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After last year’s hurricanes and their effects on many FAU students, faculty and staff, University officials are reiterating one message: Be prepared.

The 2005 hurricane season officially started on June 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. A lesson learned from last year is the importance of establishing a system of communicating with students, faculty, staff and the public in as fail-safe a way as possible. This means building redundancy into the system, and that is being done.

Should a hurricane strike any of FAU’s campuses this year, information will be accessible through multiple telephone hotlines (see box), on the FAU home page at www.fau.edu and through the news media.

Just prior to, during and in the aftermath of a hurricane, the FAU home page will automatically contain information about campus closings and re-openings. New information will be posted on the hotlines and Web site as frequently as required by changing conditions and twice a day on a daily basis during a crisis situation.

Additionally, the Media Relations Department will send a steady flow of news bulletins to all area television and radio stations.

While no amount of planning can offer total protection against communication breakdowns during hurricanes, this multi-faceted approach should go a long way toward keeping everyone informed about the status of the various campuses. The goal is to minimize the confusion and frustration that result from a lack of timely information. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Office of University Communications at ext. 7-3020.

Not Just for Hurricanes

Information about any emergency situation that might affect FAU will be handled through the process outlined in this article. Additional information about FAU’s emergency status can be found at www.fau.edu/notices.

Hurricane Frances, shown bearing down on Florida in this satellite photo, was the first of two storms to affect FAU operations last September. Photo courtesy of NASA’s Earth Observatory.

$5 Million Gift Creates Barry Kaye School of Finance, Insurance and Economics

A $5 million gift from Barry Kaye, an innovative expert in the life insurance industry, will establish the Barry Kaye School of Finance, Insurance and Economics in the College of Business, as well as the Barry Kaye Endowed Fund to support the School. The $5-million gift is eligible for a match by the state, possibly increasing its value to $10 million.

“Mr. Kaye’s generous gift will allow FAU’s College of Business to continue its move to become one of the premier business institutes in the nation,” said President Brogan.

“Not only will this benefit FAU’s student community from an academic perspective, it also ensures the future vitality of one of Florida’s top programs,” said Robert Markets, dean of the College of Business.

The Barry Kaye School of Finance, Insurance and Economics will be housed in the College of Business.

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FAU Receives $4 Million Grant

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science’s chemistry and biochemistry department has been awarded a grant totaling $4 million over the next four years from the National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support program.

“The grant is especially significant as it will afford women and minority faculty and students support for their research,” said President Brogan. FAU is the most ethnically diverse institution in the state system. Presently, minorities make up 35% of FAU’s enrollment. In addition, FAU’s 1,400-member faculty is one of the most ethnically diverse among America’s doctoral granting universities, with minorities comprising 26% of both faculty and administrators.

Under the grant, undergraduate and graduate students will work with faculty scientists on projects that will, for example, examine non-invasive ways to look at certain drugs and how they affect the body, as well as the role of a particular protein in the heart and how it relates to a common type of heart disease.

Memory and Wellness Center Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve as “meeters and greeters,” and program assistants at FAU’s Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center on the Boca Raton campus. This is a state-recognized facility that provides services to people suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders and also has programs for their caregivers. An orientation session for new volunteers will be held on Thursday, July 14, at 3 p.m. To register for the session or get more information, please contact JoAnne Weppner at ext. 7-4066 or jweppner@fau.edu.

The Center is also looking subjects for a study of people with Generalized Anxiety Disorder. If excessive worry or anxiety lasting six months or more describes you or someone you know, call the Memory and Wellness Center at ext. 7-0502 and ask about the clinical research study for people with this problem. Eligible participants may receive payment for time and travel. For more information, contact Kristen Laengle at ext. 7-2185.

NCAA Self-Study Web Page Activated

The Web page for the NCAA Self-Study Certification for FAU Athletics is up and running at www.fau.edu/ncaacert.

The self-study process is being carried out by three subcommittees under the direction of a steering committee chaired by Dr. Anthony Lombardo. The areas being evaluated are governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, and equity and student-athlete welfare. Membership on the subcommittees is broadly representative of all areas of the University.

