

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

April 15, 2004

FMU to host 27th-annual Art's Alive festival, April 24

Francis Marion University will play host to the 27th-annual Art's Alive Festival on Saturday, April 24.

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, and is free and open to the public. The event is a celebration of the visual and performing arts for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at six different venues on campus.

This year's featured attraction is The Embers, who will perform beach music on the main outdoor stage from noon until 1:30 p.m.

A variety of other musical groups will be performing throughout the day, including the Florence District One All-City Elementary Chorus, the After Six men's quartet, the Pee Dee Gospel Workshop Choir, the Florence Darlington Strings, the Masterworks Choir Men's Chorus with soprano Peggy Baroody, and the South Florence High School Jazz Band, the "Bruin Blues." Other musical performances will feature bluegrass by the Borrowed Time Band, classic rock, R&B and soul by The Woodys, and African and Caribbean drum and dance

by EGBE Killimanjaro. Harpist Rebecca Nissen and pianist Benjamin Woods will also perform.

Theatre productions will include "The Ransom of Red Chief" by the Florence Little Theatre Schoolhouse Players, and "A Land Beyond the River" by Creative Arts Development. Storyteller, naturalist, and harmonica champ Doug Elliott will also entertain.

A number of dance groups will perform, including Dancing on Main, Kelley's Fine Arts, Midnight Riders, Patsy Hathcock Dance Studio, Performing Arts Academy, School of Dance Arts, South Carolina Dance Theatre, Coker Repertory Dance Company, "Phat Pheet" from Williams Middle School, and the Latta Dancers.

Performances for children will include music, juggling and comedy by acts such as the Fettucini Brothers, Buffalo Barfield and P. Doodle Possum, and Seaside Clown Cavalcade.

A multitude of hands-on activities for children will be available, including clay creations, colorful caterpillars, magnificent magnets and fingerprint

fun. Sidewalk chalk art, face painting and balloon sculptures will also be featured.

Strolling the grounds will be Mr. Mime and Master Mini-Mime, as well as Miss Teen Florence 2004, Morgan Helms.

Visual art of every description will be demonstrated and on display at the Hyman Fine Arts Center, including chair caning, sweetgrass basket-making, weaving, woodcarving, portrait sculpture, raku pottery, origami, and caricature art.

Visitors to the festival may bring a picnic lunch, or purchase food from a variety of food vendors sure to suit all tastes.

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. Major sponsors include Adams Outdoor Advertising, WBTW News 13, and Cumulus Broadcasting.

For more information, contact the FMU Office of Community Relations at 843-661-1225.

FMU, College of Charleston host S.C. Academy of Science meeting

The College of Charleston and Francis Marion University are co-hosting the 77th annual meeting of the South Carolina Academy of Science, today and tomorrow (April 15-16) in Charleston.

Being held at the College of Charleston, the annual meeting will feature morning and afternoon sessions for the South Carolina Junior Academy and the S.C. Senior Academy on April 16. Sessions are scheduled in Hollings Science Center and the Education Center. Between 400 and 500 participants are expected to attend.

A general session is scheduled at 11 a.m. April 16 in Physicians Memorial Auditorium and will include the presentation of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Science and the Academy's Award for the Science or Math Teacher of the Year.

That session will also feature a presentation by Scott Harris, a member of the faculty at Coastal Carolina

University, on "The Science of the H.L. Hunley: Interdisciplinary Study of a 140-year-old Submarine." Harris has been a marine geoscientist with the Hunley project since 1998.

Other presentations related to the confederate submarine are also scheduled during the conference - the search for the final crew today and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Hunley project April 16 (see website www.hunley.org).

The burial of the Hunley crew is scheduled for April 17. David Stroup, professor of biology at FMU, is the program chair for the annual meeting. As president-elect for the S.C. Academy of Science, he will become president of the organization in July 2004.

Stroup says the conference promotes research and provides an opportunity for competition among students at the high school and two-year college levels, as well as among undergraduate and graduate students.

Gabi Theuner, associate professor of marketing, presented a research paper titled "Eye Tracking Evaluation of Chinese Web Sites for the Chinese Market" at the Applied Business Research Conference in March in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Theuner received the best paper award at the conference.

Carolyn R. Stokes, professor of accounting and accounting coordinator, who is a certified financial man-

er, has become a member of Financial Executives International. The FEI, a professional association of senior-level corporate financial executives, provides peer networking and information on current and emerging issues, serves as an advocate for the profession, and provides ethical leadership.

FEI has been the voice of corporate finance for more than 70 years. She will attend the FEI Summit in San Diego, April 25-28

Walk This Way assessments scheduled for April 27-30

The Walk This Way to Better Health Program will end on April 26. One hundred and fifty FMU employees have participated in the pedometer-based walking program of goal-setting and self-monitoring to increase physical activity.

