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Join a panel of distinguished guests as they discuss the birth, growth, and future of the university. *Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future: A Panel Discussion* will be held on Friday, November 6, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Paul Green, Director of Roosevelt University’s Institute for Politics will act as moderator/panelist. Other panelists include GSU President Dr. Elaine Maimon, Prairie Sate VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, former GSU President Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, and Matteson School District 162 Superintendent Dr. Blondean Davis.

**Prevention...The Best Medicine**

As flu season approaches, GSU students, faculty, and staff are reminded to take precautionary steps to prevent the spread of H1N1.

Helpful tips are available on GSU’s H1N1 information webpage, which includes links to Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) resources. All students, faculty, and staff experiencing confirmed symptoms of the H1N1 flu virus are encouraged to stay home, with the approval of their supervisors. Individuals should also call GSU's confidential hotline at 708.235.2827.

**Touching Lives...**

The Center of Performing Arts opened their 2009-2010 season last weekend with audience favorite Jim Brickman. This year's fresh season will free your imagination, tickle your funny bone, and touch your soul. Upcoming shows include:
Jeff Corwin – Animal Planet host and eco-adventurist

October 17
2 p.m.

Dave Rudolf’s Halloween Spooktacular – Fun songs and stories
October 31
11 a.m.

A Tribute to Motown Greats
November 7
7:30 p.m.
Also available as part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration event package. Find out more...

Also be on the lookout for the new Cabaret Series, featuring three of today’s hottest blues/jazz musicians. Purchase your tickets today online or by phone at 708.235.2222.

Countdown to October Connections

We are pleased to announce that over 130 GSU employees completed the September Connections quality service workshop series offered on campus, facilitated by our own GSU employees.

“The feedback from the training has been great, the participants were both informed and informative throughout this process,” reported Tony Tymkow, Project Coordinator for the program. “We are already seeing and hearing of employees applying what they’ve learned. We have received many valuable insights and suggestions from the September groups on ways to improve our communication within the university, and to enhance the GSU experience for our students….we are off to a great start.”

The next three-week ‘Connections’ series will begin next week for those negotiated/non-negotiated Civil Service and Administrative and Professional employees who have not yet completed the workshops. Employees will be notified of their October training schedule by e-mail (from connections@govst.edu) this week. As always, following receipt of your schedule, be sure to let your supervisor know in advance that you’ll be away from your department for the training, and contact your respective Connections group leader to confirm your attendance. Leaders have asked that group members make every effort to be on-time for the sessions, as there is a lot to cover in a short time-frame.

In the Dark

In order to make necessary electrical connections for the new Nursing Lab
project, the power will be turned off in the Faculty Office Center (G-wing) on Thursday, October 8, at 11 p.m. Only G-wing will be affected by the power outage and work is expected to take approximately four hours.

Employees are encouraged to power down their computers before leaving work on Thursday, to prevent any lost data. Remote desktop access will not be available during the outage.

Please do not hesitate to contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515 with questions.

C is for Cookie

GSU’s Family Development Center is holding a cookie dough and popcorn fundraiser. Proceeds will help fund new classroom materials and field trips. Twelve varieties of cookie dough, four types of popcorn, and new lava-licious fudge cakes are all available for sale.

Help the Family Development Center today by calling ext. 7300 or 7320.

Student Life Volunteers

Student Life is currently seeking volunteers to assist with two upcoming projects.

Individuals interested in participating or assisting with the new GSU golf club should contact Dean Jennings at ext. 4945.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the annual Harvest Fest and Haunted Hayride on October 23, from 5 to 9 p.m. Contact Adam Taylor at ext. 4552 for more information.

The Right to Know

The Governors State University Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report is now available online. In accordance with the 1990 Campus Security Act (The Clery Act), this is a uniform report of crimes committed on the Governors State University campus, as well as in the Village of University Park, from January 1 through December 31, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Criminal categories required under the Clery Act include murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, assaults/threats/harassment, intimidation, vandalism/criminal damage to property and motor vehicle theft, as well as statistics on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons violations. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Safety.
GSU grad Dan Yovich (MA, ’75 and ’76) is a Purdue University professor emeritus. He taught applied creativity courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Prior to joining Purdue, he was a product research chemist inventing numerous products that were sold to industrial and consumer markets. His major patent in biocide compounds helped create the emerging field of mildew static and bacteria static coatings. He served as a code intercept officer during the Korean War and is the creator of the game Krypto. Dan recently created the game *MathSuey* with Laura Bergells, which will be released shortly. Dan also founded the Inventors and Entrepreneurs Society of Indiana.