

Boca Hospital offers wi-fi to physicians, patients, guests

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton Community Hospital has announced it has begun offering wireless "wi-fi" access through its guest network. Service began Aug. 1.

The network is available to physicians, patients and guests of the facility. It will allow wireless Internet access within most areas of the hospital.

"We are providing this service as a convenience and courtesy to our visitors and guests," said Robin Hildwein, chief information officer and executive director of information systems. "We recognize that many of our patients, our guests and our physicians rely on the Internet to communicate with family and friends, do research on important topics and to stay connected with work and their careers."

Serving the community since 1967, Boca Raton Community



Hospital has 400 beds and more than 700 primary and specialty physicians. Areas of expertise include cancer, cardiovascular disease and surgery, minimally invasive surgery and women's health.

In 2012, Boca Raton Community Hospital will become the Charles E. Schmidt Medical Center, the first new academic medical center to open in the United States in nearly thirty years. The planned 530-private room teaching hospital will be located on 38 acres of Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus and be the teaching hospital for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Boca Police, Crime Watch to mark 'National Night Out'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Citizens Crime Watch of Boca Raton, in partnership with the Boca Raton Police Services Department, is hosting a National Night Out celebration Tuesday, Aug. 7 at several different park locations.

The schedule is: Sand Pine Park, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Woodlands Park, 4:50-5:30 p.m.; Meadows Park, 6:10-7:10 p.m. and Lake Wyman Park, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

All city residents are invited to attend the event which promotes police/community partnerships, crime prevention awareness and personal/neighborhood safety actions. There will be free entertainment with Officer Joey and



McGruff, the Crime Prevention Dog, as well as handouts, novelties and goodies for children and adults.

For further information about the event, please call the Boca Raton Crime Watch Office at (561) 338-1230.

FAU receives gift for memorial fellowship in creative writing



(Special to the News)

On hand at donation of \$150,000 from Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation to Florida Atlantic University are, from left, Andrew Furman, chair, FAU department of English; Laurie Carney, development director for FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and Daniel Brede, trustee for the Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The department of English at Florida Atlantic University recently received a gift of \$150,000 from the Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation to be used for the Lawrence A. Sanders Memorial Fellowship in Creative Writing.

With this donation, an annual fellowship in creative writing will be awarded to a graduate student in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

"This gift will allow us to attract some of the country's most promising writing students to our MFA program," said Andrew Furman, chair of FAU's department of English. "This talent helps the MFA program and our department gain national prominence."

This is the third gift the department of English's Creative Writing Program has received from the Sanders Foundation since 2001 to advance the work and memory of Lawrence A. Sanders.

The first gift established the

Lawrence A. Sanders Memorial Fellowship in English and the second created the Lawrence A. Sanders Writer-in-Residence.

To date, the Sanders Foundation has donated \$400,000 to FAU. After additional matching contributions from the state of Florida, this contribution has resulted in an endowment of \$600,000 that supports creative writing at FAU.

Sanders, a best-selling South Florida novelist who died in 1998, achieved success with his novels "The Anderson Tapes" and "The First Deadly Sin." The latter was the first in a series of thrillers that gained him praise as a contemporary mystery writer.

"We are delighted to be able to help support talented young writers as they pursue their academic studies," said Daniel Brede, trustee for the Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation. "We are lucky to have such a distinctive creative writing program right here at FAU."

Boca based Agilysys scores two industry honors

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

Agilysys, Inc., a Boca Raton based provider of specifically-designed hospitality industry IT solutions, received two honors at the 2007 Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition and Conference (HITEC®) recently held in Orlando.

"We are honored to have received HITEC FAVE awards for our technology, as well as for our booth design," said Tina Stehle, vice president and general manager, Agilysys Hospitality Solutions.

Agilysys earned a HITEC FAVE Favorite Solutions award for technology featured at the event, as well as the HITEC FAVE Favorite Island Booth award for the firm's booth design, said Stehle. The

awards were announced by the Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP®), the producers of HITEC, based on votes received from conference attendees.

"The HITEC event was a tremendous success," Stehle said, "and we were very pleased with the number of new opportunities generated and the interest expressed in our products."

On The Move

In May, Agilysys announced a \$100 million agreement to acquire Innovativ Systems Design, Inc., a privately held company based in Edison, N.J.

