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A Brief Report
to
The Community
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As some of you will recall, I had served as the first President of two of Florida's public junior colleges and I was firmly convinced that for practical economic reasons it made sense to continue the expansion of the junior colleges and to have the new state universities concentrate on upper division and graduate programs. I don't mind telling you that there was by no means a unanimous agreement on that point. For several years, in response to every kind of problem we faced, some one would suggest that "we must admit freshmen and sophomores." Now that Florida has established three more upper division universities patterned after Florida Atlantic, and now that several other states - including New York and Texas - have established upper division universities, we no longer hear that suggestion. Here at Boca Raton we have established the first <u>successful</u> upper division university in the nation. As a result, we have a mature, goal-oriented group of students who go about the business of education with a minimum of fuss. They carry a major responsibility for the expense of their education and they work hard to make the most of it. Although our alumni records are not all complete, we know that a dozen or more of our graduates have earned their doctoral degrees,

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staff, and students thought of the damage that was soon to be done with the construction of I 95 to our west and the realization that many trees native to Florida, were going to be destroyed. They got together and got the department of transportation to assist in a Tree Rescue Project which has been hailed nationally and as you enter this building or perhaps when you leave you may have seen, if not when you leave, you should take a look directly to the north of us and you will see what we call our "mini-forest". Each of those trees was moved from the path of I 95 to the campus with some equipment, but mostly with the blood, sweat and toil of students and faculty members, in a major ecological project. When FAU was established in 1962 and opened in 1964 it was the first completely independent upper-division university. As you know, this means that we offered no freshman and sophmore work, dependent instead upon the junior colleges for that, and all of our students came to us after having successfully completed two years of college work. They thus, were mature, goal oriented, truly interested in completing their education, with as much dispatch as possible. There were at the time, many people who said that you could not build a good creditable university when you did not offer your own freshman and sophomore programs. People are no longer saying

this because here at FAU we have proved that by close cooperation with all of the public community or junior colleges you could do that very thing. We received our accreditation in 1967, the earliest possible time. We have been reevaluated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and our accreditation reaffirmed in 1971, but most important of all, we have served as a model for upper-division universities in Florida and in many states across the country. Florida has, since our establishment, opened three additional upper-division universities, one in Jacksonville, one in Pensacola, and one in Miami. Texas, Illinois, New York, and other states have opened or are (add the names of other states,) have also opened numerous similar upper-division campuses, more than twenty to date. It has now been demonstrated that there is no need to take students far away from their homes for the freshman and sophomore courses that those can be offered most economically in the students' home communities, and for those who want to go on to bachelor's master's or doctor's degree, the proper time for them to go to the university campus is at the junior year. This month we will be playing host to the national meeting of the American Assn. of Upper-Level Colleges and Universities and it is with a great deal of pride that we say we are recognized as the first successful upper-division university in the country. Four years ago FAU inaugurated an

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FAU inauguarated on an experimental basis its faculty scholars program. This program is predicated on the knowledge that many high school graduates have already gained the knowledge and maturity normally associated with the freshman and sophomore years of the under-graduate curriculum. On the basis of nationally standardized tests we admitted these students to a three-year program of upper division work and upon the satisfactory completion of that program we awarded them a bachelor's degree. This, then was a three-year degree. Now the three-year degree is being studied and demanded nationally. We feel that in our faculty scholars program we have already squeezed whatever water or fat there may be in the four-year curriculum, but we have not, in any way, lessened the degree because these students are exposed not to only two years of upper division work but to a full three years, giving them greater depth in their field of specialization than is otherwise possible in the traditional four-year curriculum. FAU has been on the cutting edge of other types of innovations in education. Knowing that the junior colleges were doing an excellent job in their technical training programs we have sought ways that we could build on these curricula to give the highly motivated student an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in the field of his choice. The first of these programs that we instituted a number of years ago were in law enforcement and in computer systems. Building upon the law

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enforcement program in the junior college, we have built a criminal justice program which educates men and women for high level positions in that critical area of governmental service. The computer sciences program, data processing program, in the junior college has become the basis for our computer systems program at the bachelor's level. We knew have with us a women who has been charged with the responsibility of determining the need and developing programs in the paramedical fields. We feel certain that one of these will be providing the education for the registered nurse, the graduate of the junior college program, to complete her work for a bachelor's in nursing, and thus, be competent to teach or serve in an administrative capacity in our hospitals. It may be that we may also go into physical therapy, medical technology, and other allied fields. Certainly, an area of significant need throughout the country and in this part of the state particularly. From our very inception we felt that the education of teachers is one of our prime considerations. Over the years we have graduated ___ young people with the bachelor's degree in our college of education and moreover, ___ of in-service teachers have earned the master's degree thus upgrading their skills and economic status in the community. By far, the largest percentage of these people are teaching in the public schools in our immediate area. For several years we have operated

