



Students Participate in a Friday Night, Alternative Program

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) sponsored its third Late Knights' event on November 15, as part of Family Weekend. Late Knights is a program funded by the President's Office to provide alternative programming during evening and weekend hours. Many universities are starting this type of program to counter alcohol-related behavior. The monthly Late Knights' program offers free food at midnight, fun and giveaways for UCF students and has been attended by over 900 students at each event. Over 1,200 students and 300 family members attended this month.

Each Late Knight has had a theme to coordinate the activities. The first event on September 28 was part of the Freshman Frenzy program and carried a football theme. OSA staff showed the movie, "The Waterboy," comedian Craig Carmean performed at Wackadoo's, and activities, such as sand art and karaoke were offered. October Late Knights' theme was Halloween and offered pumpkin and face painting. The movie "Hellraiser" was followed with a performance by actor Doug Bradley, who portrayed the character "Pinhead" in the film. Some activities included rock climbing at the Recreation and Wellness Center and games in conjunction with Intramural Rectoberfest Program. OSA partnered with Sports Marketing and gave away "Mac in Black" promotional items to support the first home Mid-America Conference football game.

The November Late Knights carried the

theme of "Late Knights Round-up," and provided a mechanical bull for students to ride and country line dance lessons. Students could also dress in costume and have old-fashioned photos taken. The UCF men's and women's basketball teams were available to meet students and sign photos.

Comedian Jon Reep performed and magicians "Lee and Jay" presented their show, "Pop Magic." Mementos, such as a digital caricatures and photo keychains, were given to commemorate the evening. Southwest Airlines and Sprint contributed to the festivities with promotional items and sponsorship of free snacks from Subway. The movie "The Goonies" was shown in honor of Family Weekend.

For September Late Knights' event, Student Government Association paid for the food and Freshman Frenzy. The Student Activities staff worked with Aramark to provide food for the October and November programs. Sponsors for the spring Late Knights are needed.

Late Knights event is a collaborative program. The Late Knights planning committee consists of staff and students from OSA, Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC) and REACH Peer Educators. Dining Services, Student Union, Student Government Association (SGA), Sports Marketing, Housing and Residence Life, and the Campus Activities Board



Knightrio and friends learn how to country line dance at Late Knights Round-up.

have offered input and support for the event.

An average of six to 10 staff members and 15 to 20 student volunteers helped with wristbands, surveys and coordinating traffic flow between activities. Additional staff, faculty and student volunteers are needed and can be scheduled for three-hour shifts. Student organizations that provide at least five volunteers can get an information table at that particular Late Knight to promote their group. All volunteers get free T-shirts. If you would like to be a volunteer, contact Joshua Katz in Student Activities at 823-6471 or e-mail katz@mail.ucf.edu.



Student Activities' Late Knights Banner

Late Knights Spring Dates

- **Saturday, Jan. 11** – Rock-n-Roll theme Dance, Dance Revolution and "80's Rock: Music in the Video Age"
- **Friday, Feb. 7** – Ladies Knight features two female performers, comedian Alex House and pianist/vocalist Jennifer Marie. Polar Bear Pool Party will be at the RWC
- **Saturday, March 29** – theme TBA

People in the News . . .

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Sandra Kirichenko**, senior secretary, International Student and Scholar Services
- **Rebecca Morales**, marketing specialist, Career Resource Center
- **Anastasia Theodoridou**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Lisa Stilke**, assistant University Registrar for Technology and Data Systems, Registrar's Office

KUDOS

❖ **Jan Lloyd**, associate director for LEAD Scholars Program, was nominated and accepted the position of Faculty Adviser to the Central Florida Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. Lloyd joins Peter Wallace, coordinator of Dispute Resolution Services, the Faculty Secretary, and David Ross, Criminal Justice, the Faculty Alumni coordinator, in providing leadership and guidance to this group of student leaders.

❖ **Dennis Congos**, Supplemental Instruction coordinator for the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), had an article published in the November issue of the online publication, *Learning Center Newsletter*. The article called, "Playing the Game of Test," focused on ways to assist students to prepare for upcoming exams.

