

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

June 30, 2008

FMU dean of library to retire



FMU Board Chairman George McIntyre presents Dove with a proclamation of appreciation at June meeting.

It is 1975.
The Watergate verdict is guilty.
President Ford escapes two assassination attempts.
The city of Saigon is surrendered and remaining Americans are evacuated, ending the Vietnam War.
The song of the year is, "The Way We Were," written by Marilyn and Alan Bergman and Marvin Hamlisch.
The year 1975 also sees Paul Dove, dean of Francis Marion University's James A. Rogers Library, named assistant acquisitions librarian at FMU.
The Winnsboro native, who is set to retire on June 30, said one book constituted the entire holdings of FMU's Rogers Library when it was dedicated in 1971, the first new building on campus. Thirty-three years later, the library, named for the first chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, houses a collection of nearly 400,000 volumes and provides access to a variety of electronic databases. Rogers Library is the sixth largest

academic library in South Carolina. It seats 600 and is open 88 hours per week.

The staff of 24 attributes much of the success of the library to Dove who they credit with making the library's resources more accessible to the public through technological innovations and other improvements.

To name a few, in 1996, Rogers Library became the first library in South Carolina to offer a web-based catalog. The catalog currently contains more than 304,000 bibliographic records. The library currently provides access to 40 databases, including many full-text services. The library also has access to more than 5,000 journals and adds new titles almost daily. Rogers Library is a member of DISCUS, Digital Information for South Carolina Users, SOLINET, the Southeastern Library Network, and PASCAL, Partnerships Among South Carolina Academic Libraries.

The staff, half of which have been employed for more than 20 years, also boasted about Dove's leadership abilities. They said the following:

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FMU and NETC announce Bridge Partnership Program

Francis Marion University (FMU) and Northeastern Technical College (NETC) have joined forces to make it more convenient for NETC students who want to earn a bachelor's degree to transfer to FMU.

NETC President Ron Bartley and FMU President Fred Carter recently announced the partnership program, which will take effect fall 2008.

The program is intended for first-time college students who are recent graduates of high schools in Chesterfield, Dillon and Marlboro counties. Program participants will include applicants to FMU who are



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✦ Linda D. Becote, technical services librarian and associate professor (1978), said, "I have worked with Mr. Dove for more than 20 years. He has not only been my boss, but he is my friend. He has listened to me many times when I know he needed to be doing something else, and not just about work related issues, but personal things as well. He gives great advice, he's patient, he's encouraging and he is kind and caring. Paul Dove has been a great mentor and I have learned so much from him."

✦ Joyce M. Durant, interim dean (1973), said, "He has been like a rock. He is extremely dependable and knowledgeable and he shares that knowledge with others. He will go the extra mile for his employees, always offering encouragement."

✦ Cindy A. Price, media cataloging librarian and assistant professor (1988), said, "Paul has always been fair. He does what he can for everyone. He is easy to work with. I left for two years but came back primarily because of Paul."

✦ Pamela B. Radcliffe, systems librarian and associate professor (1985), said, "He has always taken the time to not only understand technology but he backs and supports efforts to implement technology initiatives... He is a

great leader."

✦ Yvonne Davis, senior library technical assistant and acquisitions coordinator (1981), said, "He is an optimist who taught me that if you do what you're supposed to do, you won't have to do what you've got to do. Paul taught me to take a proactive approach to handling situations."

✦ Janet S. McLeod, administrative assistant to the dean of the library (1980), said, "He is a very compassionate and capable employer. Because he was a laborer in the library, I think it is easier for him to understand and relate to his employees."

Dove's life at a glance:

The dean earned his undergraduate degree in French from Erskine College, and was pursuing a master's degree in French at the University of South Carolina when he got his first taste of working in a library. He was a graduate library intern in USC's McKissick Library, at a time when librarians were in demand.

He was offered the head librarian's position at Erskine, and the school offered to send him for a master's degree in library science. So Dove shelved his French graduate studies to earn

an M.S. in L.S. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He later returned to USC and finished his master's degree in French.

After serving as head librarian at Erskine for five years, Dove held the same post at Coastal Carolina University for a year, before coming to FMU in 1975 as assistant acquisitions librarian.

When Frances C. Means retired in 1980 as acquisitions librarian, Dove assumed that post. In 1983, Mitchell Reames, the only library director FMU had ever known, retired and Dove was tapped for the post. In 1994, the position title was changed to dean of the library.

