

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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Staff members honored, McGee hired

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees honored two departing staff members during its quarterly meeting Friday (Nov. 9).

Julie Bush, who recently retired from her posts as director of enrollment management and associate provost, and Legislative Liaison Daniel Dukes, who will resign to pursue another career, received proclamations for their contributions to the university. FMU President Fred Carter and Board Chairman George W. McIntyre bestowed the honors.

"Julie and Daniel are both close, personal friends, and they have served this university well," said Carter. "This is our way of recognizing their extraordinary and sustained accomplishments and expresses our appreciation for their dedication and commitment to Francis Marion."

Bush, a native of Aiken, supervised the offices of admissions, advising and retention, registrar and financial assistance. She came to Francis Marion from USC Aiken in 2001.

"It is with mixed feelings I retire from Francis Marion," said Bush. "As I move into this new phase of my life, the fond memories of my experience here will warm my heart."

Dukes is a native of St. George and has handled governmental relations for FMU for the past four years.

"My biggest regret about stepping down is I will miss my friends at Francis Marion," said Dukes. "I am eager to stay involved with the university in any capacity I can."

Carter also announced at the meeting that James "Jim" McGee III will step in as the new legislative liaison at FMU. McGee is an attorney for Dusenbury, Snow & McGee, P.A. in Florence where he practices general law. Most notably, McGee was a member of the S.C. House of Representatives from 1997-2006. During his tenure, he served on the Ways and Means, Judiciary and Medical, Municipal, and Military Affairs committees. He was an adjunct professor at FMU in 1995.



Jim McGee

McGee earned a law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law after earning a bachelor of arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from USC in 1982. He majored in journalism and minored in criminal justice. Some may also remember McGee as the news anchor for WBTW-TV in Florence from 1983-1992.

"Jim McGee is ideally suited for this position," said Carter. "He knows the legislature well and is trusted and respected by its leadership. He will be a wonderful addition to this university."

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FMU receives substantial gift from Sparrow family

Francis Marion University President Fred Carter recently announced the FMU Foundation's receipt of a substantial gift from long-time supporters of the university, John W. Sparrow and his family of Lake City. At the request of the donors, the amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

The Sparrows donation will partially fund a new baseball stadium scheduled to be complete in 2009-10. A proposal to name the baseball stadium Sparrow Stadium was recently presented to the FMU board of trustees for approval. The Sparrows' donation will also fund fully endowed chairs in the areas of

education, business and literature.

"My family has a great appreciation for the positive impact that Francis Marion University has had on the Pee Dee area," Sparrow said. "We are participating in these projects to show our support of FMU's goals for the future."

The Sparrow family, including John W. Sparrow and his sons, Sammy (FMU class of '83 and FMU Foundation board vice-chairman of the investments committee) and J. Wesley Sparrow Jr., is dedicated to enhancing the educational and extracurricular experience of students in the Pee Dee region.

"The entire Sparrow family has long been strong supporters of education in the Pee Dee and of Francis Marion University," said Carter. "This gift will further support our endeavor to attract outstanding faculty and will partially fund a state-of-the-art athletic facility."

This family demonstrated its support of FMU also in May 2003 when The Nellie Cooke Sparrow Chair in Business was established in memory of Sparrow's mother.

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Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Spanish
- ◆ Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Education
- ◆ Coordinator of Student Activities
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- ◆ Part-time Press Operator
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of Economics
- ◆ Director of Admissions
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Political Science
- ◆ Lead Groundskeeper
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Management
- ◆ Library Technical Assistant-Circulation
- ◆ Part-time Math Instructor
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of History
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of Computer Science
- ◆ Chair of Computer Science Department
- ◆ Lead Teacher
- ◆ Lead Teacher-Certified in Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Investor Relations/Marketing Manager-North Eastern Strategic Alliance
- ◆ Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater (Business)
- ◆ Part-time Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Director of Compliance
- ◆ Part-time French Instructor
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Music

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Faculty news...

Robert Vereen has joined the FMU staff as lead groundskeeper.

Four chemistry faculty and twelve students attended the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Greenville from October 24-27. Chemistry Professor Dr. Kris Varazo, and his research student, Dana Gulledge, presented a research poster in analytical chemistry. Chemistry Professor Dr. Allen Clabo presented a research poster in computational chemistry as part of the formal meeting. Chemistry professors Dr. Leroy Peterson and Dr. Jennifer Kelley's research students, Katie Lewis, Sagar Madiwhala, Jonetha Fleming, and Aaron Oxendine, presented research posters in inorganic synthesis, and Dr. Clabo's research students Ashley Russell and Katie Rosa presented research posters in computational chemistry as part of the undergraduate

portion of the meeting. The majority of the students' research was accomplished during the summer and was funded by the National Science Foundation and the State of South Carolina Fund for Women and Minorities in Science and Mathematics. The posters can be viewed on the third floor of the Leatherman Science Facility.

