President Jonathan Gibralter, who has emerged in recent years as a national leader in efforts to reduce the culture of high-risk drinking among college students, is continuing in that role in a new position as co-chair of the College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking, a program of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). NIAAA is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health and the lead federal agency for research on alcohol, including college drinking.

Gibralter was invited to join the group when it was formed in 2011. He was selected as co-chair following the resignation of former Dartmouth College President Jim Yong Kim when Kim was named president of the World Bank. Gibralter’s co-chair is Dr. Robert Carithers, president emeritus of the University of Rhode Island.

“It is important that college and university presidents take a leadership role in describing the impact of high-risk drinking, just as we have a role to play in speaking out on any topic that affects the well-being of our students,” Gibralter said. “I’m proud that this appointment highlights the success that FSU has achieved through our broad-based and research-supported efforts.”

FSU has seen a significant decline in high-risk – sometimes called “binge” – drinking in recent years. Based on the national Core Drug and Alcohol Survey, administered to FSU students every three years since 1997, the percentage of students who reported binge-drinking (five or more drinks at a sitting) within the previous two weeks fell from 59 percent in 1997 to 41 percent in 2012, below the national average of 43.1 percent. Similar decreases were reported among those students who reported drinking anything at all for the previous 30 days. Perhaps most telling, the average number of drinks students reported consuming per week dropped from 9.5 in 1997 to 3.9 in 2012; the majority of that decrease has occurred since 2006, which is the year Gibralter assumed FSU’s presidency.

Gibralter and FSU have been recognized nationally for this leadership. In 2008, Gibralter was given the first-ever Presidential Leadership Award from a group of seven major higher education organizations for his success in promoting a vibrant intellectual and social campus climate that de-emphasizes the role of alcohol. In 2011, FSU was invited to join the Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking, housed at Dartmouth, a group predominantly populated by flagship state universities or Ivy League schools.

Gibralter has spoken at numerous conferences and presented workshops about FSU’s efforts and the importance of presidential leadership in fighting alcohol abuse. He was a featured contributor on the topic in the spring 2012 issue of “The Presidency,” the American Council on Education’s magazine.

The NIAAA College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking was formed to help bridge the gap between research that continues to identify promising interventions and the development of real-world campus programs to address alcohol-related problems. The 10 presidents in the invitation-only group advise NIAAA on the types of information they need and the ways they want to receive it.

One practical remedy under development by the NIAAA is an idea promoted by the presidents group: an interactive, user-friendly, online “decision support system” to help colleges and universities select appropriate strategies to meet their alcohol intervention goals. The ultimate goal is to share science-based information in accessible and practical ways to provide college administrators with a planning foundation.
Music

Classical Guitar Duo Sise and Edwards in Concert
As part of its Faculty/Guest Artist Series, the FSU Department of Music will present classical guitar duo Patrick J. Sise and Mark Edwards performing solos and duets in concert on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m.

Faculty Artists Present Chamber Recital
The FSU Department of Music will present "Il Venti Semplice" in a Faculty Artist Recital on Monday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. "Il Venti Semplice," the FSU faculty trio, is comprised of Pamela Murchison, on flute and alto flute; Dr. Mark Gallagher, on clarinet and bass clarinet; and Dr. James DeWire, on piano.

The group will perform a recital of 20th- and 21st-century chamber music celebrating women composers. Jennifer Hoffman, a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she studied with Dr. Linda Bartley. He made his New York recital debut performing with violinist Sylvia Rosenberg at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall and is also a winner of the Artist International Competition in New York City, being awarded a solo recital in Weill Hall. An active chamber musician and co-founder of “Il Venti Semplice,” Gallagher has performed throughout the U.S., Europe and China, with recent concert tours of the Netherlands, which included a live national radio broadcast from the Concertgebouw, and performances in Beijing and Changsha, China. DeWire is a frequent solo performer and member of the West Shore Trio, has appeared up and down the eastern seaboard and is becoming known for his dynamic interpretations of 20th-century works and his “old world flair.” His recent concerts include solo recitals in Guildenhorn Recital Hall at the University of Maryland; performances of the West Shore Trio in the D.C. area, including Oaklands Presbyterian church; and a collaborative performance in Auer Hall of Indiana University with John Tafoya. DeWire has recorded three live performance solo CDs and has also received numerous prizes, including the Brander Wyatt Morrison Prize. He received a B.A. with High Distinction and a Master of Arts in piano performance from the University of Virginia, a Master of Music from the New England Conservatory and a D.M.A. from the University of Maryland School of Music (College Park).

