

Student Development and Enrollment Services



UKnighted



This divisional newsletter will be published throughout the year to provide information about SDES.

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A word from the VP...

As you can see, our newsletter has acquired a name thanks to **Jameer Abass**! Forty prospective newsletter names were submitted by personnel in the division. Thanks to all who took the time to reflect on this matter. The winning entry was decided unanimously during a weekly divisional staff meeting. Clearly, the name selected, **UKnighted**, encompasses what we are presently trying to accomplish (i.e., uniting two previously separate divisions). Additionally, the name also suggests collaboration, connectivity and partnering--all elements of the SDES purpose, mission and values statements. Thanks again to Jameer for suggesting such an appropriate name.

A reminder to divisional personnel that everyone is invited to the **Divisional Meeting on Friday, September 25th, from 8-9 a.m.** in the Cape Florida Ballroom (SU 316). The meeting will revolve around an update on the "State of the Division." Please plan to attend.

Several times, I have heard very positive comments from colleagues regarding the smooth opening of the fall semester. Congratulations to everyone! UCF is one of the country's largest universities and our division makes valuable contributions to the enrollment, retention and graduation of students. In short, we remain relevant as we contribute to student success. We are an important factor in the development of an optimal student learning environment.

In October, I will be attending two programs focusing on student learning. I will share information from the programs with you at a later date.

Again, thank you for your work and interest.

Tom Huddleston

Student Development & Enrollment Services

PURPOSE

Provide excellence in student services integral to the development of a meaningful collegiate learning experience.

VALUES

Caring, Commitment, Collaboration, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Innovation, Integrity, Loyalty, Operational Excellence, Respect and Trust.

MISSION

The Student Development and Enrollment Services Division provides services through activities, programs and opportunities that establish a meaningful collegiate student learning experience.

This will be developed through a productive work environment that recognizes employees' contributions and teamwork.

The primary activities, programs and opportunities of Student Development and Enrollment Services contribute to enrollment growth, campus life and academic development support services for a diverse and talented student population.

The composition of student services will be based on assessed needs, targeted populations and institutional priorities.

Collaboration and partnerships will be a cornerstone within the Student Development and Enrollment Services Division to ensure broad support and quality outcomes.

News you can use...Update on the Student Union.

The Student Union (SU) recently celebrated the first anniversary of a highly successful opening year. Mark Hall, Director of the Student Union, says that during the initial year, the SU hosted and served 6,011 events (from August 1997-August 1998). Student Organization activities comprised 63% of these events while University Departments and "others" made up 31% and 6% respectively.

The state of the art Student Union is a large operation with a staff of 42 full-time and 55 part-time employees who serve over 9,000 people daily during weekdays. On average, the SU is open 113 hours per week and 353 days per year. This coming year's operating budget is \$2.8 million.

Later this year, the SU will begin its (cont. next page)

Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign.

The divisional coordinator for the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign (which most of you know as "United Way") is **Linda Esposito** (Undergraduate Admissions). Working with Linda on the campaign are the following "keyworkers": **Vanessa Gouveia** (Stu Legal Svcs), **Corinne Russo** (Career Resource Ctr), **Suzi Katz** (NCAS), **Ron Atwell** (Vet Affairs), **Jameer Abass** (Evg Stu Svcs), **Jana Stillwell** (Stu Fin Aid). Linda and keyworkers attended a training breakfast at the Salvation Army in downtown Orlando on September 4th. Information on the campaign will be forthcoming. The goal, of course, is 100% participation.

(Student Union cont.) Phase 4, \$7 million expansion project which has a targeted completion date of early in the year 2000. Once Phase 4 is completed, the total construction cost for the Union will be over \$25 million and the size of the building will be 190,000 sq.ft. It will then be one of the largest and most expensive buildings on campus!

