Opening Tip!
The Fall 2006 semester has continued at a breakneck pace and November has arrived! October flew by and ended on Halloween with our second year hosting the Midnight Madness DJ dance in the Student Recreation Center. An estimated 1,000 plus costumed visitors enjoyed themselves as courts #1 and #2 were magically transformed into a discotheque by black plastic, ghoulish characters, colored spotlights, and extensive decorations. This Division of Student Life event went off very smoothly and attracted a huge crowd to both the SRC and Mendenhall Student Center.

October also witnessed a record number of intramural soccer teams with 82, the induction of four individuals into the Sports Officials "Wall of Fame," the initiation of a wheelchair basketball intramural league, and preparations for a number of special events in November. Next month's update will include information on the Flatlander's Fling Climbing Competition and the 10th Adapted Sports Day, scheduled for November 18.

Four New Members Inducted Into Officiating Wall of Fame
Four new former employees comprise the 2006 class of inductees for the Intramural Sports Officiating Wall of Fame in an election that was completed this past month. The Wall of Fame consists of outstanding sports officials who made significant on-campus contributions during their tenure at the Department of Campus Recreation & Wellness. In order to be eligible individuals must have worked at least four semesters, must have officiated at least two sports, and should have distinguished themselves through all-campus honors, working championship games, assisting as a campus clinician, and participation in extramural tournament. Former officials do not become eligible for election until at least one year after they separate employment from the department. Voting was done by the current Wall membership which consisted of 27 former officials covering the past 20 year period.

This year's class members were all in their first year of eligibility and make up a star-studded list. Todd Brewer (2002-2004) worked flag football, basketball, soccer, and softball during his three years garnering seven all-campus selections, and participating in six extramural tournaments. Richard Chadwell (1999-2004) worked flag football, basketball, soccer, and softball over a five year period working an amazing eleven extramural tournaments. He was also a clinician in flag football and basketball and probably worked more total games that all but a select few individuals. Chadwell is currently sharing his knowledge with the intramural sports officials at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a graduate assistant. Craig Faircloth (2001-2004) had exceptional credentials and worked flag football, basketball, and softball for four years while participating in ten extramural tournaments and collecting eight all-campus selections. Summer (Talley) Faircloth (1998-2005) worked flag football, volleyball, and basketball over her seven year employment tenure participating in seven extramural tournaments and accumulating six all-campus selections. Todd, Richard, Craig, and Summer each were recognized as All-American officials at the National Flag Football Tournament with Summer also reaching the national tournament level in basketball. Both Craig and Summer also are former Graduate Assistants with the Department.
Stanley Cup Visits Campus on 10/9/06

After the National Hockey League 2006 season ended with the state's Carolina Hurricanes capturing the Stanley Cup championship trophy the trip to Greenville became much shorter for one of the sports world's most famous trophies. The Stanley Cup came to campus on October 9 and was on display for several hours in the Mendenhall Student Center. A unique feature of the Stanley Cup is that each player of the winning team actually gets to keep the trophy for a little under 24 hours which has lead to it traveling all over North America and into other countries as well.

Brockett named Homecoming Queen

Intramural Sports Site Manager Keri Brockett was named the 2006 Homecoming Queen at the October 21 football game against Southern Methodist University. Brockett, who is now in her third year with the department, won the election as the representative of Campus Girl Scouts. Brockett was ecstatic about the win and looks forward to representing the university as she holds the title for 2006. Keri was quoted in the East Carolinian and said, "There were so many great candidates on the court who deserved the title. It's such a great feeling to know that you're thought of so highly by your peers and administration and seen as a great role model. I look forward to representing ECU as an advocate on campus and in the community." Brockett is also active as Secretary for the Student Government Association and previously won an award recognizing her outstanding work as a freshman student employee.

Staff and Alumni Author Articles

Two articles appeared in the Fall 2006 issue of the Recreational Sports Journal that were authored by current or former ECU CRW employees. Nelson Cooper, currently a faculty member in Recreation & Leisure Studies and Craig Faircloth, former Graduate Assistant for Club Sports published an article, "Repositioning Campus Recreation: A Case Report on Designing Program Evaluation Procedures" which was related to an independent study that Craig conducted on the Club Sports Program. David Gaskins also published, "Celebrating Your Recreational Sports Alumni: Connecting Generations for Future Success" and detailed the alumni program that we have employed over the last five years. Only a very small number of schools currently have something of this nature with their Recreational Sports program. The Recreational Sports Journal is circulated to the membership of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) consisting primarily of collegiate recreational sports administrators with a growing segment of community, military, and correctional institutions.

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

- John DeLucchi, former Fitness Trainer, is now a student at Springfield College in Massachusetts.
- Craig Faircloth and Summer (Talley) Faircloth, former Graduate Assistants and Intramural Sports Officials, are expecting their first child in May 2007. Summer also has changed jobs recently and is now the Assistant Athletic Director for Clinton (NC) Parks & Recreation.
- Andrea (Overby) Fields, former Intramural Sports Supervisor, is living in Greenville with her husband and four children.
• **Steve Goodwin**, former Adventure Program Intern, is now the Challenge Course Coordinator for Campus Recreation at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

• **Allison (Kemp) Graham**, former Intramural Sports Graduate Assistant, Program Assistant, Site Manager, and multi-sport official, was named "Teacher of the Year" at Newport Middle School in Morehead City, NC. She is also coaching basketball and softball, teaching 6th grade Social Studies, and serving as the Athletic Director. Allison's daughter Emma started kindergarten this fall.

• **Matt Hill**, former Intramural Sports Program Assistant and multi-sport official, is working in construction management with Hensel Phelps.

• **Abby Hoffmann**, former Group Fitness Instructor and Customer Services Attendant, got engaged on August 11 to Jacob Eastman. A May 20, 2007 wedding is planned. Abby is currently an Adjunct Professor at Old Dominion University (VA) in Exercise Science and a Group Fitness Instructor at the Lifestyle Center at Chesapeake General Hospital.

• **Mike Stroud**, former Intramural Sports basketball and softball official, is an Assistant Director of Athletics working primarily with the football stadium at the University of Virginia. He returned to campus for ECU football victory over the Cavaliers earlier this month.

• **Megan Timmins**, former Intramural Sports Supervisor, has moved from Greenville and is now living in Charleston, SC.

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

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