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UCF Honors Dr. Mary Helen Callarman and Celebrates the Opening of the Student Success Center

The UCF campus celebrated the Student Success Center Open House on March 1, 2001. The center is located on the first floor in Phillips Hall. The following Academic Development and Retention (ADR) departments, under the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services, have relocated to Phillips Hall: Academic Support and Advising Programs, Academic Exploration Program, Career Development Advising Office, First Year Advising and Information Services, Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) and Transfer Services. The Student Success Center is focused on providing services and programs to help students succeed at the University of Central Florida.



Left to right: Dr. Mary Helen Callarman, Ms. DeLaine Priest - Director of SARC, Dr. Thomas Huddleston - Vice President of SDES, Dr. Bill Callarman and Dr. Maribeth Ehasz - Director of ADR.

The open house also served as an opportunity to recognize and honor Dr. Mary Helen Callarman, founding Director of the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC). SARC became recognized campus wide when Dr. Callarman took the initiative and created the famous *Red Door* landmark. The *Red Door* was created after Dr. Callarman made numerous attempts to have the aging door repainted. Action was not taken, thus, Dr. Callarman took it upon herself to paint the door red. Popularity of utilizing SARC programs and services increased as students were drawn to the *Red Door*. Because of the significance and history of the *Red Door*, the door has been refurbished and is displayed outside of the SARC lab. Dr. Callarman had a student-oriented philosophy and developed innovative student programs and services. Under Dr. Callarman's leadership, the UCF tutoring program was developed, academic workshops were coordinated and facilitated, and the nationally recognized Pegasus Success Program was implemented in 1995.

Friends, colleagues and students participated in honoring Dr. Callarman. Fond memories, amusing stories, and anecdotes were shared. In recognition of her contribution to UCF, the SARC Lab will be named the *Dr. Mary Helen Callarman Center for Academic Excellence* (pending BOR approval). Dr. Huddleston, Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services and Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, Associate Vice President, Academic Development and Retention, presented Dr. Bill Callarman with a plaque to recognize his wife's dedication and service to the university.

2001 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida (SSEF)

The Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (FFFS) is busy preparing for the 2001 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida (SSEF) to be held April 18th - 20th in Ft. Myers at the Harborside Convention Center. Over 900 talented middle and high school students with more than 4,000 parents, volunteer workers, volunteer judges, staff and FFFS Board Members will be in attendance. The objectives of the SSEF are to recognize scientific talent in young people; introduce students to organized research; and to focus attention on science, mathematics, and engineering, thus stimulating student, teacher, and public interest. The 3-day event includes many opportunities for the students and teachers. The Junior and Senior Outstanding Narratives Colloquium (JASON) provides selected students the opportunity to share personal accounts of academic events which have influenced them. There will be a presentation of medallions by Intel Fellows to our Florida students exhibiting at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. There is a full day of judging by more than 500 volunteers from educational institutions, businesses and science related organizations (including Dr. Whitehouse and other UCF Faculty). The SSEF ends with a Grand Awards Ceremony where category winners are announced along with special award winners including cash awards and savings bonds, scholarship nominations and opportunity awards to work as an intern at Cirent Semiconductors or NASA during the summer. Two exhibitors will also be selected as the "Best in Show" and will represent the SSEF at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California during May.



People in the News...



- **Michael Zinsaar**, Assistant Director for Publications and Information Service, Registrar's Office
- **Sharon Richardson**, Program Assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Lisa Hopper**, Coordinator Academic Services, Transfer Services
- **Martha Bruno**, Coordinator, Student Disability Services
- **Maria Santana-Claude**, Secretary, Student Health Services
- **Laura Talbott**, Sr. Health Educator, Student Health Services
- **Kelly Imbert**, Coordinator, Student Conduct
- **Linda Milner**, Custodial Worker, Student Union
- **Jason Major**, Custodial Worker, Student Union
- **Gloria Rodriguez**, Custodial Worker, Student Union
- **Ali Yorkos**, Sr. Computer Program Analyst, Registrar's Office
- **Cindy Blecha**, Special Student Counseling, Counseling and Testing

SDES wishes you the best...

- **Julie Hite**, PeopleSoft Student Records Functional Analyst (and former Associate University Registrar), will leave her full-time status at UCF to join her husband in Tampa. Julie has served the Registrar's Office, the PeopleSoft implementation team and UCF exceptionally well. She will continue to assist the PeopleSoft project in a teleconferencing role. Best wishes to Julie in her new endeavors, and with her she takes many THANKS!
- **Susan Foisy**, Administrative Assistant for Student Leadership Programs, has changed position to Executive Administrative Assistant in Academic Affairs.



