Tootoonchi Named Dean of FSU College of Business

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, who has served as interim dean of the College of Business at FSU since March 2009, has been named to the position of dean by Provost Stephen Simpson. He was selected following a national search and campus interviews with multiple finalists.

Tootoonchi joined the FSU faculty in 1989, served as chair of the Department of Management from 2003 to 2007 and was associate dean of the College of Business from January 2008 until he became interim dean. He received the University’s Faculty Achievement Award in 1998 and 2003, is president of the International Academy of Business Disciplines and chief editor of the “Journal of International Business Disciplines.” He and the former dean, Dr. Danny Arnold, co-authored “101 Leadership Tips” (Prentice Hall, 2007). He holds a Ph.D. in Leadership and Human Behavior and a master’s degree in Management and Organizational Development, both from U.S. International University in San Diego, Calif.

In his tenure as interim dean, Tootoonchi has overseen a redesign of the FSU MBA program – including preparation for the option to make the program available. MBA enrollment has also increased during his tenure. He oversaw the establishment of the Small Business/Entrepreneurship concentration for undergraduates studying through FSU at the University System of Maryland – Hagerstown.

“Dr. Tootoonchi is an outstanding leader with a vision for the future. He has a national and international perspective on trends in business at both the undergraduate and graduate level,” said FSU President John Gibralter. “He understands the importance of partnerships with business and industry and works hard to make all of our business programs relevant to students in an effort to enhance their employment opportunities. Most importantly, Dr. Tootoonchi is a good person who views the world always in a positive light with a view on what is possible.”

“Dr. Tootoonchi is an outstanding teacher and scholar who is deeply committed to his students, the College and the University as a whole,” Simpson said. “I am very pleased that we can call on Dr. Tootoonchi’s talents to take on this important role and continue the progress we have made in the College of Business.”

The FSU College of Business is accredited by AACSB International. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/colleges/cob.

Music

Irish Tenors Return to FSU

The Irish Tenors return to the Cultural Events Series at FSU with “DRUID: Featuring the Irish Tenors,” a show that vibrantly captures the essence of the modern Irish spirit, an influence that has spread far beyond Ireland’s green countryside and island shores. Featuring the Irish Tenors, Ciaran Nagle, Jeremy Morgan, Robert Archibald, Kenneth O’Reagan and Simon Morgan, the show will be held in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

“DRUID” is a musical journey from Ireland’s pre-Christian times through oppression, famine, emigration and the “Celtic Tiger” economy to finally rest on the hopes of the nation’s future. The performers in “DRUID” each possess an exceptional talent. Brought together, they form a cohesive musical and vocal unit that is mesmerizing and uplifting. Backed by an 11-piece orchestra, the musical presentation encompasses a broad range of tunes, from traditional and ballads to pop and classical songs.

The Irish Tenors performed their Christmas show two years ago at FSU to a sell-out audience. Tickets for “DRUID” are $22 for adults and $15 for young people under 17. Group rate tickets are also available. Tickets may be ordered by calling x3137 or 1-866-849-9237, or by visiting ces.frostburg.edu.

Theatre

Appalachian Drama Takes Main Stage

The Department of Theatre and Dance at FSU will present Howard Richardson and William Berney’s Appalachian folk tale, “Dark of the Moon.” Performances will take place in the PAC Drama Theatre Friday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, March 4, to Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

Shedd’s Junior Vocal Recital Rescheduled

FSU junior Caroline Shedd will perform her vocal recital on Sunday, Feb. 28 (rescheduled from Feb. 7), at 7 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Shedd, singing in the mezzo-soprano range, will perform compositions from composers such as Edvard Grieg, Gabriel Fauré, Samuel Barber, Henry Purcell, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss II. She will be accompanied by Judith Brown on piano.

For info, contact the FSU Department of Music at x4109.
Loosely based on the ancient folk song, “The Ballad of Barbara Allen,” “Dark of the Moon” is a powerful, mystical folk drama set in the mysterious and mesmerizing Smoky Mountains of Appalachia in the 1920s. A tale of tragic love is at the heart of a story that depicts a clash of incongruent worlds—the mountains where witches and other supernatural beings reside and the valley where the humans live.

