Max Planck Society Plans Florida Institute

The newly established Max Planck Florida Institute will direct its scientific activities on bio-imaging, using and developing the most advanced techniques for visualizing microscopic molecular processes. The institute has the potential to unite techniques of advanced optical microscopy, magnetic resonance imaging and imaging sciences to study the structure, dynamics and function of molecules and tissues. This approach will help solve challenging problems in biology, bioengineering and medicine. Bio-imaging provides an indispensable opportunity to translate discoveries of basic research into clinical and patient-oriented applications.

Through generous grants from the State of Florida and Palm Beach County, the Max Planck Florida Institute will be located next to Scripps Florida on the MacArthur campus. It will be closely linked with universities in Florida, especially FAU, and has agreed to synergistic research profiles with Scripps Florida. The Max Planck Florida Institute will begin scientific operations in Spring 2009 in temporary laboratory and office space provided by FAU. At the same time, the institute will begin the conceptual design of its 100,000-square-foot facility scheduled for completion in late 2011/early 2012. Within that space, 10,000 square feet will be dedicated to joint FAU/Max Planck initiatives. The institute will have a scientific, technical and administrative staff of more than 135.

Scripps Florida Update

Scripps Florida started the move to its permanent facility on Oct. 20. The relocation of labs and offices started smoothly with the medieval chemistry group shifting from its temporary home in TI to Scripps Florida's 350,000-square-foot permanent facility next door. The move is scheduled to continue for the other research groups and administrative services through the end of December. FAU has hosted Scripps Florida’s research laboratories on the Jupiter campus since 2005.

Currently there are approximately 290 staff members at the Florida facility. New faculty hires will be joining their colleagues at the permanent facility in a schedule running from December 2008 through June 2009. Dr. Roy Smith, formerly the director for the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine, is chairing a new department of metabolism and aging at Scripps Florida.

Involvement with FAU-sponsored programs continues. Offered as part of the 2008 FAU Honors Summer Institute, research staff members provided DNA-based lessons, laboratory tours and lectures (from cancer biology, infectology and medicinal chemistry) to participating high school students. In addition, undergraduates from the Wilkes Honors College Kenan Scholars program gained service learning experience working with the Scripps Florida “Science Saturday” education program for high school sophomores and juniors. Through the FAU Internship for Credit program, nine undergraduates were offered internship opportunities in Scripps research laboratories during the 2007–08 academic year.

FAU Jupiter’s Lifelong Learning Society Takes Learning to the High Seas

By Kami Barrett, Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning Society – Jupiter

More than 70 students from the Lifelong Learning Society at FAU’s Jupiter campus recently spent two weeks aboard an Oceania cruise ship, The Nautica. The trip began in Istanbul, Turkey, continued to Greece and ended in Italy. Dr. Jeffrey Morton, a professor in the political science department at FAU, provided several lectures on topics such as terrorism in the Middle East, the presidential candidates and foreign policy.

“This was the first trip that Lifelong Learning students have taken together,” said René Friedman, director of FAU’s Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter. “It was an amazing experience to learn about the different countries from the lectures, and then step off the boat and visit the monuments and places.”

Students participated in small roundtable discussions with Dr. Morton and shore excursions created especially for the FAU Lifelong Learning Society.

For more information or to receive a free class schedule, contact the Lifelong Learning Society at 561-799-8667 or 561-799-8547.

Wilkes Honors College Purchases First Hybrid Car at FAU

Suzyn-Elaine Soler, Kerry Rosen and Dean Jeffrey Buller

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College was proud to purchase the University’s first hybrid vehicle in August 2008. The new Ford Escape, both metaphorically and literally “green,” is used by three Honors College admissions counselors throughout Florida. Recruiters have driven the hybrid more than 10,000 miles during its first three months of service, visiting 173 high schools and 75 college fairs.

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FAU Jupiter Welcomes Rolling Sunlight Sustainability Tour

On Oct. 7, FAU’s Jupiter campus sustainability committee hosted the Rolling Sunlight demonstration vehicle on the breezeway in front of the Student Resources (SR) building. The educational vehicle, a project of Greenpeace, features 256 square feet of solar panels that produce enough energy to power three energy efficient homes without creating any pollution.

Supporters of the Rolling Sunlight vehicle are traveling the country to talk to people about how global warming affects their lives. Visitors to the exhibit were invited to record a video statement and send an e-mail message asking Congress to take action regarding global warming.

Wilkes Honors College Welcomes Students on Move-in Day

FAU President Frank T. Brogan, along with members of the Jupiter campus faculty and staff, assisted incoming students as they move into the residence halls. Pictured here are Ali Spencer, President Brogan, Tamara Howard, Katie Cruikshank, Dr. Martin Swart, Kyle Ashley and Veronica Le, mother of incoming freshman Ariel Lee.

