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FSU Symbolically 'Unplugs' Off-Grid Sustainable Energy Research Facility

FSU symbolically "unplugged" its Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) from the electrical grid on Monday, Oct. 29. The completely off-grid building in the Allegany Business Center at FSU will serve as home to a wide variety of renewable energy research projects and instructional classes, as well as be a demonstration and test site for technologies that allow buildings to be separate from the power grid.

"SERF may be off the grid, but it puts Frostburg State University very much on the map as a national leader in renewable energy research, which opens the doors for us to welcome visiting researchers, consultants, companies and other partners who wish to further the study of renewable energy," said President Jonathan Gibraltar. "It will greatly help Frostburg raise its visibility and uphold sustainable education in important ways."

The 6,300-square-foot building itself will be a demonstration and test center, as it will be entirely off-grid, powered and heated with all renewable sources, a combination of solar, wind, passive solar and hydrogen fuel cell technology. The building also features various conservation and energy storage options and will continue to develop as new technologies are added.

Dr. Oguz Soysal and **Hilkat Soysal**, co-directors of the FSU Renewable Energy Center and faculty in the FSU Department of Physics and Engineering, said they first conceived of a facility like this during the energy



From left, Dr. Oguz Soysal, Hilkat Soysal, Frostburg Mayor Robert Flanigan, U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) and President Jonathan Gibraltar

crisis of the 1970s. This FSU project has been five years in the making, as solutions to combining the various technologies not previously used together have been developed as contractors, FSU employees and engineers have collaborated.

The approach of twin storms from opposite directions, Hurricane Sandy and a winter storm, as the ceremony was being held was not lost on the dignitaries in attendance. While simultaneously hoping that the storm's impact would be minimal, the hazardous forecast emphasized the role of a facility dedicated to renewable energy and energy resources that were separate from the national electrical grid, Oguz Soysal said.

"There couldn't have been any better example to set for the need for renewable energy, sustainable energy work," he said.

U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.), whose advocacy was an essential step in getting the SERF project off the ground, remarked that he had been to

openings of several large solar arrays, but all were tied to the electrical grid, which meant they couldn't be used if the grid went down.

The facility is believed to be the nation's only totally off-grid building dedicated to the research of renewable energy generation. Individual homeowners, farmers or small businesses in the Appalachian region or regions with similar geographic features are expected to benefit from its research.

Bartlett said that the solutions that may come from SERF will serve the goals of three very diverse advocacy groups that are often at odds with one another: those concerned with climate change and the increase of the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, those concerned with the national security risk inherent in the United States being so dependent on imported oil and those concerned that oil is a finite resource that will be increasingly difficult and expensive to retrieve.

The construction, equipping and staffing of SERF have been supported by two grants from the U.S. Department of Energy totaling nearly \$1.6 million, obtained with the assistance of Bartlett, the representative for Maryland's 6th District. Additional support has come from FSU, Constellation Energy and Maryland Industrial Partnerships.

More information about SERF and renewable energy research at FSU can be found at www.fsuwise.org/renewable/SERF or by emailing renewable@frostburg.edu.

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 or visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/music.

LIVE! at StarScape Presents Blues Legend John Hammond



The Cultural Events Series at FSU will present Grammy winner and blues legend John Hammond on **Saturday, Nov. 10**, at 8 p.m.

at the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. (Note that this is a change from the original location, which was Windsor Hall, Cumberland Town Centre.) The performance is presented as part of the club series, LIVE! at StarScape.

Hammond, who was inducted in the Blues Hall of Fame in 2011, offers a solo performance on guitar and harmonica that reveals why musical legends such as Tom Waits and T-Bone Burnett consider him to be a master and a virtuoso. Immediately following the performance, Hammond will participate in an interactive question-and-answer session with audience members.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

For info, contact the CES box office at x3137 or visit CES' website at ces.frostburg.edu.

FSU Percussion Ensemble to Present Fall Concert

The FSU Percussion Ensemble will present its Fall Concert on **Thursday, Nov. 8**, at 8 p.m.

The concert will begin with a tribute to the Japanese percussion group, "Kodo." The ensemble will perform an arrangement of Kodo's "Nanafushi," featuring three performers with multiple percussion responsibilities.

