Season Too! Opens Spring Calendar with ‘Dames at Sea!’

University Theatre’s Season Too! will present “Dames at Sea,” with music by J.J. 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 begin at 8 p.m. in 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 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 (Lucky), Mallory Smith (Ruby), Colby Lehman (Lucky) and Ryan Adams (the Captain), “Dames” is a classic song and tap extravaganza.

All tickets are $5. For reservations and information, call the University Theatre box office at 774-5231, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Candlelight Vigil for Peace Feb. 20 in Cook

On Monday, Feb. 20, a special all-campus event, a Candlelight Vigil for Peace, will take place in Cook Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by “Kids for Peace,” a singing group of children from the Bruderhof, an intentional peace community in Farmington, Pa. Students, faculty and staff will share readings. Brief reflections will be made by Kathy Powell, associate professor of Social Work; Dr. Craig Etchison, professor of English at Allegany College of Maryland, the Rev. Larry Neumark, protestant chaplain; and Fr. Ed Hendricks, Catholic chaplain.

The event is open to the public. It is sponsored by United Campus Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, and the Peace Club at Allegany College of Maryland.

Comedy Night Features Queen Aishah and Tess

University Programming Council will present its Celebrity Comedy Night featuring Queen Aishah and Tess live in the Lane University Center’s Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. The feature performers are renowned entertainers familiar to both live and television audiences. Queen Aishah is the highly requested celebrity judge on “The Ricki Lake Show,” a BET “Comic View” favorite, and is always called upon by the U.S. Military at home and abroad. Her observations on her own life, relationships, public figures and the like are aimed at making the audience feel that they belong, a very important aspect of the Queen’s art. Queen Aishah gives her performance a personal feel, spreading love and laughter to her loyal subjects.

Tess Drake was a finalist in 2003’s “Last Comic Standing” on NBC. The Ohio native discovered her gift for comedy in high school where she was voted both class president and class clown. Afterward she took only her first name and left home, marrying for only 90 days. During that rocky period, Tess unearthed the foundations of her comic career, her strength giving her the ability to laugh at a divorce and the absurdities of dating.

The performance is free to FSU students with a student ID, and the cost is $10 for the general public. Tickets will be available at the door.

Open Mic Night

Do you have a talent that you would like to share? Come to UPC Live! at the Loft’s Open Mic Night on Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center’s Derezinski Lounge.

Open Mic Night is a casual, comfortable way for you to share your art, whether you sing, dance, read poetry, play an instrument, tell jokes, or just want to share your thoughts through a rant. If you are someone who appreciates all of these talents, this is a must-see show for you.

Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to get your name on the list. Depending on the number of people performing, you will get 7-15 minutes on stage. Come out and enjoy the show or be the show. All talent is accepted.

‘The Art of Kissing’

UPC presents The Art of Kissing on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center’s Manicur Assembly Hall. Michael Christian will keep you spellbound as he uses music, slides and
live demonstrations by FSU students to show how to overcome kissing shyness and do 30 different types of kisses. Christian’s multimedia presentation helps students get over their first-kiss jitters and shows some of the trendiest kisses around, including the upside down kiss, the lip-to-suction kiss, the vacuum kiss, the music kiss and the Trobriand Islands kiss. 

V-Day Events

A variety of events are scheduled in the continuing observance of V-Day at FSU, a campaign to stop violence against females worldwide. They include:

• Feb. 22: Philosophy Club, “Comfort Women: A Crime of Culture or a Crime of War?” 7:30 p.m. in 222 Tawes Hall
• Feb. 24, 7 p.m.: Take Back the Night and My Own Monologues, Upper Echo Circle, behind Hampton Science Center then to The Lane University Center Loft. (Special thanks to the LUC for opening the Java City coffee bar that evening.)

This is the fifth year FSU has marked V-Day. Through campaigns, local volunteers and college students, performances are produced to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their communities. For more information, visit the Web site at www.vday.org.

