

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

July 29, 2005

Sellers, Austin named outstanding employees

Carlton Sellers of Effingham and Carolyn Austin of Florence have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 27 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored 12 FMU employees for length of state service and five employees who are retiring.

Sellers is supervisor of groundskeeping with the physical plant, and Austin was administrative assistant in the School of Business until her retirement in May.

Sellers has been employed at FMU for 25 years, and Austin had 18 years service at FMU. Both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty.

President Carter presented Sellers and Austin with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees.

Six employees were honored for 20 years of service. They were: Richard J. Floyd of Quinby, craftsman supervisor, plumbing; Kathy C. Johnson of Florence, senior administrative associate in community relations; Dorothy E. King of Florence, chief cook in dining services; Nick McKithen of Timmonsville, motor pool supervisor; Ted Nettles of Florence, lead custodian; and Benita Y. Woodbury of Latta, senior administrative assistant in student life.

Employees recognized with 10 years of service were: Murray Hartzler of Florence, director of athletics; Violet L. Lloyd of Florence, lead custodian; H. Elizabeth McLean of Clio, registrar; Benjamin A. Strickland of Nichols, crafts-



FMU president Fred Carter, left, and state Sen. Gerald Malloy, right, congratulate outstanding staff employees Carlton Sellers and Carolyn Austin.

man, electrician; Marcella Y. Turner of Effingham, senior library technical assistant in acquisitions, Rogers Library; and Ann M. Williams of Hemingway, student services counselor in the Registrar's Office.

Retirement awards were also presented to Austin, Rebecca Lunn of Timmonsville, coordinator of provisional programs, 30 years of state service; Julia Reede of Florence, police corporal, 18 years of service; Pamela Saverance of Timmonsville, administrative associate, School of Business, seven years of service; and Janie Mae Sims of Florence, custodian, 16 years of service.

Alumni Association to offer new directory of graduates

In celebration of Francis Marion University's 35th anniversary, the FMU Alumni Association has partnered with Alumni Research Inc. to publish a comprehensive directory of alumni.

The contents of the directory will be divided into four sections: biographical, geographical, class roster, and an introductory section showcasing Francis Marion's history and events.

The FMU Alumni Association has contracted with Alumni Research Inc. to collect and compile the information into a hardbound, library-quality volume and an online community. The

directory is being made available to FMU alumni only and is a limited edition press run. It will be offered only one time.

The directory is expected to be published early next year and will cost \$59.95. An online version is expected to be available this fall. A basic subscription to the online version is free, and a premium subscription will be \$39.95 for the first year, with a \$9.95 yearly renewal. A combination hardbound and online subscription will also be available.

"These directories will provide great networking opportunities at rea-

sonable prices," said Kelly Sellers, FMU's director of alumni affairs.

Efforts are being made to contact FMU alumni by phone, e-mail and mail to obtain and verify biographical information. Alumni may provide updates for the directory and select specific information to make available to fellow alumni by visiting the Alumni Association's webpage at www.fmariion.edu/alumni.

To be included in the alumni directory, or for more information, contact the FMU Alumni Office by phone at 843-661-1228 or by e-mail at ksellers@fmarion.edu.

Faculty/Staff News

Jeff Lee, associate dean of the School of Education, was elected to a two-year term as a regional representative for the South Carolina Association of Professors of Middle Level Education (SCPOMLE) at the South Carolina Middle School Association Convention in Myrtle Beach, March 4-6.

Regional representatives serve on the Board of Directors, provide leadership to the association, and coordi-

nate a network of middle-level education professors from colleges and universities.

Three former FMU students competed in the Miss South Carolina Pageant, July 9. **Tiffany Ann Boyce** of Florence was Miss Florence, **Potitsa Niki Chavis** of Florence was Miss Liberty, and **Ashley Ann Dingle** of Marion was Miss Mid State.

Sparrow, Yahnis elected to FMU Foundation Board

Samuel F. Sparrow of Scranton and Byron C. Yahnis of Florence have been elected to the Francis Marion University Foundation Board.

Each will serve a three-year term. William H. "Bill" Johnson Jr. of Marion has left the board after nine years of service.

Sparrow, a 1983 graduate of FMU, is the secretary/treasurer of Sparrow and Kennedy Tractor Co. Inc. in Scranton, general manager of Holiday Inn Express in Lake City, and a partner in Sparrow Accounting Service of Lake City.

