

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

Sept. 15, 2004

FMU to host Pee Dee International Festival, Oct. 16

Francis Marion University will play host to the 12th-annual Pee Dee International Festival on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 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 games for children.

This year's festival will feature the Mapapa African

Acrobats from Kenya.

This project is funded in part by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

More information, including a full schedule, will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

Geography professor Lockyer publishes second book on Maine

Francis Marion University geography professor Allan Lockyer has published his second book, "Imagining Maine -- Essays and Stories."

"Imagining Maine" is an eclectic mix of essays and stories written over the past decade and a half. Many of the essays are collected from "The Downeast Coastal Press," a weekly newspaper in Cutler, Maine, that Lockyer has written for since 1988.

Since 1973, Lockyer has spent his summers in a rustic camp on Jones Pond in West Gouldsboro, Maine.

"I like to tell people that I work in South Carolina, but live in Maine," he said.

"Imagining Maine" is a memoir about how I became the eccentric and reclusive geographer that I am, living

summers the past 30 years in the Maine woods without electricity, telephone, or indoor plumbing," Lockyer said.

"It's about the two places I live and work (Maine and South Carolina), and Ireland and Mexico, two other places where I've done field research. The book explores the similarities and differences between Maine and these other places."

The book includes humorous essays such as "Rednecks" and "Falling in Love with Wal-Mart."

There are also pieces on Lockyer's experiences as a college professor and his love of long-distance running.

The longest essay in the book is about Michoacan, the Mexican state that sends more than half its population

to work in the United States, especially Maine and South Carolina.

Lockyer is also the author of "Clamdiggers and Downeast Country Stores: Eastern Maine's Vanishing Culture," which placed sixth on the Maine Writers and Publishers Bestseller List in 1994.

He received a bachelor's degree from Southern Arkansas University, a master's degree from Western Kentucky University, and a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. He has been a professor at FMU since 1986.

"Imagining Maine" is published by Berry Cove Publishing Co. of Lamoine, Maine. It retails for \$14.95 and is 212 pages, including references and black and white photos.

Former provost Tom Armstrong to give lecture, Sept. 21

Former Francis Marion University provost Thomas Armstrong will return to FMU to give a lecture, Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The lecture, titled "The Educated Person in the 21st Century," will begin at 7 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Armstrong served as provost and professor of history at FMU from June 1993 to December 1994. Prior to

coming to FMU, he served in a number of positions at Georgia College and State University, including dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He served as president of Tennessee Wesleyan College from 2003 to June of this year.

Armstrong earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from the University of Colorado, and the Ph.D. degree in American social/Southern history from the University of Virginia.

Faculty/Staff News

Donald Hyman, painting supervisor, has received a doctorate of divinity degree from the International Overcoming College of Religion, James Dussault University in Columbia, S.C.

He also received certification as a Christian counselor by the International Professional Certification Association.

Hyman has worked at FMU for 22 years. He is the pastor of Judea Apostolic Church in Florence.

The College of Liberal Arts held elections on Sept. 2.

Elected to the Academic Committee was **Tommy Ramey** from Mathematics.

The Promotion and Tenure Committee for the College of Liberal Arts is **Jeff Camper** (Biology), **Ken Williams** (Chemistry), **Eddy Harding** (English and Modern Languages), **Craig Alberty** (Fine Arts), **Duane P.**

Myers (History), **Tim Hanson** (Mass Communication), **Hank Richardson** (Mathematics), **David Peterson** (Physics), **Allen Lockyer** (Political Science and Geo-graphy), and **Leslie Barnes-Young** (Psychology and Sociology).

After several years of service as coordinator of International Studies at FMU, **John Britton** has decided to step down from that position. A replacement will be appointed from the ranks of the Francis Marion faculty through an open selection process.

The coordinator of International Studies normally carries a nine-hour teaching load each semester, with the remaining three hours designated as reassigned time for administrative duties. The coordinator is expected to:

- Oversee the international studies major and minor/collaterals
- Chair the International Studies Committee

■ Advise University officials on international studies issues

■ Promote international studies both on and off campus

■ Maintain and expand international exchange opportunities for FMU students and faculty

■ Coordinate the activities of university liaisons with exchange institutions

Applications should include a detailed letter of interest and current curriculum vitae. Please direct the application to Ken Kitts, Associate Provost, SAB 115, by today (Sept. 15).

