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Live! at the Loft Presents Sankofa Dance Theater

FSU's Live! at the Loft, sponsored by the University Programming Council, will feature the Sankofa Dance Theater in the Lane University Center's Dereziński Lounge on Friday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

The Sankofa Dance Theater was started in 1989 as a Baltimore-based Cultural Arts organization. "Sankofa" means "reaching back ... to move forward," an expression evolving out of the need for a community focused on

promoting authentic African arts forms as a vehicle for cultural expression. By "reaching back" into the rich legacy of African culture and history, the Sankofa Dance Theater hopes to create an exciting program of traditional dance, music and folklore. The company's performers have been praised as exuberant dancers and percussionists.

For more information, call x4411.



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Literature



Spring Writers' Series Kicks Off with Poetry

FSU's Center for Creative Writing and Department of English promise a lively beginning to the spring visiting writers' series with a reading from poet BJ Ward on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane University Center 142.

With poems such as "Upon Hearing that Baseball is Boring to America's Youth," "Sex with Emily Dickinson" and "Roy Orbison's Last Three Notes,"

Ward's work ranges from pop culture spins to meditations on morality, music and myth. His poems have earned him high praise from many reviewers, including from Pulitzer Prize winning poet Stephen Dunn, who said, "In poems that both honor and transcend his blue collar roots, BJ Ward blends poignancy and humor with downright good storytelling and takes his place among the bright up-and-coming voices of his generation."

Ward's most recent book of poetry, "Gravedigger's Birthday," was a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize. His two earlier volumes are "17 Love Poems with No Despair" and "Landing in New Jersey with Soft Hands."

The recipient of a 2003 Pushcart Prize for Poetry and a 2003 Distinguished Artist Poetry Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Ward has been featured on National Public



BJ Ward

Radio's "The Writer's Almanac," the New Jersey Network's "State of the Arts," and Poetry Daily, as well as in publications such as "TriQuarterly," "Poetry," "Painted Bride Quarterly," "Puerto Del Sol," "Mid-American Review," "Long Shot," "Natural Bridge," "Kimera," "Poet Lore," "The Sun," "The Hiram Poetry Review," The New York Times, "Spitball," "The Paterson Literary Review," "LIPS" and a host of other journals.

Ward's reading will be followed by a reception, sponsored by the Office of Student and Community Involvement, and a book signing. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Center for Creative Writing at x4024.

Theatre



'Vagina Monologues' to Highlight Month's Events

FSU will present Eve Ensler's Obie Award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues" on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Pealer Recital Hall. All proceeds will benefit the Family Crisis Resource Center in Cumberland and the Dove Center of Garrett County. The play is being performed as part of V-Day, a campaign to stop violence against women and girls around the world.

This is the fifth year FSU has marked V-Day. Through campaigns, local volunteers and college students, annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" are produced to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their communities.

Some of the events planned for FSU's V-Day campaign include:

Feb. 8 and 9, 6 to 8 p.m.: Clothesline Project in Lane Center 205

Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Valentine's Day/Promotion Day, Lane University Center

Feb. 15: Ecofeminism Talks, Sierra Club (time and place TBA)

Feb. 17 and 18, 8 p.m.: "The Vagina Monologues," Pealer Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center

Feb. 20: "Men Can Stop Rape," (time and place TBA)

Feb. 22: Philosophy Club Discussion, (time and place TBA)

Feb. 24: Take Back the Night (time and place TBA)

Proceeds from V-Day at FSU will benefit the Family Crisis Resource Center in Allegany County and The Dove Center in Garrett County.

The V-Day College Campaign strives to empower women to find their collective voices and demand an end to the epidemic levels of violence and abuse on their campuses, in their communities and around the world. Through benefit productions of "The Vagina Monologues" on or around V-Day (Feb. 14), they raise money and awareness to stop violence against women and girls.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.vday.org or e-mail VDayFrostburg@hotmail.com.

UT Opens Spring Season with 'Dames At Sea!'

