

GEORGIA SOUTHERN PARENT E-NEWS
MARCH 2005

Greetings from the Office of Parent Programs,

Spring is right around the corner and it's hard to believe that March is here. Students are looking forward to mid-terms, no wait that's not right. Students are looking forward to spring break (March 14-18). Please remind your student to lock doors and windows before leaving Statesboro.

Please let me know what you would like to see included in future editions. I can be reached by phone at 912-871-1987, email parent@georgiasouthern.edu or fax 912-871-1214.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Emily L. Chandler
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Financial Aid Deadline Approaching

The Financial Aid office reminds all students and parents that the 2005/2006 application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due by Thursday, March 31. This form may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To sign the FAFSA electronically, the student and parent will need to obtain a PIN number which can be requested by visiting www.pin.ed.gov. The school code for Georgia Southern is 001572. Students must meet all deadlines to be considered for Federal grants, loans, work-study and the HOPE Scholarship. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 681-5413.

House Okays Credit-Hour Limits on HOPE

Legislation limiting HOPE scholarship eligibility to 127 credit hours passed the House Tuesday and now will be considered by the Senate. House Bill 299, sponsored by Rep. Bill Hembree, chair of the House Higher Education Committee, would take effect for students enrolling next fall. The measure, which passed the House 93-76, limits HOPE eligibility to 127 credit hours, a cap that covers most bachelors' programs.

Only about 7,300 of the 120,000 HOPE scholars in public and private colleges in Georgia currently are enrolled in programs requiring more than 127 credit hours to graduate, such as dual-degree programs. Currently enrolled students will be exempt from the credit-hour cap.

The HOPE scholarship program currently pays for up to 150 credit hours, but "HOPE was never intended to provide students with advanced degrees," said Shelley Nickel, director of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which administers the scholarships. "This is an issue of fairness," Hembree told the House. "All programs and all HOPE scholars should be equal."

CRI to hold job fair

Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) will hold its annual job fair Monday, Feb. 28, through Friday, March 11. During this time, CRI will be accepting applications for positions in its department, including intramurals, Southern Adventures, fitness, facilities and club sports. Applications may be downloaded from the CRI website or obtained at the CRI administrative office located in the RAC. Additionally, booths will be set up on campus to accept and hand out applications. For more information, visit the website at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cri>.

Career Services

Dear Family & Friends,

Please visit the 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 information on the upcoming Graduation Gala - an event designed to provide a one-stop shopping experience to meet graduating students' needs. For more information, please contact the Career Services Office at 912-681-5197 or by email at careersv@georgiasouthern.edu.

Sincerely,
Amy Rowell

Block Party March 6

Eagle Entertainment, Parent Programs, Off-Campus Housing and the Residence Hall Presidents' Council will host a Block Party on Sunday, March 6, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sweetheart Circle. The carnival-style event is part of Family Weekend and is open to all faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members. Inflatable and carnival games, snacks and balloons will be available. The event is free. For more information, contact the Student Activities Center at ext. 7270 or e-mail Bill Pickett at wpickett@georgiasouthern.edu.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week March 7-10

Sexual Assault Awareness Week will take place Monday, March 7, through Thursday, March 10. During the week, The Clothesline Project will be available at the Russell Union Rotunda for those who wish to participate and create a free t-shirt. The Clothesline Project is a program that was started on Cape Cod, Mass., in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women. Past shirts will also be on display in the Russell Union, Landrum and the RAC. Clothesline pins will also be available. The pins are \$5 each or \$10 for the sterling silver pin. All proceeds will go to assist the Sexual Assault Response Team in their continuing educational programming and victims services.

On Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Building Auditorium, Brett A. Sokolow will present "**Drunk Sex or Date Rape: Can You Tell The Difference?**" Sokolow is the special counsel to the president at LaSalle University, the special counsel for student conduct issues at Warren Wilson College, special advisor for conduct issues at the University of Dayton, special advisor to the vice president for student development at Loras College, and the president and founder of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management Ltd.

On Thursday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. a **Take Back the Night** march and rally will be held. It will begin at the Hanner Fieldhouse and will end in the Russell Union Commons area. The rally will be followed by a candlelight vigil and dismantling of the 2005 clothesline. The first 100 people to show up for the march will receive a free t-shirt. Other items will also be given away at the rally. For more information, contact Jodi Caldwell, psychologist in the Counseling Center and chair of the Sexual Assault Response Team, at 681-5541.

Crisis Advocate training available

Volunteers will be working with the Bulloch County Sexual Assault Task Force (BCSATF) and will support victims of sexual assault, including rape and incest. A crisis line has also been established for victims. The crisis line number is 531-1771.

Crisis advocate volunteers work with the BCSATF and support victims of sexual assault, including rape and incest.

The BCSATF is a community effort. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Vickie O'Brien in the Office of Admissions at ext. 5798 or Linda Rohrer Paige, professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, at 681-0222 or via e-mail at lp Paige@georgiasouthern.edu.

Calendar of Events

March

- 4 **Baseball-Buffalo at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.**
Georgia Southern Opera presents "H.M.S. Pinafore," Performing Arts Center, 8p.m. For ticket information, contact the box office at 486-7999.
- 5 **Astronomy and Space Day, Planetarium, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**
Baseball-Buffalo at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
Georgia Southern Opera presents "H.M.S. Pinafore," Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For ticket information, contact the box office at 486-7999.
Star Party on the Roof, Planetarium, 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
- 6 **Baseball-Buffalo at Georgia Southern, 1:30 p.m.**
Block Party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m, Sweetheart Circle
- 7 **Last day to withdraw without academic penalty**
- 8 **Softball-Tennessee Tech at Georgia Southern, 3 p.m.**
Faculty Recital, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
- 9 **"Drunk Sex or Date Rape: Can You Tell The Difference?"**,
Brett A. Sokolow, 7 p.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Auditorium
Venice Baroque Orchestra and The Labeque Sisters, Performing Arts Center,
8 p.m. For tickets call the box office at 486-7999.
- 10 **Take Back the Night, 5:30 p.m., Russell Union Commons**

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- 10 **Screven County Eagle Club meeting**, First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
For tickets, contact Alumni Relations at 681-5691.
- 11 **Baseball-Davidson at Georgia Southern**, 7 p.m.
- 12 **Baseball-Davidson at Georgia Southern**, 4 p.m.
- 13 **Baseball-Davidson at Georgia Southern**, 1:30 p.m.
- 14-18 Spring Break for students**
- 15 **Baseball-Georgia at Georgia Southern**, 6 p.m.
- 16 **Baseball-Georgia at Georgia Southern**, 4 p.m.
- 21 **Cinema Arts presents "Love Stories,"** Union Theater, \$2, 7:15 p.m.
- 22 **"Crazy for You,"** Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For tickets call the box office at (912) 486-7999.
- Jenkins County Eagle Club meeting**, CPA office of Lee Fulcher, 7 p.m. For tickets, contact Alumni Relations at 681-5691.
- 25 **Baseball-Furman at Georgia Southern**, 7 p.m.
- 26 **Baseball-Furman at Georgia Southern**, 4 p.m.
- 27 **Baseball-Furman at Georgia Southern**, 1:30 p.m.
- 29 **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 **Wayne County Eagle Club meeting**, Heartbeat Café, 7 p.m.. For tickets, contact Alumni Relations at 681-5691.
- 31 **2005/2006 application deadline for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

April

- 2 Annual Alumni Awards Dinner
- 6 Honors Day, 8:30 a.m.

May

- 2 Last day of classes
- 3-6 Final exams
- 7 Residence halls close, 12:00 p.m.
- 7 Commencement