

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Committee recommends exploring Division I status

A report was presented to the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees on Friday that examined the Patriot athletic program and made some recommendations about the future of the program, including changing its NCAA classification.

The report was compiled by the Athletic Study Committee, a group appointed by FMU president Fred Carter in June to study the future of FMU athletics. The report was presented as information, asking the president and athletic director for recommendations pertaining to its implementation.

After examining an extensive amount of data and discussing a wide range of topics, the group's findings focused on three main directives.

Their initial finding was that the university should explore the possibility of moving from NCAA Division II status to Division I status. This would begin by petitioning the NCAA to move the men's golf and women's soc-

cer teams to Division I affiliation. Once accomplished, the university would assess the success of these two programs over several years, in an effort to determine the feasibility of moving the entire 14-sport athletic program to Division I status.

This evaluation period would also allow Francis Marion additional time to upgrade facilities and enhance the operating budgets of its 14 sports in order to be competitive at the Division I level.

The committee also stated that the university's remaining 12 sports should continue to compete in the Peach Belt Conference during this transitional period, but that officials should explore (Division I) affiliation opportunities consistent with the school's changing status.

The final finding of the group was that the university should continue at its current sponsorship of 14 sports, seven for men and seven for women.

In addition to golf and women's soccer, these include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's soccer, women's softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and women's volleyball.

The committee included FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler, longtime university vice president Joe Heyward, graduate and FMU board of trustee member George McIntyre (chairman), and three former Patriot student-athletes: Wayne Huggins, Robert Moore, and Deborah Wall.

In other business, the trustees also approved two resolutions -- a \$360 salary increase for all permanent employees to help offset an increase in health insurance rates for state employees and an addendum to the loan agreement with the FMU Foundation for the endowed Palmetto Professor of Biology and the Palmetto Professor of Accounting.

Congressman, physician, businessman to receive honorary degrees

A South Carolina congressman, a physician and a businessman will be awarded honorary degrees by Francis Marion University at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, in FMU's Smith University Center gymnasium.

Receiving honorary doctoral degrees during FMU's fall commencement will be U.S. Rep. James E.



Clyburn

Clyburn of Columbia, representing South Carolina's Sixth District, Florence physician Dr. E. Conyers O'Bryan Jr., and Moncks Corner utili-

ty leader T. Graham Edwards.

Clyburn also will be the commencement speaker for the 207 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates include 174 students for undergraduate degrees and 33 for graduate diplomas.

A Sumter native, Clyburn was first elected to Congress in 1992 and has been honored by his constituents with an overwhelming majority in each subsequent election.

He currently serves on the coveted House Appropriations Committee where he is a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Transportation and Treasury, and Legislative Branch. In previous terms, he served on the

Veterans Affairs and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.

Following graduation from South Carolina State University, Clyburn served as a teacher, an employment counselor and director of two youth and community development projects in Charleston. In 1971, he was appointed to the staff of Gov. John C. West, and in 1974 Gov. West appointed him South Carolina Human Affairs Commissioner where he served until retiring from state government in 1992 to run for Congress.

Clyburn serves as steering committee chairman for the International Museum of African American History

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Faculty/Staff News

The **Sociology Club** held its 2nd annual Faculty-Staff-Student Softball event on Oct. 27.

The event was a success, with players and spectators having a great time. The club would like to thank the following individuals for their participation: Jeff Camper, Ben Kyer, Joe Aniello, Monaco Eaddy, Linda Singleton, Jon Tuttle, Andrew Lindsay, Damian Von Frank, Tim Shannon, Bill Whitmire, Rusty Ward, Brad Johnson, Jay Dowd, Crystal Jackson, Krystal Heyward, Brian Mitchell, Gia Keels, Daniel Allen, and Mike Johnson. Plans are already in progress to sponsor another volleyball event in the spring. The Sociology Club's faculty advisers are **Rusty Ward** and **Lisa Eargle**.

Former Florence attorney and current member of the FMU Board of Trustees, **L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore** was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006.

Elmore, a co-founder of the regional Carolinas law firm, Elmore & Wall P.A., practices in its Greenville, S.C. office where he limits his practice to construction and surety matters. He represents construction and surety clients in litigation, arbitration and mediations throughout the Southeast and Southwest U.S.

Since its inception in 1983, The Best Lawyers in America has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the U.S. Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America is based upon an exhaustive

peer review survey in which 16,000 leading attorneys throughout the country cast more than a half-million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties.

Elmore & Wall P.A., with offices in Charleston and Greenville, S.C. and Raleigh, N.C. provides representation in the areas of construction and surety law, insurance defense and coverage issues, and complex litigation, including the defense of medical malpractice, products liability, toxic torts and class action litigation throughout the Carolinas.

