

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## Roberts named child care director for Center for the Child

Frances B. Roberts of Bishopville has been appointed child care director for the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child at Francis Marion University, effective July 1.

"We took our time selecting a director because we wanted to find the optimal fit," FMU President Fred Carter said. "From the standpoint of education, experience and applied expertise, she represents that person."

Roberts has been coordinator in Florence School District One for Even Start, a Child Development Education Pilot Program, for the past two years. There she developed and implemented family literacy programs that enable preschool children to enter school ready to succeed.

"I think this (the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child) is probably one of the most exciting things I've had an opportunity to work with," Roberts said. "I'm thrilled about the future of the center."

Roberts will be responsible for heading the center that will serve 100 preschool children ages infant to five years. The center will also be a training facility for FMU students in early childhood education, psychology, nursing and a

site for research and community services. She will direct and plan all activities and programs associated with the center and develop and implement educational programs, curricula and activities.

To her credit, Roberts has already set up and operated early childhood and family literacy programs for Lee County School District, where she was employed from 1981 to 2005. While there, she was an early childhood development teacher, a parenting and family literacy coordinator and an early childhood coordinator.

Roberts wrote and implemented a strategic plan for early childhood in Lee County School District and an Even Start Grant which received the highest scoring in the state among those written.

"I think what makes her ideal for the position is that she has years of experience in early childhood education and has created several programs in the Pee Dee for family literacy," said John R. Hester, director of the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child. "She is a dedicated educator who is both well-organized and hardworking."

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## FMU hosts entrepreneurship training for teachers



*Local teachers learned several aspects of entrepreneurship to teach their students during three-day training on campus.*

Francis Marion University recently hosted a three-day program of entrepreneurship training for local teachers.

The training was sponsored by the Youth Entrepreneurship South Carolina (YEScarolina), partner of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). The training included 21 hours of instruction and participation, meals, and a "goody bag" of materials that teachers can use to incorporate entrepreneurship in their classes.

Teachers learned several aspects of entrepreneurship and participated in activities such as putting together a business plan. The teachers can return for further sessions later this summer to earn three hours of graduate credit. Program participants, local legislators, and NFTE representatives attended.

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“Research shows that entrepreneurship is a spirit which is best sparked at a young age,” said Joe Aniello, an FMU business professor and executive director of the university’s Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute. “By helping to instill an entrepreneurship philosophy in our Pee Dee teachers, we hope to better prepare students who wish to study entrepreneurship in college.”

Thirty area teachers participated in the training taught by instructors Carly David and Harriet Templin. Also present were Jimmy Bailey, YEScarolina executive director, and Jenny Whittle, educational consultant. From the training last year emerged the NFTE Teacher of the Year, Brenda Savage of Timmonsville High School.

## FMU Center of Excellence honors partners

With its mission of increasing the achievement of children of poverty by improving the quality of teacher preparation, the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty hosted its first Administrators Awards Breakfast, honoring those who partnered with them on this charge.

On Wednesday, June 27, in the Ervin Dining Hall on FMU’s campus, 10 local school districts and 60 principals were recognized for their involvement with this partnership and shared success stories on how they benefited from it.

The school districts that received recognition are:

- Clarendon District 1
- Clarendon District 2
- Darlington School District
- Dillon District 2
- Dillon District 3
- Florence District 1
- Florence District 2
- Marion District 1
- Marion District 2
- Marion District 7

In addition, Lorin W. Andersen, coordinator of research and in-service teacher development, and Tammy Pawloski, director of the COE, received awards.



*Lorin W. Andersen, coordinator of research and in-service teacher development, and Tammy Pawloski, director of the COE, were honored for their work to improve student achievement through teacher training.*

## FMU professors advise students in mock UN Conference

Two Francis Marion University professors and two students recently participated in the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

Juniors John Sweeney and Melissa Hammond, sophomore Emily Brandenburg and senior Gerald Condra participated in the conference under the leadership of co-faculty advisers, Scott Kaufman, associate professor of history, and Alissa Walters, assistant professor of political science. Students had an

opportunity to better understand the Model United Nations and build skills in diplomacy and compromising.

Sweeney said, “The conference gave those who participated the opportunity to apply studied theory in a real life situation while gaining experience in the field of international politics and human relations.”