University Theatre's Season Too! will present "Dames at Sea," with music by Jim Wise and book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller. A preview performance is scheduled for Feb. 23 with opening performances on Feb. 24 and 25. All shows will begin at 8 p.m. in

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the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

Directed by Coty Warn, "Dames at Sea" is a heartfelt, comedic tribute to musicals of a bygone era. Set in the early 1930s, "Dames" takes us back to a time when people expressed their feelings through song and dance, and approached the world with inherent truth and goodness. The original Off-Broadway hit contains great musical numbers such as "Wall Street," "Broadway Baby," "Sailor of My Dreams" and, of course, "Dames at Sea." With performances by Jenny Tabb (Mona Kent), Deanna McDonald (Joan), Matt Cooper (Hennesey), Mallory Smith (Ruby), Colby Lehman (Lucky) and Ryan Adams (the Captain), "Dames" is a classic song and tap extravaganza sure to please everyone.

All tickets are \$5. For reservations and information, please call the University Theatre box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Irish Classic 'Playboy of the Western World' Set

University Theatre will present J.M. Synge's Irish classic, "The Playboy of the Western World" on March 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m., and March 4 at 2 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre.

When Christy Mahon saunters into a small Irish town claiming to have killed his father in self-defense, the villagers become captivated by his mystique and bravery, proclaiming him, "Playboy of the Western World." Their praise gives Christy newfound confidence and he quickly becomes a favorite among the village girls and Widow Quinn. He also wins the affections of the strong-willed Pegeen Mike who runs her father's pub where Christy has taken refuge. However, when another stranger comes to town Christy's image takes a turn for the worse, causing Pegeen Mike and other townsfolk to reveal some harsh realities that underlie their isolated community.

When this humorous and satirical play opened at Dublin's Abbey Theatre in 1907, riots (known as the Playboy riots) filled the streets, as people thought Synge had misrepresented Irish life and women, for he scandalously mentioned females "standing in their shifts." Since those initial nationalistic shock waves, "The Playboy of the Western World" has become a poetic masterpiece, and as favorable to audiences as Christy Mahon to that small Irish town.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. For reservations please call the University Theatre box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Music

UPC Presents Singer/Songwriter Syd

FSU's University Programming Council will present singer/songwriter Syd on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall.

Syd's music evokes the mood and melody of his influences, which include

Ani DiFranco and Pearl Jam, yet he stands comfortably on his own. The Bostonian recently teamed up with a producer duo that has worked with artists from Jack Johnson to Supertramp to complete his sophomore album, "Fault Lines."

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

Faculty Artist Series Sets Clarinet-Piano Recital

FSU's Faculty Artist Series will feature clarinet instructor Mark Gallagher and guest artist Michael Adcock in a recital of clarinet and piano music on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Pealer Recital Hall.

The program includes "Vier Stücke für Klarinette und Klavier, op. 5" by Alban Berg, "Sonate für Klarinette und Klavier, f-moll, op. 120, no. 1" by Johannes Brahms, "Deuxième Sonate pour Clarinette et Piano, op. 28" by François Devienne and "Drei Romanzen für Klarinette und Klavier, op. 94" by Robert Schumann.

Gallagher made his New York recital debut performing with violinist Sylvia Rosenberg at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and is also a winner of the Artist International Competition in New York City. An active chamber musician and co-founder of I Venti Semplice, Dr. Gallagher has performed throughout the United States and Europe. Dr. Gallagher has recorded with the Albany Records label and can be heard on the Eastman "American Music" Series.

In addition to a busy performance schedule, Dr. Gallagher is an active teacher and clinician, lecturing on occupational health issues for musicians and the Alexander Technique.

Winner of the 1998 Lili Boulanger Memorial Award, pianist Adcock has cultivated a versatile career as both a soloist and frequent chamber music collaborator. Adcock made his Carnegie Recital Hall debut in 1998, and his career has taken him to France, Italy and Australia, as well as a performance with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

A former Artist-in-Residence at the Aspen Institute on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Adcock recently completed the Doctorate of Musical Arts at The Peabody Conservatory, where he was also an adjunct member of the theory and chamber music faculties.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at x4109.

