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News and Events

Latino Film Festival

The First Annual GSU Latino Film Festival will showcase films from Spanish speaking countries that highlight the Latino art, culture, and society. The films chosen for the festival were previously showcased at the Chicago Latino Film Festival.

“We hope the festival gives many people, both Latinos and those interested in Latino art and culture, the opportunity to enjoy fine filmmaking from different countries,” said Carlos Cantu, of the Latino Center for Excellence. “There is so much that can be learned by watching films that showcase other countries and cultures.”

The festival opens with *El Proximo*, a film from Spain directed by Fernando Colomo, on July 17. *El Benny*, a film from Cuba, Venezuela, and Spain, by director Jose Luis Sanchez will be shown on July 31. On August 14, *Tocar y Luchar*, a Venezuelan film by director Alberto Arvelo, will be screened. *Cuando Rompen Las Olas*, a Columbian film by director Riccardo Gabrielli, will be shown on September 10. The festival continues on September 11 with *Fuga*, from Chile and Argentina, directed by Pablo Llarain. *El Clown*, from Puerto Rico, by directors Pedro Adorno Irizarry and Emilio Rodriguez will be screened on September 18. The festival concludes on September 25 with *Mas Que Nada en Este Mundo*, a film from Mexico, by directors Andres Leon Becker and Javier Solar.

The film festival is co-sponsored by the GSU Latino Center for Excellence and the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) at the university. All the screenings are free and open to the public. Most of the films have English subtitles.

All the films will be shown at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. For more information, call 708.534.4553.

Splish, Splash

The Recreation and Fitness Center reopened its swimming pool and shower facilities on Monday, July 7 after an extended closure for remodeling. Major renovations have been completed on the swimming pool’s piping, filtration, lighting, and air systems as well as complete rehabilitation of the shower room facilities. Many thanks to Facilities Development and Management for their hard work on this project.

For additional information about the pool and Recreation and Fitness Center membership, call 708.534.4945.

If It’s Thursday, It’s Time for Election Trivia

Here are a few more election factoids to help you prepare for September’s trivia contest sponsored by the GSU Votes Committee.

Split that Vote
In most cases, the electoral votes from a particular state go to the candidate who garners a majority of the popular vote in that state. Maine and Nebraska are the exceptions. They split the Electoral College vote in proportion to the popular
vote in their state.

**Ronald Reagan**

In 1984, Ronald Reagan had no need to split the Electoral College vote. He was elected with the highest popular vote of any president (54,455,075) as well as the most Electoral College votes. (525).

**Sodexo Changes**

In addition to dropping the “H” from of their legal name, SODEXO has added a new face to the GSU team. Mark Greenholt has joined Sodexo as Assistant Manager.

Mark comes to GSU with more than twenty five years experience in the food service business. He has had a long and varied career in the industry including front of the house experience with the Illinois Restaurant Association and Eurest Dining Service. He has also held back of the house positions with The Hyatt Regency Woodfield, The Westin Chicago, the Drake Oak Brook, and Central DuPage Hospital.

Mark’s primary role in food service at GSU will be as the evening and catering manager, once his training is complete. For more information regarding food service contacts, please visit the [Food Service webpage](#).

**Generator Testing This Week**

On Friday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to approximately noon, Facilities Development and Management will test all emergency generators on campus. Wings A-G, OTS, and the FDC buildings may be affected with two anticipated “blips” of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and certain outlets). Since most wall outlets are on our standard power panel, the computer work should not be affected. However please save your work often just to be on the safe side.

Please contact Facilities, at extension 4515, with any questions.

**St. Louis or Bust**

The weekend of September 19 to 21 is set for a trip to St. Louis for art, sculpture, history, and archeology sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 15. For more information contact the Park at 708.534.4486.

**Art Exhibit**

Installation Sculpture by Harley McDaniel will be exhibited in the Visual Arts Gallery from July 14 to July 31. A reception celebrating the artist and his work is on July 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the gallery. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is located next to the E-Lounge. It is open on Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information call 708.534.4021.