

Southern connections

AN ONLINE NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES
OCTOBER 2009

WHAT'S
NEW
AROUND
CAMPUS



• **Pairing up financially-challenged** Southern students with free computers is a "S.M.A.R.T." thing to do this fall.

The Southern Millennial Age Recycled Technology (S.M.A.R.T.) program is enabling up to 200 students to obtain desktops that had been used in the computer labs for the last three to four years. The computers were scheduled to be removed from the labs through an ongoing equipment replacement program and then shipped off campus to be recycled.

S.M.A.R.T. replaces a loan program that had allowed students to borrow computers, but required that the equipment be returned at the close of the school year.

"Under the S.M.A.R.T. program, students can now assume ownership of the machines and not have to be concerned about returning computers with which they are familiar," says Ronald D. Herron, vice president for student and university affairs.

S.M.A.R.T. is a collaborative effort by the Office of Information Technology, the SCSU Foundation and the Student Government Association. The Foundation is able to accept the used computers and the Student Government Association has the task of sifting through student applications to determine need. All students can apply for

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DEAR PARENTS/FAMILIES,

We anticipate that many of you may have concerns about this year's flu season and how we will handle H1N1 (swine) flu here on campus. Please be assured that an action plan is already in place, guided by the advisories for higher education institutions issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are also working closely with the health departments of the State of Connecticut and City of New Haven to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning our university.

As usual, flu can be spread easily from person to person. Therefore, we are asking our students to take steps to inhibit the spread of flu at Southern by practicing basic good hygiene and avoiding close contact with sick people. (Student health tips available at www.SouthernCT.edu). It is very important that students know the signs and symptoms of the flu, as both seasonal flu and H1N1 have similar symptoms and are treated in much the same way.

For more information on prevention, self care, treatment and status of local and national efforts to address the spread of H1N1, please visit: www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) or www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch (Connecticut Flu Watch).

If students have flu symptoms, the best place for them to be is at home, receiving consultation and treatment from their family physician. Students who become ill should limit interactions with others until at least 24 hours after they no longer display fever symptoms without the aid of medication.

It is very important that students talk to their health care providers about whether they should be vaccinated for seasonal flu. Seasonal flu vaccine will be available at the campus health center throughout the flu season. Also, if students are at greater risk for flu

complications from H1N1 flu, they should consider getting the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available (projections are for mid-to-late October).

If a student develops symptoms of H1N1, he or she should contact the triage nurse at the Health and Wellness Center at 203-392-8FLU. The health center has medical professionals available to students five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the academic year. Students also have access to medical care at local emergency rooms and urgent care centers on weekends. Transportation is available through the campus RIDES program (see www.SouthernCT.edu for more details).

In the event of class absence due to illness, students should refer to the Student Handbook and should e-mail their professors to let them know they are sick.

Please be assured that we at Southern are taking every measure to ensure that your sons and daughters have a happy, healthy and successful academic year.

Sincerely,

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the program, but those demonstrating financial need get priority.

• **Numbers and statistics** often tell the story in the world of college athletics. But their significance is even greater on the academic side of the student-athlete fence. And in the case of Southern, the Owls are racking up some impressive numbers.

Consider: A total of 124 student-athletes were recognized by the Northeast-10 Conference for selection to the NE-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll after posting a grade point average of 3.0 (GPA) during the spring 2009 semester.

• The Division II Athletic Directors Association (D2ADA) selected 29 of Southern's athletes earlier this summer as Academic Achievement Award winners. To be selected, a student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, have completed a minimum of two years of college-level work, and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during the last academic year.

• The field hockey team was named a National Academic Squad by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

At least one student-athlete on 10 of Southern's sports teams was recognized for academic success at the conference, regional or national level. In fact, Sarah Darst was chosen for the Second-Team Academic All-America team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

• **During the last decade**, a plethora of television shows with a similar focus on forensic science have proliferated on the airwaves, such as "Crime Scene Investigation" (CSI) and its spin-offs, as well as "Bones" and "Cold Case." At the same time – and probably not coincidentally – the interest level in the subject has soared and Southern is mirroring the trend by offering a forensic science minor for the first time this fall.