For more information on the self-evaluation process, please go to the Web site or call Dr. Lombardo at ext. 7-2126.

Final Tally—Thanks!

Total for United Way Campaign for this year: $36,945.60. Thanks to all who donated or volunteered.

The 2005 March of Dimes fundraiser attracted 1,400 walkers and raised $4,300 on the Boca Raton campus (see page 7 for Treasure Coast results). Team FAU walk shirts (medium, large and a few extra-large) are still available for a $10 donation. Contact Linda Palmer at ext. 7-2181.

Calendar Change

The University calendar has been changed to allow the University to have three graduation ceremonies for the fall and spring semesters. The revised 2005–06 calendar is available at www.fau.edu/registrar/docs/acadcal0506.pdf.

Construction Safety Graduates

The College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs held a commencement ceremony for graduates of the Accredited Program for Construction Safety (APCS)—the only program of its kind in Florida. FAU partnered with the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the University of South Florida to offer courses around the state. APCS is accredited by OSHA in the hope of increasing the number of compliance officers in Florida, which has the highest construction-related fatality and injury rates in the United States.

For more information, contact Gene Ouellette at (954) 229-4179.

Browning Joins FAU

E.R. “Jay” Browning, CFRE, has been named director of development for the College of Business. Browning comes to FAU with 10 years of experience in non-profit management, fundraising, special events planning, grant writing and volunteer direction. In his new position, Browning will be responsible for all fundraising activities in the College of Business.

Browning previously worked for the Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center in Lakeland, Penn State University and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is a graduate of Penn State.

The Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center, part of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, has been named a state-designated memory disorder clinic, becoming one of the top 15 facilities in Florida. State Sen. Burt Saunders and State Rep. Adam Hasner spearheaded the initiative in the Florida Legislature to give FAU’s Center this special designation.

Update Online to Launch

This is the last regularly scheduled, printed issue of Update. Beginning in August, Update will move to the Web. Supplemented by a weekly e-mail distributing important information to the University community, Update Online will be a more timely valuable resource for faculty and staff. Thanks to those of you who sent comments over the last few months as we explored the move to a Web-based version of Update. Your input was valuable in helping craft Update Online. The Office of University Communications is also rolling out a new searchable online calendar of events. Details will be announced soon. See you on the Web!
IN FOCUS: FAU High School

When FAU High School conferred diplomas this spring on two seniors, Michael Barash and Melissa Geary (see photo at right), a goal more than 35 years in the making was finally realized.

The A.D. Henderson University School—made possible through a $1.3 million gift from Mrs. Lucy Henderson in honor of her late husband, Alexander—was founded in 1968 as a developmental research school offering an innovative and enriched K–8 curriculum. As one of four public universities in Florida authorized to operate a “lab school,” FAU, through the resources and expertise of the College of Education, has built a school with an extensive history of student academic achievement, community service projects, summer enrichment camps, learning festivals and other unique programs.

With its opening last August, FAU High School extended the Henderson School advantage to ninth through 12th graders. FAU High is the only public high school developed by a public research university in Florida that enables students to earn college credits through dual enrollment. Students are able to earn more than 60 college credit hours by the time they graduate. “The FAU community dreamed, collaborated, analyzed, problem-solved and refined the trail for our high school students,” says Glenn Thomas, executive director of pre-K–12 schools and programs.

Through the years, the Henderson School has offered the University community invitations to events ranging from Egyptian weaving demonstrations to music performances and art shows. FAU High will make its own distinctive contributions to University life.

During the 2005–06 academic year, FAU High will serve 27 10th- to 12th-grade students who started in the program last fall, plus additional incoming students, to double the first-year enrollment.

At this year’s historic FAU High commencement ceremony, President Brogan commented, “The graduates of this high school will soar in their academic endeavors and easily make the transition to the next step in their educational careers. What a wonderful opportunity this is to celebrate the accomplishments of these students, faculty and staff and the first year of this innovative program.”

For more information about FAU High School and the A.D. Henderson University School, visit www.coe.fau.edu/fau-high or www.adhus.fau.edu.

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standpoint, it will also allow the school to provide important programs for the community through seminars, lectures and continuing education.”

