

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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FMU to host annual Art's Alive Festival, April 16

Francis Marion University will play host to the 28th-annual Art's Alive Festival on Saturday, April 16.

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine, and is free and open to the public. The event is a celebration of the visual and performing arts for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at five different venues on campus.

This year's featured attractions are the Band of Oz and The Tams, who will perform beach music on the main outdoor stage from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 to 5 p.m., respectively.

The Celebration Congo Choir will also be featured, with vibrant singing, drumming and dance from the Congo. The group will perform at 1 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall.

A variety of other musical groups will be performing throughout the day, including the Florence District One All-City Elementary School Chorus,

Vocal Edition, the Charleston Children's Chorus, the Assembly Saxophone Quartet from the University of South Carolina, the Puddin' Swamp Singers, the Silver Notes Barbershop Quartet, and the Pee Dee Gospel Workshop Choir.

More than 25 different artists will be showing and selling their work this year at the festival. There will be jewelry artists, local potters and potters from Sea Grove, N.C., pastel artists, oil and acrylic painters, watercolorists, wood engravers, stained-glass artists, garden décor from wood and metal, and more. Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors will also be on display in the fine arts center.

A number of dance groups will perform, including the Sardis Boot Scooters, Showbiz Studio, Dancing on Main, Coker Repertory Dance Company, South Carolina Dance Theatre, Phat Pheet from Williams Middle School, and the Latta Dancers,

as well as dancers from Kelley's Fine Arts and the School of Dance Arts.

Performances for children will include the popular RAGGS Kids Club Band, the comedy and magic of Hubba Bubba the Clown, and the Mountain Marionettes.

A multitude of hands-on activities for children will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including gum eraser stamp prints, origami, copper foil art, medallions, tag board horse sculpture, clay creations, face painting, balloon sculptures, and sidewalk chalk art.

Strolling the grounds will be Mr. Mime and Mini-Mime, bagpiper Todd Matthews, and the interactive theatre of Jef Lambdin. A Recycled Reading book sale will also be held.

Visitors to the festival may bring a picnic lunch, or purchase food from a variety of food vendors sure to suit all tastes. For more information, contact the FMU Office of Community Relations at 1225.

Carolinas Hospital System pledges \$500,000 to nursing program

Carolinas Hospital System is pledging \$500,000 to support the new nursing program at Francis Marion University.

Dr. C. Edward Floyd, chairman of Carolinas Hospital System's Board of Trustees, presented the first \$50,000 check to FMU President Fred Carter during a ceremony on campus Tuesday, March 22. The balance will be paid in installments over a five-year period based upon the hospital's discretion.

The gift will be used to support the operation of the new bachelor's program in nursing that FMU will begin offering effective July 1.

"The Pee Dee is the only area of South Carolina without a stand-alone bachelor's program in nursing," said Dr. Floyd. "Therefore, it's not surprising then that medical facilities throughout our region face a serious shortage of nurses."

For that reason, Carolinas' CEO James F. O'Loughlin said, "Supporting FMU's efforts to educate more nurses is a perfect fit for Carolinas Hospital System, because we will be a primary employer of many of those nurses."

Carter said that if Florence is to continue developing as

a major medical center, local hospitals should require even more skilled nursing personnel.

"Major gifts like the one from Carolinas Hospital System are critical to our building a strong nursing program," said Carter. "We are most appreciative of the generous support of Carolinas Hospital System in helping us train nurses," said Carter. "As part of our academic mission, we want to make sure we are meeting the demands of our primary service area."

"In addition to financial support for the university, we also are indebted to Carolinas Hospital System for allowing our nursing students to conduct clinical practice within their facility," said Carter. "This gives our students practical experience in patient healthcare, a critical component to the educational process."

Carter added that this gift also puts FMU past the \$18 million mark in its foundation's five-year capital campaign. The original goal was \$12 million.

The Medical University of South Carolina has operated a satellite nursing program as an adjunct program at Francis

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Faculty/Staff News

Stephanie Bartlett of Florence has joined the FMU staff as an administrative associate in the School of Business. She graduated from FMU with a B.B.A. degree in marketing.

Gabriele Theuner's international marketing class dined at China Buffet on South Irby Street, March 18. The restaurant provided Chinese food, and students learned Chinese table manners and customs.

Eric L. Stevenson, head of Human Resources at Nan Ya Plastics, spent more than a decade in Taiwan and taught the class. This event was sponsored by the FMU School of Business.