‘Thurgood Marshall is Coming’ Presented

Dr. Lenneal Henderson will present “Thurgood Marshall is Coming,” a portrayal of the celebrated Supreme Court Justice and Maryland native on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall. The event marks the 10th anniversary celebration of African American Studies at FSU.

Marshall, a civil rights pioneer who was instrumental in a number of cases, most notably Briggs v. Elliott, which became part of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling that desegregated schools, was appointed Solicitor General, then a Federal Judge, and then to The Lane University Center Loft. (Special thanks to the LUC for opening the Java City coffee bar that evening.)

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‘Leonhardt Jazz Plays Gershwin,” Windsor Hall

The FSU Cultural Events Series jazz club, sponsored by Kaufman Music, presents “The David Leonhardt Jazz Group Plays Gershwin” at the Windsor Hall in Town Centre in Cumberland on Friday, March 10, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. In addition to the performances, a free jazz workshop will be presented beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday at Windsor Hall.

The songs of George Gershwin have been a favorite vehicle for jazz improvisation for over half a century. Gershwin came of age when jazz was being formed, when it was a vital music and the voice of a new generation in America. Jazz can be considered America’s music of the first half of the 20th century and Gershwin America’s song writer of the same era. The melodic elements that dictate the underlying harmonies have inspired countless jazz musicians to creative flights.

A highly skilled and versatile jazz pianist and composer, David Leonhardt brings 25 years of professional experience to the stage performing regularly throughout North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He is joined by vocalist, Nancy Reed, who has sung professionally for over 20 years in the clubs of New York and on tour in Europe and the Far East, as well as drummer Taro Okamato, bassist Bill Morning and saxophonist Larry McKenna. The David Leonhardt Jazz Group is a critically acclaimed acoustic ensemble playing a blend of mainstream and modern jazz, including both jazz standards and original compositions. They blend the timeless music of George Gershwin with the improvisation of jazz into an evening of jazz that everyone will enjoy. It’s what the Village Voice calls “first rate jazz.” This performance marks the first presentation by FSU of the stage of Cumberland’s new performance venue, Windsor Hall located at 39 Baltimore St., Cumberland.

This project is sponsored by Allegany Aggregates Inc. and a grant from the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, a program developed and funded by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment; the William Penn Foundation; the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency; and The Pew Charitable Trusts; and administered by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation.

To purchase tickets, or to find out more information, call the FSU Cultural Event Box Office at x3317 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-ces, or visit online at ces.frostburg.edu.

UPC Presents Mae, Love Drug, the Audition

The University Programming Council at FSU will present the musical quintet Mae on Friday, March 3, at 9 p.m. at the Lane University Center’s Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall. They will be joined by Love Drug and the Audition.

Admission is $5 for FSU students and $15 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the Lane University Center Box Office, Room 235.

Virginia Beach, Va., first introduced the world to the charming quintet in February of 2003. The group’s debut album, “Destination: Beautiful,” became an instant classic with audiences, but the live show proved talents beyond songwriting. Now after two years of non-stop touring and selling over 150,000 records, Mae has released “The Everglow,” its widely anticipated sophomore album. Check out www.whatismae.com/main2.html to sample their music and learn more.

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

Mass Comm Dept.
Calling All Musical Talent

Interested in being part of a compilation CD featuring our area’s finest musicians? Are you and/or your band unsigned and looking for exposure? The Mass Communication Department at FSU is looking for artists and musicians with original music to be featured in the “Mind Culture Original Music Vol. 3” CD.

With the completion of the CD, a benefit concert will be held on Saturday, May 6, featuring some of the artists.

For submission of your music or for more information, contact Connie Capaccione in the Mass Comm Department at x3049. Music submitted should be in CD format, and if needed, assistance is available to help make a recording.

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 the local gushing. 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 townsfolk to reveal some harsh realities that underlie their isolated community.

