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Crystal Gala to Honor President Gira

Planning is under way for the Crystal Gala to commemorate Dr. Catherine Gira's retirement and 15-year tenure at FSU.

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Cumberland Committee and FSU are joining forces to salute Gira with a black-tie event on the night of Saturday, May 20, on the FSU campus.

A portion of the proceeds from the gala will go towards the newly established Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Endowed Fund at FSU. The scholarship program will provide financial support for students as they explore worlds beyond the campus through research, domestic and international travel, alumni mentoring programs, professional development programs and internships.

Tickets for the Crystal Gala will be available for purchase at both the Allegany County Chamber and FSU's Box Office starting on Monday, April 10. Admission is \$100 per person.

For more information or if your business would like to become a corporate sponsor of the event, call the Chamber at 301-722-2820.

Chancellor Thanks FSU Community for Assistance in Presidential Search Process

Final Two Candidates Interviewed Last Week

University System of Maryland Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan sent a message to the FSU Community offering thanks for its active participation in the recent on-campus meetings with the candidates for president of FSU. "Your input is critical as we move into the final stages of selecting a new FSU president," he wrote.

Two of the three candidates advanced by the FSU Presidential Search and Screening Committee, Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, president, State University of New York – Farmingdale; and Dr. Maravene Loeschke, provost, Wilkes University, were interviewed by Kirwan and the USM Board of Regents last week.

The final candidate who had been advanced, Timothy J. Flanagan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at the State University of New York, College at Brockport, withdrew his candidacy for president, according to the statement from the Chancellor. In a letter to Kirwan, Flanagan said he has decided to pursue other opportunities. Flanagan's letter added that he was "impressed by the many strengths of the university."

Over the previous two weeks, the Search Committee and the FSU community at large had the opportunity to interview four presidential candidates in open meetings. Campus members evaluated the candidates' strengths and limitations. Those evaluations were reviewed by the Search and Screening Committee, and the top three individuals' names were selected and forwarded to the USM Chancellor, per his request. Kirwan and members of the USM Board of Regents will make the final selection. An announcement of FSU's next president is tentatively planned for April. Plans are for the new president to start on July 1; current President Dr. Catherine R. Gira will retire on June 30, after a 15-year tenure at Frostburg.



Music

Cultural Events Series Presents Andes Manta

FSU's Cultural Events Mainstage Series presents the Ecuadorian group Andes Manta on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pealer Recital Hall in the FSU Performing Arts Center.

The four brothers from Ecuador who make up Andes Manta play more than 35 traditional instruments, including wind, strings and percussion, and are well known for their virtuosity. Although Andean music has been played in South America for thousands of years, its beginnings have been lost in the mist of time. Its first players remain an enigma, but the music continues to be played and passed down from generation to generation. In the Andes region of South America, songs and festivals mark life events such as the blessing of a new



house, the birth of a child or the cycles of planting and harvesting. Energetic music and dance animate Andean religious festivals, blending pre-Columbian and Catholic rituals. Whether they sing in Spanish or Quechua, the first

language of many Andean peoples, Andes Manta's moving performances have played to standing ovations on stage, screen and other venues.

For tickets or information, call the FSU Cultural Event Box Office at x3137 or toll free at 1-866-TIXX-CES, or visit online at ces.frostburg.edu.

Performing Arts Presents '5 in 5 by Sondheim'

FSU's Division of Performing Arts will present "5 in 5 by Sondheim" on Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

The evening will consist of Stephen Sondheim songs from works such as "A Little Night Music," "Company," "Follies" and "Into the Woods," featuring performances by Ryan Bowie, Kerry Jennings, Coty Warn and Mairzy Yost with Betty Jane Phillips on the piano. Reservations are not needed to attend and admission is by donation. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

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For information, please call the University Theatre box office at x7462.

Mass Comm Dept. Calling All Musical Talent

Time is running out! The Mind Culture Original Music Project is under way. The FSU Mass Communication Department has already received numerous submissions, so be sure to turn yours in by March 31. They are still looking for any original music, from any genre, for the annual compilation CD. Submissions must be in digital format; assistance provided if needed. Contact Connie Capacchione at x3049 or drop off or mail submissions to FSU Mass Communication Department, Guild Center Room 118. All proceeds benefit the Mass Communication Department through the FSU Foundation.

