

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## Gately named to endowed chair in art

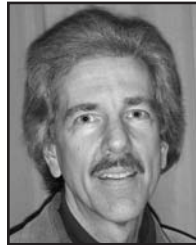
Steven F. Gately, associate professor of art at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to the C.B. and Marlene Askins Endowed Chair in Art.

Gately has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1973, and he is coordinator of the visual arts program. He teaches painting, drawing and design in FMU's Fine Arts Department.

"Not only is Steve Gately an outstanding teacher and mentor to students, but he is a recognized artist whose work has been shown nationally," said Provost Richard Chapman. "I'm pleased that the university is recognizing his work through this appointment."

The Askins Chair was created in 1995 by C. B. and Marlene Askins of Lake City for further development of the artistic and cultural life of the campus and the region. C.B. Askins was a member of the university's board of visitors at the time he and his wife created the endowed chair.

The late Dennis C. Sanderson, former chairman of the Fine Arts Department, held the chair until his retirement a few years ago.



Gately

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Gately earned an associate's degree at Palm Beach Junior College in Lake Worth, Fla., a bachelor's degree in fine arts at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and a master of fine arts degree in painting and photography from Florida State University where is also was a graduate teaching assistant.

Over the years, his art work has won purchase prizes in numerous juried national competitions, and he has been involved in several invitational group exhibitions. His work is displayed in public collections at the Fine Arts Museum of the South in Mobile, Ala., the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, N.C., the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, the Columbia Museum of Art, the State Art Collection of South Carolina, McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence and Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

## Patriot Cagers return to hardwood

Both the Francis Marion University men's and women's basketball teams will return to action this week with a pair of contests.

The Patriot women traveled to Greeneville, Tenn., to face the Tusculum College squad, Thursday (Dec. 14) at noon.

FMU will conclude its pre-Christmas portion of the schedule with a Saturday (Dec. 16) road game at Newberry College. The game will tip-off at 4 p.m. in Newberry's Eleazer Arena. The Lady Indians are off to their best start (9-0) in school history.

Junior guard Brittany Young leads the Patriots in both scoring (14.9 points per game) and assists (4.3 assists per game).

The 3-4 Francis Marion men's squad will participate in the Chatham Orthopaedics Holiday Classic, Friday and Saturday (Dec. 15-16) in Savannah, Ga., at Armstrong Atlantic State

University. The Patriots will face Lenoir-Rhyne College (4-2) on Friday at 3 p.m. and then meet 25th-ranked Eckerd College (8-0) at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Live stats for the men's contests will be available at [www.athletics.armstrong.edu/basketball/bk2006classic.html](http://www.athletics.armstrong.edu/basketball/bk2006classic.html).

Junior forward Rodrick Burton paces the Patriots with a 14.6 ppg average, while senior forward and Florence native (Wilson High School product) Raymond Dorsey is averaging 13.3 ppg and a team-leading 7.9 rebounds per game, while connecting on 59.7 percent of his field goal attempts.

Following this weekend, both FMU teams will take a break for the holidays before opening Peach Belt Conference play at home against Lander University on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

## Crosland named news editor, writer at FMU

Angela Crosland has been hired as news editor/ writer for Francis Marion University.

Crosland is responsible for communicating the Francis Marion story to various publics. She will be heavily involved in researching, writing and editing news and feature articles for the mass media, producing some publications and other documents and materials. She replaces Todd Hudak, who resigned to accept a position in Columbia.

A native of Marion, Crosland has worked as a reporter for more than 11 years, six of which were with the Morning News in Florence as an education reporter. In addition, she has also worked as a grassroots lobbyist and communications coordinator for the South Carolina School Boards Association in Columbia.

"I'm extremely excited about joining the Francis Marion team and getting back home," said Crosland. "The communications department has been immensely successful at increasing the visibility of Francis Marion throughout the state. I am anxious to be a part of that."

