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### UCF Students Enhance Their Leadership Skills

Shortly after the end of spring semester, UCF students representing the **LEAD Scholars Program, Greek Affairs, Student Activities, Student Government** and the **President's Leadership Council** had an opportunity to take advantage of an incredible leadership development opportunity by attending a summer session of the LeaderShape Institute. LeaderShape is a national program for collegiate populations which offers a summer conference in Allerton, Illinois for students all over the country. Campus-based institutes where the LeaderShape curriculum and facilitators can be brought to a specific college campus are also being conducted throughout the summer on over 100 campuses. LeaderShape was founded with the purpose of improving society by inspiring, developing and supporting more young people to "lead with integrity." Involving six days and five nights, a LeaderShape experience is very intensive. Each day has a theme where students learn how to "build community, understand the value of one and the power of all, and to challenge what is, by looking to what could be." Specific activities involve a ropes challenge course, values clarification exercises, instruction on decision making, discovering personal leadership style and other important leadership lessons. Not only do the participants gain invaluable leadership development training, they are also asked to develop a specific vision for a service oriented project that will improve some aspect of their organization, campus and/or community which they will implement during the following academic year. To familiarize the students with the LeaderShape experience, participants were invited to an orientation cookout at the home of **Dr. Bill Faulkner, Director of Student Leadership Programs**. Dr. Faulkner had coordinated two campus-based institutes while previously working at the University of Georgia. There, the students were provided a program overview as well as insights on what to expect. Upon returning from the institute, participants expressed their enthusiasm for the program and many mentioned that it was one of the more meaningful experiences of their college careers. Most important of all, these young people learned that true leadership involves having a "healthy disregard for the impossible!" Early this fall, the LeaderShape attendees will be reunited in order to trade stories and will be provided assistance in bringing their visions to fruition. - Submitted by Dr. Bill Faulkner

### Elwood Visits SDES!

SDES had a very special visitor recently. His name is Elwood. He is a four foot doll who over the past twenty years has traveled over four million miles. Some of the people Elwood has met in his travels include: Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth, President Bill Clinton, Antonio Banderas and Larry Byrd. Added to the list is now UCF's Anne Ryder, an Institutional Research Computer Programmer-Analyst. Anne had recently designed Elwood's Web site and he wished to thank her in person. Elwood was created in 1980 by Doug Hand, an Illinois fifth grade teacher, in response to a parent's assertion that children should shun fiction and fantasy. 'Elwood's personal interest is that

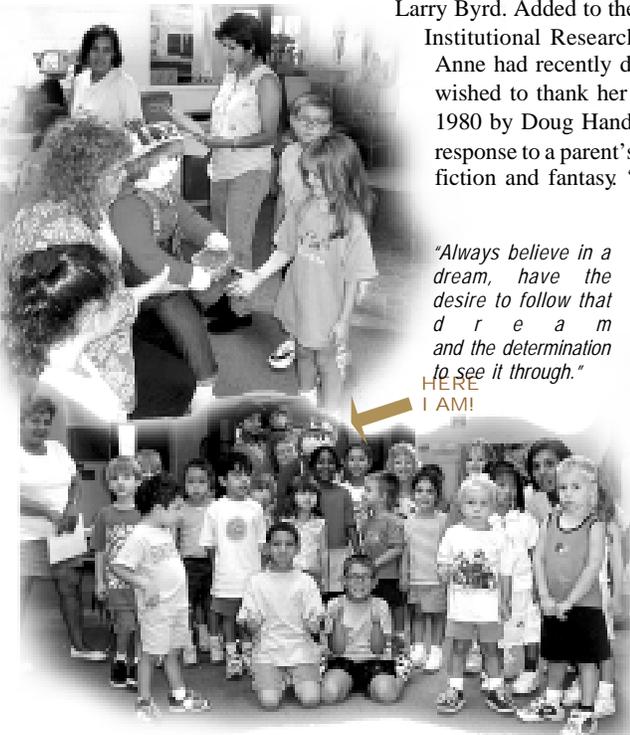
*"Always believe in a dream, have the desire to follow that dream and the determination to see it through."*

HERE I AM!



Dr. Tom Huddleston, VP SDES, consults Elwood on a project.

all children follow their dreams. If he can do it, anyone can.' While Elwood was visiting Anne, Judy Pardo from Assessment and Planning asked whether Elwood could "hang out" with SDES for a day. Elwood brought a smile to everyone he encountered in SDES. He was honored to meet the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services, Dr. Tom Huddleston. Elwood also visited other SDES offices and eagerly learned about the 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 inquisitive. One of the children presented Elwood with a 'shaker' she made earlier in the day. To add to Elwood's travelling mementos, Judy pinned a Knightro and UCF Alumni pin on Elwood's suspenders and gave him a UCF Knightro squeezer. For more information about Elwood, visit his Web site at: <http://www.geocities.com/elwoodsadventures/>. (Pictures of Elwood's visit to SDES are on page thirty-one of Elwood's story and pictures.)