Data from a mid-program survey showed that the majority of the respondents would like to continue the program in the fall.

The final assessment has been scheduled for the following dates: April 27-30, with a morning session from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (There will be no morning session on April

27.) All sessions will be held in MSB 108.

To complete the study, choose one assessment to attend, and bring your Walk This Way Step Log. This should have your ID number in the upper right corner, and your steps recorded in the calendar month.

If you want to keep your log you may photo copy the log and bring the copy to the assessment. If you did not complete the entire study, you may still participate in the final assessment.

Your enrollment numbers will be available if you are interested in comparing your before and after information. During the final assessment you

will answer a short questionnaire and be confidentially assessed by a nurse or a supervised nursing student, for weight, resting heart rate, and blood pressure. The final assessment process should take no more than 15 minutes of your time and all information will be kept confidential.

We are conducting a post-program focus group for interested participants and you may register for the focus group when you come to the final assessment.

If you have any questions, contact Janis McWayne at 1467 or jmcwayne@fmarion.edu; or Peter King at 1399 or pking@fmarion.edu.

Outstanding Staff Service Award nominations sought

The Outstanding Staff Service Award, established in 1999, honors two permanent, full-time, non-academic employees of Francis Marion University for sustained exceptional service in their jobs. These awards, which carry a \$1,000 cash prize and a plaque, will be presented at the annual staff luncheon, scheduled in July at a date to be announced. The awards recognize the outstanding contributions of employees to the university and community at large.

One award is designated for the university's service areas, including physical plant staff, custodians, groundskeepers and dining services. The second award is designated for academic and administrative support staff.

Nominations are encouraged to honor those employees who are truly making a difference for Francis Marion University. Nominations should be submitted no later than May 14, 2004, to the Communications Services Office, 116 Stokes Administration Bldg. A nomination form appeared in the March 31 Patriot Digest. For additional nomination forms, contact the Communications Services office.

The following criteria have been established:

(1) Recipients must be full-time, permanent employees

of Francis Marion University with classification below major department head level. Department heads, vice presidents, deans and faculty members are not eligible for this award.

(2) Recipients must have demonstrated exceptional service for a sustained period of time, exercising sound judgment and character in their work. Community service activities also will be considered.

(3) New nominations are required each year. Nominations may be made by any administrative, faculty or staff member at Francis Marion University. Self nominations are not accepted.

(4) The deadline for nominations is May 14, and should be made on a nomination form available on the back of this page or through the Communications Services Office. Supporting materials, such as campus involvement, service on committees, and community activities, should be included with the nomination form.

(5) Nominations will be judged by a committee appointed by the president.

(6) Past winners will not be eligible to receive the award a second time.





Cyprian Gillingham, center, was crowned Ms. FMU 2004 on April 7. Ashley Boone, left, was named first runner-up, and Nealy Cook, right, was named second runner-up.

Cyprian Gillingham crowned Ms. FMU 2004 at annual pageant

Cyprian Gillingham of Hollywood, Md., was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant, April 7.

A management major, Gillingham is a member of the FMU women's soccer team. The junior is also a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, and is involved with Campus Outreach and Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Ashley Boone of Kershaw was named first runner-up. She is a junior

and is involved in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and the Psychology Club. An elementary education major, she also works with the Manna House, Adopt-A-Highway, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Nealy Cook of Aynor was named second runner-up and Ms. Congeniality. She is a junior and is active as a member of the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society, the Student Govern-

ment Association, and the Student Alumni Association. A biology major, she is also a resident assistant and an honors student.

Ms. FMU must be a full-time student, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, and choose a community service project.

The winner is selected based on an interview, pageant performance and overall bearing and ability to best represent Francis Marion University.

Public comments sought on School of Education programs

The School of Education at Francis Marion University is scheduled for an accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Oct. 23-27.

Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for accreditation. FMU's undergraduate and graduate education programs were first accredited by NCATE in 1999. The university is among more than 500 institutions nationally with NCATE approved teacher education programs.

Officials at both NCATE and FMU

recognize that graduates, parents, schools and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. Interested parties are invited to submit written testimony on the FMU School of Education to the Board of Examiners, NCATE, 2010 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036-1023 or via e-mail to callforcomments@ncate.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at FMU and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (graduate, present or former

faculty member, employer of graduates, etc.). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to FMU for comment prior to the accreditation review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received at NCATE headquarters no later than July 16.

NCATE is a partnership of more than 30 national professional organizations that have united to ensure high quality teacher preparation.

For more information, contact Barbara Thayer, assistant professor of education at FMU, who is chairing the School of Education's accreditation process, at 1434.



Professional journalists to advise Mass Communication program

The first meeting of a professional advisory committee for the Department of Mass Communication at FMU will be held on campus April 23-24.

