Jonathan C. Gibralter Named New President of FSU

David H. Nevins, chair of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, has announced the appointment of Jonathan C. Gibralter as president of FSU. Gibralter is currently president of Farmingdale State University of New York on Long Island. He will join FSU as president on or about Aug. 1.

“The regents are confident that Dr. Gibralter will be an outstanding leader of Frostburg State University,” said Nevins. “He has an impressive record of nurturing effective partnerships that have brought visibility and support for campus academic programs and enhancements. This, along with his commitment to student success and his proven ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students, as well as with community and business leaders, will advance the university significantly in the years ahead.”

In accepting the appointment, Gibralter said: “I wish to thank the members of the Board of Regents and USM Chancellor Kirwan for selecting me to be the next president of Frostburg State University. I am deeply honored by this tremendous opportunity and am greatly looking forward to leading the university in its fine tradition of academic excellence and community partnerships. I am thrilled to be ‘on board.’ My wife Laurie and I eagerly anticipate enjoying our new life in the beautiful State of Maryland.”

Gibralter has served as president of Farmingdale State since 2001. Under Gibralter’s leadership, Farmingdale State has experienced a significant transformation. A comprehensive marketing and enrollment plan helped to increase enrollment by 25 percent (from 5,100 to 6,400 students) and led to the development of an effective Student Success Center. Among the new bachelor degree programs launched during his tenure are biology, technology studies, computer programming and information systems, and applied mathematics.

Gibralter also is credited with building strong campus ties with business leaders on Long Island, creating forums that focus on several industries, including banking, bioscience, healthcare, horticulture, hospitality, tourism and engineering/manufacturing. In addition, he began Farmingdale State’s first-ever major gifts campaign in 2003, with the goal of raising $10 million in five years.

“I am so pleased that Dr. Gibralter has accepted the regents’ appointment,” said William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. “He is highly respected within the SUNY system. He has been successful in increasing student enrollment and improving academic program offerings. He has helped to transform Farmingdale into a vital player in regional economic development. All of this experience will serve the Frostburg community, the University System of Maryland, and our state extremely well.”

“I also want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the presidential search-and-screen committee,” Kirwan said. “Under the leadership of Thomas Bowling, FSU’s associate vice president for student and education services, the committee did an excellent job of reviewing 110 candidates and identifying finalists for review by the Board of Regents and me.”

Prior to serving as president of Farmingdale State, Gibralter held other positions at higher education institutions in the state of New York. He was interim president of Corning Community College in 2000-2001. Also at Corning, he served as dean of academic affairs from 1998 to 2000. From 1993 to 1998, he was dean of the Rome Campus of Mohawk Valley Community College. And from 1990 to 1993, he was associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts at the State University of New York at Morrisville.

Gibralter holds a Ph.D. in human development from Syracuse University (1996), an M.A. in counseling psychology from New York University (1982), and a B.A. in psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton (1978). He and his wife Laurie have two sons.

Gibralter will succeed Catherine R. Gira, who is retiring this summer.

Frostburg State University,” said Nevins.

FSU will hold a reception later this spring to welcome Gibralter to the university and the region.

Crystal Gala to Honor President Gira

Planning is under way for the Crystal Gala to commemorate Dr. Catherine Gira’s retirement and 15-year tenure at FSU. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Cumberland Committee and FSU are joining forces to salute Gira with a black-tie event on the night of Saturday, May 20, on campus.

A portion of the proceeds from the gala will go towards the newly established Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Endowed Fund at FSU. The scholarship program will provide financial support for students as they explore worlds beyond the campus through research, domestic and international travel, alumni mentoring programs, professional development programs and internships.

Tickets will be available at both the Allegany County Chamber and FSU’s Box Office starting on Monday, April 10. Admission is $100 per person.

For information, call the Chamber at 301-722-3820.
inspiring and uplifting with a strong and unfettered delivery. J. Ivy's genuine love for wordplay has served as the fuel for this poetic locomotive that shows no signs of derailing.

At 8 p.m., Jeffrey Johnson, better known as "Cousin Jeff" on BET's "Rap City," will perform. Johnson is a social activist, A.M.E. minister and public speaker and believes that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Johnson can also be seen on the BET show "The Cousin Jeff Chronicles" discussing and enlightening young viewers on issues affecting their communities. Johnson is the former vice president of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network and the Youth and College Division National Director of the NAACP.

