Hardy’s Headlines

Student Affairs Fall Semester Kickoff (Sept. 4th)
The Division of Student Affairs fall semester kickoff event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from 8:30-10:00am in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms. There will be a continental breakfast provided for all in attendance starting at 8:30am. Dr. Hardy will formally open the event and share her plans for the upcoming year beginning at 8:45am. Please make every effort to attend this opening event.

Changes to Hardy’s Headlines
At the fall semester kickoff event, you will have your chance to cast a vote about what you think the new name of Hardy’s Headlines should be. We are looking for something that is engaging, dynamic and speaks strongly about the efforts, accomplishments and news that we will be sharing in our divisional newsletter. Please submit any possible naming ideas to replace Hardy’s Headlines to Chris Stansbury no later than August 31st. Several of you have already submitted some suggestions and you are encouraged to keep coming. A finalized list will be provided at the Fall Semester Kickoff where a name will be decided.

Also beginning this fall, the newsletter will be coming out twice a month, which will provide an opportunity to communicate important information in a timelier manner. The newsletter will be distributed on the 1st and 15th of each month.

What we have learned over the past couple of years is that there is a significant amount of news, events and information that can be shared about our division and once a month may not be enough.

ECU Ranked in Best of the South and NOT Ranked in the Party School List
By Jeannine Hutson – ECU News Services
East Carolina University has been named one of the best colleges in the Southeast region based on its academic programs by The Princeton Review – an educational services company known for its annual college ratings.

ECU is among 138 colleges in 12 states to be deemed “Best in the Southeast” as part of the “2014 Best Colleges: Region-by-Region” feature. The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges on this list.

Other UNC-system schools deemed Best in the Southeast include Appalachian State University, N.C. State University, and the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Pembroke and Wilmington. (Click here to see the full story)

The Princeton Review also released its annual college rankings on Monday, including the 2014 edition of the Top 20 party schools in the nation. ECU was NOT listed in the top 20 schools. The University of Iowa claimed the dubious number one spot in the rankings followed by UC Santa Barbara, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, West Virginia and Syracuse. (Click here for the full story)

Campus Construction News
As you are aware, the University initiated a project over the summer to improve pedestrian and bicycle traffic near our high volume pedestrian areas. Our campus community identified these areas during the master plan process as problem areas. These projects are designed to reduce pedestrian-vehicular conflicts and make our campus safer.

Parking and Transportation has observed the areas around the construction project in preparation for fall semester and the significantly higher volumes of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic expected. They have identified some additional safety concerns and made modifications as necessary. One in particular is worth noting.

The observations of the Flanagan/Slay lot over the less active summer have revealed some safety issues related to this area that will only increase as classes begin. After careful consideration and discussion, it was determined that the Flanagan/Slay lot and the rest of Founder’s Drive to 10th Street will need to be closed.

Upcoming Events from Aug 15th-31st:
Click on the event name for more information

August 17th
Walk the Plank

August 18th
Panhellenic Recruitment Convocation
ECU Stars
Wal-Mart Run

August 19th
2013 New Student Welcome and Convocation
Pirate Palooza

August 22nd
Welcome Back Polynesian Luau

August 27th
Pop Into Leadership Movie

August 29th
Get a Clue

August 4th
15th-31st:
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until the project is completed at the end of the fall semester. Emergency, delivery, and service vehicles will still be permitted to pass through this area, but general traffic will not.

Fortunately, we recently acquired the former Wendy’s on 10th Street and that lot will now be available to A permit holders, which should help relieve some parking stress. We have also made accommodations for additional ADA spaces and Student Health Services patient spaces in the Umstead lot. Individuals with disabilities in need of additional information should contact Liz Johnston, ADA Coordinator at (252) 737-1016.

Legislative Changes
This summer has been very busy in the NC General Assembly and several new laws will impact our campus significantly. These laws will not take effect officially until October 1st and we are feverishly working here with our ECU partners, the Greenville community, and the UNC General Administration for planning and implementation procedures. Here is a snapshot of some of the new laws:

- **House Bill 843** – Enrolled students accused of disciplinary or conduct rules of the university have the right to be represented by a licensed attorney or non-attorney advocate who may fully participate during and procedure adopted and used by the university regarding the violation. This will impact all disciplinary processes and hearings on campus with the exception of those relating to academic integrity. This bill would also not apply if the university has a Student Honor Court; meaning only students were making the procedural decisions. ECU currently has students, faculty and staff serving in this capacity.

- **House Bill 937/Senate Bill 190** – “Provides that a person who has a valid concealed handgun permit may do all of the following: have a concealed handgun in a locked vehicle in a state government parking lot, have a concealed handgun in a locked compartment in a vehicle on the premises of a community college, or public or private college or university, and carry a handgun into an assembly where an admission fee is charged or an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed, unless the person in legal possession or control of the premises has posted a notice prohibiting the carrying of handguns on the premises; to provide that an employee of an institution of higher education who lives in a certain type of campus residence may carry a handgun on the employee’s residential premises and in some instances also keep the gun in the employee's locked vehicle in the parking area of the institution of higher education; to clarify the law on local government authority to prohibit concealed carry of firearms.”

