‘The best is yet to come’ for FAU
President Brogan Launches 40th Anniversary Celebration with Optimism, Confidence in Future

President Frank T. Brogan officially kicked off the celebration of FAU’s 40th anniversary year as he looked to the future with confidence and optimism in his 2004 State of the University address delivered Sept. 14 in the Lifelong Learning Auditorium. A wide variety of special events, presentations and performances will be held universitywide throughout the academic year to mark the year-long observance. A special logo celebrating FAU’s “40 Years of Seeking, Learning, Sharing Knowledge” and a website highlighting the University’s history and growth have been created in recognition of the anniversary.

While the Founding Faculty luncheon, originally scheduled for Sept. 14, had to be postponed due to the effects of Hurricane Frances, the president reminded the audience that the University’s founders faced an identical dilemma in September 1964, when FAU’s opening was delayed by six days due to a hurricane named Cleo. "History has an interesting way of repeating itself," he said.

Declaring the state of the University as "very, very strong," the president highlighted continued enrollment growth, new facilities, program advancements, research achievements, volunteer service, community service and athletic successes as special points of pride.

With fall figures approaching the 27,000 mark, up 1.5% over last year’s headcount, enrollment growth continues to be impressive, he said. The incoming freshman class hit another all-time high as 2,655 first-time-in-college students began their post-secondary careers at FAU. This represents a 6.3% increase over last fall. The Class of 2008 entered FAU with an average GPA of 3.4, a full point higher than last year’s freshmen, and an average SAT score of 1037, up from 1026.

New facilities coming on line or in the planning stages include the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing building, the Louis and Anne Green Alzheimer’s Research Center and Care Facility, the 600-bed Heritage Towers student residence complex, the Louis and Anne Green Christen E. Lynn College of Nursing building, the Wilkes Psychology Building, and the Harriet L. Wilkes Psychology Building, and the 40,000-square-foot Scripps Building, which will provide a temporary home for scientists from the Scripps Research Institute of La Jolla, California, as the research giant builds its own South Florida headquarters. It will revert to FAU’s use in two years. "This is a great example of a new kind of partnership," he said.

On the Treasure Coast, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution is scheduled for expansion with a new, shared-used FAU-HBOI $11 million teaching facility.

Stressing the increasing importance of research as part of FAU’s mission, the president highlighted examples of current research being carried out by faculty researchers in areas that include transportation security, music production, HDTV, ocean engineering, and biomedical research. "We have always been a world-class teaching institution, and we are rapidly developing into (continued on page 8)
SA News

FAU Nationally Ranked in Minority Education

Black Issues in Higher Education, a bi-weekly magazine that focuses on education issues for African-Americans and other minorities, has ranked FAU 63rd in the nation for conferring master’s degrees on Hispanic students during the 2002-03 academic year.

The magazine also ranked FAU nationally in a number of other categories, including:

• 37th for the number of business, management, marketing and related support-services master’s degrees conferred upon Hispanics;
• 47th for the number of English language and literature/letters master’s degrees conferred upon all minorities;
• 20th for the number of English language and literature/letters master’s degrees conferred upon African-Americans;
• 22nd for the number of computer and information sciences and support services master’s degrees conferred upon Hispanics, and
• 50th for the number of physical sciences degrees conferred upon all minorities.

For more information on the rankings, visit www.blackissues.com.

Singer Centennial Exhibition at Ritter Gallery

A centennial traveling exhibition of materials from the Isaac Bashevis Singer Collection at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas in Austin is on display in the Ritter Art Gallery through Oct. 2. Titled “Becoming an American Writer: The Life and Works of Isaac Bashevis Singer,” the exhibition explores the Nobel Prize-winning writer’s life story through a collection of rarely seen photos, documents and personal effects.

The traveling presentation is complemented with materials from the FAU Libraries’ Singer Collection, including artifacts from his Manhattan and Surfside apartments, personal diaries, rare books, photographs, papers and personal letters from women admirers.

Benefits Fair 2004

Sept. 28

The annual state-sponsored Benefits Fair will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Live Oak Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair is open to all state employees, their families and retirees.

