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## CES Welcomes Back 'Comedy and Pet Theatre'

Back by popular demand, Gregory Popovich, the world-famous Russian juggler, will return to Western Maryland with his diverse collection of stray cats and dogs. His delightfully bizarre show "Comedy and Pet Theatre" comes to Beall High School in Frostburg as a part of Frostburg Cultural Event Series' Family Fun Series, sponsored by Smiley's FunZone & Pizzeria. Shows will be held on Friday, March 11, at 6 and 8 p.m.

"Sunset Magazine" heralded its "Reigning cats and dogs," after the 1999 Las Vegas debut of "Comedy & Pet Theatre." 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," says Popovich, an advocate of adopting pets from animal shelters. "I analyze them. 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 the Downtown Cumberland Holiday Inn and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the capital campaign of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation's goal to build a new Animal Shelter in Allegany County.

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 special Getaway packages.



## Theatre



### UT to Present 'Metamorphoses'

University Theatre will present Mary Zimmerman's "Metamorphoses" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.

One of the most unusual and highly acclaimed contemporary plays, "Metamorphoses" is an evocative, beautiful retelling of selected myths from the Roman poet Ovid. The stories of King Midas, Orpheus and Eurydice, Cupid and Psyche, and Phaeton, among others, are included. Set in and around a large, shimmering pool of symbolic water, the play probes enduring questions about life, love, death and the inevitability of transformation and change.

In 2002, Metamorphoses received a



Tony nomination for Best Play, and adapter/director Mary Zimmerman won the Tony for Best Direction of a Play.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. For reservations and information, call x7462, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Music

### 'Frostburg Idol' Returns for Second Year

FSU presents its second annual "Frostburg Idol" on Thursday, March 10, at 8 p.m. in the Lane University Center Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall.

Aspiring FSU singers will compete for the chance to be the "Frostburg Idol." The top three winners will win prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100. Auditions to make it to the stage for the show will be held on Tuesday, March 8, in the Lane University Center Loft.

Sign up on the UPC board in the Lane University Center Lobby until noon on Monday, March 7. All sign up information is mandatory.

Choose your selection from the available song list at time of sign up. All participants must report to the Lane University Center Loft promptly at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, for auditioning. Each participant will receive a number upon arrival for order of

performance, on a first come, first serve basis. Please come prepared with your audition selection. You will be notified at the end of auditions whether or not you will be one of the 10 finalists to participate in the main event. You will be judged on talent, tone, appearance, stage presence, delivery and diction.

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

### Ensemble, Faculty Team Offer 10 Piano Concert

The FSU Piano Ensemble and Faculty Piano Team will present a Ten Piano Concert on Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in the FSU Performing Arts Center Pealer Recital Hall. The program will feature both a variety of classical and popular selections.

The concert will include five grand pianos and nine clavichord orchestrations and is part of the FSU Spring Piano Festival. Performing members of the FSU piano faculty include Joan DeVee Dixon, Nancy Witmer, Laura Godfrey, Chris McCabe and Ellen Putman. The student ensemble will feature Jesse Topper, Janee Johnson, Annalee Pruitt, Anita Parks and Mary Wempe.

Students from the Frostburg Dance Academy, taught by Amy Griffith, and pianist Ellen Putman will present "The Butterfly Waltz" by Ernest Seitz. The

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**From left, students Jessica Rosengrant, Steve Birchfield, Annalee Pruitt, Mary Wempe, Amy Saavedra, Janee Johnson and Anita Parks rehearse for the Ten Piano Concert.**

faculty piano ensemble will also accompany these young ballet students in "Waltz of the Flowers" by Tchaikovsky.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon at x4115.

## Jazz Flutist Galen to Perform, Speak at FSU

Jazz Flutist Galen will return to FSU for two events on Thursday, March 10. At noon, he will perform his own brand of Flute Juice Jazz at the Lane University Center's Loft. Then at 7:30 p.m., Galen will lead a jazz poetry slam, providing participants with the opportunity to demonstrate their own unique talents, reading compositions to the passionate, melodic sounds of jazz.



**Galen**

Both events, sponsored by the FSU Black Student Alliance, are free and open to the public.

Galen, a master flutist and lecturer from Montclair, N.J., has a keen ability to transform an audience with the smooth, rich, passionate sound of his flute. His is an arranger, composer, director and educator who has performed with some of the world's greatest recording artists.

For more information, call the FSU Diversity Center at x4050.

## 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 FSU 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 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.

