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FSU to Present Alumni Achievement Award at 140th Commencement

FSU will present the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to former Maryland State Del. *Gene Counihan*, Class of '63, at the 140th commencement ceremony slated for **Saturday**, **May 19**, in the Cordts PE Center

Counihan, of Montgomery Village, Md., will be honored at the 9:30 a.m. ceremony for the colleges of Business and Education. A founding brother of Sigma Tau Gamma, Counihan has been instrumental in keeping the men from his era connected throughout the years, and he recently spearheaded the establishment of the Sigma Tau Gamma Scholarship. A three-term state delegate representing Montgomery County, Counihan has also advocated



for his alma mater. He is a founding father and a board member of the Universities at Shady Grove and is commissioner and vice chairman of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. He also had a 30-year tenure with Montgomery County schools as a teacher and administrator.

The Distinguished Alumni
Achievement Award is one of the most
prestigious honors bestowed on FSU
alumni. Consideration is based on
outstanding professional career
growth; community involvement;
demonstrated interest in their alma
mater; philanthropic commitment to
FSU; special achievements, awards,
honors and distinctions; and/or
educational background, which
includes honors and involvement in
special activities.

For info about the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards, contact the FSU Office of Alumni Programs at x4068.

Faculty Achievement Award Winners to Be Honored at University Convocation

The recipients of the 2012 Faculty Achievement Awards, along with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation on Friday, May 18, 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. Fritz C. Kessler*, Department of Geography, for Academic Accomplishment; *Dr. Gregory J. Wood*, Department of History, for Academic Accomplishment; *Dr. Amit J. Shah*, Department of Management, for Teaching, and *Dr. Amy C. Branam*, Department of English, 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 12 graduate students and 34 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.

The Office of the Provost

cordially invites you to join

the Frostburg State University community

in celebration of academic excellence

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 18, 2012

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall Performing Arts Center

Reception following in PAC Lobby

Please join us to recognize the recipients of the

Faculty Achievement Awards

Graduate Program Honors

Undergraduate Departmental Honors

Honors in General Education

F Music

Note: Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109

Flute Studio and Ensemble Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present a Flute Studio and Ensemble recital on **Monday**, **May 7**, at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature music from around the world as the FSU flute quartet performs music from Argentina, Scotland and Italy. Solo performances will include music from France, Spain and the United States.

Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert

The FSU Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will join forces to present their spring concert, which will feature a variety of selections that reflect the jazz experience, on **Thursday, May 10**, at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of *Timothy*Powell, the Jazz Ensemble will perform "Alright, Okay, You Win" by Sid Wyche and Meme Watts, arranged by Sammy Nestico; the beautiful song "The Way You Look Tonight" by Jerome Kern, arranged by Mike Tamaro; "Perdido" by Juan Tizol, arranged by Rayburn Wright; "Sandunga" by Arturo Sandoval, arranged by Ed Called; "Four" by Miles Davis; "Riverscape" by Fred Sturm; and "Cabeza de Carne" by Matt Harris. The ensemble will close out their section of the program with the piece "Lester Leaps In" by Lester Young, with familiar harmonies from George Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm."

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Karen Soderberg and accompanied by pianist Sean Beachy, bassist Michael Murphy and drummer Greg Jaeger, will perform Dick Averre's arrangement of "Route 66" and Steve Zegree's arrangement of "Rav's Rockhouse," featuring bass-baritone David Kincaid and tenor Andre Wilson. VJE will also perform "Harlem Nocturne" by Michelle Weir and "Time's A Wastin" by David Cross, featuring alto Kathryn Kline and soprano Britany Poindexter. To conclude their section of the program, they will perform Manhattan Transfer's arrangement of "Twilight Zone," with an underlying melody familiar to those who watched the well-known TV series.

Poindexter to Present Junior Soprano Recital



FSU student **Britany Poindexter** will present her junior soprano vocal recital, accompanied by Dr. Sean Beachy, on

Sunday, May 13, at 5 p.m.

Poindexter will perform five serenades, the first of these being "Serenata" by Enrique Granados. In this piece, the singer lulls the subject to sleep, saying they will find peaceful slumber when the stars leave their eyes. The second serenade she will perform is Heitor Villa Lobos' "Serenada" in which the music is so natural it seems to flow like a waterfall. Poindexter will also perform "Ständchen" by Johannes Brahms, which is a fun piece about three young boys serenading a young blonde girl with various instruments; this piece will be followed by Pyotr Il'ich Tchaikovsky's "Serenada." The final serenade of the evening is Gabriel Pierne's "Serenade in A Major," which was originally composed for violin and piano, but was transposed for voice and piano to describe love and the feelings a person has when he or she becomes someone else's love. Poindexter will also perform pieces by Reynaldo Hahn, W.A. Mozart, Hugo Wolf, Alfredo Catalani, Libby Larsen, and Amy Beach.