In addition to delivering traditional degree programs to undergraduate and graduate students, the Barry Kaye School will have a continuing education program to assist in meeting the challenges of the global financial management industry.

The School will house a number of components, including the Barry Kaye Institute of Insurance in Philanthropy, dedicated to the development and dissemination of research and information on insurance as a vehicle for financial planning and philanthropy serving scholars and professionals alike; the Barry Kaye Professorship, a senior faculty position that will provide academic leadership in the field of insurance and financial planning; and an annual lecture series focusing on various topics relating to insurance and philanthropy. The former “Business East” hall will be renamed Barry Kaye Hall and will serve as the main administrative building for the College, housing faculty offices and a large lecture hall for the School.

“This is a very important and exciting moment in my life, an opportunity to further the professionalism of the life insurance industry, educate and benefit the public and professionals alike as well as enhance the growth and vision of FAU,” said Barry Kaye.

Originally from New York, Kaye began his career as a radio and television personality. In 1962, he joined New England Life as an insurance agent, breaking the life insurance industry sales record for a first-year agent. Today he is known to be the top insurance salesman in the country. Kaye is the author of many best-selling books and videotapes, including Save a Fortune on Your Life Insurance, Save a Fortune on Your Estate Taxes, Die Rich and Tax Free, Life Rich and The Investment Alternative. He has been featured in many news articles, radio and television shows and is listed in Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in the West and Who’s Who in Finance and Industry.

“Mr. Kaye is a visionary. Giving faculty and students the opportunity to benefit from his innovative thinking, creativity and energy is a wonderful side benefit to this gift,” said J. Dennis Coates, interim dean of the College of Business.
Dr. Ping Cheng, real estate, has received the prestigious William F. Sharpe Award for Scholarship in Financial Research. Dr. Cheng, along with Drs. Alan J. Zioberowski, James W. Boyd and Brigitte J. Zioberowski, co-authored “Abnormal Returns from the Common Stock Investments of the U.S. Senate” which appeared in the December 2004 issue of the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (JFQA). This $5,000 annual award recognizes researchers who, through their articles published in the JFQA, foster excellence in financial research. Nominees for the Sharpe Award are chosen by a vote of JFQA readers and associate editors, and the final selection is made by JFQA associate editors.

Dr. M. Arockiasamy, P.E., civil engineering, presented, “Effects of Restraint Moments in Integral Abutment Bridges,” co-authored with Dr. M. Sivakumar, former graduate research assistant and presently design engineer, PTE Strand Co. Inc., at the 2005 Federal Highway Administration Conference on Integral Abutment and Jointless Bridges, Baltimore. Dr. M. Arockiasamy also presented “Design Implications of Creep and Shrinkage in Integral Abutment Bridges,” co-authored with Dr. M. Sivakumar, former graduate research assistant and presently design engineer, PTE Strand Co. Inc., at the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Spring 2005 Convention, New York. The paper is also published in the ACI special publications SP-227, sponsored by ACI Committee 209, “Creep and Shrinkage in Concrete” and ACI Committee 231, “Properties of Concrete at Early Ages.”

Adrien (Spano) Balzano, graphics, has written From Out of Red Hook, a novel depicting the trials and tribulations faced by an Italian-American family living in the heart of South Brooklyn during the late 1970s. It is available at the FAU bookstore.

Dr. Len Berry, director, Center for Environmental Studies, was an invited panel member at a meeting in Bonn, Germany, of the United Nations CCD Global Committee to Promote Sustainable Land Management. He wrote a background paper with Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou of FAU, and Dr. Olson of Michigan State University that identified ways in which rural issues could be mainstreamed into global development goals and national budgets. Translated into six languages, the paper was the focus of the panel discussion, which was attended by representatives from 127 countries and 22 international organizations.

Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou, Center for Environmental Studies, attended the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors University-Federal Dialogue in Washington, D.C. Following the meeting, Dr. Boukerrou traveled to Algeria to explore collaboration in outreach programs and review current and future water resources projects. He met with government officials and representatives from the University of Ouom El Boughi, to explore collaborative opportunities with various organizations. He also traveled to Morocco, visiting the Al Akhawayn University in Ifran where he met with the director of the Center of Environmental Issues and Regional Development to discuss collaborative work between the two centers. He also met with U.S. Agency for International Development representatives to explore funding opportunities by these two agencies for programs in North Africa.

