News and Events

Rhyme Time

The Second Annual Civil Service Senate Limerick Contest elicited 23 poetic contributions which were narrowed to 11 finalists. Those lucky limericks were read to an enthusiastic crown on March 17, in the lobby of the Center for Performing Arts. The winners were voted on by the audience in attendance.

First Place - Tony Labriola
It was Art on the Art of the Kuba,
And Carlson visiting Buddha,
While the Union is fumin’,
The budget’s in ruin,
And the faculty left for Bermuda.

Second Place – Kathy Miller
Gebe and Elaine, from Alaska they came,
With promises things won’t be the same
They put PBAC in place
No budgets trimmed in lace
And hoping the Deans would be tamed

Third Place – Starr Gill & Ann Manning-Nagel
Business Office departments are eight
Some come early, some stay late
Every day is a test
Customer service we do best
We’re happy we’re here at Gov State.

Tweet Tweet

As part of the community’s One Book, One Southland program, GSU Intellectual Life Committee and the Center for Performing Arts is sponsoring a special discussion of To Kill a Mockingbird. Join the conversation about this classic novel on Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

Faculty and guests will discuss the novel’s historical context as well as the major themes of human nature and prejudice. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of history; Dr. Shannon Dermer, associate professor of psychology and counseling; and special guest Dr. Mort Maimon, will each give in-depth presentations on a particular topic related to the book. Diane Dates Casey dean of the University Library, will moderate.
Follow up the discussion with the Montana Repertory’s performance of *Kill a Mockingbird* in The Center, on Saturday, May 9, at 8 p.m. Great seats are still available via The Center’s website or by calling 708.235.2222.

**Ethicist Presents Today**

The College of Health and Human Services is hosting noted ethicist and award-winning author Jack Gilbert tonight at 5:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. His presentation will focus on how healthcare organizations can foster an environment of ethical decision-making.

Dr. Gilbert's is the author of award-winning books, “*Strengthening Ethical Wisdom: Tools for Transforming Your Health Care Organization*” and “*Productive Management: A Step-By-Step Guide for Health Care Professionals,*” which is used extensively by healthcare managers.

The event is free and open to the public. For additional program information, contact Nancy Burley at ext. 4387.

**One, Two, Cha, Cha, Cha**

The Recreation and Fitness Center is hosting Latin dance lessons on Monday and Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, through April 15. The first classes took place last week, but there’s still plenty of time to join in. For only $20, you’ll learn the basics of Latin dance, get in shape, and have fun with your co-workers. Sign up today in the Recreation Supervisor’s Office (A1106). Contact Victor Griffin for more information at ext. 4556.

**Restorative Justice Week**

Restorative Justice comes to GSU during a weeklong series of informative events covering restorative justice practices in schools, the court system, and communities. Restorative justice principles call for holistic responses to crimes, offenses, and harms that give victims, communities, and offenders participatory roles in the repair of harms.

The week begins with an *Introduction to Restorative Justice* on Monday, April 6, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Featured participants include Dr. Sherilyn Poole, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; and Debra Boyd, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety at GSU.

It will include a presentation of the university’s pilot restorative justice/conflict resolution program by Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, Criminal Justice Program Chair; Joanne Smith, Director of Field Sites in the Social Work Program; and Paula Levickas, Academic Advisor in the School of Interdisciplinary Learning.

An explanation of the effectiveness of restorative justice practices in south suburban schools and communities follows on April 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. A demonstration of restorative justice practices applied to adult situations will be presented on April 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.
The week concludes with a Restorative Justice Film Festival, on April 9, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Short films and video clips pertaining to realistic restorative justice programs will be screened.

Events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Dr. Chip Coldren at ext. 4330.

**Jumping Jambalaya**

Storytelling is not just for children anymore. Adults get the opportunity to enjoy the lively art of storytelling at *Jumping Jambalaya*, a program of stories performed by professional storytellers Kucha and Baba Tony Brown, on April 9, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The program includes call and response, dialect, diverse stories, and folk tales.

The show is sponsored by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee and was organized by Lynne Clayton of the COE Dean’s Office. It is free and open to the public.

**Salute to 2009 Graduates**

Graduation prep days will be held on Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Prospective graduates may sit for their cap and gown portraits, order a GSU class ring, order Commencement cap and gown, reserve for the Salute to Graduates Picnic, and learn about Alumni Association benefits, while enjoying refreshments.

For more information, call Sara Appel at ext. 4552.

**Presenting Nursing Students Presenting**

Graduate Nursing students will be making poster presentation on Monday, March 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The entire university community is invited to attend.