

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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Art's Alive Festival to showcase Jim Quick and Coastline band

An assortment of soul, blues and rock music is the signature of the group known as Jim Quick and Coastline band. On April 5, the band will bring its unique style of play to Francis Marion University as part of the 31st annual Art's Alive festival.

Jim Quick has won more praise than any other entertainer at the Carolina Music Awards. Quick, who is lead vocalist and who plays the harmonica, was raised just east of the Carolina Sandhills and has an upbringing surrounded by soul. From the roots of black gospel to the hard-hitting vocals of the 1960s, his sound is indicative of Mussel Shoals yet has a distinct character like no other. He has been recognized many times by The Carolina Music Awards, having earned the "Entertainer of The Year" award more than any other performer.

Coastline is signed with Atlanta-based label, Landslide Records. Their debut national release, *Sweet 'N' Ripe*, released in April of 2005 is a perfect collection of the milieu of the band. More than half of the album is original material written by the group, while the remainder of the album is comprised of rare material from legendary impressionable artists such as Hank Ballard, Lee Dorsey and Jimmy Reed.

In addition to the musical performance of Jim Quick and Coastline band, this year's festival will feature the Parris Island Marine Band. These groups will perform on the main outdoor stage at FMU.



Jim Quick and Coastline Band

Spanning the United States, the musicians of the Parris Island Marine Band entertain audiences at more than 225 performances each year. The band travels in excess of 25,000 miles annually carrying on a long-standing tradition of excellence and service to both Corps and country.

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Sand Hills Science Fair to be held, March 27, 28

The 52nd annual Sand Hills Regional Science Fair will be held Thursday and Friday (March 27-28) at Francis Marion University in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Junior and senior high school students from Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence, Horry, Marion and Marlboro counties will participate. Officials expect 340 science projects to be exhibited during the two-day event. The fair will be open to the public without charge

Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The awards presentation, also open to the public free of charge, will be Friday at 5:30 p.m. in McNair Science Building's Chapman Auditorium. The Sand Hills Regional Science Fair is sponsored by the

Florence Civitan Club, the South Carolina Academy of Science and FMU.

The Science Fair competition will be in two divisions, with students in grades six, seven and eight competing in the junior division and those in grades nine through 12 in the senior division. Categories in both divisions include behavioral and social sciences, botany, chemistry, earth and space sciences, zoology and microbiology, mathematics, gerontology/medicine and health and physics. The senior division also includes biochemistry, engineering, environmental sciences, computer science, and medicine and health.

The top winner of the fair will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Numerous other prizes and certificates will be awarded in each of the divisions.

Fred Clayton, professor of chemistry at FMU, is the fair's director. Kristofoland Varazo, instructor of chemistry at FMU, is the judging chairperson.

For more information, contact Clayton at ext. 1442.

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Faculty and staff news...

Charles G. Carpenter, professor of accounting in the School of Business, has been appointed to the Accounting Careers/Academic Relations Task Force of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Lara Jones, assistant professor of psychology, recently had an article accepted for publication in the Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology, titled "An asymmetric effect of relational integration on recognition memory."

Jason C. Orning of Florence has joined the FMU staff as director of compliance.

Lisa J. Knell of Florence has joined the FMU staff as an admissions counselor.

Bruce B. Wade of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a custodian.

Dependent Scholarships

The sons, daughters, stepsons and stepdaughters of members of the FMU family are eligible to receive scholarships in the amount of \$100 per semester as entering full-

time FMU freshmen. This scholarship will be repeated for as long as the student is enrolled as a full-time student at FMU and as long as the student maintains satisfactory progress.

If you have a dependent who will be attending FMU and is eligible for this scholarship, please see Becky Culbertson in the HR office to request a form.

FMU to host Teacher Cadet College Day, March 18

Francis Marion University will host 66 Teacher Cadets from 5 area high schools for Teacher Cadet College Day, Tuesday, March 18.

The guest speaker will be Ann Marie Taylor, the 2008 South Carolina Teacher of the Year and FMU alum. For the past three years, Taylor has taught self-contained special education classes (EMD), grades kindergarten through fifth at Pine Tree Hill Elementary School in Kershaw County. This year, she became a National Board candidate.

