

Georgia Southern Parent News

October 2004

Greetings from Parent Programs

I hope this e-mail finds you well. Please excuse double postings.

Reminder: My office is now located on Sweetheart Circle in Lewis Hall, Room 2026. The new telephone number is (912) 871-1987. Please take note of the new telephone number, as it has changed since last month's newsletter.

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Withdrawing From Class -- A Good or Bad Decision?

Mid term is upon us and some students are contemplating withdrawing from classes (TODAY is the last day to withdraw without academic penalty). This may or may not be a bad decision. We encourage students to speak with their professors and or academic advisors before withdrawing from class. Students receiving financial aid, are also encouraged to speak with their financial aid counselor to see if or how the decision will affect their financial aid status.

If a student is positive the grade F will be earned (based on scores earned in class). In order to receive the HOPE scholarship, students must maintain 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and if the students adjusted GPA falls below a 2.0 this will cause the student to go on academic probation. Students dropping or withdrawing from a course by October 12 will not receive a grade but a W will be recorded on their transcript and the course will count toward attempted hours. Students withdrawing or dropping a class after today will receive an F.

If your student is not doing well in a class, but does not feel the need to withdraw, please encourage them to seek additional help from their professor or the Academic Success Center. The following information was provided by the Academic Success Center.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available through the Academic Success Center and some academic departments.

Please use the following link to see a schedule of the tutoring offered on campus this semester:



<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/success/Campus%20Tutoring.htm>

Study Skills Workshops

Several study skills workshops will be during the semester. To see a complete list of these workshops use the following link:

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/success/OpenWorkshops.htm>

Regents' Review Workshops

Several Regents' Reading Review and Regents' Essay Review Workshops will be offered just before the Regents' Exam is given on campus. To see a complete list of these workshops use the following link:

<http://academics.gasou.edu/success/RegentsWorkshops.htm>

Anxiety and Stress Management

Anxiety counseling, stress management, and other assistance are available through the Counseling Center. You may contact the Counseling Center at 681-5541 or you may visit their web site at <http://students.gasou.edu/counseling/>



Meningitis Clinics/Flu Shots

Flu vaccine shortage affects Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern University's Health Services will not be able to offer flu shots to students, faculty



and staff this fall. The announcement came after inspectors shut down vaccine production at the British-based manufacturer, Chiron, which was expected to produce 50 percent of the nation's flu vaccine.

"This shutdown has created a nationwide shortage of flu vaccine," said Paul Ferguson, director of Health Services. "We expect the distribution of the remaining vaccine to be restricted to certain high-risk groups. For the most part, that will not include healthy college students."

Dr. Curtis Hames, chief of medical staff, said he hopes to still be able to obtain a shipment of the flu vaccine. "However, due to the shortage, we will also restrict the distribution of the vaccine to persons in the high-risk groups," Ferguson said.

Those high-risk groups include:

- Adults ages 65 or older.
- Persons ages 2-64 with underlying chronic medical conditions.
- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season.
- Residents of nursing homes or long-term care facilities.
- Children ages 6 months to 18 years who are on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Health care workers with direct patient care or contact, including the Health Services staff.
- Out-of-home caregivers, parents or household contacts of children less than 6 months of age.
- All children ages 6-23 months.

Certain groups of University students, faculty and staff may fall within these high-risk groups, such as those who work at the Family Life Center or nursing students on clinical rotations at hospitals, Ferguson said.

Hatching the Past

The Great Dinosaur Egg Hunt begins October 2, 2004, and will last until January 9, 2005. This amazing exhibit of over 100 authentic dinosaur eggs, fun dino dig pits, hands-on explorations, life-like models and vivid paintings and photographs of incredible dinosaur discoveries will be held at the Nessmith-Lane Building. Admission fees apply: \$6 Adults, \$4 Seniors, Students & Youth \$3. Sponsored by WTOC. Open Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company

The Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Georgia Southern University will present the internationally celebrated Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company on Friday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m.

This folk dance group was formed by the late Pavlo Virsky and is best known for its vibrant use of colors, brilliant content and form, and stage concept.

The artistic group encompasses all that is beautiful to its native Ukraine, from the wisdom of its people to the folk tradition of humor and optimism.

Full of surprises and delight, the Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company is sure to reveal to the audience the many wonders of Ukraine.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office located in the lobby of the PAC. Admission is \$25 per person for the general public and \$21.50 per person for Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students and groups of 15 or more people.

The PAC encourages Georgia Southern students to take advantage of the new "10 for \$10" special. Ten minutes prior to a performance, students with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for any of the remaining seats in the theatre for just \$10.

The PAC is located at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. For more information on any of the 2004-2005 season performances at the PAC, contact the box office at (912) 486-7999 or visit the Web site at pac.georgiasouthern.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 12 -- Last day to withdraw from classes without academic penalty.

October 29-31 -- Fall Family Weekend

Calendar:

OCTOBER						
10	11	12 Last day to: withdraw without academic penalty Volleyball: Davidson @ 7 p.m.	13 Blood Drive, Russell Union 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's Soccer: Furman @ 4 p.m.	14	15 Homecoming Parade, Sweetheart Circle 4 p.m. Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company	16 Homecoming GSU vs. Appalachian State @ 12 p.m.
17 Men's Soccer: Georgia State @ 1 p.m. Women's Soccer: Charleston @ 3:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Volleyball: Jacksonville @ 7 p.m.	21	22 Volleyball: Western Carolina @ 7 p.m.	23
24 Women's Soccer: UNC Greensboro @ 1 p.m. Volleyball: Appalachian State @ 2 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Women's Soccer: Elon @ 4 p.m.	29 Family Weekend	30 Family Weekend
31 Family Weekend						

* **All games listed are HOME GAMES.**