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The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

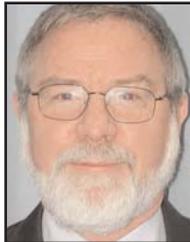
March 15, 2004

Autrey succeeds Wages as FMU faculty chair

Kenneth M. Autrey, professor of English, was elected chairman of the general faculty on Feb. 24. He replaces psychology professor Charlene Wages, who has served as faculty chair since 2000.

"I look forward to serving FMU as chair of the faculty," said Autrey. "Charlene Wages has done an outstanding job with faculty governance, and I'll do my best to live up to her example."

Elections for vice chairman and secretary of the Faculty Senate will be held in April. Those two persons will also serve in the same positions for the general faculty. The



Autrey

chairman, vice chairman, and secretary will begin their one-year terms July 1.

Until then, Pamela A. Rooks, professor of English, and D. Keith Best, associate professor of theatre arts, will remain as vice chairman and secretary, respectively.

Autrey has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1989. Prior to coming to FMU, he taught at the University of South Carolina and Tougaloo College. In 1996-97, he was a visiting professor at Hiroshima University in Japan while on leave from FMU.

He earned the A.B. degree in English from Davidson College, the M.A. degree in English from Auburn University, and the Ph.D. degree in English from the University of South Carolina.

FMU men's basketball team receives first-ever NCAA bid

The Francis Marion University men's basketball team was scheduled to play Armstrong Atlantic State University in the opening game of the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball South Atlantic Regional, Saturday (March 13) at noon in Kennesaw, Ga.

FMU (25-3) is the second seed in the regional, while AASU (21-9) is the seventh seed. Region host Kennesaw State University is the top seed.

The regional semifinals were played Sunday evening at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Due to deadline constraints, results of the games were not available before press time. But if FMU advances, they will play in the championship game on Tuesday night (March 16) at 7 p.m.

All of FMU's tournament action will be broadcast by Cumulus Broadcasting Inc., on Z100.1 (WWFN-FM) in Florence, WHSC-AM (1450) in

Hartsville, and WYNB-AM (920) in Manning.

The Division II field consists of eight regional tournaments, made up of eight teams each. The eight regional champions will advance to the Elite Eight at Centennial Garden in Bakersfield, Calif., March 24, 25 and 27.

The 48th-annual championship game will be broadcast live on CBS at 10 a.m. Pacific time (1 p.m. Eastern).

Shakespeare play, jazz trio concert on tap in March

Shenandoah Shakespeare Express will perform "Henry IV, Part 1," Friday, March 19 as part of FMU's Artist Series.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. Praised by critics for "blowing the cobwebs out of Elizabethan drama," Shenandoah Shakespeare Express delights audiences with a fresh, energetic approach to Shakespeare.

Even if it hadn't introduced Sir John Falstaff, "Henry IV, Part 1" would still be the show to see for any audience interested in parent/child relationships, neglected wives, or the shootout at the OK Corral. The play is a big, brawling look at English history, and at the competing claims of duty, honor, and friendship.

Chris Brubeck's Triple Play Jazz Trio featuring Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Joel Brown will perform as part of FMU's Artist Series, Monday, March 29.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

"Triple Play" is the name given to three outstanding and versatile musicians: Peter "Madcat" Ruth (harmonica, guitar, jaw harp, percussion and vocals), Joel Brown (folk and classical acoustic guitar and vocals) and Chris Brubeck (electric bass, bass trombone, piano and vocals).

Collectively they bring a rare level of joy, virtuosity, and American spirit to the folk, blues, jazz, funk and classical music they perform.

Faculty/Staff News

Lisa A. Eargle, assistant professor of sociology, presented her paper, "Part-time Farming Growth Patterns, 1987-1997," at the Southern Rural Sociological Association conference in Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 16.

The FMU Communications Services Office has won a second place award from the South Carolina Press Association for the fall 2002 issue of *View* magazine.

Judged in the magazine or special publication category of the associate and individual membership section of SCPA, the award was presented at the annual SCPA winter meeting Feb. 27 in Myrtle Beach.

The magazine, titled "Going Global," focused on the growing exchange programs and international opportunities at Francis Marion University. The cover story was written by **Todd Hudak** with design by **Janie Williams**.

The magazine is published twice a year by the Office of Communications Services and the Office of Community Relations and Alumni Affairs for alum-

ni, friends, and the university community. **Eunice Rabon** is the editor of the magazine.

Robert T. Barrett, associate dean of the School of Business and professor of management, participated in the 34th annual meeting of Southeast Decision Sciences Institute, Feb. 25-27, in Charleston.

