

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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FMU hosts mayoral debate on campus, June 3

Francis Marion University will host a mayoral debate featuring incumbent Frank Willis and challenger Stephen J. Wukela on Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m., in the Chapman Auditorium on the university campus.



Willis

The Florence Mayoral Debate sponsored by Francis Marion University, the *Morning News*, League of Women Voters, Responsible Economic Development and the Sierra Club, will be moderated by FMU President Fred Carter.

Panelists Brenda Harrison, editor of the Florence County *News Journal*; WBTW's Bob Juback; Harry Logan, regional editor of the *Morning News*; and Larry Smith, owner and publisher of the *Community Times* will

participate in the debate.

Harrison has been with *The News Journal* since 1988. She oversees the editorial content of the paper, writing and editing articles, in addition to the layout. She "grew up" in the newspaper business, starting at age 16 with her first job as news librarian at the *Morning News*. A Florence native, Harrison is a 1969 graduate of McClenaghan High School.

She serves on the boards of the Florence Little Theatre and New Life Rescue Ministries. Harrison is also a member of the Art's Alive Committee, and the publicity committee for United Way. She is an active member of First Baptist Church.

Juback is co-anchor of News 13 at 6 and 11 p.m. Prior to assuming the News Anchor role in 1992, he worked on the sports side of the desk at WYFF in Greenville; WSPA in Spartanburg; and at WBTW from 1984-1987. Before that, Juback worked at radio stations in Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia.

He grew up in Annapolis, Md., and graduated from the University of South

Carolina. Juback, his wife and their two children live in Murrells Inlet.

Logan, editor of the *Morning News*, is the regional editor of Media General's daily and weekly publications in eastern South Carolina. He was recently elected president for dailies of the South Carolina Press Association (SCPA). Logan is a 1970 graduate of the College of Journalism at USC. He has previously served on the board of SCPA, been past president of the South Carolina Associated Press News Council and currently serves on the SCPA Foundation Board as well as USC's College of Mass Communications and Information Studies Partnership Board.



Wukela

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Alumni association board names five new members

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association has named five new members to its Board of Directors.

New members are Shirley Bausmith, Brian Denny, James Harrell, Brian Kelley and Beth Peterson.

Bausmith, of Florence, is currently

coordinator of instructional accommodation and M.A.T. learning disabilities programs and coordinator of special studies and special programs at FMU. She earned the B.S. degree in elementary education (summa cum laude) and the M.Ed. degree in remediation from FMU. She earned the Ph.D. degree in special education from the University of South Carolina.

Bausmith is an assistant professor of education at FMU. Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 2003, Bausmith was a



Bausmith

learning disabilities resource teacher and Special Education Department chairperson at West Florence High School. She was named Teacher of the Year there in 1998.

While at FMU as a student, Bausmith was a graduate assistant and became a part-time member of the graduate faculty. She served as president of the FMU Alumni Association from 2001-2003.

Denny, a Lake City native, graduated from Lake City High School in 1994 before making his way to FMU. He earned a



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He began his newspaper career in 1970 as a reporter at *The Columbia Record* and moved up to city editor before becoming assistant managing editor of *The State* newspaper in 1980. Logan served as deputy managing editor of *The State* prior to coming to Florence in 2001.

Smith, who has been a business owner for 21 years, is co-owner of DBS Communications conglomerate, which he owns with his wife of 25 years, Diana Brunson Smith. These subsidiaries, in addition to *The Community Times*, which has a circulation in 11 eastern South Carolina (Pee Dee and Coastal) counties, include: *The Times Upstate* (serving seven counties in South Carolina's Piedmont region); Eastern

South Carolina BlackBook, an annual directory listing African-American-owned businesses; and First Friday of the Pee Dee, a monthly networking opportunity for African-American businesses and professionals.

Smith, originally from Columbia, is a 1979 graduate of Benedict College, with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Live coverage of the debate will be provided on Time Warner Cable Channel 11 and on WBTW's MyTV on Time Warner's Digital Channel 811. Live video streaming coverage of the debate will be provided on WBTW's website at www.scnow.com.

