

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

March 15, 2006

FMU to host annual Art's Alive festival, March 25

Francis Marion University will play host to the 29th-annual Art's Alive Festival on Saturday, March 25.

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine, and is free and open to the public. The event is a celebration of the visual and performing arts for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at five different venues on campus.

This year's featured attractions are Caribbean Soul and the Catalinas, who will perform on the main outdoor stage from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 to 5 p.m., respectively. Caribbean Soul performs Jimmy Buffett music, beach music, and more. The popular Catalinas play Carolina beach music.

A variety of other musical groups will be performing throughout the day, including S&E Pee Dee Gospel Worship Choir, the Renaissance Vocal Group from the University of South Carolina, the Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra Chamber Strings, the

Festival Brass of Myrtle Beach (British-style band), the South Florence High School "Bruin Blues" Jazz Band, and The Plaids of Lake City.

For the second year, more than 35 different artists will be showing and selling their work at the festival. There will be watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, pottery, woodwork, hand-painted glassware, sweetgrass baskets, stained glass, jewelry, fabric, portraits, metal work, and more. Proceeds from the art show will benefit the Art's Alive Scholarship Fund. Art exhibits will also be on display in the Hyman Fine Arts Center.

A number of dance groups will perform, including the Sardis Boot Scooters, Showbiz Studio and Dance Company, Dance for Joy Dance Studio, Coker Repertory Dance Company, South Carolina Dance Theatre, and Phat Pheet from Williams Middle School, as well as dancers from Kelley's Fine Arts and the School of

Dance Arts.

Performances for children will include the Pied Piper of Percussion, Carolina Puppet Theatre, and Flow Circus, which features juggling, comedy and magic. The Florence Little Theatre Schoolhouse Players will present "Three Little Pigs."

A multitude of hands-on activities for children will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including face painting, clay magic, kite kraze, handmade necklaces, percussion petting zoo, Mardi Gras masks, balloon sculptures, and sidewalk chalk art.

Strolling the grounds will be Accordion Bob and Flow Circus. A Recycled Reading book sale will also be held.

Visitors to the festival may bring a picnic lunch, or purchase food from a variety of food vendors sure to suit all tastes. For more information, contact the FMU Office of Community Relations at 1225.

School psychology master's option approved by NASP

The school psychology option of the master of applied psychology program at Francis Marion University has been granted full approval by the National Association of School Psychologists' (NASP) through 2010.

National approval by NASP also results in national recognition as a specialty program by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The FMU program had previously been approved and recognized by both accrediting bodies from 2001 to 2005.

Approximately 67 percent of graduate training programs in school psychology have achieved this national recognition. Graduates of recognized programs are eligible

for both state and national certification as specialist-level school psychologists.

"Achievement of NASP approval and national recognition by NCATE is an arduous task and indicates that the program provides rigorous training that results in competent practitioners," said Sam F. Broughton, FMU's coordinator of the school psychology option.

Other FMU faculty teaching professional school psychology courses in the option include John Hester, Bob Bridger, Gabe Batarseh and Sue Faykus. Faculty teaching research core courses in the program include Mike Jordan, Susan Ruppel, Teresa Herzog, and Charlene Wages.

Walter Doyle to speak at Center of Excellence Spring Colloquium today

The Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University will hold its Spring Colloquium, Wednesday, March 15, with a speech by education professor Walter Doyle.

The speech will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free. Reser-

ervations are being accepted through the Center of Excellence at 843-669-3391, ext. 28, or by e-mail at COE@fmarion.edu. Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Doyle's speech is titled "Establishing and Maintaining Positive and Productive Classroom Environments."

Faculty/Staff News

Stacy Y. Brayboy of Atlanta has been appointed to a position in Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine's administration secretariat. Brayboy will serve as deputy director of the Council on Human Rights.

Previously, Brayboy served as state core director for Gov. Kaine's gubernatorial campaign and for the Virginia Coordinated Campaign.

Bray-boy has 12 years of experience in various levels of government. She is a 1994 graduate of FMU with a B.S. in political science and served as vice president of the FMU Student Government Association.

Joseph Burger (supervised by **Travis Knowles**) and **Patrick Cloninger** (supervised by **Jeff Camper** and **Peter King** in two separate papers) are the co-winners of the President's Undergraduate Research Award for 2006. Burger's paper has been accepted for presentation at the 2006 Student

Conference on Conservation Science at Duke University, while Cloninger's papers were both presented at the 2005 Meeting of the South Carolina Academy of Science at Winthrop University.

