

InTouch



Appreciation Week:

Awards & Recognition Celebration & Ice Cream Social:

Monday, May 24, 2:00 pm
Tate Center Grand Ballroom
(Ice Cream Social to follow on the Tate Terrace)

Softball Tournament:

May 17-26
Rec Sports Intramural
Fields Complex

Softball Championship Game & Hotdog Cook-out:

Wednesday, May 26,
5:30-7:30 pm
Rec Sports Intramural
Fields Complex

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As you may know, in May the Division of Student Affairs typically hosts an entire week of events to celebrate our successes from the previous year. This week, called Appreciation Week, also provides an opportunity for us to recognize one another for our unique contributions to the Division. Given the current budget climate, I have concluded that we will move forward with an abbreviated Appreciation Week. Showing appreciation for staff has never been more critical, and it is important to me that you know you are valued and respected!

This year, we will host the Awards and Recognition Celebration on May 24, followed by an ice cream social on the Tate Terrace. On Wednesday, May 26, we will conclude the Annual Softball Tournament with the championship game and a hotdog cookout. Both the ice cream social and cookout are being funded through private money given to the University. I am grateful to our donors who have given to the Student Affairs Foundation account. Their contributions allow us to recognize staff and celebrate a fantastic year!

Rodney D. Best



DIVISIONupdates

- > The University of Georgia recently completed a review of the UGA Athletic Association. This review was chaired by Dr. Bennett. For more information on the self-study go to http://uga.edu/ncaa_compliance/
- > The University Health Center now has a Vision Clinic. The Clinic is open to staff and provides comprehensive eye exams, Lasik evaluations, treatment of many eye diseases and infections, and foreign bodies removal. The optical department offers a wide selection of frames, lenses, and contact lenses to cater to each individual patient. If interested, go to www.uhs.uga.edu/services/vision_clinic.html or call 542-5617.
- > Remember staff members of the University can purchase discounted movie tickets at the Tate Student Center. Tickets cost \$6.50 and are accepted at Beechwood Cinema.

DIVISION accomplishments

At the beginning of April, the Division submitted its Annual Report to the Office of Academic Planning. This report provided an opportunity for Student Affairs to highlight significant achievements from the 2009 calendar year. The following list represents just a handful of the numerous accomplishments described in our 2009 Annual report:

- Collectively, units and departments within the Division conducted more than 114 assessments in 2009, a remarkable increase of 20 projects from the previous calendar year.

Looking Back on **SAIL**



GARDENING 101

Container gardening is an easy way to grow herbs, vegetables, and flowers in a limited space. Here are a few tips to help you get started with your container garden:

- If you use clay pots, be sure to spray the inside of the pot with a sealant (e.g., Rust-Oleum) so that the pot will not draw water away from the soil.
- Look for plants that contain the words bush (Better Bush Tomato), micro, patio, dwarf, or compact, as these plants are smaller in size and perfect for container gardening.
- Select a quality potting mix that does not contain fertilizers or fillers such as bark chunks, Styrofoam bits, or peat moss.
- Water well, then wait until the soil is dry before watering again! If you overwater your plants, the roots will rot. It is best to water in the morning or daytime when your plants will have optimal light and air flow, which will help prevent leaf rot.

DISABILITY awareness

A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity (e.g., walking, hearing, seeing, breathing, speaking, standing, learning, caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, working). The University of Georgia has a responsibility to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to all programs and activities offered by the institution.

Ways to make your programs more accessible to individuals with disabilities include:

- Including a general statement in all of your publications and announcements communicating to people with disabilities that they are welcome at your programs. The statement may read "Access provided for people with disabilities. Please call [person or office] by [date] for specific requests."

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- The Division raised over \$630,000 in new gifts and pledges during 2009. This figure represents a 102% increase from 2008 fundraising efforts.

- The Division participated in over 72,500 hours of community service and raised over \$875,000 for philanthropic initiatives in 2009.

- Nearly every unit within the Division enhanced its Website to better meet the needs of students and staff.

- The Division began implementing a new paperless payroll system, called Kronos, a more efficient, expedient, and secure system for employees.

A more extensive list of achievements can be found online in our 2009 Annual Report, located at www.uga.edu/studentaffairs/about/divreports.htm

INFORMATION *station*

Students interact with the Division in a variety of ways. They utilize our services, participate in programs, attend events, and engage in one-on-one meetings, group discussions, and advising sessions. The following information from our most recent Annual Report illustrates the great extent to which Student Affairs staff engaged with our students in 2009.

DRC The Disability Resource Center assisted 1,400 students through advising, classroom modification, and testing.

SAEC Student Affairs at Extended Campuses had interactions with all 875 students who were attending the Griffin and Gwinnett campuses.

OVP The Office of Violence Prevention interacted with 5,749 students through services and outreach programs.

UTS University Testing Services facilitated 10,161 tests.

OJP The Office of Judicial Programs processed 2,132 reported violations and adjudicated 1,272 cases through the judicial system.

OSSS The Office of Student Support Services approved 199 hardship withdrawals.

<<< Disability Awareness continued

- Offer printed materials in alternate forms. Braille printers are available at the Disability Resource Center.
- Communicate the availability of Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) for individuals attending your programs.
- Advertise that a sign language interpreter is available upon request. Contact the Disability Resource Center to obtain materials in alternate formats, to reserve an ALD, or to secure a sign language interpreter for your program.



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