Int’l Pioneer in Field of Statistics to Speak

Professor C.R. Rao, one of this century’s foremost statisticians, will present a lecture by entitled “Statistics: The Gateway to Knowledge” at FSU on Wednesday, May 11, at 4 p.m. in the Compton Science Center Room 226.

His talk will provide a brief history of statistics, followed by examples of uses of statistics in diverse fields of human endeavor. Rao has been one of the world leaders in statistical science for over six decades. His research, scholarship, and professional services have had a profound influence on theory and applications of statistics. He is currently at Penn State as the Eberly Professor of Statistics and Director of the Center for Multivariate Analysis.

Rao has received numerous of awards and in 2002 was honored by President George Bush at the White House with a National Medal of Science “as a prophet of new age,” with the citation “for his pioneering contributions to the foundations of statistical theory and multivariates.”

“Corduroy,” the jazz-inspired musical, tells the story of a lonely teddy bear and a little girl in need of a friend.

CES Family Fun Series Presents ‘Corduroy’

FSU will present “Corduroy” as the final show of this season’s Cultural Events Series on Saturday, May 14, at 1 and 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre on campus. The event is part of the Family Fun Series and is sponsored by Smiley’s Fun Zone and Pizzeria.

“Corduroy” is a lovely jazz-inspired musical treat, perfect for anyone who has ever wanted a friend. Based on the classic children’s story, “Corduroy” tells the story of a lonely teddy bear and the girl who adopts him.

When 8-year old Lisa Carolina Evelina Brown moves to the big city, everything is different and no one wants to be her friend. Meanwhile, in Hampton’s Department Store, a teddy bear in green overalls named Corduroy is just waiting for a friend. When he meets Lisa, they both know they are perfect for each other. But Lisa’s mom will not spend her hard-earned money on a bear that is missing a button.

While Corduroy searches the store for his lost button, Lisa searches for a way to bring her new friend home.

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.

Mind Culture Original Music Presents Concert

The Department of Mass Communication will present the second annual Mind Culture Original Music Concert. A total of seven bands representing numerous musical genres will perform at this year’s show. The concert will be held on Friday, May 13, at the Frostburg Eagles.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first act beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for $5 at the door or in Guild Center 118 on campus. You must be at least 18 years old to enter.

Also, the Mind Culture Original Music CD with many other musical selections from area musicians will be on sale at the door.

All proceeds will benefit the Department of Mass Communication through the FSU Foundation.

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ate statistical methodology and their applications, enriching the physical, biological, mathematical, economic and engineering sciences."

Rao's theoretical work helped lay the foundation of modern statistics. He has also concentrated his efforts on employing statistical methods to solve practical problems in such diverse fields as economics, anthropology, geology, medical diagnosis and national planning. A book he wrote in 1965, "Linear Statistical Inference and Its Applications," one of the most-often cited books in science, has greatly influenced research work in theory and application of statistics. Technical terms such as Cramer-Rao inequality, Rao-Blackwellization, Rao's Score Test, Fisher-Rao Theorem, Rao distance and orthogonal arrays (described by Forbes Magazine) appear in all standard books on statistics.

For more information, call Dr. Laxman Hegde in the FSU Department of Mathematics at x4777.

Wildlife Society Reschedules Welsh Talk

The FSU Wildlife Society has rescheduled Dr. Stuart Welsh of West Virginia University and his talk on "Ecology and Management of Striped Bass" to Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in FSU's Compton Science Center Room 237.

Welsh is the assistant unit leader-fisheries for the West Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and also an adjunct assistant professor in the Division of Forestry at WVU. He earned his both his doctoral and bachelor's degree from WVU and received his master's degree from FSU. His research specialties include fisheries stock assessment, fish/habitat relationships and non-game fish ecology.

For more information, contact FSU Wildlife Society president Kerry Wixted at 301-697-4026.

Hadra Forum: Understand Change

The free weekly James Hadra forums conclude this Monday at noon in Ort Library room 237. The 50-minute program is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. May 9: Judy Pula, "Understand Change: A Model for Personal and Professional Growth."

