

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

March 15, 2007

Art's Alive Festival fun for everyone



Mac Frampton

One of Florence's most beautiful hidden resources is the 400-acre campus of Francis Marion University known for its beautiful foliage and landscaping. And one of its most popular uses is the annual Art's Alive Festival, which is free and open to the public.

From the East Coast style beach music to Top 40 favorites of the O'Kaysions to the dance moves of the South Carolina Dance Theatre and Williams Middle School's Phat Pheet, there is something for everyone to enjoy at the festival.

Nearly 30 groups will perform at this year's 30th-annual Art's Alive Festival on Saturday, March 24.

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 several different venues on campus.

This year's featured attractions are The O'Kaysions and Mac Frampton. The House of Blues band NTranze will also perform.

The festival's lineup of other talented musicians performing throughout the day, includes the University of South Carolina Madrigal Singers, Lucia and Levi, the Pee Dee Workshop Gospel Choir, baritone Jason S. McKinney, FMU's show choir Cut Time and the Pee Dee Community Youth Choir.

In addition, artists will be showing and selling their work at the festival. There will be watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, pottery, woodwork, hand-painted glassware, sweetgrass baskets, stained glass, jewelry, fabric, portraits, metal work and more.

A number of dance groups will perform, including the South Carolina Dance Theatre group consisting of about 50 dancers from age nine to teenagers.

They along with nine other groups will clap, side-step, shuffle and kick either in the McNair Auditorium or the Outdoor Dance Stage in an effort to entertain Florence residents this year. Other groups include the South Carolina Dance Theatre, the Performing Arts Academy, Coker Repertory Dance Company, Phat Pheet of Williams Middle School, the Tri-City Shag Club, Dancin' on Main, Kelley's Fine Arts, Showbiz Studio & Dance Company, School of Dance Arts and Dance for Joy Dance Studio.

Children's events to be featured include nationally recognized storyteller Doug Elliott who will engage attendees with his collection of stories from around the world.

In addition to Elliott's storytelling, several other performers will present entertaining programs for youngsters and adults at the Art's Alive festival. Kenny Mikey and Riley Roam of Page Turner Adventures will perform fairy tales for children, and the Society for Creative Anachronism will present Middle Ages and Renaissance exhibits for the whole family. Children will also be able to make medieval style crafts and artwork with this group.

Other performers include The Florence Little Theatre Schoolhouse Players, comedy showman Wade Henry, mime artist Willie Shaw and an FMU Student Art Guild sidewalk chalk art competition.

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 to include funnel cakes, ice cream, turkey legs and much more.

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



The O'Kaysions

FMU taking entries in International Environmental Essay Contest

Entries in the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty essay contest will be taken until March 26.

The topic, "A Future with Hope: Opening Doors of Opportunity for Children of Poverty" is intended to encourage FMU undergraduate and graduate students to develop their own views around the central idea while concurrently substantiating these views with references to current research. In addition to the opportunity for written expression, FMU students have the opportunity to win cash awards.

Interested students enrolled in any academic program are invited to submit essays on the pre-assigned topic. Essays will be judged by a review panel consisting of FMU faculty and Pee Dee regional educators. Deadline for students to submit an essay is March 26 at 9 a.m. Winners will be announced no later than April 16. Faculty are encouraged to share this information with students.

For more information, contact Tammy Pawloski, professor of education and director of the Center of Excellence at 1475 or 843-669-3391 ext. 28.

FMU to hold Open House for prospective students, March 24

Francis Marion University will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, March 24.

The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. in the McNair Science Building lobby, and a welcome will be given at 9 a.m.

An information fair will run from 8 to 9 a.m. and three consecutive information sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session topics will include academic programs, financial assistance, residence life, campus services, admissions and more. The information fair will provide an informal way to gather information and ask questions, and will highlight support services available to students.

From 11:30 a.m. to noon, tours of the campus and residence halls will be given. A social and wrap-up will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Open House is a great way for prospective students to meet faculty, staff, administrators and current students – all while learning about FMU programs and services. For more information, contact the FMU Admissions Office at 1231 or toll-free at 1-800-368-7551.

Want the latest news about the Patriots?



Join the FMU sports e-mail list by e-mailing Michael Hawkins at mhawkins@fmarion.edu

FMU to Participate in German Trade Show

Francis Marion University will participate in the 36th Annual Consumer Trade Show from March 17-25 in Rheinland-Pfalz, South Carolina's German sister state. The show will be held in Mainz, the capital city of Rheinland-Pfalz, and will be open to the German public.

This will be South Carolina's second appearance at the trade show, which coincides with the 60th anniversary of the founding of the state of Rheinland-Pfalz. Approximately 100,000 visitors are expected to attend the show.

FMU's appearance at the trade show was made possible by the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA), an economic development organization that serves a nine-county region and fosters tourism and economic and educational development. Representatives from the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and NESA will attend the trade show as well.

At the trade show, FMU representatives will showcase photos and information about the university to attract potential exchange students. Students from Rheinland-Pfalz universities qualify for in-state tuition under the South Carolina sister state initiative.

"The goal of attending the consumer trade show is to develop stronger economic ties, exchange ideas, and open up opportunities between Rheinland-Pfalz and FMU for exchange students," said Julian Young, assistant director of admissions.

Those attending the trade show with Young include Allyson Bigby, student services counselor for admissions; Jeff McKay, executive director of NESA; Beth McLean, FMU registrar; and Shara Moore, director of financial planning.

In 1997, David Beasley and Kurt Beck, Prime Minister of Rheinland-Pfalz, signed an official contract between the state of South Carolina and Rheinland-Pfalz. This partnership allows the two states to have trade and tourism relationships, school and university partnerships and exchange in research and development issues.