Film
One Vision Many Voices Films Explore the Environment
One Vision Many Voices, the year-long celebration of Appalachian culture and community connections, resumes Feb. 11 with the first of four film screenings at Allegany College of Maryland and FSU.

These four events, which explore environmental issues relevant to the region and its people, begin at 7 p.m. on Mondays in February and March. All are free and open to the public.

The film series is a major component of the One Vision Many Voices project of The Appalachian Independent. OVMV uses the arts and humanities to spark dialogue about the community and its vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

The film series opens Feb. 11 with “Green Fire, Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time” in ACM’s Zimmer Theatre. This feature-length documentary about the legendary environmentalist highlights an extraordinary career that shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement.

A panel discussion will follow the film screening, and representatives of local organizations who are working with these issues will be present for discussion with interested individuals. The post-film discussions at ACM will be facilitated by students and members of the college’s Democracy Commitment initiative, while those at FSU will be led by students in the University’s Sociology of the Environment course.

The other three films are:

• “Home” – Filmmaker Yann Arthus-Bertrand uses aerial-only footage to provide an awe-inspiring view of the planet and a concern for its health. His tour of over 50 countries provides a unique perspective and insight into the effects that humans have had on Earth. (Feb. 25 in ACM’s Zimmer Theatre)

• “Dirty! The Movie” – This timely film takes a humorous but substantial look into the history and current state of the undervalued living organic matter under our feet. The film was inspired by author William Bryant Logan’s acclaimed book “Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth.” (March 4 in Compton 226)

• “Getting to the Point: Five Issues, Five Films” – Food, water, energy, the economy and the environment are examined in five short but eye-opening films that explore some of the biggest concerns of our times. (March 11 in Compton 226).

For info, contact Michael Snyder, OHV project director, at 240-284-8400 or visit www.onevisionmanyvoices.com. Info is also available on the college and university Web sites, www.allegany.edu and www.frostburg.edu.
FSU Presents Int’l Film Festival

Black History 101 Mobile Museum

To Celebrate Black History Month, the Diversity Center, in partnership with Dr. Amy Branam, an associate professor in the English Department, the Black Student Alliance and the Lane Center University Staff, will sponsor the Black History 101 Mobile Museum on Monday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

"Journey to the Sea" (“El viaje hacia el mar”) is a warm and sunny film about friendship and adventure, based on a short story by Juan José Morosoli, an important literary figure in Uruguay. On a Sunday morning in 1963, six men (and a dog) travel from the small, interior town of Minas to the Atlantic Ocean. Driving through Uruguay, the men talk, drink, sing and share their lives and philosophies. "El viaje hacia el mar" is one of Uruguay’s best films, with a unique tone and flavor that captures personality of the country. The film runs 80 minutes.

Dates for the remaining films (same time and place) are as follows:
- Feb. 19: "El and Ben" (Israel)
- Feb. 26: "Kung Fu Dunk" (Taiwan)
- March 5: "Red Dog" (Australia)
- March 12: "Citizen Havel" (Czech Republic)

The Bridges to the World International Film Series is a statewide initiative in recognition of the state’s global reach and a reflection of those connections here in Maryland. All films were chosen by the embassies of the respective countries. Each film will be introduced, and participants will be able to sample food representing the various international locations.

For info, call the FSU Information Desk at x4411.

Appalachian Lab Spring Seminar Series

Dr. Richard Thomas, West Virginia University, will present “A New Story From Old Trees: Possible Causes of a Recent Anomaly in Tree Growth in the Central Appalachian Mountains” on Thursday, March 7, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109.

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Playwriting Competition to showcase new works. Writers must submit their one-act plays (with a running time of 40 minutes or less) to the center by Monday, 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, which will be held on the FSU campus in September. Second and third prize winners will receive $250 and $100, respectively, as well as staged readings of their works.

