

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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\$5 million gift to fund building for nursing program

Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence is making a home for the nursing program at Francis Marion University a reality.

The university will receive the largest single gift in its history -- a \$5 million donation -- to build a 30,000-plus square foot building to house the new baccalaureate nursing program.

Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Board of Trustees approved the gift during a meeting May 18. Foundation Chairman Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr. and FMU President Fred Carter jointly made the announcement May 19 during a news conference on the FMU campus.

"The only area of South Carolina without a stand-alone bachelor's of nursing program is the Pee Dee," said Dr. Lee. "According to some estimates, only one in 10 nurses educated outside the Pee Dee returns to practice in the area. It's not surprising then that hospitals throughout our region face a serious shortage of nurses."

For that reason, Dr. Lee said, "Building a facility to educate nurses at FMU is a perfect fit for Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and justifies such a sizeable contribution. It meshes well with the health-related objectives of our foundation," he said.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation's leaders for sharing our vision of creating a nursing program to serve this region," said Carter. "Not only is this the largest gift ever received by the university, but it catapults our five-year capital campaign well beyond its \$12 million goal," said Carter.

The FMU president also said this is one of the largest private gifts ever received by a state teaching university in South Carolina. Ending its third year, the Campaign for Excellence has now topped \$17 million in support of the university, said Carter. The university's first-ever capital campaign ends in 2006.

Carter said that if Florence is to continue developing as a major medical center, local hospitals will require even more skilled nursing personnel.

Carter and Medical University of South Carolina President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in February to transfer administrative control to FMU of the baccalaureate nursing program being offered by MUSC on the FMU campus. MUSC has operated the satellite nursing program as an adjunct program at Francis Marion since 1982.

"There is a nursing shortage throughout South Carolina," said Carter. "As part of our academic mission, we want to make sure we are meeting the demands of our primary service area.

"There is a need within the Pee Dee region for more



An artist's rendering of the new nursing building.

bachelor-prepared registered nurse professionals," he added. "There is wide support within the region for FMU to produce more health care professionals. With our strong science programs, it is natural for us to move in this direction."

According to a 2001 study produced by the S.C. Colleagues in Caring Project, only 34 percent of South Carolina registered nurses have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 44 percent nationally. However, only 22 percent of total registered nurses in seven Pee Dee counties have a bachelor's degree, according to 2002 data from the Office of Research and Statistics of the Budget and Control Board.

To be located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building will contain all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU.

The exterior of the building will be primarily brick with precast accents to match other buildings on campus. Construction will begin as soon as all necessary state approvals are obtained.

The building's first floor will include an auditorium situated to allow community use, a patient care lab and administrative offices. The patient care lab will include 16 beds designed to allow for extensive patient care training in a flexible layout. The patient care areas will replicate a typical hospital environment with hospital beds and equipment set-ups to allow a smooth transition to the working environment for greater focus on patient needs. Three special procedure areas will allow specialized training by simulating a birthing room, intensive care area and semi-private areas with bathing facilities.

The second floor will contain classrooms and computer

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training areas for the nursing program. All classrooms, offices and patient care areas will be networked for computer access and electronic learning.

Carter recently appointed a seven-member committee to assist with the transition of the MUSC nursing program to FMU. This committee will make recommendations to help with that transition as well as examine the feasibility of creating other allied health care programs that would be consistent with the mission of FMU.

MUSC began the satellite nursing program on the FMU campus in 1982 with five students enrolled. Today, there are 61 students enrolled as undergraduate nursing majors, taught by five faculty members. Over the last 22 years, 435 students have earned degrees through this program. While those degrees were awarded by MUSC, those students completed many courses taught by FMU faculty.

In addition, there are currently 204 pre-nursing majors enrolled at FMU, more than a 100 percent increase since

1999 and up 37 percent since last year.

“With this many students interested in a nursing career, our goal will be to broaden the program and educate more qualified nurses to meet the needs of the health care profession,” said Carter.

Located in Florence, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation was established in 1995 upon the sale of Carolinas Hospital System. This medical system was the result of the merger of two community-based hospitals, Bruce Hospital System, and Florence General Hospital, which were the consummation of the energies, creativity and dedication of Dr. John L. Bruce, Dr. Lamar Lee, and Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr.

The proceeds from the sale, approximately \$90 million, remained in the not-for-profit sector for the benefit of the Florence community. The foundation’s board of trustees (previously the board of Carolinas Hospital System and its predecessor institutions) then opted to organize itself as a private, independent, grantmaking foundation in order to effectively carry out its stated mission. The foundation’s geographic area of interest is currently deemed to be the service areas of its previously owned hospitals.