Roots Series Presents Workshops and Concert

The Allegany Arts Council, in cooperation with Dr. Ken Roberts and WFWM Public Radio, will present musician workshops on flat-picking guitar and banjo on Saturday, April 8, part of the Roots Music Series.

Robin Kessinger will hold a beginner/intermediate guitar workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. and an intermediate/advanced guitar workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. Kessinger is as renowned for his teaching skills as he is for his accomplishments as a performer. In addition, Kevin Mallow will teach a banjo workshop focusing on the "Reno" style of playing named after Don Reno of the bluegrass duo Reno & Smiley, while Scott Walker will instruct the "Scruggs" style of banjo named after the legendary Earl Scruggs of Flatt & Scruggs fame. Mallow and Walker are members of the Shenandoah Blue Band. The workshops will be held in rooms 201 and 202 of the Lane University Center. Registration is \$25 a workshop.

The Roots Music Series was established to encourage and sustain "traditional" music in our community. The Roots Music Series showcases a variety of musical traditions, such as bluegrass, folk, country, blues and gospel, to educate, instruct and nurture local musicians, and to increase awareness and interest in these important art forms among area residents.

The workshops will be followed by a performance by Kessinger and by the Shenandoah Blue Band at 8 p.m. in the Palace Theatre on Main Street in Frostburg. Tickets will be available in advance from the Book Centre in Cumberland, Main Street Books in Frostburg and from the Allegany Arts Council. Tickets, if still available, will be sold at the door starting at 7:30 p.m. For information or to register for a workshop, contact Emily Thomas at ethomas@aliconet.org or call the Allegany Arts Council at (301) 777-2787.

Gay Men's Chorus to Perform 'Showboys'

The Allegany Arts Council and the FSU Division of Performing Arts will

present a special performance by the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., (GMCW) on Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

The performance in Frostburg is entitled SHOWBOYS! and features staged musical selections from four Broadway shows written by four gay composers. Rather than staging one musical, the Chorus will do what it does best—times four—and pull out all the stops with full costumes, choreography, lighting and all the trimmings as it highlights everyone's favorite songs from Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Jerry Herman's "Dear World," Stephen Sondheim's "Company" and Marc Shaiman's "Hairspray."

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the PAC box office starting at 6 p.m. the night of the performance or in advance from the AAC (52 Baltimore St., Cumberland), the Book Center (15 N. Centre St., Cumberland) or Main Street Books (2 E. Main St., Frostburg). For information, visit www.gmcw.org or www.alleganyartscouncil.org or call 301-777-ARTS (2787).

Entertainment



Live! At the Loft Presents Hypnotist Sailesh

FSU's University Programming Council will present the hypnotist Sailesh on Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. at the Lane University Center Loft.

Sailesh has taken the art of live entertainment and brought it into the next century, quickly becoming one of the busiest and best hypnotists on the planet.

Sailesh uses willing participants from the audience, sending them into a "hypnotic world" free of all embarrassment. The event is free and open to the public.



Sailesh

UPC Presents April Fools Comedy Night

University Programming Council will present Robert Kelly and Larry XL as part of the April Fools Comedy Night on Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Manicur Assembly Hall of the Lane University Center. Admission is free for students with I.D. and \$5 for the public.

Boston native Robert Kelly is a constant and popular presence in comedy clubs across the country. He has also been seen on shows such as "Premium Blend" and "The Carson Daly Show". Kelly exudes a non-stop energy that grabs the audience from beginning to end. His routine consists of mischievous and playful situations that the audience can relate to.

Larry XL started doing comedy in 2002 at Wiseacres Comedy Club where

he, like many Baltimore luminaries, cut his teeth at the club's open mic nights. Soon XL was working bigger and brighter stages where he has delighted audiences with comedy that skewers whatever comes down the pike.

For more information, call the Lane University Information Desk at x4411.