Representatives from the Division of State Group Insurance, HMOs, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Prudential Life, dental companies, credit unions, and supplemental insurance companies will be on hand to answer questions. Free health screenings such as glucose, cholesterol and body fat tests, vision screening, and target body weight and blood pressure tests will be provided. Free food, giveaways and prizes, including a raffle for a 19-inch color TV, will be featured.

Flu shots will be given from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost per shot is $15 (cash only).

Mammogram testing will be done by the Delray Medical Center mobile unit on Sept. 28 and 29, on the Boca Raton campus only. Pre-registration is required by calling the Delray Medical Call Center at 1-800-897-9789.

For more information about the Benefits Fair, call the Benefits Office at (561) 297-2061, 0242, 3073 or 3071.

In conjunction with the Benefits Annual Open Enrollment, which runs Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, Personnel Services is offering help sessions to address individual employees’ questions. No appointment is needed. The sessions will be held as follows:

• Boca Raton Campus: Tues., Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Conference Room, 119
• Davie Campus: Wed., Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-noon, LA, Room 124
• MacArthur Campus: Fri., Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-noon, SR, Room 209
• Pine Jog: Thur., Sept. 30, 10-11:30 a.m., Auditorium
• Treasure Coast Campus: Fri., Oct. 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m., CO, Room 135
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(The date and time for the help session at the downtown Fort Lauderdale campus will be announced at a later date. Arrangements had not been completed at press time.)

Sponsored by the FAU Libraries Special Collections, the Singer Centennial Celebration also includes lectures and a musical presentation. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, history and Judaic Studies professor Henry Abramson will lecture on “Singer in the Shtetl, the Shtetl in Singer: Eastern European Influences on the Work of the Quintessential American Immigrant Writer.” On Tuesday, Sept. 28, “The Music of Singer’s New York” will be presented by members of the Klezmer Company Ensemble with commentary by Maestro Aaron Kula, University Libraries Resident Scholar in Music. Both presentations will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ritter Gallery. They are open to the public free of charge. For more information, call 7-2116.

Early Childhood Education Expands

The College of Education has launched a new Center for Early Childhood Education, Research and Community Partnerships. With the assistance of the Toppel Family Foundation and other partners, the Center administers and coordinates various early childhood programs and initiatives, including the Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development and new degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels.

Dr. Yash Bhagwanji, the Center’s newly named director, will coordinate research initiatives, curriculum development and community involvement. He comes to FAU with 24 years of academic and professional experience at the University of Kansas, the University of Central Oklahoma-Edmond, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Louisville. His extensive work in special education has been widely published, and he has received nearly $2 million in grant funding since receiving his Ph.D. in 1998.

Dr. Bhagwanji’s research includes parental involvement, program evaluation and teacher preparation.

For more information on the Center, call Dr. Glenn Thomas at 7-3977.
Ilyas Serving as Interim Associate VP for Research

Dr. Mohammad Ilyas has been named interim associate vice president for the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. His appointment took effect July 1. A professor of computer science and engineering, Dr. Ilyas has been at FAU since 1983. He served as CSE department chair from 1994 to 2002, and is presently associate dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Engineering. He will continue to work part-time in that capacity and part-time for the Division of Research.

Dr. Ilyas’ office in the Division of Research is located in Room 232 of the Administration Building. He can be reached at 7-2640.

First Phase of Branding Process Complete

Four months after launching its branding initiative, FAU has completed the first phase of the project. Focused on gathering the thoughts and opinions of University constituents, phase one identified a strong consensus among nearly 1,500 respondents who participated in focus groups and on-line surveys. Overwhelmingly, the FAU constituents concluded:

• The FAU mascot should remain an owl
• The University colors should be blue and red
• FAU should have three university marks - academic, institutional and athletic

"With the input of many stakeholders, this important first step takes us closer to a more recognizable visual identity for FAU in the 21st century," said President Brogan.

Considered one of the most extensive research efforts in a branding initiative of this kind, a total of 16 focus groups, made up of about 200 people, reviewed the use of the University’s image and discussed ways to improve it. In addition to the focus groups, an online survey was created and uploaded to the FAU website for more than two weeks to elicit responses from students, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater FAU community.

‘In the 12 years in which my company has been engaged in assisting universities and companies as they adjust or adopt their visual images, I have never been involved with a university that has sought so much input from its core constituents," said Eric Rickabaugh, principal of Rickabaugh Graphics, the branding company that is assisting FAU with the project.