A screening committee will review applications and meet with individual applicants during the selection process. Screening Committee members include Ken Kitts, associate provost (chair), John Britton, professor of history, Charlene Wages, professor of psychology, and Jeff Pompe, professor of economics. The committee will provide a recommendation to the provost.

Works by alumni on display in Fine Arts Center galleries

Francis Marion University is holding its 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational as part of the university's Art Gallery Series through Sept. 30.

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 Hyman Fine Arts Center galleries.

A gallery gala reception for the artists and the public will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30 in the fine arts center.

The Alumni Invitational gives graduates of FMU's Art Education and Visual Arts programs an opportu-

nity to socialize and showcase recent artwork, and affords the university and community an opportunity to view their work and learn of their achievements following graduation.

Alumni exhibitions help the Department of Fine Arts stay current with former students, assessing success in preparing students for graduate study and professions within the field.

In conjunction with alumni surveys, the alumni invitational is a collegial means of soliciting recommendations for improvements to the curriculum and providing current art and art education majors with a pool of successful mentors to assist with

placement "in the business" upon graduation.

"As chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at FMU, I wish to thank all the alumni that contributed work for the Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational," said Lawrence P. Anderson.

"Alumni exhibits help continue a dialogue with past students we have prepared. This kind of contact is nostalgic, educational, and exciting for all involved. Faculty are provided evidence of progress their students have made, and current students are reinforced by the creative endeavors they view."



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Programs offer trips to Thailand, France in spring

Thailand

In addition to eligible FMU students, faculty and staff who have an avid interest in travel and experiencing exotic cultures are invited to take part on a two-week trip to Thailand in May 2005.

This trip will be focused around a Special Topics course in Geography and will take place during the last two weeks of the Late Spring Semester (otherwise known as Maymester).

Thailand evokes images of exotic cultures and landscapes, from Yul Brenner's "The King and I" to Siamese cats guarding gold-laden palaces of the royalty. The land is riddled with golden spires of Buddhist wats and chedi and other architectural relics of ancient Southeast Asian civilizations. This is also home to exotic wildlife, including tigers, leopards, elephants, and giant hornbill birds. Formerly the Kingdom of Siam, this is Thailand, which means "the land of the free."

Persons who go on the trip will visit major historical and religious

sites, as well as trek to hill tribal villages, ride an elephant, and sample some of the world's most exotic cuisine. With 95 percent of its population being Theravada Buddhist, Thailand boasts some of the world's most impressive Buddhist architecture.

The first interest meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 3:35 p.m. in FH 142A.

Cost for a two-week, all-inclusive trip (airfare, hotel, food, etc.) is estimated to be \$2,000. A deposit of \$150 will be due sometime in mid-October, while the rest of the money will be due in March and April of next year.

For more information or a brochure, contact Scott Brown at 1611 or ssbrown@fmarion.edu.

France

FMU is now accepting applications from students to attend the University of Caen in Normandy, France, next semester (spring 2005).

FMU will send two candidates to France, where they will live in the

dorms and attend classes on the French campus.

Minimal French is necessary for day-to-day living but the language school accepts students at all levels and offers classes ranging from Elementary French to special studies sections such as French for Economics, Literature, Teaching, etc. Students with advanced proficiency in French will have the opportunity to take regular courses with other French students to satisfy general education requirements.

Caen is located two hours north of Paris and is easily accessible by train. The region hosts the historic D-Day beaches, Joan of Arc memorial, Bayeux tapestry, Mont St.-Michel monastery and other sites of interest which are too numerous to list.

The program costs are roughly the same as attending FMU (except for airfare). For more information, call Liz Zahnd at 1600 or e-mail her at ezahnd@fmarion.edu.

The application deadline is Oct. 1.

