



## Why should YOU become a Resident Advisor for Spring 2006?

The RA position allows you to grow as a student and as an individual. You will learn many valuable skills that you will be able to apply to future experiences as well as your chosen career. Those skills include: time management skills, decision-making skills, leadership skills, interpersonal communication skills, learning to work with a staff to achieve a common goal, and learning to be accountable to a supervisor.

**Benefits:** Each RA receives a stipend each semester. The current stipend is \$1,716.50, Spring 2006. RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing, for which they are financially responsible. Resident Advisors are allowed a single room at double occupancy rates when space is available. Equally important and the non-tangible benefits: the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and the chance to develop skills such as leadership, communication, organization, time management, and counseling.

For more information about the position and application information, please go to [www.gsuhousing.com](http://www.gsuhousing.com). Applications are due November 21st for Spring 2006 positions!

## Georgia Southern Health Services Begins Influenza (FLU) Vaccinations

*The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each fall. Do it for yourself, and to help protect other people!*

Students are very strongly encouraged to receive an influenza vaccination. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), October and November are the primary months for vaccination, and vaccination in December or later is recommended for those who are not vaccinated earlier. Influenza vaccination not only decreases the risk of illness for the vaccine recipient, but also helps prevent the spread of the influenza virus and limits its role in the potential development of life-threatening complications among the general population. But everyone must be re-vaccinated each year because the flu viruses change each year.

**There are two types of vaccines:**

**The nasal-spray flu vaccine**-a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu (sometimes called LAIV for "Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine"). LAIV is approved for use in healthy people 5 years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant. **Georgia Southern Health Services now has a supply of LAIV/ "FluMist," which will be given to reasonably healthy students, faculty, and staff through 49 years of age. The cost for the "FluMist" vaccine is \$22.**

**The "flu shot"**-an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions. **Georgia Southern Health Services will give first priority for "flu shots" to students, faculty, and staff who should not be vaccinated with LAIV/"FluMist."** **That group includes:** People with a medical condition that places them at high risk for complications from influenza, including those with chronic heart or lung disease, such as asthma or reactive airway disease; people with medical conditions such as diabetes or kidney failure; or people with illnesses that weaken the immune system, or who take medications that can weaken the immune system. Pregnant women. People with a history of allergy to any of the components of LAIV or to eggs. **The cost for a "flu shot" is \$12.** Each vaccine contains three influenza viruses-one A (H3N2) virus, one A (H1N1) virus, and one B virus. The viruses in the vaccine change each year based on international surveillance and scientists' estimations about which types and strains of viruses will circulate in a given year. About 2 weeks after vaccination, antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus infection develop in the body. Students may come to the Health Center for flu vaccination, must present a valid Georgia Southern Id card, and must sign-in with receptionist. Student flu vaccinations will be administered during the following times: Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### In the Halls

<b>Southern Pines</b> 11/11 7:30 p.m.	<b>Camping Out At the Pines</b>	Building 4
<b>Watson</b> 11/13 7 p.m.	<b>Pool Tournament</b>	Lobby
<b>Sanford</b> 11/13 7 p.m. 11/16 7 p.m.	<b>Intramural Team Banquet</b> <b>Open Mic Night</b>	Lobby Lobby
<b>Winburn</b> 11/13 5:30 p.m.	<b>Fall Dinner</b>	Lobby
<b>Johnson</b> 11/14 7:30 p.m. 11/14 8:30 a.m.	<b>Let's Talk About Education</b> <b>Student Appreciation Breakfast</b>	Lobby Lobby

### Graduate School Admission Tips

Consider applying to several graduate schools.  
Request application and financial aid forms as soon as possible.  
Visit campuses to see the buildings, classrooms, library, etc.  
Start preparing your application package early.  
Be aware of academic requirements.  
Grades—The tougher your courses and the better your grades, the more options you'll have.  
Submit applications, supporting documents, and fees well before the deadline.  
Fill in all forms completely.  
Organize your financial records.  
Keep a record of all applications for each college and copies of all relevant forms.  
Applicants from outside the US should start even earlier.  
Taken from <http://www.Gradsource.com>. For more info call 681-5197.



