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Run in the Sun

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• Experience

• Bentley and Woolsey bring a large amount of student government experience, both legislative and executive, and positive 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 was involved in outreach efforts to the Rosen College and was a member of the 19th Student Senate.

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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 to a tour of their health center.

• Nayan 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 High School, to high school students enrolled in the summer session. Bhagat is a junior majoring in Computer Science and has been a College Algebra student since fall.

• David Pavlonnis accepted an award on behalf of the Activity and Service Center (ASC) at UCF for this year’s Tunnel of Oppression. The SGA Ticket Center increased its Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure sales 107 percent compared to last year, which placed them as a Top 15 Sales Producer for Universal Studios Florida Youth Market.

Presentations

• University Registrar Dennis Dulinak and Associate Registrar Kenneth Schwartz. Linda Sullivan and Aaron Auer attended the Southern Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACACO) meeting held February in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Sullivan conducted a presentation, “Enrolling Successful Students Who Reduce Re-Enrollment Risk.” Dulinak was the coordinator for a presentation, “Doing Your Duty: Reporting to the Veteran’s Administration.” Schwartz co-presented, “Registration Processes: Good, Bad, and Ugly.” Dulinak 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.

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Dave Jenks, assistant director for Career Services and Experiential Learning (CSEL) at the Rosen College, coordinated mock interviews 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 local and companies.

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

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Points of Pride...
People in the News...

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- Aaron Aure, associate Registrar, Registrar’s Office
- Katharine Conklin, program assistant/Transfer Evaluation, Registrar’s Office
- Chasity Hamborg, program assistant/Graduation, Registrar’s Office
- Alicia Kornowa, assistant director, Orientation Services
- Gregory Lucas, psychologist, Counseling Center
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Leadership S.T.A.R.T. With The Youth

Throughout this semester LEAD Scholars students involved with the Students Teaching And Role-modeling Team (S.T.A.R.T.) have been practicing leadership and working cohesively through a series of teamwork, anti-bullying, and character-building workshops. LEAD Scholars created their leadership lessons based on the development needs of ten year olds. We focus on fifth grade because these children are getting ready for their first stage of leadership development and preparing to face the challenges of middle school, states Micki Pannozzo Meyer, assistant director for the LEAD Scholars Program. "Many students are unaware that leadership does not come from a position or title, but actually comes from within.”

LEAD Scholars have been teaching the fifth grade children that any student can be a leader in his or her own family, school or community. Lessons have been taught by way of hands-on activities in which students discuss and reflect on the characteristics and choices that make good leaders.

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Newly Hired RAs Selected for 2005-06

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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 Cardamone, co-chairs and current Housing area coordinators, they were particularly gratified that so many candidates did not obtain a position so positive about the overall experience. Besides the positive feedback from candidate evaluations, the selection process this year received high praise from many RAs.

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, and students who applied.

Student Government Association (SGA) was in the midst of Student Body Presidential Elections on February 21-23. This year’s three influential 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 McClain Woolsey, Keith Ray/Josh Edmondson 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.

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