Crosland, 32, also served in the South Carolina Army National Guard for six years where she received her journalism training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

She earned a bachelor's degree in media arts at the University of South Carolina in 2000 and a master's degree in English in 2004. Crosland is also pursuing a degree in education leadership and administration from Jones International University.

Crosland has one son, Daniel James II, who is six years old. She is the daughter of David and Sarah Crosland of Marion.



Crosland

## Dramatic performer to headline MLK Celebration at FMU Jan. 11

Take a front row seat in the McNair Auditorium at Francis Marion University as dramatic performer Edward L. Hill, Jr. takes the audience to the time prior to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968.

From King's modest beginnings in the "Sweet Auburn" community outside of Atlanta and his time in the Birmingham jail, to the steps of the

Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and eventually his death, Hill brings to existence the life and times of King on Jan. 11, as part of FMU's Ninth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Hill will chronicle the life of King through live music, a slide presentation, and a video, giving the audience insight into the movement and giving

voice to the issues affecting society today.

Free to the public, the 6 p.m. program will be followed by a reception in Smith University Center. The program is sponsored by FMU, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and McLeod Health.

## Chamber seeks candidates for Leadership Florence Class of 2007-2008

For those who may be looking for a way to increase their knowledge of the Greater Florence area or enhance their involvement in community activities while further developing their leadership skills, the Leadership Florence program is the venue for you.

The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations or

candidates may apply directly to become part of this comprehensive, nine-month program designed to identify, cultivate, and motivate new leadership in the Greater Florence Area.

The program orientation begins in September and the class ends in June with members meeting one full day per month. The culmination of the class is

the completion of a project benefiting one of the Chamber's programs. Tuition is \$1,200.

For more information or an application, contact Gerry Madison, director of minority and small business for the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce.

## Bishara scholarship established to honor healthcare advocate

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by Makram A. Bishara and his sons Tarek M. Bishara and Steve M. Bishara in memory of wife and mother Nabila F. Bishara for her dedication to the field of healthcare, particularly nursing.

The Nabila F. Bishara Memorial Nursing Scholarship will be awarded to a student admitted into the FMU nursing program, who is also a native of Mullins. If there is no such candidate applying from Mullins, the scholarship will be given to a student from Marion. If the second geographic preference is not possible, then the student must be a resident of the Pee Dee region. The student must also maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and is eligible for repeat awards, provided all qualifications are met.

Nabila F. Bishara received an undergraduate degree in biology in Egypt and furthered her studies through graduate work at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, becoming a medical technician. Her more than 20-year tenure in the medical lab at Marion and

Mullins hospitals, now the Marion County Medical Center, is where she has had the greatest impact, said husband Makram A. Bishara.

"She was devoted to science and medical technology," said Makram Bishara. "She enjoyed her job and did a lot to care for the people who came through the labs at the Mullins and Marion hospitals."

During Nabila F. Bishara's illness she became immensely aware of the debt nurses incurred in their efforts to earn degrees. She would often mention to her family her desire to assist nurses in paying for their education. For this reason, Makram Bishara and his sons decided to establish the nursing scholarship in her honor.

"This is yet another example of a family with a strong commitment to both the Pee Dee and Francis Marion University," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "This further highlights the importance of well-trained nursing and healthcare professionals in our region."



## University receives recycling award

FMU has been recognized by the S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control for reporting waste reduction, recycling and/or buying recycled products for fiscal year 2006.

Facilities Management annually reports to SCDHEC quantities of recycled products removed from the waste stream. For the 2005-2006, year, FMU collected 75,278 pounds of recyclable products. That's broken down into 61,949 pounds of mixed office paper, 5,235 pounds of cardboard, 3,321 pounds of phone books, 2,308 pounds of aluminum cans, 1,892 pounds of plastic, 495 pounds of used oil and 78 pounds of used oil filters.

Recycled products save natural resources, and continued support of the university's recycling efforts in greatly appreciated.