Present meeting space (17,500 sq.ft.) will almost double to 32,000 sq.ft., making it the largest meeting facility in East Orange County. The expansion also includes a new restaurant and two or three new retail stores. Some of the existing retail outlets will also receive additional space. The centerpiece of the addition will be a 12,000 sq.ft. **ballroom** which will seat about 1,200 people for lecture events and 700 people for banquets. An adjacent meeting room will add another 3,000 sq.ft. of flexible space. Finally, office spaces for the Student Government Association and the Office Of Student Activities will be expanded in Phase 4.

While Phase 4 construction is underway, the SU's west entry door will be closed and Pegasus Circle will be closed from Aquarius Agora to the bookstore loading area. Upon its completion, the Student Union will be a state and national showplace.

More news you can use... On a health note, **Bob Faust**, Director of Student Health Services, has announced that beginning in early October **flu shots** will be scheduled on availability at the Student Health Center. Costs to faculty, staff and UCF retirees will be \$10 per person and \$3 for students. No appointment will be needed.

The shots are not recommended for those allergic to chicken, eggs, feathers, dander or Thimerosal, which is used as a preservative. The vaccine is also not recommended for anyone who has had neurological or severe reactions to the vaccine in the past.

On a different note, **Student Health Services** will be holding an **Open House** (date to be determined) to celebrate the newly renovated and expanded Student Health Center and the new Health Resource Center (Wellness & Peer Education) located nearby. The Student Health Center has expanded in size from 9,000 sq.ft. to 15,000 sq. ft. The expansion includes seven new examining rooms and a large, walk-in Pharmacy, which will stock many over-the-counter medications, health and beauty aids. All faculty, staff and students are invited to the Open House for food, entertainment, gifts and tours of the facility.

Hello and Goodbye! The Division is pleased to announce that **Ossie Palla** has accepted the position, Student Government Advisor effective September 15. **Dr. John Bush**, University Registrar has resigned and began working in Computer Services on September 8th. He will retire from the University in January.

Positive Attitude Corner... "It is the willingness of people to give of themselves over and above the demands of the job that distinguishes the great from the merely adequate organization."
Peter Drucker

Some points of pride!

International Student Services (ISS) has been busy conducting several events and activities for students and guests according to **Ragda Kurdy**, Student Affairs Coordinator. On August 8th, a **graduation party** for international students was held at the Barbara Ying Center. On August 21, ISS hosted the **Eastern European Linkage Institute**. Guest of honor at a reception for this program was President Hiitt. For the entire month of September there will be an **international student exhibit** in the Library Lobby. Finally, ISS's biggest event of the year, **The International Fair**, will be held at the Student Union on October 16 and will feature food, fashions, dances and music from around the world.

McKnight Center of Excellence (MCE) received an award at the Orlando Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants Program Award Luncheon on August 8th for being a partner with Orlando's nationally renowned community-based program. The McKnight Achievers Society has recently been adopted as a **national program** through the National Urban League and other national organizations. The MCE hosted the **Third Annual Officers' Leadership Retreat** on August 22nd with over 100 McKnight Achievers and their parents participating.

People in the news... **Valeska Wilson** (Counseling Ctr) attended, along with staff from the the Student Health Center and Wellness Center, an informative Eating Disorders conference. **Dr. Bob Harman** (Director, Counseling and Testing Ctr) attended a one-day conference, "Assessing the Risk of Violence." **Al Bross** (Asst Director for Testing) attended the statewide **CLAST** meeting on September 10th. **Dr. David Dees** (Asst Dean, Academic Services) was a guest speaker at a Counseling & Testing Center staff meeting bringing the staff up to date on new academic policies. **Emily Santiago** (Director, Student Outreach Programs) indicates the College Reach-Out Program brought to UCF 77 high school and 74 middle school students to acquaint them with all aspects of university programs and environment. **Susan Katz** (Director of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports) announces that NCAS has partnered with the Office of Diversity Initiatives to invite 8th grade students from Orlando to participate in an exciting program, "What Diversity Means to Me," planned in support of President Clinton's Initiative on Race. NCAS is sponsoring an essay contest based on the title of the program and the 25-30 winners will receive a free pair of athletic shoes donated by Reebok and their essay will be printed in a small book.

A final "thought"... Life is like a 10-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.