News and Events

The 1980s Are Back (07-29-10)

Bells are ringing for The Wedding Singer, opening this weekend to The Center for Performing Arts. Don’t miss this rollicking musical, based on the hit movie about the joys and heartaches of finding true love.

Elysa Gardner of USA Today says, “The Wedding Singer has more heart and a better sense of humor about itself than some of its similarly wacky, winking peers.”

You have just four chances to see The Wedding Singer and relive the 1980s – on July 31 and August 1, 6, and 7. Tickets are affordably priced between $16 and $21 - so reserve your seats today at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

Jenzebar - System Maintenance

All Governors State University Jenzebar products/systems will undergo maintenance this weekend. Systems including CX (CARS), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View will be unavailable from 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 31 through approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 1. Information Technology Services (ITS) apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks you for your patience. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the help desk at 708.534.4357.

Summer Picnic – Volunteers Needed

GSU’s first university-wide summer picnic is just around the corner, on Thursday, August 12. To make the picnic a success, GSU’s V-Team needs your help as a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities vary and are available throughout the day in hour-long blocks, so choose a time and assignment that works best for you.

Please email Gina Ragland-Owolabi to sign up and indicate the time you are available by Friday, August 6.

The event, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate and the SPIRIT Committee, is open to currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff.

Undergrad Open House - July 31
Join fellow undergraduates at *Instant Decision Day - An Undergraduate Open House*, on Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prospective students should bring transcripts for on-the-spot admission to most programs. Program advisors and financial aid staff will also be available. For more information and to RSVP, call 708.534.4490 today.

### Just Fore Fun

All Governors State University faculty, staff, and their family and friends are invited to participate in the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The event is named after Dave Drechsel, former HR benefits manager and the founder and longtime member of GSU’s summer golf league.

Don’t miss an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to take part regardless of skill level or golfing experience. The event provides an excellent chance to celebrate summer and get to know your co-workers in a casual, fun environment.

The outing will take place on Sunday, September 19, at the University Golf Club in University Park. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is only $75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (four-person, best ball format), a golf cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet, golf contests, trophies, a goodie bag, and door prize tickets.

The event is sponsored by the university’s SPIRIT Committee. For full information and to register, contact Hollie Campbell at ext. 7595.

### 20 Questions +1 with Larry Levinson

**Dr. Larry Levinson**  
Professor of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Elie Wiesel. He had just written *Night* and had to leave the class before the end of the session to cover the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Years later he won the Nobel Peace prize for his being the conscience of moral reasoning in an immoral world.

- **What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?** Graduation. It’s great to meet our students’ families.

- **A really great night out for me is...** A good meal and good theatre with friends.

- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** A park bench in Lincoln Park where I can read.

- **What’s the best book you’ve read in the last year?** *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. This was the common read for the University Honors program as they studied what it takes to make a difference in our world.

- **Any current research or conference presentations you’d like to share with the GSU community?** I am working on the pedagogy of teaching civic and community engagement.
At the end of the day, I like to listen to... My wife and children (usually).

- **What was your first job?** Selling shoes at Bakers in Evergreen Plaza.
- **Have you ever kept a New Year’s resolution? Explain.** Yes, never to participate in a survey.
- **The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** I worked at the 1968 Democratic Convention (as a very young boy) and was tear gassed with my father while we listened to Allen Ginsberg read poetry.

To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan.

**Pierre Sees the World**

Pierre has had an exciting week. His travelling companions have taken him near and far and on some heart pounding adventures.

Pat Thompson of CBPA showed Pierre the sights of England including a stop at Stonehenge.

Pierre also enjoyed the Acropolis in Greece as seen in the photo submitted by Cheri Garey of the Alumni Association.

Pierre left antiquities for some down home adventure on tour with Lydia Morrow Ruetten of the Library. Pierre almost got eaten by a real live alligator down south. Don’t worry, he’s safe and ready for more vacations.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre’s [webpage](http://www.govst.edu/gsuview/Default.aspx?blogmonth=7&blogyear=2010&blogid=734).

**IRiS Update 07-26 (07-26-10)**

One month after the IRiS Project’s official kickoff, significant progress is taking place every week.

All hardware required to support Datatel’s Colleague software system has been received, rack mounted in the OTS Data Center, and configured with the necessary third party software, said Peter Mizera, GSU’s Assistant Vice President for Information Technology. Today (Monday), Datatel software engineers are scheduled to begin installation of their core product software, a process expected to take about two weeks.

“There has been quite a bit of work in other areas to support Datatel,” Mizera
begins this week.

said. “Additional hard drives have been added to our existing Storage Area Network infrastructure and a Web load balancing product is also being implemented and should be completed by July 27.”

Overall, the university is on schedule with the hardware and software phase of the IRiS Project implementation. “We are looking forward to bringing Datatel online in the very near future,” Mizera said.

Also this week, Business Process Analysis (BPA) training is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. As BPA unfolds, team members will review current practices throughout the university and fit them into the Colleague system. Datatel consultants will be on hand to guide team members toward new skills that will be used throughout the entire IRiS Project.

