

Patriot Digest

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Homecoming 2006 events scheduled, Feb. 23-25

Francis Marion University will celebrate Homecoming 2006, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23-25.

The events will kick off Thursday with a wine and cheese reception for School of Education alumni at 4:30 p.m. at The Cottage on the FMU campus.

Friday at 8 p.m., in the McNair Science Building auditorium, FMU's Office of Multicultural Affairs will present "Homecoming Step Show 2006." Tickets for this step show are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Precious Cristwell at 1188.

A coffee and dessert reception at The Cottage for all alumni will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. The classes of 1976, 1986, and 1996, as well as athletic teams from 1976, 1980, 1981, 1986, and 1996 will be honored.

Saturday's festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the women's basketball

alumni game in the Smith University Center gymnasium and a softball alumni game on the FMU Softball Field, followed by the men's basketball alumni game at 11:30 a.m.

The highlight of the day, Patriot Fest, begins at 12:30 p.m. at the university center. Alumni can enjoy a picnic lunch while reminiscing with former professors and fellow graduates. PatriotFest will also feature live music by Flowtown and activities for children and adults.

From noon to 5 p.m., alumni can take advantage of a 20-percent discount on selected items at the Patriot Bookstore. From 1:30 to 5 p.m., a silent auction of sports memorabilia and other items will be held in the north end of the Smith University Center gymnasium. Bids on exclusive items will support Patriot athletics.

A basketball doubleheader with Clayton State University will begin

with the women's game at 2 p.m. and the men's contest at 4 p.m. Between the two games, the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame induction will be held. The 2006 inductees are former women's basketball players Chiffonia Adderson '02 and Jennifer Brabson. During half-time of the men's game, the 2006 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned. Admission to the games is free.

At 6:30 p.m. in the university center commons, a Swamp Fox Club Celebration will begin, featuring a live auction to benefit the athletic program. Participants will have the chance to bid on vacation packages and rare sports memorabilia. Admission is \$5 for Swamp Fox Club members and \$10 for non-members.

For more information about homecoming activities and to register for events, call the FMU Office of Alumni Affairs at 1228.

FMU Theatre to perform Jon Tuttle's 'The Hammerstone'

The Francis Marion University Theatre will present Jon Tuttle's "The Hammerstone," Feb. 23-25.

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 1365, Monday through Friday, between 1 and 5 p.m., for seating availability.

Tuttle is a professor of English at FMU. His plays have received over 50 productions in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Columbia, and elsewhere, and he is the Playwright-in-Residence/Literary Manager at the Trustus Theatre in Columbia.

In the play, at a small college with virtually no admission requirements, two aging professors deal differently, but disastrously, with the students whose S.A.T. scores are lower than their cholesterol counts – and with their own obsolescence. Victor Ransome has long since given up cajoling his classes into paying attention and now uses insults and threats of physical violence. "I can kill you if I want," he tells a student, "I've got tenure."

His best – well, only – friend, Murray Stone, still loves

teaching, primarily because it fosters his delusions of perpetual youth. Through their offices come a variety of aggravations in the persons of a completely bewildered baseball player, a smitten spinster, and a gorgeous business major, each of whom serve to remind them that in education come various human responsibilities which sometimes supersede actual teaching.

By the play's end, Murray has understood this lesson. Victor, however, has not, and is, in fact, quite dead. His death underscores the message at the bottom of the play: that teaching, like living, takes continual reinvestment. As Murray puts it, "Happiness is an act of will." While the play makes considerable fun of the state of modern American education, and speculates on the collapse of western civilization once the next generation assumes control of it, in the end, it is a positive statement for teaching, and for teachers.

The play is directed by FMU theatre professor D. Keith Best, with set/light design by professor David Granath and costume design by professor Abby Wurster.

Faculty/Staff News

Jomia S. Mack of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a student services counselor in nursing. She earned a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Columbia College, and is pursuing a master's degree in education at FMU.

Penny W. Connor of Effingham has joined the FMU staff as a financial assistance counselor. She is an FMU graduate, and is married to FMU admissions counselor Marshall Connor.

Sam F. Broughton, professor of psychology, has been appointed to be a program reviewer for the Program Approval Board of the National Association

of School Psychologists (NASP). Program reviewers examine self-studies submitted by school psychology graduate training programs seeking national approval by NASP and national recognition by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Broughton will be reviewing approximately two programs per year following training and a period of mentoring by an experienced program reviewer.