Film



UPC Presents Tournées Festival of French Films

FSU's University Programming Council will kick off the Tournées Film Festival with the French Film "Le Grand Voyage" on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center's Atkinson Room, 201. The film, which is unrated, is free and open to the public.

"Le Grand Voyage" follows the story of Reda, a young man who lives in the South

of France, as he drives his aging father to Mecca for the traditional pilgrimage. From the start, the journey promises to be difficult, as Reda and his father are separated by culture, language and religion. As their journey progresses through Italy, Serbia, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, their adventures and misadventures bring father and son closer, forcing mutual recognition and reconciliation. The unrated film challenges preconceived ideas about Islam.

The second film of the series is "Confidences Trop Intimes," which will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University's Center Atkinson Room, 201. The film, which is rated R, is free and open to the public.

The French film begins with a troubled wife named Anna, who intended to see a psychiatrist named Dr. Monnier to speak of her marriage problems. Instead of speaking to the doctor, she unknowingly confesses her problems to a tax accountant named William Faber. William decides to listen instead of telling the truth about not being a doctor and becomes compelled by her confessions.

There will be three other films shown during the Festival. The next two, "Moolaadé" and "A Very Long Engagement" will be shown at the Palace Theatre on Main Street in Frostburg. "Moolaadé," shown on Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m., takes on the controversial issue of female circumcision. It is unrated. "A Very Long Engagement," Saturday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m., follows the story of Mathilde, who is in search of her missing fiancé, Manech, who served in World War I. It is rated R. Admission is free for FSU students and \$5.50 for the general public.

The Festival will end with the film "Viva Laldjerie" on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room, 201. The unrated film explores the lives of three women in Algiers trying to get by despite hardships. Admission is free.

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



Speakers

Legal Landmines In Higher Education . . .

. . . will be the focus of the Maryland Association of Higher Education's (MAHE) Spring Conference on Friday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville. In addition to a workshop on "The Five Most Pressing Legal Issues Impacting Maryland Colleges," participants may choose to attend specialized workshops on such topics as academic dishonesty, COMAR regulations for new program approval, keeping campus technology secure, federal compliance issues that impact the classroom and legal issues when hiring and orienting new faculty and staff. The keynote speaker will be Michael Kiphart from the Middle States Commission (and formerly at MHEC). Last but not least, FSU's very own Kathy Powell, Lori Senese and Emily White will

be honored for receiving a MAHE Distinguished Program Award for the university/community engagement embodied in the Frostburg Community Outreach Center.

Due to the importance of, and potential wide interest in the topic, President Gira has graciously agreed to fund the conference registration fee of \$50/person for an FSU delegation that includes faculty and at least one administrator from each division. If you are interested, please contact Mary Gartner, MAHE Institutional Representative, for further information. You must register through Mary to be considered for Presidential funding. Group transportation will be provided leaving very early in the morning.

Art



Berman: Photographs, Paintings & Installations

An exhibit by photographer and installation artist Michael Berman will be on display in the Stephanie Ann Roper Art Gallery through Wednesday, Feb. 22. Berman's newest installation can be viewed from Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Berman's work is a record of his wanderings of the borderlands of the Southwest and Mexico. He is attracted to un-peopled places where he walks and photographs.

For seven years, Berman has photographed El Gran Desierto, the 6,000-square-mile swath of desert along the Southwest Arizona and Sonora border.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Dance

Mark Your Calendars

The FSU Dance Company Spring Concert will be Thursday, May 4, and Saturday, May 6, with performances at 2 and 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Drama Theatre each day.

The Thursday matinee show for public schools, seniors and FSU faculty and staff will be \$3, with a limited number of free tickets available to faculty and staff. There will also be a free lunchtime performance for faculty and staff that Thursday at 1 p.m. Advance reservations are required for that performance. Call x4145 for reservations.