For reservations and information, call the theatre box office at 73462, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets are $10 for students and $12 for the general public.

**Center for Creative Writing Sponsors Competition**

The FSU Center for Creative Writing announces its first annual One-Act Playwriting Competition to showcase new works.

Writers are encouraged to submit their one-act plays (with a running time of 40-minutes or less) to the center by April 1. Entries will be judged on plot, character development, dialogue and overall quality.

The first prize winner will receive $750 and production of his or her play at the Frostburg One-Act Playwriting Festival to be held on the FSU campus in September. Second and third prize winners will receive $250 and $100, respectively, and staged readings of their works.

For submission guidelines, visit the Center for Creative Writing’s Web site at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.

**Presentations**

**FSU Presents Herbalist Series at MCTA**

The Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies, in partnership with Mountain City Traditional Arts, will present “The Mountain Herbalist Series,” beginning Monday, Feb. 22. Events will be Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at MCTA, 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The programs are free and open to the public.

Mimi Hernandez, the coordinator for this series, is an herbal educator whose courses balance traditional reverence with scientific understanding. She’s a clinical herbalist and professional member of the American Herbalists Guild, with a Master of Science degree in Herbal Medicine.

“Mountain Roots” will kick off the beginning of the series on Feb. 22. Discover the lore, tradition and science behind the uses of Appalachia’s most popular native medicinal roots.

The second event of the series, on March 8, showcases “Kitchen Spices for Health.” Spices such as cayenne, garlic, cinnamon and turmeric are great to have on hand for household ailments. Incorporating spices into a daily lifestyle can promote wellness in the face of heart disease, diabetes, arthritis and aging.

The third and final series will take place Mar. 22. “Medicinal Flora of Appalachia” explores one of the most diverse and abundant ecosystems for medicinal plants. Stories of their traditional use and how science supports those uses will be discussed.

On April 12, come take a look at the “Weeds: Healing From Your Backyard.” Weeds such as dandelion, violets, plantain, chickweed and kowtowel can all be put to good use.

Hernandez will explore the practical uses of kudzu on April 26. This plant is used as a source for culinary cuisine, animal feed, basketry and paper making, medicine and much more.

The last event will be held May 10, showcasing “Medicinal Mints.” Rosemary, lavender, lemon balm, peppermint, thyme and sage are all medical mints. These lovely and fragrant members of the Lamiaceae (mint) family are as versatile for health promotion as they are in the kitchen.

For info, call 301-687-8040 or e-mail mhernandez@frostburg.edu.

**Appalachian Lab**

**Spring Seminar Series**

Dr. Matthew Frieman, University of Maryland School of Medicine, will present “Mechanisms of SARS Coronavirus Pathogenesis: Death by Virus or Death by Host?” Thursday, Feb. 25, 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/ seminar/schedule.

**Workshops**

**New Home for FSU Center for Creative Writing**

After physically moving its headquarters into newly renovated space on Main Street in Frostburg, the FSU Center for Creative Writing is now open to expand its mission even more. The expanded mission focuses on community outreach; new programs for writers, writers, readers and lovers of the literary arts; and a space for writing and reading.

“We want people to come in, to have their imaginations inspired,” says Center Director Gerry LaFemina.

The center has workshops available for every type of writer. The community writing workshop will be held every second and fourth Monday of the month, a workshop for veterans will be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and a playwriting workshop will be held Thursdays at 7 p.m. The CCW also hosts a creative reading book group every first Monday at 1 p.m., a poetry book club every third Monday at 7 p.m., a science fiction/fantasy book club every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. and a film/book club every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The goal, LaFemina says, is to give voice to people in the community who may not feel as if their voices are heard, and to allow for the culture and history of this place to survive and thrive.

A $10,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission was key to the center’s move and affirmation that the arts can help revitalize a downtown community.

