News and Events

Hispanic Heritage Month Festivities (9-30-10)

The annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month continues at GSU features music, food, a presentation, and other activities.

- During the Flag Contest, the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee invites you to test your knowledge. Entry forms are available at the Welcome Center; completed entries must be received no later than September 30.
- On Thursday, September 30, the ALAS Club will sponsor a taco sale from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- On Tuesday, October 5, Mexican folk dancers will perform from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- A program on Wednesday, October 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, will examine the influence of Latin music and the history of Hispanic contributions to music. The program will include a live performance by a Latin music group.
- A taco sale on Tuesday, October 5 from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Steak, chicken, and pork tacos will be sold for $1.50 each. On Wednesday, October 6, a tamale sale is scheduled from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Prices are $12 per dozen, or $1 for each tamale. For pre-orders, interested persons can contact Angelica Hernandez at 773.931.2888.

Hispanic Heritage Month activities are sponsored by Student Life, Association of Latino American Students, and the Latino Center for Excellence.

Carlson Part of History - Again

Dr. Jon Carlson taught the first master’s level class in counseling at GSU in 1971. It was part of the M.S. in Human Relations Services.

“There were no classrooms then. We were still in the warehouse, but it was new and very exciting. We were creating our own tradition,” recalls Carlson.

Almost 40 years later, Carlson is part of another GSU first. He is teaching a class in the first doctoral program in the College of Education, the Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Carlson is gratified to see a doctoral program in counseling at GSU.
“We were told we would never have a doctoral program here. We made proposal after proposal. We continually fought the policy. Now we have our first academic doctorate.”

The doctoral program admits 12 students each year. Graduates will be qualified to teach at the university level.

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**Bollywood Comes to GSU - For Free**

Members of the GSU community can attend a free dress rehearsal tonight (Thursday) of *The Merchants of Bollywood*, a musical dance spectacular that has been a smash hit in Europe, Asia, and Australia. The dress rehearsal begins at 8 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. *The Merchants of Bollywood*, currently touring the U.S., will be presented Friday and Saturday at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.

*The Merchants of Bollywood* is loosely based on the real-life story of the Merchant family dynasty in India, whose members have been prominent choreographers and filmmakers since the beginning of the Hindi film industry in the 1920s. The musical has been described as “an Indian version of the Billy Elliot story.” It was the first Bollywood production to tour straight from Film City in Mumbai.

No tickets are necessary for this performance. However, persons attending the dress rehearsal are asked to:

- Be on time and plan to stay for the entire performance of about two hours.
- Understand that there may be occasional interruptions in the
flow of the show.
- Remain quiet during the show and any pauses that may occur during the show. Applause is acceptable at the end of each act.
- Not bring any food or drinks into the theatre. No concessions will be available.
- Not talk to the technical staff, cast, or any production personnel connected with the show.
- Turn off all cell phones while in the theatre.

No cameras, recorders, or video equipment will be allowed in the theatre.

Fall Sculpture Tours

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Free guided tours of the park will take place on Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, October 17, at 2 p.m. Tours begin on the patio behind the Hall of Governors in D wing at the university and last approximately one and a half hours. Comfortable footwear is recommended as there is extensive walking and occasionally the paths are uneven.

Visit the Sculpture Park website or call ext. 4486 for more information.

Intellectual Life Grants Available

Intellectual Life Grants are again being awarded for events at GSU that promote the arts, humanities, and other intellectual pursuits.

Interested persons have until October 29 to apply for up to $500 to help fund events taking place next year between January 24 and April 29. Grants may be used for events such as lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, can apply for grants. GSU students are the primary audience for these events, although they should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection criteria include: value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life, strategies for promoting the event, whether events can be completed within the Spring 2011 semester, and feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding. Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or to purchase hardware or software.

The accompanying form should be completed in Microsoft Word and
submitted to Committee Chair Diane Dates Casey. She should also be contacted for further information about Intellectual Life Grants. Award winners will be notified by November 19.

Download Info Letter and Application

CBPA Grad Program Open House

The College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, October 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on graduate programs in business administration, public administration, management information systems, and accounting, as well as admission requirements and financial aid will be presented. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators to have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. The $50 application fee will be waived for applicants who apply and submit official transcripts at the open house. A continental breakfast will be served.

For more information or to RSVP by Thursday, October 7, call 708.534.4391.

Volunteers For Table Tennis Tournament

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Volunteer orientation will be held before the tournament begins, on November 20, at 8 a.m. Students, faculty, and staff are all eligible to volunteer. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Caesar Smith at 708.534.6360.

Hispanic Heritage Profile - Antonia C. Novello

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is providing little-known facts about the contributions of Hispanics in the United States.