Faculty/Staff News

FMU's women's basketball coach **Valecia Tedder** resigned on Monday, March 5.

The following FMU faculty and staff members participated in the 37th Annual Southeast Decision Sciences Institute in Savannah, Ga., last month:

- **Yong B. Shin**, assistant professor of management information systems presented "Identity Theft and Its Affect on Individuals and Business: the Problem, the Players and the Solutions."

- **Forest R. David**, TranSouth professor of strategic planning and professor of business administration, and **Robert E. Pugh**, a Eugene

A. Fallon, Jr., professor of production management and professor of business administration, presented "Is General Business Still a Viable Major in Schools of Business?"

- **Rebecca Culbertson**, coordinator of benefits, and **Scott K. Campbell**, assistant professor of management, presented "Learning Beyond the Classroom: Student Experience in a Human Resources Class."

- **Hari K. Rajagopalan**, assistant professor of management, presented "A Probabilistic Set Covering Location Model for Dynamic Redeployment of Ambulances."

- **Laurence R. Paquette**, visiting

professor of accounting, presented "An Excel Application Using Msn Moneycentral Investor Stock Quotes Brings Accounting to Life."

- **Brad R. Johnson**, associate professor of accounting and coordinator of accounting program, and **Scott K. Campbell**, assistant professor of management, presented "The Regulatory Effects of Professional Scrutiny by States: A Case Study - South Carolina."

- **Robert E. Pugh**, a Eugene A. Fallon, Jr., professor of production management and professor of business administration, presented "The Life Cycle of Top Players' Home Run Production."

FMU to hold Spring 2007 Job Fair Expo, March 28

Francis Marion University's Office of Career Development will hold its Spring 2007 Job Fair Expo on Wednesday, March 28, from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Smith University Center commons.

Faculty members are asked to encourage students to participate.

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.

In addition, the Office of Career Development and the School of Business are sponsoring several programs throughout March to prepare students for the expo. The programs are as follows:

- On Tuesday, March 13, Natalie Mitchell, a recruiter for University Directories, will present How to Succeed at the Job Fair Expo at 1 p.m. At 2:10 p.m., the Office of Career Development will present Ace the Interview. Both events will be held in the Lee Nursing Building's Thomason Auditorium.

- On Thursday, March 15, the School of Business will host its Connection 2 Success, a day of seminars on career options, overcoming fear, and planning a professional life. A detailed schedule for Connections 2 Success will be available soon.

- On Monday, March 19, Delta Sigma Pi will host an etiquette dinner. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Mary Dittman.

Employers will register throughout the month of March, so students should check the list often for updates. A list of registered employers and the available positions in their organizations is available on our website, www.fmarion.edu/students/career.

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

FMU receives Lions Club charter

The Lions Club International presented a charter to FMU creating a Lions Club at the university during a recent ceremony.

One faculty adviser and 20 students will be charter members of this new District 32-C club. The club is sponsored jointly by the Florence and Marion Lions Clubs, with assistance from the Mullins Lions Club and other District 32-C chapters. The Florence Day, Marion and Mullins Clubs have also contributed financially towards the establishment of the chapter at FMU.

Membership to the FMU chapter is open to any student, faculty or staff member upon completion of the membership application form and the chapter board's endorsement of the applicant as meeting standards of Lions International membership.

For more information, contact H. Paul Dove, Jr., Lions Club member, dean of the James A. Rogers library and FMU professor, at 1300.



Human Resources Update

SC Deferred Compensation Program Update

Effective April 1, the investment fee for each of the funds is being reduced from .20% to .17%. Paying lower fees means that the fund can pass on more of the returns to investors.

Effective May 1, the name will change from "Age-Based" to "TargetRetirement" Funds to better reflect the enhanced investment strategy and overall investing philosophy.

The newsletter included with your first quarter 2007 statement will give additional information on these changes. The fund fact sheets dated as of March 31 will provide additional information on these changes. The fund fact sheets will be available on the website (<http://scrs.csplans.com>-Investment Information) or by calling the Information Line at 1-866-826-7283.

Prevention Partners Seminar offers help with memory loss

On Wednesday, March 28, there will be a free Prevention Partners Seminar on "Regain your Brain: Reversing Cognitive Decline (Memory Loss)". The seminar will be held in the Lee Nursing Building Thomason Auditorium. The seminar is scheduled from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The deadline to register is Friday, March 16. This seminar is available to all employees, retirees and dependents.

Participants in this seminar will gain valuable insight into stress reduction, depression management and other factors that can lead to cognitive decline.

For more information or to register, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at 1143 or email her at rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-14-07)

- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate/Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre History
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Biology (non-tenure track)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Assistant Professor of Speech Communications
- Assistant Professor of History (Public History/United States History)
- Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
- Performing Arts Center Director
- Child Care Director
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Management
- Director of University Communications
- Custodian
- Police Officer
- Part-time adjunct English faculty
- Part-time, temporary reference librarian

Visit Human Resources
SAB 105, or call ext. 1140

Coming Up On Campus

MARCH

Mar. 13 changed to Mar. 20	8 p.m.	First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber Music and Art Exhibits, Florence Symphony Winds, HFAC, Kassab Recital Hall
March 13-30	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Art Gallery Series: Student Works by FMU Drawing Classes, UC Gallery
March 14	10:30 a.m.-2:30p.m.	Hewn-Timber Cabins open for public viewing
March 20	3:30 & 8 p.m.	Cinema 2006-07 Film Series: Thumb-sucker, CEMC
March 24	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Open House for Prospective Students
March 24	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Art's Alive Festival, FMU campus
Mar. 25	3 p.m.	Dooley Planetarium, Looking for Extrasolar Planets, CEMC

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