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NCHO Welcomes New Graduate Students!

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Submitted by Erica Renfrow, NC State University

As the graduate student representative, I am pleased to announce the arrival of some new graduate students to NC State University and Appalachian State University for the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year!! These new graduate students will be undertaking graduate Residence Director positions as well as working towards a degree in their respective field! At NCSU, there will be eight new graduate students in the department. They are:

- Jen Bannon*
- Jim Clagett*
- Ebony Ebron*
- Brian Hamm*
- Keith Kozak*
- Amy Okenfuss*
- Laura Pottmyer*
- April Williams*

At ASU, there will be eleven new graduate students. They include:

- Mary Adams*
- Jenny Brown*
- Amber Dees*
- Miguel Hernandez*
- Jeff Jaworski*
- Leah Kiley*
- Sarah Luczyk*
- Ebony Williams*
- Jonathan Zerulik*

Some of these new graduates are homegrown in North Carolina and others are venturing out from their undergraduate homes to experience the magic of North Carolina! These new faces are sure to bring fresh ideas and a sense of excitement to the state and to NCHO. On behalf of NCHO, I would like to extend a warm welcome to them all. If anyone is interested in participating in NCHO on the graduate level, please e-mail me at erica_renfrow@ncsu.edu. Have a great summer!



NCARH Update: New Opportunities for 2002—2003

Submitted by K.D. Linkous, Appalachian State University

As a year ends, a new one begins for NCARH bringing new opportunities for student leadership. Not only is NCARH happy to announce that all of the State Board of Directors positions are filled, but also that a bid has been submitted for NCARH 2003! Here is a brief update on the happenings in NCARH:

The 2002-2003 SBD

The NCARH State Board of Directors for 2002-2003 comes from four different schools and gives the state a wonderful and diverse representation. **Antwan Campbell**, the 2002-2003 Director, comes to us from Gardner-Webb University. He has been the National Communications Coordinator for Gardner-Webb for the past two years, and he has been a leading force with such improvements on the NCARH Alumni Association, various business legislation in the boardroom, and award bid development. He will be a phenomenal resource for the students in our state. Our Associate Director for Finance is **Tom Tostanoski** from UNC-Wilmington. Two years ago, Tom was the AD-Finance for a couple of months, before he needed to take time away from school. Well, he is back and is working as if he never took a break. Currently, he is working on the Fall Summit plans and he will be working on the 2002-2003 budget to be approved during the summer. Our Associate Director for Administration, **Joanna Jordan**, is a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is currently their RHA president and has much experience in boardrooms and with keeping files and notes. Her strengths and abilities will make our organization impeccable this coming year. Finally, **Brandon Orff** will be serving our students as the Associate Director for NRHH. He is the president of the NRHH chapter at Appalachian State University and has been chairing the selection process of the state-winning OTMs for just over 3 months now. He has many plans to incorporate unity between the NRHH chapters in our state and we should all look forward to him reaching those goals.

2002 Summer and Fall Summits

The NCARH SBD will be meeting in Boone, NC this summer for our annual summer meeting. We will be setting goals for the organization, looking at our budget, finalizing transitions, and doing some team building. Our Fall Summit has been set for September 28, 2002 at North Carolina Central University. The SBD will be contacting the schools about this during the summer and will be preparing the agenda for the NCC and NRHH business meetings. RHA/NRHH advisors should start planning to send as many of their RHA and NRHH exec boards to this summit for leadership sessions while the NCCs and NRHH representatives are in business meetings.

NCARH 2003

A bid has been submitted and it comes from UNC-Wilmington. After looking over the bid and budget that has been submitted, it looks really solid. I have been working with the conference chairs over this past month, and will continue to help them with their questions. The NCCs will be able to vote on this conference site during the summer. If the NCCs approve this site, then the conference will be rewarded to UNC-Wilmington. Let's all give them the support they need until they hear back from the NCCs. Start talking to your students about bidding for NCARH 2004. Those bids will be presented at the NCARH 2003 conference any hopefully, we will know at the close of that conference (in February) the host site for 2004.