FMU names students to President’s List, Dean’s List

Officials at Francis Marion University have named 282 full-time students and 20 part-time students to the President’s List, and 437 full-time students and 34 part-time students to the Dean’s List for the 2004 spring semester.

Of those students listed on the President’s List, 162 earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages for the semester, the highest possible ratio a student can receive.

Students named to the President’s List must have earned a 3.75 or higher GPA for the semester. Full-time students named to the President’s List must have taken at least 12

semester hours and part-time students named to that list must have completed at least 12 hours at FMU, have declared a major and completed at least six hours during the spring semester.

Dean’s List students earned a GPA for the semester between 3.25 and 3.749. Full-time students named to the Dean’s List must have taken at least 12 hours and part-time students named to that list must have completed at least 12 hours at FMU, have declared a major and completed at least six hours during the spring semester.

Ohlsson selected to NCAA Division II PING All-America team

Francis Marion University senior Fredrik Ohlsson has been named to the NCAA Division II PING All-America honorable mention squad, as selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Ohlsson, a native of Goteborg, Sweden, makes the All-America team for the third straight year. He earned first-team recognition in 2003 and was a third-team choice in 2002. He is also a three-time All-Peach Belt Conference performer.

He played every round (31) this

past season and led FMU with a 73.26 stroke average.

He posted eight top-10 finishes in 2003-04, including earning medalist honors at last fall’s AFLAC/Cougar Invitational Tournament in Columbus, Ga., and finishing tied for seventh at the recent NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Tournament. In 10 of his rounds this year, he shot even or below par.

The Patriots ended this past year with a 108-55-6 record, including the program’s third Peach Belt Conference

crown. FMU, the 2003 Division II national champion, placed eighth at the 2004 Division II Southeast Regional Tournament.

Ohlsson did not miss a tournament after his Patriot debut in March 2001, and compiled a career stroke average of 73.56.

He owns the FMU single-season record for lowest average, 72.3 in 2002-03, and shot what is believed to be the lowest round in the program’s history, a 64 in the opening round of the 2002 regional tournament.



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Library staff visits Central Piedmont Community College

Seventeen members of the Rogers Library staff participated in a field trip to Charlotte's Central Piedmont Community College on May 10.

Dr. David Goble, assistant vice-president for libraries, welcomed the group to CPCC and made brief remarks about the college, its six campuses and their libraries.

Staff then aligned with counterparts at CPCC to study the various departments, operations, and services within the main campus library. CPCC Systems Librarian Neal Martin, previously a member of the FMU library faculty, handled arrangements and conducted portions of the tours of their facilities.

FMU library staff also toured CPCC's new Levine Campus on the outskirts of Charlotte and observed operations there.

Central Piedmont serves 59,000 part-time students in the Mecklenberg and surrounding counties area.

Davis nominated for conference

FMU library senior technical assistant Yvonne G. Davis has been nominated to serve as state chair of the 2005 LIBRIS conference.

The 2004 conference was held at FMU on May 20-21, and Mrs. Davis served on the arrangements committee for that conference.

The annual LIBRIS Conference was originally developed and presented by the Peer Group of the Technical College Librarians of South Carolina. The conference was extended to all academic libraries staff members with the 2002 conference.

The location of the 2005 conference has not yet been announced. Davis has been a member of the Rogers Library staff since 1981.

FMU in consortium

Eight South Carolina institutions of higher education have banded together to acquire a second-generation integrated library system.

With central site equipment tentatively located in Columbia, each campus will provide state-of-the-art circulation, acquisitions, serials, cataloging, and related modes for library automation. FMU acquired its original system in 1987.

While the system has been continuously updated since then, it is not a Windows-based system and as such is outdated.

Cooperating institutions include the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, the Citadel, the College of Charleston, Aiken Technical College, Florence-Darlington Technical College, and Francis Marion University.

"We joined forces two or three years ago and have been working steadily ever since to put together the requirements for a joint system that would work for all of us," library dean Paul Dove said.

According to Dove, the RFP for this massive system was released in mid-May, and a decision on which system to acquire should be made by late July. Implementation would occur during the 2004-2005 academic year, Dove said.

FMU will use Technology Grant Program monies to fund its portion of the system's multi-million dollar cost.

Once operational, the universal borrowing and union catalog features endemic to the system will be made available to other academic libraries throughout the state who are willing to pay their share of the costs.