The program features student conductor **Gregory Jaeger** directing an

arrangement of Scott Joplin’s “The Entertainer.” Also included is a setting of J.S. Bach’s classic, “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” and Jim Casella’s tour-de-force, “Katraterra.”

The concert will conclude with an arrangement of Donald Fagen’s “The Goodbye Look.”

Brown to Present Senior Soprano Recital

FSU soprano *Kristin Brown* will present her senior vocal recital, accompanied by *Dr. James DeWire* on piano, **Friday, Nov. 9**, at 8 p.m.

Brown will present a mix of classical and contemporary pieces in her presentation. Classical composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is well-represented, with three songs from three operas being sung, including the song “Deh vieni, non tardar” from “Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro),” in which a maid teases her fiancée. Contemporary artist Jule Styne’s song, “People,” from the play “Funny Girl” says that “People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.”

Brown will also perform works by Joaquín Rodrigo, Giacomo Puccini, Henry Thacker Burleigh, Meredith Willson and Marvin Hamlisch.

Malatt to Present Junior Soprano Recital

FSU soprano Patricia Malatt will present her junior vocal recital **Saturday, Nov. 10**, at 7 p.m. She will be accompanied by Dr. Sean Beachy. The recital is free and open to the public.

Malatt will perform several vocal pieces involving nature. Roger Quilter’s “Dream Valley,” composed after a poem written by William Blake, tells of a time when the speaker was in touch with nature and the beauty that it holds. The composition portrays the text through its melodic and flowing phrases. “Avril” is a French art song written by Léo Delibes. The song starts off with a refrain that talks about the beginning of spring and the sweet scents that it brings. Once the refrain is repeated, the second verse talks about the visitors that spring brings back to the area, like swallows. Alessandro Scarlatti’s “Le Violette” speaks of the flowers in nature and how the speaker feels they are “scolding my desires.” The speaker’s conversation with the flowers comes through in the music as a virtual call-and-answer pattern between the voice and piano.

Malatt will also perform works by George Frederick Handel, Vincenzo Bellini, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert Schumann, Mikhail Glinka, Ernest Chausson, Lee Hoiby, Arthur Sullivan and Charles Gounod.



Presentations

FSU Presents the TRU College Life



FSU’s Programming Council and Delta Zeta sorority will present speaker Julia Garcia on **Wednesday, Nov. 7**, at 8 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Garcia’s presentation will explore the TRU college life after class has been dismissed. This event is free and open to the public.

Through her fearless and highly engaging approach, Garcia takes her audience on an unforgettable journey through the reality that comes flooding in like a bad hangover after the partying, fun and hookups are over. She takes you through her real-life experiences and excessive partying that ultimately led to her sexual assault, the death of her best friend and the infamous night that almost took her entire college experience away completely.

Garcia earned her Bachelor of Arts in communications from New York Institute of Technology where she was a scholar athlete on the soccer team, writer for the campus newspaper, reporter for the school news station and president of the woman’s association. She is now the creator and co-founder of Truality.org, a TRU movement inspiring individuals to be “TRU,” which stands for “The Real U.”

For info, contact the Lane Center information desk at x4411.

‘Chocolate, Food of the Gods’

The Department of Chemistry and the Western Maryland Local Section of the American Chemical Society will present “Chocolate, Food of the Gods” by Dr. Howard Peters on **Thursday, Nov. 8**, at 7 p.m. in Compton 226. Peters will discuss the science behind chocolate production and consumption, and yes, there will be chocolate samples! There will also be a drawing for a door prize, including a 10-pound bar of chocolate.

Peters has a doctorate in organic chemistry from Stanford and a J.D. from Santa Clara University. He and his wife Sally travel the country presenting public outreach on the science of chocolate.

This event is free, open to the public and delicious. For info, contact Dr. Ben Norris at x4157 or bnorris@frostburg.edu.

Higurashi to Explore Collaborations With Universities in Japan



FSU’s College of Business, in partnership with the Center for International Education, will host Dr. Yoshiko Higurashi in an

open presentation and discussion on **Friday, Nov. 9**, at 2 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Higurashi, a professor of Japanese and director of the Japanese Language Program at San Diego State University, will offer her expert insights on possibilities for educational collaboration with universities in Japan. The event is open to FSU students, faculty and staff.