UPC Presents Poets J. Ivy and Cousin Jeff

FSU's University Programming Council will present poets J. Ivy and Cousin Jeff on Wednesday, April 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lane University Center. Admission is free.

The evening begins with spoken word poet J. Ivy. His words are known to be inspiring and uplifting with a strong and unfettered delivery. J. Ivy's genuine love for wordplay has served as the fuel for this poetic locomotive that shows no signs of derailing.

At 8 p.m., Jeffrey Johnson, better known as "Cousin Jeff" on BET's "Rap City," will perform. Johnson is a social activist, A.M.E. minister and public speaker and believes that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Johnson can also be seen on the BET show "The Cousin Jeff Chronicles" discussing and enlightening young viewers on issues affecting their communities. Johnson is the former vice president of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network and the Youth and College Division National Director of the NAACP.

For more information, call the Lane University Information Desk at x4411.

Auditions March 28 for 'Frostburg Idol'

The FSU Programming Council will host the singing competition "Frostburg Idol" in the Lane University Center's Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall on Friday, April 8 at 9 p.m.

Aspiring FSU singers will be able to compete for the title of "Frostburg Idol" with cash prizes being awarded to the top 3 performers.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. To sign up or for more information contact Kaycee Barteel in the UPC office at x4192 or send an e-mail to upc@frostburg.edu.

For information or tickets, contact the Lane University Center information desk at x4411.

UPC Live! at the Loft Open Mic Night

Do you have a talent that you would like to share? Open Mic Night, on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Derezhinski Lounge, is a casual, comfortable way for you to share your art, whether you sing, dance, read poetry, play an instrument, tell jokes or just want to share your thoughts through a rant. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to get your name on the list. Depending on the number of people performing, you will get 7-15 minutes on stage.

The Circus is Coming!

The Ali Ghan Shrine Circus will be held on April 9, in the Cordts PE Center main arena. Show times are at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For tickets, call (301) 722-5970.

Presentations



Forest Ecologist Hopeful to Present Seminar

The final candidate for the position of Forest Ecologist position in the FSU Department of Biology will present a seminar this week. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

Dr. Christopher Tripler will present "Urban impacts on ecosystem and community dynamics of a hardwood forest in Louisville, Ky.," on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in Compton Science Center room 226

'Increasing Your Self-Esteem' Program Set

United Campus Ministry and Catholic Campus Ministry are sponsoring a program entitled "Increasing Your Self-Esteem" on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center.

With humor and creative insight, psychologists Dr. Jack Zealand and Dr. Toni Wiseman will present an all-campus program that is free and open to the public. Zealand, from Zealand Psychological Associates, and Wiseman, from the Thomas B. Finan Center, bring years of experience and knowledge to the subject of self-esteem.

For more information, contact Rev. Larry Neumark at x7490.

Faculty/Staff Invited to Leadership Lunch

Dr. Dafina Lazarus Stewart, FSU's 2006 Leader/Scholar-in-Residence, will be on campus April 3 and 4. On Tuesday, April 4, faculty and staff are invited to a conversation over lunch in Ort Library 237 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. centered on teaching as it relates to developing leaders and leadership in students and others.

Stewart's visit is sponsored by the Leadership Studies Minor, the Office of Student and Community Involvement and the Center for Teaching Excellence. Stewart has done extensive research on African American students on predominantly white campuses, including the awareness and integration of multiple sociocultural identities.

For information and lunch reservations, contact Ruth Wallinger, x4709.

Theatre



UT Main Stage to Present 'Quake'

University Theatre will present Melanie Marnich's "Quake" on April 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., and April 15 at 2 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio

Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

"Quake" is a darkly hilarious comedy that follows a young woman named Lucy as she traverses the country in an idealistic search for the "perfect love." However, she soon becomes involved in a succession of surreal, contorted affairs that merely accentuate the mundane realities of human interaction. As events escalate into what one critic has called "a marathon of Twilight Zone episodes," Lucy begins to admire from afar the brilliance, power and control of a notorious female astrophysicist turned serial killer.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. For reservations, call the University Theatre box office at x7462, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Speakers

Appalachian Lab

On Thursday, March 30, Dr. John Karl Bohlke, of the U.S. Geological Survey, National Research Program, will present "Approaches for Quantifying Movement and Reaction of Nitrate in Ground Water and Surface Water," another in the UMCES Appalachian Laboratory's spring seminar series. The talk will be presented in AL room 109, with refreshments to follow in the lobby.

