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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Student Health Services' staff welcomes two new physicians to their team. "To better serve the growing number of UCF students using the Student Health Center, Dr. William "Chip" Oakley and Dr. Jim Schaus are now on board and seeing patients," says Bob Faust, director of Student Health Services.

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REACH Peer Education now offers HIV testing using the Orasure technique. Available testing times are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Orasure technique is a simple, quick test that provides results in 30 minutes. It collects a sample of mucosal transudate, which draws HIV antibodies from the tissue of the cheek and gum.

People in the News...

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

Joyce Crowell, office manager, Academic Support and Advising Programs;
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William Oswalt, physician, Student Health Services;
Richard Payne, coordinator, Administrative Services;
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"It was a great experience to be the first UCF official to take part in the national tournament," says Cahen. "Hopefully, I was able to bring a lot of exposure to our program and demonstrated that the quality of our student officials rivals any school in the country."

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In March and April, students will be required to use their PID number to log on to the PS-POLARIS system to register for 2002 summer and fall classes. Faculty, staff and student employees with access to PeopleSoft will use their current PeopleSoft login ID as their PID number. In May, a Network Identification (NID) number will be issued to all UCF students, faculty and staff. This new number will be required to access the university computer network servers (Pegasys, Novell labs, WebCT).

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The Vagina Monologues is Eve Ensler’s groundbreaking, eye-opening play—a collection of rousing funny and thoroughly human stories. The play has been performed off Broadway and at colleges and universities around the country,” says Erin Vertolli, coordinator, Health Education. It is part of V-Day which is an organized response against violence toward women and girls. V-Day promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day helps organizations expand their core work while REACH generates broader attention for the fight to stop worldwide violence.

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