## Live! at the Loft Series Presents Akil Dasan

The Center Stage Live! at the Loft series presents unique hip-hop artist Akil Dasan on Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center Loft.

From an African-Judaic blend of several ethnicities and cultures, Dasan draws from his background and influences to present his multiple talents. He is a rapper, singer, guitarist, beat-boxer and break-dancer. Dasan not only performs hip-hop, he embodies it. He has appeared on MTV and BET and has performed from New York City to London. He has also shared the stage with major groups such as The Roots, Blackalicious and Black Eyed Peas.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Lane University Center Information Desk at x4411.

## 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 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 Gift-Away packages.

## 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.

## Literature



## Children's Author Pam Smallcomb to Speak

FSU's Children's Literature Centre will present a presentation by award-winning children's author Pam Smallcomb on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Frostburg Community Center at 27 Water Street.

Smallcomb is the author of a number of award-winning books for elementary and middle school students. Her books have been described as hilarious, engaging books that will have young readers refusing to go to bed until they read what happens next. During her presentation, Smallcomb will be speaking about her books "The Last Burp of Mac McGerp," "The Trimoni Twins and the Changing Coin" and "Camp Buccaneer."

For more information, contact the Children's Literature Centre at x4420.



## Speakers

## 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 of the presentation 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.

## 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 booksigning, 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 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.

## 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 the Compton Science Center, room 226.

Panelists will include FSU professors Dr. Greg Latta, Dr. George Plitnik, Dr. Paul LaChance and Dr. James Hagen, with Francis Tam serving as moderator. The speakers will compare and contrast Einstein's concept of time and our concept in the Western culture, as well as in the Eastern culture.

Following the discussion, birthday cake will be served. This event is free and open to the public and is funded by the Faculty Development Subcommittee.

For more information contact Linda Steele at x4137.

## Weekly Forums in Hadra's Honor Continue

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 7:** Robert Doyle, "Non-Cognitive Issues in College Instruction."

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

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

Sean Henry's talk on "Provocateur and Radical Feminist: Elfrieda Jelinek, 2004 Literature Nobel," has been rescheduled to April 18.

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

## Appalachian Lab

On Thursday, March 10, Dr. Mark Walbridge of the National Science Foundation and West Virginia University will present "Phosphorus Retention and Transformation in Forested Floodplains of the Southeastern United States," another in the UMCES Appalachian Laboratory's spring seminar series. Walbridge's talk will be at 3:30 p.m. in AL room 109. A reception will follow.

## Entertainment



### '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!" Coleman has been featured in such publications as Us Magazine, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The New York Times. He has also appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, WGN, Fox and CNN, as well as hundreds of radio and television stations nationwide. His presentations provide honest and direct advice to help make relationships matter.

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

## 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

### 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.

## Help is Here! Assistance for Those on Probation

Do you have questions about your academic status for the spring 2005 semester? Can I take a course at another institution to get off probation? Can I be dismissed at the end of the spring semester? These questions and more can be addressed at a probation meeting. Invest one hour of your time in order to insure you are able to return to FSU for the fall 2005 semester. This meeting could make a difference! The meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday, March 7, 2 p.m., Compton Science Center 224

- Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m., Compton Science Center 224

- Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., Compton Science Center 224

If you have questions or concerns, call the Provost's Office at x4212.

## SkillSoft E-learning: A New Way to Train

"E-learning is changing corporate training forever." - *Business Week*

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 FSU, 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 will speak on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Framptom 117.

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.

The Master of Arts in Teaching – Secondary program is offered at the Frostburg campus. 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.

## 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](http://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



FSU physics professor **Dr. George Plitnik** and a Norfolk, Va., middle school teacher have been awarded an \$82,000 grant from the Honda Foundation to develop curriculum that will use popular literature to build a bridge between reading and science in youngsters.

The teacher, Charlene Haviland, who works at Northside Middle School in Norfolk, was trying to develop a curriculum that would simultaneously increase reading, writing and science scores under Virginia's Standards of Learning. She wanted to use J.K. Rowling's immensely popular "Harry Potter" books and searched the Internet for ideas or already-written curriculum. There she found information about Plitnik, who has made good use of the "Harry Potter" books as a bridge to introduce his FSU students to a wide variety of scientific studies.

Plans are to build an after-school program using lessons based not only on the Harry Potter books, but on Dr. Seuss stories and the Lemony Snicket series. Haviland and Plitnik are hoping the curriculum will, in particular, be effective in helping academically challenged students.