Film



UPC Feature Film: Chicken Little

UPC will be showing "Chicken Little" the weekend of March 31 to April 2. Times and places are:

- Friday, March 31, at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room, and at midnight in Gray Residence Hall Basement
- Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room
- Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in the Lane University Center, Atkinson Room

It's one year after the "unfortunate acorn incident" when Chicken Little caused big-time havoc by proclaiming that the sky was falling after being conked on the head. Down but not out, the plucky chicken joins the local baseball team in the hopes of reviving his reputation and winning the respect of his father.



Take Note

Commencement Tickets Available May 1

Tickets will be required for all guests attending the 128th Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2006, in the Arena of the Cordts Physical Education Center. The Colleges of Business and Education will hold their ceremony at 10 a.m.; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will recognize its graduates at 2 p.m.

Students graduating with a major from the College of Business or the College of Education will be provided

nine tickets each. Students graduating with a major from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be provided eight tickets each. The differential is based on the projected number of graduates from each of the three Colleges.

Only graduating students who have been cleared by the Registrar's Office are eligible to pick up tickets. All tickets must be claimed in person, and a valid FSU I.D. must be presented. No tickets may be retrieved "by proxy" (i.e., no graduating student can send someone else to claim his/her tickets).

Tickets will be available beginning Monday, May 1, at the Lane Center Box Office during regular hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday). On Friday, May 26, tickets are available through 3:00 p.m.; at 3:30 p.m., tickets will be available in the Cordts P.E. Center until 5 p.m.

The Student Government Association will also make unclaimed tickets available at two "Free-for-All" ticket distributions: Thursday, May 18, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Lane University Center; Friday, May 26, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Box Office of the PE Center. The same "graduating students only" policy applies.

Any requests for tickets to be mailed are considered on a case-by-case basis and are considered only if a student absolutely cannot come to campus during the stated times of the Box Office. Contact Beth Andrews, Office of the Assistant to the Provost, x3130.

Tickets are not required for participation in FSU's Commencement ceremony in Hagerstown, scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, for those students graduating from the University System of Maryland Center at Hagerstown (USMH). However, any USMH/Frostburg student wishing to participate in the Frostburg campus ceremony must abide by the ticket pick-up policies.

Ticket questions should be directed to either of the Commencement co-directors: Jim Limbaugh, jlimbaugh@frostburg.edu or x3130; Gary Van Zinderen, gvanzinderen@frostburg.edu or x4151; or Sheila Pappas, spappas@frostburg.edu; x4727.

Human Resources Office Needs Your Help

At the beginning of the fall 2005 semester, the Office of Human Resources unveiled a redesigned Web site. The site features Hot Topics, Top Forms/Publications and Announcements. Employees can access many different areas related to human resources such as Benefits, Employee Relations, Employment, Salary, Training & Development, Risk & Safety Management, Union Information, and Policies & Procedures. Employees can even register for training courses.

As we work to improve the OHR web site, we need feedback and suggestions from you, our users. Your feedback will help us to make improvements and updates to meet the service needs of the campus community. Take a minute to complete our Web site survey. The survey can be accessed at the OHR web site and automatically appears to every second visitor to the site. You must allow pop-ups to access the survey.

Stadium Closed for Field Work

The University has awarded a contract to Sprinturf Inc. to install artificial turf on the Bobcat Stadium football field. Sprinturf has begun construction, so Bobcat Stadium will be closed until completion of the project. The project is expected to be completed the first week of May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Health & Wellness Fair

The annual FSU Health and Wellness Fair will be Tuesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center's Manicur Assembly Hall.

Sponsored by the S.A.F.E. Office and the Office of Human Resources, the event is free and open to all students, faculty and staff. Meet health and wellness professionals in our region. There will be raffles, freebies, incentive items, assessments, analyses, workshops and a massage therapy room.