Two new works for the FSU Dance Co. will be prepared by local choreographers Krista Cave, with a modern jazz work and Kari-Ann Rocco's contribution for a modern ballet work. The concert will also include new works by Dr. Barry Fischer and students.

Admission is free for children under 12 and \$5 for the general public.

Pilates Class

The Dance Program now offers a Pilates Class each semester in the early morning. Instructor is Susan Manger. If

anyone is interested for the fall of 2006 registration, please sign up early because there is a limit for enrollment and the course fills up quickly.



Take Note



NBC/Universal

The Feb. 9 episode of "My Name is Earl," created by FSU Alum Greg Garcia, visits a fictional place called "Frostburg State University."

Must-See FSU on TV

Must-see NBC TV will be FSU-TV, when the hit comedy "My Name is Earl" airs an episode on Feb. 9 that takes place at a place called "FSU."

"My Name is Earl" is the brainchild of FSU graduate Greg Garcia (Class of '92) who also created the series "Yes, Dear" (which also features a character with ties to Frostburg.) "Earl" is centered around a reformed crook who is on a crusade to correct a list of wrongdoings from his past. The critically acclaimed show was recently renewed for another season and was honored with a People's Choice Award for "Best New TV Comedy."

In the "FSU" episode called "The Professor," Earl is nervous about returning a laptop computer he stole from a college professor, mostly because he's uncomfortable around smart people. When the professor turns out to be a beautiful and brilliant woman, he feels even more ill at ease, until she flatters him and asks him to speak about his list in front of her class. Meanwhile, Randy experiences fraternity life and absolutely loves it.

University of Southern California was transformed into Frostburg State in late November for the episode's filming and actors wore FSU sweatshirts and hats. While FSU officials are recognizing that some of the college antics in the show will be sensationalized for the small screen (and comedic value), the episode and entire series shows the great success of a real-life FSU graduate!

"My Name is Earl" airs at 9 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday nights on NBC.

E-Commerce Site Set Up for Discounted Software

FSU has signed onto a 2004 initiative between the Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium participants and Microsoft that provides FSU students, faculty and staff access to this Microsoft software at prices discounted from 50 percent to 80 percent. An agreement with e-Academy allows the FSU community to order this software through a

secure on-line store with a VISA or MasterCard. The McAfee Antivirus software, through a second agreement with Network Associates Inc., is available through the FSU Bookstore.

You can log onto the secure store at <http://elms08.e-academy.com/frostburg>. Your username is your FSU e-mail address (jdoe0@frostburg.edu) and your password was e-mailed to this account. If you do not know your password, go to the e-Academy site, click on the Login icon and follow the directions under Login Help.

You can get further information on MEEC and the Microsoft Agreement by visiting one of the following sites:

- Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium - www.usmsc.edu/meeec
- Bell Education Division - MEEC Web site - www.bellind.com/sig/customsites/meeec/index.cfm

Products available under this new agreement are:

- Office 2004 Standard for Mac
- Office 2003 Professional (PC)
- Office 2003 Standard (PC)
- FrontPage 2003 (PC)
- OneNote 2003 (PC)
- Visio Standard 2003 (PC)
- Windows XP Professional Upgrade (PC)
- Visual Studio .NET 2003 (PC) (Work At Home only)

There are two choices on how faculty and staff may purchase several of the products; Select and WAH (Work At Home). The difference between these similar offerings is that the Select license is a perpetual license (you own it and can use it for whatever purpose and allows for two installations either on the same computer or two different computers) whereas the Work At Home license is only valid while you are employed at FSU, is limited to one installation and is intended for FSU related work only. In doing the purchase of Work At Home, you agree to the terms of the Work At Home agreement and also that you will erase the software from your system when your employment with FSU ends.

Check the site periodically, as we are constantly looking for valuable academic titles to add to our "store". Questions may be directed to oac@frostburg.edu.

