

Student Development and Enrollment Services



UKnighted



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A word from the editor...

In general, we have received very positive comments about the **UKnighted** newsletter. That does not mean that there is not room for improvement, however. Thus, your comments and suggestions are important and continue to be welcome.

The primary purpose of this publication has been to assist the Division during the transition period by keeping everyone informed on the many events, programs and activities occurring in our rather large new organizational structure (40 units, almost 400 employees). We also wanted to introduce you to some of the people and units within the new organization. We think we have been somewhat successful in this regard.

We felt it was extremely important to keep employees informed during the developmental stages of the Division. So, thus far, we have managed to publish the newsletter every three weeks. However, now that the transition period is coming to a close, and starting in the spring semester, publication of **UKnighted** will be on a less frequent basis and will likely expand to a four page format.

We appreciate the excellent cooperation and assistance of departments in providing information and features for publication in **UKnighted**. We look forward to your continued support and input. Thank you...**Ken Lawson**

Academic Exploration Program(AEP)...

Russ Tiberii and **Mary Kozar** welcome all students who are undeclared or are changing majors to attend the Monthly Major Planning (MMP) Seminars. Each seminar boasts a panel of UCF Faculty and Professional Advisers to help students learn about: Self-Assessment (September); Career Exploration (October); and Major Exploration (November). Undeclared or changing major students benefit from all three topics of information on selecting a major. The panel of experts explains the role of each MMP Seminar topic in choosing a major, techniques and strategies for topic investigation, benefits and cautions to consider, and UCF resources available. Since the program's inception in the fall 1995 by Mary Kozar, the average attendance has been 75 students per semester. Mary collaborates with all college advising centers as well as the Career Resource Center, Cooperative Education, and Counseling and Testing Services to design the program each year. The AEP receives campus-wide referrals from SARC, FYA and various college advising offices. For more information, phone x0025.

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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...

Sue McKinnon (*Director of Undergraduate Admissions*) has released the Undergraduate Admissions Enrollment Projections for new students for 1999-2000 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Spring'99</u>	<u>Summer'99</u>	<u>Fall'99</u>	<u>Spring 2000</u>
FTIC	100	800	3500	100
Transfers (CC)	1300	480	2730	1270
Others	400	170	960	400

UKnighted has been informed that Sue McKinnon has accepted a position as Assoc. VP for Enrollment Management at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Her last official day at UCF is 11/26/98; however, she is taking accrued annual leave and will not return. In the meantime, **Sue Burritt** has assumed the position of Interim Director, Undergraduate Admissions effective 11/6/98. "Best wishes" to both Sue's in their new assignments.

People in the news...

Karen Bray (Director, Brevard SDES) reports several events at the Brevard Campus including the Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon whereby the UCF Bowling team netted over \$750 and Shawn Olmstead was top fundraiser at \$250. Other events at Brevard to note: Psi Chi and Psychology Club are coordinating the annual Food Drive and transfer orientation dates are set for 11/2, 11/17, 12/1, and Jan. 4th.

Triscia Panarello (Housing and Residence Life) notes three awards: **Mary Roskowski** as recipient of the Spotlight Outstanding Service Award, **Shannon Bergman** as Advisor of the Month, and **Matt Anderson** in conjunction with the **Reach: Peer Education Program (UCF Health Resource Center)** on their Program of the Month "Safer Sex." The UCF Pegasus chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary selects and recognizes people and programs on a monthly basis.

Justina Gonzalez-Marti (Multicultural Student Services) wants everyone to know about the **Third Annual Concert** sponsored by **HASA** featuring the acclaimed **Lito Pena Orchestra of Puerto Rico**. This concert will be a celebration of the Discovery of America and the Discovery of Puerto Rico. It will be held at the UCF Arena on Thurs., Nov. 19 at 8:00 PM. Admission is free; however, a donation of toys for needy children is requested. These toys will be distributed to Children on Jan. 5 during The Three King's Day Celebration. Call x2716 for additional information.

Doris Butcher, longtime Administrative Asst. to Ken Lawson (Assoc. VP), retired on October 31. Best wishes to Doris as she embarks on this new phase of her life.

Natural Born Leader...by Ron Gonzalez

Jason Murphy (SGA President) is a dedicated, industrious individual who well serves and represents our students and university. **Jason**, a Miami native, graduated his from high school in the top ten percent of his senior class with honors. In high school, he was involved with student government, clubs and organizations. In 1994, while visiting nearby Osteen, he heard about the UCF campus, took a tour, liked it and enrolled as a student. Since then, **Jason** has served our students well with his involvement in departments and organizations such as Student Government, Student Activities, and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

His leadership accomplishments include "Brother of the Year" award for Lambda Chi Alpha, Director for Public Relations in Student Government, and Student Body President.

Jason is pleased with his positive involvement with the UCF administration. He says that the three main purposes of SGA are to enhance the student voice, student life and meet students' needs through open communication and dialogue. His future aspirations include a Master's Degree in Student Development at UCF and eventually becoming a successful university president. If he maintain his current drive and ambition, he just may attain this lofty goal! Good luck, Jason.

Points of Pride...

Patti MacKown, Director of Student Legal Services (SLS), says that students saved over \$52,000 in August and September on usual and customary legal fees by using **SLS**. By using average legal fees, SLS compiled service figures for August and September and included only cases completed during this time frame. The \$52,000 does not include time for letter writing, research, follow-up and the many committees, presentations and organizations receiving benefits from SLS. Additionally, students **Peter Wallace, Michelle Ballenger and Jennifer King** with the Dispute Resolution Services Office attended the "Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas" Conference in Boston on Oct. 22. The conference included a wide variety of topic sessions such as International Conflict, Cross Cultural Conflict, Ethics in Dispute Resolution, Organizational Conflict, Law and Mediation, Transformative Conflict Resolution, Environmental Conflict Resolution, and Restorative Justice. The subjects covered have implications for modifying the UCF program and improving the quality of mediation training and services.

Wendi Rowlett (Student Activities) says "lookout" for the Volunteer UCF Fall Semester '98 events. On November 14th, the SPARK Scouting for Food takes place; Nov. 15-21st, National Hunger and Homelessness Week; Nov. 16-21st, the Food and Clothing Drive; and, the Hunger Banquet on the 16th. Please help these deserving causes. Phone x6471 for details.

Dave Pavlannis (Academic Advisor; First Year Advising -FYA) reports that the FYA office, in collaboration with the Student Academic Resource Center, conducted a spring '99 Advising Outreach Program at the Boardwalk Apartment Complex on October 19 for those first year UCF students residing there. Some 20 students took advantage of the "right at their front door" proactive academic advising services with some free pizza and refreshments in the casual atmosphere Boardwalk Clubhouse. The apartment management was pleased with the event and requested a return engagement in the spring.

On Oct. 16, **Lori Ann Varela (Career Resource Ctr)** presented the "Ready for Work! Resume and Job Search" seminar to over 100 students and faculty at the School of Social Work Seminar. This session discussed major specific strategies for social work graduates preparing to enter the work force.

Reuban Rodriguez (Student Activities) reports that the Division hosted a very successful 3rd Annual Family Weekend (October 9-11). Over 300 families participated in events such as a welcome reception with Dr. Hitt, a speech by Earl Woods (father of golfer Tiger Woods), and the UCF game. Thanks to all who assisted the Office of Student Activities with planning and implementing this campus tradition.

The Career Resource Center sponsored a **Graduate, Law & Professional School Recruitment Day** on Nov. 2nd in The Student Union. National and international representatives from 74 colleges and organizations presented their programs and services.