128th Commencement Ceremonies Scheduled for Saturday, May 27

The 128th commencement ceremonies at FSU will be held Saturday, May 27, in the Harold J. Cordts Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Dr. Catherine Gira, FSU president, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises. The College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present degrees beginning at 2 p.m. This event marks the last FSU commencement for Gira who is retiring on June 30, following 15 years of service at Frostburg.

Student speakers at the spring commencement are James “Robbie” Jenkins, College of Business; Jarett Iliff, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Kelly True, College of Education.

Jenkins will earn degrees in both economics and political science. A native of Keyser, W.Va., Jenkins is a member of both Omicron Delta Epsilon and Phi Eta Sigma, the economics and political science honor societies respectively. Active in the College of Business, Jenkins has served on the Curriculum Committee and the Student Advisory Council and received the College of Business Achievement Award for two consecutive years.

Jenkins also participated in a workshop sponsored by the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics. He has been accepted to West Virginia University, where he intends to pursue a doctorate in economics.

Iliff is graduating with degrees in both Spanish and international studies and is receiving a minor in economics. A resident of La Vale, Iliff is a member of the Spanish Honor Society at FSU. Her studies have taken her to Ecuador and Peru, where she taught English to school children. Locally, Iliff served as vice president of the FSU International Relations Club and participated in the University of Pennsylvania’s Model United Nations Conference and Model Organization of American States. An active member of the community, Iliff taught Spanish in an after-school program and volunteered for V-Day, a national campaign to end violence against women. She has appeared in several University Theatre productions, including “Romeo and Juliet,” “Snow White” and the “Vagina Monologues.” Her career goal is to be an officer in the Foreign Service for the U.S. Department of State.

True will graduate with a degree in early childhood/elementary education. A native of Warfordsburg, Pa., True was a member of the Maryland Student Education Association, where she serves as historian. In addition to her academic achievements, she is also an accomplished athlete, playing on the FSU basketball team as a guard. She was named ESPN Academic All-American and AMCC Academic All-American. True will be seeking a teaching position in the Western Maryland region following graduation.

Presenting candidates for degrees will be Dr. Stephen Simpson, provost; Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business; Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Ken Witmer, interim dean of the College of Education.

Tickets are required for admission to the spring commencement. For more information, visit FSU online at www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.
the material and captured not only the alumni stories, but their own personal growth on their inspiring journey.

The idea for this documentary came from Roadtrip Nation — a group of Pepperdine University graduates who, upon graduation, did not know their directions in life. The three young men set out on a cross-country road trip in a green R.V. and interviewed people to hear their individual journeys. Since that original Roadtrip five years ago, the organization has been helping other student filmmakers perform similar excursions.

The screening of the FSU film is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Ty DeMartino at x4161.

**Take Note**

**Tickets Still Available for ‘Crystal Gala’**

Black-Tie Event to Honor Catherine Gira

Tickets are still available for the “Crystal Gala,” a black-tie event to commemorate Dr. Catherine Gira’s retirement and 15-year tenure at FSU. The event, co-sponsored by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Cumberland Committee and FSU, will take place on the night of Saturday, May 20, on the FSU campus.

Proceeds will go towards the newly established Catherine R. Cordts to Community Endowed Fund at FSU.

Tickets are $100 per person and may be purchased at the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce or the FSU Lane University Center Box Office.

For more information, call the Chamber at 301-722-2820.

**Reminder: Set Up E-bill Account in PAWS ASAP**

If you have not already done so, please setup your e-bill account through PAWS. Electronic bills for the fall 2006 semester will be generated July 10. **No paper bills will be sent.** Deferment forms and payment plan information is available at www.frostburg.edu/admin/billing.

If you need assistance setting up your e-bill account, please stop in the University & Student Billing Office, Pullen 148, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**Brady Health Center Posts Summer Hours**

The summer school clinic hours for the Brady Health Center will begin on Tuesday, May 30. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, by appointment. All students enrolled for summer school are eligible to use the services. Also students currently attending the Summer School who are registered to continue classes in the fall may receive services. Call x4310 for an appointment.