Barrett presented the paper "The Impact of Work on Student Success." The paper, co-authored with FMU professors **Kay Lawrimore** and **Mary Dittman**, investigated the links between student work habits and student performance.

The research determined that, for business students, the number of hours worked has a negative correlation with student performance, particularly in the writing area. The paper was published in the proceedings of the meeting. Barrett also served as the chair for the Education, Public Sector, and Not For Profit Track.

Barrett and **Robert E. Pugh**, Eugene A. Fallon Jr. Professor of Management, recently published the

paper "Procurement Auctions in E-Commerce" in the Fall 2003 issue of *Southern Business Review*. This paper investigated the role of online auctions in the procurement phase of the business supply chain. Results indicated that properly structured auctions could significantly reduce supply chain costs.

Liv Watson, a vice president of EDGAR Online, Inc., the leading Internet-based provider of business, financial and competitive information derived from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, visited the FMU campus Feb. 18-19.

Watson, well known internationally as an expert in XBRL (extensible business reporting language), spoke to students in ACTG 325: Cost Accounting, ACTG 720: Financial Accounting Concepts and Problems, and MIS 377: Technology Management Trends and Issues. Watson met with some of the faculty and staff and spoke at the Institute of Management Accountants Florence meeting the evening of Feb. 19.

Gardner receives award from writing-center association

Phillip Gardner, an associate professor of English and a former director of the university's Writing Center, has been awarded the 2004 Southeastern Writing Center Association Achievement Award.

Gardner was presented with a commemorative plaque and a cash award at the SWCA conference, held Feb. 19-21, in Atlanta. Gardner is also invited to present a speech on excellence in writing-center administration at the 2005 SWCA conference.

The SWCA Achievement Award is presented annually on a competitive basis to a writing center administrator at an educational institution in the Southeastern region for his or her out-

standing contribution to the SWCA and the writing-center community.

A subcommittee of the SWCA Awards Committee, composed of writing-center professionals from colleges and universities in the Southeast region, reviewed all submitted materials.

Gardner is a past vice-president and interim president of the Southeastern Writing Center Association.

Gardner has contributed to the scholarship of the writing-center community through numerous regional and national conference presentations.

In addition to fostering the work of the Writing Center at FMU as its director from 1988-2000, he has also

helped to support the work of writing centers at other universities in the Southeast. Gardner is also a renowned author and screenwriter.

He earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The Southeastern Writing Center Association is a professional organization supporting the research, administrative, educational, and tutoring activities of K-12, college, and university writing centers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Puerto Rico, and the American Virgin Islands.



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Library News

Library Dean **Paul Dove** has been re-elected as the chair of the Marion County Library Board for another year.

This will be Dove's second year as chair of the board, of which he has been a member since 1996.

Have you ever visited the James A. Rogers Library website? With just the click of a button you can access the "Articles and More" section and browse through full text databases including academic journal and news-

paper articles.

From the site you can also click on the "Library Catalogue" link and search for anything the James A. Rogers library might have on its premises.

Visit <http://library.fmarion.edu/> and learn more.

Reference librarian **Suzanne Singleton** is currently planning the annual spring conference for the South Carolina Archival Association, which

is to be held in Columbia on March 24.

The name of the conference is "Gaining New Perspectives: Seeing ourselves from each other's point of view."

Some of the topics that will be covered include the following: genealogy, marketing the archives, and the encyclopedia of South Carolina.

The editor who is working on releasing the Encyclopedia of South Carolina in 2005, Ton Downey, will be among the guest speakers.

Poet Kwame Dawes to give Hunter Lecture, March 25

Kwame Dawes, a poet, novelist, playwright, scholar and musician, will speak at FMU, Thursday, March 25.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dawes is Distinguished Poet-in-Residence and professor of English at the University of South Carolina. Born in Ghana, raised in Jamaica and educated in Canada, he is a widely traveled, widely published, Pushcart Prize-winning poet, critic, novelist, playwright, storyteller, actor, editor and reggae singer.

Dawes' many publications include a novel, *Bivouac*, a collection of short

stories, *A Place to Hide*, and eight collections of poetry, among them *Progeny of Air* (Forward Poetry Prize for Best First Collection, UK); *Resisting the Anomie*; *Prophets*; *Midland* (Hollis Summers Poetry Prize by the Ohio University Press 2001); and *Requiem* - a suite of poems inspired by the illustrations of African-American artist Tom Feelings.

Among the more recent of his 15 plays, *One Love* was produced at the Lyric Hammersmith in London and published by Methuen, and *Stump of the Terebinth* was the winner of Trinidad and Tobago's 2001 National Schools Festival and toured with the St. Louis Black Repertory Theater Company. Dawes is also director of the

South Carolina Poetry Initiative and contributes a regular column, "Poetically Speaking," to *The State* newspaper.

