

Patriot Digest

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FMU to host UN Symposium featuring U.S. Ambassadors

Ambassadors John R. Bolton and Andrew J. Young will headline Francis Marion University's first United Nations Symposium sponsored by the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation to begin on United Nations Day Oct. 24 and conclude on Oct 26. David Wilkins, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, will serve as a keynote speaker at the symposium.

The three-day symposium, the purpose of which is to analyze the global role of the United Nations, was organized by FMU Associate Professor of History Scott Kaufman and FMU Assistant Professor of Political Science Alissa Warters.

"Hosting this symposium will bring greater awareness and understanding to the U.S. public of the work of the United Nations," Kaufman said. "In so doing, Americans can better judge in their mind the effectiveness of the U.N. in handling the variety of issues it faces."

The focus of the symposium will be the three central aspects of the U.N.'s work: the promotion of human rights, peacekeeping and peacemaking, and the relationship between the U.N. and regional organizations.

"Part of the mission of Francis Marion as a public university serving South Carolina is to provide for growth in civic awareness," Warters said. "We believe that this symposium serves this purpose. It will offer an opportunity for both FMU students and the public at large to learn more about the United Nations."

The ambassadors were chosen to lead discussions on the topic because of their extensive knowledge of U.N. operations, she added.

Ambassador Bolton was appointed as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations on August 1, 2005, and served until his resignation in December 2006. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Bolton served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from May 2001 to May 2005.

During his tenure at the U.N., Bolton was a tenacious and outspoken advocate of U.S. efforts to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, push Syria out of Lebanon and bring African peacekeepers into shaky Somalia. Bolton was very effective in North Korea, moving forward with a very strong sanction resolution through the U.N. Security Council within days of Pyongyang's Oct. 9, 2006 nuclear test. Bolton also assembled an international coalition that

blocked the bid of Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's Marxist strongman, to join the Security Council. He graduated with a B.A., summa cum laude, from Yale University and received his J.D. in 1974. He currently resides in Maryland with his wife, Gretchen.



John R. Bolton



Andrew J. Young

Ambassador Young was a leading civil-rights activist in the 1960s who became a trusted aide to Martin Luther King Jr. He was with King when the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

The Democrat from Georgia served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1973-77, making him the first African-American since Reconstruction to be elected to Congress from Georgia.

He supported the 1976 presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter, and in 1977 Carter named him ambassador to the United Nations. Young helped Carter make human rights a central focus arguing that economic development in the Third World, particularly in Africa, was in the best interest of the United States. Young was among the first to call for sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa, and he fought for U.S. recognition of Communist Vietnam.

Young graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He then earned a divinity degree from Hartford Theological Seminary in Connecticut and accepted the pastorate of Bethany Congregational Church in Thomasville, Ga., in 1955.

Young had four children with his first wife, Jean Childs, who died of cancer in 1994. He married his second wife, Carolyn, in 1996. Young has published two books, "A Way Out of No Way" (1994) and "An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America" (1996).

Ambassador Wilkins became the 21st United States Ambassador to Canada in 2005 after being nominated by President George W. Bush on April 27, 2005. Wilkins resigned from the South Carolina House of Representatives where he served for 25 years, 11 of which were as speaker of the House, to accept the ambassadorship.

Wilkins was elected speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives in December 1994. He was the first Republican elected speaker in the South since Reconstruction and retired as one of the longest-serving speakers in the country.

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FMU to hold Benefits Day

Mark your calendar. Benefits Day will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Smith University Center commons area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As in years past, a number of free and low-cost health screenings will be available, as well as many benefits-related exhibits. Door prizes will also be offered.

The Student Alumni Association is sponsoring a "Books Are Fun" book sale in conjunction with the Benefits Fair. There will be over 250 titles at 40 to 70 percent off. Visitors will be able to find books, CDs, videos, and other assorted gift items. Visa, MasterCard, and personal checks will be accepted.

The FMU Athletic Department's annual chicken bog will also be held Oct. 3. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the university center. Tickets are \$6 each. All proceeds

from the event will go toward assisting FMU student-athletes and the athletic programs at the university. For tickets, call the athletic department at 1240 or 1242, or contact any athletic coach.

For additional information about Benefits Day, contact Coordinator of Benefits Rebecca M. Culbertson at 1143.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In observance of the event, Carolinas Hospital System is sponsoring a free breast cancer screening clinic Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the hospital.

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In his 25 years in the Legislature, Wilkins wrote or co-sponsored the legislation on welfare reform, property tax relief, education accountability, LIFE scholarships, judicial reform, government restructuring, and truth-in-sentencing. He was also instrumental in crafting South Carolina's historic ethics bill and played a key role in the relocation of the Confederate flag and the fight to ban video gambling.

A native of Greenville, Wilkins received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. After service in the Army, he returned to Greenville where he practiced law for more than 30 years.

Wilkins and his wife have two sons.