The historic Lync Building, a former theatre located in the center of town, was devastated by fire in 2004. Since its renovation, it has become home to the FSU Foundation and University Advancement, a branch of the FSU bookstore, a community gathering and entertainment space and a number of apartments.

For info, call the Center for Creative Writing at x2024 or visit the center’s Web site at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.

The center’s director, Gerry LaFemina, at its new location.

**FSU to Host MIPS Research Funding Workshop**

The Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program will host a free workshop about how faculty and local businesses can participate in the MIPS program at FSU Monday, March 1, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Compton 327.

MIPS Manager Ronnie Gist will give a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period and one-on-one meetings if requested.

MIPS provides funding – matched by participating companies – for university-based research projects that help companies develop new products. MIPS funding goes directly to faculty for research that benefits the
company’s ability to commercialize a product.

MIPS has supported research projects with more than 400 Maryland companies since 1987. MIPS is currently funding two-year projects at FSU with Cumberland-based Instant Access Networks and Frostburg-based Sustainable Systems Inc. Adventure Sports Inc., a Frostburg company, and Oakland-based Pioneer Conveyors have participated in MIPS projects.

MIPS funds an average of 50 projects per year. Applications are due April 30.

Research supported by MIPS may be in engineering, computer science, physical, environmental and life sciences. MIPS also supports projects designed to help a company plan and develop industrial training programs for its employees.

For info, contact Linda Steele, program specialist, at x4137 or lsteek@frostburg.edu.

**Film**

UPC Launches Int’l Film Series at FSU

The FSU Programming Council will present its international film series, “Bridges to the World,” which brings views of unique cultures from around the world to the campus of FSU. The series will run Tuesdays until March 23. Show times are at 7 p.m. in Tawes 153.

The first film of the series, on Feb. 16, showcases a romantic comedy from Korea. “My Dear Enemy” follows a slightly absurd day in the life of ex-lovers who reunite for financial reasons. As in most romantic comedies, the two could not be more different. Fortunately, the film avoids a clichéd romantic trajectory and instead focuses on the effect the two ex-lovers have on each other.

The second film of the series, on Feb. 23, comes from Argentina. “El Hijo de la Novia” or “Son of the Bride” is an intimate, sentimental film about family expectations, obligations and love. The rather serious topics are well-balanced with humor and laughter.

The third film of the series is from Estonia, debuting on March 2. “Detsembristikuamus” or “December Heat” is Estonia’s official submission to the Academy Awards Foreign Language Film category for 2010. This historical action-drama was produced for the 90th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia, and tells the story of the attempted communist coup. The film follows a young soldier and his wife as they struggle to save their lives and their country. Along the way they receive help from legendary Gen. Ernst Rodder and battle the new Estonia bureaucracy and the communists.

The fourth film, from Nigeria, will run on March 9. “Royal Messengers” is a Nollywood (Nigerian film industry) comedy that tells a story of King Iye who has 21 daughters, but no son to take his place. He discovers that he may have a son but only has 30 days to find him. His journey begins as he searches for a son that he knows nothing about.

The last film, on March 23, is a film from Russia. “The Island” is a biographical film about a 20th century Eastern Orthodox monk. The film offers a moving parable about sin, faith, prayer, forgiveness and redemption played out in a monastery on the shores of the White Sea.

Each film is free and open to the public. For info, contact Robert Cooper at x4049.

**Literature**

FSU Sponsors Poetry Reading by Chad and Jennifer Sweeney

The FSU Center for Creative Writing will present a reading by poets Chad and Jennifer K. Sweeney on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Books at 2 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The reading is free and open to the public.

Chad Sweeney is the author of three books of poetry, “Parable of Hide and Seek,” “Arranging the Blaze” and “An Architecture.” His poems have appeared widely, including in “Best American Poetry” and “Verse Daily.” Jennifer K. Sweeney’s first book, “Salt Memory,” won the 2006 Main Street Rag Poetry Award for her second poetry collection, “How to Live on Bread and Music,” received the 2009 James Laughlin Award from the Academy of American Poets, as well as the Perugia Press Prize. Nominated six times for a Pushcart Prize, her poems have appeared in numerous journals.

