UMES hosts construction management lecture

“The Green Building Environment” is the topic for the fifth annual Roger R. Blunt Lecture Series at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt, a retired U.S. Army warrant officer and program director of the Construction and Energy Institute at Prince George’s Community College, is the keynote speaker for the Dec. 1 lecture. The event will be held at 11 a.m. in the Student Services Center Theater.

“I am pleased that Dr. Godbolt accepted the invitation to be the Roger R. Blunt lecturer. Based on his military, private sector and educational experiences, he will bring a unique perspective on green building and sustainability that will enrich and inspire our students and those who attend,” Dr. Leon Copeland, chair of the Department of Technology at the university, said.

Godbolt established the institute as a testing site for the North American Technical Excellence HVAC Certification program. He added the college to the Federal Government Career Voyages website, linking it to other community colleges in Maryland that offer training in construction-related courses. He serves as chair of the institute’s executive advisory board and was instrumental in bringing the National Technical and the National Adult Education honor societies to the school.

Godbolt holds a bachelor’s in social psychology, a masters in adult education and distance learning and a doctorate in education. He is certified as a NCCER master trainer, a construction site safety master, craft instructor and core curricula instructor.

The Blunt lecture series was created by its namesake, Roger R. Blunt, CEO of Essex Construction LLC of Rockville, Md., and benefactor of the university’s Construction Management Technology (CMT) program. The program is the only four-year degree program of its kind offered within the University System of Maryland. An upper division of the program is offered at The Universities at Shady Grove to serve graduates of associate degree programs in the Washington, D.C., area. UMES’ CMT program is accredited by the American Council of Construction Education.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 410-651-6465.

Fine arts graduating seniors exhibit

Five graduating seniors in the Department of Fine Arts at UMES are in the spotlight displaying their work at local venues. “Identity: Who is Judi?” is the theme of the exhibition.

Town of Princess Anne commissioners invited the students to exhibit their creativity at the Garland Hayward Youth Center on Nov. 4. Patrons included members of the community, families of the artists and UMES faculty and staff. Retired Chair of the Department Ernest Satchell stopped by to see what students had accomplished in his absence.

“It is exciting to see our students seize the opportunity to exhibit outside campus. Their skills were demonstrated in a wide variety of media, including a collaborative video that was thoughtful, entertaining and captured the skills and humor of this talented senior class,” said Christopher Harrington, acting chair of the Department of Fine Arts. “I had the pleasure of teaching them all and will miss them. I look forward to seeing what they will do next.”

No worries if you missed the show—the seniors will exhibit their art in the Mosely Gallery on Dec. 1, at an opening reception from 4-6 p.m. The show will be on display through Dec. 15.

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The UMES climate control committee sponsored a “Hawks Go Green Rally” Nov. 3 to encourage the campus community to be conscious of the environment.

“UMES pledges to be carbon neutral by 2050 in accordance with a state mandate,” said Rhett Burden, committee member and residential director in the Office of Residence Life. The committee, he says, focuses on programs that will improve the campus’ environment.

Committee members are: Simba Leonard, Stan Bradley, Marcellus Connor, Lauresa Wigfall, Terrell Fleming, Marvin Jones, Danna Maloney and Jeneatra Savage.

OC 104’s Bill Baker provided entertainment as the MC. He and the UMES Pep Band filled the SSC courtyard with music. Some lucky students received give-a-ways.

“This is a great event,” said Danielle Ryles, a junior majoring in business finance.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore has the only Hotel and Restaurant Management program in the University System of Maryland. It is the second most popular degree for graduates for the School of Business and Technology. “Even in the midst of these difficult economic times, our graduates experience 100 percent placement in the industry,” said Dr. Ernest Boger, chair of the HRM Department at UMES.

HRM students in the program at UMES are privy to some unique experiences—the production of gourmet lunches and dinners and putting on top quality events, including the star-studded UMES Gala and the Dinner Theatre.