Dr. Dennis Dulniak, University Registrar, **Ms. Sandra Bulger**, Assistant Registrar and **Ms. Linda Sullivan**, Assistant Registrar attended the February 2001 Southern Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers (SACRAO) meeting in Oklahoma City. Dr. Dulniak served as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, as member of the Resolution Committee, and participated in the panel presentation of *How to Bid a SACRAO or MOSIS Conference*.

Dr. Rich McLaughlin, Staff Psychologist at the Counseling and Testing Center, conducted a presentation, *Assertiveness and Personal Empowerment*, at the Society of Women Engineers 2001 Southeast Regional Conference. The conference was hosted by the UCF on March 9th-11th.

James Wilkening, Associate Director of Recreational Services, was selected to serve a 2 year term on the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Basketball Committee. Jim will be assisting in shaping the Intramural and Extramural efforts of Basketball participation and Officiating across the country.



Graduate Assistant, **Jon Broska** and student Intramural Supervisor, **Jaime Morales** were selected to represent UCF as referees in a National 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on March 2-3. Jon and Jaime officiated 8 games each during the tournament.

Student Health Services had visitors from Florida State University and the University of North Florida on March 12th. Both universities are currently attempting to have their health centers accredited. They spent the day reviewing UCF Student Health Services Accreditation Manuals and notes and learning many of the do's and don'ts from Assistant Director, **Marsha Huddle**, who coordinated their visit. UCF Student Health Services is one out of 100 schools in the nation to be accredited.

ABOVE and BEYOND

Norman J. Edwards



Native Floridians are a rare breed! Thus, it is not common place to discover one. When such a discovery is made, the individual is special! This month's segment of "Above and Beyond" acknowledges and recognizes a native Floridian, **Norman J. Edwards**, as an honored and respected staff member in the Unit of Special Programs! He is currently the Assistant Director in the McKnight Center of Excellence within the Department of Student Outreach Programs. Norm has been employed at UCF for one year as of November 19, 2000. He is returning to the university after several years of hiatus at Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and as a Captain in the U.S. Army! Norman Edwards is an alumnus of UCF and worked in Undergraduate Admissions and in the UCF College Reach-Out Program during his matriculation. His work with the McKnight Achievers, McKnight Achiever Chapters, parents and McKnight Center of Excellence Board of Directors through the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighbor Center has been commendable! Norman has filled a void in the absence of a full time Director and has held the office and programs together under difficult circumstances! Moreover, Norman is a team player and is dedicated to excellence! Therefore, on behalf of the Unit of Special Programs, we present and recognize Norman Edwards as our distinguished staff member for the month of April! Way to go good Captain! Kudos! Salute! -Submitted by A. J. Range



Greg Mason, Director for Greek Affairs, and **Joshua Martin**, Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs served as "faculty" and presented workshops at the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC) in Atlanta Georgia. Greg presented a workshop, *Greek Housing: When Using Lego's to Build the Acropolis Isn't Enough*, focusing on fraternity housing issues. Joshua presented two programs, *Scholarship Programming: Winning with a Team Attitude*, as well as *Your Chapter Consultant: Friend or Foe?* SEIFC is a student leadership conference with over 500 fraternity members and Interfraternity Council officers participating from across the southeastern United States. The UCF Interfraternity Council was recognized with certificates of merit for outstanding recruitment and risk management, publications and community service.

Christine Hanlon, Academic Support Coordinator of Counseling and Testing, presented *The American*



Revolution: A 'Revolution' for women? at the 'Women & Power: Engendering Risk' interdisciplinary conference in Murfreesboro, TN on March 8th. She also presented Hollywood's portrayal of acquaintance rape in *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Southeast Women's Studies Association 2001 conference in Boca Raton, FL on March 16.

Jennifer Smith, UCF senior, was recently selected to work as a Field Consultant for Delta Delta Delta International Headquarters in Arlington, Texas. Jennifer will travel for Tri-Delta in the fall, consulting and assisting various sorority chapters. As a student at UCF, Jennifer was very involved and served as chapter president, as well as house manager. She was involved in other organizations, including, the Student Alumni Ambassadors Council, Campus Activities Board, Quotes (advertising/public relations organization), Florida Public Relations Association, and LEAD Scholars. In addition, she was inducted into the Order of Omega, the Greek honor society and has a grade point average of over 3.7.





Points of Pride...



Wellness Expo

The Campus Wellness Center and the STRIKE (Alcohol Awareness) Program jointly sponsored a university-wide Wellness Expo - 2001 on March 7th. Numerous exhibitors from on and off campus organizations were present, including the UCF School of Nursing, REACH:

Peer Education, University Police Department, the Student Health Center and Pharmacy. Two of the most popular stops were the massages provided by Better Bodies and the Florida College of Natural Health and free airbrush tatoos. The event was well attended by students (focusing on a healthy spring break week!), as well as faculty and staff members.

