



SDES Offers Registration Support

With the beginning of registration for summer 2002 classes, UCF students are using the new PeopleSoft registration system on POLARIS. To ease the transition, Academic Development and Retention (ADR), along with other offices from SDES, developed extensive support networks to assist students with on-line registration.

Testing

Extensive testing of the new system took place the week before "go live," as 100 staff members practiced on-line registration in PeopleSoft two different days. The Registrar's Office organized this testing opportunity that prepared staff for using the system and for assisting students who might experience difficulties in the transition from the "old" POLARIS. It also provided Computer Services an opportunity to do troubleshooting and assess the load capabilities of the new system.

Demonstrations

Multiple sites and support services were prepared for students who, returning from

spring break, began registering for summer classes. On March 18 and 19, the Registrar's Office, assisted by SDES staff, held registration demonstrations in the Student Union and in Classroom One. "It's Not Rocket Science" demonstrations were scheduled every half hour, providing information and support for student registration. Throughout registration, the Registrar's Office is maintaining extended hours with additional Registration Help Lines available to assist students.

Outreach Program

In a special Outreach Program, SDES staff members established help sites with laptop computers in front of the Student Union, outside the bookstore, and in the new Recreation and Wellness Center. Students



Staff demonstrating to a student how to navigate the new system in an Outreach Program in front of the Student Union. Pictured left to right: Annie Ware, assistant director of Career Resource Center, DeLaine Priest director of Student Academic Resource Center, student and Mark Poisel, director of Transfer Services.

experiencing difficulties, or just unsure how to navigate the new system, can stop by and see how it works, ask questions and get help with the process. The Student Success Center in Phillips Hall has opened its computer labs for registration assistance with advisors available to help. The Office of Transfer Services notified transfer students that computers and advisors are available to assist in the registration process. Some ADR staff will roam the campus

computer labs to provide support and assistance throughout the early weeks of summer registration.

As the campus community migrates to the new PeopleSoft registration and student records system, all SDES units and staff are providing support, advice and assistance to those uneasy with managing the new registration process. Also, the Summer-Fall 2002 Web Guide is a valuable information source to aid in the process. University Registrar Dennis Dulniak was seen on campus with a broad grin as he expressed his "appreciation to many at UCF who have made the transition to PeopleSoft and the new POLARIS Registration so successful."

"The amount of effort expended by so many in making PeopleSoft work was far more than anyone had thought possible. This extra effort was in addition to regular work assignments," says Tom Huddleston, vice president of SDES. "Thank you to all involved."

SDES Breakfast Celebration

Thursday, April 18
8:00 a.m. – doors open
Pegasus Ballroom

Come join the fun at the 4th Annual SDES Breakfast Celebration. The breakfast buffet will begin at 8:15 a.m. followed by Years of Service and Operational Excellence awards, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please **R.S.V.P.** with name, department and telephone number by April 11 to Linda Haynes at:

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People in the News...

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Marlene Agostini**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Ragan Dees**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Emily Kukulies**, assistant director, Student Activities. Kukulies will be working with Campus Activities Board (CAB) and Consultants for Effective Leadership (CEL). Kukulies comes to UCF from Tidewater Community College in Virginia.
 - **Linda Haynes**, office assistant, Office of SDES Vice President. Haynes is currently attending Nova Southeastern University and will graduate with a B.S. degree in Business Professional Management in summer 2002.
 - **Amanda Murray** was recently hired as the assistant director of Testing Services at the Counseling and Testing Center. Murray's former position was vocational evaluator specialist in the Assessment and Certification department. She has five years of prior experience in the area of testing, and has worked extensively with disadvantaged and underrepresented populations. Murray holds a B.S. in broadcast journalism from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical.
 - **Kimberly Smith**, program assistant, Registrar's Office

Kudos

- ◆ **Mary Barth**, a member of Campus Life Facilities Event Services, was selected as the Student Union's February Employee of the Month for her hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work, Mary.
- ◆ **Ryan Carlson** was recently selected as Senior building manager for the Student Union.
- ◆ **Sally Zak** formerly in First Year Advising and Information Services, has joined Student Activities as senior secretary.