Other students were in attendance as part of Francis Marion's Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society. The Student Affiliate chapter hosted a dinner for those in attendance at Rick Erwin's West End Grille in downtown Greenville. Also, students attended the play "Oxygen" about the co-discovery of the element by Preistley, Lavoisier, and Scheele. The play was co-written by 1981 Nobel Laureate Ronald Hoffman who answered questions after the presentation.

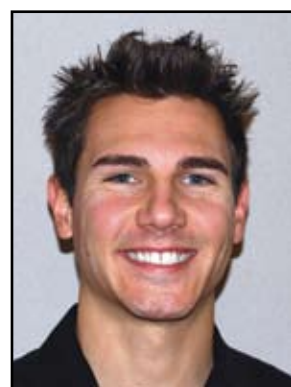
Information technology services department continues to make improvements

Francis Marion University's Office of Academic Computing Services and Administrative Computing Services continues to make strides to promote more efficient use of information technology (IT) resources and improve services to the university community.

To accomplish its task, Matthew H. Cantrell has been named director of network security and project management.

In addition, a decision was made to modernize FMU's current legacy Enterprise Resource Planning system by building a Graphic User Interface to replace the BOSaNOVA system of "green screens." This new GUI interface allows for the consolidation of multiple screens into a framework that displays on a single screen. It also allows for more random access of information and use of the more efficient "point and click" technology. In early June, developers in the Campus Application and Data Services department began programming to replace the applications

used by faculty for advising and registration. This new technology was presented to the faculty in October for the pre-registration period.



Matthew Cantrell

"We had a successful initial deployment with approximately 60 users participating," said John Dixon, chief information officer. "We have many updates planned for this system in the future to continue to fulfill the needs of faculty/staff."

The new application is available for download on the Campus Application and Data Services' webpage (<http://alpha1.fmarion.edu/~cads/>).

Progress Energy contributes \$50,000 to library

Francis Marion University today announced that Progress Energy has made a \$50,000 gift to replace computers in the Progress Energy Technology Center located in Rogers Library.

Established by the Progress Energy Foundation in 2003 through an \$80,000 gift to the library, the Progress Energy Technology Center provides computer access for FMU's more than 4,100 students 88 hours per week, the same hours the library is open.

"We are again deeply indebted to Progress Energy for their continued support of the library program," said Paul Dove, dean of Rogers Library. "This will replace 17 computers and allow us to begin to circulate

laptops among the students."

The gift affords FMU the opportunity to serve the pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning by providing students, faculty, staff and regional citizens with access to scholarly information and other resources, Dove added.

"Progress Energy is honored to partner with Francis Marion University on the Progress Energy Technology Center," said Emerson Gower, vice president of Progress Energy Carolinas southern region. "This partnership allows us yet another opportunity to advance our 'Save the Watts' campaign through the use of state-of-the-art equipment."

Progress Energy's "Save the Watts"

campaign provides simple, low-cost suggestions for customers to reduce energy use and to save money on their energy bills. The campaign also promotes and encourages home energy checks, and offers additional ways customers can save money through participation in any of the company's more than 100 energy-efficiency programs and measures.

Progress Energy has been a long-standing supporter of Francis Marion University. As part of FMU's Campaign for Excellence in 2002, Progress Energy helped to establish an endowed chair in public service named for state Senator Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., and two endowed academic scholarships.

Events Calendar

November

Art Gallery Series Nov. 20-Dec. 15
Senior Shows by Visual Arts
Majors, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., HFAC

String Ensemble Concert Nov. 20
8 p.m. Kassab Recital Hall, HFAC

FMU Closed Nov. 22, 23
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dooley Planetarium Nov. 25
"The Christmas Star"
3 p.m., CEMC, 2nd Floor

FMU Jazz Express Nov. 27
8 p.m., Chapman Auditorium, MSB

Cut Time Show Choir Nov. 29
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall, HFAC

Art Gallery Series Nov. 27-Dec. 15
Student Works by FMU
Photography Classes
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., UC Gallery

Christmas Concert Dec. 2
University Concert Choir
4 p.m., St. Luke Lutheran Church,
1201 Cherokee Road

Art Gallery Series Dec. 3-15
Student Works by FMU Ceramics
Classes
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., HFAC Gallery

Sparrow . . . *Continued from front*

The purpose of the chair is to honor a current or future member of the faculty of the FMU School of Business for academic excellence, integrity and professionalism in their field.

In 1988, the Sparrow family established the Nellie Cooke Sparrow Memorial Scholarship, an award to assist deserving FMU students residing in Florence School District 3.

Lewis receives psychology alumni award

Jane Hart Lewis, director of best practices and training for the Pee Dee Mental Health Center in Florence, has been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Psychology with an outstanding alumni award.

Lewis received the Professional Psychology Award for 2007-08 at a reception held recently on the FMU campus.

Lewis earned a bachelor of arts in philosophy and graduated with a master's degree in applied psychology from FMU. She continued her training after finishing the master's program in psychology with formal training in rational behavior therapy, redicision therapy, experiential mapping and dialectical behavior therapy.