Representatives from all functional university units – Advancement, Human Resources, Financial Aid, Registration and Record, Billing and Finance, and Admissions – will attend the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions.

**Now We’re Cookin’**

The cafeteria is offering an authentic taste of summer this week. On Thursday, July 29, FSI will prepare barbequed food on the charcoal grill (weather permitting). Char-grilled food will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. In order to take advantage of the new grilling station, patrons can purchase food tickets from the cafeteria cashier to be redeemed at the outdoor grill.

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**Annual Friends Meeting**

The Friends of the GSU Library will host their annual meeting on Wednesday, August 11, at noon, in the Library Conference Center. Election of new officers will take place during the meeting. For more information about the meeting or how to become a Friend of the GSU Library, contact Pam Taylor at ext. 7527.

**East to West, Pierre is the Best**

GSU’s favorite penguin traveled from coast to coast this week, loving every minute of it.

TJ Wang of the CBPA showed Pierre the sights in
Seattle. Pierre tends to be a bit acrophobic, so he took in the Space Needle from the ground.

On his way back east, Pierre met up with psychology and counseling professor Pat Robey in Memphis. It’s rumored that Pat and Pierre shared a fried peanut butter and banana sandwich while visiting Graceland.

Lydia Morrow Ruetten of the University Library showed our fine feathered friend a good time in Washington D.C.’s botanical garden. The gardens offered a tranquil break after a crazy week.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre’s webpage.

Mark Your Calendar for Convocation (07-22-10)

Save the date for Convocation 2010. The State of the University event will be held on Wednesday, September 15, at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

This year’s event will feature Dr. Maimon’s State of the University address and remarks from Provost Allison; Heikki Heino, President of the Faculty Senate; Laura Owens, President of the Civil Service Senate; and David Corcoran, President of the Student Senate.

As always, one employee will be awarded with the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Endowed Distinguished Service Award.

New to this year’s Convocation is the announcement of the 2010 Excellence Award winners. In the past, excellence award winners were announced prior to event, but were recognized by name. This year’s winners will be kept secret until Convocation. Also, per the new UPI contract, a total of three individuals will receive the prestigious award. Winners - either tenured/tenure track faculty, full time lecturers, or academic support professionals - will each receive an unrestricted award of $6,000.

Name Our Teams


All proud names in Chicago sports. But did you ever think that, long ago, someone had to come up with all those hallowed names?

Now you have the chance to help GSU find names for its sports teams and university mascot. As GSU’s table tennis and volleyball teams enter their new seasons, the university is picking an official team
name, along with a university mascot name. While the team name and university mascot can be related, (e.g. NIU's teams are the Huskies and the university mascot is a husky), or unique, (e.g. the Chicago American League baseball team is the White Sox, and the mascot is Southpaw)

Submit your entry to GSU’s *Name our Teams* contest through August 16. The contest is open to all members of the GSU community. Entries should be submitted to Student Life at saasnews@govst.edu and should include the proposed team and/or mascot name, participant’s name, phone number, and email address.

$50 gift cards will be awarded for the winning entries.

GSU’s team name will be introduced at a table tennis tournament hosted by the university in November.

**Say “I Do” to The Wedding Singer**

A talented, youthful cast is putting the finishing touches on a high-voltage production of *The Wedding Singer*, this summer's presentation by the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at The Center for Performing Arts.

*The Wedding Singer* will be performed on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 1, at 2 p.m., Friday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $21 and $18 for adults, and $19 and $16 for students. Tickets can be purchased on The Center for Performing Arts website at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

**No Ants Invited**

Food, games, prizes, and a fun-filled day in the sun are on the agenda Thursday, August 12, when the Civil Service Senate and GSU SPIRIT Committee are sponsoring the GSU Summer Picnic.

Mark your calendar for the picnic, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for GSU students, faculty, and staff.

It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a summer day, munch on a hot dog, and get together with other members of the GSU community. To reserve a spot at the picnic, RSVP to gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu.

**Amusement Park Amusements**

There is still time to take advantage of a great discount on tickets to Great America and Hurricane Harbor. Take the whole family and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and splashing in the water park.

Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee have collaborated to present Governors State Day at Great America.

The cashier's office has Great America tickets for sale for only $26. Tickets include admission to the theme park and the water park.

Tickets are valid for one day admission only on July 23, 24, August 7, or 8. Enjoy a great day at the park!
Baseball in the Sunshine

You can win free tickets to Wrigley Field for the Cubs-Pirates game on Wednesday, September 1. GSU’s Student Senate is giving away 60 pairs of tickets to the ball game, which starts at 1:20 p.m.

Students can sign up for a ticket lottery by sending an email to studentsenate@govst.edu. Only current GSU students are eligible and only one entry per student is allowed. The email must include student name and ID number, email address, phone number, and if you wish to reserve a seat on the bus to the game. Free bus transportation will be provided by GSU.

All entries must be received by August 13. Winners will be announced August 18.

20 Questions + 1

Who is Lynne Clayton?