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

Presentations

Project Showcase for Engineering Students

Engineering students will be showcasing their semester projects on Tuesday, May 10, at 5 p.m. in room 226 of the Compton Science Center. Senior mechanical engineering students will be displaying an electric walker and junior electrical engineering students will showcase a power amplifier which they designed, constructed, and tested. Freshmen from the Introduction to Engineering Design course will be demonstrating their solar and wind power supplies. This event is open to the public.

For more information, contact Linda Steele at x4137.

Appalachian Lab

The final seminar in the Appalachian Lab Spring 2005 Seminar Series will be on Thursday, May 12. Dr. Amy Hess of West Virginia University will present "Land Use and Carbon Sequestration in Eastern Deciduous Forests: Interactions Between Human Activities and Ecosystem Processes." Her seminar will be in AL room 109 at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

Environmental Photo Contest Results

The 2nd Annual Environmental Photography Contest Award Ceremony was held Thursday, April 21, in the Atrium of the Compton Science Center at FSU. The contest is administered by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute at FSU, a joint venture between the FSU Department of Geography and the Maryland Bureau of Mines, Maryland Department of the Environment. Appreciating and capturing the environmental beauty of Western Maryland (Alleghany or Garrett County) through photography is the theme of the contest each year. Photographs from each preceding year are submitted in March/April to the FSU Department of Geography and the Bureau of Mines.

The 128 color and black & white entries received this year were judged by a panel of jurists that included Maryland Del. and House Minority Leader George C. Edwards; Adrienne Ottaviani, Executive Director of the Maryland Coal Association; Al Feldstein, regional historian and Maryland Office of Planning; John E. Carey, Director Maryland Bureau of Mines MD Department of the Environment; and Stanley Eisel, professional photographer and Beall High School Counselor. The entrants ranged in age from 13 years old to senior citizens.

Co-directors of the Institute, Dr. Thomas Small (FSU Chairperson of Geography) and Mary-Lynn Pegg (Maryland Bureau of Mines), revealed the winners and Del. Edwards congratulated and presented cash and gift awards to these individuals:

Cash prizes, certificates and gift awards were contributed by many local businesses including: Maryland Coal Association, Mettiki Coal LLC, AES Warrior Run Inc., Walmart, Dan Mills Portrait Studios of LaVale, Chris Studios, Duncan's Photos, Clark's Camera Centre, the Camera Gallery, Leasure Photography Studios, Photography by Jeanne, Bernie's Photography, Maryland Bureau
of Mines, and the US Geological Survey. Over $800 in prizes was awarded to the top five place winners. Del. Edwards congratulated all of the contest finalists and presented certificates and awards to the winners. Ottaviani presented one of the first place awards from the Maryland Coal Association and James Erdman, Vice President of AES Warrior Run Inc., presented the award from AES Warrior Run. Dr. Steve Simpson, FSU Provost, and Dr. Joseph Hoffman, Dean of the FSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, congratulated the Environmental Institute on the organization of the contest and on the increase in entries this year. Dr. Catherine Gira, FSU President, congratulated all of the contest participants for their outstanding photography and welcomed all of the guests to the FSU award ceremony. Over 75 state, community and university members attended the ceremony. A special award was presented to Feldstein, one of Allegany County’s most beloved and underappreciated historians. The award, a large medal with Olympic-type ribbon, was given to Feldstein. Dr. Cindy Herzog, Acting Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was also recognized for her support of the environmental photography contest each year.

The five winners and the additional 15 finalists have their photos on display in cases on the third floor of the Ort Library on the FSU campus through May 29. The public is invited to view these entries and to begin planning their entries for the third contest in March 2006. The winning photos and information concerning the next photography contest will be posted on the FSU website.

Grad Students: Summer, Fall Registration Info
Registration for graduate students for summer and fall 2005 sessions on the PAWS system is under way. Please remember that the summer semester code is 2053, and the fall semester code is 2058. Registration for summer is with payment only, and there are no deferred payment plans available.