The Office of Transfer Services held two regional workshops this semester

The regional counselor workshop, "Spotlighting UCF," held in the Student Union in January, was a great success. More than 100 counselors and advisors from 18 community colleges across the state attended. Twenty-five members of UCF faculty and staff brought counselors up to date on curriculum and program changes at UCF and answered counselors' questions. Dr. Edgar B. Wycoff, award-winning professor from the Nicholson School of Communication opened with a lively discussion of Humor in Communications. Presenters from UCF's five colleges, The Honors College and the Rosen School of Hospitality Management provided overviews and updates of their programs of study. **Transfer Services Director, Dr. Mark Allen Poisel**, reviewed the AS to BS information for UCF programs. Lisa Hopper, Brevard Campus Coordinator, shared her student success presentation, *Top 10 Reasons to Apply Early for Transfer to UCF*.

At the February SUS Articulation Workshop, state university articulation officers shared information on a variety of state issues. Co-sponsored by UCF and Seminole Community College on the new SCC-Oviedo campus, the program included introductory remarks by SCC President Ann McGee. Ninety counselors and advisors from UCF and five area community colleges heard the latest on state-level issues, including a review of the One Florida Plan, a preliminary discussion of new teacher preparation requirements and the AS to BS programs. Presenters also discussed general information on dual enrollment, retention efforts, and financial aid/scholarship resources.

These two forums allow Transfer Services to share specific UCF issues and new information from the state and from the state universities with counselors and advisors from both the community colleges and UCF.

UPCOMING SDES EVENT!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 19th**. The **Student Development and Enrollment Services Annual Breakfast Celebration** is quickly approaching. The event will be held at **8 a.m.** in the **Student Union Pegasus Ballroom**. Within the next few weeks you should be receiving your invitation to R.S.V.P. Also, be on the lookout for the Operational Excellence Award Nomination form. This form will give you the opportunity to nominate your fellow colleagues. Looking forward to seeing you! -SDES Council

National Symposium comes to UCF

The Academy of Applied Science has selected Orlando as its site for the 39th annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (NJSHS) final competition. UCF in collaboration with U.S. Army Simulation Training and Instrumentation Command, located in Central Florida's Research Park, will co-host this event April 25th-29th. This year's symposium theme is *Discovering New Frontiers: Virtual Exploration of Science and Technology*. Three hundred and forty exceptional high school scholars and professional educators from all fifty states will attend and compete for \$192,000 in scholarship awards. The top eight finalists advance to the international final in London, UK. Undergraduate Admissions, the Research Division and the College of Engineering and Computer Science, along with students from the President's Leadership Council, the Honors College and LEAD Scholars Program will serve as "area ambassadors" to ensure that these visiting scholars and educators see the dynamic educational opportunities available at UCF.



On February 28th, **Peter Bacopoulos, Mr. UCF**, and **Jana Eaton** former *Miss UCF*, visited the children at **Creative School for Children**.

The Registrar's Office is pleased to announce that it has released the Summer/Fall 2001 edition of the *Schedule Web Guide*. Distributed throughout the campus on March 12th, the *Guide* contains academic and enrollment calendars, a complete explanation of how to use POLARIS and TouchTone registration systems and includes a compendium of enrollment and University policies and procedures. The *Schedule Web Guide* is available on the Registrar's Office web-site at <http://registrar.ucf.edu/>. Summer and Fall 2001 class listings also are available online.



Student-Athletes Volunteer

On February 13, thirty student-athletes volunteered with Orlando's Habitat for Humanity. As a community service project coordinated through the **CHAMPS/Life Skills Program** and the **Academic Services for Student-Athletes**, the volunteers painted and landscaped as a part of the finishing touches on a new four bedroom home for a local family. Student-Athletes represented the sports of women's soccer, women's basketball, men's golf, crew, volleyball, football and cheerleader. It was a great opportunity for the Golden Knights to show their generosity and to help make a difference for the Orlando community. **Raphael Robinson** (ASSA's *Interim Director*), **Natasha Criss** (ASSA *Academic Advisor*), and other athletic staff also participated. *Go Knights!!!*