For info, contact Gerry LaFemina at x4024 or glafemina@frostburg.edu.

**Visual Arts**

FSU Alum’s Works on Display at FSU

“At Second Thought: Recent Works on Paper,” an exhibition featuring work by FSU alumus Sam Shaffer, will be on display in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery through Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The collection features Recent Works on Paper as the basis for Shaffer’s upcoming show, which are a broad representation of the works he has made over the past year. In this series, Shaffer has used scraps and images found on the floor or in some box. Combining drawing, spray paint and collage, he has made something free flowing and has looked for gestures — even awkward ones — that lead somehow from one image to the next. The images are emotional ones of circus scenes, artist friends, self-portraits and family portraits — sometimes ugly, sometimes beautiful — but always displaying motion, colors and textures and the touch of the hand on paper.

The Roper Gallery is open Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. For info, contact Deidre Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu or call the Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

**Take Note**

Academic Scheduling/Religious Observances

It is FSU’s policy that its academic programs and services be available to 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 period, any academic assignment that is missed because of individual 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 interfaith calendar for reference.
Off-Campus Housing Fair
The Off-Campus Housing Fair sponsored by the Student Government Association will be Wednesday, Feb. 24, in Tawes 152 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local property managers will be on hand to showcase their available rental properties for the 2010-11 academic year.

CHILL Events
For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/chill or contact April Baer at x3035 or wellness@frostburg.edu.

The Biggest Loser Returns to FSU
CHILL is bringing its “The Biggest Loser on Campus” program back to campus for the second year in a row.

“The Biggest Loser on Campus” is designed to promote student wellness by encouraging increased participation in aerobic activities and health programs on campus. During this two-month program, teams of four will be awarded points for completing tasks that aim to improve participants’ overall well-being, including meeting with personal trainers, submitting nutritional analyses and engaging in campus programs.

This program rewards campus engagement and self-awareness, not weight loss. However, past participants noted that their shrinking waistlines were a benefit of their new diet, exercise and stress management techniques. In spring 2009, the top three teams lost a combined total of 114 pounds, and each accumulated multiple participation points by being involved in campus blood drives and walking in the annual Relay for Life event.

Students are encouraged to attend the interest meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Cordts Leake Room.

Census Day is April 1. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires this process be done every 10 years. All U.S. residents must be counted: people of all races and ethnic groups – citizens and non-citizens – must participate. The questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on that day.

Every year the federal government can allocate more than $300 billion to states and communities based on this data, which aids in obtaining additional funding for community services, school lunch programs and new construction, such as highways and hospitals. The data collected is also included in grant proposals, which are important to the University.

The Census questionnaire is only 10 questions, 10 minutes of your time, and it is confidential. The Census Bureau cannot share an individual’s census questionnaire with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For info, go to 2010census.gov.

Points of Pride
Shah Wins Global Researcher Award
Dr. Amit Shah, a professor of management at FSU, received the Gold Medal Award recognizing his efforts as a global researcher at the 2009 Association of Indian Management Scholars Conference late last year.

The Association of Indian Management Scholars was established to unify Indian management scholars to foster excellence in education and research, advance knowledge and support practices in business and related disciplines.

Shah has been a prolific writer and researcher since joining the Department of Management in 1989. He has presented over 100 papers and workshops at various regional, national and international professional meetings and published over 60 journal articles and cases in textbooks. Shah has collaborated with other faculty members in many areas, such as micro-entrepreneurial activity, and has co-authored two textbooks on business. Shah directs the Center for Leadership Development in FSU’s College of Business, which works with businesses and organizations in assisting them in their leadership training and management development needs.

For info, contact the Department of Management at x4375 or visit the College of Business Web site at www.frostburg.edu/colleges/cob.

