

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

April 14, 2006

FMU hosts undergraduate mathematics conference

Francis Marion University hosted students from several universities at its Spring 2006 Joint Francis Marion/Kappa Mu Epsilon Region Three Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Friday, April 7.

Fifty participants from five institutions (FMU, Georgia College and State University, North Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and Xavier University of Ohio) attended the conference. Eight students made presentations.

A graduate school panel discussion featured Pam

Arroway, graduate program director, and Shenek Heyward, a Ph.D. student and FMU graduate, both of the Department of Statistics at N.C. State, as well as Matthew Miller, program director of the Department of Mathematics at USC.

The keynote speaker was Chris Arney of the U.S. Army Research Office. The topic of his speech was "The Mathematics of Robots, Networks, Recess, and Life."

The conference is funded by Kappa Mu Epsilon, Houghton Mifflin, and an NSF grant through the MAA Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conferences program.

FMU Theatre to present 'The Actor's Nightmare,' April 14-15

The Francis Marion University Theatre will present two more performances of Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare," today and Saturday, (April 14-15). The show opened Thursday.

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, having casually wan-

dered onstage, George is informed that one of the actors, Eddie, has been in an auto accident and George must replace him immediately. Apparently no one is sure of what play is being performed, but George (costumed as Hamlet) seems to find himself in the middle of a scene from "Private Lives," surrounded by such luminaries as Sarah Siddons, Dame Ellen Terry and Henry Irving.

As he fumbles through one missed cue after another, the other actors shift to "Hamlet," then a play by Samuel

Beckett ("Endgame"), and then a climactic scene from what might well be "A Man for All Seasons" – by which time the disconcerted George has lost all sense of contact with his fellow performers.

Yet, in the closing moments of the play, he rises to the occasion and finally says the right lines – whereupon make-believe suddenly gives way to reality as the executioner's ax - (meant for Sir Thomas More) – instead sends poor George to oblivion, denying him a well-earned curtain call.

Cut Time, Concert Choir to present spring concerts this month

The FMU choral program will present two concerts this month.

Cut Time, FMU's show choir, will perform a concert of Disney songs, Thursday, April 20.

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

The program will begin with a medley, and will include several solos and duets.

The concert will include songs from many Disney films, including "Aladdin," "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," "Pocahontas," and many more.

Cut Time members are selected each year by audition and the group performs for various functions both on and off campus. The group recently traveled to New York City, March 30 to April 2.

Jon Michael Perry is the group's choreographer.

The FMU Concert Choir will present its spring choral concert, Sunday, April 23.

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

The first half of the concert will include a Handel chorus, "Let Their

Celestial Concerts All Unite" from the oratorio Samson. This will be followed by two madrigals, "Fair Maid, Thy Charm and Loveliness" by Hassler and "Counterpoint of the Animals" by Banchieri. Next, the choir will sing "Four Temperance Songs" arranged by Ralph Hunteres.

The second half of the program will feature the Liebeslieder Waltzes, Opus 52 by Johannes Brahms. These were written for choir and two pianos. Rebecca M. Culbertson and Benjamin Woods will accompany the choir.

Both choral groups are under the direction of Sue Butler Orr, associate professor of music and choral director.

Faculty/Staff News

Kevin G. Welch of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a computer application programmer and support and training specialist. He is an FMU graduate.

Joe Aniello, assistant professor of management, won first prize of \$1,000 for his use of teaching with video in the "Lessons from Hollywood" competition sponsored by the Syracuse University Business School's Center for Entrepreneurship.

His winning lesson plan was based on using the movie "Tucker: a Man and his Dream," a Francis Ford Coppola drama based on the life of Preston Tucker, a car manufacturing visionary in the late 1940s.

Eileen Kirley-Tallon, professor of political science, and **David White**, assistant professor of political science, presented research papers at the 2006 South Carolina Political Science Association annual meeting held at USC Beaufort on Feb. 25.

Kirley-Tallon's paper was titled "The Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe: Stalled Ratification and the Difficulty of the European Union In Connecting to its Citizens."

White's paper was titled "Senate Institutionalization since the 1995

GOP Takeover of Congress." White also presented a paper titled "The Election and Service of John I. Mitchell, U.S. Senator, 1881-1887" at the 2006 Pennsylvania Political Science Association annual meeting, held in Harrisburg, March 31 and April 1.

A chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, has been established at FMU.

The society's purpose is to recognize the outstanding achievements of students of Spanish. **Wendy Caldwell**, assistant professor of Spanish, serves as faculty adviser.

The Chi Theta chapter of Sigma Delta Pi held its first induction ceremony on April 6. Six students were inducted as charter members.

In addition, to honor their contributions to the Spanish program at FMU, professors **Stan Bergstrom** and **Joe James** were inducted as honorary members of Sigma Delta Pi.

William Moran, who at one time served as vice president for academic affairs and dean at FMU, was recently awarded the James T. Rogers Meritorious Service Award by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Moran also served as president of Lander University for eight

years.

The **McLeod Corporate Challenge** will be held April 25 to May 16. Co-ed teams of at least four people will compete against each other in six different events.

The cost is \$240 per team. The registration deadline is April 10. The team captain must register the team at the McLeod Health and Fitness Center front desk. For more information, call Kristie Flowers at 843-777-3093.

The **Southern Plant and Flower Festival** will be held April 20-23 at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call 843-665-5154.

The **Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce** is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 class of Leadership Florence. Leadership Florence is a comprehensive nine-month program designed to identify, cultivate and motivate new leadership for the Greater Florence area.

The tuition is \$1,100. Applications are due by June 30. For an application or more information, call Gerry Madison at 843-665-0515.

Love named director of annual giving and constituent relations

Brandon "Brandie" Davis Love has been named director of annual giving and constituent relations at Francis Marion University.

Her responsibilities will include raising money for annual giving programs, including soliciting alumni, corporations, and friends of the university through direct mail, personal solicitations, a phone-a-thon, and other means. She will also work with the university's stewardship programs, including an annual scholarship reception, the Francis Marion Society, and other donor-related recognition events.

Most recently, Love was assistant

director of donor relations at the University of South Carolina. Prior to that, she was assistant director of annual giving and donor relations at Columbia College.

"We are excited and pleased that Brandie has joined the Foundation and Development office at FMU," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "She brings a broad base of experience



Love

in annual giving and constituent relations programs, which is a wonderful match as we expand and improve these programs."

A native of Chapin, Love earned the B.A. degree in public affairs from Columbia College and the A.A. degree from Spartanburg Methodist College.

Her professional and civic affiliations include the Junior League of Columbia, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Association of Donor Relations (ADRP).

Love and her husband, Nathan, will reside in Florence.



Thomson, Taylor, and Budler earn PBC tennis honors

Francis Marion University head coach Garth Thomson, senior Kevin Taylor, and junior David Budler all earned awards at the 2006 Peach Belt Conference tennis awards banquet in Sumter, held in conjunction with the PBC men's and women's tennis tournaments.

Thomson swept "Coach of the Year" honors for both men's and women's tennis, while Kevin Taylor was named the men's tennis "Player of the Year" and Budler joined Taylor on the All-Conference Team.

Taylor becomes the first Patriot men's player to garner "Player of the Year" recognition. The senior from Benoni, South Africa, was 16-4 in dual match play this spring at the No.1 singles position, including a 4-2 mark against PBC competition.

He is currently ranked fifth in NCAA Division II singles play. Taylor won the ITA Mid-Atlantic region singles title last fall and finished third at the ITA National Small College Champion-ships.

Taylor and Budler combined to post a 13-2 record at the

No. 1 doubles spot and were rewarded with All-PBC honors. They are currently ranked sixth nationally.

Thomson, in his 14th season at FMU, has guided the Patriot men to a 16-1 mark that includes a 15-match winning streak, a No. 8 nationally ranking, and the number three seed at the PBC Tournament. His FMU men's squads have advanced to the NCAA Division II national tournament in 10 of the past 11 seasons.

On the women's side, Thomson has directed the Patriots to their best record ever, 17-4, and a No. 11 national ranking. The Patriots enter the PBC Tournament as the fourth seed riding a 10-match winning streak.

It is the fourth time Thomson has earned the men's "Coach of the Year" award, but the first time he has received the women's honor. His career men's record stands at 206-94, while his women's coaching tally is 155-131.

The All-PBC teams were selected by the league's head coaches, and coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

Katie Todd crowned Ms. FMU 2006 at annual pageant

Katie Todd of Cassatt was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University, March 30.