The University System of Maryland was a leader in putting together the MEEC, a voluntary agreement among public and independent higher education and county school systems formed to leverage the volume of all Maryland schools to receive favorable pricing from major software vendors. FSU was active in the development of the MEEC and remains a member.

Historical Equipment in USGS Display at Ort

The U.S. Geological Survey is currently showcasing a unique collection of historical hydrologic equipment at Ort Library.

The display highlights "Real-time Streamflow Data for the Nation," since the USGS office on campus is part of the Water Resources Division of USGS. The display will show historic gauge height recording equipment, stream measuring equipment, photographs and much more.

The FSU office of USGS has been

working with University students and scientists since moving to campus under a scientific cooperative agreement in 2004. Students have the opportunity to compete for positions at the local USGS office and some have moved on to careers within the agency, which is part of the U.S. Department of Interior. Numerous USGS lecturers have visited campus, giving talks and making guest appearances in classes in their areas of expertise. FSU and USGS scientists will soon embark on a new venture, the Sand Spring Run Environmental Observatory.

The library display also has a table for those interested in free USGS publications. The exhibit will continue until March 17. For more information, contact Jim Jeffries, Frostburg USGS Field Office Chief, at 301-687-0919 x12 or jeffries@usgs.gov.

AIG VALIC Representative to Visit Campus in Spring

Bill Spencer, Financial Advisor from AIG VALIC, has scheduled University visits as follows for the spring semester:

- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, March 16, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spencer will be available in Lane University Center 203-204 to meet with FSU employees who currently are enrolled in a VALIC retirement plan and those who may be interested in enrolling. No appointment is necessary.

Employees who would like to talk with Spencer but are unable to attend one of his scheduled campus visits can call him at 1-800-892-5558 x88734.

Shutterbug Contest: Environmental Photos

The Third Annual Environmental Photography contest sponsored by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute (a cooperative effort of the FSU Department of Geography and the

MDE Bureau of Mines) is under way.

Please submit environmental photographs of either Allegany or Garrett counties to the FSU

Geography Department or the Bureau of Mines Laboratory (307

Dunkle Hall). The contest ends on April 5, with an April 20 awards ceremony in Compton Science Center. Numerous prizes, cash and certificates will be awarded. Contact either the Geography Department (x4369) or the Bureau of Mines Lab (x4721) or view the FSU Web site for details, rules and entry forms.

Important Reminder for May 2006 Graduates

If you are planning to graduate at the end of this semester, then please note the following:

- The 128th Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, in the Cordts Physical Education Center. The College of Business & College of Education will hold its service at 10 a.m., while Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

- If you have not yet filed a graduation application at the Registrar's Office, **YOU MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY**. All mailings related to Commencement are based on the listing of students who have filed for graduation.

- The first mailing, which details Commencement information, is scheduled for the first week in March. Information is sent to both your local and your permanent address. If the Registrar does not have an updated local address, please provide one as soon as possible.

- Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates. However, you must be fitted in advance. Order your cap and gown now at the University Bookstore ... the deadline for orders is MARCH 29

- A Grad Fair will be March 27 in the Alice Manicur Assembly Hall in the Lane University Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will be present for ordering your class ring or diploma frames along with the bookstore for fitting and ordering your cap and gown or announcements.

- Full details about Commencement are on the University's Web site. Go to "current students," then on the left hand side is commencement information.

For other Commencement questions, please contact Beth Andrews, (x3130; bandrews@frostburg.edu).

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Office of Human Resources Safety Office would like to remind everyone of our beautiful campus and surroundings. Help keep our campus environmentally safe and clean. We can do our part by using one or all three of the following:

REDUCE: Waste prevention, or "source reduction," means consuming and throwing away less:

- Purchase durable, long-lasting goods;
- Seek products and packaging that are as free of toxics as possible;
- Redesign products to use less raw material in production, to have a longer life or be used again after its original use.

REUSE: Reusing items - by repairing the, donating them to charity and community groups, or selling them reduces waste;

Using durable coffee cups/mugs, using cloth napkins or towels, refilling bottles, donating old magazines or surplus equipment, reusing boxes and packing materials, turning empty jars into containers for leftover foods, garden supplies, purchasing refillable pens and pencils, and participating in a paint and reuse programs.

