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Fifth Annual Communication Arts Banquet

The 5th Annual Communication Arts Banquet is quickly approaching. “Reflecting on the past and looking to the future” is the theme of this year’s affair that will be held on March 22, 2007.

The banquet is the idea of the Communication Arts Department chair Dr. Pamela Bourland-Davis. Bourland-Davis recognized the need to spotlight students who were successful in the department.

Every Spring semester, the public relations events class organizes the banquet. Currently, the class is under the supervision of Lisa Muller. Muller is an assistant professor and the public relations internship coordinator in the department. The events class expects about 150 people or more to attend this year’s festivities.

For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact Lisa Muller in the Communication Arts building.

SSCA Accepts Five GSU Student Papers

Five students from the Communication Arts Department submitted their papers to the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) and all were accepted.

“It’s a great accomplishment for GSU because out of the 70 to 80 submissions from various southern universities, only half are accepted,” said Dr. Patrick Wheaton, assistant professor in the Communication Arts Department.

All selected students will attend the SSCA convention held March 28 to April 1 in Louisville, KY where they will orally present their papers to a panel of judges. The winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award.

SSCA is one of four regional associations for communication scholars and professionals.

Next year, the convention will be held in Savannah. Students interested in submitting a paper must do so before the December deadline. Only one submission per student is allowed and the papers must have been written within the last year.

Congratulations to the following students:
- Drew Anderson
- Jonathan Burch
- Cristy Curry
- Alicia Deal
- Lauren Markle

Graduation Clearance Checklist

This is a list of things students need to do to be cleared for graduation:
- Get graduation packet from Registrar’s Office
- Meet with advisor 3-4 semesters before expected graduation date
- Get folder from Comm. Arts front office
- Know GPA
- Know the year you began at GSU
- Bring list of current classes and classes scheduled for the upcoming semesters

Check Out Communication Arts:

On the Web http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/commarts
On the Air 91.9 The Buzz
On the Tube Eagle News Network-Channel 97
PR Student/Playwright Places 3rd in Region

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Students Attend Real World PR in Atlanta

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The conference offered public relations students an opportunity to interact with different industry professionals and engage in career advancing activities.

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♦ Career Expo

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