Presentations

Leadership Studies Students to Hold 'A **New 100 Years' Forum**

Students of the LEAD 401 Citizen Leader class at FSU will hold a forum titled "A New 100 Years," which will focus on seeing change in Frostburg as the community approaches its bicentennial. The forum will be held Monday, May 7, beginning at 6 p.m.

in the Lane Atkinson Room (232) new time and place. This forum will offer an opportunity to discuss what citizen leadership is and how citizen leadership should increase for the upcoming academic year and will provide information about the Leadership Studies minor and other important service and volunteer organizations on campus. Campus and community members are encouraged to attend.

The discussion will aim to build a strong community and establish citizen leadership. The goal of the forum is to see citizen leadership form within the community and within students, promoting leadership development.

The Leadership Studies minor contains three core principles: lead, change and sustain. It emphasizes academic excellence as well as how to be a full-fledged citizen leader and bring awareness to the community.

For info, contact Taylor Lomax at tmlomax0@frostburg.edu. For info on the Leadership Studies minor, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski at elruminski@ frostburg.edu.

ACS Student Members to Give Talks

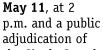
Three student members of the American Chemical Society will give presentations about recent travel experiences they have had on Wednesday, May 9, at 5 p.m. in Compton 328. Everyone is invited.

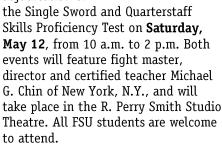
Seniors *Marcus Carter* and *Sarah* Russell will talk about their experiences at the ACS National Meeting and Exposition in San Diego. Senior Micayla Bowman will talk about her recent experience in Uganda.

Workshops

Savage Mountain Stage Combat Club to Host Workshops

Savage Mountain Stage Combat Club will host a Shaolin **Knife Masterclass** on Friday,





Chin is a professional actor and sanctioned master instructor and choreographer with the Society of American Fight Directors. He serves as fight director in residence for the White Horse and Pan Asian Rep in New York City. He teaches at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., and Brooklyn College, Pace University, Julliard and privately for Fights4all in New York City. He is a student of Northern Style Shaolin Long Fist Kung

For info, contact Darrell Rushton at x4487 or dsrushton@frostburg.edu.

Summer Creative Writing Workshop for High School Students

The Frostburg Center for Creative Writing announces the upcoming annual Savage Mountain Creative Writing Workshop. The workshop is an opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to spend a week of intensive study in fiction or poetry writing.

Students will get the experience with literature and language beyond the average high school's goals and requirements – including the production of polished poems, stories or essays; publication online; and the opportunity to study with respected and well-published contemporary poets, fiction writers and essayists.

The Savage Mountain Creative Writing Workshop is a week-long event, beginning Sunday, June 24, and ending on Saturday, June 30. This year, the faculty features FSU faculty member *Gerry LaFemina* (fiction), author of the short story collection "Wish List," and Jennifer Merrifield (poetry), author of "American Proper." Friends and family are invited to attend a student reading and reception on Saturday, June 30.

The cost for commuter students is \$300, and for students who wish to reside on campus, \$550.

To register, visit www.frostburg. edu/savagemtn/writing/writing.htm. For info about financial assistance, contact LaFemina at glafemina@ frostburg.edu or x4340.

Visual Arts **New Exhibits at Ort**

The Ort Library has several new exhibits on display on the third and fifth floors. "Freedom of the Press: History, Hotspots and Journalists in the Crossfire" highlights the danger journalists face while covering the news in "hotspots" around the world. For example, in 2011 alone, 86 journalists and media staff were killed. This display also highlights the history of freedom of the press in the United States. This display is located on the third floor near the Library Instruction classroom.

"Wildflowers of Maryland" gives information about the wildflowers seen growing throughout the region. Books,

Internet sources and more provide images and descriptions of various plants. Many wildflowers are native, some are invasive and some will always be "weeds" to many of us. The wildflower display can be found on the fifth floor.

Finally, the library is highlighting its 24/7 chat reference service, "Maryland AskUsNow!" This exhibit is located on the third floor.