FAU and Rickabaugh Graphics has begun the second phase of this process, which will feature the creation of various university marks to be presented to additional focus groups and the branding committee in September for testing.

The final phase of the branding process will include the creation of the final university marks and the rollout of the official mascot, colors and logos. The results of this project will be launched in January 2005.

For more information regarding FAU’s branding process, contact Aileen Izquierdo at 7-2442 or by e-mail at izquierdo@fau.edu.

Diverse Works of Robert Watson on Exhibit

The creative, inventive and diverse work of FAU art professor Robert S. Watson is on exhibit through Oct. 2 in the Schmidt Center Gallery.

The exhibition presents a selection of works - printmaking, painting, sculpture - that the artist has presented in FAU faculty events throughout his 36-year career at the University. During Watson’s tenure in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History, he established and directed the department’s printmaking program. He also served for four years as director of the Ritter Art Gallery.

Prof. Watson has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions at more than 30 galleries and museums nationally and internationally, including 10 appearances in the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale’s HortExhibition, where in 1978 he was awarded Best of Show.

The Schmidt Center Gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (561) 297-2966.

Robinson Named Associate VP for University Advancement

Deborah J. (Dee) Robinson has been named associate vice president for university advancement. In this position, she will coordinate university advancement activities to obtain support for the broad array of FAU programs.

“Dee’s strong marketing background, campaign experience, knowledge of planned giving vehicles and tireless work ethic will be key to our success in attracting new donors and will help position FAU in the regional and national limelight,” said Ann Paton, vice president for university advancement.

Robinson will assist in the coordination and development of private and corporate giving across FAU’s seven campuses. Working closely with the annual fund and alumni affairs, she will develop programs to advance the involvement of alumni and friends of the University, including major and planned gift strategies and activities.

Robinson comes to FAU following five years as vice president for institutional advancement at Vermont Law School, where she completed the school’s first successful capital campaign, and raised more than three million dollars in the “quiet phase” of the school’s next campaign.

A two-time winner of publications excellence awards through recognition programs sponsored by the American Association of Medical Colleges and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, she also edited Loquitur, the Vermont Law School’s quarterly alumni magazine.

Faculty/Staff Campaign to Kick Off Sept. 29

President Frank Brogan and the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving will welcome all University personnel at a brunch that will serve as the kick-off for the annual Faculty and Staff Campaign. The brunch will be held Monday, Sept. 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Trustees Room. Fortieth anniversary commemorative lapel pins will be given to all new donors and renewing members who make a contribution of $40 or more to FAU’s Greatest Needs.

This year’s campaign, the University’s 21st, runs from Sept. 27 through Oct. 18. University Provost John F. Pritchett and Executive Vice President Lawrence Davenport are serving as campaign co-chairs.

For more information, call Tony Lee at 7-3479.
An Ill Wind Named Frances Leaves Her Mark on FAU Campuses

FAU’s year-long 40th anniversary celebration got off to a chaotic start as Hurricane Frances caused a six-day shutdown in the wake of her destructive trek through the University’s 150-mile service area Sept. 4-5. Ironically, in September 1964, FAU was forced to delay its official opening by six days as Hurricane Cleo struck South Florida.

Despite the daunting clean-up challenges posed in the aftermath of Frances, classes resumed on Monday, Sept. 13. Round-the-clock Herculean efforts by physical plant crews and other University personnel were credited for the smooth re-opening of all campuses. The Boca Raton campus faced the additional problem of a blown air conditioning transformer, which was remedied by the delivery of a temporary transformer from a North Carolina vendor.

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Fallen ceiling tiles in Honors College chemistry lab

Fallen trees and sign in front of Administration and Honors College buildings on Jupiter campus

Jupiter campus entrance

Jupiter campus during Frances

Trees down on Treasure Coast campus

Workers inspect damage to the Ken Pruitt Courtyard on the Treasure Coast campus

Roof damage on Treasure Coast
**FAU AT BROWARD**

**Workshop Luncheon Set for Sept. 28**

The Broward campuses Counseling Center and Office for Students with Disabilities is sponsoring a workshop luncheon for faculty and staff on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 139 of the Liberal Arts Building on the Davie campus. Titled “Practical Approaches: Effectively Relating to Your Students in the Classroom and Beyond,” the workshop will address the skills needed to more effectively interact with students, including those with interpersonal difficulties, mental health issues, physical disabilities and emotional challenges. For more information, call 6-1218 or 6-1224.

