University Theatre Will Present Irish Classic ‘Playboy of the Western World’

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

Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public. For reservations, call the University Theatre box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
King to Speak about Living on the ‘Down Low’

J.L. King, a national HIV prevention educator, producer and author, will speak at FSU on Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center’s Maricur Assembly Hall. King will speak about “Living on the ‘Down Low’” - the secret lives of men who have sex with other men, but who do not consider themselves to be gay or bisexual. King, who specializes in the behavior and lifestyles of African American men on the “down low,” has interviewed more than 1,000 men in his research and has himself lived the “down low” lifestyle. He was married and has three grown children, but also led a second life of relationships with men, all while denying that he or anyone he loved was at risk of contracting HIV through his actions.

King has been credited by the Centers for Disease Control for exposing the “down low” lifestyle, which is putting African American women at a much greater danger of contracting HIV. The presentation, sponsored by the FSU Black Student Alliance, is free and open to the public. King will sign books following his presentation. For more information, contact the Diversity Center at x4050.

Szabo to Discuss Alcohol, Mental Health

Ross Szabo, director of youth outreach for the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign, will share his success story in overcoming his struggles with alcohol and depression in a presentation entitled “Mixed Drinks, Mixed Emotions: Alcohol and Mental Health” in the ARMAH on Monday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Diagnosed with bi-polar disorder at the age of 16, Szabo has waged a battle against mental illness and its related problems ever since. His program is designed to put a face to the feelings and thoughts of those with serious mental disorders and give students the necessary tools to deal with family members or friends who exhibit symptoms of mental illness. Addressing the issues candidly, Szabo translates the technical jargon of mental illnesses, depression and suicide prevention into real-life language and examples.

Information is available through the S.A.F.E. Office at FSU by calling x4761. The performance will be free and open to the public.

Centre for Children’s Lit Presents Author Elliott

The FSU Centre for Children’s Literature presents its spring author, Laura Malone Elliott, who will speak on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Frostburg Community Center on Water Street. Laura Malone Elliott is the author of several books for children including The Hunter and Stripe picture book series, inspired by her life as a mom and school volunteer, and “Hunter’s Best Friend at School,” illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. Elliott also writes fictional novels for young adults under the name L.M. Elliott. Her first novel “Under a War-Torn Sky,” a World War II story about a B-24 bomber pilot’s experiences with the French Resistance, is a Notable Children’s Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies. Other novels are “Annie, Between the States” and “Flying South.”

Elliott was a senior writer with “Uncommon Woman” magazine for 18 years before devoting herself to fiction. She is currently researching a novel on an indentured servant’s experience during the Revolutionary War to be published by Harper Collins in November 2006. For information, contact the FSU Children’s Literature Centre at x4420.

Alums to Share Stories of Pacific Crest Trail

Mac and Melanie Sloan will share their adventures from their 2,663-mile journey along the Pacific Crest Trail on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m., in Compton 327 with a presentation entitled: “A Season on the Pacific Crest.” The talk will offer many stories and photographs from the Sloans’ five-month walk from Canada to Mexico.

The Sloans are both local residents and Frostburg State Alumni. Mac graduated in 2000 from the Biology Department with a BS degree in Wildlife Biology, while Melanie graduated with a BA in Social Work in the same year. After graduation, Mac hiked the entire 2,169 mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, with his father Dr. Fred Sloan, Education Department. Melanie joined the two for nearly 1,000 miles of the journey, starting in New Jersey and completing the northern remainder of the Trail.

After living in northern California, the couple decided to return to FSU to pursue their graduate education. Both Mac and Melanie were accepted into the Master’s of Arts in Teaching Program (MAT), with Mac in the secondary program and Melanie in the elementary program. Upon graduating in May 2005 they embarked on the journey.

Appalachian Lab

On Thursday, March 2, Dr. William Fagan, of the University of Maryland College Park, will speak on “Dynamical Consequences of Growth Rate Variation: Lessons from Mount St. Helens and Beyond,” another in the UMES Appalachian Laboratory Spring Seminar Series. Fagan will speak in AL Room 109 at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the lobby.

UPC Film: ‘Jarhead’

The UPC Feature Film, “Jarhead,” will be shown Friday, Feb. 3, 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. Viva Laidjerie highlights the tensions between modern and traditional society in a country emerging from civil war and dominated by men. Admission is free.

Information is available through the Lane University Center Information Desk at x4411.