Members of the FMU mathematics faculty had the following published recently in the Proceedings of the 16th Annual ICTCM Conference, Addison-Wesley, pages 106-110, October 2004:

William P. Fox and **Rich West**, "Mathematical Modeling: predicting the Size of the Terror Bird with proportionality and Geometric Similarity"; **William P. Fox** and **Rich West**, "College Algebra Reform: Why Projects are Worth the Effort"; **William P. Fox** and **Rich West**, "Modeling with Discrete Dynamical Systems"; and **William P. Fox** and **William Hank Richardson**, "Comparison of NLP Search Methods in Nonlinear Optimization Using Maple."

Members of the math faculty made the following presentations at the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics in October: **Bill Whitmire**, "Using Sketchpad in Content Courses for Elementary/Middle School Preservice

Teachers"; **William Fox**, "Differential Equations Lab and Projects Using Maple"; **William Fox** and **Rich West**, "Modeling and Iterative Solutions with Discrete Dynamical Systems"; **Rich West**, "Mathematical Modeling and Discrete Dynamical Systems in a Numerical Analysis Course"; **William Fox** and **Hank Richardson**, "An Optimal Computer Facility Location"; **William Fox**, "Nonlinear Optimization-A Course," Optimization Mini-Symposium; **William Fox**, "Projects in an Optimization Course," Optimization Mini-Symposium; and **Hank Richardson**, "Optimization through Concepts, Connections, and Technology," Optimization Mini-Symposium.

The following presentations were made at the South Carolina Council for Teachers in Mathematics (SCCTM) Conference in October: **James T. Ramey**, "A Media Tour of the Basics"; **Elizabeth Gasque** (adjunct), "The South Carolina Algebra Classroom"; and **Christy Floyd** and **Amanda Blackwell** (undergraduate students), "Using the TI-83 Applications to Strengthen Algebra Understanding."

The FMU Department of Mathematics was recently awarded membership into Kappa Mu Epsilon, a national honor society for mathematics. The initial ceremony will be this spring.

Bill Whitmire and **Jane Gower** conducted Geometer's Sketchpad classes for Sumter 17 School District mathematics faculty on Nov. 1 as part of an MSP partnership grant with Sumter 17.

FMU Theatre to present student-directed one-act plays, Nov. 17-18

The FMU Theatre will present student-directed one-act plays, Nov. 17-18.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's theatre. Admission is free. There will be three different one-act plays each evening.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the plays are "Wash and Dry," directed by Andrew Cogswell of Walterboro; "Funeral Tea,"

directed by Joey Webster of Dillon; and "Tell me another story, sing me a song," directed by Merit Sander of Mount Pleasant.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, the plays are "The Boar," directed by David Sistare of Lake City; "The Devil's Parole," directed by Vincent Triana of Pawleys Island; and "Graceland," directed by Melissa Bjorgen of Hartsville.



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in Charleston, and is a member of the governing boards of Allen University, Brookgreen Gardens and the Palmetto Conservation Foundation. He is a life member of the NAACP, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and is a Mason and Shriner. A graduate of the S.C. Executive Institute, Clyburn has been awarded honorary degrees by 12 other colleges and universities.

He is married to the former Emily England of Moncks Corner, and they have three daughters.

A native of Kingstree, Dr. O'Bryan has been in private practice in internal medicine and cardiology in Florence since 1966.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1956 and a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1960. He conducted internships at St. Louis City Hospital and Greenville General Hospital. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1961 to 1963. After his discharge from active duty, he held a residency in internal medicine at MUSC where he also was a teaching fellow in cardiology.

He currently is a full clinical professor of medicine in cardiology at both MUSC and the USC School of Medicine. He has been medical director of McLeod Regional Medical Center's Heart Institute since 1986 and director of the Coronary Care Unit since 1966. He also holds a staff appointment at Carolinas Hospital System.

Dr. O'Bryan has served on

MUSC's Board of Trustees since 1976, twice serving as chairman. He is a consulting physician with St. Eugene Hospital in Dillon, Lower Florence County Hospital in Lake City and Williamsburg Memorial Hospital in Kingstree.

Among his many community activities, he has been active with the South Carolina Heart Association and the American Heart Association. He has received numerous awards, including the Order of the Palmetto in 1995. He has served on the board of directors of Family YMCA, Kiwanis Club, Big Brothers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, NBSC, and City Recreation Baseball.

He is married to the former Jennie Fowler of Florence, and they have one son.

Since 2003, Edwards has been chairman of the board of directors of Santee Cooper, South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility that serves electricity either directly or indirectly through the electric cooperatives to more than one-third of the state's population.

