



SUNY Fredonia has certainly been in the news for the past two weeks, as there has been interest and even excitement about Christo, Jean Kilbourne, concerts, the Investiture Ceremony, Symposium on Building Communities of Learning, International Dinner, Day of Service, and the flash mob last Monday. Many people on and off campus worked to show Fredonia to a broader audience that included people who many not know much about our history and our strengths. King Concert Hall was nearly full for the lectures and the Investiture Ceremony; the International Dinner was sold out; and more than 400 students, faculty, and staff participated in service events at 25 locations. I'm hoping that people who didn't know much about Fredonia noticed events and found ways to participate. If you would like to see videos or read texts from Inauguration Week events, please visit the website: <http://www.fredonia.edu/president/inauguration/>.

I'm grateful to everyone on the Inauguration Committee and subcommittees and all who assisted in communication and support for many campus visitors. Your creativity, dedication, and sense of pride in Fredonia made for fun and exciting events for all who joined in. The Chancellor and many other visitors remarked to me that they found a strong sense of teamwork and thoughtfulness in their encounters with Fredonia students, faculty, and staff. I am hoping that these events continue to bring attention to the good work you all do, help us recruit a strong class of first-year and transfer students for next year, and encourage public officials and private donors to continue their support of our work.

With best wishes,

Virginia S. Stovatt



Community Service Fair on September 14



The Office of Volunteer and Community Services, in conjunction with its Volunteer Services Advisory Committee, sponsored its ninth annual Community Service Fair on September 14 from 10:00 - 2:00 in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room. Students had an opportunity to meet with a variety of local service agencies and discuss, learn about, and sign up for volunteer opportunities at the prospective sites. Thirty-four local service agencies (Chautauqua and Erie County) participated in this event. Over 200 students

participated.

Williams Center Rededication: Friday, September 28

This Friday, we will be celebrating the rededication of the Williams Center with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:00. Campus and community leaders, along with current students and alumni, will be on hand to re-open the Williams Center formally and to recognize those who were instrumental in its transformation. Please join in, if your schedule permits!

Homecoming 2012: Fredonia Around the World

This Homecoming Weekend has a full array of events to welcome alumni back to Fredonia and to showcase campus talents. On Friday afternoon, Diane Carson-Craig '83 will speak about her life since Fredonia, including her work as CEO of Ford Canada (Fenton 105). At the same time, the Jewett Hall 50th Anniversary Celebration begins with a Keynote Address by Dr. Dennis J. Thiel '78, "The Biology of Copper: From Mammalian Development to Anti-Microbial Weapon" (Jewett 101).

Also on the schedule are concerts, a 5K run, receptions and special events, athletic competitions, and an awards brunch. There is a lot to do in Fredonia this weekend, with plenty of chances to interact with alumni from recent years and way back when. The website lists full information:

<http://alumni.fredonia.edu/Events/Homecoming.aspx>

Update on Searches

- Director, Center for Multicultural Affairs. Interviews have concluded in the search for the Director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs, with an offer expected when final reference checks are completed.
- Vice President for Finance and Administration. The search for the Vice President for Finance and Administration has narrowed its pool to finalists and is in the process of setting up two-day campus interviews. The dates will be announced soon.
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The search committee for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has had a change in co-chair, based on the recent appointment of Adrienne McCormick as Assistant Provost. Kerrie Wilkes has agreed to join David Herman in leading this important search, and they met with the committee on Friday, August 31. They hope to have campus interviews for this position before the end of the fall semester so that the appointed Provost can be involved in the final stages of the search for the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The actual appointment of the Provost is expected to be July 1, 2013.
- Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts. The members of this committee have been appointed jointly by the University Senate and the President, in consultation with the Cabinet. Co-chairs are Tom Loughlin and Chris Givner. This committee will meet soon to begin the process of hiring the Founding Dean of this new college; this is hiring on a vacant dean line and then moving four units from the College of Arts and Sciences (School of Music, Department of Theatre and Dance, Department of Visual Arts and New Media, and Rockefeller Arts Center). This new Dean is expected to begin on July 1, 2013.

Visits with Directors and Offices



Facilities Planning
Markus Kessler, Director

I visited Markus in his office in Hendrix Hall just as he was finishing a meeting with a member of the SUNY Construction Fund staff. This is not unusual for Markus, as he is responsible for facilities planning across campus. He and his staff have key roles in the processes of new construction at SUNY Fredonia, including the bid, programming, design, and construction processes. With a thorough knowledge of architecture, design, mechanical systems, acoustics, and other areas that are important in building design and construction, Markus and his staff ensure that buildings meet the needs of users, as well as comply with state and SUNY regulations. They are now fully engaged in the Science Center, Rockefeller Arts Center addition, and townhouse projects, and Markus is working with the Construction Fund to prepare for any possible construction in the next SUNY Capital plan. You can learn more about this office and its projects at <http://www.fredonia.edu/admin/cfm/>.

Native American SUNY Western Consortium
Cheryl John, Director

As director of the Native American Western Consortium, Cheryl John oversees the one of two consortia in SUNY. Her office is housed in Thompson Hall, but it serves all Native American students who reside in or attend a college or university in our region, which is west of Syracuse. Areas of service include academic assistance, test preparation, planning for college and beyond, financial aid assistance, and providing Native American resources. For more information, please visit <http://www.fredonia.edu/na/index.asp>.



International Education Center
Mary Sasso, Director

The International Education Center is getting a facelift, as you can see in this photograph taken in LoGrasso Hall several weeks ago. Director Mary Sasso and the IEC staff recruit international students, provide assistance through the admission process, and serve as a resource center for those students once they are on campus. The IEC also assists faculty and students who are planning Study Abroad experiences or hosting international visitors to campus. With the growth in the international student population at Fredonia and with further opportunities for increasing global understanding, this office is playing a key role in the future of Fredonia. For more information about the International Education Center, please visit the office website: <http://www.fredonia.edu/internationaleducation/>.

In the Next Letter

These are some topics I expect to address in the October 9 letter:

- Reports from more visits with directors across campus
- Updates on searches

Please send your ideas, questions, and comments to me at president.office@fredonia.edu.