There is a $10 fee for each visit to the health center. There are additional charges for diagnostic tests, immunizations, physicals and prescription medications. Payment may be made at the center by cash, check or Bobcat Express Card.

Additional information is available on the health center’s Web site at www.frostburg.edu/brady.

**Tickets Issued for May 27 Commencement**

SGA ‘Free for All’ Distributions May 18, 26

Tickets will be required for all guests attending the 128th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 27, in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena. The Colleges of Business and Education will hold their ceremony at 10 a.m.; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will recognize its graduates at 2 p.m.

Students graduating with a major from the College of Business or the College of Education will be provided nine tickets each. Students graduating with a major from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be provided eight tickets each. The differential is based on the projected number of graduates from each of the three Colleges.

Only graduating students who have been cleared by the Registrar’s Office are eligible to pick up tickets. All tickets must be claimed in person, and a valid FSU ID must be presented. No tickets may be retrieved “by proxy” (i.e., no graduating student can send someone else to claim tickets).

Tickets will be available at the Lane University Center Box Office during regular hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday). On Friday, May 26, tickets are available through 3 p.m.; at 3:30 p.m., tickets will be available in the Cordts P.E. Center until 5 p.m.

The Student Government Association will also make unclaimed tickets available at two “Free-for-All” ticket distributions: Thursday, May 18, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Lane University Center; Friday, May 26, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Box Office of the Cordts PE Center. The same “graduating students only” policy applies.

Any requests for tickets to be mailed are considered on a case-by-case basis and are considered only if a student absolutely cannot come to campus during the stated times of the Box Office. Contact Beth Andrews, Office of the Assistant to the Provost, x3130. Tickets are not required for participation in FSU’s Commencement ceremony in Hagerstown, scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, for those students graduating from the University System of Maryland Center at Hagerstown (USM-H). However, any USM-H Frostburg student wishing to participate in the Frostburg campus ceremony must abide by the ticket pick-up policies.

Questions should be directed to Jim Limbaugh, jlimbaugh@frostburg.edu or x3130; Gary Van Zinderen, gvanzinderen@frostburg.edu or x4151; or Sheila Pappas, spappas@frostburg.edu or x4727.

**Mind Culture Original Music CD Now Available**

The Mind Culture Original Music Vol. II CD is now available for sale. The 18-track CD, produced and compiled by the students of the Department of Mass Communication’s Music Promotion and Production class, features original music compositions from FSU students and local and regional musicians.

The CD, the third in a series of annual projects, features original music from a variety of genres including rock, hip-hop, folk and neo-soul. Price of the CD is only $5. Currently, it may be purchased at the Mass Communication Department’s office located in Guild Center room 118. The disc will also be marketed on-line at CDDB.com.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of Mass Communication at x3049 or visiting the department Web site at www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/index.htm.

All proceeds from this project will benefit the Department of Mass Communication through the FSU Foundation, Inc.

**Commencement for Grad Students**

Students who plan to graduate in May 2006 must complete the “Application for Graduation” as soon as possible. Candidates who submitted applications by April 14 will be listed in the Commencement Program, but candidates who file later and are not listed may still participate in the ceremony. Forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, x7053. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. See notice above about commencement tickets. There will be a commencement ceremony for all students attending USM-Hagerstown on Tuesday, May 30. Tickets are not required to attend the Hagerstown event.

**Writing Workshop for High School Students**

The second annual Savage Mountain Creative Writing Workshop for high school students will be held at FSU, home to noted writers and FSU professors Barbara Hurd (“Stirring the Mud”), Brad Barkley (“Allison’s Auto-Motive Repair Manual”) and Gerry LaFemina (“The Parakeets of Brooklyn”), from June 26 to June 30. The Savage Mountain Creative Writing Workshop is an opportunity for high school students to engage in hands-on writing and editing workshops led by professional writers, all FSU graduates. This workshop continues the annual commitment of the FSU Department of Communication to help high school students develop their writing skills.

The workshop focuses on creative writing, and includes a series of workshops on fiction, poetry, and non-fiction writing, as well as a portfolio workshop and a brief writing seminar. This workshop is open to high school students who are interested in creative writing or wish to improve their writing skills.

