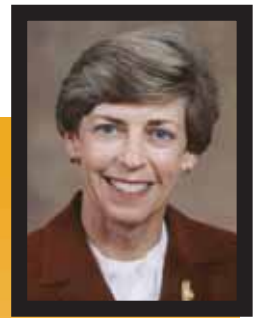


Newsletter

FALL 2004: Volume 2, Issue 2



Message from VP for Student Affairs

Another fall term is underway and that means the Division of Student Affairs is in full swing with new staff, new programs, renovated facilities, and renewed energy! I know that you will enjoy reading about the many excellent programs that our departments are providing to students. As always, we continue to serve student needs in the best ways possible. If you have feedback or ideas from the articles you read, please let us know what they are. We look forward to being better and better!

Mary B. Coburn

Vice President for Student Affairs



The LEAD Center Staff

Student Leadership Center Opens

By Laura Osteen, The LEAD Center

The Florida State LEAD Center is open! Thanks to the amazing work of students, staff and faculty, the Quality Enhancement Plan Initiative #1 is a reality. The LEAD Center opened its doors at the beginning of fall semester in Suite T114 of the Oglesby Union.

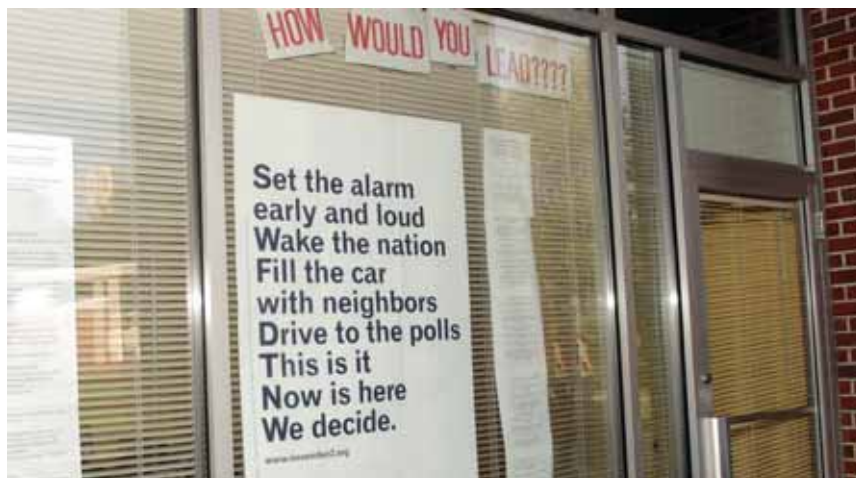
Through our open doors, we have moved in everything from furniture and office supplies, to yellow paint for the walls, and an amazing team of people. Currently the LEAD Center team consists of 13 diverse individuals; including six student assistants, two undergraduate teaching assistants, two graduate interns, one graduate coordinator, one senior program assistant, and one director.

In addition to opening the physical location of the LEAD Center, we are building a comprehensive leadership learning plan for the University. Rooted in the documents created by the University's Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee, the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Leadership Committee, and a review of leadership programs across the country, the LEAD Center has developed a Florida State leadership vision and mission.

The LEAD Center envisions that all Florida State students will be empowered and enabled to make a difference in their individual, campus and wider communities. Through generating

Annual Report
STUDENT AFFAIRS
Florida State University

LEAD Center ... continued from page 1



multifaceted leadership learning opportunities for all FSU students, faculty and staff, the LEAD Center will enhance the leadership capacity of the entire campus community.

The LEAD Center mission is to coordinate, facilitate and evaluate leadership learning opportunities on campus. Through integrating leadership education, training and development the Center will assist students, faculty and staff in the continual process of leadership learning. Through leadership education, training, and development, individuals will acquire and practice leadership knowledge, skills and values that will enable them to make a difference in their individual, campus and wider communities.

The LEAD Center's work is based in five key leadership beliefs:

- 1.** All Florida State students, faculty and staff have the ability to develop and enhance their leadership capacity through leadership learning.
- 2.** Leadership learning is the continual process of an individual's

acquisition, practice, reflection, and application of leadership knowledge, skills and values.

3. Educators have the ability to influence and direct the leadership learning process through providing intentional leadership education, training and development.

