

Leading SGA with Experience, Integrity and Vision

Student Government Association (SGA) was in the midst of Student Body Presidential Elections on February 21-23. This year's three presidential candidates and their running mates were out in full force campaigning and encouraging students to vote and let their voices be heard. More students voted in the SGA elections than ever before; approximately 1,400 more students voted this year than in the previous election. As a result, 7,367 students voted for who they thought should be the next student body president and vice president.

The three tickets for student body president and vice president consisted of Willie Bentley/McClain Woolsey; Keith Rea/Josh Edmundson and Pavan Talakala/Winwood Truitt. With 68 percent of the total votes, the ticket of Bentley and Woolsey won the election and the final results were announced in the Student Union by the supervisor of elections.

The Bentley/Woolsey administration will take office on May 8, and begin to accomplish the goals they have set in order to enhance student life at UCF. The Bentley/Woolsey platform focused on three major ideas: experience, integrity and vision.

- **Experience** – Bentley and Woolsey bring a large amount of student government experience, both legislative and executive, and innovative ideas to the positions they were elected to serve. Bentley served as student body vice president under the current president, Kevin Peters. Bentley's year as vice president allowed him to experience the demands made on the office of the president. He often made decisions along with President Peters on various issues. Woolsey served as the director of Governmental Affairs under the Peters/Bentley administration and has previously served as a member of the 35th Student Senate.

- **Integrity** – Bentley and Woolsey are committed to making honest and careful decisions that are in the best interest of the entire student body. Students' concerns will be their first priority. Both candidates have developed a positive and trusting reputation throughout their Student Government careers.

- **Vision** – Bentley and Woolsey have set

goals and standards for their positions which will serve the student population at UCF by helping them search for innovative ways to ensure a positive and enjoyable college experience for all students. By making Student Government more welcoming to the entire student body, they will be able to listen and address students' concerns and ideas.

The Bentley/Woolsey platform centers on seven keys points: Student Advocacy, Governmental Affairs, Campus Life, Fiscal Responsibility, Communication with Students, Internal Affairs and Open Door Policy. A sampling of issues the new administration will address are as follows:

- **Student Advocacy:** Fighting for student rights by working closely with the administration to ensure that the university has the students' best interest in mind.

- **Governmental Affairs:** Appointing responsible students to meet with local officials to provide them with the voice of the students and to build relationships with local community leaders.

- **Campus Life:** Coordinating a variety of programs in an effort to appeal to the entire student body.

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Working closely with the legislative fiscal committees to create a plan for spending that works in the best interest of student organizations and the student body as a whole. Also, they will work closely with the legislative branch to ensure that the money students pay in the Activity and Service Fee is being spent appropriately.

- **Communication with Students:** A Communications Unit of the Executive Cabinet will be created to be a complete and reliable source to students for information on the activities of Student Government.

- **Internal Affairs:** Working to ensure that the best interest of the students is being served in all areas of Student Government and that the executive cabinet members are also serving the student body in the most efficient way possible.

- **Open Door Policy:** The Bentley/Woolsey administration will have a complete open door policy allowing any student or organization member to schedule an appointment to meet



Left to right: McClain Woolsey, vice president, and Willie Bentley, president, will take office on May 8.

with the appropriate representative of student government. According to the Bentley/Woolsey administration, they will make every effort to ensure that all students feel comfortable coming to them for help and/or advice.

For more information about Bentley and Woolsey, visit their Web site at: <http://www.bentleywoolsey2005.com>.

SDES
7th Annual
Celebration Breakfast
Thursday, April 28
8-10 a.m.
Pegasus Ballroom

Come join the fun at the SDES 7th Annual Celebration Breakfast. A breakfast buffet will be served followed by the award ceremony.

People in the News...

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Aaron Aure**, associate Registrar, Registrar's Office
- **Katherine Compton**, program assistant/Transfer Evaluation, Registrar's Office
- **Chastity Havreberg**, program assistant/Graduation, Registrar's Office
- **Alicia Kornowa**, assistant director, Orientation Services
- **Gregory Lucas**, psychologist, Counseling Center
- **Diana Rodriguez**, fiscal assistant, Student Health Services
- **Terrance Rooth**, assistant general counsel, Student Legal Services
- **Marissa Trowbridge**, program assistant, Student Government/Office of Student Involvement
- **Beatrice Turpin-Peek**, coordinator, Academic Support Services, Multicultural Academic Support Services
- **Brandon Williams**, program assistant/HelpLine, Registrar's Office

Division Changes

- **Marcia Diebler**, former interim director of Creative School for Children (CSC), is the director of CSC.