Freshmen to Participate in Conference
Four FSU freshmen, Max Green, Gavin Riley, Celina Szymanski and Megan Spindler, will participate in a panel at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference to be held March 5-6 at Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. Their presentation, “Amazing Grace” and “Nickled and Dimed: Lessons for Understanding Poverty and Social Science Research,” is based on work they did as part of their Honors Program learning community in fall 2009. Their discussion will focus on two monographs on poverty in contemporary American society, Jonathan Kozol’s “Amazing Grace” and Barbara Ehrenreich’s “Nickled and Dimed.” Issues to be discussed include the similarities and differences between the two works, how the biographies of the authors and other factors influenced the authors’ observations and might invalidate some of their conclusions, whether poverty has changed in the years since the publication of both books and the implications of the monographs for social policy and personal social action.

Get Involved
V Day is a global movement to stop sexual violence against women. Weekly meeting are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Tawes 152.

Greek News
Delta Sigma Pi Event
Come meet the brothers of Delta Sigma Pi Monday, Feb. 15, in the Osborne Newman Center (between Annapolis Hall and Campus Police) at 8 p.m., and join them for poker, games and food.

Sorority Formal Recruitment Events
To sign up for Sorority Recruitment, go to http://FreeOnlineSurveys.com/undersurveys.asp?sid=8ydllinx7xy6756 94653, or talk to one of the College Panhellenic women in Tawes 164, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meetings
Greek Council: Feb. 22, 6 p.m., Dunkle 218.
Grad Students
Grad Student News

Interested in Graduate Programs at FSU? Visit the Graduate Program Open House March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at USMH or March 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Pullen 141. Now is the time to apply for graduate programs for summer and fall 2010. Advising appointments are also available with the director of Graduate Services, Vickie Mazer, by office or phone appointment. Call x4595 or e-mail vmazer@frostburg.edu.

Last Call for Those Interested in the FSU MAT – Elementary & Secondary, K-12 Program

The deadlines for application for the MAT programs are fast approaching. If you are interested in joining this year’s cohort in the summer 2010 session, you should participate in the upcoming information session scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. in Pullen 141. The deadline for MAT-Elementary summer 2010 cohort applications is May 1. The MAT-E summer 2010 applicant admissions interviews will be scheduled an evening in April. The deadline for MAT-Secondary, K-12 Art Ed summer 2009 cohort applications is April 1. For info, call the Graduate Services Office at x7053 or register by e-mailing gradservices@frostburg.edu.

Graduate Scholarship for 2010-11 Applications – Deadline March 1

• David Sanford Graduate Student Scholarship

The recipient must be enrolled full time or part time as a graduate student, have previously been an undergraduate at FSU and have received a varsity sport participation letter. An FSU overall grade point average of 3.0 or better is required.

• F. Perry Smith Jr. Graduate Scholarship

The recipient must have completed his or her high school education or the equivalent in Allegany or Garrett counties in Maryland and be enrolled at FSU with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. The recipient must demonstrate financial need (complete and submit the FAFSA form).

• Howard and Audrey Naylor Graduate Scholarship

The recipient must be a certified teacher or eligible for certification and be admitted in good standing or eligible for admission to the M.Ed. Special Education program. The student must attend full time.

Graduate Assistantships/International Fellowships for 2010-11 – Deadline March 15

Applications for positions for the academic year beginning with the fall 2010 semester are available. The positions offer paid tuition (up to 30 hours a year) and a $5,000 cash stipend per year, in exchange for 20 hours of service each week. These positions represent an academic honor and require the applicant to have been accepted to a graduate program in good academic standing, and remain in good academic standing for the duration of the award.

Applications for graduate assistantships and assistantships/fellowships are available at the Office of Graduate Services in Pullen 141 (x7053) or on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/grad/forms.htm.

May 2010 Commencement

Students who plan to graduate in May 2010 need to complete the “Application for Graduation” as soon as possible. The forms are available online at www.frostburg.edu/ad/forms.htm at the Office of Graduate Services in Pullen 141 or by calling x7053. Tickets will be required for entrance into the May commencement ceremony. Go to www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement for more details.