Higurashi is an internationally acclaimed Japanese language educator. She is the single author of Japanese language textbooks for college students at all three levels. She is also the director of the Japan International Programs, in charge of 17 direct exchange programs. In addition, she is the director of the National Faculty Development Institute “Incorporating Japanese Studies Into the Undergraduate Curriculum” (aka “Japan Studies Institute”) sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

For info, contact Dr. Sudhir Singh at ssingh@frostburg.edu or x4093.

AL Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Steve DiFazio, West Virginia University, will present “Population Genomics of *Populus trichocarpa*” on **Thursday, Nov. 15**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.



Points of Pride

FSU Counseling and Psychological Services Reaccredited

Counseling and Psychological Services at FSU has been reaccredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc., an Alexandria, Va.-based organization of U.S., Canadian and Australian college counseling agencies.

FSU’s Counseling Center was evaluated by IACS against high standards of counseling practice and was found to offer competent and reliable professional services to its clientele. Approval by IACS also depends on evidence of continuing professional development, as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance.

Counseling and Psychological Services is directed by **Dr. Spencer Deakin** and offers personal counseling on various issues affecting a student's academic achievement and personal development. It serves all full- and part-time students at FSU.

IACS was founded in 1972 to encourage and aid counseling agencies to meet high professional standards through peer evaluation and inform the public about competent and reliable counseling services.

For info about FSU Counseling and Psychological Services, call x4234.

Cage Interviewed by Florida News

Leonard Cage, an instructor in the Biology Department, was interviewed on Oct. 31 by First Coast News out of Jacksonville, Fla., regarding Hurricane Sandy.

To view the report, go to bitly.com/UcTckw.



Take Note USM Staff Awards

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) is again accepting nominations for the Board of Regents' University System of Maryland Staff Awards. These awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the regents for achievements of exempt and nonexempt employees from USM institutions, and are presented to staff members who have demonstrated excellence in one of the following categories: (1) contribution to the institution and/or unit to which the person belongs, (2) service to students in an academic or residential environment, (3) public service to the university or greater community or (4) effectiveness and efficiency in academic or administrative transformation. Two employees are recognized in each category for a total of eight awards.

Nominations are first considered at an institutional level before being forwarded to the CUSS Awards Review Committee for final selection. An internal Staff Awards Review Committee made up of the following staff employees will select nominees from FSU:

- Kelly Durst, Office of Human Resources, x7487, kdurst@frostburg.edu
- Nancy Frost, Ort Library, x3058, nfrost@frostburg.edu
- Jay Hegeman, Student and Educational Services, x4738, jhegeman@frostburg.edu
- Jesse Ketterman, Student and Educational Services, x4311, jketterman@frostburg.edu
- Dean Bolden, Physical Plant, x7004, djbolden@frostburg.edu

Contact any of these committee members with the name of a potential

candidate and reasons why you believe that staff member to be worthy of an award nomination. The committee members then will work with you to complete a competitive nomination packet. FSU's selected nominees are due to be submitted to the CUSS Committee in early December.

FSU has had staff award winners in the past, including award recipients in 2011 and 2012.

Leadership Studies Advising Dinner

The Leadership Studies Minor will hold a dinnertime advising session on **Tuesday, Nov. 6**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Ort 237 (new date and location; this is the room to the left after passing down the stairs from the outside entrance of the main library). Join students and faculty from the Leadership Studies Minor as they discuss what the minor program offers and how it can be used in future workplace and community leadership contexts. Students in LEAD 101 Introduction to Leadership Studies will host the event. Minor requirements, LEAD course offerings for spring and examples of local and global experiential leadership opportunities will be discussed.

For info on the event, contact April Baer, LEAD 101 instructor and coordinator of the Wellness Program, at x3035 or apbaer@frostburg.edu. For info on the minor, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, coordinator of Leadership Studies, at elruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480.

Sponsor a Family This Thanksgiving

Through the 13th Annual Sponsor-a-Family Program, departments and organizations on campus can help make a difference in a family's life in Western Maryland by providing a food basket to a family in need.

