FSU Foundation Gives Pinnacle Award to Leonard Schwab

He and his wife Jane established the Leonard and Jane Schwab Theatre and Speech Scholarship for sophomore, junior or senior theatre majors in 1996, which has helped numerous students since then and supports the art form about which both Schwas care so much. “It is his service to Frostburg State University and its students, his leadership of the S. Schwab Company and his dedication to his community overall that has inspired the FSU Foundation to award him the Pinnacle Award,” said B.J. Davison II, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

“Your vision ensures that our institution can provide an exceptional education for our students and that the Foundation will continue to uphold its mission: to foster, encourage and promote the growth, progress and general welfare of Frostburg State University,” said FSU President Jonathan Gibralter.

Leonard and Jane Schwab were presented with a book of letters of gratitude from past recipients of their scholarship. Created in 1993, the Pinnacle Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions of time, talent or treasures in support of the educational mission of FSU through the Foundation. Categories of support may include board membership, financial contributions, service or other acts of leadership and service to the Foundation and FSU. Previous recipients are Ralph Race, Lillian Wellner, Al Boxley and Walter Hedrick.

The FSU Foundation, Inc., has honored Leonard Schwab with the Pinnacle Award, its highest honor, in recognition of the decades of counsel and spirit he has offered to the Foundation. The award was granted at a banquet in his honor held at Bedford Springs Resort on Friday, March 20. Schwab, only the fifth person to receive the Pinnacle Award, is a founding member of the Foundation and one of the longest-serving members of the Board of Directors and a longtime leader on the Executive Board. Now an emeriti member, he has helped guide the organization through many important transitions in the Foundation’s mission and scope.

Theatre

War-of-Sexes Comedy Coming to FSU

From left, Keenan Scott, Shea-Mikal Green and Mark Bowling

FSU Theatre presents “Lysistrata,” Aristophanes’ war-of-the-sexes comedy, Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18, and Thursday, April 23, through Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. A matinee performance on Saturday, April 18, will begin at 2 p.m.

Athens and Sparta have been locked in civil war for 20 years with no end in sight. In a bold attempt to save Greece from ruin, Lysistrata unites the women of Athens and Sparta in a “sex strike” to force the soldiers to come to their senses. At the same time, the older women take over the treasury to cut war funding before the entire male population is wiped out.

For info or reservations, contact the University Theatre box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $6 for students and $12 for general admission.

Visual Arts

‘X-formation’ to Be on View at FSU

“X-formation,” an exhibition that culminates four years of work by FSU seniors Josh O’Rourke, Sara Otto, Trayshia Rogers and Amiyin Ross, will be on view through Wednesday, April 8, in the Stephanie Ann Roper Fine Arts Gallery.

O’Rourke’s sculptural design emphasizes the rhythmic flow of static objects and the geometric simplicity of dynamic objects portraying the basics of life. Otto’s figurative paintings, prints and drawings apply tonality, color and gestural marks to examine ordinary life in an unexpected way. Rogers’ richly toned prints focus on
line and mass to examine the spirit of the environment in which she lives. Ross’ artwork focuses on the complexity of scientific drawings and the optical effects of color in abstract, organic forms.

Artworks will be available for purchase from the artists throughout the duration of the exhibition. The Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery has free admission and is open to the public Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. For info, contact FSU Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

‘MMIX’ Art Exhibition Showcases Seniors’ Talent

“MMIX,” an exhibition featuring artwork by FSU seniors Erin Cunningham, Michelle Nash, Kristina Schurg, Sarah Sine and Monika Wertman, will be on view from Saturday, April 11, through Wednesday, April 15, in the Stephanie Ann Roper Fine Arts Gallery. An opening reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in the gallery. Cunningham’s expressive use of color and texture allows her artwork to communicate with viewers on two distinct levels: through her own fears and the fears of the viewers. Nash’s work mostly consists of detailed portraits of objects found in nature. These intimate portraits engage and inspire the viewer through the use of organic lines and vibrant colors.

Schurg’s work focuses on conveying a message and creating an atmosphere through the use of images and type. Sine creates functional sculptures that show off the beauty of the material from which they are constructed. Her work is intended to collect the scuffs and scrapes from years of use as well as the aged, patched look from tender care.

Wertman’s work consists of portraiture depicted in the 1930s/1940s Hollywood aesthetic of photographer George Hurrell and is influenced by the Art Deco style of Jean-Gabriel Domergue.

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FSU Presents Spring Concert With Boys Like Girls and Vederan

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FSU to Host MLK Celebration

In memory of the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr., FSU will hold its annual MLK Celebration, “The Dreamer and the Dream,” featuring guest speaker C. Fraser Smith. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in the PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

Smith is a columnist from the Baltimore Sun and news director of the Baltimore Sun and news director of...
History Lecture, ‘Arming Slaves in the Confederacy’

FSU will present “Amor Patrie: Arming Slaves in the Confederacy,” a lecture given by Dr. Stephanie McCurry, an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Dunkle Hall 218. The lecture is sponsored by the Martha T. and Ralph M. Race Western History Lecture Series funded through the FSU Foundation under the auspices of the Department of History.

