

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Former FMU president Thomas Stanton dead at 77

Thomas Cousar Stanton, 77, of Florence, the second president of Francis Marion University, died Oct. 9 at Carolinas Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born June 13, 1929, in Dillon County, Stanton became president of Francis Marion College in July 1983 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1994.

He provided outstanding leadership to the campus for 11 years, serving FMU during some of its most formative years. During his tenure, the university experienced a 70 percent growth in the physical plant, a 42 percent increase in enrollment, and a doubling in the number of faculty members.

"We are deeply saddened by the death of FMU's second president, Tom Stanton, who was such a dear friend and supportive colleague," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Not only was he an extraordinary educator and administrator, but during the course of his career, he also served as an ordained minister, a career military officer and a Vietnam veteran. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family."

During the Stanton years, FMU's physical plant continued to grow with construction of six dormitories, additional apartments, a housing office and dining hall. The faculty grew from 105 to more than 200, and new undergraduate programs were added in business administration, art, art education, theatre arts and physics. New graduate programs in business, learning disabilities and school psychology were also developed.

In 1992, the legislature changed the name of the institution to Francis Marion University. By 1993, enrollment topped 4,100, and minority students increased from nine percent to more than 21 percent of the student

body. Stanton created the endowed faculty chair program and increased fund-raising from the private sector to create more scholarship opportunities for students.

An academic computer center was constructed in 1988 and named in honor of President Stanton. An addition to the science building was completed in 1994 and named in honor of Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman.

During this period, not only did the library's usage double, but so did its holdings. Student organizations grew from 33 to 64 and a health center was created with a registered nurse on duty five days a week.

The athletic program continued to mature, and the women's basketball team won its second national championship—this time in the NAIA. In 1993, the university joined the NCAA Division II for intercollegiate competition.

Before coming to Francis Marion, Stanton served for seven years as vice president for academic affairs and professor of business administration at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. Earlier, he taught in the department of business administration and served for a year as its chairman.

In 1972, he retired as a lieutenant colonel from active duty in the U.S. Army. While on military assignments in Germany and Korea, he completed requirements for a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, receiving the degree in 1960. He was also awarded numerous military medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam.

He received a master's degree in financial management in 1966 from George Washington University while serving in Washington, D.C., as a financial management staff officer at the Pentagon.

He then was sent to Iran as a senior financial management adviser to the Imperial Iranian Armed Forces. It was there at Teheran University that he began his college teaching career, in an English-language master of business administration program which he developed.

Returning to his work at the Pentagon in 1970, he also became an associate professorial lecturer at George Washington University, where he studied for and received a doctor of business administration degree in 1974.

Stanton was a certified business appraiser and served as a consultant to many businesses, particularly in the Virginia and Washington, D.C. area.

An active researcher and writer, he has written numerous articles on the state of the economy, business prospects, and accounting procedures for professional publications, and has been a speaker at a number of regional and national meetings. In 1975, he won the Annual Author's Award from the Association of Government Accountants for the best article on financial management.

Stanton served on the advisory board of Southern National Bank in Florence and on the board of the Pee Dee Heritage Center. He is a member of the Florence Rotary Club, and as an ordained Baptist minister has spoken at many area churches. He was pastor of Zoar Baptist Church in Bristersburg, Va., for nine years.

He was married to Sara Louise Thomas Stanton, who died in December 2005.



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Faculty/Staff News

Rusty O. Braveboy of Scranton has joined the FMU staff as a craftsman-maintenance mechanic. a police officer.

Scott C. Kelly of Florence has joined the FMU staff as interim assistant director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute.

Alan A. Sayre of Florence has joined the FMU staff as

Cynthia F. Bryant of Darlington has joined the FMU staff as a police officer.

“The Long Fall,” a novel by **Lynn Kostoff**, professor of English, has been translated into Italian and has just been released in Italy and Europe by Mondadori Publishers.

FMU School of Business receives national honors

Francis Marion University is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school in the just-published 2007 edition of its “Best 282 Business Schools.”

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review VP-Publishing, “We chose schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools. We are pleased to recommend Francis Marion University to readers of our book and users of our website as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA.”

“Best 282 Business Schools” has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services. In the profile on FMU, The Princeton Review editors describe the school as having a convenient MBA program that is scheduled in the evening to accommodate working students. They quote from stu-

dents attending it who say that the convenience and low cost of the program are strong positives.