The acquisition "will establish a new and significant relationship between Sun and Agilysys," said Agilysys President and CEO Arthur Rhein. "Moreover, the addition of

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Sun expands Agilysys' offerings to include four of the most pervasive computer technology suppliers: EMC, HP, IBM and Sun."

And in June Agilysys added to its growing portfolio of acquisitions, by agreeing to spend \$42 million for InfoGenesis, a southern California based privately held IT firm focused on hospitality software solutions. InfoGenesis is involved in casinos, hotels and resorts, cruise lines, stadiums and foodservice. The acquisition will provide Agilysys a complementary offering that will extend its reach into new segments of the hospital-

ity market, broaden its customer base and increase its software application offerings, according to Agilysys CFO Martin Ellis.

Agilysys is a nationally known provider of innovative IT solutions to corporate and public-sector customers, with special expertise in select markets, including retail and hospitality. Operating out of its Boca Raton headquarters, Agilysys operates extensively throughout North America, with additional sales offices in the United Kingdom and China.

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FAU receives 38 applications for top fundraiser job

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Florida Atlantic University has received applications from 38 people looking to fill the vacant position of university advancement director.

That's the person responsible for heading FAU's major fundraising efforts. It has been open since the April 2 departure of Lawrence Davenport, who resigned — and took with him a nearly \$578,000 severance package that caused considerable consternation on campus.

Wrath has mainly been directed at FAU President Frank T. Brogan, who issued a statement saying that he wanted Davenport to

leave, but did not want to fire him because he did not want to jeopardize his ability to find another job. Brogan said he renegotiated his contract allowing him to resign with two years of severance pay. His previous pact gave him no severance unless he were fired.

Brogan said the money for Davenport's severance will come from vending machine revenue.

FAU Finance Chief Ken Jessell is filling the job on an interim basis. In the meantime, a review committee headed by Dr. Anne Boykin, the director of the Christine E. Lynn School of Nursing, is about to begin reviewing the applications.

University spokeswoman Kris-

tine McGrath confirmed this week that 38 people filed applications for the job when the deadline came. The university did not do a nationwide search, but, rather, advertised the job on the FAU web site and in a trade journal.

Davenport was the third person to fill the fundraiser job in the past five years.

Troubles in that office seemed to begin in 2002 when former fundraising chief Carla Coleman was suspended and then left after she arranged the purchase of a red Corvette for former FAU President Anthony Catanese when he left to become president of the Florida Institute of Technology. She did it against the wishes of the FAU



Foundation.

Soon after, FAU hired Ann Paton, who gave up a similar position at Brown University in Providence to take the FAU job. She left in 2005 to become head of fundraising at Barry University.

At that time, Davenport, who was already on staff, was shifted to Paton's spot.

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FAU picks contractor to build 'green' engineering building

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Florida Atlantic University has chosen James A. Cummings Inc., a contractor with offices in Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando, as construction manager for the new College of Engineering Building on the Boca Raton campus.

"What makes this complex unique is that it will be submitted to the United States Green Building Council for certification as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified 'Platinum' level," said Nicole Flier, director of business development in Palm Beach County for the firm. Platinum is the highest of four levels of environmental friendliness.

"Upon successful completion, this project will be one of the first to obtain the prestigious distinction of 'Platinum' level in the State of Florida," she said.

The new engineering building is one of several projects in Boca Raton being considered for the "green" environmentally friendly designation. The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at FAU is also in the process of being certified, and several other structures are also in line for green certification.

A lot of hype

The engineering building "is our first platinum building," said Flier. She said the firm is planning "a lot of hype," and will also work with the university to conduct a fundraiser for it.

Flier explained that while plans call for the College of Engineering complex to have 250,000 square feet of new construction, the initial phase will contain between 80,000 and 100,000 square feet.

"This will include classroom and laboratory spaces as well as administrative areas along with a super computing center and the 'Center for Innovation Leadership,'" she said.

"What also makes this building unique is that it will be a 'living, learning' laboratory," Flier added. "Students will be able to learn about green building concepts from the use of educational plaques, which will be located throughout the complex."

Some of these features may include the use of enhanced indoor environmental controls, high efficiency exterior wall systems, solar panels, high efficiency plumbing and wastewater systems, xeriscaping, a storm water collection

system to reduce water usage and other techniques will be considered into the design.

She said the estimated start date is early 2008 with an anticipated completion date of fall 2009.

James A. Cummings Inc. has

built hundreds of millions of dollars worth of educational, governmental, industrial and private facilities including the construction of more than 45 K-12 facilities.

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