RECYCLE: Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources. In addition it generates a host of environmental, financial and social benefits. Materials like glass, metal and



plastics, and paper are collected, separated and sent to facilities that can process them into new materials or products.

Continue to recycle plastic soft drink containers, aluminum soft drink cans and paper products. Recycle bins are located in various campus buildings. Most containers are large, blue and have the recycle logo painted on the front.

Info Meeting Set for MAT-Secondary, K-12

FSU will present an information meeting for prospective applicants for its Master of Arts in Teaching program for secondary and K-12 education on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in 149 Pullen Hall on the FSU campus.

MAT-Secondary Program Coordinator Dr. William Childs will speak to prospective applicants for the group beginning studies in summer 2006. The Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary program is offered at FSU's Frostburg campus and at the University System of Maryland-Hagerstown. The deadline for summer 2006 cohort applications is April 1.

Students must successfully complete Praxis I for admission to program (see www.ets.org for more information on the Praxis I or call the FSU ETS Computer Based Testing Center at x7990). The summer 2006 applicant admissions interviews will be scheduled in mid-March.

For information regarding the MAT-S, K-12, call Childs at x4216 or the Graduate Services Office at x7053.

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 MBA Program complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test). New admissions criteria for those entering the MBA program in the fall are in the approval process. The GMAT is no longer given at the ETS FSU Computer Based Testing Center. See www.gmac.org/gmac for more information. The closest testing 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.

Points of Pride



Dr. Barry Fischer, FSU Director of Dance, and six dance students attended the 2006 Mid-Atlantic Regional American College Dance Festival, at Wesleyan West Virginia University, on Jan. 25-29. FSU Dance Company member Jonay Aiken's solo work "Spotlight," directed under Dr. Fischer's supervision, was chosen as one of two student works for the Gala Concert for the conference's event. Fischer participated as a guest teacher for "Favorite Falls: Martha Graham." (Only two student works and four faculty works were selected by adjudicators from 13 regional universities for this celebration). Aiken's dance was a rapid quick tempo

tap dance that blended traditional, stylized and original components of tap with modern dance influences. Other students who attended were Kelley Jones, Allison Eckert, Jessica Hartell, Maddie Bender and apprentice and Allegany High School student Josh Bernard.

The **FSU Dance Company** raised nearly \$450 for the Red Cross during the Winter 2005 Dance Concert for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

FSU sophomore **Shavonne Shorter**, a communications major and a leadership studies minor, is the third student to receive the Dr. Harold and Geraldine Delaney Leadership Award at FSU, a program designed to promote the development of student leaders. Shorter is a member of the University Systems of Maryland Student Council, a resident assistant, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, SGA Liaison and a School Spirit Committee member. The award was named in memory of the late Dr. Harold Delaney, who served as interim president at FSU in 1991, and his wife, Geraldine.

Spencer Deakin, Director of Counseling, was a co-presenter at the International Association of Counseling Services' Field Visitors Training Workshop held at the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

Zach Olson, MS candidate in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Department of Biology, has received a fellowship to support a Ph.D. program in the School of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University. Zach's Ph.D. research will focus on the development of landscape-level assessments for river otters and other meso-carnivores in North Dakota.



Deadlines

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 4 p.m. on Feb. 16 for the February meeting, March 9 for the March meeting or April 13 for the April meeting (last chance for graduation exceptions and inclusion in the Commencement Booklet). If you have questions or concerns, please call the Provost's Office at x4212.