Students who are interested in participating in the workshop should complete the application form by Monday, May 15. The application form is available at www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/communication at x3049 or visiting the Department’s office located in Guild Center.

For more information, contact Terri DeMartino at x4161, or Sheila Pappas, spappas@frostburg.edu or x4727.
Summer Math Program Seeks Young Minds

The Maryland Summer Center for Mathematics: “Mystery + Mastery = Beauty + Power = Infinity!” at FSU is seeking applications of talented children currently in grades 4 to 7. This Maryland Summer Center runs from July 5 to 14 (weekend excluded). Content will emphasize the beauty of math and joy of exploration. Students will be challenged to develop perspectives and tricks of mathematicians, as well as exploration strategies and empowering habits of mind. Last year’s program received very strong reviews from State evaluators. Those who participated in last year’s program are still eligible, and the mathematics content will be new.

The instructional team includes Co-Director Dr. Gerry Wojnar (FSU), Co-Director Pam Deering (Instructional Designer at Allegany College), Associate Director Dr. Marc Michael (FSU), visiting fractal specialist Dr. Len Brian from Southern Connecticut State University, and FSU graduates LeeAnn Zomek (Washington Middle mathematics school improvement specialist, former Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Teacher of the Year) and Teresa Vogtman (Braddock Middle School MathCOUNTS leader), plus some FSU students. The Co-Directors were awarded Governor’s Citations for making significant contributions to the field of gifted and talented education in Maryland, nominated for the recognition by State Superintendent of Schools Nancy Grasmick.

The program is non-residential. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Scholarships are available. The program is funded by the Maryland State Department of Education. For more information, visit the web site http://faculty.frostburg.edu/math/wojnar/msc.

Information is also available in elementary and middle schools or by calling Wojnar at x4181.

Summer Math Camp Set at FSU Math Lab

FSU math professor Dr. Laxman Hegde is conducting a Summer Math Camp for the area children entering fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade in the fall of 2006. Prof. Hegde has been teaching mathematics for the last 25 years (15 years at FSU).

There will be four sessions:

- Session I (June 19-22, 1-4:30 p.m.) for fourth and fifth graders.
- Session II (June 26-29, 1-4:30 p.m.) for sixth and seventh graders.
- Session III (July 17-20, 1-4:30 p.m.) for fourth and fifth graders.
- Session IV (July 24-July 27, 1-4:30 p.m.) for sixth and seventh graders.

Sessions III and IV are similar but not identical. It is not necessary to attend sessions I and II to be able to attend sessions III and IV.

In sessions I and III, the students will explore Arithmetic tricks, some tricks to do perform arithmetic quickly. Also students will explore some basic algebra, geometry, and probability ideas. The problems are fun oriented. There will be lots of web based problem solving activities and math games and strategies. In sessions II and IV, the students will explore George Polya’s four step problem solving logic:

Understand a problem, devise a plan, carry out the plan, and look back.

Students will explore different problem solving strategies such as guess and check, graphs and table, work backwards, set up equations etc. Importantly, the students will be introduced to networks and graphs.

A great opportunity for our students to enhance their mathematical skills.

Cost is $75 per session. For information contact Hegde at lhedge2@gmail.com or x4384 or visit foundation.math.com.

Notice for Spring, Summer MBA Applicants

For Master of Business Administration applicants for spring and summer 2006, the MBA program requires that all students entering the program complete the Graduate Management Admissions Test. New admissions criteria for those entering the MBA program in the fall are in the approval process and will be available in April 2006. The GMAT is no longer given at the FSU Computer Based Testing Center. See www.gmac.org/gmac for information. The closest centers are Towson University, Towson, Md.; and West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.

The 2004-2006 FSU Graduate Catalog is available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall.
Alert for Graduating Teacher Candidates
If you will be completing teacher training this spring or summer, plan to teach in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia or D.C. and have excelled during preparation, log on now to the new Meritorious New Teacher Candidate (MNTC) Web site and apply online for an MNTC Pre-Candidate certificate. This first-of-its-kind designation is the highest honor in the country for new teacher candidates and will put you in the driver’s seat during your job search! Go to the following Web site for the criteria for this special designation, as well as to apply online: www.aacte.org/mntc. Questions? Contact Linda Lewis at x3184 in the Office of Unit Assessment.

