UPCOMING EVENTS

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October 16th
Disney College Program Info Session

SAB Initiatives: Creative Dating
Sexversations Series “Suit Yourself”

October 17th
POP Thursday – First Citizens Bank
Monte Carlo Night

October 22nd
Pirate Read Author Rye Barcott at ECU

October 23rd
Davis Construction Info Session
Sept. 11th Survivor Michael Hingson

October 23rd - 25th
Halloweek: Spookfest

October 26th
Second Annual Social Justice Symposium
Halloweek - Rocky Horror Picture Show

October 29th-30th
Halloweek - Haunted House

October 30th
Halloweek - Murder Mystery Dinner

October 31st
Midnight Madness / Costume Contest

Halloweek and Midnight Madness 2013

For more than 20 years, Student Affairs has provided a safe, non-alcoholic alternative to spending Halloween in downtown Greenville. This fall tradition has grown in recent years from a single night of fun, food and costumes to a full week worth of entertainment, engagement and festivities capped off with a dance and activities on Oct. 31st.

The entire week, called Halloweek, is filled with Halloween movies, including cult favorite Rocky Horror Picture Show, a murder mystery dinner, a haunted house and much more, all leading up to the big night of Midnight Madness on the 31st.

For the first time ever, Midnight Madness moves to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium from 10pm-2am for a full night of fun in one location. The big night will feature the student favorite costume contest, as well as the dance, haunted laser tag, blacklight putt-putt, pumpkin carving, karaoke contests, and a midnight breakfast.

Be sure to check out the new, highly interactive website for Halloweek.

CSLE and Elite Pirates Host Social Justice Symposium

The East Carolina University Elite Pirates and Center for Student Leadership and Engagement will host the Second Annual Social Justice Symposium on October 26th, 2013 in Mendenhall Student Center from 9:30am-2:00pm.

Vernon Wall, a nationally recognized speaker on Social Justice and leadership, will join our conversation as we explore the perceived Impossible in our society and help ECU work together to change our view to [I'M]Possible, recognizing that positive change is each of our responsibilities.

Register by clicking on ‘Apply’ at www.ecu.edu/studentleadership. Lunch will be served, along with various performances from our dynamic ECU community. The registration deadline is October 23, 2013.

Dean of Students now handles all student medical withdrawals

The Office of the Dean of Students now manages student requests to withdraw from the University for medical (which will include both physical and mental health) reasons. Prior to Fall 2013, the student would request the medical withdrawal with either ECU Student Health or ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development. Now, medical and mental health related withdrawals will be processed together under the category of a medical withdrawal. Students will apply for a medical withdrawal by contacting the Dean of Students Office and submitting their application and medical documentation certifying the need for the withdrawal. A Medical Withdrawal Committee has been created consisting of medical, mental health, disability support and administrative staff. The Medical Withdrawal Committee will review applications on a monthly basis according to the University withdrawal policy.

Students wishing to medically withdraw can review the policy and process on the Dean of Students website (www.ecu.edu/dos), e-mail the office at dos@ecu.edu or call the office at (252-328-9297) to discuss their withdrawal options.
**Student Centers Update**

ECU and Student Affairs continue to press forward with the plans for the student centers projects. The plans call for a new student center and parking deck to be built on main campus (near Mendenhall Student Center) as well as a student center and parking deck on the Health Sciences Campus. Dr. Bobby Woodard is leading a team that is collecting student feedback, input and recommendations which will be presented in early spring to the UNC Board of Governors. Dr. Woodard's team of SA Educators will be conducting focus groups with students and student organizations such as the Residence Hall Association, Black Student Union, Greek Life and more.

In addition, Student Affairs will host a Cafe Conversation on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 5-7pm in the Croatian Green Room. This Cafe Conversation will include student leaders, student employees, and other students from varying degrees of engagement and status (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, freshman, sophomore, etc.) at ECU who will use the centers for studying, recreation, etc.

These students are going to provide vital pieces of information that will drive funding decisions at ECU, but also impact our campus for future Pirates. This is an all hands on deck situation and everyone's assistance on this is greatly appreciated.

Please click here to see the Dr. Woodard's PowerPoint presentation.

**Greek Life provides anti-hazing education in October**

The Office of Greek Life features a pair of special presentations this month addressing the issue of hazing on college campuses. On October 15, Lorin Phillips will speak about "How Women Haze" at 5pm in Wright Auditorium. Phillips says sorority women are socially networked, do well academically and give back to the community. They form close bonds in sisterhood, dominate Greek Week and look out for one another professionally after graduation. However, these caring, compassionate women can become "mean girls" and create a culture where a myriad of hazing activities are considered acceptable? Phillips will talk about things such as why do bystanders tolerate the hazing treatment of their sisters and why are intelligent, confident new members asking to be hazed?