Another benefit of the program is contact with local and regional members of the hospitality industry through the Industry Advisory Board (IAB). The board has representatives from the food, lodging, travel/tourism, entertainment and recreational sectors of the industry, said Boger. Current student leaders in the university’s program also attend board meetings, as do alumni and colleagues in education.

“The greatest advantage to having the board meet on campus are the opportunities it creates for the interaction between industry leaders and students,” said Boger. He lists board members guest lecturing in classes and participating in honors induction ceremonies and other special events. Students and the university, he says, benefit from major companies sponsoring internships and financial contributions to the Gala and other university events over the years.

IAB Chairman Rilous Carter, director of catering & convention services at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, received an honorary degree from UMES at the May 2009 commencement.

A comprehensive list of IAB members is available on the HRM website.
Lester Andrews is the UMES Physical Plant’s “Employee of the Year” for 2010-11.

Andrews, a plumber for 27 years, learned of the honor during a Nov. 9 ceremony. He celebrates his third anniversary as a UMES employee in February, when he says he’s also hopeful of earning his master plumber credential.

“It means a lot to me,” Andrews said of the surprise announcement during a staff meeting. “All my life, I’ve tried to work hard. It is nice people recognize that.”

In recognition of his honor, Andrews gets special parking privileges, a week-long pass to dine in the Oasis faculty-staff restaurant and a $50 gift certificate.

He said he’ll probably spend the money on Thanksgiving dinner for his family because, “that’s something I can share with someone else.”

A deacon for 16 years in the Solid Rock Church of God and Christ, Andrews and his wife, Sherri, have four children ranging in age from 13 to 27.

Born in Snow Hill, Andrews grew up in the Mardela Springs area and gravitated toward plumbing as a profession with encouragement from Elbert Shockley. He said he’s been working since his early teens.

Physical Plant Director Leon J. Bivens Sr. said the employee-recognition program started in 2004 to show appreciation for the crucial jobs his 140-member staff performs daily on campus. Bivens called Andrews a model employee, who despite his short tenure at UMES, is widely respected by his co-workers.

Interim President Mortimer Neufville and Ronnie Holden, vice president for administrative affairs, attended the annual ceremony and joined more than 100 staffers for a complimentary breakfast afterward.

Jeffrey Ekoma is vice president of the Student Government Association for 2011-12. The 20-year-old senior biology major from Burtonsville, Md., carries a 3.6 grade point average.

I came to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore because…

… of the different majors that it had to offer, including the Physician’s Assistant program.

What motivates you to get involved in student government?

The joy of knowing that I can positively affect change on campus as well as be a part of many important decisions.

Do you see politics in your future after graduate?

It’s a possibility.

Describe any previous elected student offices you’ve held at UMES

Treasurer of the African Students Association - freshman year; vice president of ASA - sophomore year; and SGA and Student Activities Board business manager.

If you were on the TV show “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?,” who would be your “phone friend” if a question stumped you?

It would be either Mark Zuckerberg or Sergey Brin, due to the empires they have built with Facebook and Google, respectively. Plus, they are young and savvy.

Every UMES student should take …

… “Approaches to Grammar” with Dr. Barbara Seabrook, because it will enhance your grammar skills in writing and speaking. I believe it is essential in any professional field.

How do you show your “Hawk Pride?”

By the way I carry myself. I always speak highly of UMES, as well as showing others it is cool to have school spirit.

If you could speak to pastors Joseph Waters and John Wilson – UMES’ two founders – how would you describe the campus to them 125 years later.

I would first thank them for their vision and what it has now become over the past 125 years. I would describe UMES as one of the premiere institutions for higher learning.

Which team do you think will win a Super Bowl first – the Redskins or Ravens?

Neither, I am a PHILADELPHIA EAGLES FAN!

After a big exam, I like to wind down by …

… listening to music – all 22,000 songs on my computer.
UMES students excel at College Fed Challenge

UMES business students earned runner-up honors in a Nov. 2 qualifying round of the Federal Reserve Bank's annual “College Fed Challenge.”

Team UMES’ second-place finish is the university's best performance in the nine years it has participated in the national economics and banking policy competition, according to head coach Monisha Das, a marketing professor.