In a “Survey Says. . .” sidebar in the profile, The Princeton Review lists topics that FMU students surveyed for the book were in most agreement about. The list includes friendly students and solid preparation in teamwork, presentation skills, and quantitative skills. The lists are also posted at www.PrincetonReview.com.

Francis Marion University is also listed in Entrepreneur magazine’s fourth-annual ranking of the nation’s top entrepreneurial colleges.

The listing is a joint effort between Entrepreneur magazine and the Princeton Review. The Princeton Review, a leading provider of educational services, surveyed more than 700 undergraduate and business schools about their offerings in entrepreneurship. The survey included questions covering everything from mentoring, experiential learning and specific course offerings to alumni successes and career prospects of current students.

The magazine ranks the top 25 undergraduate and top 25 graduate programs. FMU appears on a list of additional entrepreneurship programs, al-

ong with schools such as Cornell University, Dartmouth College, the University of Florida, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan.

The FMU School of Business and its Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute conduct a number of entrepreneurship programs. In July, FMU hosted a three-day program of entrepreneurship training for 29 local teachers. Also in July, FMU hosted a weeklong residential business camp for 16 students from Marion High School.

“The faculty, staff, and students in our School of Business deserve the praise for creating an environment where creativity, innovation, and new venture creation are recognized as the keys to wealth creation in our society,” said Barry O’Brien, dean of FMU’s School of Business. “In our entrepreneurship camp this summer, seeing 16-year-olds feel the magic of creating their own business plan was exciting to behold.”

For more information about the rankings or to view FMU’s listing, go to <http://www.entrepreneur.com/top-colleges>.

FMU Theatre to present ‘Dark of the Moon,’ Oct. 19-21

The Francis Marion University Theatre will present “Dark of the Moon” by Howard Richardson and William Berney, Oct. 19-21.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center’s theatre. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Call the box office at 843-661-1365, Monday through Friday, between 1 and 5 p.m., for seating availability.

Based on the Barbara Allen and the witch boy legend and ballad, the play takes place in the Appalachian

Mountains. It recounts the story of an elfin witch boy who once beheld the beautiful Barbara Allen and immediately fell in love with her.

He is given human form to woo and marry her on the condition that she remain true to him. The marriage is consummated and Barbara gives birth to a witch child whom the midwives burn. In a frenzy of religious revival, Barbara is led to betray her witch boy husband, breaking the spell. She dies and he returns forever to the world of the mountain witches.



FMU to host Pee Dee International Festival, Oct. 21

Francis Marion University will play host to the 14th-annual Pee Dee International Festival, Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the festival, which is free and open to the public, is to foster a better understanding of the cultures represented in the Pee Dee and increase appreciation for the global community. The event will feature music, dance, food booths, cultural displays and activities for children. The festival will be held rain or shine.

This year's festival will feature Brasil Brazil. Offering the best-known standards of classic and contemporary Brazilian jazz, Ana Gazzola, Sonia Santos and their five-piece band perform musical arrangements that present all the rhymes and faces of this colorful and tropical culture. With some of the best musicians from the north and south of Brazil performing on a variety of unique, authentic instruments, audiences are both entertained and educated about this South American country. Based in Los Angeles since 1991, Brasil Brazil has toured to many of this country's top festivals and venues. This energetic, dynamic and jubilant duo entertains with the best of Brazilian jazz. The group will perform from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Also featured is the band Samecumba. This Latin dance band from North Carolina includes musicians from Colombia, Puerto Rico, the United States, and Venezuela and features salsa, meringue, and Cumbia Latin rhythms. Many members of

Samecumba have been involved in the international Latin music scene, as well as many other styles of music, including jazz, funk, fusion, rock, soul, reggae, ska, rhythm and blues, heavy metal, folk and classical. They will perform from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Also performing will be the Florence-Darlington Strings. This group consists of 60 of the area's young strings players ranging in age from 6 to 18, with 18 nationalities represented. Performing in costumes and introducing the pieces in native languages, they will play their violins, viola and cellos. Enjoy familiar tunes from around the world and a medley of many national anthems. They will perform at 11 a.m.

The festival will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the presentation of flags and Todd Matthews on bagpipes. Indian dancers will perform at 2:15 p.m. and Greek dancers will perform at 4 p.m. The Vincent Santamaria Band, featuring mariachi music, will perform at 4:45 p.m. All performances will be on the outdoor stages in front of Rogers Library.

On the festival grounds, Graystone Ranch will present a tiger display, an exotic animal carousel, and a rolling reptiles and serpentarium display. Graystone Ranch is a non-profit organization dedicated to children and environmental/wildlife conservation. Located in Hephzibah, Ga., the ranch is a federally licensed rehabilitation center, sanctuary and preserve.

