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The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

April 15, 2005

Former Gov. McNair, two aides to receive honorary degrees

The South Carolina governor who played a major role in the creation of Francis Marion University 35 years ago, along with two of his former top aides, will be given honorary degrees during May's commencement exercises.

Former Gov. Robert E. McNair, who signed the legislation creating FMU in 1970, along with James S. Konduros, who served as chief of staff under McNair, and Philip G. Grose Jr., the governor's former press secretary, will all be honored at the May 7 graduation ceremony in Smith University Center gymnasium.

The ceremony is part of FMU's 35th anniversary celebration as the university pays tribute to three state leaders who played a key role in the university's founding. It was in 1969, in his state-of-the-state address that McNair threw his weight behind the Florence college proposal being touted by longtime Florence representative, the late Pete Hyman. McNair proposed that the Florence school be the state's first new four-year college created in the 20th century, a regional campus that would serve the northeast quadrant of

South Carolina.

The McNair Science Building, completed on campus in 1972, is named in his honor.

McNair also will be the commencement speaker for the 260 candidates for FMU degrees. He will talk about the role he and his staff played in the creation of FMU.

Degree candidates include 302 students for undergraduate degrees and 16 for graduate diplomas. In addition, 28 bachelor's degrees will be awarded through a cooperative nursing program with the Medical University of South Carolina. This is the final year that MUSC nursing degrees will be awarded at FMU, as FMU will take over the program effective July 1.

McNair was born in Cades and was educated in the public schools of South Carolina. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946 in the Pacific Theatre and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Following his tour of duty, he returned to South Carolina and completed his bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1947 and earned a law degree in 1948.



McNair



Konduros



Grose

He began his law practice in Moncks Corner and then moved to Allendale. He was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1951. In 1962, he was elected lieutenant governor and served until he succeeded Donald S. Russell as governor in 1965. He was just 41 when he became the state's governor. In 1966, McNair was re-elected to a full term as governor, serving, at that time, an unprecedented six years in that office.

His years as governor were marked by the Civil Rights Movement and the tragedy at Orangeburg where three S.C. State University students were killed. However, Gov. McNair used his tremendous power of persuasion to keep the state calm, rebuilding bridges across the racial divide and keeping the state moving forward. When the federal courts ordered school desegregation in 1970, he used television to urge calm, and keep the state's schools open, sparing the state from the violence that wracked many communities.

Under McNair's leadership, South Carolina became known as a moderate Southern state and that was good for

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Outstanding Staff Service Award nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Outstanding Staff Service Award.

The 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 16, 2005, to the Communications Services Office, 116 Stokes Administration Building.

A nomination form appears in this issue. Additional nomination forms can be obtained in the Communications Services Office.

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Joe Aniello, assistant professor of management, has published a chapter on creativity and innovation assessment in the book "Assessment of Student Learning in Business Schools: Best Practices Each Step of the Way," co-published by the Association for Institutional Research and AACSB International. The chapter is titled "Creativity: The All Purpose Business Tool."

Gabriele Theuner, associate professor of marketing, presented a paper at the conference of the Association of Marketing Theory and Practice, held March 24-26, on Jekyll Island.

The paper, titled "Comparisons of Future Economic Forecasts between Small/Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Germany and South Carolina," was written by Theuner and Joe Aniello.

George E. Harding, professor of German, presented a paper at the recent convention of the Philological Association of the Carolinas in Myrtle Beach in March. The paper, titled "Eine Sache des Vertrauens: Die Rolle vom Essen und gemeinsamem Essen in Friedrich Duerrenmatts 'Der Richter und sein Henker,'" dealt with the role

of food and communal eating in Duerrenmatt's classic detective novel. Harding is a past president of the association.

FMU students **Ronald Carter**, an English/business major, and **Mark-asha Dean**, a Modern Languages/German major, will accompany Harding to the Schmalkalden Summer Program in July 2005.

This year's two-week program offers courses in German language and culture. In addition, the program offers on- and off-campus social events, excursions, computer access and instruction.