The **Honors Student Association** will once more be holding a **Recycled Reading Used Book Sale** at Arts Alive, March 25. If you have books that you're done with, but feel some-

one else could enjoy, please get in touch with Pamela Rooks at 1526 or prooks@fmarion.edu and arrange pick up and/or drop off for your contributions.

The **2006 Pee Dee Economic Outlook Luncheon** will be held Monday, March 13, at the Florence Civic Center. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and the program is from noon to 1:30 p.m. The speaker is Sen. J. Yancey McGill, who represents District 32 in the S.C. Senate. The cost is \$20 for members of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the chamber at 665-0515.

Renowned researcher Lorin Anderson named visiting professor

Renowned educational researcher Lorin W. Anderson has been named a visiting research professor at Francis Marion University.

As a visiting research professor, Anderson will be on campus during the spring 2006 semester. Among other duties, he will be available to help faculty with their educational research projects. His appointment is sponsored by FMU's Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty.

Anderson recently retired from the University of South Carolina as a Carolina Distinguished Professor. He had taught at USC since 1973. He has taught graduate courses in curriculum

development, educating economically disadvantaged children, and research design.

He earned the B.A. degree in mathematics from Macalester College, the M.A. degree in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota, and the Ph.D. degree in measurement, evaluation and statistical analysis from the University of Chicago, where he was a student of Benjamin Bloom.

Anderson has published 17 books and monographs, 19 book chapters, and 33 journal articles. He has presented more than 100 papers at regional and national conferences and annual meetings. He has also secured more than \$1 million in external funding to

support his research activities.

Anderson has served as a visiting scholar at the University of Newcastle and the University of Sydney in Australia. He has been cited in "Who's Who in American Education," and has sat on the editorial boards of several prestigious education journals. He also earned the Outstanding Research Award from the USC College of Education.

"We are pleased to welcome an educator and researcher of Dr. Anderson's stature to FMU," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "His expertise will aid our education faculty, which in turn will benefit the teachers and students of the Pee Dee."

Public input sought for accreditation of nursing program

The Francis Marion University Department of Nursing will undergo a site visit by the National League for Nursing Accreditation, Feb. 28 through March 2.

The purpose the site visit is initial accreditation of the bachelor of science in nursing program at FMU.

Interested members of the public are invited to meet with the site visitors to share comments about the FMU program. A public hearing is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, in Lowrimore Auditorium in the Cauthen Educational Media Center on the FMU campus.

The public may also submit written comments to the accreditation team through Sylvia R. Lufkin, Chairwoman, Department of Nursing, Francis Marion University, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29501, or to Dr. Carol Gilbert, NLNAC, 61 Broadway-33rd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10006.

E-mail faculty and staff news to thudak@fmarion.edu



Rogers Library displays special exhibits for Black History Month

During February, Rogers Library's exhibit area focuses on Black History Month with displays titled "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions."

Also, the lobby area display features a tribute to the late Coretta Scott King. Library staff members Yvette H. Pierce and Steven C. Sims prepared the exhibits. The displays are

open for all library visitors to view during the 85 hours per week that the library remains open.

User visits break records

Monthly user visits to Rogers Library again broke all existing records for January, topping 14,000 for the first time ever. The previous January high was 13,164 in 1995.

Ian Smith, Brandi Cook receive 2005-06 alumni awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2005-2006 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner, Feb. 2.

The Outstanding Alumnus is Dr. Ian Smith. Dr. Smith graduated from FMU in 1973 with a B.A. degree in psychology. Previously, he had earned a B.A. degree in physics from Rice University in 1971 and for a time he taught freshman mathematics at FMU. He earned a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1978. This was followed by an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Rochester and a fellowship in cardiology at Duke University. He earned certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine and subspecialty certification from the Board of Cardiovascular Disease.

Currently, Dr. Smith is a partner in Advanced Cardiology Consultants,

located on Second Loop Road in Florence. He works as a staff member with both McLeod Regional Medical Center and Carolinas Hospital System. He also works at Williamsburg Regional Medical Center and Lake City Hospital. He has served as chief of the Cardiovascular Division at Carolinas and is currently the chief of medicine at McLeod. He is also an officer of the Florence County Medical Society.

Dr. Smith is the son of Francis Marion's founding president, Walter D. Smith, and he serves on the FMU Foundation Board of Directors.

The Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus is Brandi Cook. Cook graduated with a B.A. degree in history and a minor in German from FMU in 1996. Since graduation, she has been an influential social studies teacher in Marion School District 1. In 2001, she attended the Supreme Court Summer

Institute in Washington, D.C. She was among 60 teachers selected to study recent Supreme Court cases and experience innovative teaching methods for conveying information to students. This past summer, she was among 45 teachers who participated in the Goethe Institute Study Tour in Germany.

In December of 2003, Cook was one of 12 teachers selected from across the nation to travel to Russia on a 13-day tour to observe how teachers are trained, meet with Russian officials and to present economic lessons in several elementary and secondary schools. Although the personal learning and growth from this trip was key for her, she also wanted to help bring other cultures to her students and teach them what she learned. Cook is a supporter of her alma mater and loves her job – shaping the lives of students.

Trustees OK partnership with city to build performing arts center

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees approved a resolution Feb. 3 to authorize the university to enter into a partnership agreement with the City of Florence to build a Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Florence.

In a January announcement, the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation agreed to give FMU \$10 million to build the FMU Center for the Performing Arts at the corner of Dargan and Palmetto streets.

The trustees also raised fees for campus housing and meal plans for the 2006-2007 academic year. The increased rates for the various housing options will average about 10 percent, while food plans will go up an average of four percent.

Following an executive session, the trustees authorized Chairman Ken Jackson to execute a five-year extension to

President Carter's contract through 2015.

The trustees also learned that the university has received \$1.3 million in deferred maintenance funds, most of which will be used to repair and replace heating and air conditioning systems and to renovate McNair Auditorium.

In other action, the trustees named the university arboretum in honor of Professor Emeritus Lawrence F. Swails, a retired faculty member who served for many years as chairman of the FMU Biology Department. Swails was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the arboretum, which is located on the southeast end of the campus.

They also approved naming the clinical laboratory in the new nursing building under construction in memory of the late Elizabeth Williamson Barnes, a distinguished nurse practitioner and educator who was vice president of nursing for the Bruce Hospital System upon her death in 1990.



Distinguished professor nominations sought

Faculty and staff are invited to submit nominations to the Office of the Provost for the Francis Marion University Distinguished Professor Award for 2005-2006. The faculty member so selected will also represent the university as the nominee for the South Carolina Distinguished Professor of the Year Award next fall.

Award criteria will be based on the faculty member's contribution in teaching, scholarly activity, and professional service. Selection will be made from among nominated faculty members by the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee consisting of all Distinguished Professors currently under contract and students appointed by the Provost.

Those eligible for consideration for this award must be current full-time tenured, tenure-track Francis Marion

University employees (including department chairpersons and school deans). The Office of the Provost may be contacted if you have a question regarding a potential nominee's eligibility.

Nominations for the award may come from a faculty colleague, an FMU student who has been enrolled within the last 12 months, or a current staff member. Eligible faculty members may also nominate themselves.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 3, at 5 p.m. They must be made to the Office of the Provost (SAB 115) in the form of a brief letter or e-mail message (rgamble@fmariion.edu). If the writer so desires, the letter or e-mail may explain why the faculty member being nominated would be a worthy recipient of the award. All nominations are encouraged.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 2-9-06)

- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- 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 in the area of Cognitive Psychology
- Assistant Professor of Psychology in Experimental Psychology (Biological)
- Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Assistant Professor of English (2)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing (2)
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design/Foundation)
- Police Officer
- Assistant Professor of Computer Science
- Women's Volleyball Coach
- Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Administrative Coordinator – North Eastern Strategic Alliance
- Senior Administrative Assistant – Financial Assistance
- Computer Application Programmer and Support and Training Specialist

Visit Human Resources,
SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

FEB.

- through Feb. 16 Art Gallery Series: "Enghi Journey: Photographs by Toshi Ueshina," HFAC gallery
- through March 9 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Jeanne Barnes, UC gallery
- through April 6 Art Gallery Series: "Skin Deep - A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," HFAC gallery
- 15 8 pm Concert: Washington Saxophone Quartet, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 21-April 6 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Tonya Gregg, HFAC gallery
- 23-25 8 pm University Theatre: "The Hammerstone" by Jon Tuttle, HFAC Theatre, call 661-1365 for seating
- 25 Homecoming 2006
- 25 8 am Open House for prospective students
- 28 8 pm Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair Auditorium

MARCH

- 2 3:45 pm Spring Faculty Forum, The Cottage
- 12 3 pm Concert: Florence Independent Music Teachers Association Honors Recital, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 14 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: The Firenze Quartet, Kassab Hall, HFAC

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