a center on Miami Beach to make it possible for Maimi students who found the commuting to Boca Raton to difficult ~~to make it possible for them~~ to continue their upper-division education. We are phasing this program out this year since FIU has now opened in Miami and we anticipate that they will be able to handle the students. Meanwhile, we have opened centers for resident instruction in the heart of Ft. Lauderdale and in West Palm Beach, where we are offering selected courses and will add to the curriculum as the need develops. Particularly in the fields of business and engineering where working people wish to continue their education. These residence centers in ~~population~~ high density population areas are extremely helpful. Since most of the students there are taking one or two courses, ~~and~~ it does not interfere with their work schedule. Palm Beach Junior College offers a number of its lower division courses on our campus in the late afternoon and evening when our facilities are not over-crowded ~~and so many Boca Raton and Delray Beach people have the convenience of taking college work in an easily accessable location~~. Our commitment is to making education as readily available to all qualified and interested citizens of Broward and Palm Beach Counties and the surrounding area as we possibly can. The state has a multi-million dollar

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investment here in Florida Atlantic University, an institution that is widely recognized in educational circles for many of the innovative accomplishments it has successfully launched. We have grown and will continue to grow at a modest rate. It has never been our ambition to be a very large ~~campus~~ University. We would like to be ~~a very good campus~~ an exceptionally good one. And, over the years, if we reach between 10 and 12 thousand students we would consider that an optimum level. With the continuing growth of Broward and Palm Beach Counties no one can assuredly predict that we can remain at that size in another 10 to 15 years. However, our present thinking is that when this campus reaches that point, it then becomes more economical and more sensible to expand our branch facilities in other areas of this regional population center than it is to force large numbers of people to come to one central campus. Ten years ago, when we were established we were in the wrong place if one wanted to serve a ~~computer~~ commuter population, but now in looking ahead another 10 years, we are in exactly the right place because we are virtually on the line between Broward and Palm Beach Counties. And all indications are that ~~if~~ it is these two counties, and not the area farther to the south, that will experience the greatest growth in the coming decade. This will be the last opportunity I have as President of FAU to express to the Chamber of Commerce and to

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VIEW OF CITY AND CAMPUS

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5. New Aerial - Perimeter Rd
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42. County Map
43. ~~The Community~~ - Boca Hotel Tower
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20 join with us in large numbers for plays and operas and concerts such as "The Mikado", "Indians"

21 (in here a series of slides with the name of the production spelled out by Dr. Williams).

22 Internationally acclaimed pianist Raul Spivak gives of his talent annually in a public concert. His next appearance is scheduled for Nov. 28, and I hope many of you will return to hear it then. There are other fields in which Florida Atlantic has been privileged to give service to the community. Among these are our non-credit continuing education programs,

many of them offered through the college of Business and Public Administration. Probably the most popular have been our courses in preparation for the real estate license. A part of our campus is being used by the Fresh Water Game and Fish Commission and near 40th Street they are building a fisheries laboratory for the study of non-native tropical fishes, a major factor in safeguarding our water environment and protecting us from encroachment of foreign species.

One of the most creative projects to be initiated on a university campus happened here at Florida Atlantic University when a group of our faculty, staff, and students thought of the damage that was soon to be done with the construction of

I-95 to our west and the realization that many trees native to Florida, were going
25 to be destroyed. They got together and got the department of transportation to assist in a Tree Rescue Project which
26 has been hailed nationally. As you entered this building you may have seen, if not when you leave, you should take a look
27 directly to the north of us and you will see what we call our "mini-forest". Each of those trees was moved from the path of
28 I-95 to the campus with some equipment, but mostly with the blood, sweat and toil
29 of students and faculty members, in a major ecological project.

When FAU was established in 1962 and opened in 1964 it was the first completely independent upper-division uni-

versity. As you know, this means that we offered no freshman and sophomore work, depending instead upon the junior colleges for that, and all of our students came to us after having successfully completed two years of college work. They thus, were mature, goal oriented, truly interested in completing their education, with as much dispatch as possible. There were at the time, many people who said that you could not build a creditable university when you did not offer your own freshman and sophomore programs. People are no longer saying this because here at FAU we have proved that by close cooperation with all of the public community or junior colleges you could do that very thing. We received our accreditation in

30 Lighted Bldg.

1967, the earliest possible time. We have been re-evaluated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and our accreditation re-affirmed in 1971, but most important of all, we have served as a model for upper-division universities in Florida and in many states across the country. Florida has, since our establishment, opened three additional upper-division universities, one in Jacksonville, one in Pensacola, and one in Miami. Texas, Illinois, New York, and other states have opened or are in the process of opening similar upper-division campuses, more than twenty to date. It has now been demonstrated that there is no need to take students far away from their homes for the freshman and sophomore courses - that

those can be offered most economically in the students' home communities. For those who want to go on to bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree, the proper time for them to go to the university campus is at the junior year. This month we will be playing host to the national meeting of the Association of Upper-Level Colleges and Universities, and it is with a great deal of pride that we are recognized as the first successful upper-division university in the country.