If your office or organization is interested in sponsoring a family for the Thanksgiving holiday, email Clarissa Lang at the Office of Volunteerism and National Service at calang@frostburg.edu for further details as soon as possible.

All baskets will be delivered on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Oxfam Banquet to Fight Hunger

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet will be held **Monday, Nov. 12**, at 6 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. This event is open to the public.

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet is a great way to learn more about world hunger and the effects it has on people around the world. During this program, the group will discuss the

number of people that go to bed hungry, how many have no idea where their next meal is coming from and what one can do to make a difference in these people's lives.

Attendees are asked to bring a canned food donation or a monetary donation to support the Frostburg Food Pantry.

For info, contact Jamie Williams, A STAR! AmeriCorps Academic Enrichment and volunteer coordinator, at jirvine@frostburg.edu or x7598.



Graduation Will Be Here Soon!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center.

The Colleges of Business, Education, and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates during a single ceremony. Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduate will be allotted **six tickets**.

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar's Office to ensure everything is in order.

The first of two Commencement mailings was sent in mid-October to your local and permanent addresses. If necessary, update your information in PAWS to ensure upcoming mailings will be sent to the correct locations.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates and may be ordered at the University Store. Your order must be placed by **Friday, Nov. 9**.

A Grad Fair will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 11**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. If you have ordered your cap and gown, they will be available for pick-up here. You will also have the opportunity to enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.



Get Involved

Interested in Sustainability Issues?

Then join Learning Green, Living Green at FSU. The next LGLG Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Lane 111. For info, contact Lawrence A. Gingerich, Safety and Sustainability coordinator, at x4360 or lagingerich@frostburg.edu.

BURG Peer Education Network Events

Bthe1: Tobacco, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Lane 111. Also a product of the bystander intervention campaign, this program talks about how one can intervene and stop someone from making unhealthy decisions, as well as resources to get them help if they need it.

Upcoming UCM Events

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

Annual Campuswide Thanksgiving Event, Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Cook Chapel. This year the event's focus is "Thanksgiving: A Native American View" as the group will explore and celebrate the virtue of gratitude. The original Thanksgiving feast occurred in 1621 and was shared by the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. The native peoples taught the Pilgrims everything they knew about crop cultivation and hunting wild game, and so the affair was a peaceful gathering to express gratitude and friendship. In this same spirit, everyone will gather for music, storytelling, confession and expressions of gratitude. This event is open to all.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities – Open to All

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108.

Brown Bag Book Discussion Group, Thursdays through Nov. 15, noon to 1 p.m., Sand Springs Hall. This fall the book is "The Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. Barbara Stahl is the group's facilitator.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Library 237. This is a student-led Bible study.

Faith Connections. Each Sunday morning during the fall semester, the group will visit a different Frostburg church.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This "Don't Just Know It – Live It" study and discussion is on the Book of Romans.

Catholic Campus Ministry

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

Dinner, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Freedom to Love, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
 Open to everyone.
Word-to-Action Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Osborne

Newman Center lounge. Learn how to live your life through the scriptures.



Where Would You Like to Study Abroad?

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, Botswana or in 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 email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

Study Abroad in Limerick, Ireland, During the Spring 2013 Semester

Students can study abroad for a semester in Ireland at Mary Immaculate College and pay FSU tuition. Financial aid may be used to help cover the costs of room and board. Credits will transfer back to FSU. Check out the website for Mary Immaculate College at www.mic.ul.ie.

Impact China, Summer 2013



FSU students now have an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, history and economic development via a two-week trip to visit four major Chinese cities while earning FSU credits. The faculty-led trip is a component of IDIS 350 China in the 21st Century and MGMT 490 Special Topics in Business Administration – Management, which will be offered in the first six-week session of summer 2013. Students will have the option to enroll in either course for three credits, or in both courses for six credits. The application deadline is **Feb. 1, 2013.**



School Board Meetings to Air

This month, FSU-TV3, in cooperation with AACTV, Cumberland's PEG

Channel, will carry the Allegany County School Board business and public meetings. The meetings will air the second Thursday of the month and again on the first Thursday of the next month before the next meeting.

