President's Column

A Message from President Saunders

Time for a Little R&R

Summer brings some very special events to FAU, giving us all the welcome opportunity to relax and enjoy ourselves in the company of family and friends. One of FAU's most popular summer traditions is Festival Rep, an annual musical theatre presentation by the Department of Theatre and Dance that is now in its 13th season. This summer's offerings are a comedy titled "The 1046s Radio Hour" and a musical revue, "Hoover for Hollywood: A Tribute to the Best Movie Musicals of All Time." FAU's talented student performers take the stage in these productions beside Equity actors, and the result is Broadway-quality theatre. I have seen "Hoover for Hollywood" and thoroughly enjoyed all the wonderful performers. The show runs every weekend through July 24 in the University Theatre on the Boca Raton campus. "Hoover for Hollywood" will also be presented on July 29 and 30 at the Mois Art Theatre in Lake Park. Scheduling and ticket information can be found at www.fauevents.com.

If you would like to take in a very unusual exhibition, drop by the First Floor West Gallery of the Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton campus to see "Student Body Art," a collection of photographs of FAU students and their tattoos presented by visual artist Z. McCarthy-Kaplinski. The photos come from "Stories on the Skin: Tattoo Culture at FAU," a creative collaboration between the Jaffe Center for Book Arts and Dr. Karen L. Leader of the Department of Visual Arts and Art History. This exhibition will run through Aug. 10. For more information on the tattoo art project, visit storiesontheskin.org.

FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce offers many events including a nighttime kayak tour of the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge on July 30. Click here for detailed information and more events at HBOR.

However you choose to spend your summer, I hope you will be able to get a break from your routine and have some memorable experiences.

Sincerely,
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President