Opening Tip!

When we last left you the Fall semester had ended and the Spring semester was almost about to start. Now we are in Spring Break week and the campus and the Student Recreation Center is quiet. The first part of the semester has been as busy as usual and there is much news to share. Decisions are still yet to be made regarding the format, frequency, and distribution of this newsletter but all of your feedback has been both helpful and appreciated. A number of options are being discussed including continuing the "Update" under the current conditions. Please enjoy a look back at the first half of the Spring semester - DG

The Newest SRC Baby Arrives!

Tywanna Jeffries, Assistant Director for Campus Wellness, delivered a healthy baby girl on Monday, February 26. Corryn weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19.5 inches at birth. Tywanna's child was the fifth in less than a year by a CRW Staff member following Todd Riddick, Suzanne McDonald, Jenny Gregory, and Kathryn Hunt.

Intramural Sports Officials News

Recent months have been marked by a number of outstanding accomplishments from the ECU team of intramural sports officials. On campus, a very strong basketball season was capped by naming the 2007 All-Campus Officials as James Coffey, Mike Coy, Jimmy Heritage, Ash Hollar, Charlie Kessel, Chris Riddle, Phil VanderWeit, and Justin Waters. Meanwhile, a number of officials have also distinguished themselves on a regional and national basis. 2006 concluded with Rachel Moser and Kessel working the ACIS National Flag Football Championships in Pensacola, FL over the week of December 28-31. Moser advanced to the Men's College Quarterfinal round while also working a co-rec semifinal while Kessel worked a Men's College Quarterfinal, a co-rec semifinal, and the co-rec national championship game. For Charlie's outstanding effort he was named one of 16 All-American officials at the tournament.

Meanwhile, the ECU Officials are also hitting the road for basketball tournaments as well. Riddle was our lone representative at the NIRSA Mid-Atlantic 5-on-5 Basketball Championships at the University of Virginia over the weekend of March 2-4 and emerged with an All-Tournament selection as well as an invitation to the NIRSA National 5-on-5 Basketball Championships at Columbus, OH from April 13-15. Waters and VanderWeit will be making the long trip to Florida over the weekend of March 24-25 for a regional tournament hosted in Gainesville at the University of Florida. The Department will also be sending at least one official to the ACIS National tournament at UNC-Chapel Hill at the end of April.
Alex Langley Works NCHSAA Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament

Alex Langley, who spent a total of seven years working with CRW as a sports official, camp counselor/director, and graduate assistant for Club Sports and Youth & Family, was selected by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) to officiate the Eastern Regional Basketball tournament February 27 - March 3 in Greenville. While a number of former ECU intramural officials and staff members have received this honor including Gray Hodges, Todd King, Todd Murray, Max Carter, Brian Weingartz, and Haywood Dillahunt this one was particularly noteworthy in that, at the age of 25, Alex was probably one of the youngest individuals ever chosen for this level of competition. Alex worked the Durham Riverside HS vs. Wilmington Hoggard HS 4-A Boys' game at Minges Coliseum and the South View HS vs. Wilmington Laney HS 4-A Girls Eastern Regional Championship game and did an outstanding job.

Additional Staff Changes for 2007

A couple of staff changes were finalized in January that have taken effect this semester. Following Denise Migliaccio's departure as the Adapted Recreation Program Assistant, an extended search followed and resulted in the hiring of Sandra McGourty in this important role. Sandra has acquitted herself extremely well and we hope to have her in the position for some time. As a second semester freshman, she is the youngest person ever to be hired in this position. The other staff change came unexpectedly in the Youth & Family area where Diane Elhoffer left on the eve of Spring classes due to a promotion at another job. This search went several weeks into the semester but Katheryn Warren, a sophomore, was hired and started on January 19. Her hiring came at a time where tremendous growth is occurring in the program area fueled largely by a new program entitled "Parents' Night Out." The concept was originally introduced by former Youth & Family Program Assistant Eleana Brockett as an added program that she recommended for Fall 2006 as she was departing. One fall date sold out completely (40 spots) and has been followed this spring by three complete sellouts including the upcoming March 31st date which
filled three weeks prior to the event. This program involves bowling, swimming, and climbing for youth ages 5-12 on a Saturday evening.

**Polar Bear and Gladiators Highlight Events in Spring 2007**

The first half of the Spring 2007 semester has been marked by several big events that have energized the SRC and brought positive attention to our program. The Polar Bear Pool Party, in its 11th edition, was held on January 18th. Despite cold and misty conditions, 350 jumpers as well as several hundred spectators braved the elements to be a part of this campus tradition. Among the jumpers this year was Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Campus Recreation & Wellness Nance Mize. While the Polar Bear is always a great event, headlines this spring were taken by another special event that proved to be a big hit. After considerable planning and a failed attempt in the Fall, Gladiators! was successfully introduced with 31 teams on February 28th. Modeled after the old television show of the same name, this event matched ECU competitors against our own CRW Gladiators in circuit of four physical challenges. Top teams in men's, women's, and co-rec divisions then advanced to the final "Gauntlet" obstacle course. Among the other events in the department have been National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day which included a Kayak Roll session, Intramural Basketball Championships, and the Winter Blast Power Jam Workout, the upcoming Family Fun Day, and Food Fight for Your Health.
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

- **Lynn Briley**, former Intramural Sports Site Manager and Official, Facility Manager, and Marketing Assistant, is now working full-time as a Sales Associate with the Carolina Mudcats planning group outings, picnics, birthday parties, and appreciation nights for the minor league baseball team based in Zebulon, NC.

- **Duane Grooms**, former Equipment Room Manager, has returned to ECU after almost 20 years away and is now the Major Gifts Officer for the College of Health & Human Performance. He is very excited to be back at ECU.

- **Candice (Voigt) Houlihan**, former Intramural Sports Program Assistant, Site Manager, and multi-sport official, and husband Jimmy celebrated the birth of their first child, a daughter who has been named Noelle.

- **Brian Miller**, former Coordinator for Intramural Sports & Adventure Programs, is adjunct faculty at ECU and is teaching the Recreation & Leisure Studies 2400 (challenge course facilitation) class this Spring.

- **Dana Moore**, former Adapted Recreation Program Assistant, Intramural Sports Official, and Intramural Sports Site Manager, was selected to officiate several big high school conference and divisional championship games at college arenas before more than 3,000 spectators in northern California. After doing these contest which featured several thousand and featured several high Division 1 college prospects, she also was selected to work the 1st round of the Northern California high school playoffs.
That is all for this time. Keep the information coming for the next update.

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