For more information, call the S.A.F.E. Office at x4761.

TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning Seminar

All employees are invited to a seminar entitled Planning Ahead for Retirement to be presented by TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Christopher Spence on Wednesday, March 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Lane University Center 201.

Developing a sound financial strategy for retirement can make a big difference. Now is the time to get answers. Topics will include:

- Evaluating your retirement income needs.
- Sources of retirement income.
- Your retirement asset allocation:

Issues to consider.

- The importance of examining your asset allocation.
- Income options available from TIAA-CREF.

Whether you are a new employee in TIAA-CREF or have been participating for a few years, all are encouraged to attend. No advance registration is required.

Children's Center Open House, Fall Enrollment

The Children's Center Annual Open House and Enrollment Fair for the 2006-2007 academic year will be:

- Monday, April 3, 3 to 6 p.m.,
- Tuesday, April 4, 11 a.m. to noon and 3 to 4 p.m.
- Friday, April 7, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Families who would like to learn more about the Children's Center or who would like to enroll their child are encouraged to visit during one of the designated times mentioned above or call the Center at x4027 to set up an appointment.

TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures)

Student and Educational Services will be sponsoring a TIPS training session on

Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. in the Residence Life Office in Annapolis Hall. The program is open to all members of the University community. If you would like more information or plan to attend, please contact Jesse Ketterman at x4121 or jketterman@frostburg.edu.

The goal of TIPS for the University is to provide students, staff, and faculty with the skills they need to intervene in situations where their peers are misusing alcohol. Participants in the program will:

- Learn how alcohol affects people who are drinking.
- Apply the information through skills exercises.
- Share ideas for influencing drinking behavior among your peers.
- Develop strategies for preventing alcohol-related tragedies on campus.
- Upon successful completion, participants will receive a three-year TIPS for the University certification.

Geography Dept. Plans Welcome Reception

Are you interested in Geography? The Department of Geography will be hosting a welcome reception and information session on Thursday, April 6, for new majors and those interested in majoring in geography, environmental analysis and planning, earth science and urban and regional planning. Come and enjoy pizza, subs, soda and cookies while learning about what the Department of Geography has to offer. Take a tour of our great facilities. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. in 219 Gunter Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Danny Welsch, dwelsch@frostburg.edu or x4891.

Student Evaluation of Academic Advisors

Each undergraduate student will be asked to evaluate his/her academic advisor during the regular advising/registration period, March 27 to April 21. The advisor will give the student the evaluation form and instructions. When completed, these forms should be returned to the departmental administrative assistant or deposited in boxes established for this purpose. The evaluation responses are confidential. If your advisor forgets to give you the form, please ask for it. The evaluation results are considered in faculty evaluations and a high response rate is essential. If you have questions about this process, please call the Office of the Provost, x4212.

Important Reminder for May 2006 Graduates

If you are planning to graduate at the end of this semester, then please note:

- If you have not yet filed a graduation application at the Registrar's Office, YOU MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY. All mailings related to Commencement are based on those who have filed.

- Information is sent to both your local and permanent address. If the Registrar does not have an updated local address, provide one as soon as possible.

- Caps and gowns are provided at no cost. You must be fitted in advance. Order them at the University Bookstore ... the deadline is MARCH 29.

- A Grad Fair will be March 27 in the ARMAH from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will be present for ordering your class ring or diploma frames along with the bookstore for fitting and ordering your cap and gown or announcements.

- Full details are on the FSU Web site under "current students." Commencement information is on the left side.

Contact Beth Andrews at x3130 or bandrews@frostburg.edu for more info.

Commencement for Grad Students

Students who plan to graduate in May 2006 must complete the "Application for Graduation" as soon as possible. Students whose applications are received by **Friday, April 14** will be listed in the May 2006 Commencement Program. Forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services 141 Pullen Hall, x7053.

Admission Interviews Set for MAT at USM-H

Admission interviews for Master of Arts in Teaching - Elementary & Secondary, K-12 candidates who wish to attend the USM Hagerstown Center held on Tuesday, April 11, by Dr. Kim Rotruck, MAT-E Graduate Program Coordinator, and Dr. William Childs, MAT-S, K-12 Graduate Program Coordinator. The interviews will be at USM-H, 32 W. Washington St. in Hagerstown. Details will be sent to applicants.