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**Marine science courses for FAU students are now offered at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce. The Fall 2004 schedule includes an undergraduate course titled “Biology of Marine Invertebrates” and two graduate courses, “Marine Invertebrate Biology” and “Natural History of the Indian River Lagoon,” a course taught over four weekends.**

**‘Share the Vision’ With President Brogan**

President Frank Brogan will continue his new "Share the Vision" tradition on Monday, Oct. 4, on the Treasure Coast Campus. He will meet one-on-one with interested students, faculty, staff and friends of the University in one-on-one five-minute slots beginning at 2 p.m. in JU 328.

To set an appointment to meet with the president, call Bonnie McMullan at (772) 873-3337.
CALENDAR
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Luncheon: Faculty/Staff Campaign kickoff, Board of Trustees Room, 10:30 a.m., (561) 297-3479

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Fall Career Day: Gymnasium, Boca Raton campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (561) 297-3533

Faculty/Staff Workshop Luncheon: “Practical Approaches: Effectively Relating to Your Students in the Classroom and Beyond,” LA 139, Davie campus, noon-1:30 p.m., (954) 236-1224

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Women’s Soccer: vs. FIU, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 29
Symposium: 2004 South Florida Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Symposium, (561) 297-3540

Volleyball: vs. FIU, 7 p.m.

Men’s Soccer: vs. South Florida, 7:30 p.m.

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OCT. 1-3, 7-10
Theatre: “Picnic,” University Theatre, $16

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Volleyball: vs. Troy, 7 p.m.

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OCTOBER 5
Breakfast: Alumni & Friends Breakfast with President Brogan, Abacoa Golf Club, 8 a.m. For information, (561) 799-8026

OCTOBER 8
Coffee with the Professor: Assistant Professor Susan Willey, communication, “Blogs, Ads and the Internet: The Role of the Media in Presidential Elections,” Dining Hall Annex, MacArthur campus, (561) 799-8026

Men’s Soccer: vs. UCF, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 10
Men’s Soccer: vs. Oneonta, 11:30 a.m.

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Volleyball: vs. Middle Tennessee State, 7 p.m.

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Football: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Lockhart Stadium, 4 p.m., (866) FAU-OWLS

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For more information on BANNER OWLS, call 7-3057.

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Owls Win First Three Games

Despite worries created by Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan, FAU's fourth football season got off to a high-flying start as the underdog Owls pulled off upset victories over their first three opponents, all Division I-A programs.

In the September 4 season opener in Honolulu, Hawaii, the Owls bested the University of Hawaii in a 35-28 overtime thriller. A week later, on September 11, the scene was Denton, Texas, where they beat Sun Belt defending champion North Texas 20-13. The Mean Green had not lost a Sun Belt game in nearly three years, winning 18 straight. The Owls will officially join the Sun Belt Conference next season. On September 18, the team trekked to Murfreesboro, Tenn., where they took on favored Middle Tennessee State, beating the Blue Raiders 27-20. The win was FAU's 13th in its last 14 games and its second win over Middle Tennessee in two years.

"This group of players has covered more ground in a four-year period than most programs cover in a lifetime," Coach Schnellenberger said of their performance.

The Owls' home opener will be held Saturday, September 25, against the Redbirds of Illinois State. Kick-off is 4 p.m. in Lockhart Stadium.

Individual game tickets can be purchased at 400 neighborhood outlets as well as on the Internet at www.fausports.com. Tickets in the "Crunch Zone" start at $8 for youths 14 and under, and $12 for adults.

“Corner Club Seats” are $15 and “Sideline Seats” are $25. For more ticket information, call 1-866-FAU-OWLS or visit www.fausports.com.

"We hope to see a large, enthusiastic crowd cheering on this exciting team," said President Brogan. "Fan support is especially important for our football program as we start our two-year transition from Division I-AA to I-A. Let's show our Owl spirit."