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Left to right: Service Awards: 25 years – Beverly Fulmer, 30 years – Paul McGee and David Davis, co-founders of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.

One family member said, “Thank you for making this a very special day for our son. The ceremony was very beautiful and respectful.” A mother said, “It is remarkable that an institution of 36,000 students recognizes the time and effort to remember your son.”

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Psychiatrist Joins Health Center Staff

The Student Health Center welcomes Dr. Edward Gelfer, who has joined its staff on a part-time basis. Dr. Gelfer, who was born in Switzerland, is a board certified psychiatrist. He received his medical training in his native country and at Johns Hopkins University in the U.S. Following several years as a consulting psychiatrist and psychiatrist at the University of Florida, he moved to Orlando in 1986 and established a private practice. Dr. Gelfer has also worked in the mental health field in the Orlando area.

Registrar's Teamwork Pays Off in Numbers

The following were the statistics reported by the Registrar's Office. The RO staff trained 1,905 class attendees from October 1 through April 30:
- 1,385 in SIS 1997 Student Records
- 1,335 in SIS 2000 Student Records

Registrar student registration data includes:
- Summer - 1,757 (continues through May 31)
- Fall - 13,491 (continues through August 25)

In addition, within the first week of summer registration, 11,289 students registered using the new POLARIS. Please refer to the UCF’s top link, Academic Calendar, for important dates www.ucf.edu.

Student Health Center Promotions

“It is with great pleasure that I announce the promotions of Larry Bridgman to associate director, Business and Finance; and Patricia Huddleston to director of Student Health Services. Bridgman is in his 16th year at UCF and served in a variety of capacities within the Office of Student Financial Assistance. He has served as associate director, Business and Finance, and as assistant director of Student Health Services. Huddleston has served in a variety of capacities within Student Health Services. She has served as director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, and as director, Business and Finance.

Career Development for First-Year Students

UCF's first-year students can take advantage of a program especially tailored for them. The program is designed to help students make an informed decision by exploring their majors and careers early in the college years. Recently, Melissa Parker, director, and Emily Sanders, assistant director of the Career Resource Center, met with numerous administrative duties, she directed the successful effort to achieve accreditations for UCF's Student Health Services and has provided overall leadership to the outstanding REACH and Wellness programs.

Two Veterans’ Honored

Last month at the Founders' Day Honors Convocation, two United States military veterans were recognized and honored: Doug Dougherty and Jean Morrison. Dougherty and Morrison were inducting members of the military and had distinguished service in the United States military.

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Please submit your June UKnighted newsletter to staff training sessions during the academic year.

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Todd Miller, UCF senior, has been selected as an American Interfraternity Conference Traveling Leadership Consultant for 2003-2004 for Zeta Tau Alpha. Miller is the first AIFC Traveling Leadership Consultant to come from the Florida State University at Tallahassee. Miller is an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha and currently serves as the chapter president.

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- The profit for last year of $4,706.00 was raised on March 15, 2001.
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The Relay Committee thanks all who participated and contributed to this fund-raising event to fight cancer.

RA Training Begins

Residence Life staff held its first training for resident assistants (RA) for the 2002-2003 academic year on April 2. RA training began in the spring with CPR and first aid, “RA Rec Fest,” and a new resident assistant training program. The RA Rec Fest was a day of team building and fun competition. In collaboration with the Intramural staff, the celebrations in a campus even such as mallet ball, dodge ball, a spoon relay race, tug of war, blind obstacle relay, flip off and the pep rally. Residence Life staff thanks Intramural Sports for sponsoring the competition events. Training then continues with an intensive training week in August, followed by continuous staff training sessions during the academic year.

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Student Development and Enrollment Services

The UNITE-Upsilon chapter is responsible for providing leadership to the students of the University of Central Florida. The chapter is composed of the top male and female intramural basketball officials in the state of Florida for 2002. Both Broska and Jackson were nominated by UCF for consideration, and were selected among nine male and six female nominees from other colleges and universities in Florida. Broska, a second year graduate assistant by day and official basketball at the NBA, high school and college level. He also officiates for adult and youth leagues in the Orlando area, Jackson, a UCF sophmore, is an intramural official and also officiates in local community leagues. Both students were awarded with this top honor at the BODA banquet on April 20 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

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Top Alternative Spring Break group in Nashville with a recipient of a chair ramp. The group worked with the Home Access program of the Unite Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Bottom: One of four wheelchair ramps the group constructed.