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Society

Sociology Honor Society

Students interested in joining the sociology honor society should contact Dr. John McMullen by March 1. Requirements are 60+ credits earned, 3.3 GPA, 3.0 in sociology courses and at least 12 credit hours of sociology. For info, contact McMullen at x3162 or jmcmullen@frostburg.edu.

National College Health Survey – Participate and Win!

Beginning Monday, Feb. 4, all FSU undergraduate students will receive an email invitation to participate in the National College Health Assessment survey. This survey will provide an overview of what FSU students think and feel about topics ranging from sleep to nutrition. Fifty survey participants will be selected at random to win free FSU stuff, including University store gift cards and hoodies. Check your FSU email and participate today! The survey closes March 8.

Entertainment

LIVE! at StarScape Presents Comedian Sandra Bernhard

FSU’s Cultural Events Series will present a LIVE! at StarScape club event with iconic comedian and actress, Sandra Bernhard. Bernhard’s musical cabaret performance will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, March 1, at 8 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

Described admiringly by The New York Times as “a living breathing bonfire,” Bernhard’s provocative cabaret performance encompasses all the boldness and vitality that have made her legendary in the entertainment world.

During her visit, Bernhard will also present a lecture on women’s studies as part of CES’ Inspiring Audiences Lecture Series. Bernhard has made her legendary in the entertainment world.

For info, contact the CES box office at x3137 or visit CES’s webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

Visual Arts

‘Recent Work’ at the Roper Gallery

"The House of Green Lanterns" by James Giampaoli

“Recent Work,” an exhibition by James Giampaoli and John Alderton, will run through Feb. 26 at FSU’s Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery.

This impressive and colorful exhibit of the artists’ most recent work is the first time this father-in-law and son-in-law have held an art show together.


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 the FSU Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Points of Pride

High School Students Visit Geography Dept. as Part of CPIP

On Jan. 17, 40 local high school students visited FSU’s Department of Geography as part of the College Preparation Intervention Program (CPIP). The goal was to provide the students with multiple experiential experiences relating to Earth science, using a range of equipment in Gunter Hall. These activities were hands on, informative and fun!

Participating faculty included Dr. Phil Allen, Dr. Matt Ramsdott and Adam Lewis, as well as FSU employee Gale Yutzy. Undergraduates Christyna McCormick, Tom Mackay, Gavin Caupp and Michael Schoelen also gave visiting students valuable insight into the department and life at FSU.

Dr. Cindy Herzog, associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Frank Pinto also contributed to the program.

The day ended with a model volcano demonstration (powered by liquid nitrogen), Dr. Bob Larivee and Dr. Ben Norris from the Chemistry Department contributed their expert support.

A video of the model volcano can be seen via the department’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DepartmentofGeographyFrostburgStateUniversity?ref=ts.

For info, contact Dr. Phillip Allen at x4891 or ppallen@frostburg.edu.
This newsletter includes sections on Upcoming UCM Events, Community Dialogue Series Continues, Catholic Campus Ministry Events, and International Study Abroad Opportunities.
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• Game room with two pool tables
• Three conference/study lounges
• High-speed wireless Internet
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• Full-size washer and dryer
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• Full-size washer and dryer

Artists’ Exhibition
The Frostburg Museum will present an exhibition by artists Ed Coffey and Parris Ashley through Feb. 23. Coffey earned a degree in design from the University of Illinois. His awards include Best in Show from the Western Maryland Watercolor Society Spring Show in 2011 and Best in Show from the 2012 “Play in the Streets” exhibition at the Frostburg Museum. His work includes watercolor and mixed media, while the subject matter explores the real and imagined world, focusing especially on technique and misprints of artistic materials. Ashley, a student of Visual Arts at FSU, has created a series of light-boxes displaying mosaics of prints and film slides. These mosaics, formed by the efforts of many artists, photographers and illustrators, embody the ideals of America’s forefathers — equal representation and the guarantee of certain rights. Along with the light-boxes, his work will include wine bottles recycled into works of art through painting and colored paper.

The Frostburg Museum is located at the corner of Hill and Oak streets and is open to the public Thursday to Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. For info, contact the museum at 301-689-1170 or frostburgmuseum@verizon.net.

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UCM: Finding True North .......... 6:45-9 p.m. ........................................... Library 237

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

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