In addition to her job at the Pee Dee Mental Health Center, Lewis is an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Philosophy. She is also a S.C. Licensed Professional Counselor and a licensed supervisor for professional counselors.

She is a nationally certified psychologist with the National Association of Master's Psychologists, and a certified cognitive-behavioral therapist with the National Academy for Certified Family Therapists.

Lewis has served as the vice president of the Candlelight Civitan Club and as president, vice president and treasurer of the Assembly Club and the Tarantella Club. She has also served on the board of directors for Encore Theatre and has been director of several productions at the Florence Little Theatre and the Junction City Little Theatre in Kansas.

Among Lewis' many awards, she was selected as Employee of the Year by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and was named National Watchdog of the Taxpayers of South Carolina State Treasurer's Office. She won the Florence Little Theatre Irving for playing Elizabeth I in *Vivat, Vivat, Regina*.

Gourley appointed to endowed chair at FMU

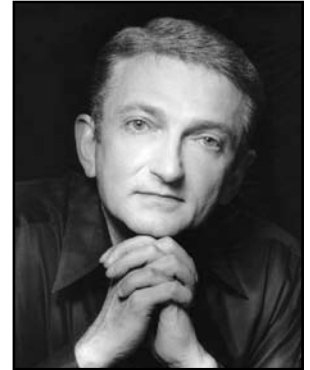
A. Glen Gourley, theatre arts and speech professor at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to an endowed chair at the university.

Gourley is appointed to the Peter D. Hyman Chair in Art. This chair is named for a respected Florence attorney, who served in the state House of Representatives in the late 1960s, where he was instrumental in the founding of Francis Marion University.

Gourley, a native of Sweetwater, Tenn., has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985. He received the Award of Excellence in Service in 2004.

He has directed more than 25 theatre productions at FMU and has been a judge, consultant or adjudicator for numerous pageants and theatre performances throughout the state. From 1985 to 1999, he held a number of positions with the Cherokee, N.C., outdoor

drama "Unto These Hills." He also has been involved in Oconulfee Little Symphony productions, Glassboro Summer Theatre, Florence Little Theatre, Encore Theatre Co., Lake City Community Theatre, Manning Back Porch Players, Hartsville Community Theatre and dozens of public school projects. He earned an associate's degree from Hiwassee College, a bachelor's degree in theatre from the University of Montevallo and a master's in fine arts from the University of Mississippi.



Glen Gourley

FMU opens enrollment for new Center for the Child

Francis Marion University will soon be ready to enroll students to attend the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child now under construction.

The center offers child care services to the children of students, faculty, staff and community members ages six weeks to five years old.

Scheduled to open in August 2008, the center will also be a child development and evaluation clinic to train students, giving them firsthand experience in dealing with the nearly 112 small children it will serve. In addition, the center will serve as a state model for the dissemination of best practices in early childhood education.

Child Care Director Frances B. Roberts is encouraging members of the community to seek enrollment for their children.

"Brain research has shown that a critical time for healthy child development and achieving school readiness is from birth through age four," Roberts said. "Parents who enroll their children can expect a state-of-the-art facility where their child's mental and physical health, social and emotional skills, language and cognition are nurtured

and developed."

FMU's School of Education and the Department of Psychology will work jointly to improve the physical, academic, social, emotional and economic well-being of children and their families through the center. Students from the School of Education will receive training through observational labs at the center allowing them to pull back the curtain and monitor the learning behaviors of children. The center will also have a clinic to diagnose and treat children experiencing developmental delays.

"Francis Marion University offers a unique training, research and service opportunity to the Pee Dee and the state by providing a laboratory school to train students in early childhood education, psychology, nursing and other disciplines," said Psychology Professor John R. Hester, who was named director of FMU's Center for the Child in 2005.

To learn more about enrollment, contact Roberts at 1630.

Staff members . . . *Continued from front*

McGee is married to Kathy Marie Shirley. They have one child, J.G. McGee IV.

The trustees also authorized the university to begin offering a bachelor's degree in music industry. Students seeking the Bachelor of Science in music industry must complete 122 credit hours to receive the degree.

Students will be educated for positions in a highly diverse field that includes employment opportunities in publishing; marketing and management; product manufacturing and sales; and recording, production and broadcast. There are also entrepreneurial opportunities available in a growing number of areas related to music

commerce, Carter added.

Moreover, the degree will provide a sufficient academic foundation for students to pursue additional or advanced degrees in traditional courses of study such as music performance, composition and education.

The trustees also passed a resolution approving the FMU Quality Enhancement Project as part of its decennial reaffirmation of accreditation for the South Carolina Association of Colleges and Schools.

The board will consider a request made by Carter to name the new baseball stadium scheduled to be completed in 2009-10 in honor of the Sparrow family.

In other business, Michael McShane, chairman of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, presented Carter with tokens of appreciation.

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