UPC Film: ‘Jarhead’

The UPC Feature Film, “Jarhead,” will be shown Friday, Feb. 3, at 3 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room, as well as midnight Friday in the Annapolis Residence Hall Lounge. Set during the Gulf War, the episodic tale follows Anthony Swofford (a.k.a. Swoff), a third-generation enlistee from his sobering stint in boot camp to active duty. Swoff and his fellow marines sustain themselves on humor and camaraderie in a country they don’t understand against an
enemy that they can’t see, for a cause that they don’t fully fathom.

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

Dance

Faculty, Staff Invited to Dance Preview

Faculty and staff are invited to a new dance viewing, “30 Minutes of Dance,” on Thursday, May 4, at noon, which will preview the FSU Dance Company’s Spring Concert.

Members of the preview audience are invited to send feedback to Barry Fischer, Coordinator of Dance, at bfisher@frostburg.edu or x4730.

The concert will be Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, at 2 and 8 p.m. Guest artists will be Tommy Parlon and Jula Smith from Washington, D.C. Faculty/staff admission will be at a special rate of two tickets for $10 and free to children age 12 and younger. This is an early bird, first-come, first-served limited special, so you must make a reservation by calling x4145.

In other dance news, two new courses are scheduled for the fall semester: Belly Dance, MW, 1-1:50 p.m. and Pilates, TTH, 5-6:15 p.m.

Take Note

Staff Awards for Excellence Nods Sought

One of the goals of the University’s Strategic Plan is to reward outstanding service to the institution. Again this year the FSU Foundation will fund three $500 Staff Awards for Excellence to employees who have demonstrated excellence in service. All members of the University exempt/nonexempt staff are eligible to be nominated. Awards will be given in these categories:

• A nonexempt employee in facilities/maintenance
• A nonexempt employee other than facilities/maintenance
• An exempt employee

The Staff Awards Review Committee will select winners based on demonstrated evidence of all of the following criteria:

• A high level of professionalism and performance related to the employee’s job description.
• Exemplary service to the University community.
• Outstanding service to the external community (including professional and community activities).

Any FSU employee may nominate him/herself or another staff member for an Award for Excellence. Past Staff Awards for Excellence nominees as well as nominators for the Board of Regents’ University System of Maryland Staff Awards are encouraged to review and resubmit previous nominations.

Detailed criteria and forms have been distributed to employees. For information, contact Kelly Durst at x4877, kdurst@frostburg.edu, or Patrick McLane at pmclane@frostburg.edu. New for 2006: Awards are encouraged to revise and resubmit previous nominations.

Important Reminder for May 2006 Graduates

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

• The 128th Commencement Ceremony will be Saturday, May 27, in the Cordts Physical Education Center. The College of Business & College of Education ceremony will be Saturday, May 27, in the Cordts Physical Education Center. The College of Business & College of Education ceremony will be at 10 a.m., while Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony will be at 2 p.m.

• If you have not yet filed a graduation application through your Registrar’s Office, YOU MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY. All mailings related to Commencement are based on those who have filed.

• The first mailing will be the first week in March. Information is sent to both your local and permanent address. If the Registrar does not have an updated local address, provide one as soon as possible.

• Caps and gowns are provided at no additional cost and will be available for pick up at the Physical Education Center in the College of Business & College of Education or in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Note to Computer Science Majors:

The first mailing will be the first week in March. Information is sent to both your local and permanent address. If the Registrar does not have an updated local address, provide one as soon as possible.

• Caps and gowns are provided at no additional cost and will be available for pick up at the Physical Education Center in the College of Business & College of Education or in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Yum! Chocolate Fest

Join us for a “sweet” on Tuesday, February 28, at Manicur Assembly Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy the chocolate and help judge the recipes, visit some vendors and play chocolate trivia. There will be sweets, chocolate, prizes, raffles, music and more. The event is sponsored by the FSU SAFE Office.

Shutterbug Contest: Environmental Photos

Entries are now being accepted 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 photographs should be environmental or natural habitat scenes of either Allegany or Garrett County that depict an interpretation of the natural environment that defines 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, Room 201 Gunter Hall or the Maryland Bureau of Mines, Room 309 Dunkle Hall. This year, prizes will be a combination of cash, merchandise and gift certificates. Deadline is 4 p.m. on April 5. 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 7 p.m. in the Martin Science Center atrium. Judges will be Al Feldstein, Stan Eisel, John Carey, Adrienne Ottaviani and Md. Del. George Edwards. For information or entry forms, call x4267 or x4721, or visit www.Frostburg.edu/Dept/Geog/Einstitute.