Stop by the Ort Library to see these and the continuing exhibits "Polar Explorer," located on the third floor, and "The Political Posters and Display Exhibit" throughout the fourth and fifth floors.

Senior Art Show – Energy and Inertia



Come see various artwork, including ceramics, painting, printmaking, graphic design and illustration by senior artists *Rachel Davis, Lilah Flores, Matthew Gerwin, Jenna McGoogan* and *Andrew Park* at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

The show will run **through May 9**. The event is free and open to the public.

For info, contact Flores at 240-461-0589.

Points of Pride

Relay for Life Raises Record Amount – More Than \$56,000!



In its most successful year to date, FSU's annual Relay for Life on Friday, April 27, has raised \$56,562, making a total of more than \$300,000 raised for the American Cancer Society since FSU's Relay began 11 years ago.

In advance of Friday's event, more than 800 people and 61 teams – students, faculty and staff – had registered to walk. The pre-medical society, What's Up Docs? raised the most money at \$8,758. Relay for Life is the campus' largest single volunteer effort each year.

Pledges are still being collected to reach the \$60,000 goal. To contribute,

visit www.relayforlife.org/fsu or take donations to the Braddock House, 20 Braddock Rd., in Frostburg. For info, call the FSU Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at x4210.

Recent Publications From the Biology Department

Recent publications by *Tom Serfass*, a professor in the Biology Department, with his graduate students and colleagues from various departments of Biology and Natural Resources, include the following:

- Serfass, T.L., and S.S. Stevens. 2012. Book review: "Human Impacts on Seals, Sea Lions and Sea Otters: Integrating Archaeology and Ecology in the Northeast Pacific." "The Quarterly Review of Biology," in press.
- Just, E.H., S.S. Stevens, R.M. Spinola and T.L. Serfass. 2012. "Detecting River Otter Latrines Near Bridges: Does Habitat and Season Influence Survey Success?" "Wildlife Biology," in press.
- Bagherian, A.J., D.M. Fecske, M.D. Triska, J.A. Bishop, D.J. Berezanski, S.K. Johnson, R.P. Brooks and T.L. Serfass. Accepted. "Evidence of American Martens Populating the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota."
 "The Prairie Naturalist."
- Bohrman, J.A., S.S. Stevens and T.L. Serfass. 2012. "Long-Term Survival and Reproduction in a River Otter ('Lontra canadensis') With an Intraperitoneal Radio-Transmitter." "Canadian Field-Naturalist": 125: 252–254.
- Brooks, R.P., T.L. Serfass, M.Triska and L.M. Rebelo. Accepted. "Ramsar Protected Wetlands of International Importance as Habitats for Otters." "IUCN Otter Specialist Group Bulletin": 29.
- Stevens, S.S, J.F. Organ and T.L. Serfass. Accepted. "Otters as Flagships: Social and Cultural Considerations." "IUCN Otter Specialist Group Bulletin": 28.

Communications Faculty Present at ECA Conference

Communication Studies (CMST) faculty Brent Kice, Dr. Elesha Ruminski, David Stern and Sheri Whalen presented "Just Another Brick in the Wall: Transitioning the Basic Course Through Redesign" at the Eastern Communication Association conference in Boston in late April. The presentation discussed the redesign of CMST 102 Introduction of Human Communication, which has been transformed to a blended course (part online, part in person) emphasizing the theme civil citizen communication. CMST major Bryan Rice and minor

Brett Shepherd presented posters at the conference as well, on conflict management in residence life and how to use social networking to organize activism beyond vicarious experience, respectively. Stern also presented "Mismeeting": An Exploration of Martin Buber's Vergegnung for Communication Studies" in a panel chaired by FSU CMST alumna Becky Mathews, who is finishing her CMST master's degree at West Chester University. Ruminski also presented "Building Citizen Diplomacy Through Intercultural Leadership Development Opportunities: Eastern Perspectives."

For info on the CMST major or minor, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst or contact Ruminski at <a href="https://electric.org/

FSU Chapter of The Wildlife Society Wins First Place at Regional



Jesse Voigt holding trophy. Left to right, first row – Amanda Hayes, Sara Pesi, Brianne Freegard, Ryan Steiner, Judy Broadwater, Kayla Hartung; second row – Mike Johnson, Chris Polhemus, Sean Knox, Dr. Frank Ammer (advisor), Matt Tillett, Coby Blum, Christine Thurber.

In the midst of a very active year for the FSU chapter of The Wildlife Society, the group recently won first place at the 2012 Northeast Wildlife Conclave at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mount Pleasant, Pa.