Be sure to check the program schedule on FSU-TV3's website at www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3.



Want to Be an RA?

If interested, pick up an application from the Residence Life Office or Edgewood Commons Apartments. Applications are due by **Wednesday, Nov. 7,** at noon at the Residence Life Office.

Edgewood Commons Has Space Available for Spring 2012!

Now is your chance to secure your space for the spring. Application forms are available at www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com. Simply print and fill out the documents and return them to the Edgewood office with the application fees.

Edgewood Commons has so much to offer students! Each apartment 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 Xbox360, Wii and Playstation3
- Hotel-style lounge with a big-screen TV
- Game room with two pool tables
- Three conference/study lounges
- High-speed wireless Internet
- Extended basic cable 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.



Community

Frostburg Museum
Final Fall Exhibition

The Frostburg Museum is presenting its final exhibition for the fall 2012 season, works by *Hannah Ehlman* and Garrett Delooze, **through Nov. 24.**

Ehlman is a metal-smith working in Doug Salmon’s shop at Spruce Forest Artisan Village in Grantsville, Md. Her work is inspired by human interactions and psychological transformations. She portrays emotion and physical beauty through bronze, copper and steel, with focuses in jewelry and sculpture. She will graduate from FSU in spring 2013 and plans to continue her work with metal.

Delooze’s goal is to produce works of art that capture the beauty of Earth. Whether it is a photograph of the female body or a wood-fired mug, he feels every object is a memorial to Earth. The clay, chemicals and wood used to create his pottery come directly from the land. His use of subtle variations in tone illuminates the beauty of the human form.

The Frostburg Museum is a nonprofit organization located at the corners of Hill and Oak streets and is open Thursday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Admittance is free; donations are appreciated.

For info, call 301 689 1195 or email FrostburgMuseum@Verizon.net.

Admissions and
Financial Workshop

High school seniors and their parents are invited to join FSU in cooperation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission as they offer an admissions and financial workshop with the College Preparation Intervention Program on **Wednesday, Nov. 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Hill High School.

The workshop will focus on important deadlines, the timeline for the college search, the financial aid process and information needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The workshop is open to seniors.

For info, contact Dr. Cindy Herzog, associate dean of FSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at x4142 or cherzog@frostburg.edu.



FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, NOV. 5 – Have a great day!

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 – Election Day

Alpha Phi Alpha: Election Results
Night..... 6:30 p.m..... Lane Manicur Hall
Dance with LASO..... 7 p.m..... Lane Atkinson Room (232)
Colleges Against Cancer:
Relay for Life Kickoff..... 7 p.m..... Dunkle 218
African Student Association
Showcase Dance..... 9-10:45 p.m..... Cordts 164

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Political Science Department:
Ocean City Police Recruit..... 2-4 p.m..... Guild 206
Faculty Senate 3:30 p.m..... Lane Atkinson Room
Black Student Alliance 2K, Madden
and Modern Warfare Tournament 7 p.m..... Lane Game Room
United Programming Council
Lecture Series: Julia Garcia..... 8 p.m..... Lane Manicur Hall
UCM: Spiritual Study Break 9 p.m..... Lane 108

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

Blackout Day noon-1 p.m..... Campuswide
Residence Hall Association:
General Body Meeting..... 5 p.m..... Dunkle 218
Student Government Association
Meeting..... 5 p.m..... Lane Atkinson Room
BURG General Body Meeting 6:30 p.m..... Guild 205
FSU Percussion Ensemble 8 p.m..... PAC Pealer Recital Hall
African Student Association
Showcase Dance..... 9-11 p.m..... Cordts 164

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

Men’s/Women’s Swimming:
Fairmont State..... 5 p.m..... Home

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

Football: Salisbury (14th Annual
Regents Cup) 1 p.m..... Home
Men’s/Women’s Swimming:
West Virginia Tech,
Montgomery, W.Va..... 3 p.m..... Away
CES LIVE! at StarScope:
John Hammond 8 p.m..... Lyric, Main Street

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

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

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.

Only Burn Dry, Seasoned Wood
in a Fireplace or Wood Stove.
Burning Green Wood Can Cause a Chimney Fire!