Alumni Association board members... *Continued from front*



Harrell

bachelor's degree in psychology from FMU in 1998 and was inducted into the psychology honor society, Psi Chi. He received a master's in school psychology from FMU in 2001 and was the school psychologist in Florence School District One from 2000-06. He is currently the director of programs for exceptional children for Florence School District One.

He and his wife of six years, Catherine, have one son, Connor.

Harrell, a Society Hill native, is division vice president and general manager of Sonoco's North American Paper division. Harrell has operational responsibility for Sonoco's 16 recycled paperboard mills in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He joined Sonoco in 1985 and has held a number of domestic and international management positions in both the company's industrial and consumer segments. Prior to his most recent assignment, Harrell was division vice president and general manager, Industrial Products/Paper, Europe. He is a graduate of Francis Marion

University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and an M.B.A. from Duke University.

Kelley was born and raised in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and moved to South Carolina in 1992 when he attended FMU. He graduated in 1996 with a double major in economics and political science. While attending FMU, Kelley was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and president of the Student Government Association from 1995–1996. Upon graduating from FMU, he began his career at Pee Dee Electric Cooperative as an industrial/commercial marketing representative

until 1998 when he made a career change. Kelley joined the team at Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville as an Order Fulfillment/Roll-out Representative, and then as a Department Manager in Chester, Va.

In 2002, he rejoined Pee Dee Electric Cooperative as vice president of member services. In this position, Kelley was responsible for ensuring positive member service outcomes, and implemented a number of enhancements to streamline the department. In June of 2004, Kelley was promoted to his current position of vice president of marketing, where he is responsible for the development and administration of programs and the promotion of the cooperative's public image.

Serving on such boards as the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence Regional Arts Alliance, Marion County Progress, Florence Career Center Advisory Committee, Florence Rotary Club, Florence Education and Economic Development Task Force, keeps him active in the communities of the region. Kelley is married to the former Deborah Helms of Pageland.

Peterson graduated from FMU in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is pursuing a master's degree in business education and expects to complete her degree in 2009.

Peterson is currently a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed Finance Advisors in Sumter. There she develops investment and financial strategies for clients to become financially independent. She is also a military police in the S.C. Army National Guard, which led to her serving one tour of duty in Iraq.

"I am delighted to welcome our five new directors to the board.

Each of them brings unique experiences, knowledge and talents to the table and I am looking forward to working with them to offer exceptional alumni activities, events and programs," said Kim Turbeville, FMU's director of alumni affairs. "The FMU Alumni Association could not operate without the support and participation of our alumni and this group's extra effort and time commitment are allowing our office to reunite and reconnect with our 15,000-plus graduates."



Kelley

Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Lead Teacher
- ◆ Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Part-time instructor of Biology
- ◆ Accountant-Cashier
- ◆ Reference Librarian
- ◆ Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.



Peterson

Coker-Harrington Scholarship established at FMU

The Richard C. Harrington family has established a scholarship at Francis Marion University in honor of Morgan Coker, dean of the FMU School of Business from 1970-1989, and in memory of Harrington's son, R. Carl Harrington.

Harrington said the Coker-Harrington Student Recruitment Scholarship fund was established for the purpose of providing assistance for the recruitment and retention of out-of-state students with demonstrated academic achievement.

"I am a graduate of Francis Marion, my youngest son is and so is my son whose name the scholarship is partially in memory of, so there's always been a strong family connection," said Harrington. "Dr. Coker was my mentor and advisor while I attended Francis Marion. This scholarship is a way to keep his spirit alive within the university and give more students a chance to study what he loved."

In addition, Harrington said through the scholarship, he sought a way to stimulate economic growth – the retention of high quality business and education graduates.

The recipient of the scholarship must demonstrate proven academic performance but not be a resident of South Carolina. Preference will be given to students with a major in business or education.

