

GEORGIA SOUTHERN PARENT E-NEWS
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Greetings from the Office of Parent Programs,

The students are back from spring break and the campus is alive again with their presence. As I look out my window onto Sweetheart Circle it is obvious that spring is approaching, the trees are budding and the flowers are beginning to bloom.

The warmer weather seems to bring campus events outdoors. In this email I have highlighted some of the outdoor activities that will be taking place on campus. I have also included information on Eagle Club meetings that will be held at various locations in Georgia. Attending an Eagle Club meeting is a way you can meet individuals with an interest in Georgia Southern and learn of both current and future campus events. There is no charge to join an Eagle Club! The only cost is for food and beverages at each event you attend.

If your student will be living on campus fall 2005, residence halls will open on Friday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m. and classes begin Monday, August 15.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached via phone 912-681-0438 or email echan@georgiasouthern.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Herty Drive Converted into Path for Pedestrians and Bicycles

Georgia Southern University has announced that a section of Herty Drive between Sweetheart Circle and Georgia Avenue will be permanently closed to vehicular traffic and converted into a path for pedestrians and bicycles. The Herty Drive conversion is designed to create a more pedestrian-friendly campus and eliminate vehicular congestion between Sweetheart Circle and Fair Road.

This is one of the projects related to the University's Campus Master Plan, the roadway closure and construction began Monday, March 14 and is expected to be complete in July.



MedBuddy-U Available in Fall 2005

In addition to the quality medical services provided to Georgia Southern University students, Health Services is very excited about MedBuddy-U, a new 24-hour internet communication tool for students that will make access to healthcare at the University Health Service easier and convenient for our students. With MedBuddy-U, students will be able to handle many of their healthcare needs right from their own room or from any computer in the world with internet access. MedBuddy-U is compliant with federal privacy laws (HIPAA) and totally confidential and secure! Beginning Fall 2005, Health Services will begin using the MedBuddy-U system to: answer students' questions by providing personalized answers from our staff; provide relevant health information that helps students stay healthy; allow students to receive confidential messages and lab results from Health Services healthcare providers, faster and more conveniently; request an appointment or prescription refill. And that's just the beginning; many more options will also be available. Please be aware that our new MedBuddy-U system does not mean that the only way students can communicate with University Health Services is via the internet! Our staff still likes to see you in person and take your phone calls.

Health Services is proud to be among the outstanding student services offered by Georgia Southern University. Please contact Health Services by phone (912) 681-5641 or email health@georgiasouthern.edu.

Is Your Student Considering Living Off-Campus?

The Off-Campus Housing Office is sponsoring an **Off-Campus Housing Fair** on Tuesday, March 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the pedestrian area of Lakeside Café. Local rental agencies will have listings of available rentals. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to speak with managers about their specific rentals.



Students who are not available to attend the Housing Fair can stop by the Off-Campus Housing Office in Lewis Hall and pick up a copy of the Off-Campus Housing Guide. The booklet informs students on how to look for housing, what to do once they secure a place, and how to move out. Or, they can visit the Off-Campus Housing Web site <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/offcampus> to check out available rental properties online.

The Housing Fair is open to all Georgia Southern students. If you need additional information please call the Off-Campus Housing Office at 912-871-1987.

The Eagle Club Network is coming to a location near you.

Georgia Southern University Alumni Association and Southern Boosters have teamed up to bring GSU Alumni, Boosters, and Friends together to strengthen athletic and academic support for the University. The organization and coordination of all Eagle Clubs is administered through the Office of Alumni Relations at Georgia Southern University, with all events being a combined effort of both Alumni Relations and Southern Boosters. No dues are required to join an Eagle Club! The only cost is for food and beverages at each event you attend.

The primary goal of each chartered Eagle Club is to support Georgia Southern University and foster the traditions and goals of Georgia Southern in every way. For additional information on Eagle Clubs, please refer to Georgia Southern's Eagle Club website <http://alumni.georgiasouthern.edu/eclubs.htm> or contact Wendell Tompkins, Jr., Assistant Director Alumni Relations, 912-681-5691, wtompkins@georgiasouthern.edu.

Eagle Club meetings are scheduled as follows:

Candler County Eagle Club Fish Fry will meet Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

The Metter Depot, Broad Street, Metter, Georgia

Please make plans to join other Alumni, Boosters and Friends as we hear about the University today, plans for the future and welcome Head Football Coach Mike Sewak.

Tickets \$10.00 each. For more information and to purchase tickets call

Hazel Williams at 912-685-2601.