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Ted Morrison, my sixth grade teacher in School District 163 in Park Forest. He introduced me to theatre, and it shaped my whole life from that moment on.
- **True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil.** Definitely true. Everything tastes better with a little garlic and olive oil – even ice cream (well, maybe not).
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** The Old Town School of Folk Music – good music, great musicians, fabulous energy.
- **What’s the best book you’ve read in the last year?** Being a storyteller, I read a lot of young adult fiction. *The Golden Compass* series by Philip Pullman, has been some of the best stuff I’ve read in a long while. (It was even better than the movie!)
- **Right now I am driving a...** Plum colored 2004 PT Cruiser – my dream car!
- **Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Explain.** *Horizons.* They all have names. I first went out and mentally said, “Hi, I’m Lynne, what’s your name?” and they told me! I go out and visit them as often as I can, giving some big bear hugs, others, not so much. Some of them tend to be a little standoffish.
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** The greetings from my dogs when I come home from work.
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** Camelot, Roman Holiday, Lord of the Rings (all three), *You’ve Got Mail* and any of the *Harry Potters*.
- **Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?** The ability to fly – can you imagine soaring over lakes and mountains!!
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Unfortunately, yes. We have several crooks adorning that wall and he was elected governor, twice I believe! That’s all that is required to have a plaque hung in the HOG, although many probably wish they could hang him!
**The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** My grandmother was born in England but raised in India. She became a medium and regularly conducted séances, although she had to give it up for health reasons – it weakened her physically.

To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan.

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**Information for Veterans**

Lynn Salkeld, a representative from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to answer veterans’ questions concerning employment, disability services, and other related topics. She can be found in room D1408, from 1 to 4 p.m. on August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

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**Pierre at Work**

On a recent trip with Jamie Tadsen of Sponsored Research and Graduate Studies, Pierre drove a 1948 Farmall Cub tractor on a farm in Peotone.

Pierre had a working holiday helping Dianne Kronika, assistant to the General Counsel, with basement renovations.

Margaret Brady of CHHS also put Pierre to work blueberry picking in Michigan. Unfortunately Pierre packed more in his mouth than in the box.

Burt Dikelsky from The Center for Performing Arts put Pierre to work encouraging everyone to buy tickets to see the SLATE production of *The Wedding Singer*.

After all his hard work, Pierre had the opportunity to relax in the sun in Cabo St. Lucas, Mexico, with Karen Caesar Smith, Director of Special Events.

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**HLC Continued Accreditation Approved (07-19-10)**

President Maimon recently informed the campus community that the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC) has formally approved Governors State University’s continued accreditation for a full ten-year period. The
approval comes as the result of the Institutional Actions Council’s vote to support the highly complementary recommendations of the site team that visited GSU in November 2009.

In addition to the accreditation continuation for the university as a whole, new accreditation was also extended to the new Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, GSU’s fourth doctoral program.

Download Dr. Maimon’s Full Message.

**IRiS Forging Ahead**

The IRiS project has begun and is moving full speed ahead. Before moving ahead with details of the project, it is important to define the terms that will be used throughout the project.

- **IRiS**: GSU specific name for the implementation process of a new university-wide computing and database system. IRiS stands for Inspire hope; Realize dreams; Strengthen community
- **Datatel**: The software manufacturer and company that will oversee the installation process over the next 15-18 months
- **Colleague**: The name of the actual software system

Last week, all members of the implementation teams attended special preliminary training sessions conducted by Datatel. Team members gained a full understanding of the overall process and timeline, as well as what will be expected of the individual teams. System hardware was also delivered to IT last week. In addition, work will begin shortly on the implementation of the first two software modules – Institutional Advancement and Financial Services.

The next university-wide step to be taken is a Business Process Assessment (BPA). The assessment will be conducted by a dedicated Datatel division with the assistance of the GSU administration and implementation teams. The goal is to evaluate the university’s business processes and determine how they can be structured to reflect best practices for use with the Colleague software.

The GSU View will feature weekly updates regarding the IRiS project throughout the course of the installation. For the next several weeks, you’ll be introduced to the specific teams and team members that are working hard to make this project happen.

**GSU Intranet Now Accessible Off Campus**

The GSU Intranet (gsunet) is a valuable resource to faculty and staff. This internal, web-based resource provides information, forms, and resources from many campus departments.

For many years, the Intranet has only been accessible from on campus computers or by those using VPN. However, this valuable resource can now be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection.

View the Intranet site anytime by visiting [https://gsunet.govst.edu/](https://gsunet.govst.edu/). Please note that access to the site from an off campus computer will require users to login using their standard, network user ID and
password.

**Tamales for Dinner**

The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is sponsoring a delicious fundraiser. Tamales will be sold by the dozen or individually on Wednesday, July 21, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The cost is $12 per dozen or $1 for one tasty tamale.

Pre-order by Monday, July 19 to ensure that your tamales will be ready and waiting for you and you will not have to make dinner.

To order, e-mail angelicahernandez169@yahoo.com, or call 773.931.2888. To order in person and pay in advance, visit room A2132.

**Strike, Spare, or Gutter**

*Let’s Get Fit!* presents the GSU Bowling Challenge tomorrow, Tuesday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at Lakewood Bowl in Richton Park, and is open to faculty, staff, students, and their family members. The cost is only $1 per game and shoes are only $2.85. Individuals and departments are encouraged to challenge one another.

