



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 withdrawing is the best alternative for you.

The last day to withdraw without academic penalty is **October 9th**. You can do so by going on WINGS, but it's a good idea to talk with your advisor first. And if you've lost your RAN for Fall 2006, 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 some 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. 9, you will not receive a grade for this course, and the attempted hours will be recorded on your transcript as a W. After Oct. 9th, 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 adjustments. These drops will appear on your transcript as a withdrawal. 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.

Get Involved on Campus!

Leadership Workshop Series

Tight Rope Walking: How to Balance your Life
Monday, September 25, 5:30-6:30 pm
Russell Student Union, Room 2075

Irish Variety Concert: "Gaels of Music"

Tuesday, September 26, 7:30pm, Averitt Center for the Arts

¡Hispanic Heritage Month!

Movie Night: "Walkout"
Tuesday September 26, 7pm
Russell Union Theater

Dare to Declare

Wednesday, September 27
10am - 3 pm
Russell Union

Journalism in the Digital Age

Speaker: Charles H. Morris, President and CEO of Morris Multimedia, Inc.
Wednesday September 27, 7:30 pm
Performing Arts Center

Comedian Vickie Lawrence

Friday, September 29, 7:30pm
Performing Arts Center



In the Halls...

Olliff

Saturday Sept 23
Sunday Sept 24
Wednesday Sept 27

Games and Snacks, 9pm
Capture the Flag, 8pm, Sweetheart Circle
Brownie Points, 8pm

Eagle Village

Wednesday Sept 27

Eagle Village Jeopardy, 7pm, Classroom 2

Southern Courtyard

Tuesday Sept 26

Women in Free Enterprise, 7:30pm

Kennedy

Monday Sept 25
Wednesday Sept 27
Thursday Sept 28

Monday Night Football, 8:30pm in MPR
Spades Tournament, 7pm in MPR
How to Get Ahead in Bed, 8pm in MPR

Spotlight on . . . Dr. Douglass Thomson



Professor Thomson is Director of the Graduate Program in English at Georgia Southern and teaches Humanities I in the Residential Interest Group program. He loves to teach and has been doing so for 25 years. He received his Ph.D. in English at the University of Rochester. Furthermore, like all great English teachers, Dr. Thomson enjoys reading, studying history, and sharing ideas with students. In his personal time Dr. Thomson likes to woodwork and hike and plans to hike from Montreat to Mt. Mitchell in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Apart from being an outdoor enthusiast, Dr. Thomson enjoys helping people and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. His advice to students: "Always prepare carefully for class; ask questions; don't be shy: go see your professor if you want to discuss issues related to the

Staying Safe Online

Stay safe and have fun online. It's easy.



Online profiles are extremely popular among college students. Facebook (www.facebook.com) and Myspace (www.myspace.com) are two of the most popular online 'spots' where students are able to search for and become 'friends' with other individuals throughout the site. These sites feature the creation and maintenance of profiles which allow students to identify information about themselves for others to read. These sites can help students make friends and form interest groups—it has been estimated that 80 to 85 percent of undergraduates use Facebook!

But some student affairs directors are finding a downside to student participation. Many students are listing their home and cell phone numbers, home addresses, and other clubs and organizations they belong to.

BE WARNED: Posting such information could lead to identity theft, unwanted personal contact, and even stalking. Students' future employment could also be affected by what they write on their profiles.

Students should be able to use Facebook and Myspace and have fun while staying safe, so we've provided a few tips on how to keep your profile from giving you away. Also, keep in mind that you should never post information on an online profile that you wouldn't want to read on a billboard somewhere.

- Never give out your phone number or address.
- Don't post your age, school (on Myspace) or place of work.
- Make sure that pictures you post do not contain any identifying info, like your favorite t-shirt that says your high school across the front or a picture that has your house number in the background.
- Use a fun screen name, not your real name.
- Who cares what your body type is? There is no need to reveal sexual info.
- Be aware of posting copyrighted material.
- Don't use an email with any identifying information (like john.doe@yahoo.com).

-Holly Robison and Jena Robbins, TechTalk Staff

Career Corner

Need a major? Then take the **Focus** on-line computer assessment program. Go to:

<http://www.focuscareer.com/register/georgiasouthern.cfm>. Create a new account with your own username and password.

When asked, your keycode is gsualumni. Take the assessment and print your results when finished. Bring your printouts to Career Services, and a career advisor will interpret your results! In addition, mark your calendars to attend the **Dare to Declare Conference on Wednesday, September 27 from 10am-3pm in the Russell Union**. Come by the office or call 681-5197 for more information!



HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Monday, October 2

Poverty Simulation (by "Step Up Savannah")

Russell Union Ballroom 4:00pm (approximately 90 minutes long)

Reserve your spot by calling 871-1435

Come experience the realities of poverty!

Tuesday, October 3

Hunger Banquet

6:00pm in Russell Union Ballroom

Tickets for sale in Russell Union 2022 for

\$5 or \$2 and three canned goods (all donated to the Food Bank)

Wednesday, October 4

Lunch Discussion (Free lunch!)

"A World Without Substandard Housing: Future or Fantasy?"

Led by Vicki Davis

(Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County)

Russell Union 2054 at 12:00pm

Homelessness Sleep Out

Featuring the movie "RENT" at 8pm!

Russell Union Rotunda area from 7pm—7am

Bring your own box if you will be spending the night

Thursday, October 5

Lunch Discussion (Free lunch!)

"We're Americans! How Can We be Malnourished?"

Led by Georgia Southern's Dr. Marcia Jones, Dr. Rebecca Black and Dr. William Amponsah

Russell Union 2052 at 12:30pm

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

2:00—5:00pm

Advance sign up necessary. Call 871-1435.

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