The judges were **Barbara Hankinson** (Chemistry), **Derek Jokisch** (Physics), **Kris Varazo** (Chemistry), and **Charlene Wages** (Psychology). All the submissions this year came from the Biology Department. All of these projects passed peer review outside the university before they were considered for the campus award.

Anything accepted, presented, or published between now and next Feb. 15, 2007, is eligible for next year's competition.

The Spring 2006 Joint Francis Marion/Kappa Mu Epsilon Region Three Undergraduate Mathematics Conference will be held on April 7.

Students who are working on any math or applied math (possibly using math to model a situation), are encouraged to register for the conference at <http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/conferences>. The conference is free and lunch will be provided for students who register by April 3.

The second annual **Technology Forum** will be held Tuesday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Smith University Center commons.

The forum is designed to display the latest and greatest in technology. For more information or a list of vendors, call Sheron Jacobs at 1392.

William M. Hathcock of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a police officer.

Brandon D. Love of Columbia has joined the FMU staff as director of annual giving and constituent relations.

Art gallery to exhibit paintings by Tonya Gregg through April 6

"Adventures in Ladyhood," paintings by Tonya Gregg, will be on display as part of Francis Marion University's Art Gallery Series through April 6.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Hyman Fine Arts Center gallery.

Tonya Gregg is one of South Carolina's most promising young African-American painters. She has already won

numerous awards for her work and had two major exhibitions.

She attended the prestigious Governor's School for the Arts in South Carolina while in high school, and won a full scholarship to the Maryland Art Institute. Upon graduation, she received a scholarship and fellowship to pursue a master's degree at the University of Chicago, which she earned in June 2000.

Paul MacDonald hired as new women's volleyball coach

Francis Marion University athletic director Murray Hartzler announced March 9 the hiring of Paul MacDonald of Hiawatha, Iowa, as the university's new head coach for women's volleyball.

MacDonald, 33, replaces Sonny Kirkpatrick, who resigned after six seasons to become the head coach at NCAA Division I Troy University.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to hire someone the caliber of Paul to guide our program," Hartzler said. "He possesses all the qualities we are looking for in a coach, and he

should be able to step in and immediately build on the solid foundation that Sonny Kirkpatrick established."

The Patriots lose three seniors off last season's 29-11 squad that won the 2005 Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship, and earned the program's second-ever NCAA Division II national tournament bid. The 29 victories represented the fourth-highest win total in team history.

MacDonald comes to FMU from Mount Mercy College, an NAIA school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In three seasons directing the Mustang pro-

gram, he compiled a 49-49 record, including a 25-11 mark this past fall – the team's best record in more than a decade.

Utilizing a roster that did not include any seniors, he also guided Mount Mercy to a second-place finish in the Midwest Classic Conference with a 6-1 record and to a spot in the NAIA Region VII Tournament for the first time since 2002. For that effort, he received conference "Coach of the Year" honors.

He is a native of Flat Rock, Mich., a suburb of Detroit.



Author Randall Kenan to give Hunter Lecture today

Author Randall Kenan will give the Hunter Lecture at Francis Marion University, today (March 15).

The speech will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Kenan was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., raised in rural North Carolina, and is currently an associate professor of English at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His first novel, "A Visitation of Spirits," was published in 1989. A story collection, "Let the Dead Bury Their Dead," was nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Award, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and was a New York Times Notable Book. His other books include a biography of author James Baldwin (1993), a collection of Norman Mauskoff's photography titled "A Time Not Here: The Mississippi Delta" (1997), and "Walking on Water: Black American Lives at the Turn of the 21st Century" (1999), which was

nominated for the Southern Book Award.

Kenan worked on the editorial staff of Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., until 1989, when he began to teach writing at Sarah Lawrence College and Columbia University. He was the first William Blackburn Visiting Professor of Creative Writing at Duke University in the fall of 1994, and the Edourd Morot-Sir Visiting Professor of Creating Writing at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1995. He has also been the John and Renee Grisham Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi, a visiting professor of creative writing at the University of Memphis, and held the Lehman Brady Professorship at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. He has also taught urban literature at Vassar College.

Kenan is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Whiting Writers Award, the Sherwood Anderson Award, the John Dos Passos Award, and was the 1997 Rome Prize winner

from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He has also served as a judge for the National Book Award.

The speech is presented by the Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU. The Hunter Chair in English Literature was established in 1991 by three sisters – Dorothy Hunter Thames Ellis, Adelle Hunter West and Hattie Costa Hunter King – as a memorial to their parents, Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter.