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

The Circus is Coming!
The Ali Ghan Shrine Circus will be held on April 9, in the Cordts PE Center main arena. Show times are at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For tickets, call (301) 722-5970.

Music
Frostburg Idol Auditions Rescheduled for April 4
Frostburg Idol Auditions have been postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, April 4. You can still sign up to perform by stopping by the University Programming Council Office (Lane University Center, room 223) by noon that day. A sign-up list is on the office door and a list of songs that you can choose from is available also. Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. that evening in the Lane University Center Loft.

The prizes for the winners are: 1st Place—$200, 2nd Place—$150, and 3rd Place—$100.

Frostburg Idol will be held on Friday, April 7 at 9 p.m. in the Lane Manicur Assembly Hall. Cost is $1 or a canned good. All proceeds will be donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

For information, contact Kaycee Bartee in the UPC Office or by e-mailing kbartee@frostburg.edu. Tickets, contact the Lane University Center information desk at x4411.

Roots Series Presents Workshops and Concert
The Allegany Arts Council, in cooperation with Dr. Ken Roberts and WJFM Public Radio, will present musician workshops on flat-picking guitar and banjo on Saturday, April 8, part of the Roots Music Series.

Robin Kessinger will hold a beginner/ intermediate guitar or advanced guitar workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. and an intermediate/ advanced guitar workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. Kessinger is as renowned for his teaching skills as he is for his accomplishments as a performer. In addition, Kevin Mallow will teach a banjo workshop focusing on the "Reno" style of playing named after Don Reno of the bluegrass duo Reno & Smiley, while Scott Walker will instruct the "Scruggs" style of banjo named after the legendary Earl Scruggs of Flatt & Scruggs fame. Mallow and Walker are members of the Shenandoah Blue Band. The workshops will be held in rooms 201 and 202 of the Lane University Center. Registration is $25 a workshop.

The Roots Music Series was established to encourage and sustain "traditional" music in our community. The Roots Music Series showcases a variety of musical traditions, such as bluegrass, folk, country, blues and gospel, to educate, instruct and nurture local musicians, and to increase awareness and interest in these important art forms among area residents.

The workshops will be followed by a performance by Kessinger and by the Shenandoah Blue Band at 8 p.m. in the Palace Theatre on Main Street in Frostburg. Tickets will be available in advance from the Book Centre in Cumberland, Main Street Books in Frostburg and from the Allegany Arts Council. Tickets, if still available, will be sold at the door starting at 7:30 p.m. For information or to register for a workshop, contact Emily Thomas at ethomas@allconet.org or call the Allegany Arts Council at (301) 777-2787.

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University Theatre will present Melanie Marnich's "Quake" on April 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., and April 15 at 2 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. "Quake" is a darkly hilarious comedy that follows a young woman named Lucy as she traverses the country in an idealistic search for the "perfect love." However, she soon becomes involved in a succession of surreal, contorted affairs that merely accentuate the mundane realities of human interaction. As events escalate into what one critic has called "a marathon of Twilight Zone episodes," Lucy begins to admire from afar the brilliance, power and control of a notorious female astro-physicist turned serial killer.

Alternatively labeled an abstract comedy, a picaroon fantasy, an epidemic panic and a surreal gambit, "Quake" provides an unusual, entertaining, yet thought-provoking look at the many problems of human connection. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for non-students. For reservations, call the University Theatre Box Office at x7462, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers

Appalachian Lab

Dr. Keith Eshleman of the UMCS Appalachian Laboratory will discuss "Quantifying and Understanding Hydrological Change in Small Watersheds" on Thursday, April 6, another in the Appalachian Lab spring seminar series. The series will be at 3:30 in AL room 109. Refreshments will follow in the lobby.

Middle States Team on Campus This Week

There will be opportunities for the campus community to meet with members of the evaluation team from the Middle States Association during their visit to FSU April 2 to 5. The open meeting with faculty and staff will be Monday, April 3, at 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall. The open meeting for students will be Tuesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. in Lane 201, the Atkinson Room.