## People in the News...



- **Alvin Cannon**, Senior Financial Aid Officer, Student Financial Assistance
- **Amanda Frost**, Specialist Student Counseling, Counseling Center
- **Ann Mahoney**, Senior University Union Program Specialist, Student Union
- **Jill Riley**, Coordinator-Career Development Services, Career Resource Center
- **Frances Tagen**, Custodial Worker, Student Union
- **Bobby Woodard**, Coordinator, Student Union
- **Heather Norman**, Marketing Specialist, Career Resource Center

**Kelly Imbert**, Coordinator for Student Conduct, attended the **Don Gehring Campus Judicial Affairs Training Institute** at Texas A&M University, June 20-24.

**Patricia MacKown**, Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, attended the **National Legal Aid Defenders/Student Legal Services** section meeting in Portland, Oregon. She serves as the Southeastern Regional Director.

**Karen Alexander** has been promoted to **Senior Secretary** in the Graduation Department of the **Registrar's Office**. Ms. Alexander confirmed she is "very happy with the change and looking forward to the new challenges." Congratulations Karen!

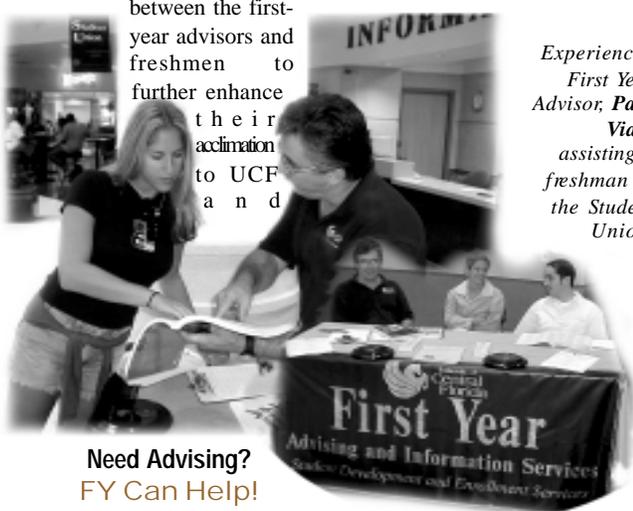
### Helping the Knights "Beat the Heat!"

**Dr. Michael Deichen** and other members of the **Student Health Center** staff will be providing special services to the UCF football team during their grueling August conditioning practices. The medical staff will be at the practices administering "hydration therapy" (IV fluids) to players as needed. In prior years, players had to be transported to local hospitals for this service.

### Outreach Programs for Summer FTIC

In order to help promote advising support services to the new summer "B" freshmen, the **Office of First Year Advising and Information Services (FY)** coordinated advising outreach programs. To facilitate a smooth transition for the new freshmen, the FY Office provided an information table on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Student Union lobby. In addition, a pizza party was held at Knights Crossing apartment communities to meet, greet and answer questions for the freshmen residents. These activities provided a personal connection

between the first-year advisors and freshmen to further enhance their acclimation to UCF and



*Experienced First Year Advisor, Paul Viau, assisting a freshman in the Student Union.*

**Need Advising?  
FY Can Help!**

## ABOVE and BEYOND

KATHLEEN



This summer over 6,000 parents and family members of new UCF students are participating in orientation programs. **Kathleen Connolly**, Research Coordinator, Academic Development and Retention, is going above and beyond by introducing herself to

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as many parents as she can through her self-initiated "KC Lunch Program." Kathleen can be seen on orientation days in the Crossroads Dining Room sharing a lunch table with new UCF parents and families. Sometimes, Kathleen will find a parent sitting alone looking concerned about the "letting go" process. She will offer not only her support but also suggestions for making a difficult family transition easier. If follow-up is needed, Kathleen will make calls after lunch and immediately respond to the parent with the correct information or appropriate referral. Recently, Kathleen was spotted in the center of a group of twelve parents who did not know each other before lunch but as a result of ice breakers started by Kathleen and a question and answer session facilitated by her, the parents left lunch filled not only with nourishment but also with connections to each other as well as to a special contact at UCF. One parent went out of her way to find me and let me know how valuable her lunchtime with Kathleen had been the previous day. The parent said, "Give her a raise." So, Kathleen, I raise my hat to you and thank you for going above and beyond! -Submitted by Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, Associate VP, Academic Development and Retention