4. Leadership is an inclusive, ethical, change process that moves a group of individuals toward a shared vision.

5. Leadership is an active behavior, not a passive role based on a title or position within a group.

The LEAD Center team is incredibly thankful to the Florida State students, faculty and staff whose visionary work created a supportive environment for the creation and opening of the LEAD Center. Building up from the solid foundation designed by FSU student leaders, student affairs staff, and select faculty, the LEAD Center is now focused on developing a comprehensive offering of

programs, services, and coursework.

The LEAD Center team looks forward to working with each department within the DSA to find out how we can serve as a resource for the wonderful work you are already engaged in and the work you dream of doing in the future. To find out more about the LEAD Center, please call us at 850-645-2364, email us at lead@admin.fsu.edu, or stop by to see us at the Oglesby Union, Suite T114 across Woodward from the Bookstore. We look forward to leading and learning with you.



FALL 2004:
Volume 2, Issue 2

Newsletter

Division of Student Affairs

Mary B. Coburn, Ed. D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Timothy Quinnan, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Liz Maryanski, M.B.A.
Vice President for Student Affairs, Financial Operations

Yvonne Mosley
Coordinator, DSA Computer Applications

Pam Morris
Senior Designer, University Communications Group, Print & Electronic Publishing

The DSA Newsletter is published twice a year, in the fall and spring. It is intended to share news with colleagues and friends of the Division. To submit items for consideration or comments on the Newsletter, please contact Timothy Quinnan at tquinnan@admin.fsu.edu. This publication is available in alternative formats and at www.studentaffairs.fsu.edu.

Service Scholar Program Stresses “Making a Difference”

By Heather Skojec, Center for Civic Education and Service

Beginning its eighth year, the Service Scholar Program continues to be a dynamic force in the Florida State University community. Through participation in the program, students are prepared for and encouraged to assume active leadership roles in a wide array of organizations and make a difference in their communities.

According to its handbook, the program is “...designed to recognize students entering Florida State University with an outstanding record of service and to promote service as an integral part of the liberal arts education at FSU.” After a highly competitive selection process, scholarships valued at \$2,000 a year and renewable for four years are awarded to each Service Scholar.

Based on the achievements of the current Service Scholars and the sentiments and successes of those who have completed the program, it is clear that the program is achieving its mission. Service Scholars routinely serve as lead students on community outreach projects, as site leaders for service days, and role models and promoters of service for their peers. The Scholars are assuming leadership roles within organizations such as Service Corps, Progressive Black Men, Greek Life, Lady Spirithunters, Seminole Ambassadors, Orientation Leaders, Alternative Break Corps, and the Student Government Association.

A recent survey indicates that most Service Scholar Program alumni have gone on to pursue graduate level degrees, and others have found



meaningful employment in a variety of professional fields. A number of those surveyed mentioned that the “family atmosphere” of the Service Scholar Program and the availability of personal interaction played an important role in their transition to college life. Others responded that the program helped with their public sector orientation and instilled a commitment to citizenship and community service. When asked about the program’s influence on their current community involvement, 70% responded that

they volunteer in different community activities. One former Service Scholar commented, “I really think the program provided a thoughtful way to engage the students in community service. It is the platform on which I could build the rest of my life.”

For more information about the Service Scholar Program at Florida State University, visit the website at <http://www.fsu.edu/~service/servschol.html> or contact the Center for Civic Education and Service at 644-3342.

Jake Brewer is the new executive director of *Break Away*, the national organization that promotes and arranges quality alternative breaks. Break Away is hosted by FSU and housed at the Center for Civic Education and Service. Jake is a leadership training and organization development consultant who attended the U.S. Naval Academy and recently graduated from Vanderbilt University. Welcome aboard Jake!

2004 CARE Summer Bridge Program Enrolls Record Freshman Class

By Angela Richardson, Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement

Growth is one measure of success, and the CARE program keeps expanding in both quantity and quality.

Each year since its reorganization in 2000, the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) has increased the enrollment of first-time freshmen in the Summer Bridge Program. The program is designed to accommodate a maximum of 300 low-income, first-generation college students and to assist them in their transition from high school to college. A total of 299 students participated in the summer 2004 program, marking the highest enrollment ever.

