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Hunger and Homelessness Week Oct. 2-5

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Students will have the opportunity to expand their classroom education into the real world and experience the plight of those less fortunate during Hunger and Homelessness Week, Monday, Oct. 2, through Thursday, Oct. 5.

Sponsored by the University's Volunteer Services Office, the week will include events to raise student awareness of the homeless population and hunger issues.

The week begins on Monday, Oct. 2, with a poverty simulation from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. "Students can walk through the simulations to briefly experience life on the side of poverty," said Diana Hensley, coordinator of Volunteer Services.

At 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, a Hunger Banquet will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$2 and three canned goods or \$5 without canned goods and are available in Russell Union Room 2022. "The banquet is a unique opportunity for students to experience the inequalities that exist around the world," Hensley said. "The event will be very interactive. Students will get to know each other and hear thoughts on hunger around the world. It is our hope that the banquet impacts those in attendance to become more aware of hunger issues around the world and to do what they can to help end those issues."

A lunch discussion will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4, at noon in Russell Union Room 2054. Vicki Davis, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, will speak on "A World Without Substandard Housing: Future or Fantasy?" Free lunch will be provided.

Also on Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m., a Homelessness Sleep Out will take place in the Russell Union Rotunda area. "This event will allow students to experience what those who don't have home experience," Hensley said. Students will need to bring their own box and will set up their space to sleep for the night. The movie "Rent" will be shown at 8 p.m. near the Russell Union Rotunda and will be followed by a discussion on homelessness across the world.

A second lunch discussion will be held Thursday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2052. Marcia Jones, associate vice president in the Office of Institutional Compliance, will speak on "We're Americans! How Can We Be Malnourished?" Free lunch will be provided.

A Habitat for Humanity Work Day will also take place Thursday, Oct. 5, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To participate, contact Volunteer Services at 912-871-1435. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 912-871-1435 or visit the Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/volunteer>.

GLBTQ Month begins Oct. 2 at Georgia Southern

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The Multicultural Student Center at Georgia Southern University will host Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) Awareness Month Monday, Oct. 2, through Tuesday, Oct. 31.

‘The month serves to promote honesty and openness about being gay, lesbian or bisexual in the workplace, on campus and in interactions with friends and loved ones,’ said Consuela Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center. ‘We are seeking to increase public awareness of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender lifestyles.’

On Monday, Oct. 2, free AIDS testing will take place in Russell Union Room 2080 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, the movie ‘Transamerica’ will be shown in the Russell Union Theater. The film tells the story of a pre-operative male-to-female transsexual who takes an unexpected journey when she learns she fathered a son, who is now 17 and hustling on the streets of New York. On their road-trip from New York to Los Angeles she attempts to keep her true identity a secret.

The panel discussion ‘Myths & Misconceptions: The Gay Lifestyle’ will take place at noon on Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Russell Union, Room 2047. The student panel will dispel the myths and misconceptions regarding the GLBT community.

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, at noon in Russell Union Room 2044, a Cultural Book Club Discussion will be held. ‘Brotherhood: Gay Life in College Fraternities’ will be presented by the editor, Shane L. Windmeyer. The book takes a provocative look at the concepts of brotherhood, masculinity and sexuality in college fraternities. Later that evening at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater, Windmeyer will present the GLBTQ Awareness Month keynote address ‘Out & Greek: Being Gay, Lesbian or Bi-Sexual in College Fraternities.’ Windmeyer is one of the foremost educators on sexual orientation issues and Greek life. He is a national leader in gay and lesbian civil rights, as well as a best-selling author.

A Drag Show, sponsored by Gamma Rho Lambda, will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

At 11 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31, the film ‘Rocky Horror Picture Show’ will be presented at the Carmike Theater.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-681-5409