



Financial Smarts

Monday, September 15, University Ballroom, 4:00-4:50 p.m. and again at 5:00-5:50 p.m.

Come learn about choosing and using a credit card, what to do if you find yourself in financial debt, how to get a free credit report, and how to create a budget. Mr. Sonny Colley from the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Savannah, a non-profit organization that offers credit counseling and educational programs for the coastal area, will be speaking. College-age students are carrying more of a financial burden because of school loans and credit cards than they did 15 years ago. Come and take part in this important program!

The Student Debt Crisis in America

Some people in their twenties hold debts as high as their older counterparts, except they have much lower incomes. Here are some facts about the dark side of debt:

- The average student graduating from a four-year public institution owes roughly \$12,500, according to the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators. Many of these students go to graduate school, where they rack up even more debt.
- Because of high debt, twentysomethings are marrying later and cohabitating more to offset expenses.
- High debt forces many college graduates to move back in with parents.
- Credit card holders under the age of 35 are least likely to pay their credit bills in full each month, which contributes to a poor credit rating and more debt.

Don't get caught up in financial woe. Know the facts about credit cards and loans. Go to Financial Smarts on September 15 in the Russell Union Ballroom at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.!

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/educate/college/firstyear/casestudies/20020305-debt.pdf>

Sexual Assault

Did you know . . .

- People ages 21-24 constitute the group most vulnerable to sexual assault. First-year college women are at an even higher risk.
- Seventy-five percent of rapes involve alcohol or other drugs.
- Eighty-four percent of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.



Blood Drive

The First-Year Experience Program is proud to sponsor the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 17 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., next to the Russell Union on Georgia Avenue. Call to schedule your appointment at 871-1435. But drop-ins are welcome too!

Myths and realities:

Myth #1: Rape does not happen very often.

Reality: *Rape is the most frequently committed violent crime in the United States.*

Myth #2: Most rapes are committed by strangers in dark places.

Reality: *Nearly half of all assaults occur in the victim's home. Many acquaintance rapes happen in a dating relationship.*

Myth #3: Women report rapes to get even with men or to protect their reputations.

Reality: *According to the FBI, fewer than 2 percent of reported rapes are false, which is the same for the false reporting of other crimes.*

Bottom line: Both women and men have the right to refuse a sexual encounter or to end one once started by simply saying no.

Source: Georgia Southern Sexual Assault Response Team



Career Corner

Employers look for several skills when interviewing candidates, and it is important that you try to acquire many of these skills while in school. According to a recent survey found in *NACE's Job Outlook 2003*, communication skills are at the top of employers' list of skills sought in candidates. The top five skills that employers look for are communication skills, honesty, teamwork skills, interpersonal skills, and initiative. These skills can be developed by holding summer jobs, volunteering, and participating in leadership programs. If you would like assistance in learning more about acquiring skills and experiences, please come by Career Services.



Spotlight on . . . Mr. Raleigh Way

Mr. Raleigh Way is the Instructional Services Coordinator here at Georgia Southern. He teaches Internet technologies to faculty and staff at the Center for Excellence in Teaching. He facilitates classes on WebCT, Web page development, Photoshop, and how to incorporate audio and digital video in online courses. He has been at Georgia Southern for about seven years. Initially, he went to school in Brunswick and became a certified Medical Laboratory Technologist. He later came to Georgia Southern where he earned his BA in in French and Spanish and his M.Ed. in Instructional Technology.

When asked why he chose to work in the technology field, Mr. Way's response is that he enjoys the challenge of taking a seemingly difficult concept and whittling it down into something a less technology-oriented person can understand. He says, "I've always had a knack for teaching, and the best part is, I actually enjoy it!" He loves working at Georgia Southern because his unique position allows him to meet faculty from all academic disciplines, which makes his job interesting and rewarding.

In his spare time, he enjoys staying abreast of new developments in his field. He also enjoys swimming and relaxing in the sun. His ideal getaway is any place near some body of water. His advice to students is that everything is relative. Be reflective and to try to engage your brain before putting your mouth in gear.

Best-selling author Mathabane to speak at Georgia Southern

Mark Mathabane, South African writer and best-selling author of *Kaffir Boy*, will present the third Norman Fries Distinguished Lecture on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The lecture is open to all students.

His book, *Kaffir Boy*, is an autobiographical story of his coming of age in apartheid-ridden South Africa. The book has made the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* bestseller lists and has been translated into several languages.

Mathabane has appeared on *The Oprah Show*, *Today*, CNN's *Sonya Live*, *Larry King Live*, and numerous radio shows as well. He has also been featured in the magazines *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *People*.

Out and About Campus

Monday, September 15

"The Science of Mystery" exhibit, Museum, September 14-January 4



Tuesday, September 16

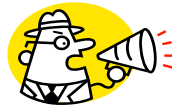
Fiesta! Games, Demonstrations, Exhibits, and More! Russell Union Rotunda, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
"Surviving Apartheid and Discovering the Importance of Education," Distinguished Lecturer Mark Mathabane, Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 18

Women's Soccer vs. Furman, 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Healing Herbs, Botanical Gardens, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



In the Halls . . .

Tuesday, September 16

Game Night, Johnson Lobby, 7 p.m.

Movie Night: *A Few Good Men*. Chris Caplinger, presenting, Southern Pines, 8 p.m.

Video Game Jeopardy, Winburn Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17

Open Mic Night. Residents will be given a chance to express their artistic talents through spoken word. Contact Krystal Johnson at 688-3460 if interested in presenting. Veazey Hall, 7 p.m.

IT Programming: Learn more about Internet policies, computers, and downloading MP3s at Georgia Southern. Greg Schlierf, presenting. Southern Pines, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 18

Halo Tournament, Johnson Lobby, 7 p.m.

Battle of the Sexes, Southern Courtyard, 7 p.m.



Resident Advisors Needed!

We have two openings for male resident advisors (RAs). Applications are available in the Department of University Housing in Watson Hall. We are seeking students who have lived in University Housing and have a minimum GPA of a 2.25 (preferred GPA of 2.50 or higher). For more information contact Mary Beth Lane, Coordinator of Staff Development at 486-7338.

**Residence Hall Ambassador
Applications Due
Monday, September 15**