School of Business to host 'Connections to Success' event, Sept. 21-22

The FMU School of Business in cooperation with the Economics Society and Delta Sigma Pi wish to announce the inaugural "Connections to Success" event.

Held over two days, Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Wednesday Sept. 22, the seven panel sessions are designed to introduce over 15 successful members of the Florence area business community to all FMU students.

All of the topics to be discussed are intended to be of special interest to students as they make the connection to successful careers. Subjects of particular importance concern Interviewing; Ethics; Entrepreneurship; Opportunities for Women and Minorities; Communication and Graduate School. A schedule can be obtained from the dean's office. Admission is free.

Florence County Library to present Children's Fall Festival, Sept. 18

The Florence County Library and the Friends of the Florence County Library, in partnership with Florence School District One, will present the Children's Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library at 509 S. Dargan St.

The festival is made possible by a South Carolina Reading First Grant presented to Florence School District

One, as well as by the generous support of the Friends of the Florence County Library.

The festival is a celebration of reading and will feature the well-known children's authors and illustrators James Ransome and Chris Soentpiet, as well as magician and ventriloquist Ron Johnson, and Rick Hubbard and his all-kid kazoo band.

Admission is free.

A host of activities and events will be held both inside and outside the library as weather permits. Food and other treats will be available as supplies last.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

For more information, contact Children's Services at the Florence County Library at 292-7382.



Human Resources Update

Pee Dee Federal Credit Union can help you find the perfect new or pre-owned vehicle at the best price through Verve Autogroup. Exclusively for credit union members, Verve takes all the hassle, haggling, and headaches out of buying a new or pre-owned vehicle.

They have the experience and relationships it takes to locate, negotiate,

and deliver the best vehicle at the best price. Verve offers competitive prices on trade-ins so you don't have to deal with the hassles of selling. Verve has saved thousands of dollars for Pee Dee Federal Credit Union members. Buy your next vehicle through Verve and get your financing and warranties through the credit union. Call the credit union at 669-0461.

United Way donations sought from FMU

The United Way campaign for 2004 is under way. Traditionally, the faculty and staff at FMU have supported this important community effort, and participation is encouraged once again. When you give to United Way, you give to 22 agencies that know how to change lives.

The theme for this year's campaign is "What Matters Is ... We Care!" For 50 years, United Way of Florence County has served the Florence community. United Way has cared about the health, education, and needs of the children, adults, families and seniors living in the Florence

community.

When you support the United Way, you are helping people right here in our community. Your donation remains in Florence County assisting those who need our help.

A brochure and gift form will be sent to FMU faculty and staff. You may make a one-time gift by simply writing a check made payable to "United Way" or you may contribute through payroll deduction.

Please return the form to Libby Cooper in Community Relations, SAB 101, by Nov. 15. If you have any questions, call Cooper at 1221.

Athletic Dept. to hold Chicken Bog

The Francis Marion University athletic department will hold its fourth-annual Chicken Bog Benefit on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Meals will be sold on the lawn in front of the Smith University Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meals will be prepared by Charles "Punk" Poston.

The cost of each plate will be \$6. Free delivery will be offered for orders of 10 or more plates. For tickets, call the athletic department at 843-661-1240 (or 1242) or contact any FMU athletic coach.

All proceeds from the event will go toward assisting FMU student-athletes and the athletic programs at the university.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 9-10-04)

■ Cheerleading Coordinator
(Part-time, Temporary Position)

Visit Human Resources,
SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

SEPT.

- through Oct. 29 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Stephen M. Welch, UC gallery
- through Sept. 30 Art Gallery Series: 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational, HFAC gallery
- 18 10-1 Children's Fall Festival, Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library
- 21 7 pm Lecture by Tom Armstrong: "The Educated Person in the 21st Century, Lowrimore Auditorium," CEMC
- 21-22 School of Business hosts "Connections to Success"
- 30 7 pm Art Gallery Series: Reception for 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational, HFAC gallery

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- 5 First Tuesday Arts Event: Artists TBA, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 5-28 Art Gallery Series: "Cultural Compost: Quilts from Surface to Content," fiber arts by Ellen Kochansky, HFAC gallery

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