

Student Development and Enrollment Services



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A word from the Vice President...

As the semester comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express a sincere "Thank you!" to all Division personnel for helping to negotiate a very successful transition period. Your cooperation, collaboration, suggestions and assistance have helped immensely. I look forward to regenerating my batteries and spirit over the holiday break to prepare for the challenges of the upcoming year. Hopefully, you will take this opportunity to do likewise. I look forward to a continued relationship based on the values outlined in the SDES Mission Statement. The Division cannot be successful without your good work. Thank You!

Tom Huddleston

SDES Holiday Celebration--put it on your calendar!

On Friday, Dec. 11, SDES is having a Holiday Celebration at the Cape Florida Room in the Student Union between 2-4 pm. There will be food and refreshments for all SDES personnel. Everyone is asked to bring either a canned food item or an unwrapped toy for those less fortunate during the holiday season. Please plan to attend and enjoy the festivity.

Congratulations and Best Wishes...

Travis Spaulding (Director of Community College Relations) has accepted the position of Director of Enrollment Services and Technology at Seminole Community College. Also, **Anne Wimmer** (Assistant Director for Community College Relations) is now the Education Coordinator for the College of Education at the UCF Daytona Beach Campus.

Ron Gonzalez (Graduate Assistant in SDES Newsletters and Publications) completes his Master's Program in Student Personnel Services and graduates on Dec. 19.

Terri Cothorn (Senior Secretary in Suite 282, SDES Administration Bldg.) is completing her B.S. Degree in Health Services Administration with Cum Laude Honors and graduating on Dec. 19. Additionally, **Terri** has been accepted into the UCF's Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program beginning in Jan. '99.

Laura Wharton, officer of the United Resident Student Association, was elected Associate Director of Records for the Florida Association of Residence Halls.

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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...

Knightro's Copy Kingdom (Copy and Fax Center) officially opened its doors on Nov. 4 in the Student Resource Center, Rm. 133. The Grand Opening Ceremony was first celebrated with a yellow ribbon cutting by SGA Officers and was followed by dedication speeches given by **Montel Watson** and SGA President **Jason Murphy**. Following the ceremony, t-shirts, prizes, gifts, pizza, cake and sodas were served along with some rap and rock music. **Knightro's** is centrally located for students and it includes 3 cent copies as well as other discounted services. Phone x-5464.

Cynthia Arnaud (Interim Orientation Director) reminds everyone that the next orientation dates for Spring '99 Classes are:

Saturday, Dec. 5	Transfers/FTICs
Monday, January 4	Transfers/FTICs
Thursday, January 7	Transfers/FTICs (late)

Departmental Highlight...

Inez Ford, Assistant Director of **Multicultural Student Services (MSS)**, notes that making a smooth transition the first year of college is critical to the continued success of students of color. Four years ago, the Freshman Success & Transition Program was developed specifically to help multicultural students adapt to life in the university community. Special programs and services are offered to facilitate academic and social integration and to increase the probability of success throughout the first year.

The mandatory requirements of the program include an individual appointment with an MSS advisor, participation in an academic skills workshop or seminar, and participation in a group academic advisement session in preparation for spring registration. The programs and activities are duplicated for the spring term and are voluntary unless the student is placed on academic probation. Other programs include a Fall Welcome Convocation, Spring Welcome Back, and an Excellence in Action Program recognizing those students who achieved a 3.0 or higher GPA with full-time enrollment during the fall semester.

Since the inception of the program, retention rates for students of color have continually improved. The rates after one year for 1996 and 1997 are 70.1% and 72%, respectively. The Freshman Success and Transition Program is the major catalyst for the increased rates. Additionally, the collaboration with each college, Counseling and Testing Center, and the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) also contribute to the success of the program. Together with the African-American Student Union, Hispanic American Student Association, Knight Ambassadors, Gospel Choir, and other student organizations, the MSS Office works diligently to make the college experience for students of color diverse, dynamic, well-rounded, and successful.

In the News...

Jimmy Watson (Director of Student Information and Evening/Weekend Student Services) reports that the Student Assistant of the month of October was **Kara Brown**. Additionally, The Third Student Assistant Training Seminar for the Fall 1998 Semester was held on Thursday, November 19th.

Wendi Rowlett (Volunteer UCF) wants everyone to be aware of the following "Lookout" Volunteer Programs: Stars Mentor, Adopt An Agency, Best Buddies, Suddenly Service, Get Carded, SPARK, and The Hunger Banquet. For more information on these excellent, humanitarian programs, phone x6471 or watch for details in our next newsletter. Kudos to all at SU-208!

Thoughts to Ponder...

"It isn't what you say that counts.

It's what you think of—in time."

On the other hand,

*"The more you say,
the less people remember."*

Points of Pride...

Dave Pavlounis (Academic Advisor-First Year Academic Advising-FYA) reports that as of October 21, FYA has provided academic advising services by creating individual Spring '99 term schedule plans for approximately 1,085 new freshmen students assigned to this office. Additionally, Academic Advising and upcoming spring '99 registration reminder postcards were mailed out in early October to 2,045 assigned First Year office freshman advisees. The postcards included a reminder concerning the availability date for spring '99 registration materials and the required academic advisement meeting to plan for appropriate spring term classes.

Doug O'Brien, Programmer/Analyst at the Student Government Association Computer Lab (Student Union) reports that the computer lab has served over 29,000 student customers so far this semester. At this rate, the lab expects to generate an annual login total of over 75,000 logins. This semester alone, the lab employees provided over 300,000 laser copies and over 100,000 free Xerox copies. A job well done! For services, phone x6221.

Frat Facts from Greg Mason (Director of Greek Affairs) and Janell Kownslar (Administrative Assistant)

- The first general fraternity was organized in 1750.
- Approximately 70 national and international fraternities exist.
- There are more than 7,000 chapters at over 600 campuses in the United States and Canada.
- The entire Greek-letter system (including fraternities, sororities, professional fraternities, recognition and honor societies) has over 20,000 chapters.
- 71% of those listed in "Who's Who in America" belong to a fraternity.
- Of the 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by frat men.
- 85% of the Fortune 500 executives belong to a fraternity.
- 40 of 47 U.S. Supreme Court Justices since 1910 were fraternity men.
- 76% of all Congressmen and Senators belong to a fraternity.
- Every U.S. President and Vice President, except two, in office since 1825 have been fraternity members.
- 63 percent of the U.S. presidents' cabinet members since 1900 have been fraternity men.
- 2% of the American male population are fraternity men.
- Nationally, fraternity members acquire grade point averages above all other college men's scholastic rankings.
- Nationally, fraternity members have an overall higher graduation rate than non-Greeks. Seventy-one percent of all fraternity men persist to graduation while only 50 percent of all non-fraternity members graduate.
- Greeks contribute innumerable community service hours and contributions to local and national charities annually.
- Many other Greeks serve in state and local governments, businesses and organizations.