Take An Online Course This Summer
Attention students! Are you ready for summer? Are you ready for Summer Online 2005? Are you ready to earn credits from anywhere in the world this summer? FSU is offering its largest ever selection of summer courses online. With 43 courses being taught via the Internet, students have the capability of earning credits and fulfilling program requirements from home ... or wherever the summer takes you. Registration is under way, and courses promise to fill quickly, so check to see if there is a course that will earn you credits so you can graduate sooner. This is a cutting-edge way to learn. Look for the hot pink “Summer Online Courses” brochures and posters around campus for course listings and requirements.
Or you may visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cit/blackboard/onlineCourses.html for course descriptions and information. First registration deadline is May 13. Students must pay for courses at time of registration. Contact the Center for Instructional Technologies at x4353 or cit@frostburg.edu for information.

News for Summer-Fall MBA Applicants
The 2004-2005 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.

May Commencement
Graduate students who plan to graduate in May need to complete the Application for Graduation. Apply as soon as possible to make sure that you have time to obtain the admission tickets. The Application for Graduation and cap and gown forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or x7053.

Points of Pride
Dr. Robert Kauffman of FSU’s Recreation Department has received the State of Maryland’s Recreation Parks Association Citation at a conference in Ocean City, for his “significant contributions and leadership roles in the field of recreation.” According to the citation, “Throughout his long and distinguished career, Kauffman has almost single-handedly turned the Recreation Department of FSU from barely existing to one of the most prominent programs in the Mid-Atlantic.”

The award, granted by the Maryland Recreation and Park Association, is their most prestigious award, and can only be given once in a lifetime. Kauffman has been at FSU since 1992. Previously, he was a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland. Since Kauffman has taken over leadership roles at FSU, the number of recreation students has risen from 12 to 138.

The VOICE Volunteer Clearinghouse would like to congratulate Dr. James Saku for being selected as this year’s recipient of the Unsung Hero Volunteer Service Award.

Thanks to all who nominated members of the FSU community for the Unsung Hero Volunteer Service Award. Among the many wonderful nominees were students, staff and faculty members. The winner of this award was honored last Friday at the Service Recognition Awards Reception at the Osborne Newman Center.

Dr. Saku is a dedicated member of the Frostburg community, devoting his time to his church, his children’s school, youth soccer, the Boy Scouts, the Frostburg Food Pantry and to educating local children on his areas of expertise. According to nominator Emily White, “James is an excellent candidate for the Unsung Hero award because of his dedication to the surrounding community, and the local children in particular. He shares his enthusiasm and beautiful smile with everyone he meets.”

Congratulations once again to Dr. Saku, and also to the following nominees: Rene Atkinson, Susan Eisler, Linda Lyon, Father Ed Hendricks, Don Maxwell, Francis Precht and LaChelle Squire.

Brad Barkley published two prose poems, “A Man and His Mirror,” and “At the Clown’s Birthday” in the most recent issue of Hotel Amerika.

Dr. Yan Bao, Department of Accounting, attended the 2005 annual Mid-Atlantic regional meeting of the American Accounting Association, held in Philadelphia, PA from March 24 - 26, 2005. She presented a paper titled “Value Relevance of Accounting Information in Asian Stock Markets: What Are the Driving Factors?” She also discussed a paper titled “The Accessibility of Financial Reporting of U.S. Municipalities on the Internet” by Alan Styles and Mark Tennyson.

On April 23, at the third annual Service-Learning Recognition Reception, former REED 323 student Erin Shank received the 2005 Student Award for Outstanding Service-Learning for her continued service to university literacy programs, and Dr. Megan Bradley, Psychology, received the 2005 Faculty Award for Outstanding Service-Learning for her Psychology 210: Child Development and Service-Learning program.

For additional information on service-learning at FSU, please contact Lori Senese, Institute for Service-Learning Executive Director, or Rhonda Schwinabart, Institute for Service-Learning Program Director, at x4210.