Because the inclement weather caused the December commencement to be postponed from Dec 19 until Dec 21, those students who planned to graduate in December but could not have been given the opportunity to participate in the May 2010 commencement ceremony. The May commencement will be held on Saturday, May 22. The ceremony for the College of Business and the College of Education will be at 10 a.m., and for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at 2 p.m.

The May ceremony requires tickets. If you plan to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony, notify the Office of the Registrar by March 1. Send a letter to the Registrar’s Office, Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, MD 21532-2303 or e-mail
The Center for International Education offers ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Mexico, Malta, Botswana or many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House), call x4714 or e-mail Victoria Gearhart at vmggearhart@frostburg.edu. Summer and fall 2010 applications are due Friday, Feb. 26.

The organization is also seeking a head resident for the program. This position requires a bachelor’s degree. The head resident will supervise up to 50 students and nine staff members. Head resident salary is $2,800 and room and board are provided.

Tentative dates are from June 6 to July 23 (includes five days of training). Applicant review will begin immediately; the deadline to apply is March 1. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at x4994, e-mail esteele@frostburg.edu or visit the Upward Bound Web site at www.frostburg.edu/cife/unb.

Stimulate Your Economy!
The Census Bureau is looking for workers for its 2010 operations. Full- and part-time temporary jobs are available, with a starting pay of $15.50 an hour. Paid training for the five positions starts soon. Call 1-866-861-2010 to reserve a spot at the application session, or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov for info.

Donate to Bicentennial Fund of Frostburg
Educated Miners is the first in a series of three limited print Frostburg historical calendars available only as a thank-you gift to donors supporting the 2012 Frostburg Bicentennial Fund.

For your donation of $25.00, you will receive the 2010 calendar highlighting educational moments in the Mountain City. A gift of two calendars is offered for $45.00 and three are available for $60.00. For each additional gift of $15.00 to the initial $60.00 donation, another calendar will be provided.

Donations are tax-deductible and should be made payable to the 2012 Fund of the City of Frostburg P.O. Box 440, Frostburg, MD 21532.

For info, visit the city Web site at www.frostburgcity.com.

University Neighbors Meeting
University Neighbors, an association of residents and property owners in the neighborhood adjacent to the FSU campus, will hold its regular meeting Sunday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at City Place (corner of Water and Main Streets). Discussion will center around the topic of rental housing inspections in Frostburg. Those who live or own property in the neighborhood are welcome to attend. FSU students who live off campus are especially encouraged to participate. For info, contact Maxine Bond (301-689-5464), Lois Deasy (301-689-8082), Eleanor Miller (301-689-3572), Patrick O’Brien (240-580-4336) or Jeff Sellers (321-604-5920).

MCTA Offerings
Regularly Scheduled Offerings
Tuesdays: Spinning With Fiber, an informal gathering of those interested in learning the fundamentals of spinning or perfecting their technique, meets Tuesday evenings at MCTA at 7 p.m. Artists Theo Evers and Missy Martz will provide recommendations. Participants provide their supplies.

Thursdays: The Crochet and Knitting Gathering meets Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Knitters are welcome. Carolyn Groves will lead these sessions.

Final Friday: MCTA hosts a monthly Drum Circle on the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Bring a rhythm instrument (it can be homemade) and a stool or rug: some chairs provided.

Workshops
To register for workshops, e-mail mountaincitycraftarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040 (dial complete number from FSU).

MCTA will host a Focus and Finish Rug Hooking Workshop Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor Susan Feller will have visuals. The workshop fee is $15; materials fee – TBD.

There will be a Needle Tatting Workshop Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. led by Carolyn Groves. The kit fee is $25; workshop fee is $15. Class is limited to eight.

Message Board
FSU-TV3 cablenets an automated educational and community message channel when not showing video programming. The channel provides info about FSU events, non-profit organizations and community events. If you have an activity announcement to advertise, log on to www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3/admin/pic/cf_upload.cfm, enter the information and click submit. A graphic or pre-made message can be loaded as well. Submit requests at least one week in advance.

For info, contact Melanie Lombardi at x3011 or mlombardi@frostburg.edu.