For more information, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

**Katz Named Baldrige Examiner**

Marsha Katz, CBPA professor of management, marketing, and public administration was recently appointed to the 2010 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

As an examiner, Katz is responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications submitted for the award. The board is composed of approximately 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and health care organizations, and nonprofits (including government). Those selected meet the highest standards of qualification and peer recognition. All members of the board must take part in a preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and the scoring and evaluation processes for the Baldrige Award.

The Baldrige Award may be given annually in each of six categories: Manufacturing, Service, Small Business, Education, Health Care, and Nonprofit.

**Law School Test Prep**

GSU is offering a free LSAT preparation class on Mondays, from August 30 to April 25. The class is from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation class for the Law School Admissions Test. Class
work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge as much as $1,000 for LSAT prep class, GSU is offering this class at no charge. According to Sparks, "This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community. Preparing for this test is not easy, and we don’t want cost to stop people from taking the course."

For more information or to register, email David Sparks or call 708.235.3963.

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**Pierre Loves Water**

Everyone knows how much penguins love water – and Pierre is no exception. This summer, the unofficial GSU mascot has been taking dips in pools, lakes, and oceans all over the world.

Karen Kissel of Procurement caught Pierre taking a dip in Michigan City, Indiana and snapped this photo.

Brenda Moore of Financial Aid saw him lounging on the water in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Tom Houlihan of Public Affairs found Pierre playing on the beach in Luddington, Michigan.

And Ann Needham of Graphics caught him playing with a towel turtle on a cruise ship bound for Alaska.

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**Maimon Announces FY11 Budget Decisions (07-15-10)**

On Wednesday, July 14, President Maimon released a university-wide memo detailing the FY11 Operating Budget Allocations. In the memo, Dr. Maimon praised the PBAC process and the hard work of the related committees. She accepted virtually the entire set of PBAC recommendations including spending pre-approval and the budget carry-forward practice.

Two specific decisions were conveyed regarding the FY11 operating budget.

1. Begin FY11 with major unit-level budgets identical in total to those with which those same units began FY10.
2. Adopt procedures to more strictly regulate and restrict spending decisions to be made during FY11.
For full details, download President Maimon’s FY11 Budget Memo.

### New Civil Service Officers

The Civil Service Senate held officer elections recently.

The new officers are:
- President, Laura Owens - term ends June 30, 2012
- Vice President, Sheryl Jones-Harper - term ends June 30, 2011 (serving the rest of the term vacated by Laura Owens)
- Recording Secretary, Lynne Clayton - term ends June 30, 2012
- Financial Secretary, Joyce Giroux - term ends June 30, 2012

Congratulations!

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### Mentors Needed

The Title V Cooperative Grant - Latino Center for Excellence is looking for mentors. Graduate students are needed to mentor undergraduate Latino students at GSU and undergraduate students are being sought to provide guidance to Learning Community Cohort students from Morton College.

Graduate Mentor requirements include current enrollment in a graduate program; a GPA of 3.0 or higher; an excellent academic attitude; enthusiasm to share your experiences; and the willingness to commit your time and effort to assist others. Students selected as mentors will receive support and training from the Latino Center for Excellence.

GSU undergraduate student mentors participate in the SEEDS Peer Mentor program at Morton. They receive training and stipend to encourage, advise, and guide community college students to earn their degrees. Mentors serve as role models and assist their students in the transition to college life.

Applications are available at the GSU Latino Center for Excellence (A2133). Applicants must meet specific qualifications and mentoring requirements, but need not be members of an LCE cohort, a participant in LCE programs, or speak Spanish.

Make a difference in someone’s life today. For information, contact Carlos Cantu at 708.235.4553 or Monica Teixeira at 708.235.7609.
Pitched Rivalry

Id is on first. Ego is on second and Super Ego is on third. Don't miss the Counseling and Psychology faculty and staff vs. the Counseling and Psychology students in a softball game on Saturday, August 7, at 3 p.m., at the GSU baseball field.

The event is sponsored by the Illinois Counseling Association and Chi Sigma Iota.

Trip to Calder Exhibit

Whimsical cats and performing seals. Spiraling spiders and flying fish. You can view artist Alexander Calder's three-dimensional representation of such fantastic animals when the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park hosts a Saturday, July 17 trip to *Alexander Calder and Contemporary Art: Form, Balance, Joy* at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

Join NMSP Director Geoff Bates on an all-day road trip that examines Calder's continuing influence on modern American art. “This trip offers participants an opportunity to learn about Calder and some of his best-known work, and to be introduced to talented contemporary artists who are taking his original ideas in new directions,” Bates said.

The July 17 trip begins at 9:10 a.m. when participants depart for Chicago from the Flossmoor Metra Station. After arriving at Millennium Station, they will travel to the Museum of Contemporary Art via the CTA Red Line. After viewing the exhibition, participants will eat lunch at The Elephant and Castle, a nearby English-style pub, and then head back to the Loop to view Calder’s towering Flamingo in Federal Plaza. The tour group will return to Flossmoor at 5:23 p.m.