A founding co-chair of PASCAL, he also served terms as treasurer, vice president and president of the South Carolina Library Association. He served throughout the southern United States on 32 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation visiting committees and taught University Life 100 courses at FMU. Dove has two children and six grandchildren.

His retirement plans include traveling from the saddle of his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

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**
- 🔴 **Part-time Spanish instructor**
- 🔴 **Reference Librarian**
- 🔴 **Administrative Assistant - Counseling and Testing**
- 🔴 **Assistant to the Dean for Accreditation Support**
- 🔴 **Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants**
- 🔴 **Administrative Associate - Center for the Child**
- 🔴 **Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant**
- 🔴 **Director of Business Development - North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA)**

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FMU/NETC Bridge Partnership... *Continued from front*

referred to NETC for assistance in meeting admissions standards and those who apply to NETC and express an interest in eventually transferring to FMU.

"We are pleased to welcome Northeastern Technical College as an education partner. This relationship will allow both institutions to leverage the resources of faculty, facilities and technology in responding to the demands of local students," said Carter. "I am looking forward to working with Dr. Bartley and the Northeastern Technical College students who will become part of our institution."

In the program, students may complete developmental or other required coursework, enhance study skills and acclimate to college life while attending NETC.

Students who wish to participate in the program must submit an Application for Admission to FMU and a Bridge Program Registration Form to NETC. Once participants are identified, NETC will forward a copy of the registration form to the FMU Office of Admissions for system input and tracking.

In order to complete the Bridge Program and qualify for transfer admission to FMU, students must:

✦ Complete all developmental and required coursework as identified through placement testing at NETC.

✦ Complete a minimum of 24 credit hours of transferable coursework with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

✦ Complete and submit an updated Application for Admission to FMU at least two months prior to the start of the desired semester of entry.

"There is a continuing need for baccalaureate-level classes in northeastern South Carolina. This initiative will present an additional pathway to a college education to an even greater number of students throughout our service area," said Bartley. "We are pleased to establish this partnership, and it is my hope that Northeastern Technical College students will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity."

Bishara to present at international conference

Makram Bishara, a professor emeritus of Francis Marion University, is traveling to Philadelphia, Pa., to present an extensive interactive workshop, June 30 - July 3. The presentation describes certain mathematical procedures developed with Lloyd Hutchings, a professor of education at FMU.

The presentation will be made at the 15th Annual Conference, "A Declaration of Numeracy: Empowering Adults through Mathematics Education," of the Adults Learning Mathematics (ALM), an international corporation based in Britain but having involvements in many countries. It is one of the world's most influential agents for developing and promoting basic mathematical proficiency for workers in business and industry. Much of Bishara's audience will be British, as the British government has just initiated an intense National Campaign for Numeracy designed to significantly increase the basic mathematical skills of all British workers in preparation for the relatively high

technological demands of the new century.

ALM is vigorously supporting that campaign, has focused their conference on numeracy and has invited Bishara because there are well-researched parts of the work of Bishara and Hutchings that have unambiguously demonstrated a great potential to easily, rapidly and inexpensively accelerate the development of numeracy. The most recent research of this type in South Carolina was the 2005 doctoral dissertation of FMU alumna Cynthia Young, principal of Carver Elementary School. Her study found that their new multiplication procedure was, with regard to speed mastery and computational power, approximately 900 percent more efficient than the conventional procedure. Her doctoral committee was chaired by Professor Lorin Anderson, an education professor at the University of South Carolina and coordinator of research and in-service teacher development for FMU's Center of Excellence.



Bishara

Setzler article accepted for international publication

Francis Marion University
Associate Professor of
Management Hubert H.

Setzler III's article titled, "EMS Call Volume Predictions: A Comparative Study," has been accepted for publication in the international journal, *Computer & Operations Research*.

In the paper, Setzler gives figures on how the demand for ambulances fluctuates throughout the week, depending on the day of week and, even more so, the time of day. An artificial



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neural network (ANN) designed to forecast demand volume of specific areas during different times of the day is compared to current industry practice for accuracy of

prediction. The study, which was written with corresponding authors, University of North Carolina at Charlotte Professor Cem Saydam and Sungjune Park, shows that both methods produce accurate forecasts for certain levels of time and space granularity. Results also suggest that the high level of space and time details in forecasts desired by EMS managers may be difficult to obtain regardless of which method is used.

Setzler earned a B.A. degree in English and business from Newberry College, and the M.B.A. and the Ph.D. degrees in information technology from the University of North Carolina.