The deadline for MAT-Elementary cohort applications is May 1. The deadline for MAT-Secondary applications is April 1.

For information, please call Rotruck at 240-527-2736 (x2736 from on-campus) or Childs at x4216, or the Graduate Services Office at x7053.

MAT-S, K-12 Application Deadline is April 1

The deadline is April 1 for summer 2006 co-hort applications for Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary, K-12, offered both at the Frostburg campus at USM-H.

To be accepted, students must have successfully passed the Praxis I series (see www.ets.org or call the FSU ETS Computer Based Testing Center, x7990 to register). For information, call Dr. William Childs (MAT-S, K-12) at x4216, or the Graduate Services Office at x7053.

Points of Pride



FSU students were able to recruit 26 participants in the **Health Choices for Life Challenge**, a program developed by Western Maryland Health Systems (WMHS) for Allegany County businesses and agencies. The program began in February and ends April 30. Participants are encouraged to log a variety of health-enhancing activities to earn points toward prizes. Activities include a variety

of health-enhancing behaviors such as physical activity, attending free health workshops or using one of the health "tips" published in the monthly Healthy Choices for Life newsletter. Participants who receive 100 or more points per month will be eligible for prizes offered by WMHS. Prizes range from cash awards to a free spa or golf day at Rocky Gap Resort. FSU health promotion students had a "free pedometer" drawing for any FSU employee who registered in February. The registration winner was **Roxanne Weighly**. Another drawing will be done at the end of each month. Any registered FSU participant who completes and turns in the monthly log – regardless of points earned – will be eligible. February's winner was **Robin Wynder**.

Zach Olson, graduate student, Department of Biology, won the best student presentation award at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society, State College, Pa, March 17-18. Zach's presentation was entitled: "Seasonal Variation in Scent Marking by River Otters."



Deadlines

Deadline for May 2006 Graduation Exceptions

Are you planning a May 2006 graduation? If your official degree progress report indicates you have not completed all requirements and you have a basis to request an exception, submit your written appeal letter and supporting letters and documentation to the Academic Standards Subcommittee, Office of the Provost, Hitchins Building by 4 p.m. on April 13 for the April meeting (last chance for graduation exceptions and inclusion in the Commencement Booklet). For information, call the Provost's Office at x4212.

Course Withdrawal Deadline March 31

Having problems with a class? Talk with your instructor! You can withdraw from the course without grade penalty through Friday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers



Students Offer Free Tax Return Preparation

Free help preparing 2005 basic federal and Maryland income tax returns will be offered through mid-April through the IRS-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program at FSU. The College of Business students are trained and approved by the IRS and overseen by faculty.

VITA assists taxpayers filing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or a basic Form 1040 federal return and with free electronic filing. Preparers will alert taxpayers to credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Appointments must be made in by

calling Joyce Middleton, VITA site coordinator, at x4154. Students will work Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Framptom Hall. A weekday drop-off service is available.

Taxpayers should bring any tax packages mailed by the IRS and the state, W-2 from all employers, all 1099s, a copy of last year's returns, if available, other relevant information about income and expenses, and taxpayer and dependent social security numbers and birth dates.

Get Involved



UPC General Board Meeting

Come to the University Programming Council general board meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 8 p.m. in the Lane University Center, 2nd floor lobby to learn how you can be involved with UPC. We will tell you about upcoming events and how you volunteer, as well as provide you with information on the selection process for the 2006-2007 executive board. While you are there, celebrate Earth Day by making a tie-dye T-shirt.

University Programming Council Wants YOU!

Applications are currently being accepted for the following chairing positions on the University Programming Council executive board: executive, arts & lectures, film series, comedy, music, Center Stage Live! at the Loft, recreation, special events, off-campus trips, late night and weekends, graphic design, advertising and public relations.

Applications are available at the Lane University Center Information Desk. Completed applications are due back by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 14.