According to department chairman Don Stewart, the nine-member professional advisory committee was created to provide valuable feedback to the faculty on how to improve the academic programs in mass communications.

Made up of distinguished professionals now employed in one of the fields of mass communication, the committee members have consented to share their expertise with faculty and students.

The panel, which will assemble on campus at least once a year, will also provide career planning advice.

Members of the committee will visit classes, examine equipment and facilities and review teaching materials, publications and the department's website.

Charter members of the committee are:

■ Glenda Atkinson, advertising and marketing director of the

Hartsville Messenger. She is a 1992 FMU graduate.

■ Nicole Boone, news anchor and health reporter for WBTW-TV in Florence. She is a graduate of Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

■ Russell Branham of Pro Sports Management and Marketing in Charlotte. A former reporter for the Florence Morning News and director of public relations for Darlington Raceway, he is a 1987 graduate of FMU.

■ Chuck Crumbo, military reporter for The State in Columbia, who has had a 30-year career as a reporter and editor for a number of newspapers. A graduate of Ball State University, he completed an assignment in Baghdad in 2003.

■ David Dykes, who has 30 years of publishing experience, including 25 years with daily newspapers. A graduate of the University of Arizona, he has been with the Greenville News for six years as business editor, city editor, projects editor and now assistant city editor/weekends.

■ Allyson Floyd, evening news anchor and assistant news director for WPDE-TV, where she has worked since 1991. She is a graduate of Clemson University.

■ Mark Haselden, assistant sports editor of the Florence Morning News, where he has worked for more than a decade. He is a 1991 FMU graduate.

■ Cleve O'Quinn, editorial page copy editor for the Post and Courier in Charleston. Following a tour with the U.S. Navy, he began his career as a reporter and copy editor with the Morning News. He has been city editor of the Tifton (Ga.) Gazette, managing editor of the Del Rio (Texas) News-Herald and weekend editor of the Sumter Item. He is a 1989 FMU graduate.

■ Chris Worthy, an award-winning magazine and newspaper writer who is a regular contributor for the Sandlapper magazine and Simpsonville Tribune-Times. She also writes a monthly column for Upstate Parent. She is a 1987 FMU graduate and a graduate of USC law school.

Concert Choir and Cut Time to present spring concert, April 25

The Francis Marion University Concert Choir and Cut Time Show Choir will perform in concert, Sunday, April 25.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall and is free and open to the public.

Both choirs are directed by FMU assistant professor of music and choral director Sue Butler Orr.

The Concert Choir's program is titled "On Broadway," and will feature music from several Broadway musicals, including "The Fantasticks," "Phantom of the Opera," "Oliver," "Camelot," and "Les Miserables."

Zachary Calcutt, a freshman from Florence, will con-

duct the sopranos and altos for one number and the combined choir for another. The Concert Choir is accompanied by Rebecca Culbertson.

Cut Time's program is titled "Dancing in the Street," and will include "Oh, Pretty Woman," "The Colour of my Love," "Footloose," and "The Shoop Shoop Song."

Cut Time, an audition-only group, will perform April 16 at Disney World. The show choir also performs for several groups and functions throughout the year in the Florence area.

Several students from both choirs will perform solos and duets.

Planetarium, observatory programs scheduled for April

The Dooley Planetarium on the campus of FMU will present a program titled "Messier Objects," Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m.

Admission to the program is free. The planetarium is located on the second floor of the Cauthen Educational Media Center.

This program will present a look at

the work of Charles Messier, a comet hunter who cataloged many nebulous objects. The show will discuss many of these objects and tell how to locate them.

The April 25 program is titled "Watching for Comets."

For more information about the Dooley Planetarium, visit its website at

<http://astro.fmarion.edu/planet/>

The observatory will hold programs April 20, 21, 22 and 24 in recognition of Dark Sky Awareness Week. Viewing sessions will be from 8 to 10 p.m. each night

For additional information about the programs, call director Jeannette M. Myers at 1441.



The library has had another record attendance month. In February, the library had 15,918 people come through the doors. We hope to continue providing a quiet comfortable place where patrons can meet, relax, and accomplish their goals.

You might not be aware of the many electronic databases available for free through the library. The following are just a few of the library's

databases: Project MUSE, Lexis-Nexis, Info Trac, Eric, and JSTOR.

Project MUSE offers nearly 250 quality journal titles from 40 scholarly publishers along with full-text articles from more than 200 of the titles. As one of the academic community's primary electronic-journals resources, Project MUSE covers the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender

studies, economics, and many others.

Users of Project MUSE now have more options for working with their results, including saving, e-mailing, exporting to RefWorks and EndNote, and downloading and printing in text-only format. Users can also view their search history, and follow links provided to modify the searches or retrieve all of the results of the searches. Come over to the library and see how helpful these resources can be.

