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Student Development and Enrollment Services

The divisional newsletter published throughout the year to provide information about SDES

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People in the News...

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- Betty Carroll, senior clerk, Registrar’s office
- Martin Garcia, custodial worker, Student Union
- Seneca Gullit, accountant, Career Resource Center
- Kahn Hofmann, psychologist, Counseling and Testing
- Mia (Rose) Huong, accountant, Student Government Administrative
- Orlando Martinez, custodial worker, Student Union
- Jorge Milanes, accountant, Housing and Residence Life
- James Patrick, custodial worker, Student Union
- Ivette Rodriguez, accountant, Student Government Administrative
- Christopher Whitaker, custodial supervisor, Student Union

United Campus Ministries has a New Director

Chamaine Townsend is the new director of United Campus Ministries. She is a graduate of UCF, and received her M.A. in Biblical Studies from the Reformed Theological Seminary. Townsend has been involved with UCF’s Ichthus Christian Fellowship since 1994, and is a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God, with which Chi Alpha is affiliated.

Townsend says, “Being the director of United Campus Ministries is a great opportunity to be of greater service to the students of UCF and to the other campus ministries as we all endeavor to minister to the spiritual needs of the students on campus.”

Marco Peña Welcomes President Bush to Orlando

Student Government Body President Marco Peña, Governor job bush and others were part of the welcoming group that met President George W. Bush at a small airport in the Orlando area recently. President Bush was in town to talk about a stimulus package that had just been approved and had also met with a senator citizen group to discuss exercising and fitness.

Peña says, “Meeting President of the United States up close and in-person was a once in a lifetime experience. We briefly talked about America’s youth and the call to service that the President has been asking of my generation. President Bush was warm, friendly and had a good sense of humor.”

Felipe Olvera, graduate assistant, has recently joined the Intramural Sports (IS) staff. This fall, Olvera will be running the 5-on-5 Basketball and 7-on-7 Soccer Leagues. Olvera received his bachelor’s in Recreation Administration from California State University at Sacramento.

SFA Student Financial Assistance (SFA) executive director Mary McKinney and passing director Janice Canto attended the annual conference of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). Recent Professional Appointments

Congratulations to University Registrar Dennis Dulniak and associate University Registrar Douglas Burgess for their recent professional appointments. Dulniak has been selected to hold the position of vice president for Professional Development from the Southern Association of Collegiate Administrations and Registrar Officers (SACRAO). Burgess was elected as president of the Florida Association of Collegiate Administrations and Registrar Officers (FACARO).

UCF Who’s Who Magazine Published

Student Government staff have completed the University of Central Florida Golden Knights “Who’s Who” publication. Who’s Who is a 24-page publication recognizing UCF’s best and brightest in the areas of academics, athletics, leadership and service. The Who’s Who will be released at the “Who’s Who” reception on September 25th. Who’s Who scholarship recipients, Fortune 500 companies, local businesses and community leaders, as well as the UCF community. The publication is a collaborative effort of students, staff and administrators. SGA thanks everyone who assisted with the publication.

Points of Pride – On the Road Again...

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will hit the road again to begin recruiting the students for 2003. The staff will visit more than 400 schools and community colleges throughout the State of Florida between September and November, and will attend national college fairs in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The UCF staff will meet with students and counselors to share information about academic programs, campus life, special programs and admissions.

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The UCF Creed

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- **September 22, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

EKC, A New Leadership Program

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