

# Student Development and Enrollment Services



# UKnighted



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

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## A Word from the Editors...

**UKnighted** hopes everyone was able to renew themselves over the holiday break. Fortunately, the **UKnighted** staff was able to find time to revise, expand and upgrade the newsletter's format. We hope you like our new layout. Remember, suggestions are always welcome! Once again, thank you for your continued support of and contributions to this publication. We will continue to look forward to receiving news items about your good work in the future. Here's to continued divisional success in 1999!

**Dennis Hall** is the *Director of Student Disability Services*. He prefers to be called "Denny". He came to UCF recently from Pennsylvania State University where he had nearly 25 years experience in the academic environment. Denny reports Student Disability Services is growing! He is looking forward to a team of 5 staff members, 6 student assistants, and 2 graduate students. One of the newest members is **Sherri Swallow**, *Program Assistant*. Each member contributes their own strengths to the team with a commitment to a common mission.

**Denny says...** *"Diversity is important to me and it should be expected and respected so that whoever comes to our office, it will be a good place to be."* This office responds to each student as an individual and works very hard to deal with the student's issues and meet each one's needs. There are many students attending the university who do not document their disability, but those who do will get a tremendous amount of support from Student Disability Services.

by Judy Pardo

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## In the News...

❖ **January 9, 1999** - The McKnight Center of Excellence (part of Student Outreach Programs) will hold its **induction ceremony**. This prestigious ceremony will highlight the achievements of African American students from middle to high school. This activity will take place at the Expo Center and **Dr. Nina Frazier**, entrepreneur, educator, and former UCF McKnight Center administrator will serve as the keynote speaker.

❖ **January 14, 1999** - Student Health Services will hold its **Open House**. The occasion will give UCF students, staff and faculty an opportunity to visit and tour the completely renovated and modernized Health Center and the relocated Health Resource Center, which houses the Wellness and REACH: Peer Education programs. All SDES employees are cordially invited to share the occasion, which will include entertainment, food and free gifts.

❖ **February 17, 1999** - The National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) at UCF is hosting its first **National Conference** in Orlando at the Ramada Plaza in Orlando/Kissimmee. Opening remarks will be made by **President John Hitt**. Reggie Williams, Disney's Wide World of Sport and Robin Roberts, ESPN are among the special keynote speakers. Panel discussion topics are Welfare of the Generation of Student-Athletes, Violence and Aggression in Sport, Sportsmanship, Race in Sport, and Women & Girls in Sport. For more information, please contact Suzi Katz, Director of the NCAS Southern Region at 823-3555.

❖ **November 1999** - The United Student Association are the proud host of the **South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) Annual Conference**. Over 800 delegates and 50 advisors will attend this student conference to explore issues related to residence hall governments, leadership development and building communities. All activities will take place on campus and delegates will be housed in area hotels. The conference team has chosen *"It's Easy as ABC, Achieving Better Communities"* as their theme and the *Toys for Tots Foundation* as their philanthropy.



## People in the News...

**Patti MacKown**, Director, **Lou Ellen Combs** and **Patricia Dullaghan**, Program Attorneys from Student Legal Services hosted the Southeastern Regional Midyear Conference for the National Legal Aid Defenders Association Section of the Student Legal Services Section Meeting on November 19-22, 1998 in St. Augustine. Eight universities attended.

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...**Lou Ellen Combs**, Student Legal Services Attorney, graduated with her Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology.

..**Lizzie Johnson**, Program Assistant, Undergraduate Admissions received her Master's degree in Public Administration on December 19.

..**David Jackson**, Assistant Director, Undergraduate Admissions has accepted a position as Coordinator, Academic Support Services with the office of Multicultural Student Services.

...**Thomas Moreno**, 1997-98 Student Orientation Coordinator was one of the representatives that attended the National Orientation Directors Association Conference (NODAC) in Austin, Texas on October 23-26. He received 3rd place in the nation for "The Best of Use of Theme Concept" for creating visually appealing invitations, folders, and programs for the 1997-98 orientation theme, *Get in the Game*. In addition, Thomas was appointed to the 1999 NODAC planning committee along with **Cindy Arnaud**. The committee will plan the next national conference which will be held in Tampa, and Thomas will be responsible for creating all conference publications.