Dawes has also published widely on such topics as reggae music, Caribbean literature, African-American literature, black British literature, and African literature.

The speech is presented by the Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU. The Hunter Chair in English Literature was established in 1991 by three sisters - Dorothy Hunter Thames Ellis, Adelle Hunter West and Hattie Costa Hunter King - as a memorial to their parents, Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter.

Books sought for annual Recycled Reading Book Sale

It's time to comb through your shelves to find those wonderful books that you don't plan to read again, but that others might enjoy.

Until April 22, Pam Rooks will be accepting donations for the Honors Student Association's annual Recycled Reading Used Book Sale, to be held on April 24, in conjunction with Art's Alive and Open House.

If you have books to donate, contact Rooks (1526 or prooks@fmarion.edu). All types of books are accepted - children's books, fiction, non-fiction hardback, paperback - although not specialized and out-of-date textbooks, please.

Faculty forum April 6

A faculty forum will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 3:45 p.m. in Hendrick Room of The Cottage.

All faculty are invited to have a dialogue with President Fred Carter and Provost Richard Chapman.

The forum is sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

ScienceSouth seeks input

ScienceSouth is welcoming input on the development of an interactive learning center in Dillon County.

ScienceSouth is a not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to improving science and technology education.

The mandate of ScienceSouth is to construct and operate a hands-on center to serve the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. ScienceSouth is embarking on a process to involve the people of the region in the development of the center.

The process began with a one-day session hosted by FMU. The ideas will be consolidated into an overall master plan, which will also be presented to the community for input. To offer ideas, contact Colleen Zilio at 629-4040 or colleen.zilio@roche.com.



Williams presented with Chamber award

FMU Trustee Robert W. Williams Jr. was honored by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 25, for a lifetime of service to the Florence community.

Williams, president and chief executive officer of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Inc., of Darlington, was presented the inaugural Distinguished Community Service Award for his significant contributions to the region's business, industry and government.

Tom Marschel, chamber president, said the award, henceforth to be named in honor of Williams, was created by the chamber in November 2003 "to recognize an individual in the greater

Florence area who has made outstanding contributions to the quality of life for citizens in our region."

The award was presented at a dinner at FMU's Ervin Dining Hall. The university and the chamber, along with Carolinas Hospital System, Florence-Darlington Technical College and the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, were hosts for the event.

A video presentation narrated by Tom Kinard highlighted Williams' career. State Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. read a resolution from the South Carolina Senate. Marschel presented the award to Williams.

Homecoming king and queen selected

Jonathan Grimes and **Ashanda Heyward** were selected as Francis Marion University's 2004 homecoming king and queen on Feb. 28.

Grimes, of Edgefield, is a junior marketing major. He is a member of FMU's Young, Gifted, and Black Chorus and the Marketing Club. He was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Heyward, of Beaufort, is a junior early childhood education major. She is a member of the Student Alumni Association, Minority Student Association, University Programming Board, Dimensions of Diversity Dance Team, Honors Student Association, and is a Multicultural Affairs Academic Scholar Award recipient. She was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

During Spirit Week, Feb. 23-27, FMU's Student Government Association held elections to select the 2004 homecoming king and queen.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-10-04)

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Psychology (Clinical or Counseling Psychologist - Coordinator of Clinical/Counseling)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant Professor of Biology (Human Anatomy)
- Assistant Professor of Biology (Physiology)
- Assistant Professor of Biology (Microbiology)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Instructor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant Professor of Mass Communication
- Instructor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Computational Physics
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management & Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute.
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Director of Facilities Management
- Central Receiving/Warehouse Specialist

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, call 1140, or access job openings at <http://www.fmarion.edu/~hrjobs>

Coming Up On Campus

MARCH

- 19 8 pm Artist Series: "Henry IV, Part 1," Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, MSB auditorium
- 23-April 16 Art Gallery Series: Works by FMU drawing students, UC gallery
- 25 7:30 pm Hunter Lecture: Kwame Dawes, Lowrimore Auditorium, CEMC
- 28 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show, "The Evening Sky," CEMC
- 29 8 pm FMU Artist Series: Triple Play Jazz Trio, featuring Chris Brubeck, Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Joel Brown, Kassab Hall, HFAC

APRIL

- 6 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber music and art exhibits, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 7 8 pm Ms. FMU pageant, MSB auditorium
- 8 8 pm Concert: FMU Jazz Express and Chamber Jazz Ensemble, MSB auditorium

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