Summer Positions Available With Upward Bound
Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and aims to provide students with a sample of the college experience.

Upward Bound is seeking tutors/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU’s campus. Tutor/counselor salary is $2,000 and room and board are provided.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
The FSU Foundation Wants You!
The FSU Foundation is hiring students to work for the FSU Annual Fund Phonathon. Students play a vital role in fundraising efforts by making calls during the annual phonathons. Gain “real world” experience through telemarketing, while networking and speaking with FSU alumni. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/phonathon or call Liz Nelson at x3163.

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iterment@frostburg.edu. Include your PAWS ID, current address and telephone number.

If you plan to participate and have not ordered a cap and gown, you must do so through the University Bookstore at x4341.

To register for workshops, e-mail mountaincitycraftarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040 (dial complete number from FSU).
Monday:
3 p.m. NASA Connect: Better Health From Space to Earth
3:30 p.m. NASA Connect: The Right Ratio
4 p.m. NASA 360, Exploration and Racing
4:30 p.m. Learning Math: Patterns, Functions & Algebra: Linear Functions & Slope
5 p.m. Bridging World History: Connections Across Land
5:30 p.m. The Habitable Planet: Risk, Exposure & Health
6 p.m. Essential Science for Teachers: Physical Science: The Particle Nature of Matter: Solids, Liquids & Gases
7 p.m. Frostburg Roadtrip: Miami & Puerto Rico
8:12 p.m. Gripped
8:30 p.m. NASA 360, Archaeology/Paleontology
9 p.m. Think Talk Recruitville: Featuring HP and Spotlight Featuring Larry Winget
9:30 p.m. Think Talk Spotlight: Avenue Q Featuring Rob McClure and Anika Larson
10 p.m. Fourth Annual Mind Culture Original Music Concert

Tuesday:
12:01 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Black Diamond
12:16 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Fritz Kessler & Jason Twigg
3 p.m. Down to Earth: Season III, Episode 4: Green Initiative With the FSU Ethnobotany Major & SafeRide
3:30 p.m. LEAD TV: Season III, Leadership & Civic Engagement
4 p.m. Third Annual African Student Association Fashion Showcase
5:45 p.m. Insights Featuring Arun Gandhi
6 p.m. FSU Latin Ensembles Concert, Spring 2008
7 p.m. Ghosts of Frostburg
7:30 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Hannah Livingston
7:45 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Short Mountain String Band
8:01 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Black Diamond
8:16 p.m. 2009 Live at the Depot: Featuring Fritz Kessler & Jason Twigg
8:31 p.m. CIA Analyst: Ray McGovern
9:30 p.m. C & O Canal Documentary: The Great National Project
10 p.m. Down to Earth: Season III, Episode 4: Green Initiative With the FSU Ethnobotany Major & SafeRide
10:30 p.m. LEAD TV: Season III, Leadership & Civic Engagement
11 p.m. FSU Latin Ensembles Concert, Spring 2008

Wednesday:
3 p.m. NASA: Destination Tomorrow, Program 16
3:30 p.m. NASA: Destination Tomorrow, Program 17
4 p.m. Democracy in America: Legislatures, Layering Down the Law
4:30 p.m. Learning Math: Numbers & Operations: Fractions, Percent & Ratios
5 p.m. Earth Revealed: Earth’s Structures
5:30 p.m. Social Studies in Action: Historical Change
6 p.m. Voices in the Wind: Mind Stop, Word Play
6:30 p.m. NASA 360, Green Technologies and NASA
7 p.m. American Passages, a Literacy Survey: Modernist Portraits
7:30 p.m. Going Green With Dr. G, Episode 1, Fall 2008
8 p.m. Guest Lecturer: Bob Drogin, Curveball
9 p.m. Frostburg Roadtrip: Los Angeles
10 p.m. Voices in the Wind: Mind Stop, Word Play
10:30 p.m. National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, Homecoming 2006