...**Jim Gracey**, Director of Career Resources qualified for the National Three Men Senior Basketball Championships in October 1999. Other members of the team include **Dr. John Salter**, Accounting; and **Mr. Ken Renner** from *Exceptional and Physical Education*.

## INTRODUCING...



...**New staff members from Student Health Center**

• **Jerry Vega**, Physician Assistant, joined the staff at the end of September. After attending Baylor University, he graduated from Columbia College in Missouri while serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. An avid golfer, he and his wife have settled in a golf community near the University where he can play all year 'round!



• **Ralph Rosario, M.D.**, has also joined the staff after working part time for several months. Dr. Rosario hails from Puerto Rico, where he obtained his medical degree. After working in Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, he entered the Internal Medicine residency at Louisiana State University. He is married with two sons, one of which is a recent UCF graduate. Dr. Rosario's personal goal for 1999 is to become a licensed pilot!



**Judy Pardo**, Office Assistant to Ken Lawson, has joined Student Development and Enrollment Services on December 7th. She has 6 years of experience in a print shop. She enjoys painting and attending fine art receptions/functions.



## UKnighted Newsletter

**Judy Pardo** will be designing and typesetting the *UKnighted* newsletter. Please e-mail your newsletter information to **jpardo** or fax them to **3-2969**.



## Did you know...

...that UCF is in the top 20 doctoral institutions with largest number of foreign students? We rank 18th - 893 students.

*The Chronicle, Dec. 11, 1998, p. A67*

## Best Wishes to...

...**Jackie Alvarez**, Admissions Officer, Undergraduate Admissions. She will not be returning from maternity leave in order to spend time with her two children.





## Points of Pride...

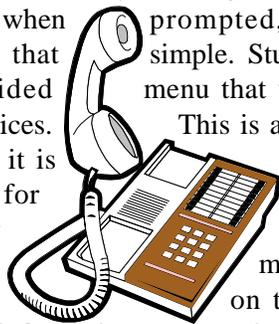
### Counseling and Testing Center

The Counseling and Testing Center staff made over twenty outreach presentations this semester on topics ranging from stress management to test anxiety to groups such as freshman seminar classes, Multicultural Student Services, and SARC. Personality inventories were administered to several groups including the office of Constituent Relations, Residence Life, and student groups, to promote self-understanding and teamwork. In addition, grief counseling was provided to students from an MBA class in the college of Business following the death of a classmate. The Center also witnessed the retirement of **Dr. Allen Hale**, and the resignation of **Harriet Yearwood**. In all, the Counseling and Testing Center scheduled and administered over **3000** counseling appointments with students in the Fall semester.



### Housing and Residence Life

Orlando UCF students can pick up the phone instead of searching the ads to find a roommate or place to live. With the UCF Community Housing Guide, simply dial **(407) 823-6700**, when prompted, enter the password. It's that simple. Students will then listen to a guided menu that will lead them through the choices. This is a FREE service to students and it is intended to make it easier for them to find apartments or roommates. UCF students may also place an ad free of charge on this service as well. For more information or to receive the password, call the Off Campus Housing Center at 823-6505.



*Tamara P. Jones, Assistant Director*

### LEAD Scholars Program UPDATE

Recruitment and selection for Fall of 1999 is taking place and, they are proud to say, going very well! As of December 15, 1998, the LEAD Scholars Program has received **127** applications. **49** have been unconditionally accepted including 4 National Merit Students! The office looks forward to the coming year and a great group of incoming students!

*Edward Hampton, Interim Director*

### Career Resource Center

Students are taking the advantage of the free service that Career Resource Center (CRC) offers on the web.

- ☞ **1,603** Students and Alumni have registered and entered their resumes on the CRC's GOLD Student Connection for on-campus interviewing, resume referrals and job viewing
- ☞ **1,498** employers have registered on the CRC's web page and may query students' resumes, post jobs and participate in on-campus recruiting
- ☞ **8,545** total visits to the homepage during October 1998



### Student Orientation

The Orientation Center recently collaborated with Academic Support and Advising Programs to interview and hire new members of the 1999 Orientation Team. **Ninety-eight** students applied (as compared to 77 last year) and **35** were selected to serve.