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SEAHO 2002: Sounded Good To



Submitted by Gay Perez, NC State University

Colleagues from across the great state of North Carolina who attended the 2002 SEAHO conference in Nashville would like to extend a big thank you to the folks of Tennessee for hosting an outstanding conference. Congratulations on a job well done!!



North Carolina is extremely proud of the professionals who assisted in making the conference program a success. Thanks to all the folks who contributed to the pre-conference workshops, program sessions, case study competition, program committee and governing council. Your involvement in the region contributes immensely to the strength and continued success of SEAHO.



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NCARH Update, Continued

NACURH 2002 Report

Students from across our state attended the NACURH 2002 national conference this month (May 23-26) at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Our state was represented EXTREMELY WELL at this conference. The Appalachian State University delegation presented their *Program of the Year* presentation for their "Survivor" program, which was recognized nationally for how the program created unity amongst their residents and promoted tremendous student involvement on their campus, as well as the Boone community. Also, the NACURH conference is coming home to North Carolina in May of 2003. North Carolina State University was honored with the opportunity to host the conference!! Let's give these delegations a wonderful round of applause for their nationally recognized efforts!

Final Reminders

- NCARH affiliation fees and information sheets are due September 28th at the fall summit
- The NCARH 2004 conference will be up for bid in February 2003
- All NCARH State Board positions will be up for bid in February 2003
- The NCARH Advisor position will be up for bid in February 2003
- All updates for campus contacts (NCCs) and new advisors need to be sent to myself (linkouskd@appstate.edu) and Joanna Jordan (jordanj@email.unc.edu) this summer!!

RHA Recruitment at UNC Wilmington

Submitted by Craig Wymer, UNC Wilmington

Recruitment for most student organizations is always difficult. There is so much competition for groups interested in getting students involved, and here at UNCW we not only have to compete with over a hundred active student organizations, but with the beach as well! A particular difficult challenge has been maintaining our leadership positions from one year to the next. There is a large number of students who choose to move off campus after their freshmen year, leaving the area governments and RHA with out leaders to carry on to the next year.

This year the UNCW RHA took on a new program in the form of an on-campus visitation program for incoming freshmen. The goal of this program was to orient the freshmen who would attend UNCW in the fall, to the great experiences and fun that await them within RHA.

The program was planned around having the freshmen stay overnight with a current resident assistant, or hall government leader. The "host" would then be responsible for taking the incoming "guests" to the different events over the two days. We had a formal dinner sponsored by RHA where student leaders, and advisors shared their experiences with RHA. Following dessert, the guests were treated to icebreakers and fun activities so that they could get to know one another. As the evening progressed, the guests were escorted to the campus movie for that evening, which happened to be Harry Potter. But the magic did not end there, as the guests were taken to another space on campus where they were treated to games, music, fun , and of course pizza! The next day wrapped-up with a brunch and search party around campus.

We had about 40 guests in attendance, and out of the 40 about 25 stated they would be interested in participating in RHA next year. We have the incoming freshmen's contact information, and intend on keeping in touch over the summer. The students who voiced interest in helping with RHA, will have the opportunity to move-in three days earlier than the rest of the incoming freshmen. It is our hope that the time and energy spent on hosting these freshmen will lead them towards a strong desire to get involved, and support RHA. Even if these freshmen opt not to participate in RHA, it was an opportunity for them to visit the campus and explore some of the leadership opportunities, and meet some current students in the process. I highly encourage those of you who are looking for ways to build-up your RHA to attempt a program like this in the future.



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Executive Council

Spotlight on:

Dawn Dillon, President Elect

Dawn is currently the Director of Residence Life at Peace College. She has been at Peace College for two years. Prior to working at Peace, Dawn worked at Mercer University for five years as an Area Director and as an Assistant Director and before that worked at the University of South Carolina while pursuing her master's degree in Higher Education.