Also on the festival grounds will be Kairik Amanki, "Indian Emperor of

the Andes," presenting music, art, and crafts from Ecuador. This display will feature a variety of handmade crafts and handmade Andean and native instruments from various cultural groups: flutes made of cedar, bamboo pan pipes, and ocarinas (whistles).

"Taste of the World" will include ethnic food items for sale featuring American, British, Cajun, Caribbean, Chinese, Colombian, German, Japanese, Indian, Korean, Mexican and Vietnamese delicacies. In addition, festival-goers can enjoy an authentic German beer garden and the music of Accordion Bob. Business and cultural displays representing more than 20 countries will be exhibited in the Smith University Center commons all day.

There will also be activities for children, including games and balloons.

The festival is presented by the Florence Family YMCA, and Francis Marion University.

Major sponsors include FMU, Honda of South Carolina Mfg. Inc., Pepsi, and Nan Ya Plastics Corp. Business patrons and contributors include DuBard Inc., GE Medical Systems, Roche Carolina Inc., BB&T, DuPont Teijin Films, ESAB Welding and Cutting Products, IRIX Pharmaceuticals, S&W Manufacturing, and Wellman.

For more information, call the FMU Community Relations Office at 1225.

35 in fifth class of Non-Profit Leadership Institute

Thirty-five South Carolina residents are participating in the fifth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University. The 35 participants come from 14 locations across the state, and represent 34 different non-profit organizations.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation

The second session of the seven-month training program will be Oct. 19-20. Additional sessions are scheduled for Nov. 16-17, Jan. 18-19, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 19-20.

Topics include leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development; engaging board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU institute. A native of Camden, he is a graduate of the Kershaw County public schools, Duke University, and the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University.



Preventive worksite screening scheduled

A preventive regional Worksite Screening will be held Nov. 16 in Darlington at Darlington County Schools.

FMU employees can only participate in one Worksite Screening in a calendar year. Those who participated in the FMU Worksite Screening in April or the Regional Worksite Screening in July (both held at the FMU Student Health Center) cannot participate in the

Darlington screening.

Registration forms are now available and can be obtained from the website www.eip.sc.gov (click on "Prevention Partners" and go to "Early Detection").

For more information or to have a registration form faxed to you, contact Elliott McElveen at 803-737-0112 or email him at emcelveen@eip.sc.gov.

Career Development Job Fair Expo Oct. 25

Francis Marion University's Office of Career Development will hold its Fall 2006 Job Fair Expo on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Smith University Center commons.

Local, state and regional business and industry representatives have been invited to participate by setting up information booths at the fair. The fair will offer employment information and opportunities for FMU students who are seeking internships and part-time

and summer employment, as well as career networking opportunities and employment information for FMU seniors and alumni who are seeking full-time employment. All FMU students and alumni are invited to meet employers, make contacts, and apply for available positions.

For more information, call the FMU Career Development office at 843-661-1676.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 10-10-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
- Chief Information Officer
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Craftsman – Electrician
- Police Officer
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting - Managerial/Cost Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting -Financial Accounting
- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Chair, Department of History
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Criminal Justice)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication (Broadcast Journalism)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (School Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Experimental Psychology)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Elementary Education)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Special Education)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Research)
- Computer Technician – Academic Computing Services
- Supervisor of Maintenance Support/Maintenance Pool
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre History
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing
- Assistant Professor of Spanish
- News Editor/Writer

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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| through Oct. 26 | Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Dr. John W. Baker, UC gallery |
| through Nov. 16 | Art Gallery Series: "4-Series," Drawings and Sculptures by Linda McCune, HFAC gallery |
| through Nov. 16 | Art Gallery Series: "Predicated by Loss" Ceramics by Doug Gray, HFAC gallery |
| 18 | 4 pm COE Fall Colloquium: Speaker Fay Brown, McNair auditorium |
| 19-21 | 8 pm University Theatre: "Dark of the Moon," HFAC Theatre |
| 21 | Pee Dee International Festival |
| 22 | 3 pm Dooley Planetarium Show: "Universe of Dr. Einstein," CEMC |
| 26 | 8 pm Concert: "The Koto and Japanese Traditional Music: Changing Tradition?," Mary Louise Nagata with Starr Ward, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 31 | 8 pm Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair auditorium |
| 31-Nov. 20 | Art Gallery Series: Student Works by FMU Photography Classes, UC gallery |

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