Wayne County Eagle Club BBQ will meet Thursday, March 31, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Heartbeat Café, 141 South First Street, Jesup, Georgia

Please make plans to join other Alumni, Boosters and Friends as we hear about the University today, plans for the future and welcome Football Coach Joe Tresey.

For more information and to RSVP call

John Puccio at 912-427-7885 or Shaun O'Quinn at 912-588-1051.

Evans County Eagle Club BBQ will meet Thursday, April 7, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Massey Pond House, Claxton, Georgia

Please make plans to join other Alumni, Boosters and Friends as we hear about the University today, plans for the future and welcome Football Coach John Pate.

Tickets \$10.00 each. For more information and to purchase tickets call

Marshall Smith 912-739-2230 or 912-739-7460.

Greater Macon Eagle Club will meet Tuesday, April 12, 2005, 5:30 p.m.

Pre-game BBQ

Georgia Southern vs. Mercer Baseball Game

Stadium Drive - Mercer Campus, Macon, Georgia

Please make plans to join other Alumni, Boosters and Friends as we cheer on the Eagles and Coach Hennon as they take on the Mercer Bears. Football Coach Doug Giacone will also be on hand to give an Eagle Football update.

Tickets \$5.00 each. For more information and to purchase tickets call

Terry Harvin at 478-476-0789

Eagle Club Annual BBQ will meet Monday, April 18, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Houston County High School

Please make plans to join other Alumni, Boosters and Friends as we hear about the University today, plans for the future and welcome Football Coach Doug Giacone. The Center for Wildlife Education will also be on hand.

Tickets \$10.00 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets call Joe Burnett at 478-929-5373 ext. 182 or 478-922-7620. Coordinated by the Office of Alumni Relations.

Future Eagle Club meetings will be posted to the Parents List Serve as information is made available. The Office of Alumni Relations is constantly looking to expand the Eagle Club Network. If you are interested in *starting* or *joining* an Eagle Club in your area, please give Wendell a call at 912-681-5691.

ArtsFest 05 at Georgia Southern April 9



The sights and sounds of the visual and performing arts will fill Sweetheart Circle at Georgia Southern University during ArtsFest 05 on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ArtsFest promises to be one of the largest and most eclectic festivals in the area. Organizers have expanded the scope of the former Youth Arts Festival and revamped the celebration to highlight and include a broader range of presentations for all ages to enjoy. "ArtsFest is an event that celebrates the visual, musical, literary and performance arts," said Patricia Carter, one of the ArtsFest organizers. "This festival is like no other in its range of art and cultural presentations, and breadth of regional and national participants."

The event will feature a juried Artist's Market with visual artists demonstrating their art forms from painting to pottery, while offering visitors an opportunity to purchase artwork for their collection. Children and adults will have the chance to try their hand at a variety of art forms throughout the day.

ArtsFest will include a broad array of musical performances, featuring the Samato West African Drum and Dance Company. Other performers will cover the full range of musical forms including folk, classical, experimental, jazz, choirs, ensembles and operatic solos. Dancers will parallel the musical mix with classical, modern and ethnic dance performances, with featured performances by the Highland Irish Dancers and lion dancing by the Kung Foo Club. Literary and poetry readings, foreign language lessons, puppet theater and theatrical excerpts will round out the full day of arts and culture.

At 4 p.m., Patti and Ryan Kelly will kick-off Bands with BBQ on the main stage. As festival activities slow down, the grills will fire up and attendees will be invited to borrow a blanket, buy a BBQ plate and enjoy musical entertainment until 6 p.m.

Festival traditions such as face painting, balloons, magicians and an opportunity for children and adults to make art will be waiting at ArtsFest '05.

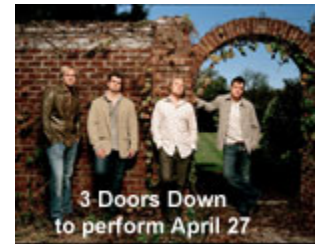
"Our mission is to provide such a quality and quantity of arts events that attendees end their day at the festival with pure exhaustion and unlimited inspiration from the exhilarating fun they had," said Carter. "We want people to go home and mark their calendars for ArtsFest 06 as a day they don't want to miss."

ArtsFest 05 is sponsored by Georgia Southern's Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art. For additional information, including volunteer or support opportunities, contact Nick Nelson at (912) 681-0597 or nnelson@georgiasouthern.edu, or Patricia Carter at (912) 681-5358 or pwcarter@georgiasouthern.edu.

3 Doors Down to perform at Georgia Southern April 27

Georgia Southern University will present a major outdoor spring concert featuring the top rock group 3 Doors Down at Paulson Stadium on Wednesday, April 27.