To learn more about the University Programming Council and the available positions available, please attend one of the following information meetings:

- Thursday, March 30, noon to 1 p.m. in the LUC 202—FREE Pizza provided!
- Monday, April 3, noon to 1 p.m. in the LUC Game Room—FREE Pizza provided!
- Wednesday, April 5, 5 to 6 p.m. in the LUC 202—FREE Pizza provided!
- Monday, April 10, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the LUC 202—Dessert Reception!

Community



AAUW Open Meeting

The Frostburg Branch of AAUW will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 48 W. Main St.

Susan Lee will speak on "Terrorism: Coping with the Unknown." She is certified in Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness and Basic Incident Command. She is currently pursuing a degree in Homeland Security. Refresh-

ments will be served. For more information call Liz West 301-722-6445.



Activities for Life

For information and registration, contact AFL Coordinator Amy Nazelrod at x7934.

Infant-Toddler and Pre-School Swimming

Infant-toddler and pre-school swim lessons will be offered at the Cordts PE Center swimming pool. The infant-toddler swimming class is for children ages 3 to 36 months and the pre-school swimming class is for children ages 3 and 4. Both classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 3 through April 12, from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Both infant-toddler and pre-school swimming classes require parents to be in the water and to participate along with their children.

Advance registration is required.

Youth and Advanced Swimming Lessons

Youth and advanced swimming lessons for children ages 5 to 12 will be offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 3 through April 19. The classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. in the Cordts Physical Education Center swimming pool.

Youth swimming instruction is separated into skill levels. Advanced swimming lessons are for those interested in learning advanced swimming skills or preparing for a swim team.

Advance registration is required.

International



Several Latin American Events on Campus

The Center for International Education and Cultural Events Series are co-sponsoring the Ecuadorian group, Andes Manta on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall on campus. (See notice above.) The following week, don't miss these other two events, co-sponsored by the CIE and the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature:

- **"What is Life Like in Latin America"** - Tuesday, April 4, 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Tawes 203. Join a round-table discussion that focuses on life in a variety of Latin American countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Puerto Rico. The discussion will be led by students from these countries, as well as students who have studied in Latin America.

- **Latin American Dance!** - Wednesday, April 5, 4 to 5 p.m., Leake Room, Cordts Physical Education Center. To understand Latin American culture, you must understand their dances. Learn the basics of salsa, merengue, samba and Afro-Peruvian dance from an expert. No previous knowledge or ability required!

Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases, students

register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on programs or scholarships, contact Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3091, asimes@frostburg.edu or visit the CIE Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

ISEP Summer Programs - Apply Now!

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is still accepting applications for summer programs in Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay. ISEP makes its summer offering very affordable and provides great immersion experiences for both English-speakers as well as students wanting to improve their language skills. For information, visit www.isep.org or the CIE Web site.

Global Learning: Still Can Apply for Fall

FSU has begun a new affiliation with Global Learning Semesters, a study abroad program that specializes in immersion programs in Cyprus, Europe and Belize. Students may study at Intercollege in Nicosia, the capital of the Republic of Cyprus; Galen University in San Ignacio, Belize; or London Metropolitan University for the Semester in Europe that takes students to 12 European countries. GLS will provide scholarship money for qualifying students, and all financial aid will transfer overseas. Credit earned are applied to FSU transcripts. For information, visit www.globalsemesters.com or come by the CIE.

AustraLearn Launches Travel Grants

2006 has been designated by the U.S. Senate as the "Year of Study Abroad." In support, AustraLearn will grant over \$15,000 in airline ticket assistance to students beginning an AustraLearn program anytime between May and September 2006. This is a great opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Australia or New Zealand while reducing costs. AustraLearn also awards scholarships to qualifying students. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/austraLearn.htm or come by the CIE.

