

# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

October 31, 2007

## CBS Correspondent addresses FMU students

CBS News journalist Martha Teichner addressed Francis Marion University mass communications students and the staff of the Morning News and WBTW TV-13 on Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Drs. Bruce and Lee Nursing Building's Thomason Auditorium.

Attendees took part in a question and answer session from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Teichner, who has been a journalist since 1977, has spent more than a dozen years as a foreign correspondent covering major international events. She has broadcast the fall of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe, the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, and the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

After serving as CBS's first female overseas war correspondent from 1980 to 1994, Teichner joined CBS Sunday Morning, a production that premiered with Charles Kuralt in 1979 and now features host Charles Osgood. CBS Sunday Morning is considered one of television's premiere shows, highlighting the arts, history, music and film. The program is reminiscent of the earlier CBS style that features insightful, thought-provoking broadcasting with in-depth interviews.

Teichner was the featured guest speaker for The Joe Stukes History Series in the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library's meeting room. Following the presentation there was a VIP reception at The Cottage on the FMU campus. These events were sponsored by the Friends of Florence County Library, the Morning News, WBTW and FMU.



Teichner

## FMU hosts Teacher Cadet College Day

Francis Marion University hosted 184 Teacher Cadets from 15 area high schools for Teacher Cadet College Day on Oct. 29.

The guest speaker was 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 made FMU ID cards, toured Rogers Library with the reference staff, toured the Hewn-Timber Cabins, and toured the campus, all to acquaint them with FMU facilities, programs, and services available to them as members of the FMU family. The students will also participate in a group activity with FMU Education Professor Dr. Sharon Moore Askins and hear presentations about early childhood education and financial aid.

In addition, Taylor presented a session titled "Celebrating Strengths" to a smaller group later in the day.

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## Faculty news...

Matthew H. Cantrell of Florence has joined the staff as director of network security and project management.

Former FMU Director of Media **Ross A. Fleming** died on Oct. 24 at the age of 68. He worked at FMU from July 1, 1976, until his retirement on July 1, 2001. He was named FMU Professor Emeritus in 2002. His wife, Jan, is an FMU retiree.

**Mike Hughes**, assistant professor of finance in the School of Business, co-authored the article titled, "An empirical examination of intraday volatility in the on-the-run U.S. Treasury Bills," which was the lead article published in the Journal of Economics and Business. The significant contribution of this research is the empirical verification of a U-shaped intraday volatility pattern in a key money market, the U.S. T-Bill market.

**Wendy Caldwell**, coordinator of FMU's Spanish program, has just published an article titled, "Taking Spanish Outside the Box: A Model for Integrating Service-Learning into Foreign Language Study." It is featured in the Foreign Language Annals Fall 2007 issue.

Business Professor **Padmaja Rao** along with FMU computer science students Mike Berg, Robbie Clemons, Jeremy Condra and Jeremy Lewis competed in the Association for Computing Machinery's South East Regional Programming Contest held at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga., on Oct. 12 and 13. They will also compete in the Fourteenth Annual Southeastern Small Colleges Programming Contest which is a part of the Consortium of Computing in Small Colleges: Twenty-First Annual Southeastern Conference to be held at Coastal Carolina University in Conway on Nov. 9 and 10.

## Human Resources...

### New deferred compensation plan offered

S.C. Deferred Compensation is offering a new plan, the Roth 401k, as part of their supplemental annuity lineup. Plan Representative Kathy Diehl, will be on campus Nov. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Thomason Auditorium of the Lee Nursing Building to present the plan overview. No registration is required.

### 2007 Retirement System Handbook available

The 2007 South Carolina Retirement System Handbook and the 2007 Police Officers Retirement System Handbook are now available online at the following links:

<http://www.retirement.sc.gov/publications/scrs.pdf>

<http://www.retirement.sc.gov/publications/pors.pdf>

## Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Spanish
- ◆ Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Education
- ◆ Coordinator of Student Activities
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- ◆ Part-Time Press Operator
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of Economics
- ◆ Director of Admissions
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Political Science
- ◆ Lead Groundskeeper
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Management
- ◆ Library Technical Assistant-Circulation
- ◆ Part-time Math Instructor
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of History
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Music
- ◆ Director of Compliance
- ◆ Part-time French Instructor

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

## FMU hosts Teacher Cadet College Day ...

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Participating high schools were: Aynor, C.E. Murray, Hannah-Pamplico, Hartsville, Kingstree Senior, Lakewood, Lamar, Manning, Marion, Marlboro, Mayo, Mullins, South Florence, Timmons ville and West Florence.

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.



*Teacher Cadet College Day*

## Library News

There are two major items of importance and interest from the James A. Rogers Library that relate to the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) developments and fall usage numbers.

At a recent PASCAL executive board meeting, it was announced that there are now 39 college and university library catalogs included in the "PASCAL Delivers" database. Twenty-eight of these are currently full participants in the universal borrowing facet of the consortium; these now integrated catalogs provide access to over nine millions books held by the PASCAL membership. "PASCAL Delivers" is the patron-initiated borrowing feature inaugurated by the consortium earlier this year. FMU is experiencing monthly expansion of its services through "PASCAL Delivers" as a direct impact of this growth.