❖ "Creating a Leadership Community for the Millennial Generation" was presented by LEAD Scholars Program staff **Micki Panno**, **Stacey Lazenby** and **Jan Lloyd** at the International Leadership Association Conference in Seattle, Washington. The presentation included the seven generational characteristics and the REEL (Residentially Enhance Experiential Leadership) retreat that was developed last year to begin building a community of leaders prior to classes starting.

Reminder SDES Holiday Celebration

December 5 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Cape Florida Room • Student Union

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the less fortunate.

SDES Council 2002 - 2003

Mission: Strengthen communication among employees, improve the general employee environment, build affiliation among employees within division and create awareness of the mission of Student Development and Enrollment Services.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please contact a SDES Council member.



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Left to right: Kathleen Connolly, Mike Zinssar, Doug Burgess and Mike Pinn

Serving the Community

UCF staff read stories to 3- to 4-year-old children in the Annual Head Start Guest Reader Program during the week of October 28. This was the second year of participation at the East Orange County Head Start Center. The following staff members participated:

- **Academic Development and Retention:** Thomas Barr, Doug Burgess, Kathleen Connolly, Stacey Lazenby, Jan Lloyd, Karl Mooney, Michele Panno, Mike Pinn, DeLaine Priest, Emily Santiago, Paul Viau and Mike Zinssar;
- **SDES:** Sharon Ekern and Judy Pardo;
- **Special Programs:** AJ Range;
- **Math Department:** Cynthia Young;
- **Institutional Research:** Melanie Wood.

In addition to reading, many staff members donated books to the center and gave the children healthy snacks and UCF souvenirs. Kathleen Connolly organized this community outreach event.

SDES Council Highlights SDES Employees

The SDES Council has a new way for the employees of SDES to become familiar with each other and their job responsibilities. Every month, a randomly selected employee from each area will be "spotlighted" on the SDES Web site. This program will have the employee's picture, position held within the division and interesting facts about him or her.

Employees Spotlight page will be available in December by visiting the SDES division Web site: www.sdes.ucf.edu and clicking on, "Staff News and Information."

The UCF Creed

Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance and decisions.

INTEGRITY

I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

SCHOLARSHIP

I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of my membership in the UCF community.

COMMUNITY

I will promote an open and supportive campus environment by respecting the rights and contributions of every individual.

CREATIVITY

I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

EXCELLENCE

I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.



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"Stomp" is just one group exercise programs available at the Recreation and Wellness Center. For schedules and sign up information, visit Web site: www.rec.ucf.edu.

Points of Pride . . .

A Report from Undergraduate Admissions

UCF is "hot" and it is more competitive than last year to gain admission.

We are currently experiencing an increase in applications for both new freshmen and transfer students for the spring, summer and fall 2003 terms. To date, we are seeing a 16 percent increase in applications from high school seniors versus this time last year for the fall 2003 [entering] class, and a 27 percent increase in summer 2003 applications from the same group of high schoolers. We are also seeing a percent increase in applications from transfer students who wish to begin their enrollment in the spring 2003 term.

More visitors are coming to campus; our Open House attendance is up 26 percent over last year, after only three events. More importantly, our visitors continue to comment about the fact that they believe we have a "beautiful" campus and that they feel "welcomed" by the campus community when they visit. If these comments and trends continue, and all indications suggest that they will, students will need to apply as early as possible to gain admission to UCF in the future. The competition will be tough, but as long as students are taking rigorous academic classes and are performing well in those classes, their chances of gaining admission will be enhanced.

The enrollment growth for this campus has been very well planned. Because of the efforts of the entire campus community, we have been successful in increasing the quality of the incoming class while also increasing the diversity within our community. We do need your continued efforts and support so that we can continue to be successful and attract the best and the brightest students from Florida and across the nation.