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When this humorous and satirical play opened at Dublin’s Abbey Theatre in 1907, riots filled the streets, as people thought Synge had misrepresented both Irish life and women, for he scandalously mentioned females “standing in their shifts.” Since then, his native nationalistic shock waves, “The Playboy of the Western World” has become a poetic masterpiece.

UPC Continues Tournées Festival of French Films

The Tournées Film Festival will continue with the next film to be shown at the Palace Theatre on Main Street in Frostburg. “A Very Long Engagement,” 8 p.m., follows the story of Mathilde, who is in search of her missing fiancé, Manch, who served in World War I. It is rated R. Admission is free for FSU students and Palace Theatre Film Club members and $3.50 for the general public.

The Festival will end with the film “Viva LaJrdierie” on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room, 201. The unrated film explores the lives of three women in Algeria trying to get by despite hardships. Viva LaJrdierie highlights the tensions between modern and traditional society in a country emerging from civil war and dominated by men. Admission is free.

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

Ort Library Unveils ‘New Arrivals’ Kiosk in Lobby

The Ort Library has revived its practice of putting the latest arrivals on display in the main lobby. Not all the titles are hot off the NYT best-sellers list, but they are current and are new to the Library. The titles include a mix of fiction and non-fiction works and all are available to be borrowed by any registered library user. Stop in and check out the latest the Library has to offer. If you have any questions, stop at the Circulation Desk in the lobby, or call x4295.

Scheduling and Religious Observances

FSU President Catherine R. Gira requests sensitive and responsible compliance by all students, faculty and staff to the following FSU and Board of Regents policy:

“It is the policy of FSU that the academic programs and services of the University shall be available to all qualified students who have been admitted to its programs, regardless of their religious beliefs. Students shall not be penalized because of observances of their religious holidays and shall be given an opportunity to make up, within a reasonable time period, any academic assignment that is missed due to the individual participation in religious observances. It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/hers instructor of conflicts between religious observances and scheduled course activities.”

Courtesy suggests that students should notify their instructors of conflicts and make arrangements for making up missed work PRIOR to an absence due to religious observance. For a list of holidays and dates, go to the following link:


If you have questions, contact Mary Gardner, assistant provost, x4212.

Register This Week for Spring 2006 BITS Test

Registration for the spring BITS (Basic Information Technology Skills) Test will take place at the FSU Bookstore the week of Monday, Feb. 20, to Friday, Feb. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The BITS Test is one option available at FSU for students who entered college in fall 2005 or later to meet their technology fluency graduation requirement. Students must score 70 percent or higher on this 100-item, timed, online, group- proctored test to fulfill the requirement. (To see other options, refer to the 2005-2007 FSU Undergraduate Catalog.) To register, go to the FSU Bookstore, present your FSU photo ID, pay your non-refundable $15 registration and choose your BITS Test session:

• Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.
• Tuesday, March 14, 8 p.m.

Shutterbug Contest: Environmental Photos

Entries are now being accepted for the third annual Environmental Photog-raphy Contest held by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Insti-tute 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 Allegany or Garrett County is eligible to enter. No professional photographers allowed. The photographs should be environmental or natural habitat scenes of either Allegany or Garrett County that depict an interpretation of the natural environ-ment that defines the beauty and richness of these counties. To enter, submit one to three 8” x 10” photo- graphs, either black and white or in color, to the FSU Department of Geo-graphy, Room 201 Gunter Hall or the Maryland Bureau of Mines, Room 309 Dunkle Hall, FSU, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532.