Student Summer Telemarketing Positions
If you’re going to be in the area this summer, the Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving is hiring experienced telemarketers for the Summer 2006 Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn money and gain experience in telemarketing. Candidates will be responsible for soliciting contributions from alumni, friends and parents for unrestricted gifts to the University. A number of positions are available. The positions are part-time evenings, paying $6.75 to $9.75 per hour. Prior telemarketing experience, advanced marketing and sales skills are helpful. Excellent organization and communication skills are a must. Candidates must be available to work most evenings, Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Access an application online at: www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/annualfund/phonathon. Return the completed application, to the University Advancement Office, Hitchins Building Room 228 by May 1. For more information, call x3163.

End-of-the-Year Picnic
United Campus Ministry and Catholic Campus Ministry will hold their annual End-of-the-Year Picnic on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center.

Homecoming Coronation Packets Available
This year’s Homecoming coronation packets are now available and in your organization’s mailboxes. Homecoming 2006 will incorporate student body votes, as well as raising monies for a designated charity. Any questions about Homecoming, please contact Karley Moss, GA Alumni Programs, at kmoss0@frostburg.edu.

Senior Send-Off
Senior Send-Off is right around the corner! Seniors, come prepared for great food and cold beverages! Senior Send-Off will be hosted at Bowery Street Pub, on May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free; all we ask is a $1 donation to go towards your class gift! Deadline to RSVP is May 19. RSVP to the Alumni Office at x4068.

Senior Week Activities
Seniors, are you ready for some fun in the sun? Come out and participate in some great activities, including a pool party, on May 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in our campus pool! Then on May 25, from noon–1:30 p.m., meet us on the intramural fields for some capture the flag, water balloon volleyball, water gun soccer and much, much more! Look for flyers in your organization mailboxes and around campus! Any questions, contact Jaime Baker at jaimebaker120683@yahoo.com. Deadline to RSVP is May 19. RSVP to jaimebaker120683@yahoo.com.

Clear Out Your Stuff While Helping Others
For the third year in a row, St. Michael Church, Yellow Freight Systems 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 Freight Systems is donating a trailer that will be parked in the College Avenue parking lot from May 19 to May 31.

Students, landlords, and community members may bring items such as furniture, household items, small appliances, bedding and towels (but no clothing, please) to the College Avenue lot and put them in the trailer. If items are difficult to transport, please call us at (301) 689-5958 for pick-up. While Yellow Freight Systems is generously donating the trailer, there is a fee involved to transport the load to West Virginia. St. Michael Church will be underwriting this cost. The donations will find their way to Kermit, in Mingo County, W.Va.

Sr. Brendan Conlon, a Cumberland native, heads up an emergency aid center there called “Christian Help.” This organization aids the residents of West Virginia and Kentucky with any need ranging from dental care to furnishings after a fire, and everything in between. Of particular need this year are bedframes, bedding, dressers, tables and chairs and building supplies.

Last year the entire truck trailer was filled to the roof with household items. The delivery to those in need came at a most opportune time, as flooding and structure fires had just created many hardships. The furniture, bedding, dishes and other items were immediately put to good use.

This event is a win-win proposition for all involved. Those donating items will have the satisfaction of helping those in need; those receiving items will be thankful of others’ generosity; and every local resident will benefit from fewer items going to the landfill.

Student Fulbright Competition Open
The Institute of International Education (IIE) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Scholarship Board announce the launch of the 2007-2008 Fulbright student competition. The U.S. Fulbright program awards approximately 1,200 grants annually and currently operates in over 140 countries. Students who will be graduating by May 2007 and who are U.S. citizens may apply online at www.fulbrightonline.org.

Free Airfare for Fall AIFS Programs in Spain
The American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) is offering free round-trip airfare for students accepted to their Salamanca and Granada, Spain, programs for the fall semester. Applications for the University of Salamanca or the University of Granada must be postmarked by May 15 to qualify for the free round-trip flight from the U.S. departures listed in the 2006/2007 Academic Year and Semester catalog. Acceptance will be on a space-available basis. Catalogs are available at the OIE office. Interested students should contact Alissa Nichols, AIFS admissions officer for programs in Spain, at 1-800-727-2437 x5074 or anichols@aifs.com, or contact the OIE.