No advance reservations are required. Admission to the MCA is $12 ($7 for seniors) and participants should have money for train fare and lunch.

For more information, contact the NMSP at sculpture@govst.edu or call 708.534.4486.

Free Early Childhood Educator Workshops

Children can learn from the messes they create and the songs they sing. The many different ways children learn are celebrated and explained at two free workshops sponsored by GSU’s Family Development Center. Both workshops are free and open to early childhood education students and educators at GSU and from the community.

Lisa Murphy, the Ooey Gooey Lady®, will present on August 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Murphy is a well-known, early childhood educator and a strong advocate of play based learning. She uses humor and real life
anecdotes to engage workshop attendees and share information and activities that combine learning, laughter, and play. She offers inspiration and a wealth of hand-on activities for early childhood educators to use to create child-centered, play based learning environments.

Kathy Poelker of Look at Me Productions, Inc., will lead a music-focused workshop on August 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Poelker is an award-winning children’s recording artist, author, consultant, and creator of educational music for early childhood. She will present *Let’s Develop the Whole Child - Using Brain Research, Song, Movement, Music, Games, Drama, Dance, and Sensory Motor Fun!* The workshop illustrates how music can and should be incorporated into the early childhood classroom to create a stimulating learning environment.

Come to one, come to both, come for free. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](http://www.govst.edu/gsuview/Default.aspx?blogmonth=7&blogyear=2010&blogid=734).

### Grab Your Clubs!

GSU’s SPIRIT committee is working hard to bring fun and exciting activities to campus. Already progenitors of the Farmer’s Market and a fall trip to Great America, the committee is proud to announce the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The event is named after Dave Drechsel, former HR benefits manager and the founder and longtime member of GSU summer golf league.

All Governors State University faculty, staff, and their family and friends are invited to participate in an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to take part regardless of skill level or golfing experience. The event provides an excellent chance to celebrate summer and get to know your co-workers in a casual, fun environment.

The event will take place on Sunday, September 19, at the University Golf Club in University Park. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is only $75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (four-person, best ball format), a golf cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet, golf contests, trophies, a goodie bag, and door prize tickets.

For full information and to register, contact Hollie Campbell at ext. 7595.

### GSU- SUAA Contributes

On June 24, GSU-SUAA held its annual luncheon sponsored by President Maimon. Forty-eight retired and working SUAA members renewed friendships, reminisced about the "old" days, and heard about recent GSU happenings.

Recently retired Interim Provost and SUAA member David Curtis conveyed greetings from President Maimon, who was in China. He received, on behalf of President Maimon, a $250 contribution to the GSU Promise.
from GSU-SUAA President Leon Zalewski. Dr. Zalewski also presented a check for $250 to be awarded to a student in need of books to Rosemary Hulett, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations.

The highlight of the luncheon was a talk and conversation with Representative Al Riley (D-38). Addison Woodward introduced Representative Al Riley as a friend of education and of working and retired employees of GSU. Representative Riley talked about the 96th session of the State Legislature and provided insights into the very complex and difficult session faced by the State.

**Many Thanks**

The Black Student Union and the Department of Social Work wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who supported the *All Nations For Haiti Fashion Show* held in May. The event raised $4,441 for the rebuilding and empowerment of Haiti through the work of the Joseph Assignment.

**East or West - Pierre Knows Best**

Pierre the Penguin is having the best summer ever. People from all over campus – students, alumni, faculty, and staff are taking him on vacations both near and far.

Pierre accompanied President Maimon on her recent trip to China, where the visited the Great Wall of China and many other famous sites. Pierre also conducted some business at Guangdong University, with which GSU has an exchange program.

On an amazing trip to Ephesus in Khadasi, Turkey, Pierre walked the same road Anthony and Cleopatra walked after their wedding, according to Cheri Carey of Alumni Relations.


For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre travelling companion and submit photos to the Take Pierre on Vacation contest, go to Pierre’s [webpage](http://www.govst.edu/suaua)

**Penny for Your Thoughts (07-12-10)**

GSU needs your two cents when it comes to budget-related challenges. It Just Makes Cents, an innovative program similar to Why Not?, encourages members of the GSU community to suggest money saving and revenue generating ideas.

Citing the State’s financial crisis, the *It Just Makes*
Cents website notes, “The university remains committed to continuing to serve our students and the Southland region – but that can only be accomplished with your help.”

Those submitting ideas are encouraged to think outside the box to improve GSU’s bottom line.

Submissions can be made via the new It Just Makes Cents website.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...You

Who’s your favorite Beatle? What’s your favorite color? If you could choose, what type animal would you like to be?

Actually, the GSU View is NOT looking for answers to those questions in our new feature, Twenty Questions, Plus One. We will, however, be asking you about garlic and olive oil, the Cubs and Sox, your high school fight song, and lots more.

You'll have the option to answer any 10 of the 20 questions we've assembled, and must also to reply to our Final Question meant for everyone. We're looking for responses from both faculty and staff, in an effort to get to know one another better.

We'll share your answers to questions great and small, serious and not so serious, in future editions of the GSU View.

