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Students were as involved in shaping the new student union as they are in running it. The Student Centers board of directors helped determine how to finance it and has been instrumental in designing and outfitting Talley Student Union, said Wesley Lo, the board’s president.

The first phase of the new union, which includes lounge and gaming areas, information desks, four restaurants and a market with a bakery and ice cream shop, opened on October 23, 2013. Later phases, scheduled for completion in January 2014 and spring 2015, will complete Talley’s transition from student center to student union. More than a name change, the transformation reconnects the facility to a campus tradition more than 60 years old.

NC State’s first student union today’s Erdahl-Cloyd Wing at D.H. Hill Library — bears the name of the university’s first union director: Gerald Erdahl. In the 1930s, Erdahl was a student of Porter Butts, widely regarded as the “father of the college union movement” in the United States. Erdahl led NC State’s student union in the tradition of early 19th-century British college unions, which were the centers of student and academic life.

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“The idea of the union, it’s more about the collaboration that’s going on inside the building,” said Kevin Rollinson, a senior business administration major and member of the Student Centers board of directors. “It’s where the building falls into the background.”

-University Communications
Dr. Jayant Baliga, a Distinguished University Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at North Carolina State University and founding director of the university’s Power Semiconductor Research Center, has received the 2014 Medal of Honor from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Previous winners of the award include radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi and microchip co-inventor Robert Noyce.

IEEE is the world’s largest professional association for the advancement of technology, and the Medal of Honor is the institute’s highest award. Baliga is most famous for inventing, developing and commercializing the insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT), an energy-saving semiconductor switch that controls the flow of power from an electrical energy source to any application that needs energy.

The IGBT improves energy efficiency by more than 40 percent in products ranging from cars and refrigerators to light bulbs, and it is a critical component of modern compact cardiac defibrillators. The improved efficiency of IGBT-enabled applications has saved consumers money – more than $2.7 trillion in the United States and $15.8 trillion worldwide – while also reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 35 trillion pounds in the U.S. and 78 trillion pounds worldwide. In addition, IGBT-based compact portable defibrillators are estimated to have saved nearly 100,000 lives in the United States.

Baliga continues to work on innovative power technologies through NC State’s Power Semiconductor Research Center and the university’s FREEDM Systems Center, a National Science Foundation-sponsored Engineering Research Center that seeks to improve the nation’s distribution and management of power. His recent work includes research into wireless communication technology and technologies that use silicon carbide to create energy-efficient high-power devices.

In 2011, President Barack Obama awarded Baliga the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, which is the nation’s highest honor for technological achievement.

IEEE has more than 425,000 members in more than 160 countries and includes professionals involved in all aspects of the electrical, electronic and computing fields and related areas of science and technology.

The IEEE Medal of Honor was established in 1917. According to IEEE, the Medal of Honor “is presented when a candidate is identified as having made a particular contribution that forms a clearly exceptional addition to the science and technology of concern to IEEE.” Dr. Baliga will receive his award in Amsterdam in August 2014.

-Matt Shipman
Housing Selection

Between February 3-28, current housing residents who want to live on campus for the 2014-2015 academic year must reapply for housing. Residents may select available rooms and request a roommate(s). Once the process begins, students can access housing options through the University Housing Self Service page on MyPack Portal. A student's specific sign-up date is determined by living preference.

Research shows that students living on campus have higher GPAs and graduation rates. On-campus students also tend to have higher levels of engagement and utilize campus resources more frequently than students living off-campus. With our 20 residence halls, 13 Living and Learning Villages and four on-campus apartments, University Housing provides a variety of options, styles and layouts.

University Housing also offers thousands of programs and activities to help students connect to their campus community. Programs within the residence halls engage students in campus resources and initiatives that further their academic and social success at NC State.

Help your student achieve success by encouraging them to live on-campus.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The NC State Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is preparing for next academic year and we have a couple of dates to share with you.

