

Hardy's Headlines

Inclusion. Intentional. Integrity.

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NOT ENOUGH HOURS IN THE DAY...

I know we are all busy, but I have to say, there has been a lot happening in Student Affairs and people across campus are beginning to notice more and more. Student Affairs has led university wide initiatives relating to H1N1, the new Student Health Insurance Plan and the ECU CARES reporting form for persons of concern. These projects and many more impact the entire campus and people are looking to us to provide the product. You know what? We're delivering too!!!

As a team, we will achieve great things. Over the years, we have referred to the activities within the union as being under the purview of Mendenhall Student Center. Currently, several other departments have moved inside MSC (e.g. Office of the Dean of Students, Marketing & Communications, etc.). Under the leadership of Nancy Mize, her team has gone through an identity makeover and has decided that the name, Mendenhall Student Center, is actually just the name of the building where they are housed. The name, "University or Student Union" does not adequately depict who the team members are or what they do or represent to the university community. In short, the function of the department that resides there is not related to the building's name. Nancy and her team have developed a mission that states the department "complements the academic mission of ECU through diverse programs and services which encourage students to create communities, be involved, and explore leadership opportunities."

They propose to have a positive, lifelong impact on all students. The newly named department will "contribute to student retention by delivering exemplary programs and services, developing state of the art facilities, embracing technology, and fostering involvement and transformative relationships."

That being said, they are proposing to change their name and enhance their identity as the **Department of Student Involvement and Leadership**. Please feel free to share your thoughts about this new name.

Furthermore, SA continues to work toward greater stability, diversity and engagement with our academic colleagues. As previously stated, search committees will consist of not just appropriate SA staff, but also faculty members, administrators and relevant university partners such as facilities and finance. Being inclusive also helps to educate others about the objectives and outcomes of SA.

- Congratulations to Keith Tingley for being selected as the Director of Greek Life.
- The Director of Career Services should be announced within the next few weeks. The anticipated start date is May 1, 2010.
- Nancy Mize is chairing the search for a new position, Director of Student Affairs Assessment, Research & Retention. We hope that the person can begin June or July.
- Dr. Lynn Roeder is chairing the search for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Housing and Dining. The hopeful anticipation is that the person will begin no later than July.
- Ms Laura Sweet is the chair for the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Mendenhall Student Center (Student Involvement & Leadership). If all goes well, we hope that this person will begin July 1, 2010.

When I see quotes that apply, I like to share them with you too. Henry David Thoreau once said, "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." We are all trying to reach our goals and sometimes we need more hours in our day to achieve success. Keep plugging along, create and develop partnerships toward common goals and work as a team and success will surely find us.

As always, please feel free to share your concerns, questions, ideas and suggestions to any member of the SA Executive Council and Leadership Team.

Dr. Virginia Hardy

Toot Your Horn

In February, seven **National Pan-Hellenic Council** students attended the National Black Greek Leadership Conference in St. Louis. They learned about national trends and interacted with 400 other NPHC leaders from across the country. On March 20th, the NPHC executive board hosted a full day of team building activities and focus groups on working as a collaborative organization. More than 30 students participated. The **Interfraternity Council** executive board attended the IFC Academy, the premier training program for IFC officers. Many schools in Virginia collaborated to host a regional conference; the ECU IFC was the only school from outside of Virginia who attended.

On March 19th, more than 750 **Panhellenic** sorority undergraduates, alumnae, and university representatives recognized 50 years of Panhellenic sorority life at ECU. The Panhellenic community is very unique because 8 of the 9 sororities were all founded in 1960. Many thanks to SA Marketing's **Heather Wilkinson** and her Campus 31 TV student team: Josh Etzel, Megan Kennedy, Rich Peterson and Kyle Walker for all their hard work and attention to detail that produced four very professional videos.

ECU Student Health Services coordinated a campaign ("*The Flu Stops with Me*") by the NC Division of Public Health to encourage vaccination by offering H1N1 flu vaccines at sporting events. Vaccination clinics were held at the men's basketball games at Minges Coliseum on Feb. 24th & 27th. With assistance from the Pitt County Public Health Center, Student Health Services administered more H1N1 vaccines than any of the other eight participating state universities gave at their basketball games, including NCSU and UNC Chapel Hill!

SGA officers Brad Congleton and Tremayne Smith recently returned from a trip to Washington, DC and were delegates for the AIPAC Convention (American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee). While visiting the White House they met Robert Gibbs, the Press Secretary and Valarie Jarrett, one of President Obama's senior strategists.

They attended speeches by Sen. Lindsey Graham, Chuck Shummer, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as well as managed a backstage photo with Tony Blair.

On top of that, Tremayne & Brad were in the House Chamber as they voted on the Health Care Bill.