Rob Davis, DeSantis Center, coordinated and chaired an international panel titled “Film Business Perspectives: Challenges and Opportunities” at the 2005 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference in London. During the panel, Davis presented a paper titled “The Shrinking Windows of Exploitation and the Evolving Film Distribution Model.” Additionally, his article, “Looking Back: Hollywood, the Academy Awards and Five Oscar-Winning Films from 1954,” was published in Issue 40 of Films of the Golden Age.

Dr. Isaac Elishakoff, J.M. Rubin Distinguished Professor, engineering and computer science, had an article titled “Extension of Euler’s Problem to Axially Graded Columns: Two Hundred and Sixty Years Later” published in the Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures. The paper was co-authored with graduate student James Endres of Moving Water Industries Corporation.

Dr. Barbara Ganson, history, is participating in the National Endowment for the Humanities institute titled “Rethinking America in Global Perspective” this summer. The institute is co-sponsored by the American Historical Association, the Community College Humanities Association and George Washington University’s history department. The four-week program will be held at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Dr. Gopal Gaonkar, engineering, received the 2005 American Helicopter Society Fellow Award. The Society’s awards program—initiated in 1944—recognizes extraordinary achievements and serves as a catalyst for stimulating technological advances in the vertical flight industry.

Dr. Kathleen Jett, nursing, has had two articles accepted for publication: “An Analysis and the Effects of Class-Action Lawsuits” will be published in the Journal of Business Research, and “Analysis of Settlement of Interfirm Lawsuits,” co-authored with Dr. Anique A. Qureshi of Queens College, N.Y., will appear in the Journal of Managerial and Decision Economics.

Dr. Dr. Theodora Leventouri, physics, organized and chaired a session on inorganic biomaterials at the meeting of the American Crystallographic Association in Orlando, which was sponsored in part by the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. She and her students presented two research papers.

Dr. Y. K. Lin, Charles E. Schmidt Eminent Scholar in Engineering and Director of the Center for Applied Stochastics Research, received a Special Award at the 9th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR ’05), held in Rome, Italy, June 19-23. Dr. Lin was cited as a pioneer of stochastic structural dynamics, who has made numerous landmark contributions and has strongly influenced the direction of
development of the field over many decades. The series of ICOSARRs was initiated in 1969 in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lin was the second person to receive the prestigious Special Award from the governing organization, the International Association for Structural Safety and Reliability.

Dr. Pradeep Korgaonkar, marketing, Enrique Becerra, a Ph.D. student in marketing, and Dr. Ronnie Silverblatt, FIU, will present a paper titled “Online Patronage Intentions and Development of the Field Over” at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Millennium Leadership Initiative in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Eric H. Shaw, marketing, served as program chair at the 12th Biennial Conference on Historical Analysis and Research in Marketing, held in Long Beach, CA, and presented a paper titled “Marketing Strategy: From the History of a Concept to the Development of a Conceptual Framework.”

Dr. Rose Sherman, nursing, was selected as the 2005 Florida Nurse Leader of the Year by the Florida Organization of Nurse Executives. The award presentation was made at the annual meeting in St. Augustine in June.

Marissa Smith, admissions and financial aid, Treasure Coast, attended the New Professionals Institute at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and Karen Esteves, student affairs, Fort Lauderdale Downtown, participated in the Mid-Managers Institute at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. Both of these institutes are sponsored by the Southern Association for College Student Affairs and the National Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Lisa Bardill, student affairs, was a faculty member for this year’s Mid-Managers Institute.

Dr. James Tracy, communication, served as a co-host of the Academic Brain Trust and educators’ caucus at Free Press’ National Conference on Media Reform in St. Louis in May. This event brought together more than 2,000 professors, legislators, journalists, entertainers, and activists to examine the future of media policy and regulation in the United States.