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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 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.

Teacher Ed 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, 24. Aug. 24 is the deadline for documentation of passing Praxis scores at Unit Assessment for Phase I approval. Questions? Stop by or call x7953.

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 and $25 for guests and the general public.

If you’d like to ski, you’ll love snow tubing. 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 snow tubing, transportation and hot chocolate at the end of the night.

Tickets are on sale now at the Lane University Center Bookstore.

Interships

Intern with The Mouse

The Walt Disney World College Program, identified by the Wall Street Journal as one of the country’s top 10 internships, will return to campus for two presentations on Thursday, March 2, at 2 p.m. and Friday, March 3, at 11 a.m. in Lane 140/141.

This two-tiered, paid internship program, open to all majors, offers: 

- Professional leadership training
- Career exploration and skills development
- Networking with professionals in all areas of the company
- Cross-cultural experience meeting, living with and learning from some 4,000 students from around the world
- Learning in free, transferable classes
- Highly-respected resume experience
- Opportunity for a post-graduation career with Disney companies worldwide.

Investigate the program at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com, fill out the no-obligation application and come to either presentation with an application. Students in good academic standing will be selected on the basis of two interviews. For information, contact Elaine Barry in the Advising Center (x3132 for appointment) or e-mail Disney alumnus campus rep Suzanne Kelly.

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.

Road Trips

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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 (x7053) or on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/grad/forms.htm. The 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 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 1040, 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 by calling Joyce Middleton, VITA site coordinator, at x4154. Students will work Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Frampton Hall (except March 18 and 25). A weekday drop-off service is available.

Taxpayers should bring any tax packages mailed by the IRS and state, W-2 forms 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.

Get Involved

UCM Spring Retreat

The UCM Spring Retreat is coming up soon. It will be held March 3-5 at Camp Living Waters in Schellsburg, 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.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

Catholic Campus Ministry and United Campus Ministry will have their Shrove Tuesday dinner on Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center’s Bishop Murphy Hall. Prepare for Lent with the annual pancake dinner. After dinner, the group will burn palms from last year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services will be held in Cook Chapel on March 1. There will be the blessing and distribution of ashes at the noon Mass and at services at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

UPC General Board

University Programming Council’s General Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room.

Community

‘Security Breach’ - Victim's Rights Talk

On Oct. 6, 1990, security systems businessman, Tod McQuaid, was murdered in Greenbrier County, W.Va., by three of his employees. The tragedy and its aftermath prompted his mother, Jan McQuaid, to write the compelling book, “Security Breach; The Murder of Tod McQuaid.” The Frostburg Branch of the American Association of University Women will have a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Frostburg United Methodist Church, 48 W. Main St. Jan will share her personal story of a family tragedy and how they had to deal with the judicial system. Her husband, Reed, will present their flight to recreate a Victim’s Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Copies of “Security Breach” will be available. There will be a question and answer period and refreshments will be served. For information, call Liz West 301-722-6445.

Lions Seek Items for Indoor Yard Sale

The Lonaconing Lions Club is gathering items for a two-day Indoor Yard Sale at the Bishop Murray Center, 6 St. Peter’s Place, Lonaconing on Friday, March 10.
Cultural Experiences Abroad is offering $200 off the final program balance for select summer programs in San José, Guadalajara, Granada, Seville, Paris, Grenoble and Aix-en-Provence. Students must apply and confirm by March 31 to receive the discount. The same offer is available to fall programs in Alicante and Guadalajara. CEA is also awarding additional $500 scholarships this summer to qualifying students. Deadline is March 1, so apply now! Visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm for more information.

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.

AustralLearn Launches Travel Grants

2006 has been designated by the U.S. Senate as the “Year of Study Abroad.” In support, AustralLearn will grant over $15,000 in airline ticket assistance to students beginning an AustralLearn 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. AustralLearn also awards scholarships to qualifying students. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/auslearn.htm or come by the CIE.

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). Scholarship deadline is March 15.

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/staylorbd.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 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 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 students to Prague, Czech Republic, this summer for IDS 491. Honors Seminar/HIST 390 Special Topics/ GEGO 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, Boniece or White for information.

Social Work in Ireland, Summer 2006

Social Work and Human Services students who want 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 CIE.