Grand Opening! Mountain City Traditional Arts

Mountain City Traditional Arts, at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg, will celebrate its grand opening Saturday, May 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. as part of Frostburg’s Arts Walk. Demonstrations and small performances will be offered throughout the evening. A partnership of the Allegany Arts Council, FrostburgFirst: A Main Street Community and Folklore & Folklife Programming at FSU, the venue is dedicated to the education, sales, documentation and perpetuation of traditional art in the Appalachian region. For info, contact Kara Rogers Thomas at x3124 or krogersthomas@frostburg.edu.

Opera Workshop Presents ‘Magic Flute’

Mozart’s bewitching singspiel “The Magic Flute” will be performed Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. “The Magic Flute” has always been a favorite with opera audiences since its first performance, with much of the credit going to the adorable characters Papageno and Papagena. This modern re-telling of the traditional story will clarify some of the themes that sometimes get lost in the more traditional fairy-tale account. “The Magic Flute” is a story about people on life’s journey who must find their path and place in life, and how their choices help them achieve their goals, be they pure or malicious.

Dr. Jonathan Hodel, director of the Opera Workshop, serves as conductor with Betty Jane Phillips helping lead the student and faculty orchestra. The production will feature the diverse talents of a 35-member cast, including Cumberland natives Olivia Hartman and Danny Durr and audience favorites Lanee Conklin, Nicole Sirois, Tony Walters and Alexandra Cozart.

Tickets will be available at the door and are $5 for adults and $3 for students. For info, call x4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/music.

Faculty Award Winners Honored

The recipients of the 2009 Faculty Achievement Awards, along with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. All members of the University community are invited to attend the convocation and the reception that follows.

This year’s Faculty Achievement Award recipients are Dr. Megan E. Bradley, Department of Psychology; Dr. Richard L. Roaely, Department of Biology; and Dr. Amit J. Shah, Department of Management, for academic accomplishment; Dr. Thomas F. Hawk, Department of Management, for teaching; and Dr. Hongqi Li, Department of Biology, for University and community service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc. In addition to the faculty awards, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership. Faculty in each program have selected 13 graduate students and 36 undergraduate students to be recognized. Also commended will be 30 undergraduate students receiving honors in general education, based on completion of all requirements of the University Honors Program.

FSU Presents Wind Ensemble Concert

The FSU Wind Ensemble will perform Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Conducted by Philip Klickman, the ensemble will perform “Gypsy Suite” by Carol Barnett, “Lincolnshire Posy” by Percy Grainger and other works by Vaughan Williams, Bernstein and Jacobs.

Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students; children 17 and under are free. For info, contact the FSU Music Department at x4109.

Frostburg First: A Main Street Program through the evening. A partnership of the Allegany Arts Council, FrostburgFirst: A Main Street Community and Folklore & Folklife Programming at FSU, the venue is dedicated to the education, sales, documentation and perpetuation of traditional art in the Appalachian region. For info, contact Kara Rogers Thomas at x3124 or krogersthomas@frostburg.edu.

FSU Student Cozart to Perform Senior Recital

FSU senior Alexandra Cozart will perform her senior vocal recital Sunday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

Ticket $5 adults, $3 students. Info: x4109. (See article.)

SUNDAY:

FSU Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Admission $5 adults, $3 students and 17 and under free. Info: x4109. (See article.)

Senior Vocal Recital: Alexandra Cozart, 7 p.m., PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Free and open to the public. Info: x4109. (See article.)

FSU senior Alexandra Cozart will perform her senior vocal recital Sunday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.
The recital is sponsored by the FSU Department of Music. Cozart will perform from “Strike the Viol,” “Hark! The ech’ring Air” and “If Music be the Food of Love” by Henry Purcell; “Aprés un rêve,” “Ici-bas” and “Clair de lune” by Gabriel Faure; “Colección de tonadillas; El tra la la y el punteado El Majo Timido, La Maja Dolorosa No. 1 and La Maja Dolorosa No. 2” by Enrique Granados; “Quandemo’vo” from “La Bohème” by Giacomo Puccini; and “Güttler and be Gay” from “Candide” by Leonard Bernstein. Cozart will be accompanied by pianist Betty Jane Phillips.

The performance is free and open to the public. For info, contact the FSU Department of Music at x4109.

A Bittersweet Reading

Bittersweet, FSU’s undergraduate literary and arts magazine, will have a reading at Main Street Books Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 to celebrate the publication of its latest issue. Students will read selections from the magazine, free copies will be available and food and drink will be provided.

BMR Accepting Submissions

The Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at FSU and the Allegany Arts Council are looking for regional writers, of all ages and skill levels, interested in having work published in the 2010 edition of the annual Backbone Mountain Review.

Writers are invited to submit up to five pages of poetry or up to eight pages of fiction, creative nonfiction or short plays. Writers submitting more than one genre are asked not to exceed the eight-page limit. Submissions exceeding these quantities will not be considered. All submissions must be previously unpublished, original works by the submitting author.