Dr. Dennis Hefner, the chair of the visiting team and President of SUNY-Fredonia, has emphasized that his team's visit will focus on institutional improvement. These open meetings provide us the opportunity to discuss with team members both the strengths of Frostburg State and those areas we feel need to be improved. The team's suggestions and recommendations to the University will be shaped by both the self-study and the discussion at meetings such as these. The team consists of eight colleagues from institutions within the Middle States region and a team observer from an international agency in Washington, D.C. The names and titles of the team members may be found on the Web site that has been developed by Marc Routhier and Stephanie Ciesnick: www.frostburg.edu/middlestates/index.htm.

Commencement Tickets Available May 1

Tickets will be required for all guests attending the 128th Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2006, in the Arena of the Cordts Physical Education Center. 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 I.D. must be presented. No tickets may be retrieved "by proxy" (i.e., no graduating student can send someone else to claim his/her tickets). Tickets will be available beginning Monday, May 1, at the Lane Center Box Office (regular hours, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday). On Friday, May 26, tickets are available through 3:00 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 PE Center. The same "graduating student 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 (USMH). However, any USMH/Frostburg student wishing to participate in the Frostburg campus ceremony must abide by the ticket pick-up policies.

Ticket questions should be directed to either of the Commencement co-directors: Jim Limbaugh, jlimbaugh@frostburg.edu or x3130; Gary Van Zinderen, gyzinderen@frostburg.edu or x4151; or Sheila Pappas, spappas@frostburg.edu; x4727.

Stadium Closed for Field Work

The University has a contract awarded to Sprinturf Inc. to install artificial turf on the Bobcat Stadium football field. Sprinturf has begun construction, so Bobcat Stadium will be closed until completion of the project. The project is expected to be completed the first week of May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Health & Wellness Fair

The annual FSU Health and Wellness Fair will be Tuesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center's Manicur Assembly Hall. Sponsored by the S.A.F.E. Office and the Office of Human Resources, the event is free and open to all students, faculty and staff. Meet health and wellness professionals in our region. There will be raffles, freebies, incentive items, assessments, analyses, workshops and a massage therapy room.

For more information, call the S.A.F.E. Office at x4761.

Children's Center Open House, Fall Enrollment

The Children's Center Annual Open House and Enrollment Fair for the 2006-2007 academic year will be:

- Monday, April 3, 3 to 6 p.m.,
- Tuesday, April 4, 11 a.m. to noon and 3 to 4 p.m.,
- Friday, April 7, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Parents or guardians who would like to learn more about the Children's Center or who would like to enroll their child are encouraged to visit during one of the designated times mentioned above or call the Center at x4027 to set up an appointment.

TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures)

Student and Educational Services will be sponsoring a TIPS training session on Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. in the Residence Life Office in Annapolis Hall. The program is open to all members of the University community. If you would like more information or plan to attend, please contact J esse Ketterman at x4121 or jketterman@frostburg.edu.

The goal of TIPS for the University is to provide students, staff and faculty with the skills they need to intervene in situations where their peers are misusing alcohol. Participants in the program will:

- Learn how alcohol affects people who are drinking
- Apply the information through skills exercises
- Share ideas for influencing drinking
behavior among your peers.
- Develop strategies for preventing alcohol-related tragedies on campus.
- Upon successful completion, participants will receive a three-year TIPS for the University certification.

Geography Dept. Plans Welcome Reception

Are you interested in geography? The Department of Geography will be hosting a welcome reception and information session on Thursday, April 6, for new majors and those interested in majoring in geography, environmental analysis and planning, earth science and urban and regional planning. Come and enjoy pizza, subs, soda and cookies while learning about what the Department of Geography has to offer. Take a tour of our great facilities. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. in 219 Gunter Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Danny Welsch, dwelsh@frostburg.edu or x4891.

Student Evaluation of Academic Advisors

Each undergraduate student will be asked to evaluate his/her academic advisor during the regular advising/registration period through April 21. The advisor will give the student the evaluation form and instructions. When completed, these forms should be returned to the departmental administrative assistant or deposited in boxes established for this purpose. The evaluation responses are confidential. If your advisor forgets to give you the form, please ask for it. The evaluation results are considered in faculty evaluations and a high response rate is essential. If you have questions about this process, please call the Office of the Provost, x4212.

Deadline This Week for Photo Contest

Entries are due at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, for the third annual Environmental Photography Contest held by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute of FSU (a joint venture between the FSU Department of Geography and the Maryland Bureau of Mines, MDE).