Insight on Women with disabilities gained from conference

Martha Bruno, Learning Disabilities coordinator for testing at Student Disability Services (SDS), attended a conference held by the UCLA Center for the Study of Women. There were principal speakers on the history of disability and the intersection of feminist theory and physical form.

Bruno participated in sessions on the implications of women with disabilities on feminist theory, and the cultural and functional implications of disabilities for women. Discussions centered on how culture defines female embodiment, how women with disabilities are stigmatized and how disability when perceived as deviance sanctions societal anxiety about difference.

The objective of this conference was to advance how best to frame race, class and gender within the politics of disability that affect law, public policy and cultural representation. "This conference examined some of the many unique needs and challenges faced by women with disabilities which remain largely unrecognized, depriving our society of the talents and contributions of these individuals," says Bruno.

Kudos

NEWS from COUNSELING

◆ **Dr. Larry Marks**, staff psychologist, recently co-authored an article published in the journal, *Psychotherapy*, titled, "College Men's Affective Responses to Individual Therapy, Psychoeducational Workshops and Men's Support Brochures: The Influence of Gender-Role Conflict and Power Dynamics Upon Help-Seeking Attitudes." Marks joined the center in 2001 and has begun to coordinate various research functions and program assessment projects within the center.

◆ **Germyne Crow**, specialist in Student Counseling, co-presented "Collaboration with Faculty and Staff in Diversifying Clients at a College Counseling Center" at the American College Counseling Association (ACCA) meeting in St. Simons Island, Georgia. Crow has been instrumental in further developing the counseling center's liaison presence with residence halls, off-campus housing and minority students.

◆ **Dr. Robert Harman** and **Dr. Rich McLaughlin** recently attended the Florida Counseling Center Director(s) meeting held at the University of South Florida. The meeting highlighted an exchange of innovative programs, current challenges and roles of counseling centers for the 21st century.

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The Recreation and Wellness Center offered faculty and staff free membership to use the facilities during spring break. Pictured above is SDES employee, Linda Skrotzky, who took the opportunity to try out the fitness equipment at the center.

Best Wishes to...

- **Amanda Frost**, specialist in Student Counseling, is relocating to Phoenix. She has been at the center for three years, both as an intern and a member of the professional staff.
- **Cindy Blecha**, specialist in Student Counseling, has taken a part-time position at Valencia Community College. Blecha has been instrumental in the collaboration with other campus units to help establish the university's career counseling services and intervention protocols for first-year students.

Thank-you Partners

The Residence Life staff received over 300 resident assistant (RA) applications. Tricia Panarello, area coordinator, says they could not have reached this goal without the commitment and support of their partners: the Burnett Honors College, Campus Wellness

Center, Career Resource Center, Greek Affairs, Intramural Sports, LEAD Scholars Program, Orientation Center, Physical Plant, REACH: Peer Education, Recreation and Wellness Center, Student Activities, Student Health Services, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Union, United Campus Ministries and campus organizations. The staff thanks all

the partners in this effort.

After an intensive, six-week recruitment campaign and two rounds of interviews, 35 new resident assistant job offers were mailed on March 18. "We are proud of our 2002-2003 resident assistant staff who will serve our 6,500 residents," says Panarello.



Intramural floor hockey players in action

Intramural Sports Participation Increases

Student participation in the Intramural (IM) Sports programs has increased across the board in spring 2002. The largest increase was in the 4-on-4 Flag Football league, which tripled in size and expanded from a one-night-a-week game format to three nights. Intramural Floor Hockey kicked off its first ever season in the Recreation and Wellness Center with 18 additional teams in 2002. Increases are expected in the Wrestling, Golf Scramble and Home Run Derby tournaments that will take place in April.