### International Student Services

In an effort to help internationalize the Campus, and to get the international students acquainted with the university, Mrs. Ragda Kurdy, Coordinator of the International Student Services, took a group of students on November 25, 1998 to visit the Burnett's house. **Mrs. Hitt** was very gracious in giving the students a full detailed tour of the house. The students and Ragda Kurdy would like to thank Mrs. Hitt for her hospitality and kindness.



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### Registrar's Office

From August-October, the Registrar's Office registration e-mail address received **519** contacts. During the same three month period, the front desk handled **12,523** walk-ins.



## First Year Advising Office (FY)

• First Year Advising conducted 27 small group advising sessions for various majors during the fall '98 semester with **291** freshmen attending these sessions. Of the **2,225** freshmen students assigned to FY, the office met with **1,764** advisees, or **78%** of its assigned students.



• Freshmen were encouraged to make e-mail connections with their first year advisor during summer orientation discussions and in personalized letters mailed to them in September... *and the freshmen are following through!* FY provided academic advising services by e-mail to **283** freshmen during the fall '98 semester. This represents a **60%** increase using e-mail for academic advising services compared to the fall '97 semester.

## Dispute Resolution Services (D.R.S.)

D.R.S. recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of their office! One year ago in August, D.R.S. opened with 19 enthusiastic mediators and the support of **Patti MacKown** and the university administration. The office has moved quickly towards its goals of providing quality mediation services while training faculty, staff, and students in mediation skills and techniques. Some of D.R.S. accomplishments are:

- Two successfully completed "*First Timer's Training Sessions*", expanding the mediation team to 30 members
- Provided a refresher course to keep their current mediators' skills up to date through continuing education
- "*Meet & Greet*" function was held to allow their mediators to get to know one another better
- Planned and implemented two successful outreach programs, "*Bridge to the Community*" & "*Stepping Stones*"
- A new website for the program was created:  
<http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~mediate>

### Positive Attitude Corner

When you look in your mirror in the morning and congratulate yourself on your nimble brain, consider this: The light over your mirror was perfected by a man who was virtually deaf. While your radio plays, remember the hunchback who helped invent it. If you listen to contemporary music, you may hear an artist who is blind. If you prefer classical, you may enjoy a symphony written by a composer who couldn't hear. One of the foremost presidents of the United States could hardly walk. A woman born unable to see, speak, or hear stands as a great achiever. The handicapped can enrich our lives. Let's enrich theirs.

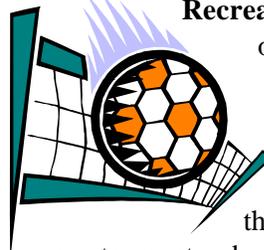
*From an ad by United Technologies Corporation*

## Recreational Services

○ UCF Recreational Services will now be offering numerous classes in **Aquatics & Outdoor Adventure to all students, faculty and staff.** Starting in January, beginning Scuba classes will begin, followed by Advanced Open Water Diver, Rescue Diver, and finally Divemaster classes. Other aquatic classes include: Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguarding, Aqua Aerobics, Sailing, First Aid and CPR for Professional Rescuers. Swimming lessons will also be made available for all those interested. Make sure you have a current Recreation Membership to get your special rates. Stop in and see the Director of Aquatics & Outdoor Adventure, Debra Madison, or call **823-2391** for more information, or check out our tables at the Student Union on **January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>!**



○ **Community Volleyball is back at UCF Recreational Services.** This 6 on 6



outdoor league will be played on Thursday nights beginning on January 14th and playing through March 4th. Cost per team is only \$40, and the league is open to all the Orlando community. To enter

your team, stop by Recreational Services located by the pool, or call **823-2408** for more information.

### A note from Carolyn Standner,

*Chair of Holiday Celebration Committee*

**December 11** marked the first holiday celebration since the transition for Student Development and Enrollment Services. There was plenty of good food and refreshments for all that attended. Mr. Whitney, of the Music Department, provided SD&ES with a string trio who performed for us for the two-hour period. In addition, there were many door prizes that were given away. Thank you to all those that participated in the Toys for Tots and the canned goods program. A special thank you to all the committee members **Terri Cothorn**, *Student Development and Enrollment Services*; **Maria Dominguez**, *Undergraduate Admissions*; **Sharon Littleton**, *LEAD Scholars*; **Harriett Yearwood**, *Counseling and Testing* who put forth their time and effort to make this such a successful event.

