



Opening Tip!

Summer is well underway and the pace continues to be hectic with Freshman Orientations, Aqua Theatre nights, and a number of camps as well as our normal programming. Despite the lower number of enrolled students during these months, activity in the Student Recreation Center has been plentiful. The last few months have been extremely active for our alumni with a number of job moves, engagements, new babies, and other successes. We have also seen some major changes on campus with a new Provost and an Interim Vice-Provost for Student Affairs. It is anticipated that these changes will be positive when the dust settles.

New Provost and Vice-Provost for Student Life Appointed

Chancellor Steve Ballard has appointed Dr. Marilyn Sheerer as the Interim Provost for Academic Affairs & Student Affairs. Dr. Sheerer had spent the previous year as the Vice-Chancellor for Student Life, first on an interim basis and then was hired as a permanent. In this role, Dr. Sheerer has become a strong advocate for Campus Recreation & Wellness after previously working in the academic areas of upper administration in the past. Dr. Sheerer will be in this new position for a two year appointment with the position being advertised for a national search during the second year. The Provost is typically considered the second highest ranking administrator at the university. Dr. Sheerer will continue to oversee the big picture for Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. This administrative change essentially will combine the two areas and hopefully result in more collaboration as the administration recognizes the crucial role that out-of-classroom learning plays in the development of the total student. Todd Johnson, who had previously served as an Associate Vice-Chancellor for Housing & Dining will take over the role of Interim Vice-Provost for Student Affairs and will be charged with the day-to-day operations of Student Affairs. A search for this position will begin immediately.

North Recreation Complex Construction Progressing

Construction continues to progress on the first phase of the North Recreation Complex with the anticipation of completion in February 2008. The complex is located on Highway 264 East (10 minutes from main campus) and will include eight multipurpose activity fields. The fields can be sized to accommodate soccer, flag football, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, and rugby. The property will have 6 acres of water for fishing and boating. A sunbathing beach also will be available to accent the lake areas. A field house will overlook the fields providing equipment storage, restrooms, and a covered seating area with restrooms. Parking will be provided adjacent to the field house. This first phase will include about 57 acres with planned expansion in additional phases to 129 acres. Interested individuals may follow the project on our web site at: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/crw/facilities/north_complex/

Summer Camps Are Booming at CRW

For the first time ever CRW has completely sold out every single spot in the summer camp program encompassing six sessions of Recreation Nation (ages 8-12) and twelve 1/2 day sessions of Nature Discovery Camp (ages 5-8). Currently, we are maintaining a waiting list of approximately 80 individuals seeking to take any openings that may come available. After a very strong camp summer in 2006 and momentum from Youth & Family programs during the Fall/Spring, camp enrollment caught fire at a record pace and filled completely on May 27 which was two weeks before the first session started. An information-heavy brochure was replaced with a colorful and concise postcard that directed interested individuals to our web site for specific details. These camps have quickly become recognized as delivering a caring and quality experience that has drawn rave reviews this summer from a number of parents.

In addition to these departmental camps, CRW has also been important players in two other noteworthy camps that are prospering with our contributions. The Significant Summer program, an anti-gang initiative is using the Challenge Course for a variety of team building and group dynamic activities while Camp Golden Treasures is using the SRC, Climbing Wall, and Alpine Tower. The latter program, an eight week camp for overweight teenage girls, was initiated by a staff member at the Brody School of Medicine and has integrated the benefits of our program into the curriculum.

The Pirate Grapevine

Complete with the latest information about happenings related to our alumni, the grapevine is your link to former colleagues. Please submit any Grapevine information directly to David Gaskins at gaskinsd@ecu.edu

- **William Ehling**, former Coordinator and Assistant Director of Intramural Sports, is leaving his position as Director of the Recreation & Wellness Center at the University of Central Florida and will be starting as the Director of Recreational Sports at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on July 9th.



- **Summer (Talley) Faircloth**, former Graduate Assistant, Intramural Sports multi-sport official and Site Manager, Marketing intern, and Summer Camp Counselor, and **Craig Faircloth**, former Graduate Assistant in Club Sports, celebrated the birth of their first child on May 22nd. Spencer Alexander was 9 lbs. and 7 1/2 ounces and 22 inches long at birth. They are currently living in Fayetteville, NC where Summer works with Clinton Parks & Recreation and Craig has been teaching and coaching. He has just completed his first year of teaching and coached football and baseball this past year, winning championships in both sports. He was just offered a position at Douglas Byrd Middle School where he will be head football and wrestling coach beginning in the fall.
- **George Hollen**, former Intramural Sports Site Manager and multi-sport official, has completed the first year of his MBA program at UNC-Wilmington and has one year left. He was also named MBA class president for the class of 2008. He has also left aaiPharma after five years to join PPD as a Computer Validation Auditor.

- **Alex Langley**, former Graduate Assistant for Club Sports, Youth & Family, Summer Camp Counselor, and Intramural Sports multi-sport official, has accepted a new position as the first full-time Director of Recreational Sports at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount.
- **Renee Larson**, former Intramural Sports Site Manager and Soccer official, got engaged to Shaun Kime in Hawaii on April 1st. They will be getting married on June 13, 2008 in New Jersey. Renee continues to live in Raleigh and work for CHOICE I.T. Services where she has been for the past 7 1/2 years.
- **Stacy Lilyquist** and **Jonathan Armada**, former Fitness Trainers, got engaged on November 11 and will be getting married on August 4th. Jonathan is working as Assistant Manager at Cree Fitness in the Raleigh/Durham area where Stacy also works part time. Stacy is also subcontracted with her father's hardware business, Midwest Fastners, until she can acquire more territory.



- **Dana Moore**, former Adapted Recreation Program Assistant, Intramural Sports Site Manager, Office Assistant, and multi-sport official, will be accepting new responsibilities with San Jose State University Campus Recreation and she assumes the role of Assistant Director for Fitness & Wellness. In addition, she was recently identified at a college basketball officials camp and has been given a scholarship to the West Coast Conference (Division 1) camp at Seattle later in July.
- **Holly Osborne**, former Intramural Sports Program Assistant and Supervisory, finished her Masters degree in Public Administration in May 2006 from East Tennessee State University. She is now living and working in Washington, DC where she works for a non-profit called the Congressional Youth Leadership Council as an Associate Director developing and implementing educational conferences across the world. This summer she will be running a conference in Boston called the Junior National Young Leaders Conference-Alumni Boston (www.cylc.org/jrnylecb).
- **Patrick Phillippe**, former multi-sport official and intramural supervisor, was selected as one of the umpires for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A State Baseball Championship.
- **Doug Smith**, former Intramural Sports Site Manager and multi-sport official, and wife Stephanie celebrated the birth of a son. Ryan Alexander was born on May 22nd, the same date as the Faircloth baby. Doug continues to work at the Alumni Office at ECU and is an active High School Basketball official in the area.
- **Dana (Long) Starling**, former Intramural Sports Site Manager, Softball Umpire, Supervisor and Marketing Assistant, and **David Starling**, former Intramural Sports flag football official, are expecting their second child in October.

- **Leanne Teal**, former Intramural Sports Supervisor, got engaged on March 17 while her fiancé was home from a seven month deployment to Iraq. He is now home and will be completing his contract with the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune. After his contract is up, they plan to stay in Cary/Raleigh where she will continue working with the State Auditor's Office and he will attend school. A wedding date has not yet been firmly set but they are planning for the ceremony to be around September.

That is all for this time. Keep the information coming for the next update.

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