### Spotlight On . . . Pat Murphey

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English from Georgia Southern College in 1975, Pat Murphey intended to pursue his Ph.D and teach after a short stint as a “temporary” employee at Delta Air Lines. Way led on to way, however, and he spent seventeen years at Delta before returning to Georgia Southern University in 1993 to pursue an M.A. in English, which he received in 1995. Since then he has taught in the Department of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern. In addition to teaching, Mr. Murphey is a freelance writer and is currently ghost writing the autobiography of Dr. Karl Peace of Georgia Southern’s Karl Peace Center for Biostatistics. He also serves on the governing board of the Charter Conservatory for the Liberal Art and Technology, where his 11 year old son Patrick attends the sixth grade. Mr. Murphey’s wife, Connie, is the Director of Financial Aid at GSU, and his oldest son Clif, a 2004 graduate of the University of Southern California, lives in Los Angeles and will begin law school in the fall of 2006. Mr. Murphey’s hobbies are reading and bike riding.

## Can YOU Make an Impact?

Be a part of a Georgia Southern Tradition:  
**Become a *SOAR Leader!***

If you would like to spend your summer working with Georgia Southern’s new Eagles, apply to be a SOAR Leader! Applications are available now in Lewis Hall on Sweetheart Circle. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for:

### SOAR INFORMATION NIGHT!!

Monday, November 14th @ 7:00 p.m.  
*in the Russell Union Theater*

Learn about what it’s like to be a SOAR Leader, the application process, interviews, the pay, the benefits, and much more. Don’t miss it!

Applications are due Friday, December 2nd at 5:00pm in the Office of Orientation in Lewis Hall on Sweetheart Circle. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Orientation, 871-1987 or [orientation@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:orientation@georgiasouthern.edu). <http://admission.georgiasouthern.edu/orientation/leaders>.

### ATTENTION!

### SAPA IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS! SAPA (Sexual Assault Prevention Advocates)

SAPA is a student organization developed by students at Georgia Southern University to promote discussion among their peers regarding the issue of sexual violence. The main focus of these discussions is to increase awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual assault, improve communication between women and men around sexual issues, and to reduce the incidence of sexual violence.

We accomplish the goals above by going into classrooms and other meeting places for organizations and doing psychoeducational presentations on sexual assault prevention. These presentations include set activities that involve active participation by the group which encourages students to discuss sexual assault issues.

For more information about SAPA, or if you’re interested in joining, please contact:

Dr. Tobin Lovell (Advisor) at [tlovell@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tlovell@georgiasouthern.edu) or Michelle Sexton (President) at [msexton@email.georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:msexton@email.georgiasouthern.edu)



### What’s Happening on Campus?

Nov 13th, The Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony will present “Harvest Festival,” at 7:00 p.m. at the University’s Performing Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased by calling the PAC at 912-486-7999 or toll free at 1-866-722-2787.

Nov 15th, "Eat it Raw," all you can eat Sushi Demonstration, \$10 Dining room of Family and Consumer Science Building. For more info call (912)536-2983.

### Minority Advisement Events

The Minority Advisement Program will be hosting "The Value of Networking" on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Russell Union, Rm. 2084. This program will teach you how to make important job connections early in your college career. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact the Multicultural Student Center at 681-5409. Your Student Activity Fees At Work!

It is that time again!!! Applications are now available for the 2006-2007 Minority Advisement Program Sponsor Team. You may pick up these applications in the Multicultural Student Center located on the second floor of the Russell Union. The deadline for application is December 2, 2005. For more information you can attend an information session on November 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Russell Union, Rm. 2041 or call 912-681-5409.