“I can confidently say our team showed it was capable of competing with any undergraduate program in the country,” Das said. The event attracts 100 of the nation’s best-known business schools each year.

UMES students made a 20-minute role-playing presentation using real-time financial and economic data, then debated policy strategies for increasing employment and lowering inflation as though they were Federal Reserve governors.

UMES team members included: Marie C. Jonas, Preston Johnson, Tobi Solaja, Kyle Wolfe, Sean Williams, Robel Lakwe and Brittany M. Thomas. They and their faculty advisers spent months doing research and practicing.

“Being on the team helped me … identify my strengths and weaknesses as a leader,” Jonas said.

A panel of judges graded Jonas and her teammates on their analysis of current market conditions as well as their answers to rapid-fire questions. Judges did not know the names of the six Maryland schools in the competition held in Baltimore.

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Das said the university’s 2011 team performance demonstrates UMES business students are learning the same “critical thinking” skills as their competitors in order to tackle complex, real-world economic challenges.

“It’s the one thing we do, if trained properly, that can really make a difference for these students not only in the competition, but also when they graduate and compete for jobs,” Das said.

Honors students chosen for TMCF Leadership Institute

A group of 10 UMES honors students selected by Thurgood Marshall College Fund representatives attended the 11th annual TMCF Leadership Institute in New York.

Chosen participants submitted a resume and underwent a series of three one-on-one interviews.

The theme, “Developing Minds… Delivering Dreams,” hints at the event’s goal of providing outstanding students with “a wealth of information and experiences necessary for the continued growth as future leaders, nationally and globally,” said Denise Meade, director of the university’s Honors Program.

Junior Chelsea Lowe, who attended for the first time, said, “It was such a wonderful experience networking with young and talented students from the 47 public HBCUs.”

Meade said participants also networked with top recruiters and senior-level executives from governmental agencies and major corporations. Sessions were held to enhance financial literacy, global leadership principals and personal leadership branding.

“I learned a lot, especially about financial literacy,” Lowe said. “It was a great thing for me.”

Lowe listed a star-studded gala at the end of the week-long conference as one of the highlights. “I got to meet Carl Lewis and Cuba Gooding Jr.,” she said. The gala, which raised $3.1 million for TMCF activities, was hosted by award-winning gospel icon Pastor Shirley Caesar and boasted a line-up of celebrities such as: Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Rockmond Dunbar, Lammie Rucker and Melyssa Ford.

The TMCF recognized individuals for impacting the lives of HBCU students with their service and philanthropy. Dr. Thelma B. Thompson, former UMES president, received the Educational Leadership Award.

The organization marks its silver anniversary in 2012.
Business Honor Society at UMES

UMES now has a formal way to recognize “business excellence” practiced by its students and faculty alike.

UMES formally launched a chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society, with a Nov. 3 induction ceremony for an inaugural class of 10 business students, six faculty members and Dean Ayodele J. Alade.

Only institutions accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – have Beta Gamma Sigma chapters. UMES is among 620 business schools with AACSB accreditation.

Kate Brown, chair of UMES’ Business, Management and Accounting Department and the chapter’s advisor, said “Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor society for business students.”

“As recognition of accreditation and the potential to be a Beta Gamma Sigma inductee spreads (among) potential students, we believe more students, who might otherwise not have considered UMES as a choice, will do so,” Brown said. “Business programs experience significant growth after accreditation and the growth should be in the more motivated and prepared students.”

Bernard J. Milano, president of the KPMG Foundation and “The Ph.D. Project,” was the ceremony’s inducting officer. He presented Alade, Brown and Charles Williams, vice president for academic affairs, with a framed certificate officially signifying formation of the chapter.

Each new member received a coveted key signifying membership in the honor society.

Brown said membership in Beta Gamma Sigma can help students when they apply to graduate school as well as pursuing employment after their college careers.