In her spare time, Dawn enjoys going to the beach, visiting lighthouses, going to movies and reading to children. Her life motto is, "The best gift you can give another is a good example."

As President Elect, Dawn sees her position as the gateway to your involvement with NCHO. Her primary goal is to get as many new people involved in NCHO as possible. Dawn wants you to know that there are positions not only on the Executive Council, but also on committees in the organization that are available and that she wants for you to get involved!

Spotlight on:

Erica Renfrow, Graduate Student Representative

Erica is currently a Residence Director at NC State University. She has been at NC State for five years having already received her B.A. in Animal Science from NC State. Erica is currently enrolled in the Higher Education Administration program with a specialization in Student Affairs.

Erica enjoyed co-teaching a first-year course this year with former housing and residence life great, Tierza Watts.

As the Graduate Student Representative, Erica's primary responsibility is to represent graduate students across the state. Erica represents the graduate students on both the Executive Council and the Programming Committee. Erica's goals for her position include: establishing a graduate student list-serve, surveying the graduate students about the annual conference, and planning a weekend gathering for graduate students in the state.

NCHO Diversity Calendar

Submitted by Rene Davis, NC School of the Arts

Here is a brief listing of holidays, cultural celebrations, and days of remembrance. If you know of any additional dates of significance, please forward the information to me for inclusion in the next calendar.

June

Gay and Lesbian Pride Month
5 — World Environment Day
19 — Juneteenth
21 — Summer Solstice
27 — Stonewall Rebellion



July

4 — Independence Day
13—15 — Bon Festival (Japan)



August

National Physically Challenged Month
26 — Women's Equality Day

September

National Hispanic Heritage Month
7 — Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
16 — Yom Kippur
21—29 — Religious Freedom Week
22—28 — Deaf Awareness Week

University Housing at NC State and First Year College Recognized by USA TODAY

Submitted by Laci Leggitt, NC State University

In August 2001, one of our residence halls, Tucker Hall, had the pleasure of hosting USA TODAY reporter, Mary Beth Marklein, for a week. She lived on a floor with 115 first year women, went to classes with students, and attended several welcome week events during the first week of the academic year. She asked to have the same experience as any incoming freshmen would have at NC State University who was enrolled in the First Year College (FYC). FYC is an academic department dedicated to first year students who are undecided in their major. So, Marklein was given a typical class schedule of a student in FYC, checked into her residence hall room where she was greeted by her Resident Advisor (RA), went to her first floor meeting to meet other women on her floor, and prepared for her first day of class. After her time with us at NC State, Marklein then wrote two outstanding articles for USA TODAY about life on campus at NC State.

Marklein wrote the cover story for USA Today "The debate over going to 'State'" on February 6, 2002. In this article Marklein outlines what NC State University and other large public universities are doing to make students feel confident and be more successful. She noted that several initiatives at NCSU and other large universities were creating a positive experience for students. Initiatives such as a greater emphasis on teaching, more connections between students and faculty, and more attention to learning are helping to create that positive experience. Other programs have been created, such as the FYC learning community, and University Housing is looking to add more theme-based learning communities in the future. Marklein stated "The idea of learning communities is to encourage bonding among students with similar interests, which can improve a student's social and academic life. And, though not limited to large public institutions, such communities help make a big campus more manageable"

Tucker and Owen Halls are two residence halls dedicated to students in the First Year College. FYC academic advisors and administrative offices are located in Tucker Hall, and FYC classes are held in both Tucker and Owen classrooms. Marklein attended classes such as Chemistry 101, English 111, Math 107, Introduction to the Honey Bee and Beekeeping and Introduction to University Education. As Marklein noted in her second article, "A College-within-a-college" in USA TODAY on February 6, 2002, "Big state universities can be daunting places for many freshmen. New students can feel lost on a huge campus, confused by seemingly endless choices of classes and activities, swamped in red tape. In recent years, though, many big schools have stepped up programs aimed at reducing a student's chances of feeling overwhelmed. One example is First Year College, a college-within-a-college for NCSU freshmen who aren't sure about their major."