FMU's Department of Political Science and Geography hosted the annual meeting of the South Carolina

Political Science Association (SC PSA), Feb. 25-26. Fifty-five faculty members and students from colleges and universities throughout South Carolina attended the meeting, and every member of the FMU political science faculty participated in it.

During the "War on Terror" panel, **Alissa Warters** delivered a paper titled "Keeping Schools Safe: U.S. Preparedness Policies in a Post-9/11 World," and **Ken Kitts**, associate provost, delivered a paper titled "Blue Ribbon Commissions and the War on Terror." In another panel focusing on political people and political history, **Kevin Lasher** presented a paper titled "Madeleine Albright, Gender, and Foreign Policy-Making."

Jim Renneker and **Eileen Kirley-Tallon** served as chair/discussant for

two other panels, and **Neal Thigpen** was one of four participants in a roundtable panel discussing "The Future of the Democratic Party in South Carolina and the U.S." Kirley-Tallon and Lasher both participated in the roundtable discussion titled "Elections, Democracy and the War in Iraq."

Saturday's luncheon speaker was nationally renowned political scientist Merle Black of Emory University, whose presentation was titled "Politics in the Modern South." President Fred Carter and his wife Folly hosted a reception for Black in their home on Friday evening.

The conference was organized by **David White**, vice-president of SC PSA. At the end of the conference, White was elected to serve as SCPSA president for 2005-2006.

Jazz Express, Florence Youth Orchestra to perform in April

Francis Marion University's Jazz Express will perform in concert, Thursday, April 7.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The concert will feature visiting artist Ingrid Jensen on trumpet. Born in Vancouver and raised in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada, she left home after receiving a number of scholarships and awards to attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Since graduating in 1989, her life has been a whirlwind of musical activities. From her days in the all-female band DIVA, to establishing herself and her music in a wide array of musical genres, Jensen has made her mark.

Her three CDs for the ENJA label won her numerous nominations from the Canadian Juno Awards, and a win

in 1995 for her first of the three, Vernal Fields.

Her career within New York is a busy one as well. Performing with the Maria Schneider Orchestra, a number of other New York-based bands and with her own groups, Jensen has received rave reviews and a strong reputation in the jazz circle. In 2003 she was nominated, for the second time, alongside trumpeter Dave Douglas for a JJA Award in New York.

She is currently on the faculty at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, as well as having spent time in Austria as professor of jazz trumpet at the Bruckner Conservatory of Music and at the Hochschule for Musik in Berlin.

Jazz Express is under the direction of FMU music professor Craig Alberty.

The Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform at Francis

Marion University in an FMU Department of Fine Arts guest recital, Sunday, April 10.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The program will include selections from Smetana, Tchaikovsky, Vaughan Williams and the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean."

The orchestra is made up of students from Florence and the surrounding area in grades six through 12. The group rehearses on a weekly basis after school and performs three times a year.

In February, the orchestra performed for over 1,400 fourth-grade students from Florence School District 1 at the Florence Civic Center.

FMU music professor Terry Roberts conducts the group.



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Staff training begins for new system

Rogers Library staff will begin training the week of April 5 for the new second-generation integrated library system. Almost 400,000 bibliographic and name-authority records have already been extracted from the existing system in preparation for moving to the new system.

The Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (III) system should be fully operational by late summer. In the interim, staff will be trained in all modules of the new software, which is a Windows-based environment.

Features include federated searching, universal patron-initiated borrowing, a union catalog with other South Carolina III partners, and remote patron authentication. FMU has partnered with USC, Clemson, S.C. State University, the College of Charleston, Florence-Darlington Tech, Aiken Tech and the Citadel to acquire a 21st century integrated library system. Hardware will be centralized at the Chief Information Office in Columbia.

SCASL meets in Florence

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) held its annual state conference at the Florence Civic Center, March 2-4. The conference attracted 900 school librarians and media specialists from across the state.

It was the first time the association had ever met in Florence. FMU librarians Joyce Durant and Paul Dove participated in the conference, and the university was recognized for its support of the program. Dove served on the planning committee, and Durant represented the South Carolina Library

Association (SCLA) as its first vice-president, president-elect.

2005 library visits up

Rogers Library gate counts for January and February are up 35 percent over the same period last year. The library posted over 7,500 more user visits during the first two months of CY 2005 that it did over January and February of 2004. January was an especially busy month, posting over 12,000 user visits. February saw more than 17,000 user visits, according to security gate counter statistics.