Events Calendar

July

Independence Day University Closed	July 4
Dooley Planetarium "To Worlds Unknown" 3 p.m.	July 13 CEMC
Hewn Timber Cabins Tours 10:30 am-2:30 pm	July 8
New Student Orientation	July 17, 18
Astronomy Club meeting 7 p.m.	July 25 LSF 102
Dooley Planetarium "NASA Missions" 3 p.m.	July 27 CEMC

Faculty/Staff News

Carol T. Schnepf of Conway has joined the FMU staff as an assistant women's basketball coach.

Terrie Moore of Olanita has joined the FMU staff as a cashier in the Office of Accounting.

Assistant Professors of Sociology **J. Porter Lillis** and **Terri Earnest** and Associate Professor of Sociology **Rusty Ward** participated in the 2008 annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society in April in Richmond, Va. Lillis presented a poster titled "Social Capital as a Mediator in the Stress Process." Ward presented "Intervening Variables in the Effect of Athletic Expenditures on School District Performance," and Earnest presented "Understanding Crystal Methamphetamine: One Jurisdiction's Response."

The article titled "The 150-Hour Requirement's Effect on the CPA Exam: Candidate Performance in Florida, New York, and Texas," by **Charles G. Carpenter**, professor of accounting in the School of Business, and **Clayton A. Hock**, professor of accountancy at Miami University (Ohio), was published in the June 2008 issue of *The CPA Journal*.

FMU's extension of services to its student administration system with LANSA Web access by students and faculty members to registration, class scheduling, grades, degree audits, financial aid applications is featured in *IBM Systems Magazine*. The ad can be accessed at <http://www.lansa.com/casestudies/francismarion.htm>.

Patriot softball team ranked 5th in final national poll

The Francis Marion University women's softball team is ranked fifth in the final 2008 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Top 25 poll, the highest ranking for the Patriot program since the school moved to NCAA affiliation in 1992.

Francis Marion enjoyed its most successful season in 20 years posting a 39-16 record, the third-highest win total in team history. The Patriots earned their first-ever bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament, won the South Atlantic Regional, and advanced to the Division II national finals (Elite Eight) in Houston, Texas.

FMU played one of the tougher schedules in the country with seven contests against nationally ranked opponents and nearly half its games

(27) against squads that made the national tournament.

The Patriots have won at least 30 games in nine of the past 11 seasons. Prior to its breakthrough 2008 campaign, the squad had narrowly missed out on earning a bid to the NCAA Division II tournament for four straight years.

The program's highest national ranking occurred in 1988 when Francis Marion was ranked No. 1 in the pre-season NAIA poll.

FMU loses only three seniors off its 2008 roster.

National champion Humboldt State University (57-18) tops the poll, which includes three Peach Belt Conference schools.

Patriot Netters make NCAA's Top 10 lists

The Francis Marion University men's and women's tennis teams both earned program-best Top 10 rankings in the final 2008 Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II Top 40 national polls released recently. Several Patriot players were also included in the singles and doubles rankings.

The Patriot women ended the year ranked fifth, the program's highest listing ever. That followed the team's best-ever 23-3 campaign that included an appearance in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Houston, Texas.

FMU's only three losses were to the national champion (twice) and to the national runner-up (once).

The FMU men are ranked seventh in the final poll, also their highest

ranking ever. The Patriots were 19-6 and advanced to the NCAA Division II national finals for the first time since 2001, where they lost in the Elite Eight to the eventual national runner-up. The 19 victories equaled the team's single-season record.

Individually, Patriot sophomore Tereza Sykorova (21-2) ranked 10th nationally among Division II women's singles players, while senior Sarka Vitkova (17-4) is 40th. The doubles duo of Vitkova and senior Jenny Ludwig (15-9) ranked 12th nationally in Division II.

On the men's side, senior Franklyn Emmanuel (16-6) ended the season ranked 22nd, while freshman Oshada Wijemanne (19-4) completed his first season as the 36th-ranked singles player in Division II.

The doubles team of Wijemanne and freshman Dilshod Sharifi (4-2), formed late in the year, ranked 17th. They defeated the then-ranked No. 1 and No. 5 doubles teams during the Patriots' run to the Elite Eight.

Under the direction of 16th-year head coach Garth Thomson, the FMU women appear in the end-of-the-season national poll for the third straight year and for the ninth time in the past 13 seasons. Thomson has compiled a 197-144 career coaching record while directing the Patriot women.

The Francis Marion men's program has appeared in the final national poll each of the past 13 years, and 14 of the past 15 seasons. Thomson has amassed a 236-112 career coaching record at the helm of the Patriot men.

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