Participate today by contacting Tom Houlihan, GSU View's Twenty Questions Plus One impresario, at ext. 8952. You’ll receive a list of questions and we’ll also ask you for a photo that can appear with your replies.

Rent For Less

Follett’s GSU Bookstore will begin offering a textbook rental option this fall.

The textbook rental program

- is available to students in store and online;
- allows students to choose a preferred form of payment, including financial aid and campus cards;
- allows students the freedom to highlight and take notes all within the normal wear and tear associated with coursework; and
- gives students the option to purchase their textbook at the end of the term.

The rental option is available for select titles only. For more information, contact Bookstore Manager Bernie Bolz at ext. 4562.

Relax at GSU

On July 14, relax by the GSU pond with a 10 or 15-minute chair massage. Student messages are only $5. For everyone else, the cost of a message is $1 per minute. At either price, it is a great deal and a great opportunity to unwind from the stresses of school and work.
Massages will be provided by Massages by Design and Student Life is sponsoring the event. Pre registration and pre payment is required at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. The First 50 participants who pre-register and pre-pay will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary relaxation package consisting of a one-hour massage, manicure, and pedicure. Walk-ins will be accommodated if time and space allows.

For more information, call 708.235.4556.

**PT Students Meet, Exceed Challenge**

For the second year in a row, GSU Physical Therapy students, all members of the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA), accepted the Marquette Challenge – a fundraising program benefitting research through the American Physical Therapy Association’s Foundation for Physical Therapy. Since 1989, physical therapy students at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have challenged students from other PT programs across the nation to raise funds.

The GSU team raised $3,000, which is three times as much as last year. Heading up GSU’s challenge this year was Kristy Ton, outgoing PTSA President. Joyce Sligar, PT, MBA, MA, Director of Clinical Education for GSU’s Physical Therapy Department, serves as club advisor.

“It was very much a whole team effort,” Ton noted. “It took a lot of time to write all the papers and research all the quiz questions. The faculty members were all very excited and supportive of this venture.”

For their fundraising venture, Ton and nearly 20 other GSU PTSA members chose continuing education as their focus. The students researched and wrote a complete independent, home-study package of functional and balance tests, complete with quizzes, for the physical therapy staff members of Rehab Connections in Homer Glen.

Extra funds raised by the PTSA were used for student tuition grants; the funds also helped 19 students attend the American Physical Therapy Association national conference last February in San Diego, California.

**Documentary and Discussion**

*Storming the Gates*, a 25-minute documentary film on minority access to higher education, will be screened on July 14, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A panel discussion will follow to investigate the issue further.

The Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) produced the film, which chronicles the African American and Latino quest for access and equity in Illinois colleges and universities. Minority presence on college resulted from tremendous struggle and sacrifice, and the struggle continues. *Storming the Gates* illustrates the links between access and the Civil Rights movements of African
Americans and Latinos in the sixties and seventies. It highlights the importance and the central role Illinois played in the national struggle for access and equity.

A panel of education leaders and experts, many who appear in the documentary, will discuss the contemporary significance of the struggle. Panel members will include IALHEA members Dr. Michael Toney, Executive Director, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago and D.J. Wells, adjunct GSU faculty and Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by Access to a College Education Student Support Services (ACCESSS) and Student Life at GSU. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at ext. 4552.

## Supplies Needed for Area Students

The Black Student Union is sponsoring its annual Elementary School Backpack Drive to assist elementary school students who are in need of school supplies and backpacks.

Participants are asked to purchase a backpack (for a girl or boy) and include two spiral notebooks, four folders, four report covers, two packs of loose leaf paper, safety scissors, crayons, glue, glue sticks, markers, pencils, pens, wet wipes, travel size hand sanitizer, highlighters, individual packets of Kleenex tissue, and a pocket dictionary.

The backpacks will also include a note from the BSU encouraging the students to achieve high grades and be the best they can be.

Backpacks with school supplies should be dropped off at room A2126, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Donations will be accepted through August 6.

Sponsored schools include:
- Coretta Scott King Magnet School: University Park
- Lincoln Elementary: Chicago Heights
- Medgar Evers: Ford Heights
- Wilson Elementary School: Chicago Heights
- Beacon Hill: Chicago Heights

## Pierre-y Potter

COE student Lisa Reza captured Pierre's arrival at Hogwarts School at Universal Studios in Florida. Apparently, he and Harry Potter recently brewed up some strange potions.

## IT Systems Unavailable Sunday (07-08-10)

ITS has begun the first phase of the new DataTel hardware implementation. Some system downtime will occur Sunday, July 11, between 4 and 8 p.m. There is also a possibility of very brief intermittent outages.
until midnight. During this time, a number of critical systems will be affected:

- WebCT/Blackboard
- Faculty and Staff e-mail (Exchange/OWA)
- Faculty and Staff personal and departmental shared drives
- Singularity
- VPN and Remote Desktop

ITS apologizes for the inconvenience. Please contact the GSU Helpdesk if you have any questions or concerns at 708.534.4357.

Farmers Market Open

Don’t let the rain stop you from visiting the GSU Farmers Market today. Pick up fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, breads, and natural products as well as various indoor and outdoor plants.