In 1990, Antonia Novello became both the first Hispanic and the first woman to be appointed as Surgeon General, the chief doctor in the United States.

As a child, Novello experienced chronic illness. She never forgot that experience. As surgeon general, Novello campaigned for better care for children. She also paid special attention to the problems of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS, and violence.

IRiS Advisory Group Hears Team Progress (09-27-10)
In a session last Wednesday in the Hall of Honors, the IRIS Project Campus Wide Advisory Group met for the first time.

After an introduction to the IRIS Project website from Executive Director Sandi Gieson, team leaders gave the Advisory Group updates on progress in the implementation process: Christine Radtke – Advancement, Linda Buyer – Data Standards, Yakeea Daniels – Student Teams, Karen Kissel – Finance, Greg Kain – Portal, and Gail Bradshaw – Human Resources.

It was clear from the reports that the IRIS Project has been keeping the teams busy. The Advancement Team recently had four days of training, followed by homework. Data Standards meets once a week for two hours preparing existing data for the move to the Colleague software; team members are also deciding on field codes for Colleague. Two Student Teams have completed their first three-day training sessions.

The Finance Team is near finalizing the general ledger accounts for Colleague. After several training and consulting sessions, the Portal Teams have the new GSU portal up and running in a testing environment. Human Resources, slated as the first team to “go live” in January, 2011, has critical deadlines this week.

Campus Wide Advisory Group leaders, Drs. Beth Cada and Jim Howley, said they were pleased by the teams’ progress and are looking forward to live simulations and testing.

**FDC Parent University**

While parenting does not come with a handbook, there is help for parents facing the often-perplexing questions about what is best for their children. The Family Development Center at GSU is sponsoring Parent University, a series of free presentations designed to give parents the information and insight they need to address the issues, questions, and problems that come with raising children.

Parent University begins on Monday, October 3, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Dr. Cyrus Ellis, Associate Professor of Counseling at GSU, will present *Raising African American Boys to Men; A workshop for fathers.*

Dr. Jon Carlson, Professor of Counseling, will present *Helping Your Child to Develop Self-Discipline* on Wednesday, October 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

More guidance for parents comes from Dr. Shannon Dermer, associate professor and chair of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, on Wednesday October 27, from 5 to 7:30 pm. She will discuss *Winning the Whining War.*

Each month through May 2011, Parent University will continue with presentations by experts designed to provide parents with valuable information and tools. Parent University at GSU is made possible by an award from the U.S. Department of Education.

All presentations are free and open to the public. They are held at the Family Development Center. For more information, visit the FDC website.
Forensics/Debate Comes to GSU

GSU’s newly formed Forensics/Debate Team is preparing for its first competitive tournament next month.

"We’re starting out slow," said faculty sponsor Arness Krause, Adjunct Professor of Communications Studies. "We are taking small bites out of the apple. But we have some talented, experienced team members and expect to be ready for completion in October."

Forensics refers to speech and debate that must be able to pass a legal litmus test, Krause said. For that reason, intercollegiate forensics is often confused with the crime-solving techniques on TV shows like “CSI.” As a different type of forensics, those law enforcement practices must also withstand legal scrutiny, she said.

During forensics competition, students present several types of oral interpretation – persuasive speech, humorous and dramatic readings, poetry, and samples of their own writing. Forensics is new to GSU but teams at Prairie State College, Joliet Junior College, Moraine Valley Community College, and other schools have been competing for years, Krause said.

“Experienced forensics students were transferring to GSU from their community colleges, but there was no team,” she said. “I talked to them and found out they were very interested in starting a GSU forensics team.”

This fall, Krause announced the formation of the forensics team and was heartened by the response. Fifteen students came to the first meeting, with eight forming the core of the team.

"We already have some heavy-hitters who progressed to national competition on the community college level," she said.

Krause also believes the forensics team offers a prime opportunity to connect with community college students who might transfer to GSU. Forensics workshops at Prairie State and JJC are already in the works.

In coming weeks, team members will be practicing for the tournament circuit, which begins October 10 at Moraine. The tournament season lasts through April.

Students interested in joining the Forensics/Debate Team can contact Arness Krause.

Hispanic Heritage Fact - Federico Peña

Federico Peña was the highest-ranking Hispanic member of President Bill Clinton’s administration. He worked to improve aircraft safety as Secretary of Transportation from 1993 to 1997. Peña was Secretary of Energy from 1997 to 1998. In that position, he also focused on improving energy research and supporting school access to the Internet.

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Taste of Jamaica

The College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring a presentation by Ann Marie Webster, former educator in Jamaica. Learn how culture, food, and history are connected. Taste three traditional Jamaican dishes, and view *Life and Debt*, a documentary film on the impact of the IMF, the World Bank, and current globalization policies in Jamaica.