On October 24 at 6pm in Hendrix Theatre, Greek Life welcomes Dave Westol to talk about "Hazing on Trial." During his 18 years of service as CEO of Theta Chi and now serving as a consultant, he has presented on the topic of hazing nearly 2,000 times to colleges and high schools since 1981. He has worked with countless men's and women's national fraternities and sororities discussing hazing, risk management, motivation, values, ideals and leadership.

"It is extremely important to continue to educate our students about the downfalls of hazing," said Keith Tingley, director of ECU Greek Life. "Each year there are hazing deaths across the country with many more injuries sustained because of hazing. Often times the long term psychological effects on those who have been hazed last far longer than the 4 years in college. Hazing has no place in Greek organizations and students have to learn how to eliminate hazing within the ECU Community."

**North Recreation Complex - Winter Hours**

The CRW North Recreational Complex Boat House ceased staff hours and closed for the semester on Monday, October 7, 2013. The Boat House will re-open on Saturday, March 15, 2014 for drop in boat and equipment rentals.

The Boat House and Shade structures are still available for group and boat reservations by appointment. If you wish to make a reservation, please call 252.328.1576 or submit a Facility Reservation Form at http://www.ecu.edu/csstudentaffairs/crw/facilities/index.cfm#CP_JUMP_53220.

The North Recreational Complex remains open for Club Sports, Intramurals and for informal recreation if you bring your own equipment. Equipment can be checked out at the Student Recreation Center as well. The complex is open from 9:00 am – dusk daily for disc golf, walking trails, sand volleyball courts, horseshoes, fishing (with state license), fitness station, and multi-use fields.

**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.
Steps to Planning Accessible Events  
by: Liz Johnston

The Division of Student Affairs plans and hosts major events at all times during the year. One area that is often overlooked during the planning process is ensuring that the event meets ADA standards and/or has an accessibility plan. Below is a simple six step process that will ease your planning burden and save you headaches (and lawsuits):

1. When designing flyers and announcements include the following statement: Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).

2. Think about the path of travel to the event, ask yourself if an attendee who is a wheelchair user could navigate from the parking areas or bus stops? An accessible path of travel is 3 feet wide with a surface that is stable, firm and slip resistant.

3. Are available restrooms accessible? For outdoor events, porta-potties must include an accessible unit that is located on an accessible route.

4. Some events may include elements that are inherently inaccessible (inflatables), make every effort to arrange the layout in order to maximize the viewing potential of a guest unable to participate.

5. If serving refreshments make sure they are placed along an accessible route, if planning multiple buffet sites, make sure they all have the same food offerings and at least one is on a fully accessible route.

6. Most important of all, call or email us with any questions! (252) 737-1016 or dssdept@ecu.edu.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month - Tips from SA Technology Services

October is National Cyber Security Awareness month, and the Student Affairs Office of Technology Services wants to do all it can to make sure you are safe and protected, whether at home, at work, or on your mobile device. The term “cyber threat” refers to any threat perpetrated exclusively through online means – Internet access, social networking, e-mail, and the like, or through a computer or similar electronic device. Cyber-attacks are VERY real, and have increased 42% since last year. 2013 has seen unprecedented threats targeting Apple computers, mobile devices, and cloud storage systems, and frightening new terms like “ransomware” and “social phishing” have entered our vocabulary. In the coming months, we hope to alert you to new threats and provide straightforward advice in dealing with, or avoiding altogether, such threats. In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following information provided by ITCS and the Department of Homeland Security.

https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cybersecurity  
http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/securitytips/you-are-the-target/

Remember Belk Hall

Belk Residence Hall will be closed at the end of the fall 2013 semester. During the next 18 months, a brand new residence hall, currently named Gateway East and West will be built. Since it opened in 1966, more than 14,000 students have called Belk home. A new website has been created to remember Belk Hall. The site shares the history of the 47 year old residence hall including information about the namesake, Mr. Henry Belk, as well as future plans.

There is an opportunity for people who lived in Belk Hall to secure a piece of history through the Buy A Brick campaign. And looking to the future, there is the ability to put a name on residence hall dorm rooms for Gateways East and West. In today's technological era, it seems everyone and everything is connected online and via social media. Belk Hall can be included. The website has a blog space where former residents can post their favorite memories from living in Belk and attending ECU. You can also connect with Belk Hall in social media through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr.

Please check out the website by clicking here.