It is important to make students feel like they belong here at NC State University, that we provide them with the tools to be successful, and that they are able to learn both in and out of the classroom. We are happy to see that Marklein, in her one week here as a student, was able to see our goals at work in the residence halls, in the classroom, and around campus!

Staff Announcements

Appalachian State University

ASU announces the promotion of Kevin "KD" Linkous to the Assistant Director for Residence Education position. KD is currently an Area Coordinator at ASU. ASU also wishes Peter Vandenberg, Assistant Director of Housing, the best in his new position as Director of Conferences and Institutes at ASU. ASU also wishes to welcome Kathie Edlund to the department!

Barton College

Barton College wishes departing staff members **Tamara Hannah**, Hall Director, and **Ernie Harrison**, Hall Director, the best in their new endeavors. Barton also wishes **Montrose A. Streeter**, Director of Residence Life, a successful future.

Duke University

Duke University would like to welcome their new Residence Coordinators. **Jessica Blake**, who received her Master of Education degree in Counseling Psychology from Boston College, **Stephanie Carter**, who received her Master of Education degree in Counseling and Higher Education Administration from the University of Georgia, **Terry Lynch**, who graduated from the University of Virginia with a Master of Education degree in Policy and Evaluation, **Jocleen McCall**, who received her Master of Divinity degree from Duke University, **Tegwin Millard**, who graduated from Boise State University with a Master of Public Administration degree, **David Montag**, who received his Master of Education in Counseling and Student Affairs Administration from SUNY Buffalo, **Bill Pickett**, who received his Master of Arts in Counseling and Higher Education Administration from Ball State University, **Kristin Tucci**, who received her Master of Education in Counseling and Student Affairs Administration from SUNY Buffalo, and **Norman Wallace**, who graduated from Colorado State University with Master of Science in Higher Education.

East Carolina University

East Carolina University enthusiastically welcomes two new Residence Hall Coordinators. **Monica Singleton**, who received her MA in Higher Education from the University of Akron, will be the Belk Hall Coordinator and **Jason Baer**, who received his MS in Counselor Education from Radford University, will be the new Scott Hall Coordinator. ECU also wishes departing Coordinators of 4 years – **Phil McDaniel** and **Gretchen Van Dyke** – all the best.



Elon University

Elon University wishes departing staff members **David Blackman**, Assistant Dean and Director of Residence Life, and **Tara Morlando**, Director of Residence Life for Operations and Information Management the best in their future careers. Elon also announces the promotion of **Shana Plasters**, current Associate Director of Residence Life and Service Learning, to the Director of Leadership position and of **Karen Floyd**, Assistant Director of Residence Life, to the Associate Director of Residence Life and Service Learning position.

Elon University also welcomes the following new staff: **Jeff Stein** from Colorado State as the new Assistant Dean of Students, **Doug Searcy** from Gardner-Webb University as the new Director of Residence Life, **Nici Turley** who has come to Elon by way of Emmanuel College in Boston as the new Associate Director of Residence Life for Operations and Information Management, and **Alison Ragon** as the new Assistant Director of Residence Life in the North Area. Alison comes to Elon from UNC Wilmington by way of graduate school at Indiana University.

UNC Chapel Hill

UNC Chapel Hill welcomes the following new staff members for 2002 – 2003: **George Arey**, Community Director, **Leslie Kirk**, Community Director, **Pete Trentacoste**, Community Director, **LaTika Webster**, Community Director, **Ellen Jones**, Residence Director, **James David (JD) Louk**, Residence Director, and **Katie Toth**, Residence Director.

UNC Greensboro

UNCG wishes the following staff well as they move on in their careers: **Sharon Kompalla**, Area Director, **Sandra Rouse**, Area Director, **Tim Fitzpatrick**, Area Director, **Leonard Mansfield**, Residence Coordinator, and **Leslie Moore**, Residence Coordinator.