Mr. Hunter made his life in Marion County, was once mayor of Marion, contributed to many different organizations throughout the Pee Dee area, and operated a successful automobile dealership in Florence for 40 years. Mrs. Hunter came to Marion as a school-teacher, was active in church work and taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. She was a charter member of several literary clubs, garden clubs and community organizations.

Jones, Epps chosen 2006 FMU Homecoming king and queen

Patrick T. Jones and Shera Epps were selected as Francis Marion University's 2006 homecoming king and queen on Feb. 25.

Jones, of Ladson, is a junior majoring in political science with a minor in psychology. He was sponsored by the Student Alumni Association. He is president of the University Programming Board, a member of Alpha Phi

Alpha Fraternity Inc., the Greek Week Committee, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and is a resident assistant.

Epps, of Kingstree, is a junior majoring in biology with a minor in psychology. She was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., of which she is a member. She is also a member of the Dimensions of Diversity Dance Team and Ars Medica.

FMU announces coaching change in men's basketball program

Francis Marion University athletic officials announced March 7 that the contract of men's basketball head coach John Schweitz will not be renewed for the 2006-07 season.

FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler said that a nationwide search for Schweitz's successor would begin immediately.

Hartzler said that the FMU program had only one winning season over the past six years and that expectations had not been met on and off the court.

"We regret to have to make this

decision, but we feel we have to go in another direction as we plan to move our program to NCAA Division I within the coming years," said Hartzler. "We thank John for his service to the university and wish him well for the future."

Schweitz compiled a 73-93 record in six seasons, including a 12-16 mark this past year that saw FMU place eighth in the final Peach Belt Conference regular-season standings.

FMU compiled a 41-65 mark in Peach Belt play over the past six years and failed to win a single PBC

Tournament game.

Schweitz posted marks of 7-19, 4-23, and 13-14 in his first three campaigns. His most successful season came in 2003-04, when he guided Francis Marion to a program-best 27-4 record, a national Top 10 ranking, and the program's first NCAA Division II National Tournament invitation, during which the squad advanced to the Sweet 16. For these accomplishments, he was named the 2004 PBC "Coach of the Year" and the NABC South Atlantic Region "Coach of the Year." The Patriots were 10-17 in 2004-05.



Human Resources Update

Summer work schedule to begin June 5

This year's modified summer schedule will begin Monday, June 5, and run through Friday, Aug. 11. Offices should remain open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. To account for the July 4 holiday, offices should remain open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

Scholarship offered

For the 10th year, Pee Dee Federal Credit Union is offering scholarships for the Fall 2006 semester. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to attend Francis Marion University and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to attend Florence-Darlington Technical College. Qualifications include an SAT score of 900 or a 3.0 GPA for returning students.

The scholarships are open to credit union members. Anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Florence County is eligible for mem-

bership. Applications can be obtained from Pee Dee Federal Credit Union, at 305 W. Pine St. or 3320 W. Palmetto St., Florence, or through the school's financial assistance office.

The application deadline for is April 1, 2006, and recipients will be announced in May. For more information, call Sheila Derrick at 669-0461.

Preschooler program to be held

"So This Is Normal? Normal but challenging behavior in toddlers and preschoolers," will be presented by McLeod University and the McLeod Child Development Center, Friday, March 17.

The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the McLeod Medical Plaza classroom. This class is ideal for parents and caregivers of toddlers and preschool children.

The cost is \$25 and registration is required. Call 777-5731 to register.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-10-06)

- Part-time Instructor of Biology
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- 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 (Cognitive Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology in Experimental Psychology (Biological)
- Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing (2)
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics (2)
- Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design/Foundation)
- Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Senior Administrative Assistant – Financial Assistance (2)
- Computer Application Programmer and Support and Training Specialist
- Assistant Reference Librarian
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English (Composition)
- Instructor of Biology
- Director of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

MARCH

- through Mar. 31 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU drawing classes, UC gallery
- through April 6 Art Gallery Series: "Skin Deep - A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," HFAC gallery
- 15 4 pm Center of Excellence Spring Colloquium, speech by Walter Doyle, McNair auditorium
- 15 7:30 pm Hunter Fund Lecture: Randall Kenan, Lowrimore Auditorium
- 17 11 am FMU Foundation/Alumni Golf Classic, Country Club of South Carolina
- 21 10-2 Technology Forum, UC commons
- 21 11-5 Red Cross Blood Drive, UC gymnasium
- 25 10-6 Art's Alive Festival
- 25 8 am Open House for prospective students

APRIL

- 2 3 pm Concert: Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra, McNair auditorium
- 4 8 pm Concert: "The Oratorio" featuring Sue Butler Orr, Kassab Hall, HFAC

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