Entries must be e-mailed to BMR@alrmonet.org by Monday, June 1. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted. Entries must be submitted as e-mail attachments, as MS Word or RTF (rich text formatted) documents. In the body of the e-mail, include the author’s name, address and phone number. Do not include the author’s name on any of the attached submissions. Attach a brief biography (up to 200 words) for the submitting author, also formatted as MS Word or RTF.

Writers with work selected for the 2010 BMR will be notified via e-mail in September.

For more information, call 301-777-ARTS (2787) or x4024.

Presentations

Appalachian Lab Spring Seminar Series

Ray Morgan from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory will present “Hill of Grace” Thursday, May 7, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. Refreshments will be served in the AL lobby following the seminar.

For info, see www.al.umces.edu/seminars/schedule.

Staking Our Claim

Legacy of Love Reflected in New FSU Scholarship Fund

Teresa Schrodel celebrated and honored the life of her late husband, Michael, by establishing the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund at FSU. From left are B.J. Davison, FSU’s vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc.; Michael’s daughter, Carmen Schrodel; FSU President Jonathan Gibralter; Teresa; and Shannon Gribble, director of Alumni Programs at FSU.

Before FSU alumnus Michael Schrodel died of cancer in August 2001, he wrote a letter to his friends and family that included a special section to his daughter, Carmen. Whenever she missed him, he said, she should look up at the sky and pick out a star. That star was him looking down on her.

“Today, Carmen is 10 years old, and she already has her sights set on FSU for college, just like her dad. And a constellation of support that includes Michael’s friends, family members and loved ones has established a scholarship worthy of his legacy of generosity and love.

For the past seven years, Michael’s fraternity brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma, his wife, Teresa Schrodel (Class of 1993 at FSU), and other enthusiastic volunteers have gotten together for the annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic, which recently raised enough money to create the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship includes a special preference for Sigma Tau Gamma legacies. It’s a fitting tribute to Michael and the strong brotherhood he shared with his fraternity, who stood by him when he was sick, doing everything from arranging rides for him to get radiation treatments to installing tile in his house so he could better maneuver his wheelchair. They also donated money to cover Michael’s funeral expenses.

“It’s these brothers who came to rally and help us during Michael’s courageous battle,” said Teresa, who became quite close to Sigma Tau Gamma and was named their White Rose Sweetheart in 1989. “It’s also these same brothers whom I call upon and I know are ready and willing to offer emotional and any other type of assistance to Carmen and me.”

Eric Dorman (FSU Class of 1990), Michael’s Big Brother in Sigma Tau Gamma and an avid golfer, came up with the idea for organizing the annual golf tournament fundraiser.

“I know for some fraternity brothers it’s an event they look forward to every year,” he said. “We even have people who don’t play golf but come to participate just for the camaraderie. As time goes on, we get more and more busy, and we forget the core of our relationship through the fraternity. This is the one time that we embrace that and celebrate Mike’s life together.”

While I would rather watch paint dry than play golf, I make sure to attend this golf tournament every year,” said Eric Udler (FSU Class of 1990), another Sigma Tau Gamma alum. “It’s a great way to keep in touch with so many fraternity brothers and raise money for a very worthy cause.”

In addition to funding the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund, proceeds from the golf tournament have also gone toward the American Cancer Society’s Hope Lodge in Indianapolis, where the Schrodel’s stayed while Michael received treatment, Calvert Hospice and a Maryland 529 College Savings Plan for Carmen.

“Michael wanted to give back to those who helped him during his illness,” Teresa said. Teresa and her daughter also decided to celebrate Michael’s life by adding him to FSU’s Wall of Honor, where “students and faculty will walk by and see his name.”

“Frostburg is where it all began,” Teresa said. “It’s where Michael’s parents met in the ’60s. It’s where he and I fell in love. Michael’s legacy will always be here. And I’m glad students and faculty will want some sort of assistance to help finance their education through this new scholarship. It shows Carmen what a wonderful person her father was.”

The eighth annual Michael D. Schrodel Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 10, in Dunkirk, Maryland. Organizers intend to contribute to the Michael D. Schrodel Scholarship Fund annually. For info, contact Teresa Schrodel at medartchic@aol.com.
The FSU Foundation has embarked on a $15 million comprehensive campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, to raise badly needed funding for higher education in Western Maryland. Donations to the Foundation support student scholarships and programs, academic programs, faculty development and other critical University needs. For info about supporting FSU, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call x4161.

**Take Note**

**H1N1 Flu Advisory**

Many of you are aware that a new strain of the influenza virus has appeared in Mexico and is spreading to a number of U.S. states. The situation is developing quickly, and it is important that everyone remains aware of new developments in this illness. The FSU home page (www.frostburg.edu) and Brady Health page (www.frostburg.edu/brady) offer links to updated information on this situation. Check these links often! Symptoms of the 2009 H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to those of regular flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. No vaccine exists yet to protect against this flu, but you can take steps to prevent the spread of flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the used tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. If students have questions or health concerns, they should call Brady Health at x4310.

**Reflection Reception**

The Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group is hosting an end-of-term Reflection Reception Friday, May 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Sand Spring Saloon/Restaurant in Frostburg. Come for an informal reflection on this past year’s teaching and learning experiences at FSU. Refreshments (and wine!) will be served.