The Honda Foundation grants support new approaches to scientific education. The grant, awarded through the FSU Foundation Inc., will in part provide lab and audio visual equipment and books for Northside Middle School.



## Deadlines

### Feeling Incomplete?

The last day for removal of incomplete grades for undergraduate students for the Fall 2004/Intersession 2005 semesters is Tuesday, March 8.

Instructors may contact Marcy in the Registrar's Office in Pullen Hall 144, or at x4347 if they have questions or need Change of Grade forms.

### 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 March 11 for the March meeting or 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.

## Attention Teacher Education Candidates!

Applications for Phase I, II and III for fall semester 2005 are due to the Office of Unit Assessment (Framptom 203-3) by Tuesday, March 8. Questions? Stop by or call x7953.

## 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 [dswooger@frostburg.edu](mailto:dswooger@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.

## Police Explorer Post Forming at FSU

Attention criminal justice majors between the ages of 17 and 20, the FSU Police Department will sponsor a police explorer post on campus in the near future. This will give participants the opportunity to experience hands-on training through real-life scenarios that involve role-play by law enforcement professionals.

The focus areas will include traffic accident investigation, traffic stops, crime scene investigation, white collar crimes, hostage negotiations, warrant service and building searches, to name a few. As a member, you will compete against other explorer posts both locally and abroad. The National Law Enforcement Competition is held at a different location in the U.S. bi-annually and gives each explorer the opportunity to meet fellow explorers from other parts of the country who share the same interests.

Get a jump on your employment competition not only by having a degree, but experience as well.



For information, contact Cpl. Michael Ruppenkamp of the FSU Police at x4223 or mcruppenkamp@frostburg.edu.

## Cosmic Bowling

Strike a cosmic blow on Thursday March 10, with Cosmic Bowling from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The Bowler in LaVale. The cost is \$8, and transportation is provided from the Performing Arts Center at 9 p.m. if needed. Sign up at the Lane University Center Information desk between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Catholic Campus Ministry

CCM's Spring Retreat at Alverno will be Friday, March 11, to Sunday, March 13. Participants will leave on Friday at 7 p.m. and return on Sunday by 1 p.m. Final plans will be made on Tuesday, March 8. To join this weekend of prayer, fellowship and relaxation, contact Father Ed at (301) 689-5041.

## UCM Retreat Coming Up

The United Campus Ministry spring retreat will be Friday, March 11, to Sunday, March 13, at beautiful Camp Living Waters in Schellsburg, Pa., about an hour away from campus. The theme will be "The End of the World As We Know It." The cost is only \$15. Any interested person can contact Larry Neumark (x7490 or l.neumark@frostburg.edu). Also, you can check out the UCM Web site for more information regarding activities at <http://goliath.frostburg.edu/ucm>.

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

### 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, 2005 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 Confer-

ences 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.



### Schedule for March 7-11

#### Monday:

3 & 6 p.m. Biographies: "J. Glenn Beall Jr."  
4 & 7 p.m. NASA SCI Files, "The Case of the Radical Ride"  
5 & 8 p.m. City Place Cafe

#### Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Scales & Tales: Featuring Ranger Ruarke  
4 & 7 p.m. Live at the Loft: Reggie Wayne Morris Blues  
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. FSU Phat Padz

#### Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. Destination Tomorrow  
3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Live at the Loft: Edgar Cruz

4:40 & 7:40 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Norma-Blacke Bourdeau

#### Thursday:

3 & 6 p.m. TV3 News  
3:15 & 6:15 p.m. Relaxation Seminar: Dr. David Bohn  
4 & 7 p.m. Cafe Frostburg: Tom Acosti  
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. FSU Phat Padz

#### Friday:

3 & 6 p.m. MD State of Mind  
4 & 7 p.m. The Chamberlain Trio  
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. "Search Warrant"

## 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 Frampton 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).

## International



### Ireland Information Meeting March 9

Students interested in attending Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland, next fall or spring semester should attend an information meeting at 4 p.m. at the CIE, Fuller House, on Wednesday, March 9. Information about costs, course offerings, financial aid and travel arrangements will be available. Dr. Paul Charney (pcharney@frostburg.edu), Dept. of History, will be on hand to talk about the courses he will offer during the spring 2006 semester. For information, contact the CIE or visit the Ireland Web page at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/irelandexchange%20program.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/irelandexchange%20program.htm).