- Seniors inducted were: Dominique Bias, Robel Lakwe, Lauren McCauley, Ihuoma Ngwaba, Emnash Sudusinghe and Trevor Worthy.
- Juniors inducted were: Tariqua Berhe, Leila Milewski, Alyssa Wilcox and Lindsay Wilcox.
- Along with Alade, faculty inductees were: Monisha Das, Kyung Lee, Isaac Marcelin, Bryant Mitchell, Dandeson Panda and Dinesh Sharma.

Students are invited to become members if they are in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class. In this year’s induction, the lowest GPA for seniors was 3.67 and for juniors, 3.74. Faculty are eligible if they have a doctorate from an AACSB accredited school, are tenured, are not tenure track, but have been here at least six years.

UMES chapter for honor society for underclassmen formed

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the only honor society to recognize high-achieving freshmen and sophomores, now has a chapter at UMES thanks to a dedicated group of students.

It usually takes a year to lay the foundation for a chapter, but UMES has the distinction of establishing its chapter in less than six months, said Dr. Junior Hopwood, faculty adviser and chair of the university’s Department of Social Sciences.

The process began in May 2011, Hopwood said. It was established so quickly because of “the motivation and dedication of the student executives.”

An inaugural class of 90 members were inducted at an Oct. 27 ceremony. Membership, by invitation only, is offered to underclassmen with a 3.4 grade point average or higher and rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

“The advantage of having NSCS is twofold,” Hopwood said. On the one hand, it is one of the rare honor societies that caters to second semester freshmen and sophomores providing them with opportunities for leadership training, development, access to $240,000 in scholarships and other educational opportunities. On the other hand, it is beneficial to UMES in terms of boosting retention and graduation rates, because it captures and engages our freshmen at an early stage in their academic training and helps them integrate into the community life of the university.”

UMES is among some 220 colleges and universities with active chapters. The goal of NSCS is to “honor, inspire and engage.”

Camille Tabifor, chapter president and a sophomore aviation sciences major, was visiting a friend at UMBC when he saw the item “NSCS scholarship” on his friends’ to do list. It caught his attention, because he was looking for scholarship opportunities at the time. He applied, but was deemed ineligible because his school (UMES) didn’t have a chapter.

“I thought, ‘Why not start one at UMES?’ A lot of students could benefit from it—not only for scholarships, but also for opportunities for students to develop leadership skills,” Tabifor said.
MEN’S BASKETBALL

Junior guard Percy Woods nailed two free throws with 24 seconds remaining in overtime Monday to edge the UMES men’s basketball team past American University in the Hawks’ home opener, 64-62.

Woods made six of seven free throws and finished with 12 points behind sophomore guard Louis Bell, who had a team-high 21 points.

The team is in New Orleans tonight to play a “return game” with Tulane University, which visited Princess Anne last season.

The Hawks opened their season on Veterans’ Day with a 64-48 loss at George Washington University. The Hawks were led by senior forward Tyler Hines, who finished with nine points, two blocks and a game-high 15 rebounds. Senior guard Hillary Haley finished with a team-high 12 points and six rebounds; sophomore center Olatunji Kosile had eight points.

CROSS COUNTRY

UMES’ two cross-country teams played host to the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional this past Saturday, an event that attracted harriers from Princeton University, Georgetown University and Villanova University. The men placed 22nd with 629 points while the women landed in 28th (840 points).

Junior Basil Melek had the best finish among all UMES runners in the 10-kilometer race, placing 30th (in a field of 185) with a time of 31:20.0. Junior Zavior Brown was 110th (33:16.4); Shadrack Maritim (177th, 37:41.3), freshman Turner Javierelle (181, 39:33.6) and sophomore Mark Williams (182, 39:49.7).

For the women, senior Cynthia Anais, placed 132nd (24:57.3); senior Eunice Jones 145th place (25:12.6); juniors Hana Jiraskova, 186th (27:00.2), Emilie Ducados, 194th, (28:23:2); and Kenesha Abrams, 196th (29:19:8).

GOLF

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore golf team recently played in the 10th annual Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Jones Cup.

The tournament, which is not affiliated with the NCAA, offers competition between the 20 schools that have a Professional Golf Management degree program.

