News and Events

The 1980s Are Back

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 Jenzabar 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.