1. FAFSA Day- 2014 takes place on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 9 am until noon at NC State's McKimmon Center. Last February, more than 4,500 students across the state received free help in the completion and submission of their FAFSAs, enabling them to be considered for state, federal and other college funding opportunities. If you are not close to NC State, check with your local high school to learn about locations for FAFSA day in your county.

2. Priority deadline for 2014-2015 FAFSAThe very important date (March 1, 2014) to have your FAFSA submitted has not changed. In order to be considered for the maximum amount of loans, grants and scholarships, the FAFSA must be submitted by March 1.

Here are some helpful resources:

• CFNC.org is a one stop shop for most financial aid questions with great resources and tools to help you better fiscally understand and prepare your child for college.

• NC State's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/financial_aid/ is a wealth of information and includes our staff directory; therefore you can reach out to your child's financial aid counselor directly.

For more information please call the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (919) 515.2421.

We are excited to help you with any questions and to make this process as easy as it can be for you. We realize this can be a difficult topic for some, but we are here and dedicated to do all we can.

Did your student hit a bump?

Our students strive for success but some semesters can be tougher than others. Here's the breakdown of what parents need to know about Academic Warning, Suspension and Probation. If you have further questions, please call (919) 515.2572.

Academic Warning

Students are placed on Academic Warning if their cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 OR if their semester GPA is less than 1.0 (even if the cumulative is higher than 2.00). Students on Warning are still considered to be in good academic standing however students must comply with the Timely Advising Requirement or they will not be allowed to register for the next term.

Academic Suspension

Assigned at the end of any spring or summer session to any student who has received final grades for at least 12 credit hours and has not met the minimum continuation standards. Academically suspended students are not considered to be in good academic standing and this may negatively impact their eligibility for on-campus housing and financial aid. Students will not be suspended until they have received final grades in at least 12 credit hours at NC State and have completed 2 regular semesters at NC State. However, students who have completed at least 12 credit hours but have a cumulative GPA below 1.0 will be suspended at the end of any regular or summer term.

Academic Probation

Academically suspended students may appeal to the University Admissions Committee for re-admission on Academic Probation Status in order to enroll in a regular fall or spring semester. Students on Academic Probation are not considered to be in good academic standing and this may negatively impact their eligibility for on-campus housing and financial aid. Students who obtain a cumulative GPA above the suspension level will have the probation status discontinued.

Parents Helpline: (919) 515.2441; ncsuparents@ncsu.edu; www.ncsu.edu/for_parents
Meal Plan Registration – University Dining holds open registration for meal plans through January 31. If you’re satisfied with your fall selection, you don’t have to do anything else! If you want to change, cancel* or sign up for one, you have until January 31 to do so. Visit go.ncsu.edu/mealplans for details.

*First-entry students living on campus cannot cancel their plans for the spring semester.

New Year, New Events – Dining likes to keep things fun and informative, so check out our special events and nutrition programs for Spring 2014 at go.ncsu.edu/diningevents.

Bookstore News - Ready to save money with NC State Bookstores? Last year, students saved $1,931,905.96 in textbook costs by shopping with the bookstore. With our dynamic pricing and rental services, students will be sure to find fantastic prices. Get started at go.ncsu.edu/textbooks.

We are also pleased to announce that Campus Enterprises – which includes University Dining, NC State Bookstores, Trademark Licensing and the University Student Centers among others – recently returned $1,191,394 to the university for student program support and scholarships.

Wolfpack One Card News
Wolfpack One has launched a new program for students to save money when shopping or dining on Hillsborough Street using their Wolfpack One Debit MasterCard account.

Visit go.ncsu.edu/howlin-good-deals to learn more.
Friday, February 28

Family Softball Game
Parents/Families v. Your NC State Student(s)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Miller Field
Pizza and beverages will be provided for players
$7.50 pp (All Participants)
Advance registration required.

