News and Events

Onto the Championship!

The women’s team of the GSU Table Tennis Club has been invited to compete in the 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships organized by the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA), on April 9 to 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

According to GSU coach and club sponsor, T.J. Wang, “There are 18 divisions consisting of over 130 schools in the NCTTA. Only the top 16 women’s teams qualify to go to the National Championship each year.”

This is the first year GSU has sponsored an organized table tennis club. The team’s success has been watched closely by rival schools in the Upper Midwest Region including University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue, Northwestern, University of Chicago, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Good Luck to the GSU Women’s Table Tennis Team!

Wii Bowling Today

You don’t need bowling shoes or great form to compete in the SEA Wii Bowling Competition today, from noon to 4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The competition is sponsored by the Student Education Association (SEA) of GSU.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place competitors. Popcorn is only 50 cents a bag. Entry fees are $2 for students and $3 for everyone else.

Broadway for Less

GSU buy one get one free tickets will be available for Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway this weekend. Regular ticket price is $39. The discount is valid from 10 a.m. on Friday, March 12 through 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. Call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person.

Ticket holders are invited to attend a special pre-theatre discussion about the history of Broadway with SouthtownStar theatre critic Betty Mohr.
Neil Berg presents brilliantly revived arrangements of Broadway classics, as well as thrilling numbers from Broadway's newest hit shows, featuring the actual stars of shows including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *CATS*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*.

The show also features the winners of GSU’s *Singing with the Stars* competition, students Fredi Parks and Kimi Robaczewski.

**Authors Honored**

More than 40 faculty members were honored at the Faculty Authors Reception hosted by the University Library on March 10. Dr. Elaine Maimon spoke at the reception, offering praise and encouragement for continued academic achievement and success. The variety of works on display ranged from articles and chapters to books and film, and included a wide variety of subjects in many academic disciplines.

While the View cannot do justice to the variety and achievement of the faculty in this short article, we join the University Library and Dr. Maimon in applauding their accomplishments.

**Fin Aid & FAFSA Workshop**

Get your questions answered at a Financial Aid Workshop on Friday, March 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., in room D2430 (ACS Lab).

Learn how to complete the FAFSA form and avoid making common mistakes. Find out what makes a student eligible for financial aid, what forms of aid are available, and how to decipher the financial aid award letter.

The workshop is sponsored by Student Affairs and Academic Support and the Financial Aid Office.

**Calling all Faculty**

The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The agenda includes a presentation by the Faculty Development Committee, administration updates and reports, and faculty committee reports. Additional information is available on the [Faculty Senate webpage](#).

**Join SUAA**

The next meeting of the GSU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (GSU SUAA) will be held on Thursday, March 18, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.
**CenterPoint Clients Excel**

Four area businesses recently sought counseling from CenterPoint’s Illinois Small Business Development Center. They collectively applied for and received microloans totaling $115,000 to expand or improve their businesses. CenterPoint partners with Accion Chicago and Borrego Springs Bank who are both preferred SBA lenders that provide loans as low as $500 for a credit builder loan to as high as $50,000 for businesses located in low to moderate income areas.

An Army veteran who attended CenterPoint’s Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at GSU last year received CenterPoint’s first SBA guaranteed loan under the Patriot Express Loan Program to expand his Tinley Park based business. CenterPoint 504, the center’s not for profit SBA Certified Development Company, also worked with a local client to complete a $1.8 million loan and investment package for a new business.

“CenterPoint client loan and investment activity of nearly $2 million for the first two months of 2010 has nearly equaled all loan and investment activity of 2009. Our microloan volume has never been more active,” said Hilary Burkinshaw, CenterPoint Director.

During the past 10 years, CenterPoint at Governors State University has counseled over 4,000 small business clients that has lead to the creation and retention of over 6,000 jobs in the GSU region. The center has also provided or helped secure financing of over $120 million helping 72 small businesses expand, 84 businesses start up, and 19 clients purchase businesses.

**Help for Haiti**

GSU Social Work students and Student Life are hoping to help victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti with Helping Hands for Haiti awareness bracelets. Donations of $2 (or more) will be accepted on March 24, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds will be donated to UNICEF.

For more information, contact Launae Butler.

**Hardboiled Crime**

Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English at GSU, opened the discussion of the hardboiled crime fiction genre and *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett recently with a presentation sponsored by the Park Forest Public Library.

Dr. Johnsen discussed the author, the genre, and offered observations and resources to aid in analysis and understanding. Following Dr. Johnsen’s presentation, Raymond Funderburk, Judge of the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County, read aloud the first chapter of *The Maltese Falcon*. A spirited discussion of the book followed.

Her presentation was part of the Big Read, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.
Find a Job

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

Early Head Start at GSU (03-08-10)

Thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, GSU will receive a two year, $1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center (FDC).

According to Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the Family Development Center, the grant will enable Governors State University to create 20 new jobs and serve 72 families through Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families.

Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57, and the immediate families of GSU staff and students regardless of where they live. Participants need not be students at GSU.

Components of Early Head Start include prenatal support for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community, as well as infant and toddler childcare.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.