Scholarships

The Department of Communication Arts has seven scholarships available to students with requirements that range by grade level (hours completed), GPA and major. Please take this opportunity and check out the scholarship list on the Communication Arts homepage. All applications are due on Friday, March 15.

We would like to recognize one of our students, Zoe Campbell, for winning two of the Comm. Arts scholarships. The Dorothy Few Lee Theatre Scholarship was awarded to Zoe for her contributions to the Theatre Program. The second scholarship awarded, the Stephanie Routman Memorial Scholarship, is for Theatre students studying abroad, which was for the first time awarded.

Mrs. Pat’s Retirement

By: Kaitlin Jenkins

After a little over 14 years of working for the Comm. Arts department as secretary for the chair, Mrs. Patricia Harrell has retired as of December 2012, and is enjoying the sunshine and Piña Coladas!

She came to Georgia Southern in October 1998 after working for Albany State University as an Administrative Assistant. When applying to Georgia Southern, she was offered two positions.

“I chose the academic position as I loved working with the students whom I miss working with today,” said Harrell. On her first day of work, she was disappointed to see her office located in a trailer, but the “big happy family” atmosphere made up for it, as she described. Working in the trailer holds many of her fondest memories. Running around placing trashcans under the leaking ceilings when it rained seemed to be the least of her problems. She once even remembers the floor breaking under a lady who was using the restroom. Needless to say, they were happy about the move to Veazey Hall.

“Dr. Pam and I had a wonderful working relationship,” said Harrell, “and the faculty and students were just wonderful.” We will all miss Mrs. Pat’s enthusiastic presence in the office, but are lucky to have had her for so long!

While we try to replace her, please be patient with us through this transition. If no one is available in the office, please go to your advisor or professor for help.

Updates on Sanford Hall

As I’m sure we all have heard, the move to Sanford Hall is coming along great, and will be ready by this time next year! The building is located on Sweetheart Circle, and will house both the offices and the classrooms. In addition, TV and radio studios will move to Sanford. Dr. Pamela Bourland-Davis, department chair of Communication Arts, believes the move will “create synergy.” Check out the green net fence, a signal that the renovations are starting!
Clearing to Graduate Without Surprises
By: Kea’erra Wilson

Each Communication Arts major is different. Each student chooses a unique path. However, each shares a common goal: GRADUATION. How do Communication Arts students ensure that their path leads to a timely graduation?

According to Dr. Beverly Graham, the most common problem among graduation hopefuls is that people do not fill out their clearance forms in enough time. Students can apply for clearance up to four semesters before their actual graduation date. The first step is to pick up the forms from the Registrar’s Office. Next, make an appointment with your advisor. Before the meeting, print your degree works analysis to help you and your advisor in the clearance process. Then you will return the form to the Registrar’s Office.

With your clearance forms out of the way, it is important that students employ effective course management skills. Each of the majors offered in the Communication Arts Department requires 126 hours. In order to ensure that you take all of the required classes, advisors recommend that students keep a personal copy of the advisement sheets located in the main office on the third floor of Veazey Hall. The sheets are especially helpful during registration periods when students are attempting to squeeze into classes.

The dash to get into classes can also be a reason students fall a little short when graduation time rolls around.

“Many students opt for Class B when they cannot get into Class A,” Dr. Graham said. “Class B is not always the equivalent.”

If unable to get into a class that is needed, students should first email the professor to see if there is room to get in. Students must also be cautious about prerequisite classes to avoid having to wait an extra semester.

It is extremely important to complete the appropriate forms and take the required classes before the last minute. Those students who make advisement appointments early, come up with a solid plan for class options, and fill out their clearance papers before the deadlines usually make it through the graduation process without any surprises.

Important Dates

• Scholarship Deadline
  March 15th

• Death of the Salesman
  February 27th - March 9th

PRSSA

• Real World 2013
  February 22nd in Atlanta
  8am - 3:45 pm
  Members: $70
  Nonmembers: $80

• Empower PR
  March 9th at GSU

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ALL majors welcomed

Society of Professional Journalists
Interest meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31st at 7 p.m.
in the Williams Center