

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

Nov. 30, 2004

President to host holiday gatherings for faculty, staff, children

In addition to receptions for faculty and staff hosted by President and Mrs. Fred Carter on Dec. 9 and 10, a Santa Party for Children will be held Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Wallace House.

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews age 12 and under. Santa will be on hand to greet the children. Refreshments and photos with Santa are planned.

Employees may leave work to pick up children and return. Please RSVP by Dec. 3 to the Community Relations office at 1225 or kjohnson@fmarion.edu.

All faculty and staff are invited to a party at the Cottage on Friday, Dec. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a tent in the backyard and a DJ will be on hand. Please RSVP by Dec. 1 to the Community Relations office at 1225 or kjohnson@fmarion.edu.

Seven professors appointed to academic chairs

Francis Marion University has announced that seven professors have recently been appointed or re-appointed to academic chairs at the university.

Professor **Roger W. Allen**, a native of Montgomery, Ala., has been appointed to the Mamie Cole Gray Chair in Mathematics. He earned the B.S. degree in mathematics from Auburn University and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of Virginia. He joined the FMU faculty in 1971.

Professor **Larry J. McCumber**, a Mullins native, has been appointed to the James Bryan Gray Chair in Microbiology. He earned the B.S. degree in biology from the University of South Carolina and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in medical sciences from the University of Florida. He has been a member of the FMU faculty

since 1982.

Professor **Duane P. Myers**, a Detroit native, has been re-appointed to the A.R. Avent Chair in History. He earned the B.A. degree in history from Johns Hopkins University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Yale University. He joined the FMU faculty in 1972.

Professor **William M. Ramsey**, a Florence resident, has been appointed to the Pee Dee Savings Bank Chair in English. He earned the A.B. degree in English from Bates College and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He became a member of the FMU faculty in 1988.

Professor **David J. Stroup**, a Florence resident, has been appointed to the Palmetto Chair in Biology. He earned the B.S. degree in biology from

the University of Akron and the Ph.D. degree in biology from West Virginia University. He joined the FMU faculty in 1987.

Professor **Joel H. Thayer**, a native of Galion, Ohio, has been appointed to the Joan and Garry Gladstone Chair in Sociology. He earned the B.A. degree in sociology from Stetson University and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from Florida State University. He became a member of the FMU faculty in 1979.

Professor **Charlene Wages**, an Atlanta native, has been appointed to the Hugh K. Leatherman Chair in Public Service. She earned the B.S. degree in psychology from the University of Georgia and the B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Georgia State University. She joined the FMU faculty in 1986.

Staff Advisory Committee seeks donations for annual holiday fund

The FMU Staff Advisory Committee is once again seeking donations for its Staff Holiday Fund.

The fund will benefit one or more staff members or staff retirees who are in need this holiday season.

All faculty and staff are asked to contribute \$1 (more if you please) to support this effort. The deadline for

donations is Thursday, Dec. 15. Checks should be made payable to The Staff Advisory Committee Fund.

Cash or check donations can be given to any Staff Advisory Committee member. Committee members will also be contacting employees in their area for donations. Committee members are: Mary Greene, Todd Hudak,

Maria McCormick, Nick McKithen, Benita Woodbury, Linda Sullen, Pat Boswell, Shayla Campbell, Evone Leggette, James McLeod, and Loretta Spears.

If you would like to nominate a staff member or staff retiree to be assisted by the fund, call Pat Boswell at 1395.

Faculty/Staff News

Recently, some FMU students went to S/W Printing Co. to view the printing process.

The owner of S/W, Steve Powers, showed students from the **Intermediate Graphic Design class** the process of taking a student design to a final printed piece.

Gabriele Theuner, associate professor of marketing, spoke to young adults at the Florence County Public Library on Nov. 16 about the fall of the Berlin Wall.

When FMU student **Michelle C. Hunter** stopped by Rogers Library she did not anticipate being its 3 millionth customer.

Library staff had been monitoring the security system counter to see who would become the 3 millionth person to use the library. Around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, the counter tripped when Hunter passed through the gate.

Hunter is a psychology major and visual arts minor. She holds an associate degree in business marketing from

Florence-Darlington Technical College.

"I came to Rogers Library to finish up two papers, one for psychology and one for English," she said.

Library staff presented Hunter with a souvenir copy of James A. Rogers' "Theodosia and Other Pee Dee Sketches," an FMU T-shirt, a Rogers Library coffee mug, and a certificate indicating that she was the library's 3 millionth customer.

