New gun law takes affect in North Carolina

In late July, Gov. Pat McCrory signed into law House Bill 937, which amended the state firearms laws. Included in the new legislation are provisions allowing persons with concealed carry handgun permits to bring their guns onto school campuses.

East Carolina University Police want to make sure the campus community knows and understands the following important points:

As of Oct. 1, the law allows a person with a valid concealed carry handgun permit to possess a handgun on educational property, provided that the weapon is in a locked container attached to a vehicle, such as a toolbox, or in any container in a locked vehicle.

The new law also applies at spectator events where vehicles are parked on campus property, such as football tailgating or concerts. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- If the weapon is in the glove box of a locked vehicle, and the owner has a concealed carry handgun permit, the owner is compliant with the law.
- If the weapon is lying in the back of a locked SUV and is visible, even if the owner has a concealed carry handgun permit, the owner is not compliant.
- If a person with a concealed carry handgun permit has a shotgun in a vehicle, that person is not complying with the law, even if the vehicle is locked.

The new legislation does not provide a provision for concealed carry handgun permit holders to assist law enforcement officers. The weapon must be in a container in a locked vehicle at all times. For persons found in violation of the law, state and university sanctions could apply.

It remains against the law for those without concealed carry permits to possess a weapon on campus property.

The revised university regulation concerning weapons on campus is available at this website: http://www.ecu.edu/PRR/05/20/07. If you have specific questions about North Carolina’s Concealed Carry Permit law, please visit this website for information about background checks, requirements, terms and documentation.

SA Educators and ECU students attend Hunger Conference

A group of nine ECU students, faculty, and Student Affairs educators attended the second annual North Carolina Campuses Against Hunger Conference at Wake Forest University in early September. The team learned about food policy and food insecurity, regional collaboration on hunger issues, and the impact that universities can have on local outreach efforts.

The overall goal of the conference was to “unite faculty, staff, and students across our state in a creatively thoughtful, action-focused environment to develop a greater understanding of hunger and food issues and to work towards collaborative, systemic solutions.” The ECU team plans to share resources with the Campus Kitchen leadership team and faculty interested in research on hunger and nutrition. VSLC staff and students are available to share resources and best practices from the conference for those around the division who might be interested.
**Student Affairs Awards and Recognition**

ECU’s Student Affairs Educators are among the best at what we do...everyday. It is a pleasure to share the success our Student Affairs departments and individual staff members experience outside of the campus.

- The Association of College Unions International (ACUI) new Regional Leadership Team for Region III was announced in September. **Dean Smith**, with Student Involvement and Leadership was named the ACUI Region III Business Manager.

- On Sept. 17-18, **Dr. Mary Beth Corbin** and **Trish Goltermann** along with Dr. Rick Niswander, Dr. Steve Duncan, and Michelle Brooks travelled to Washington DC to meet with state representatives and tour the U.S. Capitol and Pentagon. During the visit, the ECU contingent will meet with US Representatives Walter Jones and GK Butterfield as well as Senator Kay Hagen. They also had lunch with and heard a presentation from Lt. General William E. Ingram at the Pentagon.

- On Sept. 20, **David Gaskins** (Campus Rec and Wellness) and **Chris Stansbury** (SA Marketing/Communications) co-presented at the NoCRSA State Workshop in Wilmington, NC. The session was entitled "Effective Marketing in Campus Recreation Today and Tomorrow."

- A staff member and student received awards at the 2013 National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) South Graphics Competition.
  - **Brad Ritchie** (SA Marketing Graphic Artist) won the award for Professionally Designed Poster for his Barefoot on the Mall design.
  - **Gioia Hackett** (Student Activities student employee) won the award for Student Designed Poster for her Subconscious Illusions design.

**SA Continuing Career Development series to welcome Michael Hingson**

The Student Affairs Continuing Career Development series is pleased to have Michael Hingson present "Moving from Diversity to Inclusion" on October 23 from 10:00-11:30am in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms. Hingson, who is a #1 New York Times best-selling author and motivational speaker, survived the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center by travelling down 76 flights of stairs with his seeing-eye dog.

Hingson uses stories, humor and lessons from his life growing up as a blind person, successfully working in professional sales, management and leadership positions. He will share how a few simple adjustments can open opportunities for persons with disabilities or others who are outside the normal scope of diversity discussions.

Registration for this event is available on OneStop under the University Trainings link.

**LWCC hosted Immigration Debate in first TAD Talk Series**

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center hosted an immigration debate Sept. 25 in Wright Auditorium. ECU senior communication major Tori Rodriguez moderated the debate between Enrique Morones and Dan Stein.

Morones is founder of Border Angels and an internationally acclaimed immigrant and undocumented alien rights activist. Stein is the president of FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform), which advocates for reforms of U.S. immigration policies that would result in significant immigration reduction.

The debate was the first in a new series called Talking Across Difference (TAD), a collaborative effort to bring people together during the academic year to exchange diverse viewpoints on timely and challenging issues.

“These opportunities encourage mutual respect, close and sympathetic listening, diverse perspectives, suspended judgment and critical reflection,” said Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, interim director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. “We want to introduce topics that are relevant and encourage students to listen to all sides, take a stand and be heard.”

**ECU Transit offers new service to RDU Airport**

Beginning in early October, ECU Transit will provide transportation to Raleigh Durham airport for ECU faculty, staff and students. The special service will be available this fall during the major break times in the semester such as Fall Break (Oct. 5-8), Thanksgiving (Nov. 27 - Dec. 1) and the Winter break (Dec. 11-13 departure and Jan. 9-12 return). The cost for each roundtrip ticket is only $30 and includes pick up from two different locations on campus and drops passengers off at both RDU terminals. In addition to purchasing a ticket for themselves, ECU Transit also offers family members travelling as guests to participate.

"We know many of our students love to travel during the semester breaks, but sometimes it's not worth when you factor in gas back and forth and parking for 3-5 days,” said Wood Davidson, director of Transit. "This option gives students a safe, comfortable door-to-door service that eases the burden financially and stress-wise too."

For more information about the routes, ticket pricing and schedules, visit www.ecu.edu/transit/bus_routes-rdu_shuttle.cfm.