Harrington challenges those who are interested in filling the needs gap with additional qualified teachers to contribute \$500 to this scholarship on an annual basis and those interested in hiring qualified business students to contact the FMU School of Business for information about internship programs.

"At Francis Marion, we always appreciate alumni who give back to the university," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation and vice president for development. "We are proud of our in-state student population but this scholarship will help provide an opportunity to those who want to attend Francis Marion from other states and internationally. By doing so, it is the university's intent and that of Mr. Harrington that they will remain in the Pee Dee, contributing to its quality of life."

Harrington is founder, and former president and CEO of S&W Manufacturing of Florence. He is active in various community and education organizations, serving as a member of the advisory boards of Continuing Education Division of Florence-Darlington Technical College and the Tech-Prep Consortium. He is a member of the Coalition for Excellence in Education and chairman of the Pee Dee Regional Work Force Investment Board. Mr. Harrington also serves as a member of the board and executive committee of the United Way of Florence County as well as a member of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of the Pee Dee. He is a recipient of the 1998 State Board of Education Business Volunteer Award, the Florence Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year and the 2001 State Job Creator Award. He earned an associate degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College, a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from FMU and a master's in business administration from the University of South Carolina.

FMU Trustees To Meet June 6

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 6, in the Stokes Administration Building Board Room.

The trustees will consider a resolution to adopt a \$47 million budget projection for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The board is also considering an increase in tuition.

The trustees will also hear reports from their standing committees and from the university president.

Committee meetings will be held earlier in the day Friday. The Executive Affairs Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in the Stokes Board Room, followed by a 9:30 a.m. meeting of the Financial Affairs and Facilities Committee. The Academic Affairs

and Accreditation Committee also will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Provost's Conference Room in Stokes Building. At 10:30 a.m., the Development and Alumni Committee will meet in the Stokes Board Room, while the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meets in the Provost's Conference Room.

Events Calendar

June

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| Mayoral Debate 7 p.m. | June 3 Chapman Auditorium |
| Dooley Planetarium "Footsteps on the Moon" 3 p.m. | June 8 CEMC |
| Hewn Timber Cabins Tours 10:30 am-2:30 pm | June 10 |
| New Student Orientation | June 12, 13 |
| Dooley Planetarium "The Evening Sky" 3 p.m. | June 22 CEMC |
| Astronomy Club meeting 7 p.m. | June 27 LSF 102 |

New members elected to FMU board

Five incumbents and four new board members were elected to four-year terms on the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees by the General Assembly last week.

Re-elected for another four-year term to the FMU board are:
 + Melissa Johnson Emery of Conway, representing Congressional District One.
 + Gail Ness Richardson of Barnwell, representing

Congressional District Two.
 + Patricia C. Hartung of Greenwood, representing Congressional District Three.
 + George McIntyre of Bennettsville, representing Congressional District Five.
 + William W. Coleman Jr. of Florence, representing Congressional District Six.
 New board members are:
 + Laura Stroman Crowther of Columbia, representing Congressional District Two.

+ Brad Boles of Piedmont, representing Congressional District Four.
 + J. Kevin O'Kelly of Florence, a governor appointee.
 + Timothy Norwood of Florence, an at-large representative.
 The 17-member board is made up of two representatives from each of the six congressional districts, three at-large members and two gubernatorial appointees.

Faculty/Staff News

T. Nicole Brown of Marion has joined the FMU staff as a police officer.

Meghan A. Long of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a senior administrative assistant for financial assistance.

Members of the FMU biology department recently presented their research at the South Carolina Academy of Science meeting at Clemson University. FMU student Krissy Smith and Assistant Professor of Biology Tim Shannon presented a paper titled "Effect of cell fixation on proteins tagged with green fluorescent protein," and Professor of Biology Henry Slone presented a paper titled "Unique anatomical and chemical features of nonglandular trichomes in big mountain sagebrush: a proposed heat-sink mechanism to control leaf temperature and water conservation."

