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Summer Enrollment Spikes Upward

The Registrar’s Office reports that the summer 2003 enrollment swelled to 25,311, an increase of 8.2 percent. Total enrolled credit hours were up as well, increasing 10.9 percent to 160,123.

Program Connects Freshman to Major and Career Exploration

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Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) had many accomplishments during the 2002-2003 academic year. These include the development of programs that encourage quality candidates to become students, facilities and strong infrastructure of student services, communications and information systems that support such programs. A collaborative effort of the entire division, is the new freshmen experience program. This program, called LINKS (Learning and Interacting with New Knights), is being implemented in fall 2003 and is specifically designed to help first year students transition and succeed in school.

As part of this program the division developed a Parent Calendar especially for parents of incoming freshmen to help them understand what their student is experiencing and offering an opportunity for parents to remain connected. Other noteworthy accomplishments are as follows:

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In spring 2003, the chapter earned a grade point average of 3.36, well above the all women’s average of 2.941 and the all sorority GPA of 3.064.

The convention was held at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

CREDENTIALS INC. TO ASSUME CERTIFICATION ROLE

On July 1, students began ordering Degree Certifications online through the partnering of UCF and Credentials Inc., the leading provider of Web-based certification services for higher education. Credentials Inc. services were expanded to also include Enrollment Certifications on August 1, 2003 – its 20th year with a reunion of former Miss Florida program awards more than $40 million in cash and other prizes to students who have excelled in community, service, fitness, talent and speaking skills to women between the ages of 17-24. Local, state, and national pageants will continue to offer women the same options to easily fund their undergraduate and graduate educations through the Miss America Scholarship program.

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Mr. UCF, Wesley Miller, and Miss UCF, Kristy Burgess, are available for public appearances and assisting with events.

For booking information, or for information about trying out for Mr. or Miss UCF contact: Emily Buhakian in the Office of Student Activities, 607.823.6471 or e-mail: ekbuhakian@mail.ucf.edu.

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