Any amateur photographer over the age of 11 years old who lives, attends school or works in either Allegany or Garrett County is eligible to enter. No professional photographers. The photo entry must be an interpretation of the natural environment scenes of either Allegany or Garrett County that demonstrate a personal understanding of the beauty and richness of these counties. To enter, submit up to three 8” x 10” photographs, either black and white or in color, to the Department of Geography, Gunter Hall 301 or the Maryland Bureau of Mines, Dunkle Hall 307.

This year, prizes will be a combination of cash, merchandise and gift certificates, including a large gift package from the Wisp Resort. Finalist photos will be on display at the Ort Library from April 17 to April 28. The awards ceremony to recognize the top four finalists will be Thursday, April 20, at 5 p.m. in the Compton Science Center atrium.

For information or entry forms, call x4267 or x4721, or visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/geog/einstitute.

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.

Commencement for Grad Students

Students who plan to graduate in May 2006 must complete the “Application for Graduation” as soon as possible. Students whose applications are received by Friday, April 14, will be listed in the May 2006 Commencement Program. Forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, x7053. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement/. Admission Interviews Set for MAT at USM-H

Admission interviews for Master of Arts in Teaching – Elementary & Secondary, K-12 candidates who wish to attend the USM Hagerstown Center held on Tuesday, April 11, by Dr. Kim Rotruck, MAT-E Graduate Program Coordinator, and Dr. William Childs, MAT-S, K-12 Graduate Program Coordinator. The interviews will be at USM-H, 32 W. Washington St. in Hagerstown. Details will be sent to applicants.

The deadline for MAT-Elementary cohort applications is May 1. The MAT-Secondary deadline has passed. For information, please call Rotruck at 240-527-2736 (x2736 from on-campus) or Childs at x4267 or x4721, or visit www.frostburg.edu/grad/mathe.

Points of Pride

The Maryland Association for Higher Education (MAHE) has awarded FSU’s Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) with the 2005 MAHE Distinguished Program Award. FSU Professor of Social Work Kathy Powell, COPC Director Lori Senese and COPC Community Director Emily White were honored at the annual MAHE Conference on March 10 at Catonsville Community College. The FSU program was selected for recognition because of its dedication to developing a stronger and better relationship between the city and the University. Over the past two years, Frostburg COPC has helped coordinate and launch several initiatives.

The Distinguished Program Award was developed in 1982 to provide recognition of innovative and outstanding programs in Maryland higher education. Its goal is not only to recognize the achievements of these innovative new programs, but to stimulate communication about successful programs among individual and institutional members.

Each year, the MAHE president appoints a Distinguished Program Awards Committee which solicits, receives and reviews program applications and makes recommendations to the MAHE Executive Board.

Deadline for May 2006 Graduation Exceptions

Are you planning a May 2006 graduation? If your official degree progress report 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 April 5 for the April meeting (last chance for graduation exceptions and inclusion in the Commencement Booklet). For information, call the Provost’s Office at x4212.

Volunteers

Students Offer Free Tax Return Preparation

Free help preparing 2005 basic federal and Maryland income tax returns will be offered through mid-April through the IRS-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program at FSU. The College of Business students are trained and approved by the IRS and overseen by faculty.

VITA assists taxpayers filing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or a basic Form 1040 federal return and with free electronic filing. Preparers will alert taxpayers to credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Appointments must be made in calling Joyce Middleton, VITA site coordinator, at x4154. Students will work Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Frampton Hall. A weekday drop-off service is available.
Taxpayers should bring any tax packages mailed by the IRS and the state, W-2 from all employers, all 1099s, a copy of last year’s returns, if available, other relevant information about income and expenses, and taxpayer and dependent social security numbers and birth dates.

Road Trips

Fun in Philly
On Saturday, April 8, join the University Programming Council for a day of fun and culture in Philadelphia. The cost is $24 for FSU students with student I.D.; $34 for faculty, staff and guests.

The bus will depart from the Performing Arts Center Parking Lot at 8 a.m. and will return to campus around 11 p.m.

The first part of the trip will begin at the African American Museum of Philadelphia. In addition to the museum, you will be a short walk from Chinatown, South Street and many other tourist locations. We will depart from the museum at 5 p.m. and stop at the King of Prussia Mall on the way back to Frostburg. Ticket price includes transportation, a light morning snack, and driver gratuity.

Get Involved

United Campus Ministry
UCM will continue its “Krazy Kinfolk” Bible study series on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Oct Library Room 237.

