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Joe Paulick, assistant director of Residence Life, custodial workers Jeff Novak, Tricia Pananella, Bob Boyle and Gidget Lewis; and graduate assistant Seth Chastain attended the Southwestern Association of Housing Officers (SEAOH) annual conference in Nashville. Ranadivo and Chastain presented a program. “So, You Wanna Be An RA? Tips and Suggestions for a Successful RA Recruitment Campaign” on “UCF Resident Assistant (RA) recruitment. “It was so great to see a campaign that had such a successful result. Many other professionals were shocked that we were able to increase our applicant pool by 300 percent in one week. SEAOH has a great time to share information and learn other processes from professional instructors around the region,” says Pananella.

Financial Aid News
The Student Financial Assistance (SFA) team is asking faculty and staff to encourage students to apply for financial aid eligibility for next year as early as possible. The university’s priority deadline is March 1. The federal application is available at: www.fafsa.gov.

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On February 3, 2002, members of the Florida Resident Assistant Seminar. The conference is a time for RA’s from around the state to get together to exchange ideas, support one another and celebrate their accomplishments. The new Class Schedule for summer and fall registration begins April 2.
CONFERENCES
The director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Pat Coyle; and the Student Conduct staff, Rite Wallace and Kelly Imbri, recently attended the 14th Annual Association for Student Judicial Affairs (ASA) National Conference in Clearwater. The ASA serves as a resource for professionals in student judicial affairs to provide professional development and to facilitate the integration of student development concepts with principles of judicial practice. Over 600 attended the conference including professionals from judicial affairs, student life, academic affairs, counseling and support staff.

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FY Points of Interest
"Freshman to Sophomore Transition" sessions are being held by the First Year Advising and Information Services (FY AIS) office this week. Students plan a class schedule for the summer and/or fall semester as well as help their peers acquire tips for success.

Summer Registration
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Student-athletes Recognized
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People in the News...
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Dr. Hetul Patel, pharmacist, Student Health Services. Dr. Patel received his Bachelor of Pharmacy from the University of Karachi, and a degree in Pharmacy from the University of Florida. He comes to UCF from Walgreens Co.
Karen Santiago, custodial worker, Student Union
Tommey Shawers, assistant director, Student Affairs, Student Conduct Office
Jennifer Wright, assistant director, Student Academic Center – Wright comes to UCF from the University of Nevada where she worked in a tutor coordinator/counselor position for five years.
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UCF SELECTED AS REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HOST
UCF has been selected as the Southeast Regional host site for the 2002 National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Regional 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament. Approximately, 36 men and women’s teams from southeastern colleges and universities will be attending. The event will be held in the Recreation and Wellness Center on March 15 - 17.

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College of A&S – Sciences – Rafaela Lucas,’00
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Order of Magna
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