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Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

Oct. 15, 2004

Pee Dee International Festival to be held Saturday

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 activities for children. The festival will be held rain or shine.

This year's festival will feature the Mapapa African Acrobats, an entertainment revue from the heart of Africa. Originating in Mombassa, Kenya, they have performed in 25 countries over the last 10 years.

This incredible troupe combines Chinese and African traditions of acrobatics in a fast-paced show that blends limbo (with fire), tumbling, jumping, dancing, and amazing intricate balances. Seven men bounce, bob and balance to a joyful Benga beat as they combine Chinese acrobatic feats with East African musical tradition. They will perform at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Also featured is Mucho Mariachi Trio. This colorfully dressed band performs songs from south of the border. These performers use guitars, trumpets, vocalists and an accordion to

bring a little taste of Mexico home. They will perform at 12:30 p.m.

Also performing will be the Florence-Darlington Strings. This group consists of 60 of the area's young strings players ranging in age from 6 to 18, with 18 nationalities represented. Performing in costumes and introducing the pieces in native languages, they will play their violins, viola and cellos. They will perform at 11:30 a.m.

The festival will begin at 11 a.m. with the presentation of flags and Todd Matthews on bagpipes. Other performances include the Vincent Santamaria Band at 2:30 p.m., Indian dancers at 4:30 p.m., and Greek dancers at 4:45 p.m. All performances are on the outdoor stage between the Smith University Center and the Leatherman Science Facility.

"Taste of the World" will include ethnic food items for sale featuring American, British, Cajun, Caribbean, Chinese, Colombian, German, Greek, Japanese, Indian, Korean and Mexican delicacies. In addition, festival-goers can enjoy an authentic German beer garden and the music of Accordion Bob. Business and cultural displays representing more than a dozen countries will be exhibited in the Smith University Center commons all day.

In its second year is the Continental Express Trolley Ride, sponsored by PDRTA. For a \$1 fare, passengers can board the trolley and head to the "World of Knowledge," which will provide information about other countries, languages and cultures.

There will also be pony rides and a petting zoo for children.

The festival is presented by the Florence Family YMCA, Francis Marion University, Florence-Darlington Technical College and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Major sponsors include FMU, Honda of South Carolina Mfg. Inc., Pepsi, and Nan Ya Plastics Corp. Business patrons and contributors include DuBard Inc., GE Medical Systems, Maytag, Roche Carolina Inc., BB&T, DuPont Teijin Films, ESAB Welding and Cutting Products, IRIX Pharmaceuticals, Progress Energy, and Wellman.

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.

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

FMU Theatre presenting 'The Lion in Winter' today and tomorrow

The Francis Marion University Theatre is presenting "The Lion in Winter," by James Goldman, Oct. 15-16.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's theatre. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Call the box office at 843-661-1365, Monday through Friday, between 1 and 5 p.m., for seating availability.

In the play, King Henry II allows Queen Eleanor, whom he has long imprisoned, to join the family's Christmas festivities. The king is determined to select an heir. He favors the youngest of their three sons, John, but Eleanor favors the

eldest, who has long been her pet, Richard. The argument that ensues is conditioned as much by the couple's ambivalent love-hate relationship as by genuine political considerations. It is made more complex when all three sons unite against their father. In the end, Henry has little choice but to forgive the children - and to send Eleanor back into imprisonment.

The play is directed by associate professor Glen Gourley, with set and lighting design by associate professor David Granath and costume design by assistant professor Abigail Wurster.

Faculty/Staff News

Scott S. Brown, assistant professor of geography, gave a poster presentation titled "Folk Houses as Symbols of Culture and Region in Mexico" at the Conference on Race/Ethnicity and Place, sponsored by the Association of American Geographers, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 17.

Brown has also been named coordinator of international studies at FMU, effective January 2005.

Brown, an assistant professor of geography at FMU since 1999, will replace history professor John Britton in the post.

In his new role, Brown will 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; and coordinate the activities of university liaisons with exchange institutions.

FMU currently has student exchange programs with universities in Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, England and France.

Brown earned the B.A. degree in geography from the University of Texas at Austin, the M.S. degree in geography from Universidad de Costa Rica, and the Ph.D. degree in geography from Louisiana State University.

Satoria Lowe has joined the Rogers Library staff as a technical assistant in the Circulation Department. Lowe, who was a student worker in circulation, replaces **Janet Pearson**, who has joined the

Cataloging Department.