Summer Bridge provides a structured program of orientation to the FSU campus and equips students with important college survival skills needed for success. Students learn their way around campus,

become familiar with academic and student policies and procedures, make acquaintances with numerous campus faculty, staff and administrators, and establish lifelong friendships along the way. Summer 2004 participants felt “comfortable” in the campus culture and expressed satisfaction that the program enabled them to acquire a level of confidence that otherwise would have been difficult to achieve.

Although there are alternative admissions criteria for participation in the Summer Bridge Program (2.5 GPA, 900 SAT or 19 ACT score), many of the students admitted to the program arrived with academic credentials that exceeded these figures. A number of students earned higher scores on their college entrance examinations

and a significant percentage of students had attained high school grade point averages ranging from 3.5 to 4.9. The average high school grade point average was 3.28, SAT scores averaged 960, and ACT scores averaged 20.

Program participants were diverse in other respects as well, reflecting the broader campus community. In addition to educational diversity, students in the program differed in terms of ethnicity, culture, nationality, language, interests and talents. This breadth of backgrounds further enriched the educational experience provided by the Summer Bridge Program.

Given this year’s successes, CARE and the Summer Bridge Program are certain to keep thriving.

CARE



State University System Chancellor Debra Austin speaks to Summer Bridge class



President T.K. Wetherell chats with CARE students at an informal luncheon



Student Counseling Gets New Name and Re-Accreditation

By Anika Fields, University Counseling Center

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) began fall 2004 with a new name and logo. Last fall the staff voted to change the name to University Counseling Center (UCC). Since then staff have been researching the Center's history and are planning a birthday celebration.

Dr. Anika Fields, director of the University Counseling Center (UCC), was recently informed that the Center has been re-accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS). In his notification letter, the chair of the IACS University and College Board of Accreditation wrote, "It is clear that your Center offers an effective and comprehensive program of

services that makes a vital contribution to the quality of student and campus life. In its review, the Board was appreciative of your strong and accessible leadership, comprehensive services for students that are well integrated into the campus community, a highly competent and responsive professional staff, a high quality training program, well articulated rationales for policies and procedures, and a spacious and attractive modern facility." Information regarding UCC services and programs and a Referral Guide for Faculty and Staff can be viewed at www.fsu.edu/~staffair/counsel.

University
Counseling
Center Features

**AKEYS TO SUCCESS@
SERIES Workshops**

By Jori Collette,
University Counseling Center

In keeping with the DSA mission of maximizing student learning and development, the University Counseling Center has developed a series of programs dealing with academic and personal success strategies. The popular AKeys to Success@Series programs are free to all students. They include workshops on time management, stress management and study skills. Each two-hour workshop includes self-assessment, personalized strategies, useful handouts and hands-on learning. All workshops are held at the University Counseling Center on the second floor of the Student Life Building and are repeated throughout the school year. The schedule of workshops can be viewed on the Center's website, <http://www.fsu.edu/~staffair/counsel>.

Thagard's Peer Education and Outreach Groups

By Hollie Corbitt, Thagard Student Health Center

Although FSU recognizes that Thagard Student Health Center is on center stage for comprehensive health care, some on campus may not know that students often play a bigger role than that of “patient.”

Thagard's groups include:

- FSU (For Sexual Understanding Today, which heightens awareness of sexual health issues)
- KARMA (Knowing About Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs), which informs about the responsibilities and risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse
- SUNN (Students for Understanding Nutrition Now), whose members present sound advice about nutrition and fitness
- STRIKE (Student Tobacco Reform Initiative: Knowledge for Eternity), a state-wide program whose members promote tobacco awareness
- Total Health Empowerment for Ladies of Color (THE LOC), which focuses on health issues impacting international and minority women
- Community Medical Outreach, which assists with medical care for Florida's farm workers
- First Responder Unit, which supports professional healthcare and safety units during events
- Student Health Advisory, Resource and Education (SHARE) Team, a group comprised of members from Thagard's other organizations, that acts as a liaison between students and Health Center administration

Thagard is home to a number of peer education and outreach programs that give students opportunities to become educators and leaders while shaping the way in which they receive medical care.