"The features this system will provide us and everybody else who has access to it will enable us to initiate overnight courier service for sharing materials between the cooperating libraries while also seeing what resources each campus has," Dove said.

"It will also validate bona fide users from each partner and thereby allow us to freely use each other's

services and resources more easily and fully than we have ever done before," he said. The two features noted above are referred to as a "union catalog" and "universal borrowing," respectively.

"The successful respondent to our RFP will have the awesome task of bringing up a system for eight institutions in quick fashion, including converting databases from each of our existing systems," Dove said. Currently the eight colleges and universities use two disparate systems, one of which has been out-of-business for five years.

"It is certainly in FMU's best interest to be a part of this large South Carolina consortium, and we are eager to move ahead with this project," Dove said.

Library to reinstitute OCLC access

After having used all the OCLC "FirstSearch" searches FMU's Rogers Library acquired this fiscal year, the library will reinstitute access to this popular database July 1.

Thanks to a revised marketing plan, OCLC now offers "FirstSearch" access on a flat-fee basis rather than only the per-search basis previously offered.

"We expended \$12,000 for 'First Search' access this year, and that was all we could budget," acquisitions librarian Joyce Durant said.

The library's payment for this resource was used up by March, at which time it had to be discontinued. That same \$12,000 under the new system will provide flat-rate access to "FirstSearch" basic databases and to "Wilson Select Plus," the full-text resource from the H. W. Wilson Company.

"We much prefer the flat-fee basis rather than the per-search charge," Durant said.

Visit the Library's web page to learn more about the many full-text and other electronic resources provided to FMU students, faculty and staff.



Trustees set to consider GPAs, fees

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees was scheduled to hold its quarterly meeting Friday, May 28, on campus.

The full meeting was scheduled at 11:30 a.m. in the Stokes Administration Board Room.

The trustees were to consider three resolutions -- one reaffirming universi-

ty policies regarding calculation of grade point averages; another to adjust university fees for the 2004-05 academic year; and one thanking the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation for its \$5 million gift to construct a nursing building and authorizing the creation of a Department of Nursing within the College of Liberal Arts

FMU summer camps scheduled

ACTIVITIES CAMP

DATES: May 24-June 25 (8 a.m.-Noon)

AGES: 5-12 (boys and girls)

COST: \$235 (or by sessions)

DIRECTOR: FMU coach Mark Bluman

INFORMATION: Call 661-1239

SOCCER CAMP

DATES: June 7-11 (9 a.m.-Noon)

At Freedom Florence sports complex

AGES: 7-13 (boys and girls)

COST: \$85 (\$75 if paid before May 21)

DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach Murray Hartzler

INFORMATION: Call 661-1237

MIGHTY TOTS SOCCER CAMPS

DATES: June 7-11 (9 a.m.-Noon) at

Freedom Florence

July 26-30 (9 a.m.-Noon) at Freedom

Florence

AGES: 4-6 (boys and girls)

COST: \$85 (\$75 if paid before May 21)

DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach Murray Hartzler

INFORMATION: Call 661-1237

MEN'S BASKETBALL

INDIVIDUAL CAMP

DATES: June 7-10

(8:30 a.m.-Noon and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.)

AGES: 9-15

COST: \$75 half day, \$150 full day

DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach John

Schweitz

INFORMATION: Call 661-1244

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JUNIOR PATRIOT CAMP

DATES: June 14-17 (8:30 a.m.-Noon)

AGES: 6-8

COST: \$75

DIRECTOR: FMU coach John Schweitz

INFORMATION: Call 661-1244

BASEBALL CAMP

DATES: June 14-18 (9 a.m.-Noon)

AGES: 9-12

COST: \$70 (\$60 if paid in advance)

DIRECTOR: FMU head coach Art

Inabinet

INFORMATION: Call 661-1240

TENNIS CAMP

DATES: June 14-18 (9 a.m.-noon)

AGES: 8-18 (boys and girls)

COST: \$60 (\$55 if paid in advance)

DIRECTOR: FMU head coach Garth

Thomson

INFORMATION: Call 661-1185

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 5-25-04)

- Instructor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (2)
- 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

JUNE

1	Registration for Summer I classes
2	Summer I classes begin
10-11	Orientation for new students
24-25	Orientation for new students

JULY

5	University closed for Independence Day holiday
7	Summer I classes end
8	Registration for Summer II classes
12	Summer II classes begin
15-16	Orientation for new students

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