Dinner
Fountain Dining Hall
Available until 8:30 pm
$8.75 pp
Tickets can be purchased in advance or on-site for anyone without a meal plan.

Saturday, March 1
Brunch & Basketball
9:00 am - Game’s End
Vaughn Towers/PNC Arena
$43.00 for anyone who is not a current NC State Student
$23.00* for NC State Students
*Cost includes Buffet Brunch and event only. Game tickets for NC State students are no charge but student tickets must be reserved in our registration site if you would like to sit together.
Tickets are required and do sell out fast.

Sunday, March 2
Brunch
Fountain Dining Hall
Available until 1:00 pm
$8.25 pp
Tickets can be purchased in advance or on-site for anyone without a meal plan.

The following partners are featured sponsors of Parents & Families Spring Fling Weekend.

Spring Fling Weekend Schedule of Events

More Fun Events...

Women’s Gymnastics
Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm
Reynolds Coliseum
$5.00 Adults (17 and under are free)
NC State Students are free with ID
Purchase tickets online at www.gopack.com/tickets

Women’s Softball
NC State v. Virginia (conference)
Saturday, March 1 at 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm
Sunday, March 2 at 12:00 pm
Dail Softball Stadium
Free Admission

Women’s Basketball
NC State v. Notre Dame (conference)
Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 pm
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Jazz Ensemble
Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm
Titmus Theatre-Thompson Hall
General Admission* is $10.00
Call (919) 515.1100 to purchase tickets
*Present VIP Membership Card for discounted rate.

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February 28 - March 2
Tickets go on sale January 22.

Buffet Brunch
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Vaughn Towers

NC State v. University of Miami
Tipoff is at 12:00 pm
PNC Arena
All tickets sold through the Office of Parents & Families Services are made exclusively available to parents and families of current students and can be sold only as part of an event designed to enrich the relationship between the university, parents, families and students. We are unable to sell game tickets only. We apologize for any inconvenience.

DoubleTree by Hilton
1707 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh, NC 27605
(919) 828.0811

Clarion Hotel
320 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh, NC 27603
(919) 835-0501

McDaids Irish Pub
2412 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh, NC 27607
This year we are excited to announce our first Family Softball game. Kicking off the weekend Friday night, parents and family members of all ages, will team up to take on their very own NC State student(s) in a slow-pitch softball game under the lights on Miller Field. All players will enjoy a pizza dinner prior to the start of the game and of course, the winning team will earn bragging rights for the remainder of the weekend.

Tickets are limited to 5 per family. Registrations are available online only and are nonrefundable. Upon submission each registration incurs a $17.00 fee.

Online Registration Opens January 22, 2014
Tickets for all Spring Fling weekend events will be available for purchase starting Wednesday, January 22 and will remain open until sold-out.

Please visit http://www.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/cpe/opd/PFSF/index.html for detailed information, ticket purchase and registration. See reverse side for full schedule and details.

Spring Fling Weekend February 28 - March 2

Feed the Pack
As always, no Parents & Families Services event would be complete without an opportunity to give back. This year we are partnering with NC State’s very own Feed the Pack food pantry. With a portion of our proceeds going toward the pantry we will also be accepting non-perishable items to donate to Feed the Pack.

On Saturday, March 1 we will be raffling off an autographed basketball, signed by Men’s Basketball Head Coach, Mark Gottfried to guests who bring non-perishable items to the Brunch & Basketball event. Each item donated will be worth one ticket and there is no limit to the number of donated items. For a full list of pantry inventory please visit Feed the Pack at http://ncsu.orgsync.com/org/feedthepackfoodpantry/home

NC State v. University of Miami
PNC Arena
At the conclusion of our buffet brunch event; parents, families and students will be personally escorted to the PNC Arena by a surprise VIP guest. Join the Pack as we cheer NC State’s Men’s Basketball team to victory as they take on the University of Miami in this televised ACC conference game.

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