The FSU chapter also attended the 2012 Southeast Wildlife Conclave at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville, Tenn., and the Maryland-Delaware state chapter of The Wildlife Society Spring Meeting at Redden State Forest, Del.

Along with their first place standing, 13 FSU students participated in various individual and team competitions at the Northeast Wildlife Conclave. The FSU quiz bowl team placed first, which included Ryan Steiner, Matt Tillett, Jesse Voigt, Judy Broadwater and alternate Sean Knox. Voigt won first place in archery. Matt Tillett won first place in photography and second place in game bird wing identification. Christine Thurber placed third in photography and Steiner came in first place in game bird wing identification.

At the Southeast Wildlife Conclave, 21 FSU students participated in various individual and team competitions and placed 13 out of 24 universities. Voigt placed second in the cervid-calling and turkey-calling competitions. *Katie Zembower* received second place for her color photography. Steiner won second place in the free-form art contest. *Chris Cochran* won third place in the goose-calling competition. Broadwater placed third in the black-and-white photography contest.

At the Maryland-Delaware state chapter of The Wildlife Society Spring Meeting, *Jeff Curry* and *Sara Rothamel* presented research posters. Rothamel won first place in the graduate poster session with her poster "Territoriality and Breeding Behavior of Cerulean Warbler Assemblages in Western Maryland."

For info on the FSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, contact Dr. Frank Ammer at x4299 or fammer@frostburg.edu.

FSU Students Attend Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs



From left to right, Aaron Stroup, John Jankosky, Kaitlin Ahalt, James Holtzer, Spencer Bangert, Antonios Bourdas

In late April, students from FSU had the opportunity to hear Robert S. Ford, U.S. ambassador to Syria, speak on "The Arab Spring – Syria's Uprising and America's Options." *Kaitlin Ahalt*, *Spencer Bangert, Antonios Bourdas, James Holtzer, John Jankosky* and *Aaron Stroup* were accompanied by *David Rands*, an assistant professor in the History Department. Following the conclusion of the program, the students were able to meet with the ambassador.

The presentation was sponsored by the Baltimore Council of Foreign Affairs.

FSU Students Visit Warhol Museum



FSU students in Philosophy 303 Aesthetics recently visited the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh. The class explored the museum's art and film collections and met with curators and artist-educators to discuss Warhol's work and impact. The course, taught by *Dr. Michael Mathias*, considers various issues in the philosophy of art and aesthetics.



Graduating May 19?

The 140th commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, in the Cordts PE Center. The colleges of Business and Education will hold their service at 9:30 a.m., while the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m.

Commencement will once again be streamed live!

Tickets will be required for admission. Liberal Arts and Sciences students will receive six tickets and Business and Education students will receive 12 tickets.

Full details about commencement are on the University's website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

For info, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Spring Cleaning

Once again Infinity Logistic Management is donating a moving truck to collect still-usable but unwanted furniture and household items. The trailer will be parked in the College Avenue lot from May 14 through 21, and the goods, including small and large appliances, bedding and towels (no clothing), will be transported to help those in southern West Virginia and Kentucky. If help is needed to transport items, call Jim at 301-689-5958. Don't' forget to encourage your students to donate their unwanted furniture as they prepare to move!

Reflection Reception

The Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group will host a Reflection Reception on **May 10** from 3 to 5 p.m. in the second floor reception room of Sand Springs Saloon. Come discuss issues of teaching and learning with other interested colleagues.

FSU Doing Economic Impact Study

FSU is launching a comprehensive economic impact study as part of its efforts to uphold goals that comprise the University's Strategic Plan. This is the first comprehensive attempt of its kind undertaken by the University.

Those who received a survey regarding their expenditure patterns in various categories over the last year are urged to respond accurately and completely so impact measurements can approximate actual experience. Participants will have until **May 11** to complete the survey. Specific

instructions for each distinct group accompany each survey.

Note that information participants provide is completely confidential. Only aggregated information will be reported on completion of the study sometime in early fall of this year.



Need an Internship or College Credit?

FSU-TV3 has two main positions open for the fall 2012 semester: Final Cut Pro editors and graphic designers. If you need to complete a directed study or an internship, this is the place for you. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/work-opportunities. To be considered, fill out the online application.

Get Involved

Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, or at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Book Collection for the Ihanktonwan Learning Camp 2012, July 7-15. This will be UCM's third summer learning camp for Native American Children in South Dakota, and UCM is again collecting children's books. To encourage continued reading, the books are given to the children after the camp is over. If you have any children's books to donate, drop them by Hitchins 308 – you can get a receipt for your donation, which is tax deductible.