He is a director of Carolina Academy, and director of Lake City American Legion Baseball. He is also a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents and of Lake City United Methodist Church.

Sparrow and his wife, Claudia, have three children: Matthew, 20, Amanda, 17, and Samantha, 12.

Yahnis is president of The Yahnis Co. of Florence, Columbia and Myrtle Beach. He is a member of the

National Beer Wholesaler Association and the South Carolina Beer Association. Yahnis and his wife, Gay, have two children: Charles, 15, and Nicole, 9.

"Sammy and Byron have demonstrated a commitment to their local communities and to FMU for years," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation. "They will be a great asset to the FMU Foundation Board, and we are most appreciative of their willingness to serve. We are also grateful for Bill's nine years of dedicated service to the board."

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of FMU.

The FMU Foundation is governed by an independent 35-member volunteer board of directors, with additional honorary and ex-officio directors, including the president of the university and other key administrators.

Paintings by Alex Powers on display beginning Aug. 9

Paintings by Alex Powers will be on display as part of Francis Marion University's Art Gallery Series, Aug. 9 through Oct. 27.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Smith University Center gallery.

Powers' exhibit is titled "Life and Art." A resident of Myrtle Beach, he has been a painter and self-employed art teacher since 1970. He exhibits in

galleries in six states, and among his many national juried exhibition awards is the Gold Medal at the 1997 American Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition.

He travels and teaches eight to 10 workshops per year. Powers has juried dozens of national exhibitions. He is author of "Painting People in Watercolor, A Design Approach," which is a Watson-Guption publication.

Powers' painting style has evolved into a personal content-dominated

imagery. Using gouache, charcoal, pastel and sometimes collage on illustration board, his loose realism combines an emphasis on drawing with an awareness of the art of our times.

"I attempt to deal with issues such as human origins, religion, philosophy, economic inequality, etc. These overwhelming issues are difficult to deal with, but they are what interest me," he said. "And, since I believe in the singularity of life and art, these issues are the content of my current work."



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Visits to Rogers Library increase by 11 percent

Patron visits to Rogers Library during fiscal year 2004-2005 topped out at 164,598 user visits, compared to the previous year's 148,197, for an 11.1 percent increase. In the library's two plus decades of monitoring security system gate counters, FY 04-05 was the busiest year on record. The second-busiest year on record was FY 91-92 with 156,314 user visits.

Volume count for the library reached 390,588 by fiscal year's end.

The library subscribed to 1,536 periodicals at year's end and held 523,567 microforms. It provided paid access to some 60 electronic databases which, aggregated, provided access to some 10,000 full-text e-journals. The library also provides access to approximately 27,000 e-books.

During last fiscal year, Rogers Library customers performed computer searches resulting in 143,100 "hits" on databases to which the library subscribes, according to year-end reports. This represents a 29 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

Full-text sources that showed the greatest increases in access were Science Direct, SciFinder Scholar, EBSCO (now "Collegiate DISCUS"), Lexis-Nexis, Project MUSE, and JStor. DISCUS usage was up slightly while Newsbank posted a very modest decrease.

Among these aggregators and electronic publishers there are almost 60 full-text databases available through Rogers Library's website. Within these databases are approximately 10,000

full-text journals and other information sources.

Popular fiction shelf updated

The "Popular Fiction" shelf established two years ago has been updated with new summer reading selections. The library acquires selected "best seller" titles to provide current fiction reading for patrons looking for something to read on vacation, between classes, at the pool, or as an alternative to television and computer games.

The "Popular Fiction" shelf has proven to be a well-used feature and is updated several times a year. Drop by Rogers Library and check out the "Popular Fiction" shelf. It is located adjacent to the Current Newspapers reading area.

Photographs and clay sculptures to be exhibited in gallery

Photographs by Ann Lane and clay sculptures by Lin Barnhardt will be on display as part of Francis Marion University's Art Gallery Series, Aug. 6 through Sept. 29.

The exhibits are open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Hyman Fine Arts Center gallery.

Lane's exhibit is titled "Xochimilco: La Isla de las Munecas." Lane is a native and resident of Marion County. She studied under Jo Brenzo and Teresa Airey at the New England Photographic Workshop in New Mil-

ford, Conn.