Watercolor in Britain 2006

Dr. Judith Dieruf will be lead students to Oxford, England, this summer in conjunction with Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She will offer ART 221/421/621. The program runs from July 21 to Aug. 12. Deadline for the group flight is April 1. For more information, www.chss.iup.edu/oxford/

Numerous Cultural Experiences Abroad

Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA), has new programs in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as in Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic. They are also opening their second CEA Study Center in Barcelona (Paris was the first). Also, in London, they have added Goldsmiths University to their group of partner schools. For information, visit www.gowithcea.com/ or the CIE Web site at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm

Learn Spanish in Ecuador this Summer

The Center for Interamerican Studies

is offering its intensive 9-credit Spanish program in Cuenca, Ecuador, again this summer, June 7 to Aug. 23. Visit www.summer.cedei.org/ssp/ or contact the CIE.

FSU Program in Prague, Czech Republic

A new faculty-led summer programs will be available this summer for all qualified FSU students. Dr. Sally Boniece (International Studies/History) and Dr. George White (Geography) will lead students to Prague, Czech Republic, this summer for IDIS 491 Honors Seminar/HIST 390 Special Topics/GEOG 490 Special Topics: "Czech Identity in Central Europe: Bridge to the West, Bridge to the East." This will be an online/short-term study abroad course in association with the Society for Legal and Economic Education in Prague. Contact the CIE, Boniece or White for information.



Safety Message

Wash Your Hands As Often As You Can

Reduce the chance of cold or flu. Here are some critical times to wash/clean your hands:

- Before and after eating.
- After touching an animal.
- After using the restroom.
- After using cleaning agents/liquids.
- After touching a public surface at your work place, e.g., door knob, water fountain, using hand rails, etc.

• When you or someone near you is ill. Protect your self from germs and virus. Wash your hands.



FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Classes Resume

- * FSU Bookstore Grad Fair 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * Women's Softball: Shenandoah University 2:30 p.m. Home
- * Men's Tennis: Penn State University-Altoona .. 3:00 p.m. Home

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- * UCM: Psychologists Dr. Jack Zealand and Dr. Toni Wiseman, "Increasing Your Self-Esteem" 7:30 p.m. Osborne Newman Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- * Baseball: Mount Aloysius College (DH) 1:00 p.m. Home
- * Women's Softball: Mt. Aloysius College (DH) .. 1:00 p.m. Away
- * UPC Live at the Loft: Open Mic 7:00 p.m. Lane Derezinski Lounge/Loft
- * RHA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- * BURG General Body Meeting 5:30 p.m. Library 237
- * CES Mainstage Series: Andes Manta 7:30 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Last Day for UNDERGRADUATE Students to Withdraw with "W"

- * Men's Tennis: Waynesburg College 3:00 p.m. Away
- * UPC Feature Film: "Chicken Little" 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ... Lane Atkinson Room
- * UPC Live at the Loft: Hypnotist, Sailesh 8:00 p.m. Lane Derezinski Lounge/Loft
- * Faculty Artist Series: An Evening of Sondheim .. 8 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall
- * French Club International Ball 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Lane ARMAH

SATURDAY, APRIL 1—April Fools Day!

- * Men's Tennis: Alfred College 3:00 p.m. Away
- * Women's Lacrosse: Salisbury University noon Away
- * Baseball: Hilbert College (DH) 1:00 p.m. Home
- * Women's Softball: Hilbert College (DH) 1:00 p.m. Away
- * BSA Spring Fling Fashion Show 5:00 p.m. PEC Main Arena
- * UPC April Fools Comedy Night: Robert Kelly 8 p.m. Lane ARMAH
- * UPC Feature Film: "Chicken Little" 8:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- * Men's/Women's Outdoor Track: Shippensburg U.-Keiser Collegiate Invite, Shippensburg
- * FSU Chamber Choir 4 p.m. ... Emmanuel Episcopal Church Washington St., Cumberland, MD
- * CCM Mass noon & 8:00 p.m. Cook Chapel
- * Planetarium: "Quick & Easy Intro to Planets" 4 & 7 p.m. Tawes Hall
- * UPC Feature Film: "Chicken Little" 6:00 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room
- * Faculty Artist: Kristin Bacchicocchi Stewart, Flutist .. 7 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall

* Open to the public – Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change
FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services, and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, 302 Hitchins, 301-687-4102, TDD 301-687-7955.

When Driving, Don't Allow Your Eyes to Become Fatigued