This year, prizes will be a combina-tion of cash, merchandise and gift certificates. The deadline for all photos is April 5. The photographs that receive a “finalist” award will be on display at the FSU Ort Library from Monday, April 17, to Friday, April 28. The award ceremony to recognize the top four finalists (first, second, third places, and honorable mention) will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 5 p.m. in the FSU Compton Science Center atrium. The 2005 contest was sponsored by The Maryland Coal Association, Mettiki Coal LLC, Leasure Photography Studios, Duncan’s Photo, Clark’s Camera Gallery, Olan Mills Portrait Studios (La Vale), AES Warrior Run Inc., Chris Studios, Photogra-phy by Jeannine, Bernie’s Photogra-phy, Wal-Mart Photography studio and the FSU Department of Geography & the Maryland Bureau of Mines. J judges for the 2006 contest will be Joe Fonteyn, Stan Eisler, John Carey, Adrienne Ottaviani and Md. Del. Adrienne Edwards.

For information or to pick up entry forms, call x4267 or x4721, or visit www.Frostburg.Edu/Dept/Geog/Einstitute.

Important Reminder for May 2006 Graduates

If you are planning to graduate at the end of this semester, then please note:
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 MAT-S, K-12 summer 2006 applicant admissions interviews will be scheduled in mid-March. For information contact Kellie Childs at x4216, Rotruck at (240) 527-2736 (x2736 on campus) or the Graduate Services Office at x7053.

**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 Admission 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 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.

**Road Trips**

**Snow Tubing at Wisp**

On Saturday, March 4, UPC will go Snow Tubing at the Wisp Resort at Deep Creek Lake. The bus departs from the Performing Arts Center Parking Lot at 6 p.m. Cost is $20 for FSU Students (one ticket per student) and $25 for guests and the general public.

If you like to sled, you'll love snow tubing! It's one of the fastest growing winter sports in America because everyone can do it! Just hop in the tube and hook on to the rope tow that will take you up to the top. $20 includes 2 hours of unlimited snowtubing, transportation to The Wisp, and hot chocolate at the end of the night.

Tickets are on sale now at the Lane University Center Information Desk. This event is open to students, faculty, staff, and guests.

**State Lines / 4**

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**Congratulations to the winners of the College Bowl Campus Tournament. The following students from Team "Keepin' It Real" will represent FSU at the ACUI Regional College Bowl Tournament at Mt. Saint Mary's University, Feb. 24-25: Hans Buchner '06, History; Chris Pollard '06, Computer Science; See Goh '06, Mass Communications; Josh Anderson '06, Biology. If the students place first or second at the regional tournament, they will advance to the national competition.

**Deadlines**

**Teacher Education Candidates**

Attention teacher education candidates! Applications for phase I, II and III for fall semester 2006 are due to the Office of Unit Assessment (Framptom 203-3) by Friday, March 17. Questions? Stop by or call x7953.

**Mystery Dinner Theatre in Pittsburgh**

On Friday, Feb. 24, UPC's Off Campus Trip will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at Dave and Busters in Pittsburgh. The bus departs from the Performing Arts Center Parking Lot at 4 p.m.

Cost is $45 for FSU Students, one ticket per student. Cost for guests and the general public is $60.

**Join the University Programming Council for a fun and interactive mystery that combines great food with live dinner theater. Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, $10 power card for games, and the entertainment. Dinner menu includes: tortilla chipotle and lime-crusted tilapia served with an avocado pico de gallo; rosemary roasted chicken; honey-glazed carrots; house salad; kung pao sesame noodle salad; garlic herb roasted potatoes; fresh baked rolls and butter; and berry pound cake for dessert. Tickets are now on sale at the Lane University Center Information Desk. This event is open to students, faculty, staff, and guests.**

**Commemoration for Grad Students**

Students who plan to graduate in May 2006 need to complete the “Application for Graduation” as soon as possible. The forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053. Please remember that tickets will be required for entrance into the commencement ceremony on the Frostburg campus on Saturday, May 27. See www.frostburg.edu/events/commence/ for more details. There will be a commencement ceremony for students attending the USM-Hagerstown Campus on Tuesday, May 30. Tickets are not required to attend this event.

**Info Meetings Set at USM-H on MAT**

FSU will present an information meeting for prospective applicants for its Master of Arts in Teaching programs, elementary, secondary and K-12, on Thursday, Feb. 23, and Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland-Hagerstown at 32 W. Washington St. in Hagerstown. The deadline for summer 2006 applicant admissions will be a commencement ceremony 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.

