28 to April 13.

The classes will be from 6 to 6:50 p.m. in the FSU Pool in the Cordts Physical Education Center.

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.

Beginner and Intermediate Tumbling

Beginner and intermediate tumbling classes for children ages 5 to 12 years will be offered on Tuesdays from March 29 to April 26 in Cordts PE Center Room 170. Amanda Buccheri will instruct.

The beginner class will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. The class will include basic floor tumbling exercises and some work on the low balance beam. (This is not an advanced tumbling class.) Space is limited to 15 participants with a minimum of seven.

The intermediate class will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Pre-requisites for this class are a round-off and a kick over from a bridge (back walk-over). Space is limited to 10 participants with a minimum of six.

Advance registration is required.

Infant-Toddler and Pre-School Swimming

Infant-Toddler and Pre-School swim

lessons will be offered from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from March 28 to April 6 at the Cordts PE Center Swimming Pool.

The Infant-Toddler Swimming Class is for children ages 3 to 36 months and the Pre-School Swimming Class is for children ages 3 and 4.

Both infant-toddler and pre-school swimming classes require parents to be in the water and to participate along with their children.

Advance registration is required.

International



Brethren College Abroad (BCA) Visiting March 16

The CIE will host Will Edwards, regional manager for Brethren College Abroad (BCA), on Wednesday, March 16, from noon until 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center foyer. Students who are interested in participating in a BCA study abroad program are advised to stop by the table to speak with Edwards, who will be available to answer questions and provide details about the many programs offered. Special programs are available for Peace and Justice Studies majors. For more information, visit the BCA Web site at www.bcanet.org or stop by the CIE.

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 programs or scholarships, contact Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3091, asimes@frostburg.edu or visit the CIE Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Financial Aid for Study Abroad

Students who plan to study abroad in the summer or fall who have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher may apply for a study abroad scholarship from the CIE. Pick up an application from the office, or download it from the CIE Web site. **Application deadline is March 15.**

Maryland residents may also apply for a state of Maryland scholarship from the Maryland International Education Association (MIEA): wwwnew.towson.edu/miea/mission.html

There are also many scholarships available through FSU affiliates, such as AustraLearn and ISEP.

Apply Now for Summer, Fall Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to visit the CIE and pick up a study abroad application for summer and fall programs. Deadlines for both application and scholarships are late February/early March. There are hundreds of programs available to FSU students. FSU students may apply for the following faculty-led summer programs:

- China (see Dr. Li's Web page at <http://faculty.frostburg.edu/biol/hli/Study-In-China/2005.htm>)
 - Madagascar (see Dr. Linda Lyon in 304 Compton, llyon@frostburg.edu)
 - Ireland Social Work (see Dr. Maureen Connelly in the Fuller House, mconnelly@frostburg.edu)
 - England (see Dr. Judy Dieruf in 122 Fine Arts, jdieruf@frostburg.edu)
- Other summer programs are available:
- American Institute of Foreign Study (AIFS): www.aifsabroad.com/
 - International Student Exchange Program: www.isep.org/nus/summer.html
 - Summer at Sea: www.semesteratsea.com/voyages/summer2005/index.html
- Students may also apply for fall 2005

programs through the following affiliates:

- Australia/New Zealand (www.australearn.com)
- England (Northumbria University - <http://northumbria.ac.uk/>)
- Many locations through AIFS (www.aifsabroad.com/)
- Many locations through ISEP (www.isep.org)
- Many locations through SIT (www.sit.edu/studyabroad/index.html)

Gilman Scholarships for Fall Study Abroad

Students who receive the Federal Pell Grant and have been accepted to any fall semester study abroad program may be eligible to apply for the Gilman Scholarship (www.iie.org/gilman). Deadline for online applications are April 4.

FSU Events Calendar



MONDAY, MARCH 14

- * Hadra Lecture, Paul LaChance, "*Zen in the Poetry of W.B. Yeats*"
noon Library 237
- * USGS Frostburg Field Office Lecture, Edward Doheny, "*A Multi-Disciplinary Study of the Effects of Stream Restoration on Nitrogen Processing in Minebank Run, Baltimore County, MD*" 4:00 p.m. Compton Science Ctr 226
- * Leadership, "*Marketing Your Organization*" 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Einstein's 125th Birthday Panel Discussion ... 7:00 p.m. Compton Science Ctr 226
- * BSA Black History Lectures 7:30 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Journalist Ted Conover 7:30 p.m. Tawes Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- * BURG Chocolate Fest 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Baseball: Waynesburg College 3:00 p.m. Home
- * International Film, "*L'Auberge Espanogole*" .. 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Faculty Artist, *Brian Plitnik, Trombonist* 8:00 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- * American Marketing Assoc. Blood Drive 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Student Recital Series #7 3:00 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall
- * Greek Council 5:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Dave Coleman: The Dating Doctor 7:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * RHA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Cumberland Hall 047
- * BSA General Body Meeting 8:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 17—St. Patrick's Day!

- * FSU Bookstore Grad Fair 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Center Stage Open Mic Night 7:00 p.m. ... Lane Derezhinski Lounge/Loft
- * CES Main Stage, *DaPonte String Quartet* 7:30 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall
- * SGA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- Residence Halls Close @ 7:00 p.m.
- * Women's Softball: Spring Break Trip-Florida (March 18-27)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

- Spring Break (through March 27)
- * Baseball: Spring Break Trip-Florida (March 19-24)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

- * Planetarium, "*Celestial Images*" 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tawes Hall

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

FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services, and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, 302 Hitchens, 301-687-4102, TDD 301-687-7955.

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