McCurry is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and is the author of “Masters of Small Worlds: Yeoman Households, Gender Relations and the Political Culture of the Antebellum South Carolina Low Country.” For info, contact Paul Chamey at x3120.

Proofreading for Better Writing

The Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group is sponsoring a presentation, “Efficient Proofreading Strategies for Even Better Student Writing,” by Judy Pula, a professor in the English Department, and Mark Smith, the director of the Writing & Tutoring Center, Tuesday, April 14, 7 to 8 p.m. in Pullen 191. The session is geared toward faculty who want to help students improve their writing and suggests ways to help students become better writers. The session includes discussion/demonstration of strategies and suggestions for how to help writers implement the proofreading strategies in or outside class.

National Alcohol Screening Day

To address drinking among college students, Counseling and Psychological Services is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day Tuesday, April 7. NASD is a one-day education and screening event designed to raise awareness on how alcohol affects health and academic performance, help students evaluate their alcohol use and provide referrals to local treatment and support resources for those who need further evaluation. The college component of NASD targets students who are risky drinkers, with a focus on binge drinking.

As part of the screening event, students can take an anonymous, written self-test, pick up educational brochures on the dangers of alcohol abuse, and talk one on one with a staff member. If appropriate, students will be directed to support or treatment services on campus. Screenings will be held at the Lane Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For info, contact Dr. Spencer Deakin at CAPS at x4234.

Enter Environmental Photography Contest

The Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute at FSU invites photographers to submit photographs to its sixth annual Environmental Photography Contest. The institute will accept entries until the deadline at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 10.

Entry forms may be obtained from the FSU Department of Geography/Bureau of Mines Lab or from the FSU Department of Geography/Educational Resources for Graduates.

Use of the photographs will be at the discretion of the institute. The institute reserves the right to use the photographs or part of any photograph for the purposes of the contest, promotion of the institute, and marketing of the institute’s services.

For info, call Gale Yutzy at x4369 or visit the department’s Web site www.whyf.org.

Take Note

Academic Scheduling/Religious Observances

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

Students should notify their instructors of conflicts and make arrangements for making up missed work before an absence due to religious observance.

Faculty and staff have been sent the link to a Web-based interface calendar for reference.

Wanted! Student Input on College Experience

FSU is participating in the National Survey of Student Engagement and wants to know about your college experiences. Results are confidential and will be used to improve the collegiate experiences of undergraduates at FSU. Filling out the questionnaire takes about 15 minutes. Check your student e-mail account to see if you received an invitation to participate.

Spring Semester 2009 Blackboard Help

Student help sessions are now available Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Pullen 108. Get answers concerning e-mail, gradebook, assignments, discussion boards, file share, digital Dropbox or any other features. You can also visit the online help guides for students at www.frostburg.edu/blackboard.

For questions or schedule conflicts, contact the Center for Instructional Technologies at cit@frostburg.edu.

Planning to Graduate in May?

The 134th commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, in the Cordts PE Center. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will hold its service at 10 a.m., while the College of Business and College of Education will present their graduates at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Two mailings with commencement information go to your home and local addresses. One mailing was sent at the end of March, and the other will be sent in late April. These mailings are also posted on the Commencement Web site www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement under “Information and Resources for Graduates.”

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to graduates and may be picked up in the Bookstore. They will also be available immediately before and after graduation rehearsal in the Cordts Center Main Arena lobby Friday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

Full details about commencement are on the University’s Web site at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.
Barkley's Novel Nominated for Award

Brad Barkley's young adult novel, "Dream Factory," has been nominated for the Charlotte Award by the New York State Reading Association and added to their Suggested Reading list for New York public schools. Barkley is an associate professor in the English Department.

Student Life

Get Outside for Bob!

Do you have videos of yourself and your friends taking advantage of the great outdoors in and around Western Maryland? Then you just might be featured in an upcoming Bob E. Cat video!

Bob's looking for fellow Bobcats to help him express his love of outdoor recreation and the natural scenery that is a part of the 'BURG experience. If you've got a good clip that captures this sentiment, e-mail bobecat@frostburg.edu for details on how to submit your entry! The best ones will be included in the final Bob video of the spring semester.

Learn more about Bob E. Cat by visiting his Facebook Fanpage ("Bob E. Cat") and his YouTube Channel ("BobEcats").

Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications and contracts for the 2009-10 academic year. Visit www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com for information and forms. (Applications and contracts will be accepted until all spaces are filled). For info, 301-689-1370.

Grad Students

Grad Student News

Last Call for Master of Arts in Teaching – Elementary

The deadline for MAT-Elementary summer '09 cohort applications is Friday, May 1. For info, call the Graduate Services Office at x7053.

May 2009 Commencement

Students who plan to graduate in May 2009 need to complete the "Application for Graduation." The forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services, Pullen 141, or by calling x7053. Tickets will be required for entrance into the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16. See www.frostburg.edu/commencement for more details.
New High-Def Camera Kits for FSU Students!