The library recorded its 2 millionth customer in the fall of 1997.

Darryl and Kris Bridges are the proud parents of a 9 lb. 3 oz. baby boy. Benjamin Thomas was born on Friday, Nov. 19. Darryl is the dean of students at FMU.

Andrew Lindsay, assistant professor of history, will do a book signing for his recent publication, "Boxing in Black and White: A Statistical Study of Boxing and Race in America, 1949-1983," at the Florence Main Library, located at 509 S. Dargan St., on

Monday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Anyone who likes reading about boxing and would like an autographed copy is encouraged to attend.

Janis McWayne, assistant professor of health education, presented a poster titled "Walk this Way to Better Health," authored by McWayne, **Peter King**, associate professor of biology, and Bobby Shaw from McLeod Health and Fitness Center, at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C., Nov. 8.

McWayne and King also gave two presentations at the S.C. Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance meeting in Myrtle Beach, Nov. 19-20.

One was titled "Student Focus Groups at Francis Marion University: What Motivates Students to Increase Physical Activity" and the second was titled "Walk this Way to Better Health."

Ron Faulkenberry, dean of education, presided at both sessions.

Walk This Way results presented at health conference

The results from the 12-week Walk This Way program conducted on the FMU campus last fall were presented at the American Public Health Association annual conference in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 10.

Walk this Way to better health was a wellness program for FMU employees in association with McLeod Health. This program represented an individualized approach to increasing physical activity through a pedometer-based program of goal-setting and self-monitoring. Participants set their own

goals and developed their own strategies for improving their health.

The study was presented in an exposition hall with similar pedometer worksite studies and there were similar findings across the studies.

The purpose of the wellness program was to improve the health of FMU employees, and it was successful.

There were some significant findings. For those who completed the program: the mean resting heart rate decreased significantly 78.2 to 73.1;

the mean systolic blood pressure decreased significantly from 132.0 to 125.4; and mean steps increased significantly after four weeks from 6,283 to 7,149 and to 7,437 in subsequent weeks.

A poster with the results is displayed in the biology department, on the second floor of the Leatherman Science Facility.

This study was supported by funds from FMU's Professional Development Committee and Human Resources.

African-American coalition to hold Holiday/Scholarship Gala, Dec. 16

The FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition will hold its 4th annual Holiday/Scholarship Gala, Thursday, Dec. 16.

There will be a reception hosted by President and Mrs. Fred Carter at the Wallace House from 6:15 to 7 p.m., followed by dinner in the Ervin Dining Hall from 7:15 to 9 p.m.

The speaker for the event will be Rev. Carolyn A. Davis, a chaplain/witness assistant with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division.

Tickets are \$25 each and are tax-deductible. For tickets, contact Linda Becote at 1308, Steven Sims at 1311, or Loretta Spears at 1307.



Cut Time, Concert Choir to give Christmas concerts this week

Francis Marion University's show choir, Cut Time, will perform in concert, Thursday, Dec. 2.

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

The 14-member group will sing and dance to music that is all about love. "The biggest challenge," said Sue Orr, FMU assistant professor of music and choral director, "was finding group songs, solos, and duets with the word 'love' in the title. Many songs are about love, but I told the students that all of the songs had to have the word 'love' in the title. They did some major searching and came up with an interesting mixture of music."

The performance will feature 18 such songs, including "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" "Love Potion No. 9," and "I Will Always Love You."

Cut Time is selected each year by audition and performs for various functions both on and off campus. Last year's group performed at Disney World, and this year's group will participate in an adjudicated Music Festivals Cruise to Nassau in April of

2005.

Choreographers are Mikey Tabakian, Kristen Owen, and FMU theatre arts professors D. Keith Best and A. Glen Gourley.

The Francis Marion University Concert Choir will present a Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 5.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, located at 1201 Cherokee Road in Florence. Admission is free and open to the public.

This concert is presented by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance in collaboration with the Florence Museum and the City of Florence Parks and Leisure Services Department as part of the Old World Music Concerts in the Park Series.

The choir is directed by FMU assistant professor of music Sue Butler Orr, and accompanied by Rebecca Culbertson.

The concert will begin with *Divinum Mysterium* in procession. This will be followed by a Basque carol, "Happy Bethlehem." Zac Calcutt, a student conductor from Florence, will direct the choir as it sings "As Lately We Watched," with

soloist Danielle Hodge of Hartsville, "Away In A Manger," and "The Holly and the Ivy." The next selection, "Deo Gratias," is by Noel Goemanne. "Before the Paling of the Stars" is a beautiful choral composition by Paula Foley Tillen, which features Jasmine Footman, a choir member from Johnsonville, on the flute.

