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News and Events

Railroad Repairs

The Stuenkel Road/University Parkway rail crossing near the north entrance of the university will undergo repairs from Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22 and may be closed intermittently during that period. Several alternate routes to GSU are available. View the alternate routes and download a printable map online.

HLC Accreditation Update

The HLC 2009 Committee, co-hosted by Eric Martin and Ann Vendrely, invite the University community to an open meeting on Thursday, May 14, from 10 to 11 a.m., in room F1622. The committee wishes to update the GSU community on preparations for the HLC accreditation site visit for affirmation in seven months. The meeting agenda includes updates on all five HLC criteria and the writing process.

Drafts of the Introduction and Chapter One of the Self-Study are available via the GSU HLC 2009 website.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” at the CPA

Two-for-one tickets are available for the Montana Repertory Theatre production of Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird on Saturday, May 9, at 8 p.m., at The Center for Performing Arts. The offer begins on Friday, May 8, at 10 a.m., and ends on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. The regular ticket price is $27.

Visit or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

Greening of GSU
The Friends of the Library still have plants, herbs, and flowers for sale just in time for Mother’s Day. Potted plants and roses will be sold while supplies last, on May 7, from 11 a.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The Friends of the Library are very grateful to its many volunteers and to those who have already purchased plants.

**Belly Dance Lessons**

Shake off the pounds and smooth those curves in Belly Dance classes sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness Center. Instructor, Miss Taj, will lead class on Wednesdays, May 11 through June 3, from noon to 1 p.m., at the Recreation and Fitness Center. The fees are only $5 for students and $15 for non-students. Space is limited.

Belly Dance lessons are the first in Recreation and Fitness Center’s Ethnic Dance Series. For more information or to register, call 708.534.4556.

**SRC**

The 15th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 9 a.m. The conference provides students with an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU.

Conference registration forms are available online. The registration and abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 8. There is no registration fee. All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation formats. Podium presentations are 15 minutes long followed by a five-minute question and answer session. Posters will be displayed after lunch.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all student participants.

**Spring CSS Bake Sale**

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a bake sale on Thursday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Volunteer sales personnel and bakers are needed. All sales support Civil Service Senate endeavors.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Renee Rainey at ext. 7525.

**Budgets for Grant Proposals**

The RIMI/HDR Workshop Series continues with *Preparing Budgets for Grant Proposals* on Monday, May 11, from 1 to 3 p.m., in room D2441. Dr. Linda F. Samson, Dean, College of Health and Human Services, and Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies presents the workshops.
To register, contact Ralph Bell.

Health and Fitness News

The help and guidance you need to get fit and healthy is right here at GSU.

Summer Golf League

Golf counts as a fitness session in Let’s Get Fit!
Contact Dave Drechsel for details.

Freedom from Smoking Class

Wednesdays, May 13 through June 24
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Room F1603
Bring your Fitness Record Card

Weight Watchers

Wednesdays
Noon
F1603
Bring your Fitness Record Card

Torch Run for Special Olympics

Purchase a t-shirt or cap, donate, walk, jog, or run
Raise money for a good cause
June 10
Contact Officer Crystal Richards

Join the Fitness Center

Swimming, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, yoga, aquacise for seniors,
work out on the treadmill, with weights, and with a trainer

708.534.4945

**Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp**

The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs will host a Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on Wednesday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is no fee for veterans or the families/business partners of those serving in the military.

The event features presentations and seminars from industry professionals, opportunities for free one-on-one business counseling, lunch with a panel of ex-military business owners, and access to CenterPoint’s numerous entrepreneurial services and resources. Breakout sessions focus on marketing, business financing options, human resource management, and business planning.

The event is co-sponsored by Phoenix Business Solutions, Behold Signs and Graphics, GSU, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call 708.534.4929 or visit the CenterPoint website.

**Alumni Spotlight – Ed Piatt**

Ed Piatt is the northeast senior account manager for the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Prior to joining the DCEO Opportunity Returns team, Piatt worked as a marketing specialist with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, handling special projects such as bringing Boeing’s corporate headquarters to Chicago. Piatt also worked for several years with Central Management Services Real Estate Leasing Division, where he handled all the real estate-leasing related needs of state agencies, boards, and commissions in a seven-county region.

Piatt is a graduate of the College of Business and Public Administration, receiving his MBA in 1987.