

FRESHMAN FOOTNOTES

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STUDY SKILL OF THE WEEK: *Effective Note Taking – Part 1*

Georgia College has been referred to as the “public ivy” institution for the state of Georgia. Want to succeed just like an Ivy League student? The Academic Skills Center at Dartmouth College provides the following information for its students on effective note taking. We have a very strong suspicion that these tips are just as effective at GC ... and you won't have to deal with all the snow!

Instructors usually give clues to what is important to take down. Some of the more common clues are:

- A. Material written on the blackboard.
- B. Repetition
- C. Emphasis
 1. Emphasis can be judged by tone of voice and gesture.
 2. Emphasis can be judged by the amount of time the instructor spends on points and the number of examples he or she uses.
- D. Word signals (e.g. "There are **two points of view** on . . . "; "The **third** reason is . . . "; "In **conclusion** . . . ")
- E. Summaries given at the end of class.
- F. Reviews given at the beginning of class.



SPOTLIGHT ON CAMPUS RESOURCES: *THE LEARNING CENTER*

Some people think that tutors are only intended to help weak students. WRONG! Many top students seek tutoring to make their healthy grades even stronger. The Learning Center offers tutorial assistance in core curriculum math, science and economics classes to any enrolled GC student – and Fall 2011 is already off to a busy start!

The Learning Center is located in **Room 2-56** of the **Arts & Sciences building**. It provides students with a comprehensive program in academic support services. We understand the challenges students encounter when a learning situation arises in which they do not feel completely prepared to perform optimally. Our services aim to enhance the academic lives of those students seeking help in the areas of mathematics, science and economics. We offer resource materials as well as an inviting atmosphere for studying. For the Fall 2011 Tutoring schedule, please visit:

<http://www.gcsu.edu/success/learningcenter.htm>

MAJORS SPOTLIGHT: *INTERESTED IN EDUCATION?*

Be sure to attend the **Cohort Application Meeting** for prospective majors in *Early Childhood, Middle Grades and Special Education*. **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Peabody Auditorium** in Kilpatrick Hall. Even as a freshman, it can't hurt to gain an early glimpse into the application and admission process for undergraduate Education programs. If you have questions about this event, please call 478-445-4056.

ADJUSTING TO COLLEGE:

The MAPWorks Survey

The time is here! Beginning September 14th, GC freshmen will participate in the MAPWorks Survey (Making Achievement Possible). The results of the online survey will help you recognize opportunities and potential challenges to a successful college experience. You will be able to compare your collegiate behaviors, expectations and attitudes with those of your peers. Not only will you receive a **customized summary report** that will point to areas in which you might benefit from campus support and services, but your survey answers will be available to key resource persons to assist in achieving your academic and social goals.



Check your e-mail IN box for a message from our provost, Dr. Sandra Jordan – it contains the link you will need to access your online survey. *(If you did not receive the message, or you think you may have accidentally discarded it, visit <https://gcsu.map-works.com/> and enter your Bobcats e-mail address under the student section to request a new link. If you still have trouble, please e-mail a help request to mapworks@gcsu.edu).* There are about 100 questions and you should be prepared to spend 15 minutes or so answering them. After completing the survey, you will be able to receive a **personalized report** that will show how your expectations and attitudes compare to the rest of your classmates. The report will also contain tips and resources to maximize your success at GC.

FUN FACTS: *CAMPUS TRADITIONS*

Due to heat advisories, your Freshman Convocation ceremony was moved indoors from the Front Campus lawn to Russell Auditorium. However, the flame atop GC's Olympic column next to the front campus flagpole was still burning brightly that evening. The column was first used on July 13, 1996 when the Olympic torch made its way through Milledgeville on its way to the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. A tremendous crowd gathered on the front lawn that day to celebrate its arrival. Today, the column symbolizes the Olympic spirit of excellence, and its flame is lit for special campus observances – such as YOUR convocation and YOUR graduation.

Below: The Class of 2013 attends Freshman Convocation on the front lawn. The ceremony is typically held on the front campus lawn or in Russell Auditorium, depending on the weather.