Three students, Kristen Moore, soprano from Florence, Courtney Dease, tenor from Scranton, and Matt Brown, bass from Aynor, will sing "Benedictus" from the Mass in G by Franz Schubert.

The choir will then sing, "Fum, Fum, Fum," a Spanish carol. Christian Weatherford, a soprano from Pamplico, is soloist in the Appalachian carol, "I Wonder as I Wander." "Still, Still, Still," the Austrian carol, will be followed by three Christmas songs featuring percussionist Chip Culbertson. They are "Sing With Joy! Glory Hallelujah!" with Miko Fulmore of Georgetown as soloist, "African Gloria," and "Bethlehem Hallelu."

The concert will close with a beautiful expression of reverence and awe and the single word "Alleluia" sung to music by Ralph Manuel.

FMU professors co-facilitate state quality control group

FMU professors Derek Jokisch and Jackson F. (Jeff) Lee Jr. have been named to co-facilitate the Quality Control Network for Middle School Science. This statewide network of 19 science educators will assist colleges and universities as they begin to build programs to prepare teacher candidates

for middle school and/or middle level students.

In 2001, the State Board of Education approved regulations for middle grades certification, and in 2002, the General Assembly approved the regulations.

In December 2001, the federal No

Child Left Behind law was passed and guidelines for compliance came out in 2002, requiring that all teachers be "highly qualified" by 2006. In order to meet this deadline, each university must have a middle grades teacher training program in place by the fall of 2006.

Mail Center to provide limited services during holiday break

Campus mail services will run the normal schedule through the afternoon pickup/delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Any outgoing mail NOT ready by the afternoon pickup must be delivered to the Mail Center before 3 p.m. Dec. 22.

If you are planning a BULK mailing (200 pieces or more) to go out prior to the holiday break, please contact the Mail Center (ext. 1337) immediately.

Bulk mailings will not be accepted or processed after Friday, Dec. 17. Bulk mail processing will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

During the holiday break, Mail Center personnel will provide limited mail services on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Incoming mail will be picked up at the Florence Post Office and delivered to accessible campus offices.

Outgoing mail (excluding bulk mailings) will be picked up from accessible offices and mailed on Dec. 29, unless otherwise instructed by the office manager. Normal campus mail services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005. If you have any questions, please call Mail Supervisor Bryan Austin at ext. 1337.



Human Resources Update

Leave donations being accepted through Dec. 17

The Human Resources office asks that employees who are eligible and willing to donate annual and/or sick leave to the university's leave pool do so on or before Dec. 17.

Donors must retain 15 days in their account after donation, and may donate a maximum of one-half the total number of days accrued in one calendar year.

Because of the generosity of leave donors, eligible FMU employees who suffer from medical and financial hardships are assisted.

For more information about leave donations or to request a leave donation form, contact Dena Kitts at 1145.

Atlanta Bread opens

FMU employees now have a new lunch option. Atlanta Bread Company

has opened a Café Express in the McLeod Regional Medical Center. The café is located on the first floor of the McLeod Plaza at 800 E. Cheves St.

Atlanta Bread Company serves soups, salads, sandwiches, specialty coffees and bakery items. The phone number is 662-5553 and the fax number is 662-5154.

Extra day at Christmas

Gov. Sanford has granted state agencies an additional holiday at Christmas this year.

In consideration of this additional day, FMU will close at the end of the working day on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004. The university will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005. Leave hours will be credited back to those who have submitted leave requests for Dec. 23.

The final issue of Patriot Digest for 2004 will come out Dec. 15. The digest will resume publication Jan. 14.

Coming Up On Campus

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| through Dec. 18 | Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery |
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| 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 |
| 6-18 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU ceramics classes, HFAC galleries |
| 7 | 6:30 pm Old Timers' Reception/Dinner, Wallace House |
| 8 | 3:30 pm Children's Christmas Party, Wallace House |
| 9 | 5 pm Staff Drop-In, Wallace House |
| 10 | 5 pm Faculty Drop-In, Wallace House |
| 10 | 7 pm Christmas party for faculty and staff, The Cottage |
| 12 | 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show: "The Christmas Star," CEMC |
| 14 | 7 pm Community Christmas Party, Wallace House |
| 16 | 7:15 pm FMU African-American Faculty/Staff Coalition Dinner, Ervin Dining Hall |

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 11-29-04)

- 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 (2)
- Instructor of English (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

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