### Go Greeks!!!

Last year, the Greek Council Office reported 16,000 hours of community service from UCF fraternities and sororities. This year, the total neared 30,000 hours, but it doesn't stop at service hours. This past year, Greek students have accounted for over \$63,000 raised for charities ranging from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Children's Miracle Network to the Ronald McDonald House and Threshold, Inc. Aside from money and service hours, UCF Greeks accounted for over 60,000 pounds of canned goods raised for the homeless and hungry and over 2,000 books donated to local libraries and reading initiatives. Not only have Greeks organized their own events, they have developed partnerships with the university in efforts like the Dance Marathon, blood drives and Relay for Life. Most of the values upon which fraternities and sororities were founded include dedication to community service. Congratulations to UCF's Greeks!

### Facilitator for UIFI

**Greg Mason**, Director for Greek Affairs, was selected as a session facilitator for the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 27<sup>th</sup>. UIFI is a five day intensive living/learning experience focusing on values based action. Throughout their journey at the institute, participants had the opportunity to explore, define, and enhance their leadership skills, personal awareness, fraternity and sorority commitment, and grow to expect values based action from themselves and those they lead. UIFI offered hands-on interactive and experiential activities followed by ample discussion time to address individual concerns. UIFI is one of the nation's top student leadership experiences. As of July 2001, nine University of Central Florida students have attended UIFI.





**Dr. Ron Atwell**, Director of Assessment and Planning, presented a poster session at the **AAHE (American Association for Higher Education) Assessment Conference** in Denver, Colorado, June 24-26. The presentation titled: *"The Expectations Gap: What Students Expect versus What Parents Want!"* is based upon research being conducted at UCF using the College Student Expectation Questionnaire. Other UCF contributors to the research include **Dr. Maribeth Ehasz**, Associate VP, SDES and **Dr. Julia Pet-Armacost**, Director, UCF's Operational Excellence and Assessment Support Office.

### New Student Convocation

SDES, along with other university partners, 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**, **Pegasus 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

SDES staff, along with student leaders and other university partners, are committed to bring Knight WOW back for a second year! Highlights include the information tents which will be available for the first three days of classes, August 20-22, from 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at key locations around campus. **Dennis Dulniak**, University Registrar, is coordinating staffing for this effort so please offer him your assistance. For a complete schedule of Knight WOW events, you can visit the web site <http://ucf.edu/~slp/knightwow/knightwow.html>. If your office would like to add an event to the schedule, please contact **Dee Demetry** in **Student Leadership Programs** at 882-0152.

It is time again to plan for the back to school **Welcome Expo** for new students. The Welcome Expo is an opportunity for campus departments and student organizations to highlight their programs and offerings to new UCF students. The event will take place on **August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on the green by the Chemistry building. All interested university departments and student organizations are invited to have a display table. **If interested in participating, please contact Tim Edwards at 3-3789 or e-mail [twedward@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:twedward@mail.ucf.edu).**

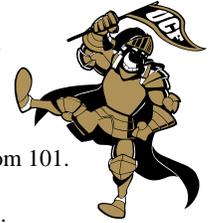
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Staff members and students may purchase **travel kits** now on sale at the **Student Health Center Pharmacy**. The kit contains various pain and fever medications, as well as products for nausea, diarrhea, colds, flu, nasal stuffiness and hay fever. Also packed into the black and gold UCF container are Band-Aids, tape, scissors and a thermometer.

### From Your SDES Council...

• **KICKOFF:** The SDES Council is sponsoring a Kickoff to the new academic year on **August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please attend the **SDES Kickoff** at one of two different times: **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** OR **2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Both sessions will be held in the Computer Science Building, room 101. **Please RSVP to Linda Skrotzky at 823-3154 or e-mail [las33622@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:las33622@mail.ucf.edu).**



• **WORKSHOPS:** The SDES Council is considering coordinating a series of "workshops" to be offered to SDES employees to enrich and enlighten the otherwise rigorous month. The Council refers to this as the "SDES Brown Bag Lunch." But they need to know if there is an interest and support for this idea. The best part, the topics are to be suggested by you, the individuals who make up the best division on campus! These topics can be related to work, or perhaps personal and professional development. Please let the SDES Council know if you want us to pursue this initiative and if you have any topics or expertise to share at a "Brown Bag Lunch." **Contact Linda Skrotzky at 823-3154 or e-mail [las33622@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:las33622@mail.ucf.edu) to express your opinion, suggest a topic, or find out more information.**



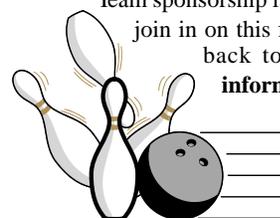
Four \$500 scholarship checks were provided by the Florida Educational Loan Marketing Corporation (FELMAC). FELMAC is a nonprofit student lending organization in the State of Florida. The four scholarship winners were... **Ana Bernuy, Denise Mathews, Oscar Fandino and Julie Iromuanya.**

(Left to right: Mary McKinney, Lori Auxiler -FELMAC, Ana Bernuy, Denise Mathews, Janice Contino and Pedro Hernandez -FELMAC.)