Dr. Robert Watson, political science, convened the third annual Truman Legacy Symposium at the Harry S. Truman Little White House in Key West in May. The focus of this year’s conference was Truman’s role in the creation of the state of Israel and the quest for peace in the Middle East. Among the speakers were former U.S. and Israeli ambassadors, former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, Rabbi David Gordis, President of Hebrew College, former Truman aides, Truman’s grandchildren, and several noted Middle East scholars and rabbis.

News from CUES
Recent briefs from the Catanese Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions (CUES): M.J. Matthews participated in a local workshop to help The Nature Conservancy develop the terrestrial and freshwater actions component of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy for the South Florida region. She also served as a panelist on stakeholder issues related to the Broward County Manatee Protection Plan (MPP). CUES has been assisting with preparation of the county’s Boat Facility Siting Plan, a component of the MPP. The panel, sponsored by the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute, was convened in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on May 13.

James F. Murley presented “Strategies for Preserving Public Access” at the Waterways and Waterfronts: Issues of Law, Policy and Planning Seminar in Fort Lauderdale. The one-day conference was sponsored by the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar, Florida Sea Grant, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Marie L. York has been elected chair of the American Planning Association’s national New Urbanism Division. (She is pictured at right, center, with Mahender G. Vasandani of Illinois, Vice President, left, and Nathan Bilger of Indiana, Secretary/Treasurer.) Members include design professionals from around the U.S. who contribute to the creation of sustainable communities that reflect the goals of the charter for new urbanism.

Howard L. Schnellenberger, athletics, was recently inducted into the University of Kentucky (UK) Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Schnellenberger was a UK student, graduate and football player. He earned All-American honors playing tight end for the Wildcats from 1952-55.
Update Submissions
Send submissions to update@fau.edu. With the advent of Update Online, materials may be submitted at any time.

To view past issues of Update online, go to www.fau.edu/president/communications/internal/update.htm.

**CALENDAR of Events**

**Through JULY 24**
**Plays:** Festival Rep 2005: West Side Story (University Theatre) and Agatha Christie’s The Hollow (Studio One Theatre) will run through July 24; $20; students, faculty, staff and alumni with valid FAU ID: $16; children: $10; ext. 7-2977. Also see July 29 listing.

**THROUGH JULY 29**
**Exhibition:** Part two of “Process/Progression” from MFA students

**Leonard Bernstein’s West Side Story**
Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, a timeless story of two lovers caught in the middle of a family feud, is reset in the gang-ridden streets of New York City in the late 1950s. Maria, whose relatives are part of a Puerto Rican gang, and Tony, a member of a local Italian gang, are teens overcome racism and fall in love. Their romance turns to tragedy when the “Sharks” and the “Jets” go to war. Songs like “America” and “Maria” make this a memorable classic.

**University Theatre**
Boca Raton campus
Thursday, July 14, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m.
Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m.
Friday, July 22, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m.

**Agatha Christie’s The Hollow**
In this Agatha Christie mystery, an eclectic group of guests is invited to a British country estate expecting a pleasant country weekend. When one of the guests is found lying in a pool of blood, Inspector Colquhoun of Scotland Yard is summoned to the estate and finds himself in the middle of one his toughest cases as all had the motives and the opportunity to kill. Love triangles abound in this compelling mystery. As the Brits would say, this is a “cracking good whodunit.”

**Studio One Theatre**
Boca Raton campus
Friday, July 15, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 16, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 21, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m.
Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m.

**JULY 16**
**Basketball Tournament:** FAU 3 on 3; 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Gymnasium (games will be played indoors and outdoors); registration information at www.fau.edu/collegesports/3on3/3on3_up.html

**JULY 29**
**Concert:** A Celebration of Rodgers and Hammerstein (see below)

**Festival Repertory Theatre 2005**

**A Celebration of Rodgers & Hammerstein**
This musical review will include staged presentations of songs from several Rodgers and Hammerstein classics including “Oklahoma,” “Carousel” and “South Pacific.”

**University Theatre**
Boca Raton campus
Friday, July 29, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Sunday, July 31, 2 p.m.

Season ticket (three shows): $50; Single show ticket: $20; FAU students, faculty, staff and alumni with valid FAU ID: $16; children: $10.

