LGBT Resource Office (Student Centered - Service - Excellence)

The LGBT Resource Office (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender), which opened in January 2011 and is a welcoming space on campus that offers educational programs and activities that celebrate LGBT identity, culture and history. The office is a space where people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are encouraged to be who they are and to meet and learn from people who are different from them.

The LGBT Resource Office regularly brings LGBT and ally presenters, speakers and entertainers to campus and is excited to collaborate with other offices and groups to support all types of diversity programming. It works closely with the GLBT Student Union and also facilitates an organization for LGBT and ally graduate students as well as LGBT and ally faculty and staff.

Summer Wisdom, who has been coordinating the efforts of the office since its inception, now has a new title, Assistant Director of the LGBT Resource Office. As of November 1, 2012, the LGBT Resource Office reports to the Division of Student Affairs. Summer is also an instructor in the Sociology Department. She completed a Bachelor’s degree in English at Appalachian State University and a Master’s degree in Sociology at ECU. As a graduate student, Summer studied LGBT student services in higher education.

Please feel free to contact the LGBT Resource Office - in Brewster B-103; phone 737-4451 (Assistant Director’s main line) or 737-2514 (reception area) or online for more.

Student Affairs Personnel Updates

Just a quick update on some of the new employees as well as searches currently underway:

We welcome our newest Student Affairs Educators
Marcos Alices – Graphic Design in Student Media
Scott Nichols – Website Developer in Marketing & Communications
Ron Reid – Transit Training Specialist
Felisha Hines - Building Environmental Supervisor in Student Involvement & Leadership

The following are searches in various active stages:
Assistant Director, Wellness Program & Assessment – Campus Recreation and Wellness
Assistant Director, Assessment, Research & Retention
Assistant Director, Veteran Services – Office of Student Transitions
Associate Director, Conference & Event Planning – SIL
Associate Director, Leadership Programs – SIL (split with Coll. of Health and Human Performance)
Associate Director, Service Learning – VSLC
Associate Director of Research, Student Transitions & Campus Living
Career Counselor, Career Center

Campus Rec hosting Salvation Army Angel Tree project

Campus Recreation & Wellness at East Carolina University will sponsor a Salvation Army Angel Tree this holiday season in the Student Recreation Center on campus.

The angel tree is decorated with names of children from families in need as identified by the Salvation Army. Participants may adopt an angel by selecting a name from the tree and purchasing appropriate toys and clothing for the child. All gifts should be unwrapped, labeled with the angel’s name and code number, and dropped off at the Student Recreation Center by Dec. 12.

For more information, contact Brittany Hopewell at 252-328-6387 or at hopewellb12@students.ecu.edu.
SA Making Headlines

- **Club Sports Service, Success and Economic Impact**
  - **Canned Food Drive** - On November 16th, Club Sports Assistant Director Justin Waters, Club Sports Graduate Assistant Stephen Tucci and Club Sports Site Supervisor Nick Tucker delivered 607 cans of food to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in Greenville, NC. In total, the canned food weighed close to 600 lbs! Over 17 club teams participated in the drive and Club Baseball led the way with 217 cans donated. See attached pictures for our donation!

- **Club Golf National Championship** - On November 18th, the ECU Golf Club won the National Collegiate Club Golf Association Fall National Championship at Sea Island Resort in Sea Island, Georgia. This is the third Fall National Championship for the Golf Club in the last four years. ECU competed against other universities such as Arizona, Boston College, ETSU, Georgia Tech, Miami, NC State, New Hampshire, Ohio State, South Carolina, UNC, Virginia and Virginia Tech. The club members who participated in the tournament were Thomas Duty, Faheem Amod, Jonathon Hockaday, Cole Suttle, Brandon Hillgrass, Jamie Moore, Broc Weaver and Scott Tarcey. Thomas Duty led the way for the Pirates by scoring the lowest individual score at the tournament (70, 73, +1 finish). Duty won by two shots!

- **8th Annual Lacrosse Pirate Invitational** - The Men's and Women's Lacrosse Club held their 8th Annual Lacrosse Pirate Invitational at the North Recreational Complex. Schools from all over the east coast came to Greenville to participate in the tournament: Men's - ECU, Maryland, UNC-W, Virginia, High Point, UNC, James Madison; Women's - ECU, Radford, Elon, App. State, UNC-W, Heat, Towson, Virginia. In total, the tournament had 283 visiting student athletes from those respective institutions. The tournament generated an estimated economic impact of $120,115.20 for the Pitt-Greenville community. In the finals of the Men's Division James Madison University defeated the University of Maryland.