Pearson replaces **Kay Spears**, who was promoted to the senior library technical assistant position previously held by **Brenda Calcutt**. Calcutt, a 2004 FMU graduate, is now employed by Lake City Schools as a third-grade teacher.

Travis Kelly has joined the FMU staff as a postal specialist in the Mail Center.

He previously worked on the grounds crew and has also worked in the shipping/receiving and custodial departments at FMU.

In July, **John G. Rae**, Shirley Malloy Professor of Biology, attended the annual meeting of the Freshwater Biological Association of the United Kingdom at the University of Plymouth in Plymouth, England.

He presented his research on the ecology of larval stream insects in a paper titled, "The colonization response of lotic chironomid larvae to substrate size and heterogeneity."

The third annual **Psychology Club** Halloween party will be on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., on the lawn in front of the Smith University Center.

Children of faculty and staff are invited and are encouraged to come in costume.

A costume contest will be held, with two age groups: infant to 7 years, and 8 to 12 years. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each group. Games offered will include: potato sack races, pin bowling, bobbing for apples, three-leg race, horseshoes, and fishing for prizes.

Face painting and candy will also

be available. For more information, contact Susan Ruppel, faculty adviser for the Psychology Club, at 1643.

Acquisitions Librarian **Joyce Durant** has been selected to serve as a board member on the University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science's National Advisory Council.

The purpose of the National Advisory Council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the School of Library and Information Science.

Having seen a dramatic change in the library profession in the last 10 years, the School of Library and Information Science is committed to providing trained and highly skilled librarians to meet today's challenges.

The school will depend on the invaluable insight of skilled librarians such as Durant to help provide guidance for a new generation of information professionals.

Durant as well as the other board members will be relied upon to bring real world experiences and professional connections that may aid in advancing the mission of the Library School. Durant is a 1988 graduate of the University of South Carolina's College of Library and Information Science.

Phillip Gardner, associate professor of English, won first place in the short story category of the literary competition sponsored by the Art Council of Rock Hill and York County.

Gardner was invited to read the winning story, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Dean Martin," in Rock Hill on Sept. 30. He has also been invited to publish his story through Thrift Press.

Tenor Ronald High to perform in guest recital, Oct. 19

Tenor Ronald H. High will perform at Francis Marion University in a Department of Fine Arts Guest Recital, Tuesday, Oct. 19.

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

High, a professor of voice at Benedict College in Columbia, will present a tenor vocal recital of works of Adler, Scarlatti, Fauré, Schubert, and Brahms. In addition, he will include folk songs and black spirituals. He will be accompanied by pianist Benjamin Woods, a professor of music at FMU.



Author and alumnus Brad Land to speak at FMU, Oct. 28

Author and Francis Marion University graduate Brad Land will speak at FMU on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Land will give a reading and answer questions about his best-selling memoir, "Goat," beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium on the FMU campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

The speech is presented by the Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU and the Swamp Fox Writing Project. Land will also meet with several FMU writing classes the following day.

"Goat" recounts Land's abduction by two men at a party - and the disturbingly similar hazing he endured as part of a fraternity initiation at Clemson University.

"Goat" was published by Random House in 2003, has been printed in England, Australia, Holland and Italy, was excerpted in GQ magazine, and is being adapted for film by Killer Films.

USA Today praised it as a "captivating portrayal of violence" and a "sensitive coming-of-age story."

A reviewer for the Boston Globe called "Goat" a story "about male sensitivity and brutality; about the fear of young death; about conscience; about

courage and cowardice; and about the conflict of collective will and personal integrity."

Land received the B.A. degree in English from FMU in 1999 and the M.F.A. degree in creative writing from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has been a fellow at the MacDowell Colony and non-fiction editor of Third Coast at Western Michigan University.

His new book, a novel tentatively titled "Songs to Learn and Sing," will be published by Random House in spring 2006. Land's work has appeared in *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, *Third Coast*, *Rivendell*, and *Quarter After Eight*.

Fiber arts by Ellen Kochansky being exhibited through Oct. 28

Francis Marion University is exhibiting fiber arts by Ellen Kochansky as part of the university's Art Gallery Series through Oct. 28.

The display 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.

The exhibit is titled "Cultural Compost: Quilts from Surface to Content."

In 20 years of public and private commissions, Ellen Kochansky has evolved through the familiar quilter's concerns with color, image and technique, into more philosophical issues of community, archives and environment. Current works in progress are both two- and three-dimen-

sional. Still suggesting quilts, they solicit materials from the members of the group for which they are made, creating a dynamic commitment. Training in theatre generates awareness of distance impact; passion for detail assures close-up interest.