FMU Theatre presents modern take on Shakespeare through April 17

The Francis Marion University Theatre will present "The Compleat Wks of Wllm Skspr (abridged)," by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, through April 17.

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.

Three Francis Marion University theatre students will perform a feat never before attempted in the history of the university. They will perform the complete works of William Shakespeare in one evening of theatre.

Theatre majors Brad Sponic of Goose Creek, David Sistare of Lake City, and Andrew Cogswell of

Walterboro, will attempt to cover all of Shakespeare's plays in one sitting.

This humorous (and some might think irreverent) covering of the Bard's plays is an attempt, as the script puts it, "to make these musty old plays applicable to a present-day audience."

Approaches to the plays include such applications as Titus Andronicus as a cooking show, and the complete histories as a football game.

Open House for prospective students to be held April 24

Francis Marion University will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, April 24.

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

An information fair will run from 8 to 9 a.m. and three consecutive information sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:20 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 11:20 a.m. to noon, tours of the campus and residence halls will be given. A wrap-up will be held from noon to 1 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 1231.

87 student-athletes named to Swamp Fox Honor Roll

Eighty-seven student-athletes at Francis Marion University, who earned 3.0 or higher grade point averages during either the 2003 spring or fall semester, have been named to the university's Swamp Fox Honor Roll, and were recently honored at the school's annual Hall of Fame/Swamp Fox Honor Roll banquet.

Each academic year, approximately 175 students compete in intercollegiate athletics at Francis Marion.

Again this year, every sport (14 squads) was represented on the honor roll.

Former Francis Marion men's basketball player Daryl Blume was the guest speaker for the dinner. A 1980 graduate of Francis Marion, Blume is a successful businessman in Largo, Fla., where he is vice-president of BCH Mechanical Inc. A 6-0 guard, Blume played for the Patriots between 1976 and 1980 and ended his career with

1,011 career points and a then-record 234 career assists. As a freshman, he was named the most valuable player of the 1976-77 Patriot squad.

The newest member of the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame, former men's basketball coach Lewis Hill, for whom Blume played, was also recognized at the banquet.

This marks the 12th year FMU has held an academic achievement banquet for its student-athletes.



Human Resources Update

Summer work schedule begins May 31

The university will observe a modified work schedule this summer. This schedule will begin on Monday, May 31, and run through Friday, Aug. 13.

Offices should remain open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. To account for the July 5 holiday, offices should remain open from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 9.

Worksite screening

On April 27, all State Health Plan subscribers will have the opportunity to receive a thorough preventive health screening at FMU. The screening will take place at the Student Health Center in the McLeod building adjacent to campus. The screening, a \$200 value

in most healthcare settings, will be available for just a \$15 co-payment. The State Health Plan pays the rest.

Within two weeks of your screening, you will receive your personal health profile, highlighting any values outside the normal range.

You can send this report to your physician or take it with you on your next doctor's visit, which will save you money and keep you from duplicating tests. The screening will include the following: health behavior risk appraisal; blood pressure measurement; body height/weight measurement; blood chemistry profile; hemogram; blood lipid profile.

For more information or to register, contact Becky Culbertson at 1143 or rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

3rd-annual May Fly Air Show set for May 1-2

The Florence Regional Airport will play host to the third-annual May Fly Air Show, May 1-2.

Gates open at 8 a.m. and the show will run to 5 p.m. both days. Gate admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students ages 7-12, and free for children age 6 and under. Tickets can be purchased and more information can be found at www.mayflyairshow.com.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 4-12-04)

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Instructor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management & Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Director of Facilities Management
- Assistant Vice President for Accounting
- Executive Director of Francis Marion University Foundation/ Director of University Development
- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, call 1140, or access job openings at <http://www.fmarion.edu/~hrjobs>

Coming Up On Campus

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through May 8	Senior shows by graduating FMU art majors, HFAC galleries
14-17	FMU Theatre: "Compleat Wks of Wllm Skspr (Abridged)," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC
18 3 pm	Dooley Planetarium public show, "Messier Objects," CEMC
20-May 8	Student works by FMU painting and photography classes, UC gallery
20 4 pm	Student Life Awards, MSB auditorium
22 8 pm	Concert: The University Wind Symphony, MSB auditorium
24	Art's Alive Festival
24	Open House for prospective students
25 3 pm	Dooley Planetarium public show, "Watching for Comets," CEMC
25 3 pm	Concert: The University Concert and Cut Time Show choirs, Kassab Hall, HFAC
26 11-5	Free massages, UC commons

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Submit articles via e-mail at thudak@fmarion.edu. Questions or comments? Contact Todd J. Hudak at 1227.

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