The market is located at the west side of Parking Lot C. Hours are from 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine. The market will be open every Thursday through September.

Cooking and Chemistry Demo

An herb here, a spice there, a chemical reaction, and voila! A tasty dish is created. The chemistry behind the recipes for delicious foods is investigated and enjoyed during a presentation by journalist, turned foodie Anupy Singla, at Governors State University. On July 10, at 1 p.m., in E-Lounge, Singla will present “Easily Indian,” a demonstration of how the right herbs and spices can turn an ordinary meal into an extraordinary Indian treat.

Singla, a former CLTV reporter, is the author of “The Indian Slow Cooker,” which will be released in October 2010. Her food-related work has also appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

The presentation is free and part of a Chemistry of Cooking workshop. The workshop is designed to explain chemistry as it applies to cooking for non-science majors. Cooking is something that occurs in every household. Recipes can be thought of as an experiment done at home with many observed chemical changes.

The workshop will eventually be part of a proposed three hour for credit course, which will strive to answer those nagging questions such as “Why did my brown sugar get hard?” and “Which salt should I purchase?” Course topics will include proteins, carbohydrates and fats, spices, chocolate, and beer and wine.

For more information about the presentation or the course,
Job Hunters Boot Camp Today

GSU is teaming with Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) and other public and private organizations to provide resources to members of the community seeking employment and those looking to start their own business today, July 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will offer participants a chance to better prepare themselves for the changing job market with practical advice from a number of area professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on topics ranging from navigating the job market online to finance and budgeting. Participants are also encouraged to bring their resumes for review.

Veterans in particular will have an opportunity to work with the VA and Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) to explore the programs they offer to veterans of the armed services.

In addition to job seekers, small business owners and those looking to start their own business will have an opportunity to connect with representatives from GSU’s CenterPoint Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration to gain insight and information on how to get your business going and growing.

Additional event participants include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Will County Workforce Investment Board.

For more information, call 815.726.4998 or visit www.halvorson.house.gov/bootcamp.

Wojcik Named Outstanding Physical Therapist

Rebecca Wojcik, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, recently received the Illinois Physical Therapy Association’s (IPTA) Outstanding Physical Therapist Award. Presented by the IPTA since 1972, the Outstanding Physical Therapist Award recognizes members who exhibit exemplary service and representation at the national level.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Wojcik has served the IPTA in various roles, including: Eastern District Nominating Committee, Ethics Committee, Vice President, Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Chief Delegate, and Speaker of the Assembly of Representatives. She has also served on the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation’s Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board and has been a delegate to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Delegate Assembly.

Dr. Wojcik has been teaching and mentoring physical therapy students for the past 26 years; she joined GSU’s Physical Therapy Department faculty in 2000. Most recently, Dr. Wojcik assumed the position of Physical Therapy Department chair.

Bowl-O-Rama
Let's Get Fit! presents the GSU Bowling Challenge on Tuesday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at Lakewood Bowl in Richton Park, and is open to faculty, staff, students, and their family members. The cost is only $1 per game and shoes are only $2.85. Individuals and departments are encouraged to challenge one another. For more information, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

Engle Chalks Up Another Award

Jan Engle of the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design recently received a 2010 Blackboard Catalyst Award. She was one of only 11 individuals recognized in the Exemplary Course Program category, and was specifically recognized for her exemplary online courses.

“Her outstanding development work has played a major role in developing the foundations of the graduate certificate program on online teaching and the multiple awards earned by these courses is an important indicator of the outstanding quality of this program,” noted Charles Nolley, Director of Division of Digital Learning and Media Design.

Winners will be formally recognized at BbWorld, Blackboard’s Annual Conference, on July 15.

According to Ray Henderson, president of Blackboard Learn, “...thought-leadership, creativity and passion exhibited by each of these Catalyst Award winners inspires and reminds us that together we are transforming the lives of individuals, families, and the communities in which they live.”

Roller Coaster Days

Fly like the Caped Crusader on Batman The Ride or raise your hands over your head while speeding in the wooden, roller coaster American Eagle. Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee have collaborated to present Governors State Day at Great America.

The cashier’s office has discounted Great America tickets for sale for only $26. Tickets include admission to the theme park and Hurricane Harbor, the water park.

Tickets are valid for one day admission only on July 23, 24, August 7, or 8. Take the family and enjoy the day!

Friends with Purpose

The Friends of the GSU Library will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, July 14, from noon until 1 p.m., in the library conference room. Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch and your wonderful ideas!

New members, old members, curious visitors - Welcome!
Have Suitcase, Will Travel

Pierre the Penguin lives by his new motto. GSU’s unofficial mascot is enjoying his summer of vacations with students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Pierre enjoyed his recent trip to Washington, D.C. with Lydia Morrow Ruetten of the University Library. T.J. Wang of CBPA sent pictures of Pierre in Taiwan visiting Taipei 101, the second tallest building in the world.

See more of Pierre’s travel photos. Visit the GSU Facebook fan page. If you want to take Pierre on a trip, visit Pierre’s webpage to learn how you can pick up your own Pierre, submit photos to the album, and enter the GSU View photo contest.