"In October Francis Marion library users borrowed more materials from PASCAL consortium libraries than we loaned to other PASCAL member institutions, which represents a unique turn-around," said Karl McAlister, Rogers Library circulation staff member and FMU "PASCAL Delivers" coordinator. "Traditionally, through interlibrary lending, Francis Marion loans three times as many books and articles to other libraries as we borrow, so this is indeed a notable turn-of-events."

PASCAL includes 57 accredited colleges and universities in South Carolina, and all but two of these are currently planning to add their bibliographic holdings into the "PASCAL Delivers" database, raising total contents to more than twelve million books. PASCAL is also currently providing access to multiple full-text databases and developing a digital library initiative (DLI) for the Palmetto State.

PASCAL is funded by the South Carolina Legislature and membership dues. It has also received grants from the South Carolina State Library. PASCAL is headquartered in the Commission on Higher Education offices.

Fall statistics from FMU's Rogers Library continue to indicate increased usage. "We posted right at 11,000 customer visits in August and 23,000 in September," Library Dean Paul Dove said. "October numbers show even higher library visit numbers, with Wednesdays averaging more than 1,200 users. Two-thirds through the month, we are showing over 17,000 user visits, so we could break 26,000 in October."

During calendar year 2006, the library recorded 171,655 user visits.

The library also maintains electronic database access statistics, and through September 2007 it has experienced 126,902 database access hits, Dove said. These figures include combined database access provided through FMU and through the PASCAL resources.

## Events Calendar

### November

First Tuesday Concert 8 p.m.	Nov. 6 FAC
Pee Dee Fiction Festival FMU campus	Nov. 8-10
FMU Open House McNair Science Building	Nov. 10
Dooley Planetarium "Black Holes and Other Space Oddities" 3 p.m.	Nov. 11 CEMC, 2nd Floor
Hewn Timber Cabins Tours 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Nov. 13
Art Gallery Series Senior Shows by Visual Arts Majors 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nov. 20-Dec. 16 HFAC
String Ensemble Concert 8 p.m.	Nov. 20 HFAC
FMU Closed for Holiday	Nov. 22, 23
Dooley Planetarium "The Christmas Star" 3 p.m.	Nov. 25 CEMC, 2nd Floor

### United Way seeks help from faculty and staff

The United Way campaign for 2008 is under way. Traditionally, the faculty and staff at Francis Marion University have supported this important community effort, and we ask for your participation once again. When you give to United Way, you give to 20 agencies that know how to change lives in our community.

The theme for this year's campaign is "You Can Make a Positive Change Right Here at Home." And, the way to change lives is through your support of United Way. For more than 50 years, United Way of Florence County has served the greater Florence community. United Way has cared about the health, education, and needs of the children, adults, families and seniors living throughout Florence County, including the cities of Florence, Johnsonville, Coward, Scranton, Timmons ville, Pamplico, Olanta and Lake City.

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 all over the county. A brochure and gift form have been sent to faculty and staff through campus mail. You may make a onetime gift by simply writing a check made payable to "United Way" or you may contribute through payroll deduction.

Return the form to the Community Relations Office by Nov. 15. If you have any questions, call Kathy Johnson in the Community Relations Office at 1225.

## Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival Schedule of Events

### Thursday, 8 November 2007

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. Screening: This Boy's Life  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. A Fiction Writer's Approach to the Personal  
Narrative - Phillip Gardner,  
Reading and Writing Haiku - Bill Ramsey,  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. Screening: This Boy's Life  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Freshman Writing Colloquium  
Tobias Wolff, Lowrimore Auditorium
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. How to Read a Film - Sean Smollen-Morton  
Screening: Bullet in the Brain,  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Tobias Wolff - Reading, Discussion and  
Book Signing  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 8:00-9:30 p.m. Reception at The Cottage

### Friday, 9 November 2007

- 9:30-10:20 a.m. Sweet Inspiration I: Where the Ideas for  
Poems Come From - Becky Flannagan and  
Ken Autrey, Lowrimore Auditorium  
Reading Comics and Graphic Novels -  
Heather Epes, CEMC 208A
- 10:30-11:20 a.m. Sweet Inspiration II: Where the Ideas for  
Poems Come From - Naomi Shihab Nye  
and Terrance Hayes  
Lowrimore Auditorium

- 11:30-12:20 p.m. The Ethics of Literature - Matthew Turner  
and David Cowles  
FH 213C  
What Makes a Poem Good - Jo Edwins and  
Kristen Gravitte  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 12:30-1:20 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30-2:20 p.m. Literary Non-Fiction - Naomi Shihab Nye  
and Terrance Hayes  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. Appalachian Music, Lowrimore Auditorium
- 3:15-4:10 p.m. Discussion of Appalachian Culture and Its  
Effect on Her Novels - Sharyn McCrumb  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 4:20-5:30 p.m. Screening: Bullet in the Brain  
Discussion with Tobias Wolff  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Naomi Shihab Nye-Reading, Discussion  
and Book Signing  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 8:00- 9:30 p.m. Reception at The Cottage

### Saturday, 10 November 2007

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. How to Choose a Good Translation - Ed  
Eleazer and Peter Whelan  
Lowrimore Auditorium  
Harry Potter Novels- Pamela Rooks and  
Mary McNulty  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. The Book That Changed My Life - Terrance  
Hayes and others  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 11:00 -12:00 p.m. Terrance Hayes- Reading, Discussion and  
Book Signing  
Lowrimore Auditorium
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Sharyn McCrumb-Reading, Discussion and  
Book Signing  
Lowrimore Auditorium

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