

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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FMU dedicates Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child



Frances B. Roberts holds the license to open the new facility.

Francis Marion University dedicated its state-of-the-art child care center Aug. 14, setting the stage for a place that will serve as the state model for the dissemination of best practices in early childhood education.

The \$5 million Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child will offer child care services to the children of community members, students, faculty and

Child, performed the ribbon cutting.

Gail Ness Richardson has served on the FMU Board of Trustees since 1988, and was the first woman elected to a two-year term as chair in 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree from Queens College in Charlotte and a master's in library science from the University of South Carolina. She has been a public school teacher and a community advocate for education.

Terry E. Richardson Jr. is a successful attorney with the law firm Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman in Barnwell. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Clemson University and a law degree at the University of South Carolina. He received the President's Award for Service from the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association in 1994, and the Complete Lawyer Award from the S.C. Bar in 2003.

Following the dedication, attendees were given guided tours of the 17,200-square-foot, one-story facility. The center includes a child-care wing of two infant rooms, two toddler rooms, two rooms for three- and four-year-olds, and two rooms for four- and five-year-olds; an office area for psychology and education faculty members; a central lobby and library that will also function as a family waiting area; observation and assessment rooms; and an outdoor play area.

Gifts from generous donors provided the inspiration for FMU's Education Foundation to establish an endowment to realize the mission of the center.

staff ages six weeks to five years old. In addition, the center will be a child development and evaluation clinic to train students, giving them firsthand experience in dealing with the children it will serve.

FMU President Fred Carter, university representatives and more than 150 guests helped commemorate the new building with a dedication ceremony and the presentation of a framed copy of the bronze plaque honoring Gail and Terry Richardson. The honorees, who have been long-time supporters of FMU and enthusiastic proponents for establishing the Center for the



The Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child

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Faculty and Staff News

On Aug. 13, library staff participated in their second annual staff development day. The theme for the event was "New Leadership... New Day". As on the first occasion, the event was held in the Villa Community Center. Staff arrived at 8:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. At 9 a.m. Joyce Durant, interim library dean, welcomed the staff and presented "New Leadership Roundtable," where she discussed her vision for the library and listened to staff's concerns and ideas.

Later, two sessions were held. One titled "Self Defense" was presented by Curtis Boyd, mathematics instructor at Florence-Darlington Tech and owner of Japan International Karate Centers. Another session was offered titled, "How to Save \$1 Million," presented by Ann Kilgore, acquisition banking relationship manager for Wachovia.

Both sessions were very entertaining and

informative. Library staff all agreed that they benefited from the knowledge they received.

Joe Aniello, assistant professor of management, **David Franck**, associate dean of the school of business, and **Scott Kelly**, assistant professor of economics at Albany State University, co-authored the article entitled "Rural Entrepreneurship in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina." It was recently published in the *Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives*.

Lisa Eargle, associate professor of sociology, and **Joel Thayer**, professor of sociology, attended the American Sociological Association annual meetings in Boston in August. At the invitation of the program committee, they organized and moderated a teaching workshop, "Alternative Approaches

to Teaching Sociological Theory to Undergraduates." Eargle also presented a research paper, "Does Culture Have Inertia: An Analysis of the Relationship between Inertia of Sexual Conservatism and HIV/AIDS as a Social Episode," co-authored with two former graduate students she taught in a previous position.

Joel A. Person of Florence recently joined the staff as an assistant men's soccer coach.

Traci R. Moore of Pamplico recently joined the staff as a lead teacher for the Richardson Center for the Child.

Forest R. David of Little River recently joined the FMU faculty as an assistant to the dean for accreditation support.

33 FMU athletes make Division II ADA list

The NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association recently announced the inaugural recipients of the Division II ADA Academic Achievement Awards presented by WeatherPORT – a list that included 33 student-athletes from Francis Marion University.

The Academic Achievement Awards is a program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at the Division II level.

Sixty-seven institutions participated in the 2007-08 awards program and 2188 student-athletes were recognized. Francis Marion led all Peach Belt Conference member schools in players honored and ranked second in the state among Division II institutions. The 33 honorees represented 10 different sports.

In order for a student-athlete to receive an Academic Achievement Award, the athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters).



FMU President Fred Carter and administrators prepare to move students into the dorms on Aug. 16 (above). Students and families assist with move in (below).

Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Part-time Instructor of Biology
- ◆ Reference Librarian
- ◆ Library Systems Technician
- ◆ Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Director of Business Development-North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA)
- ◆ Human Resources Assistant
- ◆ Desktop Support Technician
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants
- ◆ Part-time Registered Nurse

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



Events Calendar August

Faculty Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	Aug. 19 EDH
Classes begin	Aug. 20
Dooley Planetarium "Mighty Jupiter" 3 p.m.	Aug. 24 CEMC

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