"Customers are really using library computers," library dean Paul Dove said. There are times each morning when all 48 first-floor public PCs are being used, he said. Plus students come in to study between classes, to read newspapers and magazines, to use reserve and reference materials and services, and to check out books. "We also continue to provide a goodly number of library instruction classes," he said.

Library acquires new books

Thanks to technology funding for electronic resources made available by the president and his administration and to some supplemental monies from the Office of the Provost, Rogers Library has been able to acquire hundreds of new books this semester. "We were able to use technology funds to acquire electronic resources, thus releasing thousands of dollars for new books," library dean Paul Dove said.

The library also received funding for materials from the Nursing Program, from memorial contributions, and from an overage in the periodical

budget due to a reduction in subscriptions through cancellations and ceased publications.

As the university gears up for its new nursing program, the collection needed updating, acquisitions librarian Joyce Durant reported. Nursing faculty members have been assisting the library in weeding obsolete monographs from the collection and in recommending new titles to replace the books removed.

"We also dropped a good number of print subscriptions since we now have access to the electronic version of many journals," Durant said. This provided for a substantial refund from the serials vendor, she said.

State legislative funding for Collegiate DISCUS for FY 2004-2005 is also helping the library reallocate some funds from electronic needs to print needs, Durant noted.

Library staff recognized

Two Rogers Library staff members have been elected as South Carolina Library Association round table chairs for 2005.

Acquisitions coordinator Yvonne G. Davis will chair the SCLA Paraprofessionals Roundtable and assistant reference librarian Yvette H. Pierce will chair the Roundtable on African-American Concerns. Pierce was also recently elected chair of the Florence County Library Board of Trustees.

Acquisitions librarian Joyce M. Durant is serving as first vice-president, president-elect of SCLA.

Library dean Paul Dove has been re-elected chair of the Marion County Library Board.

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Marion since 1982. Carter and MUSC President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in February 2004 to transfer administrative control of the baccalaureate nursing program to FMU. Carter appointed a seven-member committee to assist with the transition to examine the feasibility of creating other allied health care programs that would be consistent

with the mission of FMU. Sylvia R. Lufkin was hired last fall to head FMU's new Department of Nursing.

Last May, the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence made a \$5 million donation to FMU's Campaign for Excellence to build a 30,000-plus square foot building to house the new baccalaureate nursing program.

To be located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building will contain all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU.



Human Resources Update

Prevention Partners provides programs

The mission of the State Health Plan Prevention Partners is to provide activities, programs and services that encourage health promotion, disease prevention and early detection of disease in South Carolina's state agencies, public schools and local subdivisions.

The goals of the State Health Plan Prevention Partners are to increase the knowledge of state employees about health promotion and education topics, to increase the number of state employees who practice healthy lifestyle behaviors and to encourage the practice of early detection of disease. These goals are accomplished through program objectives in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, early detection of disease and demand management.

Pee Dee Pride to host FMU Game Night, April 8

The Pee Dee Pride hockey team will host "FMU Game Night" on Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., when the Pride plays host to the South Carolina Stingrays at the Florence Civic Center.

Tickets are available for FMU faculty, staff, students, and alumni at the discounted price of \$8 each. These discounted tickets will be available for a limited time through noon on April 6.

They may be purchased in the FMU Office of Student Affairs, located in Smith University Center Room 205, and in the FMU Alumni Office in Stokes Administration Building Room 101. Tickets will be for seats in the 200 or 400 level.

For more information on "FMU Game Night," contact Kelly Sellers in the Alumni Office at 1228.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-28-05)

- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant Professor of History (Europe)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Community Health)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Computer Science
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Speech Communication
- Assistant/Association Professor of Elementary Education

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

MARCH

- 31 3:30 pm Moran Address by Emily Lorraine de Montluzin, Lowrimore Auditorium, CEMC
- 31 8 pm Ms. FMU pageant, McNair Auditorium

APRIL

- 5 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: The Woods Family Plus, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 5-18 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU painting classes, UC gallery
- 7 8 pm Concert: University Jazz Express, McNair auditorium
- 10 3 pm Concert: Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra, McNair auditorium
- 12-May 7 Art Gallery Series: Senior Shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery
- 14-16 8 pm FMU Theatre: "Red Herring," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC
- 16 Open House for prospective students
- 16 Art's Alive Festival
- 19 8 pm Concert: Cut Time show choir, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 19 8 pm Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair Auditorium
- 20 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU photography classes, UC gallery

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