– Gordon Chavis, director Undergraduate Admissions

Fall 2002 Diploma Pick-up and Mailings

- **Baccalaureate** graduates will not pick up their diplomas at Millican Hall, as normally occurs. Beginning December 26, the Registrar's Office will mail all fall 2002 term baccalaureate diplomas to the address indicated on the student's "Intent to Graduate Form."

- **Master degree diplomas** will be available on December 19 and 20 in Millican Hall room 230 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All Master degree diplomas remaining following this distribution will be mailed beginning December 26.

- **Doctoral diplomas** will be provided to graduates at the commencement ceremonies.

Annual Meeting to Discuss Off-Campus Housing Issues

On November 6, Off-Campus Student Resource Center (OCSRC) held its annual Off-Campus Managers meeting.

Approximately, 25 managers and staff from 12 student residential facilities and two conventional apartments attended the meeting. The topics discussed were:

- New location for OCSRC
- Apartment and roommate search solutions
- Sublease referrals
- Publications or advertisement

The guest speaker was Laura Riddle, director of Alcohol and Other Drug



Programming. She shared information about the programming and resources available through her office and invited the managers to take advantage of them. Riddle says her goal is to assist apartment communities to reduce the negative impact to students and the community, regarding the high-risk drinking behaviors.

Looking for Participants for Spring Break Program



Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program offers students the opportunity to spend their spring break to benefit society by offering their time and service to community-based projects. ASB is looking for students to join the ASB group and help plan trips.

Students in the past have worked with the following groups:

- United Cerebral Palsy and Home Access Program, constructing wheelchair ramps for low-income individuals;
- Boggy Creek Gang Camp assisting Kids On Ventilated Assistance Care with fishing, swimming, campfires and wood shop activities;
- Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge, constructing a house.

ASB participants will meet new friends, share experiences, have fun and help others. Jeff Novak says, "It is our hope with ASB to educate and heighten students' social awareness and to encourage lifelong social action." For more information and a brochure, please contact Jeff Novak at jnovak@mail.ucf.edu.

Advising Students for CLEP Test

Advisors from the first year academic advising departments, First Year Advising and Exploration (FYAE), Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS), Student Academic Resource Center and University Testing Center (SARC & UTC), and Academic Services for Student-Athletes (ASSA) have coordinated and conducted advising sessions with freshmen students who need to meet their Bright Future-CLEP exam requirements. Sign-up for the CLEP test was at UTC.

Fall semester freshmen contacts have included various advising outreach programs (conducted at Academic Villages, Pegasus Landing, Lake Claire, and the Recreation and Wellness Center), e-mailed reminder announcements, placed periodic advertisements in the *Central Florida Future* and held small group advising sessions. As of mid-November, 2,755 of 4,450 freshmen needing CLEP tests have been advised by first-year advisors.

In addition to the CLEP advising efforts, FYAE conducted advising connections with 2,875 freshmen concerning academic development and spring 2003 schedule planning matters by the end of October. MEGA Advising session was held on November 7 to provide enhanced academic advisor access options to assist 150 students.

Students Get Information on College Life

On October 1 and 3, 300 College Reach-Out Program (CROP) students visited UCF and participated in sessions on time management, SAT/ACT registration, making application to college and mock registration. The CROP program assists and prepares low-income, educationally challenged students in grades 6 through 12 for college.

"The students took a tour of UCF and were amazed by how much the university has changed since their last visit in March," says Natalie Powell, director of Student Outreach Programs. "We had two energetic and productive sessions."





Magic Wheels Play at the Rec Center

The Orlando Magic Wheels blue and white teams played an exhibition game at the Recreation and Wellness Center on November 6. "The wheelchair basketball exhibition was a great addition to the overall Intramural Basketball Championship experience," said Intramural (IM) associate director Jim Wilkening. The co-ed teams played two, eight-minute halves that were officiated by IM Sports official students Camille Jackson, Geno Jarquin and Shawn Price. After her first wheelchair basketball officiating experience Jackson said, "It was an enlightening experience that brought a new perspective of other recreational sports to our campus."