UNIVERSITY CLOSED DEC\* 21\* 2006  
THROUGH JAN\* 1\* 2007  
*Administrative offices re-open Jan. 2 at normal hours.*



## Faculty/Staff News

**Ronald D. Carter** of Lake City has joined the FMU staff as coordinator of business development for NESAs.

Former FMU trustee and Florence

native **William A. (Bill) Collins** of Greenwood has been presented the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the governor. Collins has served the Index-

Journal newspaper in Greenwood as editor, executive editor, general manager and executive editorial editor for 28 years. He also was publisher of the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette.

### Campus Mail service alters schedule during break

Campus Mail service will run the normal schedule through the afternoon pickup/delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Any outgoing mail not ready by the afternoon pickup must be delivered to the Mail Center before 3 p.m. Dec. 20. If you are planning a bulk mailing (200 pieces or more) to go out prior to the holiday break, please contact the Mail Center (ext. 1337) immediately. Bulk mailings will not be accepted or processed after Monday, Dec. 18. Bulk mail processing will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

During the holiday break, Mail

Center personnel will provide limited mail services on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Incoming mail will be picked up at the Florence Post Office and delivered to accessible campus offices on that day.

Outgoing mail (excluding bulk mailings) will be picked up from accessible offices and mailed on Dec. 27, unless otherwise instructed by the office manager.

Normal campus mail services will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. If you have any questions, please call Mail Supervisor Bryan Austin at 1337.

### Holiday hours at FMU

Francis Marion University will close for the holidays, beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. The university will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, with normal hours of operation.

All FMU administrative offices, including the Rogers Library and the Smith University Center, will be closed during that time.

Food service hours of operation before and during Christmas break are as follows:

The Cottage will close on Friday, Dec. 15 after lunch and will re-open for lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Ervin Dining Hall will close after dinner on Friday, Dec. 15 and will re-open on Saturday, Jan. 6 for dinner.

The Grille will run the normal schedule through Friday, Dec. 15. From Monday, Dec. 18 through Wednesday, Dec. 20, the hours will change to 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The Grille will close after lunch Wednesday, Dec. 20 and re-open on Saturday Jan. 6 with normal hours of operation.

If you have any questions, please call Director of Dining Services Steven Derrick at 1261.

### Rogers Library News

Public services librarian Joyce M. Durant received the "President's Gavel Award" during the South Carolina Library Association's Annual Conference Nov. 29-Dec. 1. She served as first vice-president of the association in 2005 and as president in 2006.

Library faculty members Roger K. Hux, Yvette H. Pierce, and H. Paul Dove were awarded "Honorary Life Membership" in the South Carolina Library Association during the association's 2006 conference at Hilton Head. Hux, Pierce and Dove have served in a variety of leadership capacities in SCLA during their careers at FMU.



Joyce Durant with award.

### FMU women's soccer finishes among the nation's best

The Francis Marion University women's soccer team ended the 2006 campaign as the fourth most improved team in NCAA Division I according to Somis Sports.

The Patriots, in their second year of transitioning from Division II to Division I, recorded an 11-5-3 mark this past season, in contrast to a 5-9-1 record in 2005.

FMU played a full Division I schedule this past fall and showed a nine-win improvement in victories over Division I opponents. Only Navy (11) and the University of Denver (10) compiled a bigger turn-around.

Somis Sports also rates the programs using its own formula, and Francis Marion placed fourth in terms

of improvement during the 2006 season.

FMU posted a 2.00 rating improvement and trailed only Denver, Navy, and Texas Tech University.

Head coach Marty Beall loses only three seniors off last season's squad. Among the players who will return in 2007, several finished among the 2006 Division I national leaders in several statistical categories. Goalkeeper Jacques Sutphin posted the 41st-best save percentage in Division I, and set a school-record for consecutive shutout minutes (484) midway through the year.

Freshman Kirby Stenard was among the Top 20 in both points and goals per game, while junior Ashley

Fortune was among the Top 50 in both categories. Stenard's four-goal performance against South Carolina State University on Oct. 13, was bettered only during the 2006 season by a five-goal outing by Texas Tech's Chessa Purser.

