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FSU Hosts Maryland Student Legislature

FSU was the site of the Maryland Student Legislature's Spring 2011 Leadership Training Institute/Interim Assembly, held in Compton Science Center on March 5-6.

The Maryland Student Legislature is a non-profit corporation which sponsors activities to allow students from universities and colleges across Maryland join together to write, research and debate issues of local, state, and national importance.

To learn how to participate in the organization the MSL offers the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) held each semester by a host delegation at their college or university. At LTI, training sessions are held on parliamentary procedure, how to research and draft legislation, as well as informational sessions on the organizational structure of leadership in MSL. The event is closed with mock debates on several pieces of legislation to allow students to test their newly learned debate skills.

The LTI prepares members for participation in the Legislative Sessions held throughout the year. Interim Assemblies are held once each semester, during which students simulate the legislative process by examining legislation in committees, reporting them to the full assembly, and then debate and vote on that legislation.



FSU Students, Faculty Present at National Sustainability Conference

Frostburg English majors Kurt Geisler, Lunden Gillespie, and Stefan Rogers,

along with Sydney Duncan of the Department of English, presented a poster session in October at the American Association for Sustainability in Higher Education conference in Denver, CO. The trip was funded by a grant from the Frostburg Foundation. The students had an opportunity to interact with some of the more than 2000 attendees at the conference.

Their poster session was about $E=(LG)^2$, the only student-written and student-edited magazine in the country on sustainability. A product of ENGL 402, Editing and Production, the magazine addresses issues of environmental, social, and economic sustainability from the perspective of Frostburg students. Geisler, Gillespie, and Rogers, all former students in the class, explained the magazine's content, production, and funding to the many attendees who stopped by their station to view the five covers to date and several two-page spreads arranged on the full-color poster. They handed out a few print copies and directed attendees to the [online versions](#).

In addition, the students and Duncan attended many conference sessions, coming back with information about sustainability efforts on other campuses around the country. Geisler and Rogers graduated in December, but Gillespie, now a member the President's Leadership Circle, will be working with Duncan, other members of the Learning Green, Living Green committee, and interested students to bring information about possible new student sustainability initiatives to the campus community.



The Vagina Monologues Celebrates Tenth Year at FSU

On February 17 and 18, 2011, V-Day @ FSU sponsored the 19th and 20th performances of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues on our campus. Directed by Regina Alderton, this year's production sold over 400 tickets and raised \$3200 for The Family Crisis Resource Center, the Dove Center, and this year's V-Day Spotlight: Women and Girls in Haiti. Due to the efforts of the V-Day members and the student coordinator Marina Byerly, an additional \$1600 was raised selling handmade donated scarves and other V-Day merchandise for a total exceeding \$4500. Each year, numerous campus organizations and offices come together to make this fundraising possible, including the Women's Studies Steering Committee. In addition to The Vagina Monologues, the group also organizes the Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night. V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls.

Eight CLAS Faculty Granted Tenure

CLAS is pleased to announce that eight faculty were recently approved for tenure: Amy Branam (English), Sydney Duncan (English), Mohammed Eltayeb (Physics and Engineering), Pete Herzfeld (Visual Arts), Michael Murtagh (Psychology), Elesha Ruminski (Communication Studies), Kasif Teker (Physics and Engineering), and Kara Rogers Thomas (Sociology). Congratulations!

2011 Summer Camps Scheduled

During Summer 2011, CLAS departments will be offering several new and returning summer camps. Under the umbrella of the Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy, Susan Dodge will offer a new one-week program in Mosaics. This non-residential day camp is open to students in grades 7-12. Other camps returning through Savage Mountain this year are Creative Writing and Garage Band, both being offered by Gerry LaFemina. These are both residential camps for students entering grades 9-12. Additional information and online registration can be found on the website at <http://www.frostburg.edu/savagemtn>.

In addition, the Maryland Summer Center programs for gifted and talented students will be returning again this year. Mohammed Eltayeb (Physics and Engineering) will coordinate a residential robotic design program for high school students during the week of June 25-30. Hang Deng-Luzader will offer the Physics of Solar and Wind Power for students entering grades 7-9 during the week of July 10-16. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/giftedtalented/centers>.

Mass Communication Student's Film Wins Honorable Mention at BEA Festival of Media Arts

Mass Communication student Kelly Courtney was awarded an Honorable Mention for her short film "Haze" at the Broadcast Education Association's 2011 Festival of Media Arts. The BEA is the educational arm of the National Association of Broadcasters, and their annual festival is highly competitive with entries from colleges around the country.

To view "Haze," go to the Department of Mass Communication's Vimeo site at www.vimeo.com/mcom.