Financial Aid, A Tool for the Future

When most people think of financial assistance, they think of grants, loans and scholarships. Most people do not realize that they can earn experience, a reference and a paycheck from Student Financial Assistance (SFA). There are several employment opportunities that were established not only to assist students with educational financing but also to assist the community. The *Federal Community Service Learning Program* was designed to improve the quality of life for community residents and to solve particular problems related to their needs. Those needs come in many forms which include health care, child care, literacy training, education, welfare, social services, transportation, housing safety, crime prevention, etc. *America Reads* was established by former President Clinton to encourage college students to tutor children in kindergarten through third grade to read independently and proficiently by the end of their third year of schooling. Adult Literacy is another program. Students assist adults in becoming literate and obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent. The program rebuilds their pride, hopes and dreams, which are essential when they are the very parents of the children in the *America Reads Program*. SFA knows that they are shaping the future by ensuring the students receive the best education necessary to become productive citizens in this society. Wouldn't it make sense to have these same students helping shape their next generation by participating in one of these community service programs? SFA knows that they can make it happen because many of us are successful due to a mentoring program of some kind.



-Submitted by Maxine R. Zimmerman, Employment Coordinator, SFA

March 16, 2001 marked the **4th Annual Florida Student-Athlete Leadership Conference** held at the University of Central Florida. This program was created by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) in honor of National Student-Athlete Day. High school student-athletes from across the state of Florida were honored for achieving at least a 3.0 GPA or better and who have been involved in outreach and community service. The students-athletes also participated in a half-day conference focusing on the issue of anti-Semitism. The NCAS created a partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Central Florida. This partnership afforded the NCAS an opportunity to have the center's top resource educator speak to the student-athletes. A theatre-based program was performed by Mary Margaret Buss who portrayed Miep Gies, the young woman who worked for the Frank family before they went into hiding during World War II. Miep protected the Franks and subsequently, after the Frank family was captured, Miep found Anne Frank's diary and made her one of the most recognizable names of that time with the publication of her memoirs.

V-Day 2001

UCF Panhellenic Women's Circle produced its first V-Day 2001 on February 14. The day's purpose was to stop violence committed against women and girls throughout the United States. The Women's Circle Committee created cards of statistics and resources that related to informing and preventing violence from occurring. The cards also had white ribbons attached that individuals could pin over the heart with remembrance and respect to the many women who live the statistics presented on the card. The cards were handed out in front of the Student Union, at GAMMA and at the Panhellenic meeting. The idea for V-Day stemmed from chair, Heather Stevens who believed that, "The only way that we can curtail the problem of violence in our society is to raise our social consciousness and awareness that the problem exists."



Open Forum On University Governance

(Left to right - Vice President William Merck II, Administration and Finance, Beth Liberto, General Counsel, Provost Gary Whitehouse, Academic Affairs, President John Hitt and Dr. Mike Sweeney, Coordinator of Special Projects, Academic Affairs)

President Hitt hosted an Open Forum for faculty and staff to discuss university governance on March 5 in the Student Resource Center Auditorium. Some concerns regarding the transition were: Florida state retirement, healthcare, USPS job security, employee tuition waiver, pay raises (merit based?) and continuance of bi-weekly check. Although much of the answers to the questions are still uncertain and 'change' may make some employees uncomfortable, President Hitt asked to keep a positive attitude through the transition. An informative web page of the transition (which will be updated as soon as information comes in) is now in place and can be accessed through the Provost's web page or directly at <http://provost.ucf.edu/govern/>. Questions about the transition can also be asked directly via the site and it will go to various members of a transition action committee for answers, employer with respect to all employees of the university.

Student Open Forum - President Hitt hosted an Open Forum for students to discuss questions or comments on March 5. Provost Gary Whitehouse, Vice President William Merck II and Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Paul McQuilkin were also available to assist with questions. Examples of students' challenges were: not receiving the financial aid check in a timely matter through the mail (one solution was electronic transfer directly into student's account), not enough handicapped parking spaces around campus, status of Greek Park II, changes on campus due to the future transition from BOR to Board of Trustees (tuition costs, etc.), the new grading system (Dr. Hitt said it will be up to the faculty if they want to use the plus and minus system, it is not mandatory and should be in the syllabus), UCF co-management of Knights Crossing and Knights Court and formation of a liaison group to meet with neighbors of the apartment communities to rid the stereotype 'drinking/party' view of students. President Hitt announced he will have another forum in three weeks.

Workshops

Off-Campus Student Resource Center will present year round workshops on campus beginning in April. The free workshops are designed for students who will be first time renters in the UCF area. The workshops are open to all UCF students regardless to their renting experiences and will provide useful information to help UCF students understand and make good decisions about renting and living in off-campus rental units. The workshops will focus on such topics as: Fair Housing Act, budgeting, roommates, leases, tenant/landlord rights, renter's insurance, safety, being a good neighbor, noise ordinance...and much more. For more information, call the OSRC at 823-6505.



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Please submit your May newsletter articles to jpardo@mail.ucf.edu by April 15th. Thank you.