- **Office of Student Transitions – Conference Presentations**
  - **Karen Smith, Hank Bowen and Bob Morphet (Counseling Center)** presented “Engaging Students in Important Discussions during Orientation” at the National Orientation Directors Association national conference in Las Vegas, October 2012. This highlighted the True Life session presented at ECU’s orientation.

  - **Hank Bowen** presented “Creating a Veteran-Friendly Campus” at the National Orientation Directors Association national conference in Las Vegas, October 2012. This session focused on current and future initiatives for Student Veterans on ECU’s campus.

  - **Mary Beth Corbin, Hank Bowen and Amy Shannon** (Academic Advisor, College of Technology and Computer Science) presented “Key Items to Consider in Working with Student Veterans” for the Office of Faculty Excellence, November 2012. This presentation focused on how faculty can assist in the successful transition from combat to campus for Student Veterans.

- **Campus Dining Recognized in Online Publication**
  - FoodServiceDirector.com recognized ECU and Campus Dining in an article entitled “Hooked on Themes” where dining hall themed events are providing more opportunities for staff creativity to shine.
    - “Be it a trip to Oz or the round table, themed events at college and universities always bring the fun for the students and staff. Though these events often require a lot of work, they also allow for the dining services staff to pull out all the stops in implementing a theme. FSD (Food Service Director) explored how they created the memorable events for their operations.” (Click here to see the full online story)

**50th Anniversary of Desegregation Photo Chronology - Mendenhall Student Center**

As most of you know, ECU is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Desegregation of East Carolina University during the 2012-2013 academic year. The first event to kick off the year of celebration was held Nov. 1st and involved a keynote address by Justice Henry Frye as well as a panel discussion involving a current student, several esteemed alums and community leaders. The spring semester will have many more events as a part of the anniversary.

Student Involvement and Leadership partnered with Joyner Library to develop a photo chronology about the desegregation of ECU, as well as years prior to 1962 and since. The wonderfully designed photos are on display on the Greek Life hallway located on the second floor of the Mendenhall Student Center. Please make every effort to stop by and enjoy this photographic presentation.
“Write Where You Belong”: Helping Students Become Better Writers through the QEP

By: Dr. Wendy Sharer, Director of the ECU Quality Enhancement Plan/Assoc. Professor of English

“Will your writing take you where you want to go?” That’s the question ECU’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), asks students to ponder. Required for institutional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a QEP involves the design, implementation, and assessment of a focused set of initiatives to improve student learning over a five-year period.

ECU’s QEP, “Write Where You Belong,” focuses on enhancing students’ writing abilities. More specifically, the goal of this multi-faceted plan is to integrate, align, and reinforce writing instruction for students from the day that they begin their first classes at ECU until the day that they complete their degrees and transition into the workplace or advanced study.

Under the direction of Associate Professor of English, Wendy Sharer, the QEP Council—a group of over thirty-five faculty, staff, and students from across the university—has spent the past year researching best practices in college writing instruction, investigating the current writing abilities of our students, and gathering information from faculty, staff, alumni, and local professionals about the kinds of writing students need to do to succeed at ECU and beyond.

“The Quality Enhancement Plan provides an opportunity for faculty from across the university to have discussions about the teaching of writing,” said Dr. Michelle Eble, director of graduate studies in the Department of English. “We sometimes forget how hard writing can be, and when we don't do it regularly or we don't have specific reasons to do it, it's even harder.”

SA Call for Proposals for Innovative Programs

The members of the Innovative Program Council would like to invite you to submit innovative, new and collaborative program proposals for this spring 2013 semester. There are two categories, Gold Doubloon and Purple Jewel, for programs. The deadline to submit is December 14, 2012. Visit the Student Affairs website for the criteria, benefits, budget and call for proposals information.

Metal Lunch Box Collection - Mendenhall Student Center Gallery

Aaron Lucier, Director of Housing Operations in Campus Living, has shared his personal collection of metal lunch boxes that are sure to strike a nostalgic bone in most every body. Keeping in mind that metal lunch boxes stopped being made in the mid-1980’s, the collection on display in the 2nd floor gallery in Mendenhall is quite impressive.

Aaron started his collection while in college with the purchase of the Little House on the Prairie metal lunch box for only ten cents from a goodwill store. He collects them because they take people back to youthful experiences of taking your lunch to school as well as some of the movies and TV shows that defined the generation.

Among the 60 on display in Mendenhall include: Spiderman, Indiana Jones, Mickey Mouse Club, various Disney movies, Sesame Street, the Dukes of Hazzard, Happy Days and of course, Star Wars and Star Trek.

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- Social Media Online Registration