- **House Bill 74 (Section 6)** – Equal treatment for fraternities and sororities by local government. “A zoning or unified development ordinance may not differentiate in terms of the regulations applicable to fraternities and sororities between those fraternities or sororities that are approved or recognized by a college or university and those that are not.” When a fraternity or sorority is suspended or permanently kicked off campus, the city does not have the right to force the residents of the Greek house. The university can revoke all rights, privileges and recognition of that group as a Greek organization affiliated with the university, but the city cannot re-zone that residence. This means even thought fraternity X is no longer recognized at ECU, those male students can still live in the house.

The new faces of ECU Dining Services
There’s a great new dining option on ECU’s medical campus. The Wedge is a healthy alternative located in the Allied Health Sciences Building. The concept is fun, fresh and economical with all items under $7. The menu features soups, daily sandwich specials, baked potatoes and salads made to order. Guests choose from four lettuce options to start that fresh salad and then can pick from the 35 toppings to complete that perfect order. The Wedge opened its doors August 6th and will be a very welcome location for our medical campus students, faculty and staff.

Also new this summer from Dining Services:
- The latest addition to the Destination 360 lineup is Panda Express; a Chinese food concept. The Grill space was reconfigured to allow both concepts to sit side by side, while also still maintaining Chick-fil-a and Bleeker Street.
- Java City in Joyner Library was taken out and during the library’s front desk renovation a Starbucks was installed.
- Both Todd and West End Dining Halls received facelifts with new carpet, paint, tables and chairs.

Increased freshman enrollment impacts living situations
They’re baaccccckkk!!! The students are here and numbering in excess of 4,400 new freshmen joining the Pirate Nation. Due to these record numbers, Campus Living and ECU made alternative housing plans for some of the students who wished to stay on campus, but simply couldn’t due to a lack of space. A partnership was reached with the Province apartment complex to house about 200 returning and transfer students for the 2013-14 academic year. These students will be able to keep their roommate and maintain...
a residential dining plan if they prefer to do so. Campus Living sent a letter to all returning and transfer students to offer them this opportunity. The response rate was very high and all spaces have been secured for the students for this year.

Campus Living staff has met with Student Affairs leadership to identify any potential problems with the programs and services offered due to the high number of first year students. Campus Living has a good plan in place and looks forward to a fantastic year.

Student Affairs News and Notes

- **Convocation / Pirate Palooza**
  - Student Convocation and Pirate Palooza are set for August 19th at Minges Coliseum and Dowdy Ficklen Stadium respectively. Convocation will begin at 4:30pm with guest speaker Bob Kusbit, who owns One Louder Productions and has also worked for MTV. Following Convocation will be an athletics pep rally with coaches and student athletes. This will lead up to the start of Pirate Palooza. Students at Convocation will have their ID’s swiped as they enter and then they will be allowed to enter Palooza through a special entrance. Palooza, in its 13th year, will start at 6:00pm and will have food, games, inflatables and music for all in attendance. A class photo will be taken of the students attending Convocation in the Boneyard just prior to the start of Palooza.

- **Plunge Into Purple**
  - Convocation and Pirate Palooza are among the 40+ events that kick off the first six weeks of the fall semester. Here in the Pirate Nation, we call that Plunge into Purple. Plunge into Purple (PIP) has events that start a couple days before classes and roll forward through the month of September. Some of the events include the Walmart Run, ECU Stars, Free Bowling and Billiards, Get-A-Clue, Connect at the Cupola and much more. Check out the PIP website at www.ecu.edu/plungeintopurple for events, dates and information.

- **ECU Transit Launches New Interactive Website**
  - It has been a very busy year in Transit with the move to a new building on Easy Street, rollout of the new GPS system NextBus and this summer it’s brand new interactive website went live. Please take a few minutes to check out the site (www.ecu.edu/transit) which features the GPS bus tracking system, enhanced bus route information with maps and calendars as well as educational pieces such as How to Ride, Sustainability and Accessibility. Check out the site and share it with your students.

- **ECU Alum makes professional paintball team**
  - Tim Danchak, a proud ECU alum and former employee at the Student Rec Center, was recently named to the Chattanooga CEP Professional Paintball Team. The professional team competes in the PSP National Tournament Series. The Chattanooga team has had great success in local and regional tournaments and is now looking to pop opponents on the national stage. Congratulations to Tim!

- **Two Club Sports players compete in National Senior Games**
  - Two badminton club sports members competed in the Senior Games National Championships held in mid-July at the Cleveland Convention Center. Heng Hong placed 8th in his first ever nationals appearance in the 55+ singles division. Milt Sherman placed 5th in the 60+ singles division and 4th in the men’s doubles. Congrats to these club sports competitors!!