Call the School of the Arts Box office at ext. 7-2977; hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; Tue. & Thu.: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

FAU Football 2005 Schedule
The Owls will play two of their 11 games on Thursdays.
Here’s the schedule for 2005:

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FAU BROWARD
Dania Beach, Davie and Fort Lauderdale Campuses

FAU Caribbean and Latin American Studies Initiative Generates Community Interest

Broward University Advancement hosted a June 7 meeting and reception for FAU’s Caribbean and Latin American Studies (CLAS) Initiative, which included prominent leaders from the business community and culturally focused non-profit organizations. Among those who attended were President Brogan, Broward County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin, Motorsola Executive Rey More and Hispanic Unity Representative Josie Bacallao. The project was envisioned by Tony Fernandez, CEO of Best’s Maintenance and Janitorial Services, who is a proponent of increased cultural understanding.

“Having personally immigrated to America, I feel I have both an opportunity and a responsibility to foster understanding and cooperation between North America and other cultures,” Fernandez says. “This program is the first step toward increased awareness and cultural unification.” A pledge has already been made to fund scholarships for undergraduate study and research abroad in fields such as healthcare, healthcare administration, business entrepreneurship and communication. Says Nancy Botero, assistant vice president of Broward University Advancement, “What is so exciting about this new project is that, through to its cross-disciplinary focus, it benefits FAU in many academic areas.” The CLAS Initiative will hold its next meeting Aug. 23.

For more information about the program, visit www.cclas.fau.edu.

Present at the recent CLAS meeting and reception were (from left to right) Maria Soldani from Holy Cross Hospital; civic leaders Ana Valladares and Dr. Sylvia Flores; FAU Vice President for Broward Campuses Joyanne Stephens; and Josie Bacallao of Hispanic Unity.

FAU JUPITER John D. MacArthur Campus

Gazebo Dedicated in Huckshorn Arboretum

On Earth Day, students, faculty, staff and friends of FAU gathered on the John D. MacArthur campus for the dedication of the gazebo in the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum.

Upon Dr. Huckshorn’s retirement as vice president of the MacArthur campus in 2002, the University community honored his many years of dedication and accomplishments by announcing plans to build an arboretum in his name.

The centerpiece of the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum is a gazebo contributed by the Robert Lee & Thomas M. Chastain Foundation. Tom Chastain attended the dedication and remarked on the beauty of the setting.

Alana Edwards, education and training coordinator for the Center of Environmental Studies on the MacArthur campus worked with members of the student-run Enviro Club to plan the design and implementation of the landscape.

“We started with a butterfly garden by installing plants that attract adult butterflies,” said Edwards. “Next, we will add several groupings of trees to reflect a variety of Florida ecosystems, including pine flats, tropical hardwood hammock, hardwood swamp and oak hammock.”

A great deal of hard work went into preparing the ground for planting. Edwards, members of her family, Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, Bob and Carolyn Huckshorn, other FAU faculty and staff, and students from both FAU and PBCC toiled for many hours to make sure the arboretum was ready for the Earth Day celebration.

A brick walkway has been initiated as a part of the gazebo structure, and bricks are available to commemorate a special event or person. All contributions to the brick walkway will be devoted to the construction and planting of the Arboretum. If you would like to participate, contact Dianne Reeves at ext. 6-8665 or dreeves@fau.edu.

FAU TREASURE COAST

FAU Faculty Member Joins HBOI

FAU recently welcomed Dr. Edward Proffitt as the first faculty member stationed at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (HBOI) campus in Fort Pierce. Dr. Proffitt, former chief of the Wetlands Ecology Branch for the National Wetlands Research Center (NWRC) in Lafayette, La., comes to FAU with an extensive background in marine ecology and scientific leadership. His expertise plays an important role in the FAU/HBOI Marine Science Partnership that is currently expanding with construction of a research and teaching facility at the HBOI campus.

Dr. Proffitt’s research specialties include mangrove and salt marsh ecology and restoration, genetic ecology, effects of hurricanes on ecological systems and plant-animal interactions.

