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Fall Family Weekend 2003

Families converged on Georgia Southern for an exciting and eventful Family Weekend. A dessert reception, movie, choral gala, along with the opportunity to visit the Museum, Botanical Gardens and the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q. Ball Raptor Center were some of the events taking place over the weekend. In addition to the football game, fans had the occasion to cheer as the Georgia Southern Eagle's volleyball and the women's soccer teams soared to victory. The weekend also enabled families to learn more about their students' lives at GSU. More importantly, the weekend was a time for families and their students to spend time together.

Pictures of Family Weekend activities are on the Parent Programs website http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/parent/family_weekend_info.htm

A NEW FAMILY WEEKEND TRADITION

Family Weekend at Georgia Southern had an element added this year that had me very excited. The very first family service project was offered; a drive for the Statesboro Food Bank (SFB). This project excited me for two reasons; one, it would aid a very worthy agency in our community and two, I could witness another opportunity for students, together with their visiting families, to be active, involved, and committed in a project to aid their adopted community of Statesboro...exciting!

Your participation in this service project made it a success; approximately 175 food items were given. Alton Odum, SFB President, proudly accepted and thanks you for your help.

I too want to thank each and every one of you for making Family Weekend's first project such a glowing success.

Victoria DuRee
Coordinator, Volunteer Services

A Success Story

On the evening of October 22, I found myself in the Russell Union ballroom surrounded by almost two hundred well-dressed college students. We were attending "Dining for Success," an event designed to prepare junior and senior students for dining in business situations. In addition to dining etiquette, the event also provided students with an opportunity to make introductions and talk with individuals in a business type setting.

The guest speaker, Lydia Ramsey, has a column in the Savannah Morning News and has written a book on business etiquette. She literally talked us through the five-course meal designed especially to present a variety of dining challenges.

Various businesses and organizations sponsor tables, making the event free to students. In addition to being thanked and recognized by Career Services for sponsoring a table, each of the young ladies seated at the Parents Association table thanked me for providing such a great opportunity. (This is the first time the Parents Association sponsored a table).

I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and feel the Association provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn skills they would use in the future. The Parents Association has already committed to participate again in this very worthy event.

Linda Clarkson
GSU Parents Council

(Dining For Success is organized by the Career Services Office)

Georgia Southern News

Georgia Southern partnership program receives award

Georgia Southern University's unique partnership program with area schools has received a "Best Practices Award" from the Board of Regents. One of just eight handed out by the Board of Regents out of 73 submissions from 22 institutions, the second-place award in the Academic Affairs category also carries a \$10,000 prize.

The award recognizes the Professional Development District (PDD), a groundbreaking partnership among Georgia Southern's College of Education, the Screven County School System and the Savannah River Challenge Program. The PDD expands the traditional Professional Development School (PDS) model for teacher education. In the PDS model, a college of education partners with an individual school to help train new teachers by giving them supervised experience in the classroom. The PDD increases the partnership to include the central office. Georgia Southern's training programs for administrators, counselors and psychologists are also involved.

"This award is a real credit to our College of Education, the Screven County Schools and the Savannah River Challenge Program," said Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube. "The PDD is an excellent example of a community partnership where all parties benefit from the relationship.

"Our students gain real-world classroom and administrative experience. At the same time, we offer our expertise to help the local schools do the best job educating their students."

Georgia Southern is one of the premier teacher-training institutions in the state. With an enrollment of over 2,000 students, the University's College of Education offers 20 undergraduate majors and a range of doctorate, master's and specialist degree programs.

"The future of teacher training is going to be in partnerships," said Cindi Chance, the dean of the College of Education. "At Georgia Southern, we are breaking ground in several areas; the PDD is just one."

According to Chance, this partnership is the first of its kind anywhere in the country.

The Screven County School System serves over 3,100 students at four schools.

"Our school system is enjoying several benefits as a Professional Development District in partnership with Georgia Southern," said Whitt Myers, superintendent of the Screven County School System. "It is providing excellent technical assistance, resources for action research and opportunities for staff development as we seek to implement our goals for instructional improvement and increased student achievement. "I also think the partnership gives us an opportunity to join theory with practice in a daily working relationship. That may be our best hope for the development of a model that will facilitate sustained increases in student performance."

The third institution in the partnership is the Savannah River Challenge Program, a not-for-profit school located in Screven County. The SRCP is privately contracted by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to provide appropriate support and behavior treatment for 150 first-time male offenders between the ages of 12 and 18.

Chance describes the partnership as a "win-win" situation.

"An additional benefit for Georgia Southern is that it produces a kind of cycle: the better educated the children are, the better quality graduates we will get at the University and the better teachers we will be able to turn out in the future."

For additional information, contact Dean Chance at (912) 681-5649.