Happy New (Fiscal) Year! (07-01-10)

It is a new fiscal year. Financial Services and Procurement want to remind at faculty and staff that outstanding invoices and travel forms must be submitted immediately for FY10 work received/completed by June 30.

When preparing requisitions for FY11, you must complete the entire form, or it will be returned. Contracts, bids, and purchase orders for FY11 are initiated. Training sessions will be scheduled for the new Procurement Code that begins July 1. Call the Procurement Office or email Tracy Sullivan with questions.

Please note:

1. GSU will not be able to pay for any work done prior to a fully executed contract
2. Nothing may be ordered without a purchase order
3. Due to new State approvals required, Procurement Office processing time may not be as efficient as in the past. Contact the Procurement Office if you require assistance in your planning.

Holiday Schedule

A note from Gail Bradshaw, Director of Human Resources:

As you are aware, the July 4 holiday is on Sunday this year therefore university employees will have Monday, July 5 off as a holiday. During that week, employees who are on a Monday thru Thursday, 4 day per week Summer Schedule, will maintain their summer hours schedule. That is Monday, July 5 will be a holiday and the campus will be closed. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be regular summer hour workdays – 9.5 hours on Tuesday, 9.5 hours on Wednesday, and 9 hours on Thursday.
If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at extension 4100.

**Battaglia on the Move**

Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu announced recently the appointment of Nick Battaglia as Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Services effective today.

In his memo to the university community, Dr. Ejigu noted Battaglia’s leadership and coordinating skills as well as his varied and lengthy experience in many facets of administration and admissions processes. “Nick will provide leadership and coordination for a wide variety of GSU's student enrollment related functional and service units,” wrote Dr. Ejigu. “In this capacity, Nick will be working closely with staff in these units as well as those in our colleges to ensure that GSU achieves the enrollment growth goals of Strategy 2015.”

Battaglia is leaving his position as Coordinator for Academic Services in the College of Education. While he is only moving across campus, COE hosted a bon voyage party that included good company, good food, and, of course, Pierre the Penguin. Pierre will accompany Battaglia to his new office.

**Let’s Get Fit! Summer Rally**

Hey fitness fans – don’t miss the Let’s Get Fit! Summer Rally today, at noon, in the Hall of Honors. Attendees will learn about project updates and new rules for July. Plus you can pick up your July fitness record card, turn in your June cards, and receive rewards for exercising.

If you’re not already a part of Let’s Get Fit!, join today. Sign up for the Let’s Get Fit! program in the Department Human Resources or at the rally.

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**Halvorson Talks Business**

On June 3, 2010, 11th District Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson hosted Karen Mills, of the U.S. Small Business Administration, at a small business roundtable at the Panduit Corporation World
Headquarters in Tinley Park. Hilary Burkinshaw, Don Brozek, and Bob Rakstang representing CenterPoint at Governors State University and Janet Kuester (CenterPoint client) of the Music Connection were among the limited number of invited guests at the event.

“We had the opportunity to talk to Administrator Mills and Congresswoman Halvorson about the Illinois SBDC at CenterPoint and they in turn were both very supportive of our efforts at Governors State University,” said Burkinshaw. Comments from roundtable participants regarding the frustration they share about financing availability and the role small businesses will play in the economic recovery were underscored by Administrator Mills and Congresswomen Halvorson. Both referenced pending congressional action designed to increase SBA lending for the region’s small business financing needs.

See the White Sox in Style

Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are invited to join the GSU Alumni Association during GSU White Sox Day at U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, August 29. Wear your black and white colors to show support of both GSU and the White Sox as they battle the New York Yankees. Mingle with co-workers and alumni during a 90-minute reception prior to the game. There will be unlimited food and drink including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and more, as well as wine, and Miller and Pepsi products. The cost for both the reception and the game is only $84.

To order tickets or for more information, call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128, or e-mail Alumni Relations.

Annual Psych and Counseling Awards

The Division of Psychology and Counseling recently awarded its highest honors to both students and faculty.

Vilma Matthews of Hazel Crest was named the graduate psychology student of the year. Greg Severin of Lansing earned the undergraduate psychology student of the year award. Jessica Specht of Country Club Hills was named counseling student of the year. Dr. Shea Dunham, assistant professor and Counseling Lab Coordinator at GSU, was awarded 2010 Faculty of the Year Award.

Dr. Shannon Dermer, Chair of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, presented certificates to each of the honorees and the students were also awarded a gift card.

“These are given to students who have shown great dedication to their studies and to realizing their goals within the Counseling and Psychology degree programs,” said Dr. Dermer. “Dr. Dunham was recognized for her achievements as an educator and for her work.
coordinating the extensive services of the GSU Counseling Lab, which offers free counseling services to individuals, couples, and families. We are very proud of all this year's honorees.”

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**Pierre in the Big Apple**

It did not take Pierre the Penguin long to sample the sights, sounds, hustle, and bustle of New York City. He hitched a ride with Eric Matanyi of Public Affairs and enjoyed it all - from Time Square to the Empire State Building. From all accounts, he had a great time, but he is eager to hit the road again, see more sights, and have more adventures.

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