Valerie Andrushko and several class members study human remains to determine their age.

The program will be headed by Valerie Andrushko, an assistant professor of anthropology, who began teaching at Southern two years ago and is an expert in bioarcheology. She travels to Peru each year to study the skeletal remains of the Incas, particularly those who lived during the 15th and 16th centuries. During the last two years, Andrushko has been tapped by Nick Bellantoni, the state archeologist, to conduct special projects to analyze human remains.

The minor requires students to take 18 credits. The courses offered are taken from several disciplines – anthropology, biology, chemistry, psychology and sociology, and include "Crime Scene Investigation" "Crime Science Chemistry" and "Forensic Biology."

COMING UP

HOMECOMING 2009 OCTOBER 17

Southern invites parents to join its alumni, students, faculty and friends for the annual Homecoming celebrations. The SCSU v. Stonehill football game starts at 1 PM.



The fun continues at the Lyman Center at 7:30. Spend an evening with comedian Kevin Hart and special guest Dan Boulger.



JIGU - THUNDER DRUMS OF CHINA

All of the style and color of the Olympic Games opening ceremony, live on stage.

Tuesday, November 10
10:30 AM
Katherine Barrett
Children's Series
Access to Arts Enrichment



School groups by
invitation only
Tuesday,
November
10
7 PM

DR. KABOOM

Join Kaboom! for a sidesplitting spectacular interactive science comedy show filled with experiments designed to involve, excite, educate, and entertain.
Sunday, November 22
3 PM



OTHELLO

By William Shakespeare
Directed by Sheila Hickey Garvey
Shakespeare's timeless tale of love, racism, jealousy and betrayal.
October 13 – 16 • 8:00 PM
October 17 & 18 • 2:00 PM



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a student
succeed

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- 72% of Southern students receive some form of financial aid.
- Almost 80% of Southern seniors work.
- Approximately 23% of these students work 30 or more hours each week.
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A SCHOLARSHIP IS JUST ONE CLICK AWAY

Thanks to many generous donors, the Alumni Association, in collaboration with the university, awards more than 180 scholarships to qualified Southern students. Undergraduate students with at least 12 credits at Southern and graduate students with at least 9 credits at Southern may apply.

Applications available October 1st at <http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/scholarshipprogram/>. Scholarship awards will be applied to tuition for Fall '10 / Spring '11.

Hurry! Applications must be filed by December 31, 2009. For more information, call (203) 392-8824.

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180
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FOR?



KEY RESOURCES

Vice President for Student and University Affairs	Dr. Ronald Herron Engleman Hall A212 • 392-5550
Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs	Dr. Peter Troiano Engleman Hall A106 • 392-5556
Associate Vice President for Academic Support Services	Dr. Stephen Joyner Wintergreen Building • 392-7280
Financial Aid	Wintergreen Building • 392-5222
Residence Life	Schwartz Hall 100 • 392-5870
Counseling Center	Engleman Hall B219 • 392-5475
Health Services	Granoff Hall • 392-6300
Disability Resource Center	Engleman Hall C106 • 392-6828
Student Academic Support Services	Engleman Hall C016 • 392-6820
Study Skills Enrichment Center	Engleman Hall A014 • 392-6824
Tutoring Center	Engleman Hall A012 • 392-6824
Writing Center	
Career Services/Employment	Schwartz Hall 102 • 392-6536
1st Stop (Academic Advisement Center)	Wintergreen Building • 392-5367
Registrar	Wintergreen Building • 392-5301
Bursar	Wintergreen Building (Main Lobby) 392-6140
SCSU Parent Fund	Wintergreen Building • 392-6515

DATES
TO
REMEMBER

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 22
Graduate School
Open House

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26
Last day for course
withdrawals for Fall 2009

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30
Spring 2010 housing deposit
due for current residents