FAU and Harbor Branch have been partners in marine education and research for more than a decade. “The new facility expands what has been in place for years. There are FAU students here right now in the Semester by the Sea program and graduate-level students are also here conducting research,” said Dr. Proffitt. The Semester by the Sea program is a semester-long immersion into a variety of hands-on marine science courses. All courses are accredited by FAU and take advantage of Harbor Branch’s unique resources and staff.

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The Treasure Coast FAU/Indian River Community College team for the St. Lucie County March of Dimes walk raised more than $1,200 of the $90,000 total. Nearly 500 people attended the walk which was hosted by the Treasure Coast campus for the second year in a row.
Ground Broken for Wimberly’s New Wing

Dean of Student Affairs Leslie Bates, donors Virginia and John MacEachron, President Brogan, benefactor Arthur Jaffe and Director of Libraries William Miller marked the beginning of construction on the Paul C. Wimbish Wing in May at a groundbreaking ceremony on the east side of the Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton campus. The five-story, 15,000-square-foot wing has been funded with generous support from Virginia and Peter MacEachron and their son John MacEachron of the Wimbish family; Mata Jaffe, the late wife of benefactor Arthur Jaffe; the FAU Student Government Association; and Hillel of Broward/Palm Beach. Some of the donations for this $4 million dollar project have been matched by the State of Florida’s matching gift program.

The Wimbish Wing will provide the student body with a new All Night Study floor. The expansion will more than double the space currently held by the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Collection: Books as Aesthetic Objects, and provide additional space for rare books and special collections. This initiative will enlarge the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Collection: Books as Aesthetic Objects, and provide additional space for rare books and special collections. This initiative will enlarge the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Collection: Books as Aesthetic Objects, and provide additional space for rare books and special collections.

Small Florida town named Boca Raton. The success of that program long ago attained legendary status, as it was named a State University System Program of Distinction and accumulated many other well-deserved honors. FAU’s Department of Ocean Engineering quickly became known and respected worldwide. The work that was begun here four decades ago by Capt. Stephan, Dr. Ray McAllister and the department’s other pioneers now includes cutting-edge research in such critically important areas as coastline security, underwater exploration and the durability of marine materials. The department has also been an innovator in teaching and education with projects such as the International Submarine Races (see photo).

It is no exaggeration to say that our Department of Ocean Engineering is playing a key role in national security, as evidenced by the millions of dollars in research funding that it receives annually from the Navy. Congratulations to all of our oceaneers on four decades of true accomplishment!

FAU’s student team (at left) placed 2nd overall in performance at the eighth annual International Submarine Races at Carderock in Bethesda, Md., claiming six out of nine possible awards—breaking FAU’s fastest time with 6.1 knots—with a 15-year-old retiring submarine and former world record holder. The 20-team competition, included teams from Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Villanova, Maine, Maryland, Washington and Michigan as well as teams from Canada, Norway and private sponsors. U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Timothy R. Beard spent time with the FAU students and discussed the event’s value as training beyond the classroom. The races were started by FAU Ocean Engineering in 1989 off Riviera Beach. Later, the competition was moved to the Maryland site.

First Nursing Doctorates Awarded

FAU’s first three recipients of the Doctor of Nursing Science degree graduated in May. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Dean Anne Boykin (second from left) is pictured with (from left to right) Dr. Bernadette Lange, whose dissertation explored the experience of Palm Beach County women in recovery from chemical dependency; Dr. Todd Swinderman, who studied the experiences of nurse informatics professionals as they bridge the gap between nursing concerns and the information systems that complex healthcare systems are developing; and Dr. Pam Brinker Lester, who, in response to the growing problem of childhood obesity, completed a dissertation on mothers’ perceptions of their children’s body shapes. Both Lange and Brinker Lester also work for the College of Nursing’s School Based Community Wellness Centers in Palm Beach County—part of the Quantum Foundation Center for Innovation in School and Community Well Being. The Doctor of Nursing Science Program serves nurse educators, clinicians and administrators, using an innovative weekend format to allow highly qualified professionals to continue their work schedules. The program supports students from around the state who travel to FAU to attend classes. Currently, students from Miami, Fort Myers and Jacksonville are enrolled.