David Pavlonnis

- **David Pavlonnis**, former director of the Activity and Service Fee Business Office, is now the new director of Budgets and Personnel for SDES.

Awards and Recognition

- The **Career Services and Experiential Learning (CSEL) Golden Opportunities** program, UCF's distinctive first-year career development program, has been named as one of two finalists for the National Association of Colleges and Employers Chevron Award. The national award recognizes outstanding achievement honoring innovative programming in career services.
- CSEL and the **Counseling Center** hosted a delegation of five senior education and workforce development officials from Kuwait to learn about UCF's counseling and career services and experiential learning programs. The delegation is potentially interested in sending Kuwait university faculty and staff for further training at CSEL.
- Several members of UCF's **Student Health Services** attended the Southern College Health Conference, held March 3-5 in Asheville, N.C. Hosted by Western Carolina University (WCU), the conference theme was C.A.T.S. – Caring Attitude Toward Students, and featured a variety of sessions on healthcare and health education for students. The 240 attendees were transported to the WCU campus, located one

hour south of Asheville in Cullowee, for dinner and a tour of their health center.

- **Nilay Bhagat**, Supplemental Instruction (SI) leader at the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), received a teaching internship at the Cushing Academy, a college preparatory school in Ashburnham, Mass. As a full-time intern, she will be teaching Advanced HTML to high school students enrolled in the summer session. Bhagat is a junior majoring in Computer Science and has been a College Algebra SI leader since fall.
- **David Pavlonnis** accepted an award on behalf of the Activity and Service Fee Business Office and SGA Ticket Center. The SGA Ticket Center increased its Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure sales 107 percent compared to last year, which placed them as a 2004 Top 15 Sales Producer for Universal Studios Florida Youth Market.

Presentations

- University Registrar **Dennis Dulniak** and Associate Registrars **Kenneth Schwartz**, **Linda Sullivan** and **Aaron Aure** attended the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers (SACRAO) meeting held February in Myrtle Beach, S.C. **Sullivan** conducted a presentation, "Enhancing Registrar Services While Reducing Expenditures" and was the coordinator for a presentation, "Doing Your Duty: Reporting to the Veteran's Administration." **Schwartz** co-presented, "Registration Processes: Good, Bad, and Ugly." **Dulniak** participated in a presentation, "Working Hard and Taking Care of Yourself," completed his term as vice president for Professional Development, and is the incoming Chair of the Information Technology Committee.

Career Fair brought to Rosen Students

On February 24, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management Hospitality Career Fair was the largest voluntary student turnout of any student services event to date with over 400 students in attendance. This is a 25 percent increase over 2004. Due to the strong collaboration between David Allen, CSEL assistant director and coordinator for the Fine Arts Career Panel, and the Arts and Sciences faculty and staff, over 100 students attended the panel.

Dave Jenks, assistant director for Career Services and Experiential Learning (CSEL) at the Rosen College, coordinated mock interview days to help prepare students for the career fair. Sixty students attended the practice interview and resume critique sessions, which were conducted by 23 employers from 12 companies.

Fifty-nine employers participated in the event, representing a 59 percent increase in employer participation over the 2004 fair.

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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SDES Council 2004 - 2005

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.



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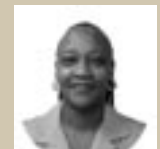
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Left to right: Paul Viau, First Year Advising and Exploration, and Bob Snow, Transfer and Transition Services, advised students on the new Multiple Term Registration.

Students Can Register for Multiple Terms

Registration opened on March 28 allowing students the option to register for the upcoming academic year: summer 2005 through spring 2006. The Registrar's Office promoted Multiple Term Registration with e-mail distribution to students, articles in the Central Florida Future, and advising and information tables in front of the bookstore. For more information, visit: registrar.ucf.edu/MTR_1.htm.