The FSU Community Outreach Partnership Center program sent six representatives to the National COPC Conference in Chicago in April. Attending were Lori Senese, COPC Program Director; Emily White, COPC Community Coordinator; Norine Walmley, community partner from Concerned Residents in Maryland Avenue Area; Kathy Powell, Social Work...
faculty partner; and two of her General- ist Practice II students, Ashley Smith and Amy Sarro. Senese moderated panel sessions on Innovative Service Learning and Service and Research, and led a discussion group for first year grantees. Powell, Smith and Sarro presented their work in neighborhood association development in the Innovative Service Learning session.

The FSU chapter of PINNACLE, a national honor society for non-traditional students had its induction Sunday, May 1. PINNACLE recognizes academic achievement and leadership and service to university and community in under-graduate students 25 years of age and older. Eleven students were inducted with an average GPA of 3.6. The students are Jodi Bittinger, Glenn Crabtree, Gordon Duguid, Michael P. Fox, Brian Grim, Carol Kitzmiller, Amy Layton, Delilah Miller, Colby Nichols, Tina Pue and Margaret Smith. PINNACLE members can wear the round PINNACLE pin on their graduation gowns. Congratulations.

The annual Code of Conduct luncheon on May 4 was held as a thank you to all students, faculty and staff who have been active in supporting the Code of Conduct system. This year, five faculty members were recognized for their efforts in recent years to volunteer to work correctly beyond the formal system with individual students. They are Dr. Troy Strieby, Dr. Patricia Coward, Dr. Bonnie Hircok, Ralph Brewer and Norma Blakc Bordeau.

Schedule for May 9-13
Monday:
3 & 6 p.m. Fiction Writer: Jack Driscoll
4 & 7 p.m. NASA SCI Files, “The Case of the Any Animal Antics”
5 & 8 p.m. Live at the Loft: Hannah Bingman
Tuesday:
3 & 6 p.m. Snowden Crossing
3:30 & 6:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Frostburg Idol
5 & 10:8 p.m. Live at the Loft: Lavish Mikell
Wednesday:
3 & 6 p.m. Destination Tomorrow
3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Motivational Speaker: Bobby Petrocelli
5 & 8 p.m. James Miltenberger Piano Recital
Thursday:
3 & 6 p.m. TV3 News
3:15 & 6:15 p.m. Faculty Artist Series: Patchwork Concert
4:30 & 7:30 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Dr. Robert Moore
5 & 8 p.m. Nelson Guild Tribute
Friday:
3 & 6 p.m. MD State of Mind
4 & 7 p.m. FSU Guest Artist: Preshanthi Navaratnam
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Snowden Crossing

Get Involved
Have Your Say with UPC
Would you like to choose the perform- ers, speakers, movies and other entertain- ment that comes to campus? Do you like to be involved? Are you a team player? Do you like using your leadership skills to help make FSU a better place? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should join the UPC Team!

The University Programming Council has re-opened its application process and is currently accepting applications for 2005-2006 for the following positions:
• Feature Films Chair
• Comedy Chair Elect (will take office in January 2006)
• Recreation Chair Elect (will take office in January 2006)
• Center Stage Live! at the Loft Chair
• Center Stage International Films and Educational Outreach Chair
• Advertising and Public Relations Chair

For more details about these leader- ship positions, the University Program- ming Council, the benefits of holding a leadership position on UPC, and the application process, please pick up an application packet at the Lane Univer- sity Center Information Desk. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 13, at the Lane University Center Information Desk. You may only return applications between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. When you return your application, you will need to sign up for an interview time slot. Late applications will not be accepted!

Attention Student Organization Leaders
The Student Activities Planning Commission (S.A.P.C.) is having its final meeting of the semester on Wednesday, May 11, at 5 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room in the Hitchins Admin- istration Building. We will be discussing ways to increase school spirit and student involvement, important dates and events for fall 2006, Welcome Week and Home- coming. Please send your president or vice president (or another representative) to the meeting with dates for events that you are planning for fall 2005. R.S.V.P. the name of the person attending the meeting to twiley@frostburg.edu or x4151. For more information about the Student Activities Planning Commission, please contact Tammi Wiley, Director of Student Activities.

