Student Development
Annual Report
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Student Development Annual Report 2002

I. Unit Title: Student Development  
Unit Administrator: Jason Umfress, Coordinator of Student Development

II. Information for Department:

Interfraternity Council

During the 2001-02 school year the Interfraternity Council attended the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference in Atlanta, GA. The members of this group took steps to reorganize the Rush processes for Fall 02. The Rush process will be delayed three weeks this year.

Orientation

The orientation staff attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop in Louisiana this spring and brought home 5th place in the T-shirt design competition. Mary Blalack and Jason Umfress presented "Students Advising Students - Entrusting Orientation Leaders as Academic Advisors" at the conference as well. "Students Advising Students - Entrusting Orientation Leaders as Academic Advisors" was also presented at MACSAP in February of 2002 by Dr. Blansett, Dr. Watson, and Jason Umfress. This summer, the staff successfully oriented 639 students and parents.

Student Organizations

Currently we have 103 active and recognized student organizations. Also, there are four new student organizations pending approval from the Student Organizations Committee. The Student Organizations Handbook was updated and reprinted and will be ready for distribution at the beginning of the Fall 02 semester.

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association was the 1st in the state to go on-line with its election process. SGA President Josh Manley was elected President of the Student Body Presidents Council and spoke on behalf of all Mississippi students to the legislature this past spring. Resulting from a push by the SGA Senate, visitation hours were once again extended. The Senate also rejuvenated the "Clean Your Own Campus" campaign and has seen moderate success with the program.
Statesman Fellows

The Statesman Fellows program was smaller this year than that of years past. We had eight students complete the program and the class size actually made for more active and focused learning opportunities. Activities for the participants included lessons on University history, administrative structure, leadership development, personality typing, and stereotypical myths. Highlight activities for the group included an educational tour of the historic MS delta and a luncheon with Dr. David Potter and members of his executive cabinet.

III. Personnel:

Jason Umfress
- Pursuing a Masters in Counseling
- Selected to participate in Delta Emerging Leaders
- Two Regional Conference Presentations