



## IT'S TIME TO REAPPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007!

Students receiving Financial Aid must reapply for financial aid each year by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

You should have been sent, in November, your Federal Pin as a reminder that after January 1, 2006 you can start filing your 2006/2007 FAFSA on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Georgia Southern's school code for the FAFSA is 001572.

The preferred application deadline for the 2006-2007 FAFSA is March 31, 2006. (Some aid programs are administered first come, first serve, so apply by the preferred application deadline.)

Missing the preferred application deadline may prevent your aid from being available in time to pay fall fees.

Please ask questions regarding any unclear portions of the process by visiting our website at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/> or you can call (912) 681-5413 to contact your financial aid counselor.



## PARTICIPATE IN A STUDENT FINANCIAL AID FOCUS GROUP

The Financial Aid Department wants to hear from you! In order to improve the services we provide to the University, the Department of Financial Aid is going to be starting several focus groups that will consist of GSU students. If interested email Connie Murphey at: [cmurphey@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cmurphey@georgiasouthern.edu)

## Regional Of The Month Winner!

NRHH is proud to announce that GSU won a Regional OTM.  
Executive Board Member, Jennifer Kanzler  
Nominated by Curt Aust

Congrats Jennifer!

## Become an Academic Mentor!



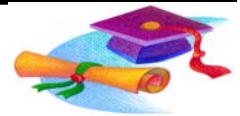
Are you a good student? Interested in enhancing your communication skills? Like to help others? How about applying to be an Academic Mentor for the 2006-2007 Academic year?

Academic Mentors (AMs) are student staff members in the Success-In-U (SIU) and First-year Interest Group (FIG) programs (housed next year in Eagle Village and Winburn) whose focus is the academic success of residents. AMs tutor students, both individually and in groups, in one or more subject areas. Additionally, they are peer leaders for a GSU 1210 course in the Fall, and serve as peer leaders for one course in the Spring.

**Applications and full position descriptions are available on-line at [www.gsuhousing.com](http://www.gsuhousing.com) (then click "employment," then "student," then "Academic Mentor") and are due January 27, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.!**

## Halls Close at Noon on Friday, December 9, 2005! 24-Hour Quiet Hours are in Effect Now!

## Career Corner



Everyone should set goals to try to achieve in life, and career goals should be high on your priority list. When setting goals, it is important to remember:

- Consider what you are willing to give up
- Give yourself a realistic timeline
- Set your goals high, but be realistic
- Reward yourself after completing each objective and reaching each goal

If you need help in setting your career goals, or would like to develop a four-year career plan to reach your goals, please come by Career Services and meet with a Career Advisor. Call extension 5197 if you have any questions.

## Spotlight on . . . Dr. Jason Dittmer



Dr. Jason Dittmer is an assistant professor of geography who teaches World Regional Geography, a course that satisfies a core requirement of the Georgia Southern curriculum. He went to graduate school at Florida State University, where he learned to scuba dive, which is one of his favorite hobbies. He tries to fit in scuba diving whenever he travels, especially when he is conducting research in the Caribbean. Dr. Dittmer studies the intersection of popular culture and geopolitics, and is interested in how people come to understand their place in the swirling events of global politics. Dr. Dittmer's interest in popular culture enables him to go to the movies and sit on the couch watching Comedy Central and call it 'research'. As a result, he is very pleased with the way his life is turning out. This is because he is addicted to popular culture of all kinds, especially comedies like *Zoolander* and *Wedding Crashers*. Further, he enjoys spending his Fall Sundays on his sofa absorbing as much football as he can, storing it like a camel so that he can get through the long off-season, during which other less interesting sports are played. In particular he pulls for the Seminoles and the Jacksonville Jaguars, but he also enjoys heading to Paulson Stadium for some good "three yards and a cloud of dust" Georgia Southern football.

## Changes in HOPE Book Allowance

We are pleased to announce that effective Spring 2006, HOPE Scholarship recipients will be able to use their HOPE book allowance at the University Store to purchase books and required supplies.

In previous semesters, the HOPE book allowance was applied to unpaid tuition, fees, housing and meals on the student account. **This change will affect most HOPE recipients by increasing the amount due on your student account. It is extremely important that you review your online invoice at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/> Log into WINGS, choose Student Services and Financial Aid, Registration Invoice and Web Payment, and 200601 for the term.** The HOPE book allowance will **NOT** be subtracted to calculate your balance due. Any amount showing as a balance due must be paid on or before January 9, 2006 to prevent cancellation of classes. A refund due on your online invoice requires no payment. Excess funds will be remitted to you after class attendance is verified and bookstore credit charges are processed for the term.

You may charge spring 2006 books and required supplies at the University Store from December 14, 2005, through January 18, 2006. Any unused proceeds for spring will be remitted to you at your campus post office box after attendance has been verified.

Your HOPE book allowance available at the University Store will be dependent upon  
Your continuing HOPE eligibility  
The number of hours enrolled. If you take 6 or more hours, your available book allowance will be \$150. Less than 6 hours will entitle you to a \$75 book allowance

The above change is facilitated by changes in the HOPE regulations as administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Questions should be directed to Financial Aid, (912) 681-5413 and the Office of Student Fees, (912) 681-0999.

## In the Residence Halls



### Hendricks

12/4 7 p.m. **Finals Party** Lobby

### Johnson

12/4 7:30 p.m. **Just say no! (To stress)** Lobby

12/4-12/6 Midnight **Midnight Madness (Free Food)** Lobby

## Congrats October Of The Month Award Winners



**RA, Emily Crawford, Winburn Hall  
Executive Board Member, Jennifer Kanzler  
Social Program, Watson Hall Action Team,  
"Hey Day."**

**Spotlight, Mrs. Verlene Harris (Custodial)  
Diversity Program, "Archie Bunker's  
Neighborhood," Hendricks Hall  
Educational Program, Felicia Brown for "Do  
you have what it takes to be an Engineer?  
Student, Matt Dawkins**

**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday! Residence Halls  
Open Friday, January 6, 2006 at 12 noon!**