A particular feature is the daily contact with students from all over the world who will participate in the program. The FMU group will live in Schmalkalden itself and travel throughout Thuringia and in the Rhine Valley. FMU also offers semesters abroad in Germany. These programs are open to all FMU students regardless of major. For programs in Germany, students should contact Harding (English/Modern Languages/Philosophy) for the University of Trier, Barry O'Brien (School of Business) for the Fachhochschule Ludwigshafen, or Duane Myers (History) for the Fachhochschule Schmalkalden.

Scott Kaufman, assistant professor of history, placed first in his division at the World Natural Powerlifting Federation South Carolina Championships, April 2.

He is now qualified for the WNPF USA Championships (the national competition), which will be held on July 10.

Should he do well there, he would go to the WNPF World Championship, which will be in Philadelphia in October. Kaufman has been a competitive powerlifter since 1997.

Wendy Caldwell Richardson, assistant professor of Spanish, and her husband, Jim, are the proud parents of a baby boy, James Ashley Richardson Jr., born on Monday, April 11 at noon by cesarean section.

The baby weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches.

A campus-wide **Research Poster Fair** will be held in CEMC, Monday, April 25, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to expose upper-level students and faculty to research and creative works from all disciplines.

For more information, contact Susan Ruppel at sruppel@fmarion.edu.

FMU to hold Open House for prospective students Saturday

FMU will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, April 16.

The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the McNair Science Building lobby, 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 social and 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.

The Open House coincides with the annual Art's Alive festival on the FMU campus.

For more information, contact the FMU Admissions Office at 1231.

Cottage to offer special menu for Administrative Professionals Day, April 27

The Cottage will offer a special menu for Administrative Professionals Day, Wednesday, April 27.

There will be two seatings, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The price is \$5.25 per person. RSVP is required at 661-1262.

The menu will include bluegrass salad, fruit salad, pork medallions with mushroom Merlot sauce, shrimp scampi, garlic smashed potatoes, sautéed fresh vegetables, mint chocolate bars, strawberry swirled cheesecake, and tea, water and coffee.



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business. Economic development became the cornerstone of his administration. A strong supporter of education, he also pushed for a penny increase in the sales tax to fund teacher salaries and a statewide kindergarten program.

Upon leaving the governor's office, McNair established the law firm of McNair, Konduros & Corley, now McNair Law Firm, in Columbia and has served continuously as the firm's senior shareholder and chairman.

A native of Anderson, Konduros is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a law degree in 1954. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force for two years, and in 1961, joined the staff of the late U.S. Senator Olin D. Johnson as legislative assistant. Upon leaving the senator's office, he served three years on IBM's regional staff in Washington, D.C.

Returning to South Carolina in 1966, he served under Gov. McNair as

the first director of the state's Appalachian program. In 1967, the governor appointed him as executive assistant, responsible for the coordination of state and federal programs in the executive agencies of state government.

In 1971, Konduros became a founding member of the McNair Law Firm. A member of the S.C. Bar and the American Bar Association, Konduros has served on the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, as a member of Clemson University's Educational Foundation, and the State Chamber of Commerce. A native of Greenville, Grose was director of the Executive Institute of the Budget and Control Board from 1989 to 2004. He currently serves as a senior consultant to that organization.

He also serves as a research fellow at the Institute for Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina. He has written a biography of Gov. McNair, scheduled for publication by USC Press in 2006 and is currently working on a biography of Gov. John C. West.

A former reporter and editor with

the *Charlotte Observer*, *Broadcasting* magazine, and *The State* newspaper, Grose served as news secretary and research assistant for Gov. McNair from 1968 to 1971. From 1971 to 1975, he was executive assistant for public affairs to Gov. West and then executive assistant to the president of the University of South Carolina in 1975.

He then served as chief deputy commissioner of the S.C. Department of Social Services from 1975 to 1976 and director of the S.C. Reorganization Commission from 1976 to 1987, before becoming assistant executive director of the Budget and Control Board from 1987 to 1989.

