

FRESHMAN FOOTNOTES

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Registration:

Registration is only about a month away. Make plans to meet with your advisor now!

Wednesday, March 14th

Registration opens for Sophomores
(Completed between 30 and 59 hours)

Thursday, March 15th

Registration opens for Freshmen
(Completed up to 29 hours)

SPRING SEMESTER: A FRESH START

After a well-deserved holiday break, you're back for the Spring semester and have settled into your new class schedule by now. Whether you were satisfied or disappointed with your fall term grades, Spring semester is an opportunity for a "fresh start," building on any important lessons you might have learned this past fall. What are your New Year's Resolutions regarding your academics? To visit the Learning Center more often? To utilize the Writing Lab? There are many resources available to support you academically – you simply have to make an effort to use them. Be sure to check out the helpful links under "Academic Support Resources" at www.gcsu.edu/success.

COLLEGE TRANSITIONS: CUPID'S ARROW MISSING THE MARK?

February can already be depressing – cold, gray, and often rainy. And to top it off, along comes Valentine's Day ... some students love it, others hate it. Valentine's Day may especially create angst for the single college student as well as the student who may have a boyfriend or girlfriend far away in another town. In the About.com Guide, Kelci Lynn created an article entitled "5 Things to Do On Campus If You're a Single College Student on Valentine's Day." (<http://collegelife.about.com/od/valentinesday/qt/antivdayoncmpus.htm>)



Here is a brief synopsis:

1. Plan a movie fest – invite friends over for a movie marathon and snacks.
2. Cook yourself a nice dinner – use any kitchen you have access to. The full article has a link to "12 Easy Meal Ideas for College Students."
3. Throw an anti-Valentine's Day party – you'll quickly find that you aren't the only person on campus seeking to avoid the holiday!
4. Get yourself together – use free time to get organized, update your calendar, do laundry, plan ahead for upcoming papers and exams. You may be surprised how good you feel when you're done.
5. Set up an online dating profile – you may be happy being single, but also interested in changing that status. Set up an online dating profile. Who knows what may happen?!

SPOTLIGHT ON CAMPUS RESOURCES: FINANCIAL AID

Now is the time to plan for financing your education for the upcoming academic year. Below is information regarding the Georgia College financial aid application process for the 2012-2013 academic year. These aid programs include federal grants, work-study and student loans as well as Georgia's HOPE Scholarship.

If you have questions concerning applying for aid to fund your education during the 2012-2013 academic year, visit the Georgia College Financial Aid office. It is located in Parks Hall, Room 103 and staff is available Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. The phone number is (478) 445-5149 or toll-free at (800) 342-0471. If you prefer to email, please do so at financialaid@gcsu.edu.

Important Financial Aid Dates

February 3, 2012	Application deadline for Returning Student Scholarships.
March 1, 2012	FAFSA application must be received by Georgia College Financial Aid Office in order to receive priority consideration.
February – May 2012	Early estimate award notifications will be made by the Georgia College Financial Aid Office. Students will be notified via their Bobcats email account when their award is made. Instructions for accessing award information will be included.
Beginning June 2012	Official Award Notifications will be made, and students will be notified via email.
July 1, 2012	Student financial aid files must be complete in order to have funds to pay fees by the Fall Semester deadline. Files complete after this date will be processed as time permits, and students will be reimbursed any funds awarded.

CAMPUS LANDMARK: OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION

You may walk by it several times a day on your way to and from class. But how much do you really know about the Old Governor's Mansion? Completed in 1839, the Old Governor's Mansion is one of the finest examples of High Greek Revival architecture in the nation. Serving as the residence for Georgia's chief executives for over thirty years, the Mansion's history encompasses the antebellum, Civil War, and early Reconstruction phases of the state's history. During the Civil War, the Mansion was claimed as a "prize" in the "March to the Sea," when Gen. William T. Sherman headquartered in the building on November 22, 1864. Following the war, Georgia's seat of government was relocated to Atlanta, and the Mansion was abandoned. Given over to Georgia Normal & Industrial College (now Georgia College) in 1889, the Mansion served as the founding building of the institution and is the campus's most treasured structure. Every GC student needs to experience the Mansion. Admission is free for students, so grab your Bobcat Card and a friend and go! Tours begin on the hour, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on Sundays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visit online at www.gcsu.edu/mansion.

Helpful Financial Aid Links

On-line GCSU Financial Aid Guide 2011-2012

[http://www.gcsu.edu/financialaid/docs/
Financial_Aid_Guide_for_2011_2012_5.pdf](http://www.gcsu.edu/financialaid/docs/Financial_Aid_Guide_for_2011_2012_5.pdf)

FAFSA on the Web

www.fafsa.ed.gov

GSFAPPS (HOPE Scholarship only)

www.gacollege411.org