Thursday:
3 p.m. Down to Earth: Season III, Episode 4: Green Initiative With the FSU Ethnobotany Major & SafeRide
3:30 p.m. LEAD TV: Season III, Episode 2: Leadership Studies Across the Disciplines
4:08 p.m. Endless Turns
4:30 p.m. FSU Women’s Lacrosse Game vs. Susquehanna
6:30 p.m. FSU Percussion Ensemble Concert, Spring 2006
7:30 p.m. FSU Football vs. Moravian College, Nov. 12, 2005
10 p.m. Down to Earth: Season III, Episode 4: Green Initiative With the FSU Ethnobotany Major & SafeRide
10:30 p.m. LEAD TV: Season III, Episode 2: Leadership Studies Across the Disciplines
11:10 p.m. Endless Turns
11:30 p.m. Frostburg Tonight

Friday:
3 p.m. SciFiles: The Case of the Physical Fitness Challenge
4 p.m. Connecting With the Arts: Teaching Practices Library 6-8: Can Frogs Dance?
4:30 p.m. Exploring the World of Music: Form: The Shape of Music
5 p.m. Frostburg City Council Meeting, Feb. 18, 2010
6 p.m. American Cinema: Film Language, the Director’s Choice
6:30 p.m. American Cinema: Writing and Thinking About Film
7 p.m. Human Geography: People, Places & Change: Alaska: The Last Frontier?
7:30 p.m. NASA 360, Exploration and Racing
8 p.m. Third Annual African Student Association Fashion Showcase
9:37 p.m. Endless Turns
10 p.m. FSU Men’s Soccer vs. Penn State Behrend, Oct. 18, 2008
**FSU Students Offer Free Tax Prep**

Free help preparing 2009 tax returns is available through the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at FSU. Help with basic federal and Maryland income tax returns will be offered from **early February through early April** by FSU's College of Business students who have been trained and approved by the IRS. Faculty members will oversee student preparers.

The VITA program offers this assistance to taxpayers filing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or a basic Form 1040 return. Volunteers will alert taxpayers to credits and deductions. Electronic filing will be available.

Appointments must be made in advance by calling Dr. Joyce Middleton, VITA site co-coordinator, at x4154. A drop-off service will be available throughout the week and select Saturdays will be available.

Taxpayers should bring tax packages mailed by the IRS and the state, Form W-2s, Form 1099s, a copy of last year's returns and other relevant info. Taxpayer and dependent Social Security numbers must be verified with proof of ID.

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**FSU Events Calendar**

**MONDAY, FEB. 15**

Enjoy your day!

**TUESDAY, FEB. 16**

UPC Int'l. Film Festival: “My Dear Enemy” (Korea). 7 p.m. ....................... Tawes 153

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17**

Women’s Basketball: Pitt-Greensburg ............................. Home

Men’s Basketball: Pitt-Greensburg ................................. Home

Black Student Alliance Black History Month:

Poetry Slam Featuring Da Movement Poets ........ 8 p.m. .............. Cordts Leake Room

**THURSDAY, FEB. 18**

Blackout Day (turn computers & lights off) .......... noon-1 p.m. ............... Campuswide

RHA Assembly .................................................... 5 p.m. .................... Compton 226

BURG General Body Meeting ................................. 5 p.m. .............. Cordts Leake Room

**FRIDAY, FEB. 19**

Baseball: SUNY Farmingdale, Fayetteville, N.C. ... 10 a.m. ....................... Away

Baseball: Roanoke, Fayetteville ................................. 7 p.m. .............. Away

**SATURDAY, FEB. 20**

Men’s/Women’s Track & Field: Mason-Dixon

Championships, Newport News, Va. .......... 10 a.m. ....................... Away

Women’s Basketball: Hilbert ................................. 1 p.m. ....................... Home

Men’s Basketball: Hilbert ................................. 3 p.m. ....................... Home

Baseball: Methodist, Fayetteville ................................. 4 p.m. ....................... Away

**SUNDAY, FEB. 21**

OCM Mass ....................................................... noon & 8 p.m. ............. Cook Chapel

Planetarium: “Quick Intro to Universe” .... 4 & 7 p.m. .............. Tawes Hall

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