Food and Shoe Collection. UCM will be collecting gently used shoes during finals week and food for the local food bank. More information about collection boxes will be coming.

Weekly Opportunities – Open to All Note: Spiritual Study Break and FCA end this week.

Spiritual Study Break – A
Contemporary Vesper Worship
Experience, Wednesday, 9 p.m., Lane
110. "Abide: Practicing Kingdom
Rhythms in a Consumer Culture"
continues.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Student-Led Bible Study, Thursday, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Library 237.

Catholic Campus Ministry

For info, contact Kathleen Broadwater in the Osborne Newman Center, or at 301-689-5041 or k.broadwater@frostburg.edu.

Word-to-Action Bible Study,

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Osborne Newman Center. The group will read scriptural passages and plan ways to live out their messages. All are welcome.

Dinner and Program, 7 p.m. (dinner), 7:30 p.m. (program). CCM

provides a home-cooked meal every Tuesday evening followed by a program on faith and intimacy.



Last Day to Remove 'I' Grades

The last day for graduate students to remove "I" incomplete grades from fall 2011 is **May 10**.



Where Would You Like to Study Abroad?

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU

students to see the world. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House), email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu or call x4714. Also check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

Changsha, China – Fall 2012

Through the China Exchange Program, FSU students can spend a semester at Hunan Normal University (www.hunnu.edu.cn/english) in Changsha, Hunan Province, P.R. China.

Limerick, Ireland - Fall 2012

Students can study for a semester in Ireland at Mary Immaculate College and pay FSU tuition. Check out the website for Mary Immaculate College at www.mic.ul.ie.



'A Wellington Retrospective II' at Gilchrist Museum

The C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts, at 104 Washington St., presents "A Wellington Retrospective II," the second of a three-part series celebrating Cumberland-born artist John Louis Wellington. Running through June 3, this exhibit provides a view into the true depth and breadth of the artist's work. Several special events will be scheduled throughout the run of the show

For info, visit www.facebook.com/gilchristgallery or www.gilchristgallery.com.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. Now is your chance to complete the application process and secure your space for the fall.

All the necessary application forms are available on the website at www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com. Simply print and fill out the documents and return them to the Edgewood office along with the application fees.

Each apartment at Edgewood Commons comes fully furnished and contains:

- Full-size washer and dryer
- Central heat and air conditioning
- Full-size refrigerator with icemaker
- Dishwasher
- Stove
- Microwave
- Garbage disposal

All Edgewood apartments have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

Other student amenities include:

- Fitness center
- High-def media room with an Xbox 360, Wii and PlayStation 3
- Hotel-style lounge with a big-screen television
- Game room with two pool tables
- Three conference/study lounges
- High-speed wireless Internet
- Extended basic cable television with HBO
- 24-hour computer lab with free printing

Edgewood has on-site management and a full-time maintenance staff. Additionally, utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

Stop by during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take a tour. For info, call 301-689-1370 or email info@edgewoodcommonsapts.com.

FSU Events Calendar

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UCM Brown Bag Book Discussion	noon-1 p.m	Lane 108
Faculty Assembly	4 p.m	Lane Atkinson Room
CCM Word-to-Action Bible Study	6:30 p.m	Osborne Newman Center
Marketing Club Marketing Seminar	7:45 p.m	Lane Atkinson Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Last Day of Classes

Last Day for Graduate Students to Remove Incomplete ("I") Grades Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with "WF"

Blackout Day	noon-1 p.m	Campuswide
BURG General Body Meeting	5:30 p.m	Lane 113
Mind Culture Original Music Concert		
FSU Jazz Ensemble & Vocal Jazz Ensemb		

FRIDAY, MAY 11 Reading Day

	vitational	Men's/Women's Track & Field: Gator
Aw	TBA.	(Allegheny College), Meadville, Pa.
		Mind Culture Original Music Concert

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Reading Day/Common Exams

Men's Women's Track & Field: Gator Invitational

(Allegheny College), Meadville, Pa......TBA.....TBA......Away

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Reading Day/Common Exams

Chapel Worship Service	11 a.m	Cook Chapel
FSU Planetarium: "Grazers of the African		
Plains and Their Skips"	4 n m	Compton 224

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.



Protect Yourself!

- Always be alert to your surroundings.
- Carry a cell phone with you.
- Learn to communicate the message that you're calm, confident and know where you are going.