CLAST Offered to Students at Rosen Campus

The University Testing Center (UTC) recently expanded CLAST paper-and-pencil testing services to the Rosen College of Hospitality Management for the first time on February 19. According to Rebecca Piety, assistant director for University Testing Center, students were thrilled to hear of this initiative, citing convenient access to the Rosen College location. UTC testing personnel saw a great turnout with 85 percent of those registered testing on that day. The next CLAST paper-and-pencil administration will be held on June 4, and the deadline to register is May 6. For more information, visit: www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu.



As midterms approached, the Rosen College and Hospitality Management students had a stress-free day. The event included balloon creations, body art and personalized dog tags.

Children Anticipate Terrific Tuesdays

"Tuesday mornings is always a brighter day at the Creative School for Children (CSC)," says Marcia Diebler, director. Since fall, Melissa Stebbins or "Hot Wheels" as she is also known on the UCF campus, has volunteered every Tuesday morning in CSC's three- and four-year-old class. She assists the children with classroom activities, such as creating a giant dream catcher and origami (paper folding art). The children enjoy their interactions with Stebbins and have become familiar with her using a wheelchair as her legs.

It has been a positive experience for the children to interact with someone with different abilities. "Ms. Melissa has become an integral part of our EE4 classroom, and the children look forward to her coming," says Diahn Escue, instructor. Stebbins is part of the Orange County Public Schools Work Experience transition program for post high school students.

Since the beginning of the spring semester, Greg Ort has begun a volunteer experience with another classroom. "Uncle Greg," as he is warmly referred to by the children, visits on Tuesday mornings also. He speaks to the children with the help of an automated voice device.

Grad On Track Movin' On

The Grad On Track (GOT) program, which guarantees students' required courses enabling them to graduate in four years, is wrapping up its inaugural year. Beginning with 60 first-year students in the fall 2004, the GOT program is now in the process of transitioning these students into their respective colleges for their second year, where they will be assigned a specific advisor. Plans have already been set into motion for the second year of bringing new students into GOT, and coordinators aim to enroll 100 first-year students for fall 2005.

According to Stephen O'Connell, assistant director for First Year Advising and Exploration (FYAE), finding those new students for the program led to a much more aggressive marketing plan this year. All first-year students, who are admitted for the fall semester, will receive a brochure and letter in the mail outlining the advantages of the program, including priority registration. In addition, a presentation will be made at the April open houses.

Students who are not eligible to participate in the GOT program are: summer admits, student-athletes and those who major in limited access programs. For more information, visit the Web site: gradontrack.sdes.ucf.edu.

Newly Hired RAs Selected for 2005-06

The Department of Housing and Residence Life successfully completed their two-month process of Resident Assistant staff selection for the upcoming academic year. This year's search for new RAs was reaching out to the UCF student community in order to fill 62 openings.

All RA candidates endured a challenging interview process. It began with an online application, mandatory candidate information session, personal screening interview and ending with the February 2005 RA Selection Weekend. The RA Selection Weekend included a series of individual interviews and group activities. In addition, a social event was hosted for candidates to meet with current staff and other applicants.

In the fall, the new Rosen College and Convocation student apartments together with the current Housing facilities will have an approximate staff of 140 RAs.

According to Bob Boyle and Shane Cadden, co-chairs and current Housing area coordinators, they were particularly gratified that so many candidates who did not obtain a position were so positive about the overall professional experience. Besides the positive feedback from candidate evaluations, the selection process this year received high praise from numerous RA candidates.

The next selection process for RA staff begins in October, when they will be hiring for spring 2006 vacancies. Until that time, new RAs will begin their journey with specialized training sessions. Housing and Residence Life staff expressed their appreciation to the SDES members who referred students to participate.



Members of SDES gathered on the pool deck of Pegasus Pointe Apartments to celebrate a spring break kick-off pool party. More than 73 residents came out to enjoy the sun, food, music and dance. Spring break kits were provided by REACH and UCF staff were on hand to chat with students. Karaoke and line dancing was provided by DJ Kyle, first-year UCF student. Departments interested in participating in outreach efforts to the off-campus students, contact Triscia Panarello at: tpanarel@mail.ucf.edu.



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