Today Grose serves as a member of the advisory committee of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU, the Founders Board of the Drummond Center at Erskine College, the Regional Advisory Committee of the Leadership Institute at Columbia College and the Program Advisory Board at the Amy V. Cockcroft Nursing Leadership Development Program at the USC College of Nursing.

FMU Theatre presents play 'Red Herring' through April 16

The Francis Marion University Theatre is presenting "Red Herring" by Michael Hollinger through April 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 seat-

ing availability.

Three love stories, a murder mystery, and a nuclear espionage plot converge in this noir comedy about marriage and other explosive devices. It's 1952: America's on the verge of the H-bomb, Dwight Eisenhower's on the campaign trail, and I Love Lucy's on Monday nights.

Meanwhile, Sen. Joe McCarthy's daughter just got engaged to a Soviet spy, and Boston detective Maggie Pelletier has to find out who dumped the dead guy in the harbor – or else lose out on a honeymoon in Havana. A blunt-nosed, sharp-eyed look at love and tying (and untying, and retying) the knot.

Danielle Shoemaker named Ms. FMU at annual pageant

Danielle Shoemaker of Myrtle Beach was crowned Ms. FMU 2005 during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University, March 31.

Shoemaker, a junior history major, is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Phi Alpha Theta honor society in history, and the College Republicans.

Lauren Karelitz of Columbia was named first runner-up. Karelitz is a junior marketing major. She has served as an orientation leader and cheerleader. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she has held several offices, including president.

Tiffany Holmes of Sumter was named second runner-up. Holmes is a junior elementary education major, who is

also active in the theatre department. She is an orientation leader, and a charter member and president of Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority.

Jessica Millsaps of Lugoff was named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants. Millsaps, a sophomore elementary education major, is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, where she serves as vice president – membership. She is also active in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

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



Human Resources Update

Summer schedule takes effect May 30

Based on the success of the modified summer schedule during the pilot period covering the last three summers, President Carter has approved the continuation of the modified summer schedule.

This year's summer schedule will begin on Monday, May 30, and run through Friday, Aug. 12. 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 4 holiday, offices should remain open from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 8.

Tips for traveling abroad

If you are traveling abroad, prepare for the unexpected. You may need medical care while traveling and will need to file a claim upon your return. If you receive medical services outside

the United States, GET AN ITEMIZED RECEIPT.

All medical expense claims for yourself or your dependents should be filed with Blue Cross and Blue Shield within 90 days after the beginning of care or treatment. Claim forms are available from the Human Resources office or on the Employee Insurance Program website at www.eip.sc.gov.

Credit union offers auto loans

Pee Dee Federal Credit Union will refinance your auto loan from another lender. You can reduce your rate by at least 1 percent APR and lower your monthly payment.

Call the credit union at 669-0461. This offer ends April 30. (Lowest rate available is 3.75 percent APR for up to 60 months. Does not apply to existing PDFCU loans.)

Facilities Management seeks summer help

Facilities Management is now accepting applications from FMU staff interested in earning extra income during the summer months. Workers are needed to perform house cleaning, minor repairs, and painting in student apartments and dormitories. If interested, contact Frank A. Braddock at 1108 or Mitchell Pressley at 1103. The application deadline is April 27.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 4-12-05)

- Two Part-Time Instructors of Speech Communication
- 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 Physics
- Instructor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Computer Science
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Speech Communication
- Assistant/Association Professor of Elementary Education
- Director of Annual Giving and Constituent Relations

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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| through May 7 | Art Gallery Series: Senior Shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery |
| 14-16 8 pm | FMU Theatre: "Red Herring," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC |
| 16 | Open House for prospective students |
| 16 | Art's Alive Festival |
| 19 8 pm | Concert: Cut Time show choir, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 19 8 pm | Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair Auditorium |
| 20 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU photography classes, UC gallery |
| 22 8 pm | Senior recital: Eric Ard, piano, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 24 3 pm | Concert: University Concert Choir, Central United Methodist Church |
| 25 4:30 pm | Research Poster Fair, CEMC |
| 25-May 7 | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU ceramics and 3-D design classes, HFAC gallery |

Don't forget to attend the Art's Alive Festival, Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.!

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