### Have Fun and Raise Money for NCAS!

The Orlando Advertising Federation (OAF), the American Institute for Graphic Artists (AIGA) and AD2 (a younger organization of OAF) will present the first "Welcome to the Bowl-O-Drome" event benefiting the **National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS)**. The event is scheduled to take place August 22, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at Colonial Lanes. Bowling will be "King" for the night as people come together, don their best 1950s garb and bowl the night away for a great cause. The NCAS was chosen as the event's charity because of the work it does in helping youth in the community learn about diversity, conflict resolution and gender violence prevention.

Team sponsorship is available to anyone who would like to join in on this fun event which will bring participants back to bowling in the 1950s. **For more information, please contact Devin Edwards at PUSH (407) 841-2299 or NCAS Director, Suzi Katz, at 823-3555. Check out the NCAS Web site at [www.bowl-o-drome.org](http://www.bowl-o-drome.org).**





"It is our duty and our honor to protect the image of the Pegasus, the mythological symbol of our university. The greatest tradition at the University of Central Florida is the gift of knowledge that each student receives from attending our university. The Pegasus represents this tradition. From this day forward, it shall be observed that none who pass herein may step upon its image for fear of losing its favor, and that every student, faculty and staff member must observe the principles symbolized by its image and embodied in its meaning." - *Student Government, July 7, 2001*

## IT'S SURVEY TIME...

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

In **Assessment and Planning's** ongoing effort to improve divisional communications and publications, 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 customer. **Please return the completed survey to Judy Pardo, MH 282, Plus 4 - 0160.**



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 Pegasus Peer Mentors, who are former Pegasus students who achieved outstanding grades in the same classes. They attend the classes again with their 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 Freshmen Success Seminars on a weekly basis. The Freshmen Success Seminars introduce the students to various on-campus resources, such as the Library, Career Resource Center, Financial Aid, Budgeting, Counseling and Testing, Web CT, etc. which will further assist in their academic 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 into the University of Central Florida for the fall 2001 term. These students begin the fall term well acquainted with campus resources, academic advisors, instructors, tutors, and classmates. The closing ceremony was held to celebrate the success of the Pegasus students on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The program is administered by

## PEGASUS SUCCESS PROGRAM 2001

## FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Interested in a leadership position that directly affects the campus community? **APPLY NOW** to be a board member on the

### University of Central Florida's Student Conduct Board.

The Student Conduct Board shall consist of 20 persons appointed by the Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services (the board shall consist of not less than five faculty members, five administrative staff members representing the various administrative divisions of the university and ten student members). They shall serve annual terms beginning and ending in August of each academic year. Board members will serve in conduct hearings regarding various violations as outlined in the UCF Golden Rule. To apply, please stop by the Office of Student Conduct, Student Resource Center, Room 154, or call 823-2851 by August 21<sup>st</sup>. This is an important activity that serves the campus community.

## Registrar'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 address changes have been processed in PeopleSoft and are no longer processed on the Northwest MJRC 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.

## New Outreach Efforts

The **Office of Transfer Services** is finding new ways to convey information to community college counselors, faculty and potential transfer students. In May, Transfer Services along with Course Development and Web Services (CD&WS) hosted community college faculty and administrators at the workshop, "Exploring On-line Learning: The WebCT Zone." **Joel Hartman, Dr. Mark Allen Poisel** and **staff from CD&WS** introduced UCF staff and faculty, who shared aspects of UCF's success developing and delivering on-line programs; described how faculty use WebCT, a course management tool; and explored some of the critical success factors of on-line course development. In July, Transfer Services participated in two of Seminole Community College's (SCC) new student orientation programs. **Charlene Stinard, Assistant Director**, met with more than 200 new SCC students, introducing them to the UCF-SCC 2+2 Articulation Program, discussing the benefits of the joint admission program and emphasizing the importance of early preparation before transferring to UCF. Dr. Poisel emphasizes the importance of getting information to the community college faculty and staff, so transferring students are well prepared to make a smooth transition to UCF.

**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 elements 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 823-2223 if you do not receive an application.

**Applications are due on August 29, 2001.**  
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 Thank you.