She went on two travel workshops with Brenzo to Mexico and later studied with her at the Centro Cultural El Nigromante and in private classes in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She has also taken workshops taught by George Krause, Dan Berkholder and Jill Burkholder.

Lane retired from Wellman Inc. of Johnsonville in 1997 after 27 years.

Barnhardt's exhibit is titled "Homage to Hopper and Other Structures." He graduated from Appalachian State University in 1974 with a B.S. degree in art education. His undergrad-

uate concentrations were in painting and printmaking. He later attended graduate school at ASU, obtaining an M.A. degree.

Barnhardt has taught art at the secondary level in the public schools of North Carolina, including 10 years at Apex Senior High School in Apex, and two years at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis. He has been a faculty member at Mount Pleasant Middle School in Mount Pleasant since 1988.

In May 1997, Barnhardt began his current approach of incorporating his interests in architecture, sculpture, and painting into one art form.

Volunteers sought for new student move-in, Aug. 20

In keeping with tradition, all members of the Francis Marion University community are invited to assist our first year residential students on Saturday, Aug. 20, as they move into campus housing.

Last year, more than 150 students, staff, and faculty members volunteered their time, energy, and a little sweat to provide assistance while welcoming the newest members of the FMU family.

All volunteers should meet in front of the Student Housing Office at the volunteer sign-in table where they may receive a free FMU hat and be assigned a location/task.

Coffee and snacks will be available in the morning, as well as a light meal during the late morning and early afternoon. Volunteers are asked to arrive prior to 8 a.m.

More than 400 freshmen are expected to move in on Saturday, and as many volunteers as possible are needed.

If you are able to assist with this effort, contact the Student Affairs Office at 1182.

Consider volunteering for the entire day, as many did last year. Assistance will be offered to new students from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (or until the volunteers leave!).



Disease prevention: Family history

Most of us know that we can reduce our risk of disease by eating a healthy diet, getting enough exercise, and not smoking. But did you know that your family history might be one of the strongest influences on your risk of developing heart disease, stroke, diabetes, or cancer? Even though you cannot change your genetic makeup, knowing your family history can help you reduce your risk of developing health problems.

Family members share their genes, as well as their environment, lifestyles and habits. Risks for diseases such as asthma, diabetes, cancer and heart disease also run in families. Everyone's family history of disease is different. The key features of a family history that may increase risk are:

- Diseases that occur at an earlier age than expected (10 to 20 years before most people get the disease);
- Disease in more than one close relative;
- Disease that does not usually affect a certain gender (for example, breast cancer in a male);
- Certain combinations of diseases within a family (for example, breast and ovarian cancer, or heart disease and diabetes).

If your family has one or more of these features, your family history may hold important clues about your risk for disease.

People with a family history of disease may have the most to gain from lifestyle changes and screening tests. You can't change your genes, but you can change unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking, inactivity, and poor eating habits.

In many cases, adopting a healthier lifestyle can reduce your risk for diseases that run in your family. If possible ask questions, talk to family members, look at death certificates and family medical records to understand your family history.

Collect information such as major medical conditions, causes of death, age of disease onset, age of death and ethnic group. Write down the information and share it with your doctor. Your doctor will assess your risk based on your family history and other risk factors, recommended lifestyle changes to help prevent disease and prescribe screening tests to detect disease early.

For more information on CDC's Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention, visit CDC's Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/genomics>.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 2-26-05)

- Administrative Manager – Development/Foundation Office
- Accounting Assistant – Accounts Payable
- Custodian (2 positions available)
- Lead Groundskeeper

Faculty positions to begin in August 2006:

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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| 6-Sept. 19 | Art Gallery Series: "Xochimilco: La Isla de las Munecas," photographs by Ann Lane, HFAC gallery |
| 6-Sept. 19 | Art Gallery Series: "Homage to Hopper and Other Structures" by Lin Barnhardt, HFAC gallery |
| 9-Oct. 27 | Art Gallery Series: "Life and Art," paintings by Alex Powers, UC gallery |
| 11 | Summer II classes end; exams |
| 14-15 | Board of Trustees Retreat |
| 20 | Housing opens for new students |
| 21 | Housing opens for continuing students |
| 24 | Fall classes begin |

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| 6 | 8 pm | First Tuesday Arts Event: Artists TBA, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
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