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## **FAU Libraries Complete Construction of Paul C. Wimbish Wing** *Grand Opening and Dedication Highlight Generosity of Donors*

**BOCA RATON, FL (March 27, 2007)** – The Paul C. Wimbish Wing, a five-story, 20,000-square-foot addition to the S.E. Wimberly Library at Florida Atlantic University on the Boca Raton campus, was dedicated Tuesday, March 27. FAU President Frank T. Brogan '81; Dr. William Miller, director of Libraries; and special guest Scott Eyman, author and books editor for the *Palm Beach Post*, were among those who spoke at the grand opening. The Klezmer Company Orchestra, the professional ensemble-in-residence at the FAU Libraries, kicked off the celebration with a performance of selections from the Libraries' music collections.

The Wimbish Wing, added to the east side of the original 1963 library, provides an all-night study floor for students, additional space for rare books and special collections, meeting rooms, and offices for Hillel of Broward/Palm Beach and Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN).

Construction of the Wimbish Wing cost \$5 million and took nearly two years to complete. The project was funded with generous support from Virginia and Peter MacEachron and their son, John MacEachron, the family of the late Paul C. Wimbish, for whom the wing is named; Mata Jaffe, the late wife of benefactor Arthur Jaffe; numerous benefactors of the Levine-Weinberger Jewish Life Center and Hillel of Broward-Palm Beach; and the FAU Student Government Association.

"Libraries are the heart and soul of institutions of higher learning," said President Brogan. "We're very grateful to the generous donors who have made this major expansion of FAU's library facilities possible. Many generations of students and other library users will derive great benefits from this wonderful gift."

The wing's first floor houses the Mildred & Abner Levine and Ruth & Saul Weinberger Jewish Life Center, a Chartwell's kosher coffee bar and a joint-use large-

event room. The second floor contains the Student Government Association All-Night Study Center. The Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts and its “Arthur and Mata Jaffe Collection: Books as Aesthetic Objects” compilation occupies a 4,800 square-foot space on the third floor. The fourth floor provides a home for Southeast Florida Library Information Network and a joint-use meeting/training room for the library. The fifth floor is being renovated to accommodate the “Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection of Colonial Imprints,” a recent gift to the Libraries. The fifth floor will also contain the University Club Conference Room, a room that will recognize the support of that organization for the Libraries over the years.

“The addition gives us much needed expansion space for some of our most valuable collections,” Miller said. “We have long needed the new conference room that will be available on the fifth floor, and the meeting/training rooms that we will share with SEFLIN on the fourth floor, and with Hillel on the ground floor.”

The spacious new student all-night study on the second floor is a major enhancement of the former all night study. It gives students more seating options and more computer stations. The availability of this new facility also allowed the university to convert the former all-night study area into an Einstein's bagel restaurant, which is already tremendously popular with students, faculty and staff.

Austin Shaw, FAU’s student body president, said the expansion demonstrates the university’s commitment to providing the best resources available to the students. “The all night study area reflects the prioritization of attaining knowledge and encouraging intellectually mature students,” he said. “We now have a beautiful new facility that provides an academic environment and an unrivaled availability.”

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**Photo #1 Cutline:** The Paul C. Wimbish Wing

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