Debate Team Scores Big at Season Opener

Wesley Mathieu, Alan Gray, David Pick and Robert Bruton

he FAU Debate Team started its 2008–09 season with a bang at the Chili’s at Florida Southern College on Oct. 3 and 4. Team President Alan Gray won third place in Informative Speaking and fifth in Impromptu, and David Pick won third place in Persuasive Speaking. Gray also competed in Extemporaneous Speaking and Oral Interpretation of Poetry and Pick in Impromptu Speaking. Team Vice President Robert Bruton also attended and competed in Informative and Impromptu Speaking and Secretary Wesley Mathieu competed in Extemporaneous and Informative Speaking. Overall, the team placed sixth at the tournament, shunting out the prestigious University of West Florida. Congratulations!

FAU Jupiter Hosts “Escenas de América Latina”

Members of the Core Maya Club gather in front of the El Sol mural during the artists reception. Pictured here are, front row: David Fertita, Katherine Mockler, Kathryn Klaas and Katie Carpenter; back row: Erika Cadena, Sandra Lazo de la Vega and Ricardo Martin.

FAU’s Jupiter campus hosted “Escenas de América Latina” (Scenes from Latin America) as part of the Art in the Atrium series in the Student Resources (SR) Atrium. The colorful mural, comprised of 5-by-9-foot panels, was on exhibit from Oct. 13–24 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The mural was created by students of the Wilkes Honors College and volunteers and staff of the El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center.

In addition to the mural, paintings by several artists from the El Sol center were on display. A “Meet the Artists” reception was held on Oct. 15. Students, faculty, staff and artists enjoyed Hispanic-themed refreshments and music.

For more information on the Art in the Atrium series, contact Terry Gearing at 561-799-0226 or gearing@fau.edu.

This is a column of farewell and thank you. I recently accepted an opportunity to serve FAU in an exciting new capacity. In January I will move to the Boca Raton campus to assume responsibilities as the University’s first vice president for strategic planning. Many of you know that I have chaired the University Strategic Planning Council for several years. In January 2006, FAU’s Board of Trustees approved the new strategic plan for the University developed by that council. FAU’s Strategic Plan 2006–2013 has become an integral part of what we do at FAU. When we had to reduce our budgets, the Strategic Plan provided a framework that protected core academic functions. When we developed a plan for using proceeds from the recent sale to Clearwire, we allocated the new funds to support high-priority areas in the strategic plan.

The strategic plan is a living document that must adjust with the times if it is to continue being useful to the University. Our external and internal environments have changed in the years since the plan was developed, and it is time to review and renew our strategic priorities in light of new challenges and opportunities. President Brogan and the leadership of the Board of Trustees deemed that stewardship of the plan should be a full-time position. I am honored to have been asked to take on that role.

It has been a great pleasure working with all of you, and I want to thank you for the friendship and support you have given me. Since coming to FAU in 1992, my focus has been on the development and expansion of the northern campuses. It has been exciting to see the massive growth of academic and student life programs for students in this part of the University’s service area. The partnerships these campuses are forging with bioscience giants Scripps Florida, the Torrey Pines Institute, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and the Max Planck Society are something never imagined.

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Center Marketplace North at FAU Jupiter Offers Great Food at an Affordable Price

The dining hall on FAU’s MacArthur Campus not only provides delicious meals for students, faculty and staff, it is also open to the public.

“We offer a wide variety of choices at every meal from breakfast to dinner,” said Donna Mercer, director of food service. “We welcome local residents to come in and try us out. We hope they enjoy our food and service.”

Center Marketplace North, the dining hall at FAU Jupiter, offers just about everything the diner could want:

- Origins – “comfort food” – hot entrees, vegetables and side dishes
- Terre Ve – vegetarian entrée and side dishes
- Soups – two different each day
- Grille – a la carte breakfast (pancakes, omelets, etc.) and one featured special at lunch and dinner
- Menutainment – an action station for stir-fry, Caesar salad, burritos, etc.
- Deli – hot & cold sandwiches, wraps and subs
- Sake bar – a variety of prems, veggies, proteins and dressings
- Desserts – cakes, cookies, pies and soft serve ice cream

Center Marketplace North is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Breakfast is served until 10:30 Monday through Friday, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 7:30. On Saturday & Sunday, the hours are 11 a.m. to 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All meals are “all you can eat.” Breakfast costs $4.95, lunch is $6.95 and dinner is $6.75 plus applicable sales tax.

The dining hall is located at the northern end of the campus, between the Hibel Museum and residence halls. Daily menus are available at www.dineoncampus.com/faujupiter.

Mercer said, “We’re proud to be a part of the FAU family. We look forward to seeing our neighbors in Abacoa and the surrounding community.”

FAU Boulevard Opens to Traffic

Members of the FAU campus family gather for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting. Pictured are Heather Burke Sheridan, Crystal Atkinson, Scott Banuch, Melissa Valdes, Chris Ott, Lauren Kellar, Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, Sgt. Tammy Di Grazia and Margaret Allen.

Another access road has opened on FAU’s MacArthur campus. FAU Boulevard begins just north of the intersection of Parkside Drive and Donald Ross Road and ends on MacArthur Drive near the Lifelong Learning Campus. The new roadway will alleviate traffic at the MacArthur Drive entrance and accommodate students on their way to Lifelong Learning classes and the library.

Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, campus vice president, said, “Our new road is just another example of the phenomenal growth of the MacArthur Campus. We know that FAU Boulevard will be a welcome addition to our students and the Abacoa community.”