Four years ago FAU inaugurated on an experimental basis its faculty scholars program. This program is predicated on the knowledge that many high school graduates have already gained the knowledge and maturity normally associated with the freshman and sophomore years of the under-

graduate curriculum. On the basis of nationally standardized tests we admitted these students to a three-year program of upper division work and upon the satisfactory completion of that program we awarded them a bachelor's degree. This, then was a three-year degree. Now the three-year degree is being studied and demanded nationally. We feel that in our faculty scholars program we have already squeezed whatever water or fat there may be in the four-year curriculum, but we have not, in any way, lessened the degree because these students are exposed to not only two years of upper division work but to a full three years, giving them greater depth in their field of specialization than is otherwise possi-

ble in the traditional four-year curriculum.

FAU has been on the cutting edge of other types of innovations in education. Knowing that the junior colleges were doing an excellent job in their technical training programs we have sought ways that we could build on these curricula to give the highly motivated student an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in the field of his choice. The first of these programs that we instituted a number of years ago were in law enforcement and in computer systems. Building upon the law enforcement program in the junior college, we have built a criminal justice program which educates men and women for high level positions in that critical area of governmental service. The data

34 processing program in the junior college has become the basis for our computer systems program at the bachelor's level.

We now have with us a woman who has been charged with the responsibility of determining the need and developing programs in the paramedical fields. We feel certain that one of these will be providing the education for the registered nurse, the graduate of the junior college program, to complete her work for a bachelor's in nursing, and thus, be competent to teach or serve in an administrative capacity in our hospitals. It may be that we may also go into physical therapy, medical technology, and other allied fields. Certainly, an area of significant need throughout the country and in this part of the state particularly.

35 From our very inception we felt that the education of teachers is one of our prime considerations. Over the years we have graduated 3,672 young people with the bachelor's degree in our college of education and moreover, 3,059 of in-service teachers have earned the master's degree, thus upgrading their skills and economic status in the com-

36 munity. By far, the largest percentage of these people are teaching in the public schools in our immediate area. For several years we have operated a center on Miami Beach to make it possible for Miami students who found the commuting to Boca Raton too difficult to continue their upper-division education. We are phasing this program out this year since

FIU has now opened in Miami and we anticipate that they will be able to handle the students. Meanwhile, we have opened centers for resident instruction in the heart of Fort Lauderdale and in West Palm Beach, where we are offering selected courses and will add to the curriculum as the need develops. Particularly in the fields of business and engineering where working people wish to continue their education, these resident centers in high density population areas are extremely helpful. Since most of the students there are taking one or two courses, it does not interfere with their work schedule. Palm Beach Junior College offers a number of its lower division courses on our campus in the late afternoon and evening when our facilities are not over-

crowded. Our commitment is to making education as readily available to all qualified and interested citizens of Broward and Palm Beach counties and the surrounding area as we possibly can. The state has a multi-million dollar investment here in Florida Atlantic University, an institution that is widely recognized in educational circles for many of the innovative accomplishments it has successfully launched. We have grown and will continue to grow at a modest rate. It has never been our ambition to be a very large university. We would like to be an exceptionally good one. And, over the years, if we reach between 10 and 12 thousand students we would consider that an optimum level. With the continuing growth of Broward

and Palm Beach counties no one can assuredly predict that we can remain at that size in another 10 to 15 years. However, our present thinking is that when this campus reaches that point, it then becomes more economical and more sensible to expand our branch facilities in other areas of this regional population center than it is to force large numbers of people to come to one central campus. Ten years ago, when we were established we were in the wrong place if one wanted to serve a commuter population, but now in looking ahead another 10 years, we are in exactly the right place because we are virtually on the line between Broward and Palm Beach counties. And all indications are that it is these two counties, and not

the area farther to the south, that will experience the greatest growth in the coming decade.

This will be the last opportunity I 43
have as President of FAU to express to the Chamber of Commerce and to all of you here our appreciation for the support and encouragement and the attention that you have given to us over the years. For as many of you know, I have elected to retire at the end of this calendar year. I will have completed 10-1/2 years as President of this university, and now-a-days in presidential circles that's a long time. I look with eager anticipation to the directions that new leadership will give to this university. I will always want to do everything that

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