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Symphonic Winds offer concert on Nov. 30

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Georgia Southern University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will present a concert Friday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Nov. 30 performance will include an eclectic mix of compositions including 'The Dream of Oenghus,' by German composer, Rolf Rudin; 'Toledo,' by American composer, Bruce Carlson; and 'Scenes from The Louvre,'" by American composer Norman Dello Joio.

The 45-member Symphonic Wind Ensemble and 60-member Wind Symphony are the two major concert bands open to all Georgia Southern student musicians. The groups perform music as traditional as a John Philip Sousa march and as edgy as the music of Frank Zappa. The ensembles are conducted by Robert Dunham, Director of Bands at Georgia Southern University.

Smith Banks Southern Folk Art Collection to be dedicated Nov. 30

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Georgia Southern University will formally dedicate the Smith Callaway Banks Southern Folk Art Collection and Research Center on Friday, Nov. 30, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. The dedication will take place in the Arts Building, with remarks at 5 p.m. followed by a reception honoring Smith Callaway Banks.

'We are delighted to have an opportunity to thank Smith Banks publicly for his gift to the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art,' said chair Patricia Carter. "This is an opportunity for the public to see the unique and colorful folk art he has collected over the years, and to greet several of the artists as well. We're looking forward to sharing pieces from the collection in an exhibit titled 'For the Love of Folk Art.'"

The two- and three-dimensional pieces in the Smith Banks Southern Folk Art Collection are superb examples of an artistic tradition tied to Georgia's history and culture. The Banks collection provides a foundation for Georgia Southern University faculty and student research projects and a new opportunity for developing art education programs for K-12 students in area schools.

The dedication and reception is open to all. For more information, please contact the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at 912-681-5358.

Confirmed Bacterial Meningitis Media Statement

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An undergraduate student at Georgia Southern University residing off-campus was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis and was treated with prophylactic medication and immediately transported to the East Georgia Regional Medical Center for additional testing and treatment. Initial testing indicated the student does have bacterial meningitis and the diagnosis was confirmed on Monday, November 12.

The general public is not at risk and those individuals who had close contact with the individual have been treated with antibiotics. No other cases have been reported at this time and the student is responding well to treatment and is expected to recover.

The Bulloch County Department of Public Health has been notified and appropriate infection control measures are being taken to contain further infection. It is important to note that the student in question only had close personal contact with a limited number of individuals. The University and the Bulloch County Public Health Infection Control staff may continue to identify any additional persons that may have come into contact with this student.

The infected student's roommate and those in close personal contact were notified and have been treated with prophylactic medication, as have all University staff involved with the student's treatment. Georgia Southern University's Department of Health Services continues to monitor the situation and is working with the Bulloch County Department of Public Health to ensure that every effort is made to ensure that the situation is contained to those already identified.

The Georgia Southern University Department of Health Service will continue to answer any questions and manage any student, faculty or staff concerns.

For more information, see FAQ's at: <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/Q&A.htm>.

Georgia Southern University students will celebrate GIS Day Savannah 2007

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A geographic information system is a collection of computer hardware and software used to collect, analyze and manage information that is related to a specific geographic location.

More commonly known as GIS, this technology is utilized by national, state and local governments as well as many segments of the private business sector.

A group of eight students from the Department of Geology and Geography at Georgia Southern University will be taking part in a special event that is designed to increase public awareness of GIS.

The first-ever GIS Day Savannah will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the ballroom of the Savannah Civic Center. The event is part of International GIS Day, which is held in conjunction with the National Geographic Society's annual Geography Awareness Week.

'GIS technology has become an extensive tool for both government and business,'" said Thomas Chapman, an assistant professor of geography at Georgia Southern. 'For example, it is used by local governments in southeast Georgia to improve delivery of public services, such as fighting crime, managing 911 emergency facilities, and maintaining water, sewer and road systems.

'Private sector uses for GIS in this region include a variety of urban planning, engineering and financial services applications. Specific uses include real estate developer site planning, infrastructure and natural resource management, and demographic target marketing.

'The list of applications is endless.'"

GIS takes geographic information such as street, building, water and terrain locations and turns it into three-dimensional visual layers on a map. This information helps planners, officials and business people make informed, accurate decisions about their communities.

Georgia Southern offers a minor degree program in GIS. In fact, most of the University students who will be participating in GIS Day Savannah are GIS minors.

GIS Day Savannah will give the general public a chance to explore GIS via hands-on demonstrations, a map gallery and other activities that show how the technology is used by government agencies, businesses and educational institutions.

In the morning, eighth-grade students from Chatham County's public and private schools will receive an introduction to GIS. Area business people will attend the afternoon session, which will run from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Chapman and the Georgia Southern students will be on hand to promote the University's GIS program, talk shop with the various GIS users, and network with potential employers.

For more information on the GIS program at Georgia Southern, visit <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/geo/> or call the University's Department of Geology and Geography at (912) 681-5361.

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Movie Night at Georgia Southern University

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Eagle Entertainment is sponsoring the movie "Rush Hour 3" Wednesday, Nov. 28, and Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. each evening in the Russell Union Theater. Admission to the movie is \$2 per person.

For more information, visit www.eagleentertainment.com or contact the Office of Student Activities at 486-7270.

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Continuing Education Center seeking innovative instructors

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The Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern University is recruiting instructors who can put their expertise to work in new training programs in a range of formats.

To streamline the process, the Center has launched a Web site to accept instructional proposals from individuals with teaching experience and expertise in one or more subjects. The target audiences for these subjects are the general public, professionals, seniors and youth.

Proposals submitted through <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/teachCE.html> should feature innovative ideas for classes, workshops, training sessions, lectures or other education experiences

for professional development (corporations and businesses), personal development or leisure activities.

The Web site provides proposal guidelines and features an online proposal submission form. The site also includes several program ideas that need qualified instructors as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Dean Tony Bretti at (912) 681-5442.

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Eagle Entertainment hosts Finals Feast Dec. 3

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Eagle Entertainment will present the Finals Feast Monday, Dec. 3, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The Finals Feast is a bi-annual tradition held at the end of the fall and spring semesters. It is a breakfast-at-night buffet served to students by the administrators at Georgia Southern.

In addition to food, stress-free massages will be available, along with musical performances, games and more.

Finals Feast is free and open to all Georgia Southern students. Students can pick up free tickets in the Office of Student Activities, located in Russell Union Room 1056. For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 912-486-7270.

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Former drug addict to share experiences with students Nov. 26

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The Office of Health Education and Promotion at Georgia Southern University will present "Confessions of a Former Drug Addict Real Talk" Monday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

On the outside it appeared that B.J. Elliott had everything going for him. He was graduating from college and received an award from the National Restaurant Association. However, on the inside Elliott was constantly fearful of rejection and unable to love himself.

Feeling unsuccessfully at matching the outside with what was going on inside, Elliott turned to drugs and alcohol to survive and quickly lost everything to addiction. After witnessing drug deals gone bad, chemical explosions from the manufacturing of drugs and the pain he was causing his family, he was still unable to stop the cycle. After hitting bottom, he finally recognized his problem and went to detox.

Now almost two years clean from all drugs and alcohol, Elliott is using his pain to give hope to others. He currently lives with brain damage, tremors and permanent health problems as a result of his years of drug use.

There is no admission for the presentation. The PAC is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive.

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