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is starting its 55th season; this is the 9th season for the Magic Wheels. NWBA began following World War II, with injured veterans who played during rehabilitation, and continued playing after they returned home. There are 180 teams nationwide playing in five divisions.

The teams play under the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules with a few variations; four seconds in the lane instead of three, no double dribbling and traveling is called after two pushes of the wheels if the player does not dribble, pass or shoot. The game consist of two-20-minute halves. For more information, visit Magic Wheels at: www.magicwheels.com.

Advising Sessions Held to Prepare Students

In preparation for spring 2003 registration and the mandatory CLEP Advisement for Bright Futures Scholars, the Office of Multicultural Academic & Support Services held seven Registration Planning/CLEP Advising Sessions during the months of October and November. College representatives presented information on their college and responded to questions regarding major requirements. A total of 344 students attended these sessions.

Apartment communities Knights Crossing and Knights Court have changed their names to Pegasus Landing and Pegasus Pointe, respectively. The name change will help UCF's affiliated apartment communities become more visible.

Evening Walk at UCF Helps Raise Money for Multiple Sclerosis

"Knight Strides MS Walk," the first evening walk on campus for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, was a success on November 9. A total of 433 registered walkers participated, including members of Greek organizations, faculty, staff, students and community neighbors, to help raise money to help find a cure for MS. The event was attended by 600 people and \$34,000 was raised that night with an approximate total of \$50,000 pledged. LEAD Scholars Program director Jan Lloyd co-chaired the event and served as the UCF coordinator for the walk.

Expo Offers Diverse Entertainment and Information



The Multicultural Student Center Expo was held on November 15 in the Student Union. SDES offices, student clubs and other university offices had tables with information of their services for students. The schedule of events included a dance by the Club Kreyol, songs by the UCF Gospel and Cultural Choir, and a demonstration from the Tae Kwon Do Club.

"I just wanted to take a moment to say how impressed I was with the Multicultural Student Center Expo," said Sandy Rodenbrock, office manager of Career Resource Center. "Chantel Carter [interim Multicultural Student Center coordinator] did an excellent job organizing this event. The feedback from the students was very positive and the scheduled events that took place during the Expo were excellent. I particularly liked the setup of the room, so that both students and those of us representing services on campus were able to enjoy the activities. Great job."

Student Health Services Provides Flu Shots to Branch Campuses

On November 4 and 5, Student Health Services (SHS) expanded their flu shot services to faculty, staff and students at the UCF Daytona and Brevard campuses.

Claudia Witcher, assistant director of Nursing and Marsha Huddle, associate director of Medical Health Administration teamed, with former SHS nursing director Judy Sayers to provide this service. The shots were available for \$10 each. (Students on those campuses don't pay a health fee.) Brevard nursing students also assisted in administering the shots.



Left to right - Former SHS staff Judy Sayers, director of Campus Life for Daytona campus Diane Weidman, and SHS staff Claudia Witcher

Housing Student Representatives Attend Conference

Eight student members of UCF's United Resident Student Association (URSA) and the Pegasus Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) attended the South Atlantic Affiliate of College & University Residence Halls (SAACURH) regional conference held at the University of Florida November 8-10. This annual gathering attracted nearly 800 residence hall and apartment student leaders from nine states. UCF's delegation participated in educational and leadership training seminars. These UCF students represented each of the eight Department of Housing and Residence Life communities on main campus and within UCF's Affiliated Housing at Pegasus Landing (formerly Knight's Crossing).

CHAMPS/Life Skills Nutrition Holds Seminar for Student-Athletes

On November 12, CHAMPS/Life Skills program held a seminar, "Eat to Compete," for student-athletes in conjunction with Academic Services for Student-Athletes, and the National Consortium for Academics and Sports. The keynote speaker was Lori Shofran, dietitian and nutritionist for Student Health Services at the Recreation and Wellness Center. Shofran educated the Golden Knights on nutritional supplements, importance of breakfast, proper hydration, and pre- and post-activity meals.

Please submit your January 2003 UKnighted newsletter articles to jpardo@mail.ucf.edu by December 15th.

