

InTouch



Spring Staff Development Events:

Disability Awareness
(SAIL Event)
March 24, 12:00-1:15
Zoe Johnson & Daley Connelly, DRC

Working with Your Inner Boss: Gain Control of Your Work
(Training & Development)
March 25, 9:00-12:00

Gardening 101
(SAIL Event)
April 7, 12:00-1:15
Toni Boatwright, Student Support Services

Register for SAIL events at:
www.uga.edu/studentaffairs/tstaff/staffdevel.htm

For Training & Development workshops, visit:
www.hr.uga.edu



Today, the University of Georgia is experiencing difficult times. Budgets are shrinking and our work is being scrutinized as never before. Yet in these difficult times, we have the opportunity to focus on our primary purpose: serving students. Challenges are not new to UGA. This institution has survived a civil war, two world wars, and budgetary shortfalls greater than we are experiencing today. Some would argue that the institution survived because of its clear focus on the mission of educating students.

I think we can learn something valuable from our institution's past. We can focus on our primary mission by tending to the needs of our students. Even during challenging times, I hope we never forget the importance of being committed to our personal best each and every day.

John Dewey, once said, "In committing oneself to a particular course...one is in reality choosing what kind of person or self one is going to be." It is my hope that the staff within the Division of Student Affairs will be known as individuals who come to work each day and focus on truly making a difference in the lives of students.

Rodney D. Best



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DIVISIONupdates

- The Dean of Students search process is underway. On campus interviews will occur in March and April. The Division will sponsor an open forum with each candidate to provide the campus community an opportunity to interact with each finalist. Details regarding forum times and locations will be distributed once finalized. For more information visit the DOS website at www.uga.edu/studentaffairs/DOS.
- The website for the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs was redesigned this past fall. To see the new look, read daily news releases, and learn more about the Division's Outstanding Student of the Week, visit the following link:www.uga.edu/studentaffairs.
- We will recognize the accomplishments of the Division as well as the successes of our staff for the 2009-2010 academic year during our annual Appreciation Week. The dates for A-Week are May 24 – 27. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details regarding this exciting event.

DIVISION accomplishments

One of the core aspects of Student Affairs' mission is to enhance the learning environment for students, and we fulfill this mission daily through our work. The following accomplishments from the Division's most recent annual report illustrate our contributions:

The Disability Resource Center created the Weldon H. Johnson Access Abroad Award to be given to a student with a disability who wishes to study abroad.

University Testing Services administered 1,644 Regents' Tests, 381 History/Constitution Tests, and 5,845 placement tests.

Approximately 6,800 students live in 20 residence halls operated by University Housing, and student demand for on-campus housing is ever growing. As part of the department's commitment to provide even more UGA students with housing options, University Housing is constructing a new residence hall on east campus that will be a part of the Reed Community.

INFORMATION station

Once the new residence hall is constructed, it will contain:

- 7,500 yards of concrete
- Nearly 190,000 square feet of total living space for 555 students
- 6,471 square feet of meeting and community space
- 1,430 square feet of academic support space

As UGA's first LEED* certified residence hall, the facility will contain:

- A rainwater catchment system for water recycling
- ENERGY STAR® qualified products
- Healthy, eco-friendly furnishings
- Locations on each floor for students to recycle materials

For more information regarding University Housing's new residence hall at East Campus (Building 1516), please visit <http://www.uga.edu/housing/tour/new.html>

*The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

The University Health Center staff provided clinical rotations for numerous health related fields, including MCG medical students, nursing students, physician's assistant students, and physical therapy students.

Student Affairs at Extended Campuses initiated Coffee and Culture, an educational series designed to expose students to the work of a variety of artists.

Division staff taught 36 separate courses for a total of 1,329 credit hours and conducted over 130 presentations at professional conferences across the state and country.

A more extensive list of examples can be found in our annual reports. Visit www.uga.edu/studentaffairs/about/divreports.htm

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Looking back on **SAIL**

For additional healthy recipes and more information on the Nutrition Teaching Kitchen, go to: www.uhs.uga.edu/nutrition/kitchen.html

HEALTHY COOKING:

Angie Ruhlen, Nutrition Services Coordinator in the University Health Center (UHC), taught healthy cooking techniques to Division employees in UHC's new Nutrition Teaching Kitchen. Participants cooked a delicious fettuccini alfredo dish using this recipe.

Nutrition information per serving:
300 calories, 7g fat (3.5g saturated fat), 4.5g dietary fiber, 15g protein, 230mg sodium, 20mg cholesterol.
Daily Values: 20% Calcium.

Reduced-Fat Fettuccini Alfredo

Makes 8 servings
(serving: 1 ¼ cups cooked pasta)
1 box (13-16 oz) whole grain pasta (fettuccini, spaghetti, or linguine)
2 Tbsp all purpose flour
1 can (12 oz) evaporated skim milk
1/2 Tbsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp ground pepper
3 oz reduced fat cream cheese
3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat; drain well. While pasta is cooking, whisk together flour and evaporated skim milk until dissolved and heat over medium-high heat in saucepan. When mixture begins to thicken, add pepper and garlic powder while whisking continually. Once mixture is slightly thickened, add cream cheese and continue to whisk. When cream cheese has melted, add parmesan cheese and whisk until melted. Remove from heat and add sauce to cooked pasta; toss gently and serve.

PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING:

In today's economy, development and fundraising are vital to sustain and grow programs and services in student affairs. To create opportunities to secure donations, consider the following advice from Dr. David Allen, Director of Development for Student Affairs:

- Identify your donor base and answer the question: Why would they give to this program?
- Develop a strong case for support that identifies how donors' gifts will contribute to a bigger picture (e.g., developing future leaders for the state of Georgia).
- Build relationships with donors through e-newsletters, phone calls, and personal visits. Also, create programs that increase donor involvement.
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- Keep sound records of key constituents who value the work you are doing.

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