The schedule for the three-day event is as follows:

Day 1, Oct. 24

5-6:45 p.m. Chapman Auditorium
Ambassadors Young and Bolton will give 30-minute lectures followed by a discussion session

Day 2, Oct. 25

1:30-3:15 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
Meet the Ambassadors Forum for Students featuring the following former ambassadors: Frank Crigler (Somalia); Joseph Melrose (Sierra Leone); Bob Royall (Tanzania); Gerald Scott (Gambia); and Ron Godard (Guyana)

3:30-4:45 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
Reception outside the Cauthen Educational Media Center for visiting ambassadors

5-6 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
U.S. Ambassador to Canada (The Honorable David Wilkins) evening keynote address

6-7:30 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
Panelist discussion with Ambassador Joseph Melrose (Sierra Leone), Bob Royall (Tanzania) and Frank Crigler (Somalia)

Day 3, Oct. 26

10-11:45 a.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
The U.N. and Human Relations Panel
Chair: Dr. Jerry Pubantz (professor of political science at the UNC-Greensboro)
Panelists: Dr. David P. Forsythe (professor of political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln); Dr. Kurt Mills (senior lecturer in International Human Rights at the University of Glasgow); Dr. Lawrence Le Blanc (professor and chair of the political science department at Marquette University)

1:30-3:15 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
The U.N. and Regional Organizations Panel
Chair: John Moore (professor emeritus of history at California State Polytechnic University-Pomona)
Panelists: Dr. Karen Mingst (professor of political science at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky); Dr. Margaret Karns (professor of political science at the University of Dayton); and Dr. Ioannis Stivachitis (assistant professor and international studies program director at Virginia Tech)

3:30-5:15 p.m. Lowrimore Auditorium
Peacekeeping and Security Panel
Chair: Gary Ostrower (professor of history at Alfred University)
Panelists: Dr. Ahmed Ibrahim (professor and director of Middle East Studies at the Pratt Institute); Dr. Laura Zanotti (associate professor of political science at Virginia Tech); and Sean McFate (international security affairs consultant)

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
- ◆ Assistant Director of Resident Life
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Political Science
- ◆ Director of Network Security and Project Management
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Management
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of History

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FMU announces new cheerleading coach and squad

New cheerleading coach builds team with new vision, work-ethic



Cheri Richardson

The Francis Marion University cheerleading program is rapidly becoming a point of interest to high school cheerleaders and college students who are not just serious about cheering at the college level but who also want to volunteer in the community.

But those lacking in work ethic need not apply according to new Head Coach Cheri Richardson.

With practices throughout the week and volunteering for worthy causes on their days off, Richardson is injecting new energy into FMU cheerleading.

"A lot of my time goes into brainstorming ways to build the program here at FMU. Volunteer work seemed to be a natural progression," Richardson said. "I have a lot of ideas of things we need, things I have to do, and how we can bring in more talented cheerleaders every year."

As a graduate of FMU and a student in the school's M.B.A. program, Richardson has a head start in building a program that fits into the FMU athletics philosophy and the Florence community.

Richardson immediately set a standard of work ethic by scheduling additional practices for the squad to prepare them for a live television broadcast to take place less than one month after tryouts. In addition, she has compiled a list of agencies the cheerleaders will assist on a volunteer basis this year.

"My objective is for the Francis Marion cheerleaders to be leaders who cheer," Richardson said.

She said this approach should help FMU cheerleading earn the sought-after respect that so often eludes the sport. Richardson also said that a cheerleader's necessity for conditioning and detailed preparation is often missed by the average sports fan.

"This year my goal is to build on the seriousness of the program," she said.

In addition to her work as head cheerleading coach, Richardson works as the administrative assistant in the Community Affairs and President's offices at FMU. She is also liaison for the FMU Non-Profit Leadership Institute.



The members of the cheerleading squad for the 2007-08 school year are:

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| 1. Siedah Garrett | Sophomore | Business | Walterboro |
| 2. Jessica Hale | Junior | Business Management | Clinton, N.Y. |
| 3. Lorin Hayes | Sophomore | Pre-Nursing | Georgetown |
| 4. LaSheeka Hinton | Senior | Early Childhood Ed | Rock Hill |
| 5. Shirl Johnson | Junior | Biology | Columbia |
| 6. Kayleigh Kersey | Freshman | Undecided | Camden |
| 7. Kathryn Quick | Senior | Early Childhood Ed | Florence |
| 8. Crystal Robinson | Junior | Chemistry | Batesburg-Leesville |
| 9. Traci Squires | Freshman | Pre-Pharm/Chemistry | Hemingway |
| 10. Brittany Stephens | Sophomore | Business | Walterboro |
| 11. Kayla Terhune | Sophomore | Early Childhood Ed | Georgetown |
| 12. Holly Todd | Sophomore | Early Childhood Ed | Loris |
| 13. Heather Trehern | Junior | Biology | Timmonsville |
| 14. Ashley Waymer | Junior | Biology | Santee |
| 15. Melanie Williams | Freshman | Biology | Columbia |
| 16. Brandy Young | Junior | Biology/Pre-Nursing | Moncks Corner |

