

**Topic: Student Programs and Activities****Updated: October 11, 2005**

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One of the primary goals of the University Commons and Student Activities Office is to produce entertainment, cultural, recreational, and educational programs for the University of West Florida. The Campus Activity Board (CAB), the Gamesters' Series, Homecoming Committee, and Web Spinners are established to support this goal.

**Campus Activity Board (CAB)**

The Campus Activity Board (CAB), is established by the University Commons and Student Activities Office to produce entertainment, cultural, recreational, and educational programs for the University community. CAB also provides leadership and organizational experience for its student leaders and general membership.

The Campus Activity Board sponsors five program committees with individual goals and responsibilities: Catch A Rising Star (CARS): This series includes a wide variety of "up and coming" contemporary artists, bands, comedians and novelty performers.

Center Stage: This committee is responsible for producing opportunities to showcase student talent.

Cinematic: This committee presents a wide variety of films for the enjoyment of the University community including foreign films, classics and first-run movies.

Special Events: This series includes some of the more popular student participation programs sponsored by CAB such as The Roommate Game, Exam Jam, and Twister Competition.

**Gamesters Program**

The Gamesters Series provides student-union-style recreation programming such as card game tournaments and other indoor recreation activities.

**Homecoming Committee**

The Homecoming Committee includes student leaders appointed by SGA, ex officio members from various campus departments including Student Affairs, UCSA, Recreation, Housing, Alumni Affairs, Public Affairs, and Athletics.

The committee plans and produces a week long homecoming celebration each year. Members of the UCSA staff will serve as ex officio and ad hoc members of the Homecoming Committee assisting in programming, promotions, and other essential operations.

**Fall Frenzy**

Fall Frenzy is a cooperative program between UCSA, Recreation and Sports Services, and the Housing Office.

Planned for the first or second week of fall term, Fall Frenzy is a festival type program designed to expose new and returning students to a range of fun activities and to each other. Program components include free food, music, recreational sports exhibitions, fun competitions, and a number of special attractions.

**College Bowl**

Co-sponsored with the University Honors Council, the College Bowl is a nationally recognized program known as the varsity sport of the mind. Collegiate teams compete locally for the University championship and are then eligible for regional and national competitions.

**Web Spinners**

Web Spinners goals include developing and maintaining World Wide Web sites for student activities and organizations. Web Spinners will provide a basic template or a customized web site for any interested student organization.

**Lagniappe**

Lagniappe (a Cajun term meaning a little bit extra) is organized as an agency or brand function of the department and serves as the label under which the department sponsors or co-sponsors events and activities outside the scope of existing activities. The primary function of Lagniappe is a student

development lecture series featuring speakers on academic, professional, and personal leadership and success.

### **Welcome Week**

Welcome Week is a University-wide programming effort that is planned by a committee made up of representatives from both student affairs and academic affairs. The purpose of Welcome Week is to provide a selection of fun and interactive programs during the first week to ten days of the fall term.

### **Student Organizations**

The University Commons and Student Activities Office coordinates the official registration of UWF's student organizations. Groups are registered in 6 categories: Academic, Professional, Social Greek, Religious, Special Interest and Honor Societies plus a special category for FWB Campus organizations. While each student organization has its own faculty advisor, the UCSA staff is available to help with advice and guidance as requested.

### **Leadership Services**

A successful leadership development program is not a single event but rather is an environment of opportunities, experiences, and resources woven together. Leadership Services is the interweaving of three basic elements to create an environment for personal growth. The three basic elements are: 1) leadership opportunities, 2) training programs and resources, and 3) recognition programs.

**Leadership Opportunities:** The successful development and maintenance of student organizations is a primary element of student leadership skill development. Membership and active participation in student organizations provide for education in civic responsibility, leadership, cooperation, independent action and thought, and participation in the rights and privileges afforded all citizens. Student organizations are, in effect, the learning laboratory in which students experiment and take risks in leadership and management.

**Training Programs and Resources:** Formal leadership training is an integral part of student development, providing a framework to facilitate "learning by doing." One delivery system is the Student Organization Workshop Series.

Through this series, professional and paraprofessional staff present several workshops each semester in a variety of topics including time management, transitioning, etc.

**Recognition Programs:** Recognition of leadership and service is not simply an end result but is an important part of leadership development. Recognition provides that all-important closure on the process plus it establishes an environment where peer achievement rather than the institution dictates expectations of performance. The Annual Student Affairs Student Leadership Awards recognize those student leaders and organizations which have demonstrated excellence in what they do.

### **Diversity Programming**

It is intended that programming for diversity be addressed in two forms. First, programs sponsored by the department via the Campus Activity Board should be appropriately representative of ethnic and gender groups or should reflect a diversity of themes and characters. Second, we will seek to provide event promotion support to student groups sponsoring events and activities that address issues of multiculturalism and diversity.