Through classes and entertaining events, Thagard's student-driven organizations work to maintain a healthy community that is armed with the knowledge to make smart, healthful decisions.

Students have found that there are many benefits to being a member of one—or several—of these organizations. “Becoming a peer educator has exposed me to many facets of campus life that I would otherwise not have been aware of,” said Tanya Anim, a junior Psychology major who is also a member of THE LOC and FSU Today. “It has afforded me the opportunity to network with other students and get involved in community service.”

Regardless of whether or not students are interested in health-related careers, the volunteer opportunities available at Thagard Student Health Center help students to care for each other today and to become conscientious leaders for tomorrow.

Staff Notes

Leonard Barrington began work with University Housing as a custodial worker.

James Barricelli was appointed as assistant director of Career Placement Services in the Career Center.

Victoria Briseno was hired as senior clerk employed by the Thagard Student Health Center.

Lisa Bristoe, a senior registered nurse, has been employed by Thagard Student Health Center.

Mille Bruce was appointed to the position of senior registered nurse in Thagard Student Health Center.

Richard D. Carlton was hired as maintenance specialist for Oglesby Union.

Erin Coates was employed as program assistant at the Student Disability Resource Center.

Michael C. Coleman became the new assistant director for Guest Services at Oglesby Union.

Steven Crudup was selected to be assistant director of University Housing.

Orlando Cubela began work as a custodial worker in Campus Recreation.

Ashley Darnell was employed as a coordinator of University Housing.

Heather Fisher was hired as a nutritionist in the Thagard Student Health Center.

Laryn Flikkema began work as the director of the AmeriCorps' VISTA Initiative and serves with the Center for Civic Education's Florida Alliance for Student Service Program.

Adam Goldstein began his appointment as associate dean of students.

Cynthia Green was selected to become the director of the International Center.

Joshua Gross, psychologist in the University Counseling Center, was elected to the board of directors of the American Academy of Group Psychology.

James Hennessey, psychologist at the University Counseling Center, was elected to the board of directors of the Associate of Counseling Center Training Agencies.

Miguel Hernandez was hired as a coordinator of University Housing.

William Paul Hucks was hired as parking attendant for Thagard Student Health Center.

Landis Housing Facility Renewed

By Rita Moser, University Housing

Landis Hall is getting a makeover.

In 1990 University Housing began a program to renovate the oldest facilities on campus—those with Jacobean Revival style architecture. To date, Jennie Murphree, Reynolds, Bryan, Broward, Gilchrist, and Cawthon halls have been completed. The last of the oldest halls, Landis, is currently being transformed into a facility with brand new interiors mirroring the other suite-styled facilities with semi-private baths. Landis closed for student use in May 2004 and will re-open August 2006 to once again provide housing for honors program students. Through these seven renovation projects, the University has preserved the historical and aesthetic value of the buildings

while providing up-to-date comfort and safety for students.

While renovations were being accomplished, University Housing made significant improvements in other facilities on campus. All total, between 1990 and 2003, over \$65 million dollars worth of facility improvements were made through the program.

Due to the emphasis on renovations and other facility improvements, the department waited until 2002 to break ground on the first new residence hall facility since McCollum Hall was built in 1973. The new apartment facility opened in August 2003 to house 555 residents in four buildings. Each apartment has one bedroom per resident and one bathroom for two persons. The living room and kitchen is shared by all four residents. Undergraduates beyond the freshman level and graduate students

reside in the facility that was constructed at a cost of \$28 million. The project was highlighted in the August 2004 issue of *American School and University Magazine* for outstanding architectural design.

The department has now turned its attention to further expansion of the housing system through the construction of another facility. Plans have been developed for the construction of a residence hall to house approximately 700 students along Wildwood Drive adjacent to the new apartment facility and the Student Life Building. Construction will begin in the summer of 2005. The facility is scheduled to open in August 2007.

It's an exciting time to be a residence hall student, and the staff of University Housing is pleased to accomplish these significant improvements on behalf of students.

Mario Jackson began employment as senior clerk in the Student Disability Resource Center.

Heidi Keating was hired as senior clerk at Thagard Student Health Center.