Edwards is currently an executive consultant with various companies in the electric utility industry. He is former president and chief executive officer of Santee Cooper, the state's largest generator of electricity. He rose through the ranks of Santee Cooper -- from its management training program in 1977, to supervisor of corporate forecasting, to vice president of finance, to executive vice president

and chief financial officer and finally to president and CEO, from 1993 to 2000.

His leadership with Santee Cooper led to the firm's being recognized as one of the top-rated public power utilities in the country. He was one of three CEOs who started the Energy Authority, a wholesale energy marketing and trading company that has been a model for public power.

In 2001, Edwards was named vice president of business affairs at Francis Marion University, and after retiring from state service, he became executive director of the FMU Foundation until he left to focus on his consulting business.

He currently serves as a board member of the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc., and from 1999-2000, he served as chairman of the Large Public Power Council, an organization representing 21 of the largest public power utilities in the nation.

That same year, he served on the board of directors of the American Public Power Association.

A native of Cheraw, Edwards is a 1975 business graduate of Francis Marion University. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the Citadel in 1976. He received the 2004 Outstanding Graduate Award from FMU's School of Business.

He is married to the former Dinah Marsh of Cheraw, also a FMU graduate, and they have a 21-year-old daughter, also a FMU graduate.



O'Bryan



Edwards

Patriots to host Tip-Off Classic at Civic Center, Nov. 19-20

The Francis Marion University men's and women's basketball teams will open their 2004-05 home schedules by hosting the Patriot Tip-Off Classic, Friday and Saturday (Nov. 19-20) at the Florence Civic Center.

Each day will consist of four games (two women's contests and two men's contests). Daily admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance in the FMU athletic office (661-1240).

On Friday, UNC Pembroke will play Fayetteville State

University in a women's game at 2 p.m., followed by the UNCP men facing Fayetteville State at 4 p.m.

The FMU women will face St. Andrews Presbyterian College at 6 p.m., while the FMU men will play St. Andrews in the nightcap at 8 p.m.

Saturday's schedule has UNCP meeting St. Andrews in a women's game at 2 p.m. and a men's game at 4 p.m. Francis Marion and Fayetteville State will square off in a women's game at 6 p.m. and a men's contest at 8 p.m.



Diabetes workshop to be held Dec. 10

The State Health Plan Prevention Partners will host a Chronic Disease Management Workshop on Diabetes on Friday, Dec. 10.

The workshop will be held from noon to 4:30 p.m. in Room 218 of the Smith University Center.

Speakers will be Sharm Steadman, Kay MacInnis and Elizabeth Todd Heckel.

This self-care management workshop is designed to help you: improve your quality of health care by better understanding diabetes; establish better doctor/patient communication; and gain more confidence in health care decision making.

The workshop will provide a brief overview of symptoms, types of diabetes, complications, treatment, diet

and exercise, and psychosocial issues. The registration deadline is Dec. 6. For a registration form, contact Becky Culbertson at 1143.

Credit Union offers holiday loans

Got a huge list and a tight budget? Let Pee Dee Federal Credit Union ease your holiday stress with its 5.99 per cent holiday loan special.

Through Jan. 31, the credit union will offer loans of \$1,500 (minimum) for up to 15 months at just 5.99 per cent. Borrowing from your credit union is more affordable than charging it.

Apply by phone at 669-0461 or at the credit union's website: www.pdfcu.org. Rates vary, based on qualifying criteria.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 11-10-04)

- Part-time Instructor of Spanish
- Temporary Full-Time Instructor of French
- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant Professor of History (Europe)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Psychology
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Pediatric Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Women's Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Community Health)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Medical Surgical Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor of English
- Student Services Counselor - Nursing

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

NOV.

- through Nov. 19 Art Gallery Series: "Between Abstraction and Figuration," paintings by Kees Salentijn, HFAC galleries
- through Nov. 19 Art Gallery Series: "Shapes from Within," pottery by Sasha and Tari Federer, HFAC galleries
- through Nov. 19 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU photography classes, UC gallery
- 17-18 7:30 pm FMU Theatre: Student-directed one-act plays, HFAC theatre
- 18 8 pm Concert: Jazz Express and Chamber Jazz Ensemble, McNair auditorium
- 22 12-5 Blood Drive
- 23 8 pm Artist Series Concert: Ensemble Amarcord, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 23-Dec. 18 Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery
- 23-Dec. 18 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU painting classes, UC gallery
- 25-26 University closed for Thanksgiving holiday

DEC.

- 2 8 pm Concert: FMU Cut Time show choir, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 5 3 pm Concert: University Concert Choir, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1201 Cherokee Road

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