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GSU's First Spring Picnic, April 11-13th, 2003

Thanks to everyone who participated in our First Annual Spring Picnic. With warm weather, great baseball and delicious food, the event definitely had a Spring feeling. Those who attended Family Weekend during the Fall may have noticed a few changes in the itinerary. Friday night a local band entertained in the Russell Union commons area. For the moviegoers, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* played in the Russell Union Theater Friday and Saturday evenings. Georgia Southern University's Puppet Theater and CRI's Southern Adventures provided entertainment during the Picnic on Saturday morning. We were delighted with the variety of activities offered throughout the weekend.

Help us assess the weekend by completing the evaluation form located on the Parent Programs Web site: <http://students.gasou.edu/outreach/parent/index.htm>.

We encourage you to make plans to attend the 2003 Family Weekend **October 10-12, 2003**.

Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible due to the limited space in Statesboro are limited!

Hotel Accommodations:

Statesboro Convention & Visitors Bureau 1-800-568-3301
Savannah Convention & Visitors Bureau 1-877-728-2662

The following letter was sent to GSU students via an Eaglegram prior to the end of spring semester

HEALTH SERVICES

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

Dear Student,

With the end of Spring Semester fast approaching, it is important that you know about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Following are excerpts from the web sites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Please take time to review this basic information. For more details, you are urged to visit www.cdc.gov and/or www.who.int.

The CDC advises limited travel to specific areas. Before traveling, students should review the CDC web site to learn of any additional areas added to the advisory list. Students who travel to an affected area are encouraged to return up to 10 days before the 2003 Fall Semester begins in order to visit the Health Center for screening. Health Services staff will provide students with up-to-date information on SARS and ask students to return to the Health Center at the first sign of symptoms.

Health Services is committed to a healthy campus. For more information about the department, please visit our web site at www.gasou.edu/health.

See page 2 for additional information

Schedule of Events

MAY

- 11 Residence Halls open, 1:00 pm
- 13 Classes Begin, Long Term and Term A

JUNE

- 12 Final Exams, Evening Classes Term A, 6-8 pm
- 13 Classes end, Term A
- 14 Term A Exams
- 14 Classes Begin, Term B

JULY

- 8 Final Exams for T/R Evening Classes, Long Term
- 9 Classes End, Long Term
- 9 Final Exams MW Evening Classes, Long Term
- 10 Reading Day, Long Term
- 11 No classes for Term B
- 11-12 Final Exams, Long Term
- 17 Final Exams for Evening Classes, Term B
- 18 Classes End, Term B
- 19 Final Exams, Term B
- 20 Residence Halls close, 10:00 am

AUGUST

- 16 Residence Hall check-in, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 19 First Day of Class

As long as parents have questions, the Office of Parent Programs will seek answers. We long to be your "One Stop Shop". Call us at (912) 871-1435.

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CDC - SARS Symptoms

In general, SARS begins with a fever greater than 100.4°F [$>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$]. Other symptoms may include headaches, an overall feeling of discomfort, and body aches. Some people also experience mild respiratory symptoms. After 2 to 7 days, SARS patients may develop a dry cough and have trouble breathing.

CDC - Travel Advisory

CDC advises that people planning elective or nonessential travel to mainland China and Hong Kong, Singapore, and Hanoi, Vietnam may wish to postpone their trips until further notice. CDC has also issued a travel alert for Toronto, Canada, to recommend that U.S. travelers to Toronto observe precautions to safeguard their health. Visit the CDC travel advice page for more information about CDC's advice to travelers.

WHO - Numbers as of April 23, 2003(Worldwide)

- 3,947 = Cumulative Number of SARS Cases
- 229 = Number of Deaths from SARS
- 1,935 = Number Recovered from SARS
- 27 = Number of Affected Areas Around the World

**Students graduate from University's
Eagle Leadership EDGE program**

Twenty Georgia Southern students graduated from the University's Spring 2003 Eagle Leadership program.

EDGE is an acronym that stands for Experience, Develop, Grow and Emerge. The 10-week program prepares students for advanced leadership positions on campus by emphasizing communication, personality, values clarification, diversity and community service.

The 20 graduates of the spring program are:

- Holly Bates, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Austell, Ga.
- Sylathia Brown, a junior Spanish major from Warner Robins, Ga.
- Jennifer Cook, a freshman from Columbus, Ga.
- Shri Davis, a freshman exercise science (pre-med) major from Atlanta.
- Katrina Duquemin, a freshman pre-finance major from Alpharetta, Ga.
- Rebecca Ervin, a freshman psychology major from Brunswick, Ga.
- Malcolm Frazier, a sophomore pre-business major from Ellenwood, Ga.
- LaMonika Hill, a freshman early childhood education major from Cordele, Ga.
- Kymberly Jackson, a freshman anthropology major from Jesup, Ga.
- Lucrecia Johnson, a freshman political science (pre-law) major from Cordele, Ga.
- Charlie Jones, a freshman biology major from Eastman, Ga.
- Allison Keller, a freshman business and medical administration major from Midland, Ga.
- Abby Lynes, a freshman from Savannah, Ga.
- Brian Middleton, a sophomore broadcasting major from Kingsland, Ga.
- Casey Owens, a sophomore secondary math education major from Hagan, Ga.
- Jennifer Pollock, a freshman biology (pre-med) major from Pelham, Ga.
- Jennifer Rhodes, a freshman business major from Marietta, Ga.
- Tijuana Scott, a senior business management and marketing major from Boston, Ga.
- Jordan Weathers, a freshman exercise science (pre-med) major from Marietta, Ga.
- Henry Young II, a freshman biology (pre-med) major from Cordele, Ga.