Todd is currently a junior at FMU. She is a member of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, where she has served as freshman leader; and the Honors Student Association. She also participates in intramurals.

Todd is a student marshal, and will soon be inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She is a two-time orientation leader and during spring and summer breaks, she does mission work in the U.S. After graduation, Todd plans to attend graduate school to receive a degree in mass communications and speech pathology. She plans to teach mentally challenged children how to speak. She is majoring in mass communications with a focus in public relations.

Magan Alicia Bishop, a senior from Johnsonville, was named first runner-up. She is a member of Baptist

Collegiate Ministries, where she currently serves as the One Way Leader; the Honors Student Association, and the Math Club, where she served as president. She is also a member of the Education Club, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and participates in intramurals. She is a student marshal and a three-time orientation leader at FMU. Bishop has also been an FMU Honors Ambassador to Germany and she tutors students in the Writing Center.

She also spent time this past year volunteering to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and she volunteers for vacation bible school and the Relay For Life. Bishop is majoring in elementary education with a specialization in mathematics.

Jessica Millsaps, a junior from Lugoff, was named second runner-up. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, where she has held the office of vice president of membership, and been song leader. She is also a member

of the Education Club and was a resident assistant for three semesters, where she planned and carried out various student activities while being responsible for 40 freshman and sophomore residents. Millsaps volunteers for the McLeod Children's Hospital, the Pee Dee Coalition, and the Girl Scouts of America. She is majoring in education.

Chelsea Jennings Capps, a freshman from Conway, was named Miss Congeniality. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she currently serves as philanthropy chair. Capps is also an active member of the Greek Week committee, participates in intramurals, and volunteers for the McLeod Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House. She also volunteered for the Helping the Homeless Organization in New York last summer. After graduation, Capps plans to attend the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Don't forget to submit your nominations for the
2006 Outstanding Staff Service Award!**

Nomination forms are available in SAB 116 and are due by May 15.

Call 1220 for more information.



Human Resources Update

Health screening to be held April 25

On April 25 all state employees and state retirees (Medicare enrollees are not eligible) whose primary insurance coverage is either the SHP Standard Plan, the SHP Savings Plan, BlueChoice HealthPlan, or CIGNA will have the opportunity to receive a thorough preventive health screening right here at FMU. The screening will take place at the Student Health Center in the McLeod Building adjacent to campus. This screening, a \$200 value in most healthcare settings, will be available for just a \$15 copayment.

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 may 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, lipid profile.

Please contact Becky Culbertson at rculbertson@fmarion.edu or 1143 to register for this benefit. Appointments will begin at 7 a.m. and three participants per 10 minute period will be accepted until 11 a.m.

Review your coverage

As you are making travel plans for the coming months, please remember to review your insurance coverages and plan ahead for emergencies. State Health Plan participants, look at page 27 in your Insurance Benefits Guide for information on the BlueCard program. BlueChoice and Cigna participants, please check your plan documents or your provider's website for more information.

All employees can access information through www.eip.sc.gov, the Employee Insurance Program's website. From there you can link to your specific provider.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 4-12-06)

- Part-time Instructor of Biology
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor (Elementary Education)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Technology and Assessment)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Middle School/Secondary Education)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology in Experimental Psychology (Biological)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing (2)
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design/Foundation)
- Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant Reference Librarian
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English (Composition)
- Instructor of Biology
- Director of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance
- Men's Basketball Coach
- Director of Facilities Management
- Executive Director of the Francis Marion Trail Commission
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Dean of Students
- Student Services Counselor – Admissions
- Director of Publications and Marketing
- Director of Accounting Services (FMU Internal Posting)
- Sr. Administrative Assistant – Financial Assistance

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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| through Apr. 18 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU painting classes, UC gallery |
| through May 6 | Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery |
| 13-15 8 pm | University Theatre: "The Actor's Nightmare," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC |
| 17 7 pm | Academic Awards program, McNair auditorium |
| 18 4 pm | Student Life Awards program, McNair auditorium |
| 18 8 pm | Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair auditorium |
| 20 8 pm | Concert: Cut Time show choir, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 20-May 6 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU photography classes, UC gallery |
| 23 3 pm | Concert: University Concert Choir, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 24 8 pm | Concert: A Woods Family Chamber Concert, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 24-May 6 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU ceramics and 3D design classes, HFAC gallery |

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