Palm Sunday Services
United Campus Ministry’s April Second Sunday Worship Service will be a Palm Sunday service at 6 p.m. in Frost Hall’s Cook Chapel. This is a Protestant worship service open to all.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Catholic Campus Ministry will bless and distribute palms at Palm Sunday Masses at noon and 8 p.m., also in Cook Chapel.

Catholic Campus Ministry
CCM will have a presentation and discussion on “What the Church Teaches: What is Holy Week,” on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center. Holy Week starts this Sunday.

UPC General Board Meeting Open to All
Come to the University Programming Council general board meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 8 p.m. in the Lane University Center, 2nd floor lobby to learn how you can be involved with UPC. We will tell you about upcoming events and how you can volunteer, as well as provide you with information on the selection process for the 2006-2007 executive board. While you are there, celebrate Earth Day by making a tie-dye T-shirt.

University Programming Council Wants YOU!
Applications are currently being accepted for the following chairing positions on the University Programming Council executive board: executive, arts & lectures, film series, comedy, music, Center Stage Live! at the Loft, recreation, special events, off-campus trips, late night and weekends, graphic design, advertising and public relations.

Applications are available at the Lane University Center Information Desk. Completed applications are due back by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 14.

To learn more about the University Programming Council and the available positions, as available, please attend one of the following information meetings:
- Monday, April 3, noon to 1 p.m. in the LUC Game Room—FREE pizza provided!
- Wednesday, April 5, 5 to 6 p.m. in the LUC 202—FREE pizza provided!
- Monday, April 10, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the LUC 202—Dessert reception!

Community

AAUW Open Meeting
The Frostburg Branch of AAUW will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 48 W. Main St.

Susan Lee will speak on “Terrorism: Coping with the Unknown.” She is certified in Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness and Basic Incident Command. She is currently pursuing a degree in Homeland Security. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Liz West 301-722-6445.

International

Latin American Events on Campus
Don’t miss these two events, co-sponsored by the Center for International Education and the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature:
- “What is Life Like in Latin America” - Tuesday, April 4, 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Tawes 203. Join a round-table discussion that focuses on life in a variety of Latin American countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Puerto Rico. The discussion will be led by students from these countries, as well as students who have studied in Latin America.
- Latin American Dance! - Wednesday, April 5, 4 to 5 p.m. Leave Room, Cordts Physical Education Center. To understand Latin American culture, you must understand their dances. Learn the basics of salsa, merengue, samba and Afro-Peruvian dance from an expert. No previous knowledge or ability required!

Learn About Semester at Sea April 11
Students, faculty and staff who are interested in learning more about Semester at Sea, a study abroad program operated by the Institute of Shipboard Education and accredited by the University of Virginia, should plan to attend an information session on Tuesday, April 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the PE Center Leake Room. Lucy Holman, a former participant and SAS representative, will be on hand to answer questions. Video footage of a recent voyage taken by CIE Director Amy Simes will be shown, as will a brief informative video about the program.

Gilmans Scholarship Deadline April 4
Students who have been accepted to study abroad in the fall semester and who currently receive a Pell Grant are encouraged to apply online for a Gilman Scholarship: www.iie.org/grants/ gilmans/index.html. These scholarships are awarded to qualifying students and often cover up to $5,000 of overseas expenses. For information, contact the CIE or visit the Gilman Scholarship page: www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/saschoi.htm

Order Study Abroad, Int’l Graduation Sashes
Any 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. Orders will be taken up 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.

April 15 Deadline for Fall Programs
There are still spaces available for students who apply to American Institute for Foreign Study (www.aisabroad.com) fall semester programs and AustraLearn fall programs (www.austrelarn.org). Apply now and take advantage of additional travel grants and scholarships during this year of Study Abroad.

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 at the GE 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 applica-
Safety Message

**Md. Chiefs’ Challenge Seatbelt Campaign**

The Maryland Chiefs’ Challenge campaign was developed by the Maryland Chiefs’ of Police Association (MCPA), the Maryland Committee for Seat Belt Use (MCSFU), and the Maryland Highway Safety Office at SHA (MHSO), to increase the public’s awareness and use of safety belts, child safety seats and child booster seats.

The campaign focus is increasing awareness of and compliance with Maryland’s safety belt and child passenger safety laws. Safety belts can prevent serious injury and even death in a crash. The public knows they should buckle up for safety. But despite this awareness, research shows that many are not taking the steps necessary to protect themselves and their children on every ride.

