



The History of Halloween

Halloween is an annual celebration, but just what is it a celebration of? And how did this peculiar custom originate? Is it, as some claim, a kind of demon worship? Or is it just a harmless vestige of some ancient pagan ritual? The word "Halloween" actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from "All Hallows' Eve." November 1, "All Hallows' (or Saints' Day)," is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints. One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in ghoulish costumes and noisily parade around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess. The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates. However, the custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called "souling." On November 2, All Souls' Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven. Although some cults may have adopted Halloween as their favorite "holiday," the day itself did not grow out of evil practices. It grew out of the rituals of Celts celebrating a new year and out of Medieval prayer rituals of Europeans. And today, even many churches have Halloween parties or pumpkin carving events for the kids. *Source: <http://wilstar.com/holidays/hallowen.htm>*

Become a Georgia Southern Leader!

The Center for Student Leadership Development, INSPIRE, and ODK are sponsoring Leadership Week at Georgia Southern University.

Monday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Union

Tuesday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lakeside Cafe

Come and meet representatives and pick up information from student peer groups such as Resident Advisors, Academic Mentors, Southern Ambassadors, SOAR leaders, Minority Advisement Program Sponsors, Sexual Assault Prevention Associates (SAPA), GSU 1210 peer leaders, among others!

Southern Pines Fall Festival



Come celebrate Fall and the spirit of Halloween. Carve and decorate Pumpkins, make Halloween ghosts, eat Halloween snacks, and much more. The festival will be held Wednesday, October 29 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Pines clubhouse.

Meningitis Vaccination/Waiver



737 students have yet to receive the meningitis vaccination or sign the waiver. This includes some students who received the vaccination last school year but have not completed the required paperwork. These students have holds on their registration for spring classes. If you are one of them, visit Health Services today to satisfy the requirement.

Cartoon-O-Ween 2003



The residence halls are sponsoring "Cartoon-O-Ween" for Bulloch-area children Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Olliff will host a Haunted House, and Johnson Hall will host trick-or-treating. Each residence hall is sponsoring a game for kids that will also take place in Johnson. If you are interested in supporting your hall's participation, contact your action team!

Career Corner



Don't be scared by your job or career search . . . Come to Career Services! Career Services is hosting a **Halloween Open House on Thursday, October 30 from 2-4 p.m.** in the Williams Center, Rm. 1047/1058. We will be serving spooky holiday treats and giving you a tour of the "haunted" Career Resource Center! Please call 681-5197 for more information.



Spotlight on . . . Dr. Douglas Graves

Dr. Douglas Graves is a professor of music here at Georgia Southern, and he is the Music Director of Georgia Southern's Symphony. Dr. Graves has been teaching at Georgia Southern for 16 years, and he says that he continues to teach because he loves music and he loves seeing his students progress. He also says that he loves "the positive attitude of all concerned—students, faculty, and staff." Dr. Graves received his Bachelor of Music Education from West Chester University, his Master of Music Education from Indiana University, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, making music, and working out. His advice to students is to "listen to the advice of those who have gone before you—upperclassmen, professors, and parents."

RHPC Children's Book Drive

The Residence Hall President's Council is collecting new and used children's books. The books are part of a philanthropy project for a regional conference that they will be attending at Appalachian State University in November. The books will be donated to the Mission of St. Joseph's in North Carolina. If anyone has books that they would like to donate, they may be dropped off at the main housing office in Watson Hall, or contact Ali Williams at 688-8074. The deadline to donate the books is Thursday, November 6.



Regents' Test Time

October 31 - November 5

Check your fall detail schedule on WINGS for your date, time, and location. Remember, if you are supposed to take the Regents' Test and you don't, you won't be able to enroll in ENGL 1102 next semester!

Out and About Campus

Sunday, October 26

Georgia 8th Regimental Band, Sweetheart Circle (Russell Union if it rains), 2 p.m.



Wednesday, October 29

Hanner House of Horror, Hanner Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
Greek Street Trick or Treat, Greek Row, 6-7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 31

Opera: *Saints and Sinners*, Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

Halo Tournament

There will be a Halo Tournament in the Southern Pines Clubhouse on Saturday, November 1. Sign up by October 30 at reg4halo@yahoo.com. Two-member teams are required. Send your name, your teammate's name and a team name. Space is limited to the first 20 teams.



In the Halls . . .

Monday, October 27

Introduction to IT Community, Southern Pines Clubhouse, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28

Cartoon-O-Ween:

Haunted House, Olliff Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Trick or Treating, Johnson Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Computer Services, Southern Pines, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29

Tour IT Building, Meet at Southern Pines Bldg. 4, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 30

Internship Program, Wallace Brown presenting, Southern Pines Clubhouse, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 31

IT Cookout, Southern Pines Courtyard Bldg. 4, 7 p.m. (You **MUST** attend one of IT programs to receive a meal ticket for cookout.)

Halloween Sock Hop, Johnson Hall, 7-10 p.m. (free food provided)

Hang on to Your Keys!

Did you know that 34 students have lost their residence hall keys in the last two months! This is a new record for University Housing. The cost of the outside door key is \$100 and the room key is \$50. Lost keys can compromise the security of your room. To assist in the recovery of residence hall keys, each student was provided a key ring with Housing's return address in August. If you lose your keys on this key ring and they are returned to Housing, you will be called. This key ring could save you \$150.00; if you need a new one, see your building director. If you do lose your keys, report this to your building director immediately.



Happy Halloween!