



Considering Withdrawing from a Course?

If you have your midterm grades back (freshmen: check WINGS and your email account) and you are not doing as well as you thought, you may be considering withdrawing from the course. If you are in this situation, make sure you understand the ramifications and then determine whether or not withdrawing is the best alternative for you.

The last day to withdraw without academic penalty is **October 10**. You can do so by going on WINGS, but it's not a bad idea to talk with your advisor first. And if you've lost your RAN for Fall 2005, you'll need to go to your advisor. Don't know who he or she is? It depends on your major. Call the Academic Advisement Center at 681-5401.

There are good reasons to drop a course. For instance, if you are positive that you will make an F because of scores you've received already, you might want to consider dropping. You must maintain a 3.0 to keep HOPE (although it is not checked every semester), and a low adjusted GPA (under 2.0) will cause you to go on academic probation. If you drop a course by Oct. 10, you will not receive a grade for this course and the attempted hours will be recorded on your transcript as a W. After Oct. 10, you will receive an F for any course you drop.

Some classes, such as GSU 1210, cannot be dropped without special permission from the First Year Experience Office, 1001 Williams Center. Permission to drop this class is granted only for extreme circumstances; nonattendance or failure to turn in work are not considered acceptable reasons for dropping GSU 1210.

BUT PLEASE NOTE: Dropping a course is not a cure-all. You **SHOULD NOT** drop a course because it is hard or not interesting to you or because you feel the instructor is boring. There are consequences of dropping courses after schedule adjustment (which ended this year on August 20). These drops will appear on your transcript as a withdrawal, as mentioned above. If you withdraw repeatedly, employers and graduate schools are likely to count this against you. Instead of withdrawing, the better option for many students is to seek out additional help from their professors or the Academic Success Center (681-5371).

For those on HOPE or any other financial aid, dropping courses can cause serious problems. For this reason, if you are contemplating dropping a course, you should talk with your financial aid counselor in Anderson Hall (681-5413) to determine the impact of withdrawing.

Family Weekend October 7-9 Welcome families!

Friday, Oct. 7

7:00-9:00 p.m. Dessert Reception, Russell Union Ballroom

Chat with other parents, university administrators and faculty.

9:30 p.m. Night at the Movies
Madagascar

Saturday, October 8

10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Pre-game Tailgate
Come feast on great food; enjoy the entertainment, and inflatable games at the Recreation Activities Center Pavilion
Family Weekend Ticket Required

12:00 p.m. Football-Georgia Southern Eagles vs. Western Carolina

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parents Association Brunch and General Membership Meeting, Russell Union Ballroom

1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer, Georgia Southern vs. Chattanooga at Eagle Field



The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance in black and bitter cold. Each possessed a stick of wood, Or so the story's told. Their dying fire in need of logs, the first woman held hers back For on the faces around the fire She noticed one was black. The next man looking 'cross the way Saw one not of his church And couldn't bring himself to give The fire his stick of birch. The third one sat in tattered clothes He gave his coat a hitch, Why should his log be put to use To warm the idle rich? The rich man just sat back and thought Of the wealth he had in store, And how to keep what he had earned From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.
And the last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain,
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.
The logs held tight in death's stilled hands
Was proof of human sin,
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.

James Patrick Kinney

Spotlight On . . . Mr. Michael Abbott



In 2000, Michael T. Abbott received his undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Theater, from Georgia Southern University. He went on to pursue his Master of Arts in English at Georgia Southern as well, finishing up in 2002. Coming from a line of educators, he decided to quit the restaurant business for good in 2004 and chase the sometimes-elusive teaching dream at his home school, Georgia Southern. Although the first year was challenging (he was hired three days before classes started), he will return to GSU for the fall semester of 2005 to continue his burgeoning career as a teacher. In addition to his English skills, he is also an accomplished actor, playwright, and puppeteer, having either acted, directed, or written for over twenty productions at GSU. He continues to write, direct, and operate the puppets for the GSU Puppet Theatre, a passion of his. His special interests lie in both the theater and English worlds. Michael likes to deal with the crossover ideas that arise when drama and writing are involved. Also, he is a huge fan of any British fiction, Modernists, and dramatists. He also enjoys reading and writing about literature for children and adolescents, especially Fitzgerald and Hemingway. He is a native of Gloucester, MA, the town depicted in the movie "The Perfect Storm," and an obvious transplanted Yankee. He loves all kinds of sports, including everything from aggressive in-line skating to following our Georgia Southern Eagles football team.

There's Football . . . and Then There's Georgia Southern Football.

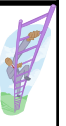


Come out and support your Eagles!!

Georgia Southern vs. Western Carolina University Saturday, October 8, Paulson Stadium, 12 p.m.

Students: To get into the game, show your student ID before half-time for free admission. If you arrive after half-time, you will have to pay for the ticket

Career Corner



Are you looking for ways to gain relevant work experience while in school? Career Services can help! With the job market tightening, employers want people with one year of experience; therefore, it is highly recommended that you complete at least two or more internships or co-op assignments prior to graduation. What's the difference? A co-op is an alternating work-school rotation in which you take classes one semester and work the next. An internship is usually just one semester. A co-op is always paid (\$8-\$21/hr), where an internship may be paid or unpaid. Co-ops are open to all majors, but are geared especially towards the engineering, science, technology, and business fields. If you are interested in learning more about the co-op program, the paid internship program or the job-shadowing program; please come by Career Services (Williams Center Room 1047). We can also help you locate internships or job shadowing experiences. Just come by or call 681-5197 for more information.

Leadership 101

The Leadership 101 Series is designed for Student Organizational Officers and for students who would like to hold a leadership position within an organization. This series is an excellent way for student organizations to train their next leaders. The cost of attending this outstanding workshop series is FREE!

Requirements:

All leadership sessions are open to all students. If you attend a total of 9 hours of workshop in two semesters you will earn a Leadership Certificate.

Location:

Russell Union 2084

Workshop Schedule:

All workshops will take place from
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

October 4, 2005 The Art of Delegation
October 25, 2005 Effective Communication



In the Halls...



Saturday, October 1, **Water Ballon Fight**, Watson Hall Courtyard, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 2, **Battle of Sanford Kickball Game**, Sweetheart Circle, 4:00 pm.
Atlanta Falcons Game, free pizza and wings, 4:15 p.m., Johnson Hall lobby
Monday, October 3, **Monday Night Football**, Watson Lobby 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4, **Archie Bunker's Neighborhood**, Hendricks Lobby, 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 5, **AT Movie Night**, Watson Main Lobby, 8:45 p.m.
Friday, October 7, **Study Abroad**, Eagle Village Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 8, **Pumpkin Carving**, 7:00 p.m., Hendricks Hall Lobby
Halloween I & II, 9:00 p.m., Hendricks Hall Lobby
Sunday, October 9, **Pajama Party**, 7:00 p.m., Johnson Hall Lobby
Winburn Hall, **Door Decoration Contest**, all month

Residence Hall Family Weekend Events

Friday, October 7, **Hey Day Mixer**, Watson Courtyard, 9:00-11:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 8, **Family Fun with S'mores**, 8:00 p.m., Kennedy Hall

Night Owl? Need a Job?

University Housing has immediate openings for the Night Supervisor position. Apply in person at the University Housing Office or go to www.gsuhousing.com for more information.