Senior Week Activities
Sunday, May 15 - Senior Picnic
The Alumni Association, along with various campus organizations is holding a senior picnic in your honor. Join us at the football field for food and activities. Bring your meal card. The picnic will start at 4:30 and go until 6:30 p.m. Off- campus seniors will need to bring a coupon for their meal; this will be sent to you later.

Tuesday, May 17 - Bowling Night
At The Bowler in Lavale from 9 to 11 p.m. $2.65 per game and no charge for shoes.

Thursday, May 19 – Senior Send-Off
FSU Foundation, Inc., FSU Alumni Association & The Office of Annual Giving cordially invite you to the Twelfth Senior Send-Off.

Senior Send-Off, exclusively for graduating seniors, will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at Kelly’s Hi-Way Pizza in Frostburg. There will be a sign-in, giveaways, food and fun in what has become as traditional as making an Annual Fund contribution. Admission is free with your Senior Survey and $1 towards your Class Gift. Food and beverages provided; bring your ID.

If you can attend, please let us know by Tuesday, May 17, at x4068 or send an e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu

Tuesday, May 24 – FSU Networking
Join us in Bethesda for an opportu- nity as a new grad to meet and greet FSU alumni and learn about their businesses in the D.C./Northern Virginia area. We are meeting at Postano’s Italian Restau- rant, 4940 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, Md. The event is from 5:30-7:30. Refresh- ments will be served, cash bar.

If you can attend, please let us know by Tuesday, May 17, at x4068 or send an e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu

Congratulations! We look forward to having you as active alumni!

End of Year Picnic
United Campus Ministry and Catholic Campus Ministry will hold their end of year picnic on Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center.

Catholic Campus Ministry
CCM will hold its end of the year dinner at Guiseppe’s on Friday, May 13. For more information, call Father Ed at (301) 689-5041.

Community
Spring Clean-Up Event
For the second year, St. Michael Church, Yellow Transportation and several local citizens are teaming up to find a home for usable, yet unwanted furniture and household items. FSU students who typically set these items out for the trash when moving out of apartments or student housing, will have the opportunity to donate them to an emergency aid organization in southern West Virginia.

Yellow Transportation is donating a trailer, which will be parked in the College Avenue parking lot from May 13 to 24.

Students, landlords and community members may bring items such as furniture, household items, small appli-ances, bedding and towels (but not clothing, please) and put them into the
from fewer items going to the landfill. Every life is important; and every local resident will benefit from those donating items will have the satisfaction of giving to those in need came at a most opportune time, as flooding just created many hardships. The furniture, bedding, dishes and other items were immediately put to good use. This project is a win-win-win proposition for all involved. Those donating everything in between.

Candles Not Allowed in Campus Buildings

Candles (open flames) are prohibited, we repeat, prohibited in all FSU campus buildings without prior special permission from the Safety Office at x4897. The state fire code is very clear on this issue. There are no exceptions to the state fire code. A flame of any size can spread and cause serious damage to property and bodily injury. All candles are open flames. If you have any questions, please call x4897.

FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 9
* Hadra Lecture Series, Dr. Judy Pula, "Understanding Change: A Model for Personal and Professional Growth".............................. noon ........ Library 237
* SES Leadership Awards Reception ........................................... 6:00 p.m. ...... Lane ARM 

FREE! 10-Minute Chair Massages ................................. 7:30-10:30 p.m. .... Library 237
* Saxophone Studio Recital .................................................. 8:00 p.m. .... PAC 216

TUESDAY, MAY 10
Summer Session Course Cancellations for Sessions Beginning May 24
* Faculty Assembly .............................................................. 4:00 p.m. ....... Lane Atkinson Room
* International Film Series, "Blue Spring" ................................... 7:00 p.m. ...... Lane Atkinson Room