Gregory Raad led the Hawks by carding a pair of 87s to finish with a two-day total of 174 (+30).

UMES finished 19th with a team score of 657. Other UMES students (and PGM majors) who competed included: Erik Carlson, 152; Devan Scott, 165; Zach Allen, 166; and Chad Dailey, 184.

VOLLEYBALL

The UMES volleyball team finished its regular-season MEAC schedule with victories over Hampton University and Norfolk State University to finish with a 12-0 record. The wins pushed the Hawks’ season record to 21-6, which includes a 16-match winning streak. UMES stretched its home-court winning streak to 24, while head Coach Don Metil notched his 199th win.

In the Norfolk State contest, freshman Saitaua Iosia ripped a game-high 21 kills and seniors Rebecca Prado and Zoe Bowens each had a game-high 10 digs. Junior Ndidi Ibe and freshman Jessie Vivic (38 assists) each had four blocks in the win.

In the Hawks’ regulars-season finale over Hampton, Bowens kept up her hot streak when she nailed seven kills and posted a game-high 12 digs. It was “Senior Day” and the final home match for Bowens and Prado. Sophomore Maline Vaitai led all players with 15 kills.

For complete recaps, results and news of Hawk athletics, please visit www.umeshawks.com.
UMES hosts college fair

Some 1,400 high school students descended upon campus Nov. 10 for the 10th annual UMES Tri-County College Fair—the largest on the Shore.

Representing 21 high schools from Delmarva and several from “across the bridge,” students were able to experience nearly 140 institutions of higher education. “It’s a one-stop shop—a cost savings for parents and students,” said Tyrone Young, director of admissions and recruitment at UMES.

UMES, along with Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester county public schools, sponsors the event.

“This year, the students seemed more prepared,” Young said. “They asked pertinent questions about retention and graduation rates and whether colleges had dual majors. Students have more than one interest these days.” Young said more students are considering local schools and “being more realistic.”

Phyllicia Ennis, a senior at Parkside High School said, “It was a wonderful event that broadened by perspective of college.”

Princess Hall, another Parkside senior, was enthusiastic about attending and wanted to “see what colleges have to offer.”

The Delmarva Education Foundation, Young said, was on hand to make parents and students aware of scholarships and financial aid opportunities. Many more colleges were vying for space at the fair than in recent years and the Armed Forces were represented as well, Young said.

A front-row seat to a media maelstrom

Jurgen Schwarz, director of UMES’ Food Science Technology program and acting dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, found himself last week in the unusual position of being at Penn State University when an alleged sex abuse scandal exploded. The Key asked him to share what he observed.

I traveled to Penn State University (Nov. 8) to attend a meeting for food science administrators. Looking forward to my first visit at this prestigious institution, I did know Penn State was the focus of national media attention following the arrest of a former assistant football coach.

Staying at the Nittany Lion Inn on campus, I noticed the scandal made the front page of USA Today the next day. A dean of one of the colleges at Penn State mentioned in her welcoming remarks that she wished the meeting would have taken place a week earlier so we did not have to experience the depressed atmosphere on campus.

Little did we know Penn State’s president and long-time head football coach were about to be fired that evening. The chair of Penn State’s Food Science Department apologized for being a little late to one session. He volunteered that he had to make sure an ice cream flavor from the department’s own creamery, named in honor of the arrested former football assistant coach, was removed from the university’s website.

Our meeting was not affected by the events that took place that day or the next. Nonetheless, I somehow sensed the feeling of disbelief and shock on campus.

Driving home after the meeting and following the scandal on almost every radio station I tuned in, a Scripture came to my mind: “For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.” (Luke 8:17); prompting a prayer for wisdom to always do the right thing.

Scenes from “Black Nativity”

Jessie Abbott, the bishop of New Dimensions Ministry in Salisbury, and Rudy Cane, D-37A-Wicomico, play the parts of wise men in the Saturday performance of Langston Hughes’ “Black Nativity” by the UMES Drama Society. Dr. Mortimer Neufville, interim president of UMES, played one of the parts at the Friday performance.
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