

Student Development and Enrollment Services



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A word from the VP...

It was extremely gratifying to see a full house at the Divisional Meeting on September 25th. Many positive comments were received regarding the program.

I'm looking forward to our next "all hands" gathering--**the holiday celebration**--which is now in the planning stages. More on this event in a later issue.

Once again, a sincere thank you for your work and interest.

Tom Huddleston

On the lookout...*The Dean of Students Office checks the records of over 225 students each semester to determine their eligibility to serve in campus leadership positions for organizations such as Student Government, Student Activities, Orientation Team, and the greek council groups. Each candidate in the campus SG elections is checked for eligibility. Minimum university requirements are outlined in the GOLDEN RULE student handbook and include: maintaining at least a 2.0 GPA in both UCF and cumulative work, enrollment in at least one fee-paying course, no holds on records, and no disciplinary problems. Individual groups may have higher standards than required by the GOLDEN RULE.*

Don't Miss the Lake Claire Grand Opening..

Loren Knutson (Recreational Services) invites everyone to the official Grand Opening of the substantially renovated Lake Claire Recreation Area on Friday, October 16th at 2:30 p.m. Besides several guest speakers, there will be food, music, drinks and other festivities. The Lake Claire area has a beach-like setting, two picnic pavilions, a sand volleyball court, a nature trail around the lake, restrooms and outdoor shower facilities. Canoes, paddleboats, and kayaks are available for checkout.

UCF Faculty and Staff can purchase recreation memberships for \$30 per semester or \$75 per year. Members can then participate in the intramural sports program, aerobic classes, the Fitness Center, swimming pool, racquetball courts, basketball courts, disc golf course, and the Lake Claire Recreation Area.

An \$11 million Recreational Services facility has been approved and should be ready for use in three years. The new building will include an indoor pool, indoor track and racquetball courts, fitness facility and a large gymnasium.

Phone x2408 for more information about all the above.

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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...

Beginning on October 12, the **Student Health Services** will initiate **flu shots** to staff, faculty, students and UCF retirees. The shots are \$3 for students and \$10 for others. Flu shots are available: Mondays 9-1 and 4:30-8:30; Wednesdays 9-1 and 4:30-8:30; and, Fridays 9-1.

On Thursday, October 8, the Counseling Center Staff will conduct **NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY** in the SCA from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Depression is an illness and the screenings with a mental health professional are **FREE** of charge. This is an outreach event sponsored by the **Counseling & Testing Center** during Mental Health Awareness Week.

Do you know a student who may have a problem with drugs or alcohol? If so, there is a free resource available for students at the **Health Resource Center**. REACH Peer (cont. next page)

News you can use...(cont'd)

Education offers a two-hour course entitled the Student Assistance Education Program (SAEP). It is an interactive educational workshop on alcohol and drugs and is designed to give students facts that will enable them to make more informed, low risk decisions in the future. For more information on SAEP date and referral protocol, contact **Jamie Gordon** at x5841.

One final health note--Since assuming responsibility for the University's immunization program last year, the **Health Center** has phoned each student who had failed to send the necessary proof of immunization, rather than waiting for them to arrive on campus unprepared and unqualified for admission. As a result, with a minimum of delay and confusion, nearly 650 shots were administered at the Health Center for those students not previously inoculated.

Meg Dutnell (Associate Director of Student Activities) wants everyone to be aware of the **UCF Leadership Development Series** which commences on October 8. The series will help students obtain that extra "edge" to succeed in a student organizations, acquire that prime internship, or make them stand out among other candidates for employment opportunities. The first program addresses the question: "**Are you F.I.T. to Be A Leader?**" on Thurs., Oct. 8, from 3-4 p.m. in SU208. F.I.T. stands for **Flexibility, Inclusiveness and Team-building**. Other programs are on Nov. 3 (**Gender Gap**) and Feb. 10 (**It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It**), March 3 (**Self Empowerment: Five Steps for Being GREAT**) & 24 (**Business Etiquette**). Any one may attend. Watch for details in future newsletters or phone x6471 for registration and additional information.

The **McKnight Center of Excellence** will unite with the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League to offer high school students the opportunity to participate in the SAT preparatory course for a nominal \$25 fee on the following dates: October 6,13,21,28 & November 4. The **College Reach-Out Program (CROP)** will host a "Back to School Night" program for high school students and their parents on Oct. 8 at the UCF Downtown Center. The program will include an educational session with discussions and plans for organizing a CROP Parent Organization.

The **Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)** has extended its hours of operation to better serve the needs of UCF students during mid-term exams. From October 5 through 5 p.m. on October 16, SARC will be open 24 hours a day. They say it's a great place to study in the wee hours of the morning. Hours will again be extended for final exams in December.

Inez Ford reports that **Hispanic Awareness Month** began its festivities on September 15 with live music, dances, colorful costumes, guest speakers, food, flags and decorations at the Administration Building's reflecting pond. The calendar of events features lots of fun activities and cultural demonstrations of our Hispanic neighbors culminating in a Picnic Fun Day at the UCF Recreation Pavilion on October 17. Phone x2716 for more information.

Some points of pride!

-Undergraduate Admissions extends a special thanks to all units with SDES that participated in the first of three fall **Open House** events for prospective students. Overwhelmingly positive comments were received particularly regarding the presentations that many units gave about their respective programs. One parent commented to the admissions staff that the Open House was the best of several she and her son had attended around the state. Many of the 1,000 attending expressed very positive feelings about UCF. Undergraduate Admissions is looking forward to working their fellow SDES units when Open House is repeated on October 17 and November 21.

-Student Financial Assistance reports that \$23,322,365 in disbursements have made so far this fall semester (and that doesn't include short term loans). Wow!

-The Administration Building Assistance Center (Student Information) logged in 6,016 contacts during the month of August.

-The Orientation Center successfully completed the coordination of 28 FTIC and transfer orientation sessions for the summer and fall 1998. The assistance received from everyone was sincerely appreciated. "We couldn't have done it without all of you!" says the staff.

-The Registrar's Office created an online readmission application so that students may apply for readmission over the web. As of August 1998, 496 applications were processed!

People in the news... **Bill L. Barnett** (former Associate University Registrar) has been appointed Interim University Registrar. Bill arrived at UCF in March of this year after eighteen years of service with Purdue University. SDES welcomed **Dennis Hall** (Director, Student Disability Services) on October 2 and **Gerald Vega, Jr.** (Physician Assistant, Student Health Services) on September 29. **Charles Viggiano** (Accountant, Housing & Residence) received his MBA degree from UCF in August. Student Union Director, **Mark Hall**, was recently appointed to the inaugural board for the National Association of College Auxiliary Services' Center for the Study of Privatization and Outsourcing in Higher Education. Mark has also somehow found time to pursue his MBA at UCF starting this fall and graduating in December 1999. **Jim Wilkening** (Associate Director, Recreational Svcs) once again is teaching the Basketball Referee Class and it is filled to capacity. **Travis Spaulding** (Director, Community College Relations) tells us that 1,600 "Knight Watch" publications were published and distributed to the 28 Florida public community colleges and UCF campuses. Additionally the office participated in the following workshops: SUS Articulation Officers and the Central Florida Consortia of Higher Education.

A final "thought"... Business is a lot like tennis--those who don't serve well end up losing.