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“The Lion King” on Broadway. The bus departs at 7 a.m. from the Performing Arts Center Parking Lot. Cost is $65 per person. This trip is open to FSU students only!

Join the University Programming Council for its annual New York City trip to see the acclaimed Broadway show, “The Lion King.” In addition to seeing the show, you will have time to enjoy shopping and culture in Manhattan. We will depart from Manhattan at 9 p.m. and return to campus by 3 a.m. Ticket price includes ticket to “The Lion King,” transportation and a light morning snack.

Tickets go on sale at the Lane University Center Information Desk on Monday, Feb. 20. Tickets are limited to FSU students. Must present student I.D. at the time of purchase.

Frostburg with Pride
Frostburg with Pride - Hagerstown will be Thursday, March 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton, 1910 Dual Highway in Hagerstown. If you plan to attend, please e-mail your RSVP to Barb at bfiler@frostburg.edu by March 13.

Want to Get Your Message on TV3?
If you have an announcement about an activity that you would like to advertise on the Channel 3 message board, log on to www.frostburg.edu/ dept/mcom/index.htm, click on the Channel 3 Request Form and enter your information. Then click submit. It's as easy as that.

If you would like to submit your request with a hard copy and need the form, contact Melanie Lombardi at x3011, mlombardi@frostburg.edu or stop by Old Main Room 005.

Interested in Television Production?
Interested in television production, but don’t know how to get involved? FSU TV-3 is looking for volunteers interested in working with multi-camera events covering FSU sporting events and the Frostburg City Council meetings. No experience is necessary; we will train you. For more information, please contact the Channel 3 Manager, Melanie Lombardi at x3011 or mlombardi@frostburg.edu.

Schedule for Feb. 20-24
Monday:
3 p.m. NASA SC Files, “The Case of the Wacky Water Cycle”
4 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Betty Van Newkirk
5 p.m. Frostburg City Council Meeting held on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Tuesday:
3 & 6 p.m. FSU Women’s Basketball vs. Rutgers-Camden, Fall 2005
4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Lecturer: Ann Genova, “Oil in Nigeria”
5:05 & 8:05 p.m. Live at the Loft: KJ James

Wednesday:
3 & 6 p.m. NASA, Destination Tomorrow
4 & 7 p.m. Author: Daniel Mark Epstein
4:30 & 7:30 p.m. FSU TV3 News
4:45 & 7:45 p.m. Motivational Speaker: Sandy Queen
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Snowden Crossing

Thursday:
3 & 6 p.m. FSU Women’s Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg
4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Author: Bill Irwin
Friday:
3 & 6 p.m. MD State of Mind
4 & 7 p.m. Dr. Suzi Mills Lecture and Recital
5:10 & 8:10 p.m. FSU Wind Ensemble Concert Spring 2001

Graduate Assistantships/International Fellowships
Applications for positions for the academic year beginning with the fall semester are available. The positions offer paid tuition (up to 30 hours) and a $5,000 cash stipend per year in exchange for 20 hours of service each week. These positions represent an academic honor, requiring the applicant to have been accepted to a graduate program in good standing and remain in good academic standing for the duration of the award. Applications are available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or by calling x7053. Deadline to apply is March 15.

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 equivalent in either Allegany or Garrett counties in Maryland and be enrolled at FSU with an overall grade point average of 3.45 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
Developmental Math
Help Wanted: FSU’s Learning Center is seeking student instructors for its Developmental Math Program. Earn $670, receive three EDUC Field Experience Credits and build your resume while teaching Pre-Algebra or Intermediate Algebra students. Students who are interested in education or mathematics are encouraged to apply. However, the search is open to all students interested in helping others build their basic math skills.

For information or application materials, contact Beth Stallings at The Learning Assistance Center, 150 Pullen Hall, x4442 or bstallings@frostburg.edu.