Many people are under the mistaken notion that trips around home are safe, and they fail to make it a point that everyone buckles up. The truth is, most traffic crashes happen close to home – where people do the most driving.

Maryland’s Occupant Protection Laws:
- All front seat passengers to be buckled up
- All passengers under age 16 to be in a buckled up, in all seating positions
- All children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat, in all seating positions

Please assist University Police in the Buckle Up campaign for the period of April 6- June 6. Before you turn the key in the ignition remember this simple phrase...click it or ticket, it’s the law! We will be watching for you.

**FSU Events Calendar**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**
- UPC Information Meeting ........................... noon-1:00 p.m. .... Lane Game Room
- BSA Spring Fling 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament ... 7 p.m. .......... PEC Main Arena

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**
- 7th Annual Health Wellness Fair ................ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH
- Baseball: Pitt-Greensburg (DH) ................. 1:00 p.m. .......... Away
- Women’s Softball: Pitt-Greensburg (DH) ....... 3:00 p.m. .......... Home
- Men’s Tennis: Pitt-Greensburg .................... 3:00 p.m. .......... Home
- Greek Council ........................................ 5:00 p.m. .......... Lane 202
- Student Activities Spring Fest Meeting ........ 5:00 p.m. .......... Lane Atkinson Room
- UPC General Body Meeting ......................... 8:00 p.m. .......... Lane Lobby

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**
- High School Model UN ................................ 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH & 201
- Men’s Tennis: Dickinson College ................. 3:00 p.m. .......... Away
- Faculty Senate ......................................... 4:00 p.m. .......... Lane Atkinson Room
- UPC Information Meeting ......................... 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. .... Lane 202
- UPC presents J. Ivy ................................... 6:30 p.m. Lane Derezenski Lounge/Loft
- UPC/BSA present Cousin Jeff ....................... 8:00 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**
- BURG General Body Meeting ..................... 5:30 p.m. .......... Library 237
- BSA Spring Fling Pool Party ........................ 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. .......... PEC Pool

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**
- Math Symposium ...................................... 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. .... Lane University Center
- BSA Spring Fling Cookout .......................... 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. .......... Upper Quad
- UPC Frostburg Idol Finals .......................... 9:00 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**
- UPC Philadelphia Trip: Bus departs 8 a.m. from the PAC Lot (Reservations required)
- Enrollment Management Open House .......... 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. .... Lane University Center
- Men’s Tennis: Penn State Behrend College .... 10:00 a.m. .......... Home
- Baseball: Penn State Behrend College (DH) ... 1:00 p.m. .......... Away
- BSA Spring Fling Cabaret ........................... 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. .......... Lane ARMAH

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**
- 2006 English Colloquium ................................ noon .......... Lane University Center
- Men’s Tennis: Washington & Jefferson College .... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... Home
- CCM Mass .............................................. noon & 8:00 p.m. .......... Cook Chapel
- Planetarium: “Quick & Easy Intro to Planets” ... 4 & 7 p.m. .......... Tawes Hall
- UCM Second Sunday Palm Sunday Service ...... 6:00 p.m. .......... Cook Chapel
- * Open to the public – Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

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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.australialearn.org 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 group of partner schools. For information, visit www.gowithcea.com or the CIE Web site.

FSU Program in Prague, Czech Republic
A new faculty-led summer program will be available this summer for all qualified FSU students. Dr. Sally Bonice (International Studies/History) and Dr. George White (Geography) will lead students to Prague, Czech Republic, this summer for IDS 491 Honors Seminar/HIST 390 Special Topics/ GEOG 490 Special Topics: “Czech Identity in Central Europe: Bridge to the West, Bridge to the East.” This will be an online/short-term study abroad course in association with the Society for Legal and Economic Education in Prague. Contact the CIE, Bonice or White for information.

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Global Learning: Still Can Apply for Fall
FSU has begun a new affiliation with Global Learning Semesters, a study abroad program that specializes in immersion programs in Cyprus, Europe and Belize. Students may study at Intercollege in Nicosia, the capital of the 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 scholarship money for qualifying students, and all financial aid will transfer overseas. Credit earned are applied to FSU transcripts. For information, visit www.globalsemesters.com or come by the CIE.