Order Study Abroad, Int’l Graduation Sashes
FSU students who have studied abroad or who are originally from outside the
U.S. may order a country-specific graduation sash from the CIE for $20 through early May. To place your order for a specific country (or countries), please contact the CIE office. Sashes are made of satin and feature a stylized version of each country's flag.

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.

ISEP Summer Programs - Apply Now!
The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is still accepting applications for summer programs in Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay. ISEP makes its summer offering very affordable and provides great immersion experiences for both English-speakers as well as students wanting to improve their language skills. For information, visit www.isep.org or the CIE Web site.

Global Learning: Still Can Apply for Fall
FSU is affiliated with Global Learning Semesters, a study abroad program that specializes in immersion programs in Cyprus, Europe and Belgium. Students may study at Intercollege in Nicosa, Republic of Cyprus; Galen University in San Ignacio, Belize; or London Metropolitan University for the Semester in Europe that takes students to 12 European countries. GLS will provide scholarships for qualifying students, and all financial aid transfers. Credits are applied to FSU transcripts. For information, come by the CIE or visit www.globalsemesters.com.

AustraLearn Launches Travel Grants
2006 has been designated by the U.S. Senate as the "Year of Study Abroad." In support, AustraLearn will grant over $15,000 in airline ticket assistance to students beginning an AustraLearn program anytime between May and September 2006. This is a great opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Australia or New Zealand while reducing costs. AustraLearn also awards scholarships to qualifying students. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/australearn.htm or come by the CIE. Numerous Cultural Experiences Abroad
Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) has new programs in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as in Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic. They are also opening their second CEA Study Center in Barcelona (Paris was the first). Also, in London, they have added Goldsmiths University to their partner schools. For information, visit www.gowithcea.com or the CIE Web site at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad.htm.

reduce the risk of fatal injury from front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans. We're finished with the warnings, so buckle up or pay up!

Campus Vehicles: Slow Among Pedestrians
Four- and six-wheeled non-standard vehicles reduce your speed, slow down and watch for pedestrians!

Non-standard vehicles include John Deere Gators, flatbed six-wheel, golf carts, four-wheel vehicles with a flatbed back, a box enclosure or a second seat. These are the non-standard vehicles that travel on side walks, service roads and campus roads and are used for many types of tasks. They are driven among pedestrians on and around crosswalks. They can create serious hazards when speed is applied. These vehicles should not be travel any faster on service roads and sidewalks than pedestrians are walking. Drivers who do not slow down to prevent pedestrian injuries will be reported to the University Police. Safety is our first concern.

STATE LINES

MONDAY, MAY 15
Have a great day!

TUESDAY, MAY 16
* FSU Brass Ensembles .................. 8:00 p.m. ......... PAC Pealer Recital Hall
* UPC Last Night Frostburg .................. 8:00 p.m.-midnight . Lane University Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
Reading Day
Summer Sessions Course Cancellations for Sessions Beginning May 30
* TR/RE Advising/Registration ........... 8:30 a.m. .......... Lane ARMAH
* UCM End-of-the-Semester Picnic .......... 5:30 p.m. ....... Osborne Newman Center

THURSDAY, MAY 18
Final Exams
* Outdoor Track: ECAC Track & Field Championships, Springfield, MA .......... Away
* SGA Graduation Ticket Give Away .......... 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. .......... Lobby
* BURG General Body Meeting .......... 5:30 p.m. .......... Library 237

FRIDAY, MAY 19
Final Exams

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Reading Day/Common Exams
* Crystal Gala to Honor President Gira .......... 6:00 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Reading Day/Common Exams
* CCM Mass ...................................... noon & 8:00 p.m. .......... Cook Chapel
* Planetarium: "Quick & Easy Intro to Cosmos" .. 4 & 7 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 Hitchins, 301-687-4102, TDD 301-687-7955.

Fatigue Behind the Wheel is a Very Real Danger