Through a generous grant from SGA, the Department of Mass Communication and the National Broadcasting Society have purchased two Canon HF100 high-def camera kits. Previously, only students in the department could check out audio and video equipment.

Professor Micheal McAlexander, who had requested the funding, sees this new addition as an opportunity for students in other departments to gain a valuable skill. “I believe that media technologies, both audio and video, touch all disciplines. All students should be somewhat proficient with video and audio editing basics,” said McAlexander. 

In addition to the camera kits, the department also donated updated iMovie software to the Pullen computer lab.

The Canon HF100 kits will be available Friday, April 10, for two-day checkout (according to posted hours) from the equipment room in Guild 150. Students who check out equipment must first see Connie Capaccione in Guild 119 to show their student ID and sign the liability contract.

A launch party is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, in Lane 201 from 4 to 6 p.m. Students are invited to come learn how to operate the cameras as well as how to check them out.

Wildlife Society Sponsors Contest

The FSU Wildlife Society is sponsoring a pizza-eating contest to be held Wednesday, April 15, at 6 p.m. at Cici’s Pizza in LaValle. There is a $10 entry fee and prizes will be awarded. To enter, contact Seth Stivala at scstivalal0@frostburg.edu. Not competing? Stop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m.

Note: Be sure to mention the Wildlife Society at the event!

Annual Mind Culture Original Music Project

Are you a part of a band or musical act looking to get your music out to the world? Would you like to have your music recorded and mastered? The Department of Mass Communication can help through its Sixth Annual Mind Culture Original Music project.

The goals of the project are to give students the experience of promoting and producing a music CD and to give local and regional bands another opportunity to be heard.

If you have an original song (with or without lyrics), submit your work to the department in Guild 119. If your song is already produced, submit it on CD. Produced music must be received by Tuesday, April 14. All submitted songs will be considered for the Mind Culture Original Music Vol. 6 CD to be released later this semester. Also, all musical acts will be considered for a live show on Friday, May 1, in the Lane Center. Submissions must be accompanied by a release form giving FSU permission to use the song for the CD. Forms are available in Guild 119.

Call x3049 if you would like to order previous CDs, which are available for $7. Proceeds from CD sales will benefit the department through the FSU Foundation, Inc.

For info, contact the department at x3049, email mcAlexander@frostburg.edu or visit the Facebook group, Mind Culture Original Music.

Upcoming UCM Events

The Nails of the Cross, a Good Friday special worship event sponsored by UCM and area churches, will be held April 10 at Frostburg First Presbyterian Church (33 S. Broadway) at 7 p.m. UCM is looking for student volunteers to assist with this event (no experience needed). If you would like to help, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirloft at x7490 or c.zirloft@frostburg.edu.

There will be no True North Meeting Easter Sunday, April 12, but it will resume April 19 with the Free Dinner and Movies as Parables program. As a continued observance of the MLK campuswide celebration, the film will be “Crash,” which depicts racial tension among several characters during a 36-hour period.

The Run Kid Run Concert, a Christian Unity event, will be held Sunday, May 3, in Lane Manicur Hall. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with music videos and informational displays. CCC Praise Band will open for Run Kid Run at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 general admission, $7 with student ID and $6 for a group of 10 or more. Tickets are on sale now through the UCM office. For info, x7490 or c.zirloft@frostburg.edu.

Asape Latte Study Breaks will be held Mondays at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Lane Center near Java City. Run Kid Run concert tickets are also available at the study break table until the concert date.

Internships

Internship Magic

The Disney College Program is still recruiting for the fall 2009 semester. Earn up to 12 college credits, get great internship experience from a Fortune 100 company and get paid to be part of the magic. An information table will be in the Lane Center on Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can also contact Amy Shimko at x4403 or ashimki@frostburg.edu. Visit www.disneycollegeprogram.com to apply. Select E-PRESENTATION when prompted and be sure to list “Frostburg State University” as your current college.
Identity Theft Is Topic at AAUW Meeting

The American Association of University Women, Frostburg Branch, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church in Frostburg. Before the business meeting, Lt. Cindy Powers, a senior supervisor with the University Police Department, will give a presentation on identity theft.

For info, contact Yvonne Beal, Frostburg Branch AAUW president, at 301-689-6849.

Study Abroad

Come to a study abroad information session Thursday, April 9, at 5 p.m. in the CIE Office in Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House and near the wind turbine).

The deadline to study abroad in spring 2010 is Friday, Sept. 25.

Activities for Life

For info, Amy Nazezrod, AFL coordinator, at x7934 or anzalezrod@frostburg.edu.

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons

Youth and advanced swimming lessons will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, April 13 to April 29, from 6 to 6:50 p.m. in the FSU pool.

The swim lessons are for children ages 5 to 12. The youth swim lessons are separated into skill levels. The advanced swim lessons are for those interested in learning advanced skills or preparing for a swim team. Advance registration is required.

Eyes on the Road, Hands on the Wheel

Don’t Use the Phone While Driving!