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**It's Survey Time...**

**Time to find out how we are doing!**

In Assessment and Planning’s ongoing effort to improve divisional communications and public relations, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey. The information you provide on this survey will assist us in identifying ways for us to improve our services to you, our customers.

Please return the completed survey to Judy Pardo, MH 282, Plus 400.

As the summer “B” term was underway, the Pegasus Success Program was in full swing. In its fifth year, the program boasts 164 incoming freshmen enrolled in summer classes. The Pegasus Success Program is a specialized six-week program offered to selected students during the summer term prior to their freshman year. The Pegasus students are enrolled in two courses during summer “B” term. In conjunction with the classes, they are required to attend a one-hour workshop once a week for each class. The workshops are led by Pepper Peer Mentors, who are former Pegasus students who achieved outstanding grades in the same classes. They alight the classes again with these students to facilitate effective learning strategies specific to the course’s demands. In addition to the classes and workshops, Pegasus students meet with advisors and attend Freshman Success Seminars on a weekly basis. Freshman Success Seminars introduced the students to various on-campus resources, such as the Career Center, Financial Aid, Budgeting, Counseling and Testing, WebCT, etc. which will further assist in their college success. Students are also strongly encouraged to participate in tutoring sessions. Upon completion of summer “B” term, students who have passed their courses and completed the requirements of the Pegasus Program will be granted admission to the University of Central Florida for the fall 2001 term. These students begin the fall term well acquainted with campus resources, services the division offers UCF students. Among Elwood’s SDES adventures, was a very special visit to the Creative School for Children. Judy, speaking for Elwood related to the children why Elwood was created, what he represents and gave examples of his travels. The children were very special to the children. The children always believe in a cause, have the desire to lead the way in a “I am a leader and I do it through.”

**Registar’s Office PeopleSoft Update**

The Registrar’s Office is proud to announce that student address maintenance has gone LIVE in PeopleSoft. Effective July 10, 2001, all student address changes have been processed and changes processed on the Northwest MIRC screen. Staff members from the Cocoa, Daytona and Orlando campuses recently met to review the new business procedures. Student Records Trainer Dale Shriver and Computer Support Specialist Joy Blair led the session. Participants asked questions and were able to practice updating addresses into the PeopleSoft database. In addition, the Registrar’s Office announced that it is now processing scores from the College Placement Test (CPT) and the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) in PeopleSoft.

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**Assistantships**

Are you in need of someone to rescue your office but have no budget? LEAD Scholar Programs will place the brightest, most talented students in your office according to your needs and their majors. LEAD Scholars provide excellent training to both faculty or administrators and to the students regarding various aspects of the Assistantship Program. LEAD pays the student’s salary and handles the administrative paperwork! Assistantship Program applications will be mailed to faculty and administrators on campus during the week of August 13, 2001. Please call 823-2225 if you do not receive an application.

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New Student Convocation

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP TO 통해서 new UCF students, is starting a new UCF tradition in the form of a New Student Convocation which will occur on Saturday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the UCF Arena Convocation is a traditional event in higher education where new students and their families are introduced to the values and traditions of the institution. Highlights will include remarks by President John C. Hitt, Pegasis Professor Jose Fernandez and the introduction of the new UCF Creed. Dr. Thomas Huddleston will be the Master of Ceremonies for this important event.

Knight WOW - UCF Weeks of Welcome

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Finding a Knights WOW Event for the Student Union

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Alos33622@mail.ucf.edu to express your opinion, suggest a topic, or find out more information.

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