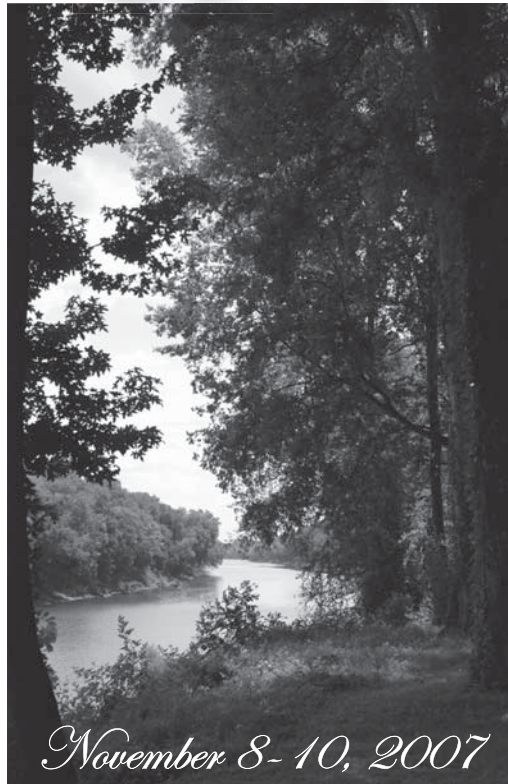
Events Calendar

October

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| First Tuesday Chamber Music/Art | Oct. 2 |
| 8 p.m. FAC, Kassab Recital Hall | |
| English Dept. Film Series | Oct. 2 |
| F.W. Murnau's "Nosferatu" | |
| 3:30 & 8 p.m. CEMC Auditorium | |
| Art Gallery Series | Oct. 2-Nov. 15 |
| Paintings by Laura Spong & Coastal Carolina Clay Guild Members Show | |
| 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (M-F) HFAC Gallery | |
| Fall Break | Oct. 8, 9 |
| Hewn Timber Cabin Tours | Oct. 9 |
| 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | |
| Dooley Planetarium | Oct. 14 |
| 3 p.m. CEMC, 2nd Floor | |

FMU to host Second Annual Pee Dee Fiction Festival

Pee Dee Fiction & Poetry Festival

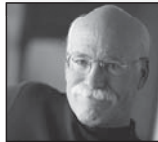


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Visiting Authors



Tobias Wolff



Sharyn McCrumb



Naomi Shihab Nye



Terrance Hayes

The Second Annual Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival to celebrate and promote literature and reading is set for Nov. 8-10 at Francis Marion University.

The festival, which features renowned authors Tobias Wolff, Sharyn McCrumb, Naomi Shihab Nye and Terrance Hayes, will include readings, lectures and panel discussions with programs for all ages. A number of fiction topics will be covered, including personal narratives, Haiku, comics and graphic novels.

Organization of the festival is being led by FMU English Professor Ed Eleazer along with a committee consisting of the following faculty members from the English Department: Ken Autrey, Jo Angela Edwins, Heather Epes, Rebecca Flannagan, Kristin Gravitte, Lynn Kostoff, Laura Morris, Rebecca Randall, Pamela Rooks and Shawn Smolen-Morton.

Two screenings of the film "This Boy's Life," based on the best-selling novel of Wolff's book of the same name, will be shown. His book recounts the story of his early childhood years in the Northwest and was the basis for the 1993 motion picture starring Robert DeNiro and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Widely regarded as a classic tale of American boyhood, the memoir received the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for biography, and the Ambassador Book Award of the English-speaking Union. Born in 1945 in Alabama, Wolff has been regarded as the master of memoir and short stories. A three-time winner of the O. Henry Award, Wolff is celebrated for his collections of short stories, novels, and memoirs.

The 2007 Pee Dee Fiction Festival also features McCrumb who is a New York Times bestselling author. Her work has been cited for Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature. She has received the Chaffin and Plattner Awards for Southern fiction, two Best Appalachian Novel awards, and many other honors. She launched her acclaimed Appalachian Ballad novel series with "If Ever I Return, Pretty Peggy-O."

Nye, another featured author, gives voice to her experience as an

Arab-American through poems about heritage and peace that overflow with a humanitarian spirit. Nye is the author of numerous books of poems, including *You and Yours*, which received the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award, as well as *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*, a collection of new and selected poems about the Middle East, *Fuel*, *Red Suitcase*, and *Hugging the Jukebox*.

Hayes is the author of *Wind in a Box*, *Hip Logic*, which won National Poetry Series, and *Muscular Music*, winner of the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. He has been a recipient of many honors and awards, including a Whiting Writers Award, a Pushcart Prize, a Best American Poetry selection, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

For more information on the Pee Dee Fiction Festival, contact the Department of English at extension 1371 or visit the festival's website at <http://alpha1.fmarion.edu/~pdfiction/>.



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