"I feel that the participation increase is partly due to the visibility of our programs now that we are located in the Recreation and Wellness Center, and the large volume of students that exercise here daily. Students are finding that there are many different opportunities for recreation, and they can choose an activity that they are comfortable with to help them achieve positive health and social benefits," says Gary Cahen, interim coordinator, Intramural Sports.

Stats Show Increase in IM Sports

Sport	2001	2002
Wiffleball	7	11
Racquetball Singles	22	44
Floor Hockey	50	68
Dodgeball	15	17
Softball	60	66
2-on-2 Sand Volleyball	41	52
4-on-4 Flag Football	40	113
Bowling	32	44

Summer Registration

The Class Schedules for summer and fall 2002 semesters are available through the new POLARIS Web site at: connect.ucf.edu. Summer registration opens on March 18 by appointment. Appointments for fall registration begin April 2. Students will register for classes on-line through the new POLARIS. Through at least June 30, UCF and state employees enrolling in courses will be assigned an appointment time derived from credit hours earned and grade point average.



Residence Life Celebrates Black History Month

The Resident Assistants (RA) from the on-campus communities celebrated Black History Month by planning programs, events and designing bulletin boards. The RAs at the Libra Community hosted a dinner consisting of African American foods followed by the movie, "Soul Food." The Lake Claire RAs hosted a soul food picnic in the Aquarius Courtyard. A DJ provided entertainment and two guest speakers from the Alpha Kappa Alpha fraternity spoke regarding Martin Luther King's legacy. The

Academic Village hosted "Free Your Mind," a celebration of historical photographs and a showing of the movie, "Rosewood." The Student Government Association donated funds to pay for part of the art exhibit. All of these programs were well attended and reinforced UCF's commitment to diversity programming in Residence Life.



Faculty Articulation Roundtables

Mark Poisel, director of Transfer Services, and John Schell, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, have organized a series of workshops that are designed to bring UCF faculty and chairs together with their counterparts from the region's community colleges. The meetings foster dialogue on such issues as curriculum, pedagogy (the art of teaching) and academic preparedness, to ensure the smooth transition of students transferring to UCF.

In February, twelve computer science faculty members from five area community colleges met with UCF computer science faculty; in a second workshop, 19 social sciences faculty from regional community colleges met with their UCF counterparts. In addition, Transfer Services worked with the Art Department to arrange an information session for community college art faculty. Art Department Chair Ke Francis and Assistant Professor Diane Banks presented the requirements for the new sophomore portfolio review to be instituted this summer.



Tom Huddleston can be seen 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on the second floor lobby of Millican Hall welcoming visitors, future students and families, who gather at the information desk to begin their campus tour at UCF. Tom informs the visitors of the founding of UCF, progress and growth. He talks about the SDES facilities they will be entering and the services offered. Tom then offers one of the most resourceful tools for the visitors, the SDES bookmark, which contains SDES services and phone numbers.



PeopleSoft (PS) training classes are ongoing. Please check the schedule and the convenient on-line registration at: www.ucf.edu/training.



Getting in Touch with Nature



"A field trip to the zoo could not be arranged so the Parent Association brought the zoo to the children," says Dolores Burghard, director, Creative School for Children. Duck Duck Goose Zoo brought the baby animals to school on February 28. Animals held with a generous amount of petting were: cow, duck, goat, bunny, potbelly pig, geese, chicken, rooster, sheep and a goose. "The children learned many names of the different animals and how to hold and care for them. The children displayed great tenderness and were thrilled with the experience," says Burghard.

Wellness Expo 2002

Several hundred students and staff joined over 50 exhibitors, consisting of UCF campus groups and community organizations, on March 6 for the 16th Annual Wellness Expo. The expo was sponsored



by the Student Wellness Advocate Team (SWAT) and the Campus Wellness Center. The Expo offered many displays including a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting offered by the UCF Dining Services,

therapeutic massages, air brush tatoos and music furnished by the student radio station WNSC. The event was held in the Recreation and Wellness Center.