Taylor attended FMU from 1999-2001 and received a master's degree in teaching, learning disabilities. She received additional

certification in teaching students with mental disabilities as well. From 1993-1997, she attended Saginaw Valley State University and received a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences and criminal justice.

Twice each year, the FMU School of Education sponsors a College Day, when cadets visit campus to meet other cadets from the area and get a taste of university life at FMU.

These cadets will have FMU ID cards made, take a tour of the Rogers Library with the reference staff, tour the Hewn-Timber Cabins, and take a tour of the campus, all to acquaint them with FMU facilities, programs, and services available to them as members of the FMU family.

Participating high schools are: Crestwood High School in Sumter, Darlington, East Clarendon, Scott's Branch in Summerton and Wilson.

High-achieving high school juniors and seniors with an interest in becoming educators can apply to South Carolina's Teacher Cadet Program. The Teacher Cadet Program is an introduction to the teaching profession. Its main purpose is to encourage students who possess a high level of academic achievement and the personality traits found in good teachers to consider teaching as a career.

For additional information, contact Sharon Askins, FMU education professor at ext. 1490 or saskins@fmarion.edu.

Jobs on Campus

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- 🔗 **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
- 🔗 **Assistant Professor of English**
- 🔗 **Assistant Professor of Chemistry**
- 🔗 **Assistant Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute**
- 🔗 **Lead Teacher**
- 🔗 **Lead Teacher-Certified in Early Childhood Education**
- 🔗 **Police Officer**
- 🔗 **Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater**
- 🔗 **Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants**
- 🔗 **Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant**

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

FMU to hold Open House for prospective students, April 5

Francis Marion University will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, April 5.

The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the McNair Science Building lobby, and a welcome will be given at 9:30 a.m.

An information fair will run from 8:30 to 9:30 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 noon to 12:30 p.m., tours of the campus and residence halls will be given. A social and wrap-up will be held from noon to 1:00 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 ext. 1231 or toll-free at 1-800-368-7551.

Trail Commission receives grant from Humanities Council

The Francis Marion Trail Commission and ScienceSouth received a portion of \$50,000 of grant monies awarded by the S.C. Humanities Council to fund workshops.

The Trail Commission and ScienceSouth will use the grant money to organize two workshops that will look at different aspects of the Revolutionary War: historical, anthropological, and cultural, including a unique look at food history and culture. The workshops are scheduled for the fall of 2008 and the winter of 2009, and the information presented during the programs will be collected

in a booklet and in an exhibit.

The awards were selected through a competitive application and review process and are made possible by the S.C. Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Funded projects include a documentary on Harriet Tubman, an oral history project in Allendale County, a local history harvest in the town of Little Mountain and an exhibit and symposium on South Carolina hero Robert Smalls.



Robert C. Barrett, executive director of FMTC

Art's Alive ... *Continued from front*

The culmination of military pride and efficiency, along with precise musical expertise, continues to set the bands of the United States Marine Corps apart from other military units. The Parris Island Marine Band is dedicated to upholding and displaying the highest standards and traditions that the United States Marine Corps has established.

The festival's lineup of other talented musicians and singers performing throughout the day, include the choral ensemble Vocal Edition, The Woody's band, FMU's Cut Time choir, Fleur de Lis Strings, Florence Men's Choral Society, The Plaids and Peggy Baroody and Friends.

The Greenwood Elementary School chorus will begin the musical lineup with a performance at 10:30 a.m.

Events Calendar

March

Art Gallery Series March 18-April 5
Works by FMU Drawing Students
M-F 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. UC

Cinema Film Series March 18
"Turtles Can Fly"
3:30 & 8 p.m. CEMC Auditorium

Easter March 23

Dooley Planetarium March 23
"Voyage to the Planets"
3 p.m. CEMC, 2nd Floor

English Film Series March 25
"The Searchers"
3:30 & 8 p.m. CEMC Auditorium

Artist Series Concert March 27
"Petar Jankovic" HFAC

Moran Address March 27
3:45 p.m. CEMC Auditorium

Ms. FMU Pageant March 28
7 p.m. MSB Auditorium

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 Public and Community Affairs at ext. 1225.