Scholarships

F. Perry Smith Jr. Graduate Scholarship

Applicants for the F. Perry Smith Jr. Graduate Scholarship, with an award of \$1,500 annually, must have completed

high school education or the equivalency in either Allegany or Garrett counties in Maryland and be enrolled at FSU with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. The recipient must demonstrate financial need (submit the FAFSA form). Applications are available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053. Deadline to apply is March 15.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Student Telemarketing Positions Available

The Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving is now hiring experienced telemarketers to help with the spring 2006 Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn extra money and gain experience in telemarketing. Candidates will be responsible for soliciting contributions from alumni, friends and parents for unrestricted gifts to the University. A number of positions are available. The positions are part-time evenings most of the semester 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 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Interested candidates can access an application on line at www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/annualfund/phonathon/index.htm.

Print the application, complete it and return it to the University Advancement Office, Hitchins Building Room 228 on or before Feb. 13. For more information, call x3163.

Church Seeks Director of Children's Music Ministry

The First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg is seeking applicants for a new position of Director of Children's Music Ministry that will be open to the members of the community.

Please send a cover letter, a resumé, and names of three references to the First Presbyterian Church, 33 Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532. Applications are due by Feb. 15. For more information, including a full job description and qualifications, call 301-689-3538 or e-mail info@frostburgpresbyterian.org.

Volunteers

Students Offer Free Tax Return Preparation

Free help preparing 2005 tax returns is available through the IRS-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program at FSU.

Help with basic federal and Maryland income tax returns will be offered from

early February through mid-April by FSU's College of Business students who have been trained and approved by the IRS. Faculty members will oversee these student preparers.

The VITA program offers this assistance to taxpayers filing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 federal tax return. Volunteers will alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible. Assistance with free electronic filing is also available.

Appointments must be made in advance by calling Joyce Middleton, VITA site co-coordinator, at x4154. Students will work Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in FSU's Frampton Hall (except for March 18 and 25). A drop-off service will also be available throughout the week.

Taxpayers arriving for an appointment should bring any tax packages mailed by the IRS and the state, Form W-2 from all employers, all Form 1099s, a copy of last year's returns, if available, and any other relevant information about income and expenses. Taxpayer and dependent social security numbers and birth dates are also required (especially for electronic filing).

Community

AAUW February Meeting

The Frostburg Branch, American Association of University Women, will have its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Frostburg United Methodist Church Hall. Dr. Jennifer Thorn Bentlejewski, County Extension Director—Allegany, Registered Dietician & Extension Educator - FCS, University of Maryland Cooperative Extensions, will give a presentation entitled "Facts and Fallacies of Fad Diets." She will discuss the pros and cons of the most popular diets, as well as practical strategies for weight loss and diabetes management. A question and answer session will follow her presentation. Refreshments will be served by hostesses Sarah Crall, Teddy Latta and Dorothea Rowe. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Elizabeth West at 301-722-6445.

Get Involved

United Campus Ministry

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, UCM's Bible study will examine "Krazy Kinfolk: Exploring Dysfunctional Families of the Bible." Meet at 7:30 p.m. in Ort Library 237.

Second Sunday Worship

The monthly Second Sunday Worship Service will be Sunday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in Frost Hall's Cook Chapel. This is a Protestant worship service open to all.

College Bowl Tournament

Are you a brainiac? Are you a great Jeopardy player? Do you win every game of trivial pursuit? How much do you

really know?

Find out by competing in the campus College Bowl Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 11, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room. Players compete in teams of 4 to 5 people in a double elimination tournament that asks questions about a wide range of topics including science, literature, history, geography, religion, ancient history, mythology, fine arts, theatre, social sciences, business, general knowledge, current events, pop culture, sports and more. Winning team will win an all-expenses paid trip to represent FSU at the Regional College Bowl Tournament, Feb. 24-25.

Sign up at the Lane University Information Desk. Registration forms will also be available via e-mail and at key locations on campus.

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 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.

Summer/Fall Deadlines Approaching

Students who plan to participate in a summer or fall study abroad program should make sure that all applications are submitted before March 1 (some summer programs have earlier deadlines). CIE scholarship deadline for summer/fall is **March 15**.