"The new Recreation and Wellness Center was a great location for this year's expo. We were very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm shown by the students and staff who stopped by," said Marsha Huddle, assistant director, Student Health Services.

Libra Resident Students Benefit Academically

The Libra housing community recently hosted a Residence Hall Scholars reception. The reception was held to honor the outstanding academic achievement of the student residents in the Libra community that made the Dean's List in the fall semester. Certificates of achievement were given out and light refreshments were served.

FACTS:

- 342 of the 1,027 Libra community student residents made the Dean's List (33%). Of these students:
 - 92 (19%) had a GPA of 3.75 or higher.
 - 72 (7%) had a 4.0 GPA.
- 60% of the residents had a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

"The academic success achieved by the students is a testament to the high caliber of students UCF is attracting, coupled with excellent faculty, staff and student assistants that are here to support them both personally and academically. The daily commitment and resources provided by the RAs to their resident students additionally adds to their successes," says Jeff Novak, area coordinator, Libra community.

Dance, Dance, Dance...

On February 23, the Campus Activities Board held the sixth annual Dance Marathon in the new Recreation and Wellness Center. The event is the largest student-run philanthropic event at UCF. Over 200 students were involved as dancers, volunteers or performers in the marathon. This year's event raised \$21,000 which will be donated to the pediatric programs at Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida and Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women, which treat more than 250,000 children each year. The members of CAB thank the students that participated, staff and faculty who supported the students' efforts, event sponsors, and the Recreation and Wellness Center staff, who volunteered their time during the 18-hour event.

Fund raising Expertise Shared at Conference

The Grant Professional Network (GPN) of Central Florida presented their annual conference, "Grant Writing and Fund Raising in an Era of Change," on March 7-8 in the Student Union. Deborah Kamm, coordinator of Student Disability Services, chaired the conference. The keynote



Pictured: Jan Tunnell, vice president of GPN, and Mark Brewer, president of Community Foundation of Central Florida

address was presented by Toni Jennings, Florida State Senate president and chairperson of Workforce Florida. Jennings informed participants about funds available through the state's Workforce Florida and offered resources to connect to these funds.

"Many conference attendees from educational institutions, fine arts organizations, non-profit human service agencies and faith-based organizations have felt the void of charitable support for local agencies and services as a result of the 9-11 tragedies," says Kamm. "Representatives from these organizations shared the very human struggles about young people recovering from substance and domestic abuse, people out of work, children with little to wear and students struggling to stay in schools."

The goal of the GPN is to share its expertise to these direct services, thus, widening the scope of effectiveness and the number of people served, reports Kamm.

GPN president and College of Health and Public Affair professor Barbara Howell says she believes that sharing this knowledge and bringing more resources into the Orlando area will benefit all, including students and clients, reports Kamm. Kamm says Howell's attitude is contagious. Some sessions presented were:

- Children Count But They Don't Vote, by former legislator Dick Batchelor.
- How to Get Your Organization Noticed, by a media panel including the members of the Orlando Sentinel and Orlando Business Journal.
- Building Community by Building Philanthropy by Community Foundations of Central Florida.
- Grant Writing 101, by Howell.

Other workshops included budget development, developing and maintaining your donor base, faith-based funding, planned giving and Internet resources for grant opportunities.

Come and Enjoy a Relaxing Evening Under the Stars

Symphony Under the Stars will be held on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Reflecting Pond. The Jacksonville Navy Band will be joining the UCF Orchestra and vocalists from the UCF Music Department.

The UCF Orchestra will perform selections from classical pieces such as "La Boheme" by Puccini, "Carmen" by Bizet, "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky, "La Traviata" by Verdi and more. The Navy Band Southeast, out of Jacksonville, will be guest performers and will do a medley of patriotic songs.

This event is free to everyone. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, picnic dinner and enjoy the music under the stars.

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