Next year, FMU will participate in the National Model United Nations and Model Congress conference.



## Faculty/Staff News

**Denise P. Rainwater** of Florence has joined the FMU staff as an accountant/cashier.

**Juanita A. Cooper** of Florence has joined the FMU staff as an administrative-campus police dispatcher.

Pee Dee Federal Credit Union is accepting monetary and food donations for the Manna House. The Manna House was founded 20 years ago when several area churches decided that Florence needed a central, coor-

ordinated way to help feed the less fortunate in the community. Manna House serves a hot breakfast and lunch five days a week and serves as an emergency food bank. Among those served are the working poor, the elderly, the chronically or temporarily homeless and individuals in crisis. The Manna House depends on monetary donations to keep their doors open everyday. Please take monetary or food donations to 305 W. Pine St. or 3320 W. Palmetto St. and join PDFCU in helping to feed the hungry in Florence County.

## FMU campus Internet connection upgraded



*John Dixon, chief informatin officer, works to make upgrades.*

equipment and cabling from the service provider. As a result, the university needed additional physical space in the wiring closets.

Despite these challenges, the FMU computing community now shares a 20 MB Metro Ethernet connection to the Internet without losing any "overhead" to the process. This new connection nets a 10 MB increase in bandwidth for the campus community or doubles the previous connection. In addition to this increase in bandwidth, this new type of connection provides a platform which can be easily and quickly upgraded at a lower cost per MB. So, as the demand for bandwidth continues to grow, FMU now has the platform to allow its systems to quickly respond in a more economical way.

On Friday, June 22, FMU's technology group upgraded the campus connection to the Internet from 12 megabytes (MB) to 20 MBs. Prior to this upgrade, the campus community shared a 12 MB connection to the Internet through a set of copper lines into an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) link to the South Carolina State Data Network. This technology required a small portion of the campus wide Internet bandwidth to be used as "overhead" within its ATM link and was not directly available to users. Increasing bandwidth with this type of connection required additional



*Howard Brown, senior PC/Network Support and Training Specialist, and Sheron Jacobs, director of telecommunications, payroll and inventory show where the new equipment is housed.*



## Human Resources Update

### Employees to receive healthcare screening

On July 12, all state employees and state retirees whose primary insurance coverage is either the SHP Standard Plan, the SHP Savings Plan, BlueChoice HealthPlan, or CIGNA will have the opportunity to receive a thorough preventive health screening at the student health center in the McLeod Building adjacent to campus. The screening will be available for a \$15 co-payment.

### Carowinds discount coupons available in HR

Carowinds discount coupons are available in the human resource office for FMU faculty and staff. The coupons are good for \$10 off adult general admission from June 11 to Sept. 3, 2007. Each coupon is good for up to six adults.

For more information, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at 1143 or email her at [rculbertson@fmarion.edu](mailto:rculbertson@fmarion.edu).

## Jobs On-Campus

(as of 6-28-07)

- Part-time Instructor of Mathematics
- Part-time Press Operator
- Senior Administrative Assistant for Financial Assistance
- Director of Business Development - NESA
- Library Technical Assistant - Circulation
- Director of Network Security and Project Management
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Part-time Adjunct English Faculty
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Nursing
- Part-time Chemistry Laboratory Instructor

Visit Human Resources  
SAB 105, or call ext. 1140

## Coming Up On Campus

### JUNE/JULY

May 22-July 24	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.	Art Gallery Series: The Quilting Way II: Quilts by the Swamp Fox Quilters Guild, UC Gallery
May 22-July 10	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.	Art Gallery Series: 2D & 3D Multi-Media Group Show, HFAC Gallery
July 4		University Closed
July 8	3 p.m.	Dooley Planetarium, It's About Time, CEMC, Second Floor
July 9		Summer II classes begin
July 10	10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Hewn Timber Cabins open for public viewing
July 12, 13		Fall Orientation for new students

## Patriot Digest Deadlines

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Questions or comments? Contact Angela Crosland at 1227.

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# Activities Around Campus



*Lynn Timmons, administrative associate for financial services, is hard at work.*



*The FMU sign has changed...*



*Janie Williams, graphic designer, is happy to work for FMU.*



*David Short, central receiving/warehouse specialist, opens packages as they come in.*

# Activities Around Campus

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Bus Tour