Watercolor in Britain 2006

Dr. Judith Dieruf will be leading a group of students to Oxford, England this summer in conjunction with Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She will offer ART 221/421/621 to any interested students. The program runs from July 21 to Aug. 12. Application deadline for those wishing to be included in the group flight is April 1. For students wanting to apply for scholarships, deadline is **March 15**. For more information, visit the IUP Web site at www.chss.iup.edu/oxford/

New AIFS Summer or Fall in Hungary

Students interested in studying international politics, economics or business will find the new AIFS program in Budapest, Hungary offers the courses they need in a stimulating environment. Corvinus University, formerly known as Karl Marx University, was established in 1948 and is the largest institution in Hungary. Twenty awards of \$500 each are available for the summer session, and 15 scholarships of \$1,000 will be available for the fall program. Scholarship eligibility will be determined during final review of applications. Call (800) 727-2437 or visit www.aifsabroad.com for details and

application deadlines.

Learn Spanish in Ecuador this Summer

The Center for Interamerican Studies is offering its intensive 9-credit Spanish program in Cuenca, Ecuador, once again this summer from June 7 to Aug. 23. For more information, visit the CEDEI Web site at: www.summer.cedei.org/ssp/ or contact the CIE. Deadline to apply for CIE scholarships is **March 15**.

New FSU Programs in Puerto Rico, Prague

Two new faculty-led summer programs will be available this summer for all qualified FSU students:

Dr. Suzi Mills will lead a group of students to San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as the Puerto Rican rainforest, to complete MUSC 117 "Music of the Americas."

Dr. Sally Boniece (International Studies/History) and Dr. George White

(Geography) will lead a group of students to Prague, Czech Republic, this summer to participate in IDIS 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 offered in association with the Society for Legal and Economic Education in Prague. Interested students should contact the CIE or Boniece and White.

Social Work in Ireland, Summer 2006

Social Work and Human Services students who would like to get hands on experience and academic credit for SOWK 498 are invited to apply for the summer Social Work in Limerick program. More information is available from Dr. Maureen Connelly at mconnelly@frostburg.edu, or visit the CIE.

FSU Events Calendar



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- * NAACP Black History Month Celebration: Men of FSU—An Inspirational Panel Discussion 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * UPC Tournées Film: "Le Grand Voyage" 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * GOLD Council Meeting 9:00 p.m. Cumberland Hall 047

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- * Pre-Professional Med Society Blood Drive .. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Women's Basketball: Mt Aloysius College 6:00 p.m. Away
- * Men's Basketball: Mt. Aloysius College 8:00 p.m. Away
- * UPC General Board Meeting 8:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- * SCI Winter Campus Involvement Fair 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * NPC Sorority Open House 5:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * V-Day Clothesline Project 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
- * RHA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- * BURG General Body Meeting 5:30 p.m. Library 237
- * V-Day Clothesline Project 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Lane 205-206
- * English Dept. Poetry Reading: BJ Ward 7:00 p.m. Lane 142
- * SGA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- * Women's Basketball: Medaille College 6:00 p.m. Away
- * NAACP Black History Month Group Discussion . 6:30 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Live at the Loft: *Sankofa Dance Theatre* 8:00 p.m. Derezinski Lounge/Loft
- * Men's Basketball: Medaille College 8:00 p.m. Away

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- * Women's Indoor Track: Bucknell Univ.-Bison Open & Pentathlon, Lewisburg, PA .. Away
- * UPC College Bowl Campus Tournament Noon-5:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Baseball: Christopher Newport (double header) .. Noon Away
- * Women's Basketball: Hilbert College 2:00 p.m. Away
- * Men's Basketball: Hilbert College 4:00 p.m. Away
- * UPC Tournées Film: "Confidences Trop Intimes" ... 7 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- * NAACP Black History Month Breakfast of Inspiration & 97th Anniversary Celebration 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * CCM Mass Noon & 8:00 p.m. Cook Chapel
- * Baseball: North Carolina Wesleyan College 1:00 p.m. Away
- * Planetarium: "Quick & Easy Intro to Our Moon". 4 & 7 p.m. Tawes Hall
- * UCM Second Sunday Worship 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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