If you're going:

- Greenwood Elementary School, 10:30 a.m., Main Outdoor Stage
- The Plaids, 11 a.m., Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- Vocal Edition, noon, Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- Jim Quick & Coastline, noon, Main Outdoor Stage
- FMU's Cut Time, 1 p.m., Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- Peggy Baroody and Friends, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- Parris Island Marine Band, 2:30 p.m., Main Outdoor Stage
- Fleur de Lis Strings, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- Florence Men's Choral Society, 4 p.m., Fine Arts Center, Adele Kassab Recital Hall
- The Woody's, 4:30 p.m., Main Outdoor Stage

FMU receives research grant

Francis Marion University is among 14 colleges and universities recently selected for awards from the Merck American Association for the Advancement of Science Undergraduate Science Research Program.

Sponsored by the Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the program awards provide up to \$60,000, paid over three years, for use by the biology and chemistry departments at the recipient institution.

The Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program is a competitive program available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Launched in 2000 as a national competition, the 10-year, \$9 million initiative is open to institutions in the United States and

Puerto Rico that offer an American Chemical Society-approved program in chemistry and confer 10 or fewer graduate degrees annually in biology and chemistry combined.

The other 13 institutions who received the same grant include Boise State University, Boise, Idaho; Claffin University, Orangeburg; Colorado State University, Pueblo, Colo.; Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minn.; Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.; Muhlenberg University, Allentown, Pa.; North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, N.C.; Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Mich.; Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.; Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I.; Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.; University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.; University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.

Guitarist Petar Jankovic to perform, March 27

Guitarist Petar Jankovic will perform in concert at Francis Marion University as part of the university's Artist Series, Thursday, March 27.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Jankovic, a native of Yugoslavia, began his guitar studies at age eight. He later earned a degree in classical guitar from the renowned Music Academy in Belgrade in Yugoslavia. While there, he became a two-time gold medal, silver medal, and two-time bronze medal winner at the National Music Competition. At age 16, he delivered his first professional performance, and by age 20, the Community College in Belgrade invited Jankovic to share his expertise with beginning classical guitar students. This marked the beginning of a distinguished teaching career that has developed alongside his successful performing career.

He went on to earn a master's degree from the Indiana University School of Music, and in the mid-90s, the Indiana University School of Music invited Jankovic to pursue the esteemed artist diploma degree under the guidance of Maestro Ernesto Bitetti. Still dedicated to sharing his talent through both performing and teaching, Jankovic developed a guitar program at Franklin College of Indiana in 1997. At present, he is a faculty member at the Indiana University School of Music.

In 1998, he released "Romantico," a CD exploring the sounds of the romantic Spanish and Latino-American world, and featuring Jankovic's interpretations of pieces by famous composers such as Albeniz, Torrobbba, Pipo, Piazzolla, and Ponce.

In 2002, Jankovic released his "Bogdanovic, Brouwer, Dyens" CD featuring works by the most prominent and played classical guitar composers living today.



Jankovic

Kitts' book makes list

The book, "Presidential Commissions and National Security: The Politics of Damage Control," written by Kenneth Kitts, associate provost at FMU, has made the Wall Street Journal's Five Best list.

The book was published by Lynne Rienner Publishers of Boulder, Colo., and according to the book review by Max Holland, "Kenneth Kitts shows why federal panels are imperfect and why they often inadvertently spur the conspiracy thinking they are designed to minimize."

Kitts, a native of Waynesville, N.C., earned the B.A. and M.A.

degrees in political science from Appalachian State University, and the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of South Carolina. He joined the FMU faculty in 1987 and was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2002-03.



Kitts

Digest Deadline

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Submit copy to the editor by March 26 for the March 31 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at acrosland@fmarion.edu or at ext. 1227.

Kaufman receives Fulbright

Scott Kaufman, associate professor of history, was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture in Ireland.

Founded by Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946, the Fulbright Program serves as an international exchange program for scholars, sending 800 individuals from the United States abroad this year.

Kaufman, a native of Slidell, La., became an assistant professor of history at FMU in 2001 and an associate professor of history in 2005. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Washington, Southwest Missouri State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Ohio University.

He has taught many courses in the field of history to include historiography, the Korean War,

the Modern World and the History of the United States in World Affairs. He earned the B.A. degree from Kansas State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio University.

Kaufman has published five books since 2000, including "Confronting Communism: U.S. and British Policies toward China," "The Presidency of James Earl Carter Jr.," "The Pig War: The United States, Britain, and the Balance of Power in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-72," "Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of the Carolinas" and a biography of former first lady Rosalynn Carter.



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