"These current expressions represent three inspirations that have generated my recent themes: personal and universal journaling, the simplicity and transparency of a single textile, and the conviction that we as individuals and as a culture scorn and discard what will prove to have mattered most," Kochansky said. "Through these works I hope we can recover awareness of our frugality, and celebrate the richness of our simplest resources."

Foundation donates \$200,000 for nursing scholarships

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation has donated \$200,000 to Francis Marion University to continue funding the nursing scholarships it established in 1998.

The money will be used to renew scholarships for eligible students and attract new students to the nursing program, which is a cooperative effort between FMU and the Medical University of South Carolina. Scholarships are offered to academically qualified students who enter FMU as pre-nursing students. After completing 60 hours of prerequisite courses, the students are registered as MUSC students for their junior and

senior years, but remain on the FMU campus.

Students from Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Williamsburg, Clarendon and Marlboro counties are eligible for the scholarships. Students who maintain the required grade point average may renew the scholarship for subsequent years.

During the 2003-04 academic year, 37 FMU students and 32 MUSC BSN students received assistance from the scholarships.

The bachelor of science nursing program is in the process of being transferred from MUSC to FMU, and a new facility to house the program will

be built thanks to a \$5 million gift from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation earlier this year.

The foundation has also donated \$50,000 this year to support the third year of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU. The foundation has funded the institute from its inception, providing a \$15,000 grant for a feasibility study, and \$75,000 to support the institute in each of its first two years.

The mission of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation is "To advance the general welfare and quality of all life in the Florence, S.C. area by providing economic support to qualified programs and non-profit organizations."



Florence Library to show children's movies

The Children's Services Department of the Florence County Library is having Sunday Family Movies throughout the fall.

The movies will be shown in the program room located in the Children's Library.

Each movie will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last about one to one-and-a-half hours. Admission is free, and the library encourages families to view the movie and check out books afterward. Sunday Family Movies is funded by the Friends of the Florence County Library.

Movie titles and dates are as follows:

Oct. 17: Princess Diaries I; Oct. 24: Mighty Ducks; Oct. 31: Lion King 1 ½; Nov. 7: Spirited Away; Nov. 14: Aladdin; Nov. 21: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and Charlie Brown Mayflower Voyagers; Dec. 5: Shrek II; and Dec. 12: The Muppet Christmas Carol.

The Junior League of Florence will have storytime for children ages 2-5 at 11 a.m. and ages 6-10 at 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the library. The programs will consist of stories, finger-plays, music and simple crafts.

For more information, contact the Children's Services Department at 292-7382.

Credit union to hold food drive

In celebration of International Credit Union Week, Pee Dee Federal Credit Union is holding a food drive to benefit Manna House, Oct. 18-22.

Also, the credit union will donate \$10 to Manna House for every new member who joins during International Credit Union Week.

Non-perishable food can be dropped off at Pee Dee Federal Credit Union located at 305 W. Pine St. in Florence.

For more information, call Jennifer Tallevast at 669-0461.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 10-12-04)

- Part-time Instructor of Spanish
- Temporary Full-Time Instructor of French
- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant Professor of History (Europe)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Psychology
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Pediatric Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Women's Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Community Health)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Medical Surgical Nursing)
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor of English

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

OCT.

through Oct. 29 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Stephen M. Welch, UC gallery

through Oct. 28 Art Gallery Series: "Cultural Compost: Quilts from Surface to Content," fiber arts by Ellen Kochansky, HFAC gallery

14-16 8 pm University Theatre: "Lion in Winter," by James Goldman, Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC

16 Pee Dee International Festival

16 Open House for prospective students

19 8 pm Concert: Tenor Robert High, Kassab Hall, HFAC

21 8 pm Concert: Kenneth Law, cello, and Douglas Weeks, piano, Kassab Hall, HFAC

23 8 pm U.S. Senate Debate, McNair auditorium

28 8 pm Concert: University Wind Symphony, MSB auditorium

28 7:30 pm Hunter Lecture: Author and alumnus Brad Land, Lowrimore Auditorium

NOV.

3-19 Art Gallery Series: "Between Abstraction and Figuration," paintings by Kees Salentijn, HFAC galleries

3-19 Art Gallery Series: "Shapes from Within," pottery by Sasha and Tari Federer, HFAC galleries

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