

out in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science's Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences.

Students – Milestones and Activities

FAU welcomed a record-setting freshman class of 1,520 first-time-in-college students, topping the previous year's record enrollment by more than 10 percent.

FAU senior Michelle Oyola was appointed by the governor to represent public university students statewide on the Florida Board of Regents as a full, voting member of the 14-member Board.

FAU's two-woman team representing the Department of Ocean Engineering scored a second-place finish – the best finish ever for an all-woman team – in the 1998 World Human-Powered Submarine Invitational in LaJolla, California.

Architecture students hosted FORUM 98, the annual meeting of the American Institute of Architecture Students.

Comedian Bill Cosby was the headline act at FAU's Owl Prowl Homecoming celebration in February.

A Burgeoning Environment

FAU and Indian River Community College announced a plan to build a \$22 million joint-use building in Port St. Lucie. The plan links the schools' campuses in the St. Lucie West development with 100,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and student services space.



SeaTech, FAU's \$13 million state-of-the-art research center on Dania Beach, opened to serve students and faculty in the University's nationally recognized ocean engineering program.

Former Massachusetts governor and Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis visited FAU for the dedication of the Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center, a \$1.5 million facility specially designed to meet the needs of older learners.

The Physical Sciences Building, a \$14.5 million facility on the Boca Raton campus, opened to provide new classrooms, laboratories and offices for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.



The \$13.3 million Education and Science Building opened on the Davie campus to house programs offered by the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education.

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Faculty – Excellence in Academia and Research

FAU faculty received nearly \$25 million in public and private grants to support research efforts. Almost \$15 million came from federal funding sources.

Dr. Y.K. "Mike" Lin, the Charles E. Schmidt Eminent Scholar Chair in Engineering, received the 1998 Theodore von Karman Medal awarded by the American Society of Engineers.

The John M. DeGrove Eminent Scholar Chair in Growth Management was established by an anonymous donor to honor Dr. DeGrove, a nationally recognized expert in the field. Dr. DeGrove, a founding faculty member at the University, was named the Chair's first occupant.

Two faculty members from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters were awarded Fulbright Scholarships. Dr. Mary Ann Gosser-Esquilin and

Dr. Harry Kersey received the prestigious honor, bringing to five the number of FAU faculty to be awarded Fulbrights in the last five years.

Dr. J.A. Scott Kelso, director of FAU's Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences, received nearly \$2 million in federal research funding, including grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Alan Berger, FAU's Raddock Eminent Scholar for Holocaust Studies, served as coordinator and host of the 1998 "Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust" conference, which attracted international participation.

The Davimos Family Eminent Scholar Chair in Brain Sciences was established by Richard and Marilyn Davimos to augment the work being carried

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The Donnell-Kay Foundation and the State of Florida Internal Improvement Trust Fund deeded 107 acres of land, valued at \$3.48 million, to FAU's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center in West Palm Beach.

Manuel Diaz Farms of Homestead donated an additional 1,300 trees to landscape the Boca Raton campus.

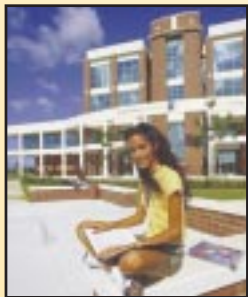
New Affiliations

FAU signed an academic partnership with Hebrew College of Brookline, Massachusetts, to enhance the Judaic Studies program and promote student and faculty exchanges.

FAU's Open University and Continuing Education won a \$250,000 contract to provide training and evaluation services for Florida's WAGES (Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency) Board and its partners. WAGES is the state agency responsible for moving welfare recipients into the workforce.

Recognition

The University was named for the third consecutive year as one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" by the Student Guide Series and was included for the 10th year among the nation's top large comprehensive universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings.



FAU was one of 140 major research universities to become a charter member of the

Internet2 project and received a \$350,000 two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to support the program.

FAU ranks among the nation's top 100 colleges and universities serving Hispanics, according to *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. Specially cited were programs in education, business and engineering.

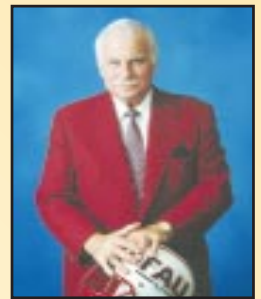
FAU became the 12th university to be named a University of Promise by America's Promise–Alliance for Youth, headed by General Colin Powell.

FAU's School of Accounting earned special recognition from the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants for long-standing excellence in accounting education.

FAU's Broward Student Government and the group's advisor, Elizabeth Page, were awarded high honors by the National Association for Campus Activities. Broward Student Government earned the Student Government of the Year Award and Ms. Page received the Frank Harris Outstanding Student Advisor Award. *Florida Leader* magazine named FAU's overall Student Government best in the state.

Athletics

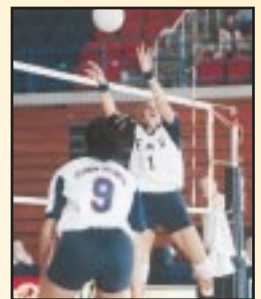
FAU's football program, headed by Coach Howard Schnellenberger, was approved by the Florida Board of Regents. The team will take to the field for their first game in fall 2001.



Olympic gold medalist Bob Beamon and former NBA standout Sidney Green joined FAU's coaching staff. Beamon will establish a track and field program for the University and Green took the helm of the men's basketball program.



The women's softball team won its second consecutive Trans America Athletic Conference (TAAC) championship. Starter Nikki Myers was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.



The women's volleyball team earned the University its third conference title by winning the TAAC championship. FAU's baseball team tied a 22-year-old NCAA record by scoring 34 consecutive single season wins.

The team's regular season record was 51-5.

FAU's cheerleading squad captured a Division I championship in the National Cheerleading Association's annual competition. The University's dance team took 12th-place honors.

FAU starter Gary Durrant won the nationally televised Slam Dunk competition by leaping over both the Charlotte Hornets mascot and sports announcer Dick Vitale to score his winning basket.