### Australia, New Zealand Info Meeting March 8

Students interested in studying or doing internships in Australia or New Zealand during the fall 2005 or spring 2006 semester should attend an information meeting at the CIE on Tuesday, March 8, at 4 p.m. FSU affiliates with AustraLearn, a study abroad provider that places North American students in over 25 Australian and New Zealand universities. Many options are available for students in all majors, and financial aid will travel. AustraLearn offers scholarships to qualified students. For information, contact the CIE or visit the AustraLearn Web site at [www.australlearn.org](http://www.australlearn.org) or the CIE Web sites for Australia ([www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/austraLearn.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/austraLearn.htm)) and New Zealand ([www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/newzealand.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/newzealand.htm)).

### 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](mailto:asimes@frostburg.edu) or visit the CIE Web page at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm).

#### 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](mailto:llyon@frostburg.edu))
  - Ireland Social Work (see Dr. Maureen Connelly in the Fuller House, [mconnelly@frostburg.edu](mailto:mconnelly@frostburg.edu))
  - England (see Dr. Judy Dieruf in 122 Fine Arts, [jdieruf@frostburg.edu](mailto:jdieruf@frostburg.edu))
- Other summer programs are available:
- American Institute of Foreign Study (AIFS): [www.aifsabroad.com/](http://www.aifsabroad.com/)
  - International Student Exchange Program: [www.isep.org/nus/summer.html](http://www.isep.org/nus/summer.html)
  - Summer at Sea: [www.semesteratsea.com/voyages/summer2005/index.html](http://www.semesteratsea.com/voyages/summer2005/index.html)

Students may also apply for fall 2005 programs through the following affiliates:

- Australia/New Zealand ([www.australlearn.com](http://www.australlearn.com))
- England (Northumbria University - <http://northumbria.ac.uk/>)
- Many locations through AIFS ([www.aifsabroad.com/](http://www.aifsabroad.com/))

- Many locations through ISEP ([www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org))
- Many locations through SIT ([www.sit.edu/studyabroad/index.html](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/index.html))

#### 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](http://wwwnew.towson.edu/miea/mission.html)

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

#### 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](http://www.iie.org/gilman)). Deadline for online applications are April 4.

## FSU Events Calendar



#### MONDAY, MARCH 7

- \* Hadra Lecture, Dr. Robert Doyle, "Non-Cognitive Issues in College Instruction" noon ..... Library 237
- \* V.O.I.C.E. Launch ..... 1:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- \* Baseball: Dickinson College ..... 3:00 p.m. .... Away
- \* RLO Lottery ..... 5:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH
- \* UPC *Frostburg Idol* Auditions ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Lane Derezhinski Lounge
- \* Phi Beta Sigma Show ..... 7:30-9:30 p.m. .... Lane Appalachian Station

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- \* RHA Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room
- \* RLO Lottery ..... 8:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- \* BSA *Galen-Jazz Performance* ..... Noon-1:00 p.m. .... Derezhinski Lounge/Loft
- \* BSA Poetry Slam with Galen ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Derezhinski Lounge/Loft
- \* UPC *Frostburg Idol* ..... 8:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH
- \* Center Stage *Cosmic Bowling* ..... 9:30 p.m. .... The Bowler, LaVale, MD

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- \* CCM Spring Retreat @ Camp Living Waters, Schellsburg, PA (March 11-13)
- \* CES: Popovich's *Comedy & Pet Theatre* .... 6 & 8 p.m. .... Beall High School
- \* Center Stage LIVE! at the Loft, *Akil Dasan* ... 7:00 p.m. ... Lane Derezhinski Lounge/Loft
- \* UPC Feature Film, "Ocean's Twelve" .. 7:00 p.m. & midnight..... Lane Atkinson Room
- \* University Theatre, "Metamorphoses" ..... 8:00 p.m. .... PAC Drama Theatre

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- \* Men's/Women's Outdoor Track: Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA ..... Away
- \* Baseball: St. Joseph's College (DH) ..... Noon ..... Home
- \* University Theatre, "Metamorphoses" ..... 2 & 8 p.m. .... PAC Drama Theatre
- \* UPC Feature Film, "Ocean's Twelve" ..... 8:00 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room
- \* UPC *Fire & Ice Exclusive Club Event* ... 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. .... Lane ARMAH

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- \* Baseball: St. Joseph's College ..... Noon ..... Home
- \* CCM Mass ..... Noon & 8:00 p.m. .... Cook Chapel
- \* Faculty/Guest Artist Series, *Ten Pianos* ..... 3 p.m. .... PAC Recital Hall
- \* Planetarium, "Celestial Images" ..... 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. .... Tawes Hall
- \* UPC Feature Film Series, "Ocean's Twelve". 6:00 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room

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

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