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**Georgia Southern Opera
Performed
"Pirates of Penzance"**

Georgia Southern Opera performed W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's classic comic operetta "The Pirates of Penzance" April 24-25 at the Performing Arts Center. Georgia Southern's first opera performance with a live orchestra, "The Pirates of Penzance," is a classic comic tour de force poking fun at the Victorian obsession with duty through the story of young Frederic, who was accidentally apprenticed to a pirate as a young lad.

Directed by assistant professor of music Tamara Watson Harper with musical direction by assistant professor of music Kyle Hancock, the "Pirates of Penzance" featured classic songs such as "Modern Major General," "Climbing over a Rocky Mountain," "I am a Pirate King" and "Poor Wandering One." For this production, Georgia Southern obtained the elaborate sets and period costumes from Florida State University. For more information, contact Harper at (912) 486-7902.

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Did You Know?

- You can display your pride in Georgia Southern University on your computer. Download a free screensaver of scenes around Georgia Southern at: http://news.gasou.edu/Screen_Saver/screen_saver.htm
- The George Anne is on the World Wide Web. Your students stay tuned into what goes on around campus three times a week and you can too by accessing the latest news from the official Georgia Southern newspaper at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/>

Early childhood education majors tackle project to improve literacy

They won't become full-fledged teachers until next year, but a group of early childhood education majors at Georgia Southern University is already trying to encourage local children to read.

The students in Professor Michael T. Moore's Literacy Assessment and Instruction class spent the past week distributing books and audiotapes to a number of schools in the Bulloch County School System.

Within the next couple of weeks, the class will be putting hundreds of additional children's books in places frequented by low-income families, such as the health department, doctors' offices and laundromats.

"The project began as an assignment called 'Improving Literacy in the Schools Around Us,'" Moore said. "I asked the students to come up with some ways we could do this as a group."

Twenty-five University seniors are enrolled in the class. They will do their student teaching in the fall, and they are on track to graduate in December and enter the classroom as full-time teachers in January.

"Most of these students have been together in other classes, so they know each other pretty well, and they enjoy working with each other," Moore said.

With children in kindergarten through the fifth grade as its target audience, the class came up with a number of ideas to encourage them to read.

For example, individually and in pairs, the University students produced 18 "big books," all of which have been distributed to five local schools.

"Young children think big books are pretty cool," Moore said. "They have oversized fonts and pictures so the kids can see the print and pictures when the teachers read to them."

Each of the big books is accompanied by an audiotape version of the book. Most of the big books feature original stories and illustrations by Moore's students; the others contain adaptations of existing children's stories.

"The big books are really very creative," said Donna Grace, a class member from Register, Ga. "We put some time and thought into putting them together."

In addition to producing the big books, the class decided to collect books for distribution at locations where they might be seen by children from low-income families.

To collect the books, the class placed donation boxes at several places on the University campus as well as at other locations in Statesboro and Sylvania.

"Everyone I contacted about this project was very excited and helpful about contributing to the cause," said Misty Lance, a class member from Register.

The members of the class wound up providing many of the books themselves.

"Misty encouraged the students in our class to go buy children's books from the thrift shop, and we made a conscious effort to ask friends and family to donate as well," said Andrea Edmond, a class member from Riverdale, Ga.

Each of the books will contain an insert that lists the benefits of reading.

"Most importantly, reading sets the foundation for all other areas of instruction," Grace said. "By promoting literacy, we are helping students to become life-long readers and productive citizens in society."

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Earth Day April 22

For the fourth year, Georgia Southern hosted an Earth Day event on campus. A global event with the purpose to raise awareness of the health of our planet, our Earth Day was Tuesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union Rotunda. The event featured information booths, live music, food and activities for adults and children. Speeches by President Bruce Grube and Larry Mutter, associate professor of recreation, took place from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

A highlight of this year's event was the unveiling of a new campus initiative called the Alternative Transportation Program (ATP). The purpose of the ATP is to encourage students to reduce their dependence on using vehicles to get to and around campus and instead use their own bodies to walk and bike. Georgia Southern's Earth Day celebration is organized by SAGE (Student Alliance for a Green Earth). For more information, contact Lorne Wolfe at (912) 681-0848.

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