Freshman Angela Salem was among the Top 5 in assists per game, while Brandi Sutphin was among the Top 25.

As a team, Francis Marion was among the Top 35 programs in both scoring offense and (goalkeeping) save percentage.

FMU, which owns an 82-16-5 all-time home record, opens its 2007 season on Aug. 31 at Winthrop University.



# Human Resources Update

## FMU's 2007 Holiday Schedule

Below is a list of 2007 holidays for classified employees and unclassified administrative staff at Francis Marion University:

- Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 – New Year's Day
- Monday, Jan. 15, 2007 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Friday, March 9, 2007 – Spring Break
- Wednesday, July 4, 2007 – Independence Day
- Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007 – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 – Day after Thanksgiving
- Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 - Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 – Christmas Break

The holiday schedule is also available on the web site at the following link:  
<http://www.fmarion.edu/about/hr/article-1999977298c26736.htm>

## Emergency lighting check slated Dec. 18

On Monday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. Campus Police and Facilities Management will conduct its semi-annual commercial power shut down and emergency lighting inspection of campus buildings. This inspection ensures that lighting will be available for building evacuation in the event of an emergency. Commercial power for individual buildings will be disrupted for

approximately one hour per building to complete the inspection.

To minimize disruptions Campus Police and Facilities Management recommend that all computers and electronic equipment be shut down and work saved prior to 5 p.m. Monday.

If you have any questions or a special situation, contact Capt. Glenn with Campus Police at 1525.

## Spring semester classes begin Jan. 9

Students will begin spring semester classes at Francis Marion University Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Registration for new and continuing students will be held Monday, Jan. 8. Housing opens for new and continuing students on Jan. 7.

A list of open classes is available on the university's website at [www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu) or through the Admissions Office in Stokes Administration Build-

ing Room 113. The semester runs through April 23, followed by final exams, and commencement on May 5.

Students interested in taking classes during the spring semester should contact the FMU Admissions Office at 843-661-1231. The university is currently closed for the holidays, and will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

For more information, call the Admissions Office.

# Jobs On-Campus

(as of 12-11-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
  - Police Officer
  - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Accounting - Managerial/Cost Accounting
  - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Accounting - Financial Accounting
  - Assistant Professor of Political Science
  - Chair, Department of History
  - Assistant Professor of Sociology (Criminal Justice)
  - Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
  - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Management
  - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Mass Communication (Broadcast Journalism)
  - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
  - Assistant Professor of Psychology (School Psychology)
  - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Experimental Psychology)
  - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Elementary Education)
  - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Special Education)
  - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Research)
  - Assistant Professor of English
  - Assistant Professor of Art Education
  - Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre History
  - Instructor of Chemistry
  - Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
  - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Nursing (2)
  - Assistant Professor of Spanish
  - Assistant Professor of Biology
  - Assistant Professor of Biology (Tenure-track)
  - Assistant Professor of Physics
  - Craftsman
  - Administrative Associate – Psychology and Sociology
  - Assistant Professor of Management
- Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call ext. 1140.

## Coming Up On Campus

### DEC.

- 16 10 am Commencement, *Smith University Center*
- 17 3 pm Dooley Planetarium Show: "The Christmas Star," *CEMC*

### JAN.

- 1 New Year's Day - *University Closed*
- 2-Feb. 15 Art Gallery Series: Pastel Drawings by Tulla Lightfoot, Ceramic Head Pots by David Hooker  
*M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm, Hyman Fine Art Center Gallery*
- 9-March 8 Art Gallery Series: Soulscape: Drawings and Paintings by Harry Arnette McFadden, Tim Green and Randall Fulton  
*M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm, Smith University Center Gallery*
- 11 6 pm MLK Celebration, *McNair Auditorium*
- 15 MLK Holiday - *University Closed*
- 16 3:30 & 8 pm Film Series: Kim Ki-Duk's 3-Iron, *CEMC*

## Patriot Digest deadlines

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