Courtesy of: GSU Office of Marketing and Communication
<http://news.georgiasouthern.edu>

For Your Information

Georgia Southern Postal Services

Is Your Student Receiving Mail – OR Is An Incorrect Address Preventing Delivery

We have been notified by Georgia Southern's post office that a vast amount of mail being sent to students has the incorrect Post Office box or is not addressed properly. Please be sure that any item sent through the campus post office has a legible return address and the correct mailing address. Without these important pieces of information, it is difficult to ensure that letters and packages will make it to the correct recipient.

The following are the correct ways to address mail or packages sent to your Georgia Southern student:

1. Letters & Packages mailed through the US Post Office
Student's Name
Georgia Southern University
P.O. Box #
Statesboro, GA 30460
2. Letters & Packages sent via UPS, FedEx, etc, requiring a street address
Students Name
Georgia Southern University
Landrum Center
P.O. Box #
Statesboro, GA 30460

Note: The # represents your students individual P.O. Box number and that there are only 5 digits in the zip code.

If you have any questions about how mail sent to you should be addressed, please contact Marsha Raith at (912) 681-5232 or mraith@GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

Health Services and Residence Life

Students must be Vaccinated or Sign Waiver in Order to Register for Spring Classes

In accordance with a new Georgia law (House Bill 521, enacted by the Georgia legislature this past spring), all students living on campus must EITHER receive a vaccine for bacterial meningitis and provide evidence of this vaccination **OR** sign a waiver indicating that they have reviewed information about the risks of bacterial meningitis and choose not to be vaccinated (if the students is a minor, his/her parents must sign). Students who fail to submit documentation concerning the vaccine to **Health Services by Wednesday, October 1, will be unable to register for Spring 2004 classes until they meet the requirements of this new law.**

737 students have yet to receive the meningitis vaccination or sign the waiver. This includes some students who received the vaccination last school year but have not completed the required paperwork. These students have holds on their registration for spring classes. If you are one of them, visit Health Services today to satisfy the requirement.

Opportunities for Vaccination

The meningitis vaccine is offered at the Health Center, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. The cost at the Health Center is \$75.00. Health Services accepts EAGLEX-PRESS, cash, check or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard).

Courtesy of: University Housing

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<http://students.gasou.edu/housing>

Leadership Opportunity

SOAR leader applications available in November

Being a SOAR leader is a wonderful opportunity! Applications for SOAR leaders will be available in mid-November. The Orientation office wants SOAR leaders who represent all aspects of the university. If your student is interested, have them call of the Office of Orientation at 871-1987 to add their name to the "interested student" list. An application will be sent to you when they become available.

Career Services

Dear Family & Friends,

Please visit Georgia Southern Career Services Website at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career/parents> to view Careers OnTRAK, the Career Services monthly newsletter for all parents and friends of Georgia Southern students!

This edition is filled with great ideas on graduate school planning and the upcoming Graduate School Fair on November 11! For more information, please contact the Career Services Office at 912-681-5197 or by email at careersv@GaSoU.edu.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 General Student Music Recital 1:00 p.m. Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, Foy Fine Arts Building
- 9 *Saturday Night Fever*, 2:00 p.m., PAC, (ticket information 866 722-2787)
- 13 *Native Trails*, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center, (ticket information 866 722-2787)
- 14-16, *Book of Days*, by Lanford Wilson, directed by Mical Whitaker, Black Box in Communication Arts 1001
- 18-22 (ticket information 912-681-5379)
- 17 General Student Music Recital 1:00 p.m. Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, Foy Fine Arts Building
- 20 Fall Choral Concert, 8:00 p.m. Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, Foy Fine Arts Building
- 26-28 **Thanksgiving Holidays for Students.** Administrative offices will be closed on November 27 and 28. Residence Halls will be open.

DECEMBER

- 2 *Seussical The Musical*, 7:30 p.m., PAC, (ticket information 866 722-2787)
- 5 Last Day of Classes
- 5 Final Seminar for Student Teachers, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 8-11 **Final Exams**
- 12 Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
- 12 **Commencement**
- 15 **Holiday Break for Students begins**
- 16 Early Registration Fee Payment Deadline for Spring Semester 2004

JANUARY

- 3 Residence Halls check in, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 **Classes Begin**
- 19 Martin Luther King Holiday - No classes for students - Administrative Offices Closed

A Note from the Parent Programs Coordinator

I hope you found this edition of *ApParent Issues*, the newsletter for parents, to be informative. *ApParent Issues* is designed to provide you with updates and information that will keep you in touch with the community in which your child lives and learns.

I am interested in your feedback. Please let me know what you would like to see included in future editions. I can be reached by phone 912-871-1435, email echan@GeorgiaSouthern.edu or fax 912-681-0419.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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