Brandy Littleton was hired as receptionist in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Jennifer Lombardo was employed as senior secretary in Campus Recreation.

Karen Macpherson began her appointment with the Health Center as a senior registered nurse.

Sarah Maere was hired as health supplement technician in the Thagard Student Health Center.

Willie McGriff was employed as a custodial worker with University Housing.

Jordan Merrick was appointed as coordinator, student affairs, in Campus Recreation.

Rudolph Monroe was promoted to assistant custodial services superintendent for Oglesby Union.

Carrie Norton was promoted to office assistant in the University Counseling Center.

Laura Osteen was selected to be the first director of The LEAD Center at FSU.

Brenda Perry began work as a custodial worker in University Housing.

David Pittman was hired as director of student activities in the Oglesby Union.

Dwight Polivka was recently hired as advanced registered nurse practitioner in the Health Center.

Steven Powell began work as coordinator, student affairs, in Campus Recreation.

Elaine Pressley was hired as administrative assistant in the University Counseling Center.

Nikki Pritchett, psychologist and research coordinator in the University Counseling Center, was appointed chairperson of the Research Network, a Counseling Center Section, of the American Psychological Association and to the editorial board of *The Psychology of College Students*.

Travis Redeker was appointed as coordinator, student affairs, in Campus Recreation.

Christina Riccardi was hired as a senior clerk in University Housing.

James Rivenburg was employed as a maintenance support worker in University Housing.

Mary Christin Shumaker was hired as program assistant for the Curricular-Career Information Service in the Career Center.

Vanessa Solomon was appointed as senior program assistant to the director in The LEAD Center.

John Stinchon was employed as a coordinator of University Housing.

Stephanie Thomas was employed as a pharmacist in Thagard Student Health Center.

Sara Tirmualasetty was hired as a psychiatrist in Thagard Student Health Center.

Ashley Tull, a recent graduate of FSU's doctoral program in Higher Education, was appointed director of Education and Assessment for Oglesby Union.

Anna Villarreal was employed as a program assistant in University Housing.

Andrea Young was employed as an x-ray technician in Thagard Student Health Center.

FSU Phi Gamma Delta Alumni Contribute \$350,000 Scholarship Gift

*By Kim Field,
Office of Development*

The Delta Housing Corporation, a group of alumni who serve as the governing board for the local chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) social fraternity, has recently made a gift of \$350,000 to Florida State University to be used to establish the Phi Gamma Delta Scholarship Fund. The gift is eligible for \$175,000 in matching funds through the State of Florida's matching gift program.

By establishing the Phi Gamma Delta Scholarship Fund, FIJI brothers will benefit through annual scholarship awards. The value of the gift will yield \$21,000 in annual scholarship dollars; \$7,000 of those annual dollars will be the result of earnings realized from the state match program.

Mike Ferguson, president of the Delta Housing Corporation, recently shared that the group chose

to create the scholarship fund as a means of promoting the fraternity's commitment to education.

"This gift will allow our organization to recognize the many talents and skills our brothers bring to the Florida State and Tallahassee communities. It will increase our visibility as an organization committed to fostering the FIJI values of friendship, knowledge, service, morality and excellence."

The availability of state matching for scholarship dollars was a major part of the fraternity's decision to establish the endowment at Florida State. Given the rising cost of a college education, the fraternity hopes these scholarships will allow students to enjoy the Greek experience fully and reduce the financial burden of the fraternity's most involved and successful students.

"We are so pleased that the Delta Housing Corporation chose to

establish this scholarship fund for the FIJI brothers," stated Vice President for Student Affairs Mary B. Coburn. "The members of FIJI achieved the highest average gpa (3.02) among fraternities last semester, and this is a great way to recognize their commitment to education and their fraternity as well as Florida State University."

The FIJI fraternity was founded in 1848 at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The Phi Sigma Chapter of FIJI was established on the Florida State University campus in 1967.

The gift will be included in the Foundation's FSU Connect Campaign—the largest fundraising effort in the history of Florida State University. By December 2005, the FSU Connect Campaign will raise \$600 million to support students, faculty and academic programs.



STUDENT AFFAIRS

313 Westcott Building
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL 32306-1340

www.studentaffairs.fsu.edu