Jupiter Campus Participates in HeartWalk

FAU Jupiter participated in the American Heart Association’s HeartWalk on Sept. 27 in West Palm Beach. The team, comprised of students, faculty, staff and family members from campus departments, colleges and the Lifelong Learning Society, raised more than $2,000 in donations to help fight heart disease.

Campus “Thinks Green” for Sustainability Day

Owsley hands out “green bags” for Campus Sustainability Day with the help of Enviro Club president Nicole Henken. Students, faculty and staff were invited to sign a pledge to “Think Green.” Signs listing 10 steps to sustainability were posted along the Breezeway. Activities in the SR atrium included an Eco-Bingo game, a recycling quiz and a take-some/leave-some table. That evening, the Scripps Howard Institute on the Environment lecture series presented author/biologist Dr. Robert Michael Pyle. His talk focused on the disconnect between young people and formative experiences in nature. Sustainability Day wrapped up with a screening of the movie WALL·E in the residence hall courtyard.
JANUARY
16  Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic
   Dr. Jeffrey Buller, Wilkes Honors College
   Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.
28  Scripps Howard Environmental Writers Series
   Cherie Hope Cummings
   “Uncertain Peril: Genomic Engineering and the Future of Seeds”
   AD Auditorium, 7 p.m. lecture followed by reception & book signing
FEBRUARY
16-27 African-American History Exhibit
   SR Attraum
20  Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic
   Dr. Donald Cooper, CAUPS
   Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.
26  Scripps Florida Dedication
   TBA
MARCH
2-4  Spring Break
2-13 Women’s History Exhibit
   SR Attraum
20  Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic
   Dr. Peter Hodder, Scripps Florida
   Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.
21  Wilkes Honors College Open House
   1-5 p.m.
For information on other FAU events, go to www.fau.edu

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Sameer Hinduja, assistant professor of criminal justice, College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs, has been invited by Harvard Law School’s Behnken Center for Internet & Society to serve on the Research Advisory Board for their Internet Safety Technical Task Force.
Ricardo Paez, senior library technical assistant, received his bachelor’s degree from FAU in May.
Diana Arietta, senior library technical assistant, had her drawings displayed at the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art and at the Boca Raton Museum of Art.
Tobin Allen, library director, was elected president of the Palm Beach County Library Association.
Terry Gauntt, director of university relations, was elected to the board of Executive Women Outreach, the 50(3) durable arm of Executive Women of the Palm Beaches.
Kevin Lansing, associate professor of psychology, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, is the editor for volume 64(3) of the Journal of Social Issues, presenting new scientific research on democracy and disenfranchisement in elections. The studies in this issue include wide-ranging investigations of the social psychology of voting, as well as a variety of suggestions for improving the fairness of and participation in future elections.
Marie L. York, FAICP, associate director, Center for Urban and Environment Solutions, gave a presentation at the Council for European Urbanism’s global conference on Climate Change and Urban Design in Oslo, Norway, in September. As director of the Florida Public Officials Design Institute at Abaco, the spoke of her work at the MacArthur Campus training elected officials in sustainable design and place-making.
Eugene Smith, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of economics.
Torte Hein, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of mathematics.
Jon Moore, associate professor of biology, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, is on sabbatical for the 2008-09 academic year.
Wairimu Njambi, assistant professor of women’s studies, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, is on sabbatical for the 2008-09 academic year.
William O’Brien, associate professor of environmental studies, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, is on sabbatical during fall 2008.
Roni Friedman, promoted to executive director, Lifelong Learning Society - Jupiter

STUDENT HONORS
Krystal Mize, doctoral student of Dr. Nancy Jones, psychology, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, completed her Ph.D. in summer 2008. Her dissertation title was “Implicit Jobly Reasoning: Temperament and EEG.”
Jo Ann M. Bandos, Ph.D., candidate in adult & community education and graduate assistant in College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership, co-authored a paper with Dr. Valerie Bryan and presented at the American Educational Research Association’s Doctoral Education across Disciplines Special Interest Group Annual Meeting in New York City, March 24–26, 2008.
Barbara Danielecki, doctoral student in the College of Education, Educational Leadership, received the Richard & Shirley Pendel Postbaccalaureate Scholarship, awarded to students from Martin, St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties who wish to pursue a teaching degree at FAU. Barbara was also awarded the Tocius Vangeloff Thomas Endowed Scholarship, awarded to full- or part-time students in the College of Education who are dedicated to community education.
Kim-Le Arvay, doctoral student in College of Education, Educational Leadership, received the Tocius Vangeloff Thomas Endowed Scholarship, awarded to full- or part-time students in the College of Education who are dedicated to community education.

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS
Student Affairs
A.J. Chase, associate dean of student affairs
Academic Support Services
Laura Strobel, coordinator for academic programs
Division of Housing
David Henderson, hall coordinator
Carol Cines, program assistant
Division of Student Affairs
Edward Wolcott, maintenance supervisor
College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs
Alan C. Frizzell, instructor, Department of Educational Leadership
University Police
Leonard Schnall, officer