Deadline for applications is March 6.

Volunteers
Students Offer Free Tax Return Preparation
Free help preparing 2005 basic federal and Maryland income tax returns is available through the IRS-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program at FSU.

Help will be offered through mid-April by College of Business students trained and approved by the IRS. Faculty will oversee these student preparers. The VITA program offers this assistance to taxpayers who use Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or a basic Form 1040 federal 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 coming to an appointment 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, and other relevant information about income and expenses. Taxpayer and dependent Social Security numbers and birth dates are also required.

Get Involved
United Campus Ministry
On Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., UCM’s Bible study will look at “Krazy Kinfolk.” Meet in Room 237 of Orb Library.

UCM Spring Retreat
The UCM Spring Retreat is coming up soon. It will be held March 3-5 at Camp Living Waters in Gap, Pa. The location is about an hour or less away from campus. The cost is only $15. The theme will be “Goals, God and You.” The weekend experience will be in a beautiful setting, full of open fields, streams, waterfalls and hiking trails. If you are looking for something that will deepen and touch your life and also be fun, this may be a good opportunity for you.

Questions? Call the United Campus Ministry office at x7490.

Catholic Campus Ministry
On Wednesday, Feb. 22, CCM will present “What the Church Teaches: What
Summer in Prague - Info Meeting Feb. 24

Students who are interested in taking part in FSU’s new faculty-led study abroad program in the Czech Republic this summer should plan to attend an information meeting on Friday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. at the CIE (Fuller House). Dr. Bonnieie and Dr. White will be available to discuss details about registering for the class and taking part in the overseas travel. For more information about the Prague program, visit: www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/prgsummer.htm

Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases, students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on programs or scholarships, contact Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3091, asimes@frostburg.edu 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. The program runs from July 21 to Aug. 12. 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/

Numerous Cultural Experiences Abroad

Frostburg’s newest affiliate, 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 the CEA Web site at www.gowithcea.com/ or the CIE Web site at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cieabroad.htm

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 information, visit the CEDE 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. Contact the OE, Boniece or White for information.

Social Work in Ireland, Summer 2006

Social Work and Human Services students who want to get hands-on experience and academic credit for SOWK 498 are invited to apply for the summer Social Work in Limerick program. Information is available from Dr. Maureen Connelly at mconnelly@frostburg.edu or the OE.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
* UCM/CCM Candlelight Vigil for Peace .......................... 7:30 p.m. .................. Cook Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
*SGA Meeting ....................................................................... 7:30 p.m. .......... Lane Atkinson Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

* UPC Trip: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at Dave and Busters in Pittsburgh – Bus departs from PAC Parking Lot at 4:00 p.m. (Pre-paid reservations required)

* NPC Bid Day ........................................................................... 4:00 p.m. .................. Lane ARMAH

* UPC Tournées Film: "The Long Engagement” ...... 8 p.m. .......... Palace Theatre, Main Street

* University Theatre: "Dames at Sea" ............... 8:00 p.m. .......... Smith Studio Theatre

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
* Baseball: Emory & Henry College (Double Header)/Noon ................. Away

* Special Olympics Maryland Deep Creek Dunk ...... 2 p.m. .......... Deep Creek Lake @ UNO’s

* UPC Comedy: Queen Ashah & Tess ............... 8:00 p.m. ................ Lane ARMAH

* UPC Tournées Film: "The Long Engagement” ..... 8 p.m. .......... Palace Theatre, Main Street

* University Theatre: "Dames at Sea” ............ 8:00 p.m. .......... Smith Studio Theatre

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

* Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games @ the WISP Ski Resort, McHenry, MD (through 2/28)

* Baseball: Mary Washington College .............. 1:00 p.m. .................. Away

* CCM Mass ........................................................................ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. .......... Cook Chapel

* Planetarium: "Quick & Easy Intro to Our Moon”: 4 & 7 p.m. ................. Tawes Hall

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

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