Professor of Biology Peter King, FMU student Paige Weaver and Jennifer Spicer (North Inlet Winyah Bay NERR) presented a poster "Ecology of diamondback terrapins in North Inlet, Winyah Bay, S.C." and Professor of Biology John Rae presented the poster "Temporal and spatial variation of

abundances of common benthic invertebrates in the Lynches River, S.C." In addition, at the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting at Spartanburg in April, Rae presented his research titled "Distributional relationships of major taxonomic groups of interstitial lotic animals with one another and their habitats."

The following slate of officers for the African American Faculty & Staff Coalition was recently elected: President - Steven C. Sims; Vice President - Yvonne Davis; Treasurer - Linda Sullen; Parliamentarian - Ralph Davis.

The Annual Community Health Charities of South Carolina Campaign is currently underway at FMU.

This campaign affords each employee an opportunity to support the health agency or agencies of their choice. Employees received a pamphlet and pledge form through campus mail which can be used for payroll deduction or employees may make a cash donation.

For more information, contact Libby Cooper, director of public and community affairs, at 1221.

South Carolina State Health Plan Prevention Partners is accepting registration for a Florence Regional Worksite Screening to be held July 17 at the Francis Marion

University Education Foundation Building.

The screening is available for just a \$15 co-payment. Within two weeks of the screening, you will receive your personal health profile, highlighting any values outside the normal range.

The health risk appraisal includes a lipid profile (total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and triglycerides); a chemistry profile (BUN, glucose, and electrolytes); and a hemogram (red and white blood cell count, hemoglobin and hematocrit).

Subscribers of the State Health Plan, BlueChoice (Companion), Cigna, and MUSC options are eligible. Spouses and dependents are not eligible. A registration form was e-mailed to all FMU employees. Registration must be done through the Prevention Partners office in Columbia. The registration deadline is July 1. If an additional form or assistance is needed, contact Becky Culbertson at ext. 1143 or rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

South Carolina State Health Plan Prevention Partners is offering a diabetes workshop "Living with Diabetes," on June 11 from 12- 4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in Thomason Auditorium in the Lee Nursing Building. The workshop is free. To register, contact Ramsey Makhuli at rmakhuli@eip.sc.gov, or (803) 737-3823.

FMU Tennis Camps Set For June 9-13 & July 7-11

Francis Marion University will sponsor two sessions of Tennis Camp 2008 for boys and girls ages 8 to 18.

The camps will be held Monday through Friday, June 9-13 and July 7-11, from 9 a.m. until noon on the Kassab Courts on the FMU campus.

Each camp will cost \$60 per camper. Enrollment is limited. Each

camper will receive a T-shirt.

FMU men's and women's tennis coach Garth Thomson is the camp coordinator and instructor. For more details or to request a registration form, contact Thomson at ext. 1185.

FMU Hosts Summer Volleyball Camps

The Francis Marion University women's volleyball program will hold three summer camps, including on-campus individual and team camps for players entering the sixth through 12th grades.

FMU will host the Patriots Volleyball Team Camp on June 14-16. This three-day camp is designed for varsity or strong junior varsity programs and costs \$1750 per team (maximum of 12 players). Participants and team coaches will be housed and fed on the FMU campus.

The second camp will be the Patriots Volleyball Individual Camp to be held June 23-26. The cost is \$275 per player for residential campers, and \$175 if not staying on campus.

Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

FMU will also offer Patriots Volleyball Road Camps, which offer high school coaches the opportunity to host a three-day (Monday through Wednesday or Thursday through Saturday), 15-hour camp at their school. The cost is \$80 per participant with a minimum number of 18 participants.

Each of the three camps has been designed to provide instruction for all of the skills of the game of volleyball.

FMU women's volleyball coach Paul MacDonald is the camp director. For more details, to schedule a road camp, or to request a registration form, contact MacDonald at ext. 1246 or pmacdonald@fmarion.edu

Digest Deadline

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