* Expressions for a Full Academic Year. To qualify, students must have completed a bachelor’s degree by the beginning of the grant (fall 2006) and be U.S. citizens. The national deadline for applying is Oct. 21. The FSU deadline is Sept. 23. Applications are available online at www.fulbrightonline.org/, along with more information. Applicants are advised to speak with Dr. Amy Simes, the FSU Fulbright representative, before applying.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
* Math Department Lecture, Professor C. R. Rao, "Statistics: The Gateway to Knowledge- edge"................................................................. 4:00 p.m. .... Compton 226
* Greek Council Meeting .......................................................... 5:00 p.m. .... Lane 202
* UCM End-of-the-Semester Picnic ........................................ 5:30 p.m. .... Osborne Newman Center

THURSDAY, MAY 12
Last Day to Withdraw From Courses With "WF"
* Last Day of Classes

* Center Stage/UPC Last Night FSU ........................................ 8:00 p.m. ...... Lane University Center
* FSU Brass Ensembles .......................................................... 8:00 p.m. ...... PAC Recital Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 13
Reading Day/Common Exams
* SGA Graduation Ticket Swap ............................................... 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ...... Lane Lobby
* SCI Study Hall ................................................................. 6-11 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-8, 207-8

SATURDAY, MAY 14
Reading Day/Common Exams
* Men’s/Women’s Outdoor Track & Field: Bobcats Last Chance Meet.......................... Home
* Alumni Board Retreat .......................................................... 7:00 a.m. ...... Cordts PEC Leake Room
* Baltimore SUNY-Old Westburg ............................................ 1 & 3 p.m. .... PAC Drama Theatre
* CES Family Fun Series, "Corduroy" ....................................... No charge elephants are available.
* SCI Study Hall ................................................................. 6-11 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-8, 207-8

SUNDAY, MAY 15
Reading Day/Common Exams
* Alumni Board Retreat .......................................................... 7:00 a.m. ...... Compton 2nd Floor Lobby
* BURG Peer Theatre ............................................................. Noon ...... Cordts PEC Leake Room
* CCM Mass ................................................................. Noon & 8:00 p.m. ...... Cook Chapel
* Planetarium, "The Galaxies, Star Kingdoms" 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ..... Tawes Hall
* Senior Picnic ............................................................ 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. ...... Bobcat Stadium
* SCI Study Hall ................................................................. 6-11 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-8, 207-8

* 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 Hitchins, 301-687-4102. TDD 301-687-7955.

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International 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 least one course 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 Office in the Full House on Braddock Road, x3091, asimes@fsu.edu or visit the Office Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

‘Europe for Free’ Entry Deadline May 14
The International Student Identity Card is giving away three prizes to students who enter their sweepstakes by May 14. Grand prize is good for a stay of up to 30 days in Europe. No purchase is necessary. To enter, click on www.myisic.com/europeforfree/default.aspx. Winners will be notified by May 16.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in any of 162 countries should consider applying for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program (for study beginning fall 2006). It is possible to win up to $25,000 is available for overseas graduate study. Applications are available at the Office. Rotary International will sponsor a select number of graduates who wish to complete a masters degree overseas, covering all expenses. Applications require several essays and recommendations and must be submitted to the local Rotary District no later than July 1. Applicants must be available for an interview on Saturday, Aug. 13, in Bedford, Pa. Past winners from the area have studied in Argentina, Greece, Ireland, and New Zealand. For more information, contact the Office.

Fulbright Grant Competition for ’06-’07
The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board will launch the 2006-2007 Fulbright US Student Program competition. This is one of the most prestigious grants awarded for overseas study. Grants provide funding for one year of graduate study in over 140 countries worldwide (many graduate degrees offered in other countries take only one year to complete). Grants include round-trip airfare, tuition, insurance and general maintenance, along with all living expenses. To qualify, students must have completed a bachelor’s degree by the beginning of the grant (fall 2006) and be U.S. citizens. The national deadline for applying is Oct. 21. The FSU deadline is Sept. 23. Applications are available online at www.fulbrightonline.org/.