The event is free and open to all teaching staff at FSU.

**Fight Choreographer to Visit FSU**

J. Allen Suddeth, Broadway fight choreographer for “Jekyll and Hyde” and other productions, will be at FSU Sunday, May 10. There will be an adjudicated performance at 11 a.m. in the Drama Theatre and a workshop for Hollywood-style swashbuckling at 1 p.m. (Suddeth trained with Paddy Crean, Erroll Flynn’s stunt-double.) The event is sponsored by the Savage Mountain Stage Combat Club.

FSU students and faculty are invited to attend the free event.

**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 Cordts. 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 have been sent to your home and local addresses. One was sent at the end of March, and the other April 16. These mailings are also reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. If students have questions or health concerns, they should call Brady Health at x4310.

**An Important Message!**

To ensure we are reaching all our contacts and campus communities, FSU has launched its own official Facebook group, where in addition to our other communication outlets, we will post regular information about the 2009 H1N1 flu and other relevant events.

**Changes to Financial Aid Process**

The Financial Aid Office is notifying students about changes in the financial aid process for the 2009-10 academic year. The office will begin processing its student loans through the William D. Ford Direct Lending program. It will no longer be processing Federal Stafford Loans or Federal Parent PLUS Loans through banks via the Family Federal Education Loan Program. Students and parents applying for a federal loan for the 2009-10 academic year will be required to sign a new Master Promissory Note (MPN). This change will benefit students by saving them 1.5 percent in loan origination fees. Students and parents will not be able to complete a new MPN until after Monday, June 1. Students will be sent a notification with instructions to their FSU e-mail accounts before June 1 and should watch their mail and e-mail for important announcements and updates.

**Summer Arts Academy Offered for High Schoolers at FSU**

High school students with hopes and dreams of becoming world-renowned singers, musicians or artists, or even actors or rock stars, can bring those dreams closer to reality at the FSU Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy this summer.

FSU will host the 2009 Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy. The academy offers six programs for students entering grades nine through 12. The programs include Creative Writing, Wind Chamber, Stage Combat, Choir, Garage Band and Appalachian Folk Arts. Each program is a week long (Sunday through Saturday) and students can reside on campus or commute.

The Garage Band Workshop, June 14 through 20, will offer an opportunity to work with successful area musicians and receive one-on-one training on the guitar, bass or drums. Students will form bands and learn the musical and communication skills necessary for being in a booming rock band. The bands will choose a name.
Festival Symposium
Seeking Abstracts
The FSU Appalachian Festival has been scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, through Saturday, Sept. 19. Friday events include an educational symposium, “Appalachia: People and Place.” As part of that event, coordinators plan to feature the best of FSU’s regionally based work. Students and faculty are encouraged to submit short abstracts—200 words or less—to Kara Rogers Thomas at krogerothomas@frostburg.edu. Submissions will be accepted through Monday, Aug. 3.
Saturday events include the Free Outdoor Festival and the Capstone Concert featuring the Legendary Jean Ritchie and Family.
Check www.frostburg.edu/events/afestival often for more details.

Grad Student News
Last Day!
The last day for graduate students to remove “I” incomplete grades from the fall 2008 semester is Friday, May 8. Submit all change of grade forms to the Registrar’s office by 4:30 p.m. that day.

May 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/graduation/commencement for more details.

UCM News and Events
Celebrating the End of the Semester!
The End of Year Picnic sponsored by CCM, Baptist Student Ministry (GIG) and UCM will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. outside between BSM and CCM’s buildings near the Campus Police Building. (If the weather turns bad, it will move inside.) Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings will be served.

DeStress Express at UCM Finals Week
The UCM DeStress Express Study Break will be in Sand Spring Hall at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. Relax and revitalize through destressing activities. All activities are free and include music videos, a conga line, massage therapy, karaoke opportunities and DeStressors giveaways. Wings, pizza, fruit and drinks will be served.

Deadline for Peer Minister Applications
Applications are due Monday, May 11, for the UCM fall peer minister opening. Peer ministers are a selected group of FSU students who, after an intensive musical experience, will participate in choral and opera scenes, study music theory and vocal techniques and perform a recital and concert.
The cost is $480 for commuter students and $650 for those residing on campus. For info, contact Karen Soderberg-Samarak at x4110.
More information is available at www.frostburg.edu/savagemnt, or contact Gallagher at x4381 or mgallagher@frostburg.edu.

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Summer Jobs at Edgewood Commons

Edgewood Commons is hiring up to 15 students to help with cleaning apartments for the fall. Summer workers will be compensated for 15 hours of work a week with a free apartment, and for every hour worked after 15 will be paid $7.25, up to 40 hours a week.

Edgewood also needs summer resident assistants, who will get free room, and for every hour worked assistant students will be compensated for 15 hours of work a week with a free apartment.

Students can visit the Center for International Education in Fuller House to check out the opportunities available. Some programs allow students to pay FSU tuition for universities in Europe, Africa, South America and many other locations. For info, x4714.

The deadline for spring and intersession 2010 applications is Friday, Sept. 25.