An exceptional live band, 3 Doors Down stands among the top concert draws in North America and has sold 12 million albums since its debut in 2000. 3 Doors Down recently released its third studio album, "Seventeen Days" (Republic/Universal). "Seventeen Days" debuted at No. 1 on Billboard Magazine's top 200 albums chart Feb. 26.



3 Doors Down has had six No.1 singles - "Kryptonite," "Duck & Run," "Loser," "Be Like That," "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You," - making the group one of the most popular and consistently successful rock bands in recent history. According to Billboard Magazine, they were the first debut act to ever have had a No.1 single at four different radio formats simultaneously with "Kryptonite," and the quartet went on to win the 2003 Billboard Music Awards for "Best Pop/Rock Group" and "Best Hot 100 Single."

From Escatawpa, Miss., 3 Doors Down consists of Brad Arnold, lead vocals; Matt Roberts, guitar; Todd Harrell, bass; and Chris Henderson, guitar.

Tickets for the concert will be \$20 for Georgia Southern students (a limit of four tickets per ID) and \$30 for the general public. All seating will be general admission. Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, March 23, on campus at the athletics ticket office in the Cowart Building on Lanier Drive near Paulson Stadium and at the Russell Union. The Cowart Building ticket office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will accept cash, MasterCard or Visa. The Russell Union location will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will accept cash only. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at 1-800-GSU-WINS and online through the band's Web site, www.3doorsdown.com.

On the evening of the concert, the stadium will open at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Two bands, Breaking Benjamin and Silvertide, will open for 3 Doors Down.

This concert is sponsored by Eagle Entertainment, the student programming board of Georgia Southern University. For additional information, contact (912) 486-7270.

Calendar of Events

March

- 29 **Off-Campus Housing Fair**, Lakeside pedestrian, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Baseball-Georgia State at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Candler County Eagle Club meeting, The Depot, 6:30 p.m. For tickets, contact Alumni Relations at 681-5691.
- 30 **Baseball-Georgia State at Georgia Southern**, 4 p.m.
- 31 **2005/2006 application deadline for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
Wayne County Eagle Club meeting, Heartbeat Café, 7 p.m. For tickets, contact Alumni Relations at 681-5691.

April

- 2 **Annual Alumni Awards Dinner**
- 6 **Honors Day**, 8:30 a.m.
- 7 **Evans County Eagle Club meeting**, Massey Pond House, Claxton, 6:30 p.m.
For more information and to purchase tickets call Marshall Smith 912-739-2230 or 912-739-7460.
- 9 **ArtsFest 05**, Sweetheart Circle, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 12 **Greater Macon Eagle Club meeting**, Mercer Campus, Stadium Drive, 5:30 p.m.
For more information and to purchase tickets call Terry Harvin at 478-476-0789
- 18 **Houston County Eagle Club meeting**, Houston County High School, 6:30 p.m.
For more information and to purchase tickets call Joe Burnett at 478-929-5373 ext. 182 or 478-922-7620.
- 27 **3 Doors Down concert**, Paulson Stadium, doors open 6 p.m. concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$20 for Georgia Southern students (limited 4 w/valid ID) and \$30 for the general public) can be purchased at the athletics ticket office in the Cowart Building on Lanier Drive, at the Student Activity Center in the Russell Union, by phone at 1-800-GSU-WINS and online through the band's Web site, www.3doorsdown.com.

May

- 2 Last day of classes
- 3-6 Final exams
- 7 Residence halls close, 12 p.m.
Commencement
- 15 Residence halls open for summer school, 1 p.m.
- 17 Classes begin for Term A and Long Term
- 17 Fee Payment Deadline, Summer Semester 2005
- 30 Memorial Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes

June

- 2 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Term A
- 15 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Long Term
- 17 Classes end for Term A
Residence hall check-in for Term B and EIP students, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 18 Term A final exams
- 19 Residence halls close for Term A at 10:00 a.m.
Residence halls open for Term B at 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Classes begin Term B

July

- 4 Independence Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes
- 6 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty for Term B
- 13 Classes end, Long Term
- 15-16 Long Term final exams
- 22 Classes end, Term B
- 23 Term B final exams
- 24 Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for students attending Term B

August

- 12 Residence halls open at 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Housing office open 9 to 5 p.m.
- 15 Classes begin

NOTE: Though the University will try to adhere to dates published here, it may become necessary to make changes in the published calendar. The Office of the Registrar will maintain updates to the calendar and any updates may be viewed at "University Academic Calendars" on our website, <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar>.