Experience the culture and history of the Caribbean on October 5, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

This event is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Johnson at ext. 7531.

Last Farmers Market of the Season

Thursday is the last day of the GSU Farmers Market. The market is now located just west of the main entrance. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m.

The GSU Farmers Market has fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads, delectable desserts, and yummy pizza, as well as natural products, jewelry, and crafts.

Green Lawns – Safe Earth

*Chemical Reaction: The Story of a True Green Revolution* will be presented Saturday, October 2, at 1 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The film explores how the elimination of lawn pesticides transformed one Canadian community and impacted the chemical lawn care industry in North America.

The film is sponsored by GSU, the Park Forest Environmental Commission, and the Thorn Creek Audubon Society. GSU students with a university ID can attend the screening for free. A $10 donation from other viewers is requested.

A panel discussion on natural lawn care will follow the film screening.

GMAT Prep at GSU

CBPA is offering a GMAT preparation course. The non-credit course prepares students who plan to take the GMAT, an admission requirement for many graduate programs.

The GMAT Prep Series concentrates on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GMAT. Topics to be reviewed include data sufficiency, ratios and proportions, word problems, fractions, and percentages, as well as reading comprehension, critical reasoning, sentence correction, and analytical writing.

This series will be offered on Saturdays, October 9, 16, 23, and 30, and November 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room B2202. The cost of the six sessions is $300.
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Registration and payment is required before the first class. For more information or to register, contact the CBPA Advising Office at 708.534.4391 or BPA-INFO@govst.edu.

The End of Summer?

Although the Pierre photo contest is officially over, he is not yet ready to put an end to his adventures.

After almost getting eaten by Susan and Bob Rakstang’s pooch Tony, our fine feathered friend got off to a getter start with Karen D’Arcy’s dog Lillie.

Pierre also made friends with a giant orange moose at a Michigan truck stop while travelling with Lindsay Gladstone.

Provost Terry Allison caught Pierre napping in the Pasadena Botanical Gardens. I can't think of a better way to end the day.

Get It Fresh at GSU (09-23-10)

Today is the day to check out the GSU Farmers Market. The market is now located along the west lane of Carillon Drive. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m., every Thursday through September.

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Jenzebar Maintenance Postponed

The IT maintenance originally scheduled for September 24-26, has been postponed. All Jenzebar systems, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be fully available during that period.

Drive In Family Fun at GSU

Family fun is coming to GSU on Saturday, September 25. Students can bring their families and enjoy activities that include games, arts and crafts, balloon sculptures, and caricature drawings, from 4 to 7 p.m., in D Lot. At 7 (or sundown), pull the car into E Lot, roll down the window, and enjoy The Karate Kid starring Jackie Chan and Jaden Smith, with your family.

Hispanic Heritage - Severo Ochoa
Severo Ochoa, (1905–1993), won the Nobel Prize in 1959 for medicine. He received the prize for his discovery of the process that enabled the creation of RNA in a test tube. His research is a major contribution to physiological and medical understanding and research. During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is providing little-known facts about the contributions of Hispanics in the United States.

**Going lean**

Let’s Get Fit is hosting a complimentary information meeting for *Weight Watchers at Work* on Tuesday, September 28, from 12:30 to 1 p.m., in Room F1603.

Participants can sign up for the next *Weight Watchers at Work* session – 14 weeks for three monthly payments of $56. New registrants will also receive 14 weeks of free online e-tools access and a free basic training cookbook, while supplies last.

**SPSS workshop**

COE will sponsor an *Introduction to Using SPSS* workshop on Friday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Room D34011. Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator for the workshop on SPSS, a computer program used for statistical analysis. The workshop is open to GSU faculty and staff.

Topics to be covered include an overview of SPSS, a brief tour, coding and entering data, transforming data, and basic descriptive analysis.

Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact Dr. Johnson.

**1930s Britain in Film**

Britain in the 1930s will be illustrated in a screening of several documentary films on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The films are *Housing Problems* (1935), *Eastern Valley* (1937), *Coal Face* (1935), and *BBC: The Voice of Britain* (1935).

Dr. Rosemary Johnsen of the English Department will introduce the films and lead the discussion after the screening. Refreshments will served. The event is free.

The film series is coordinated by Dr. Johnsen and Dr. Christopher White of CAS and funded by an Intellectual Life Grant.

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Twenty Questions Plus One with Yevette Brown

Yevette Brown, Coordinator of Instructional Development, Division of Digital Learning and Media Design

- Who was your most inspirational teacher? Unfortunately, I cannot remember his name, but to this day I see his face. He was my high school English teacher and the first to recognize my writing ability and encourage my college aspirations.

- What is your favorite yearly event at GSU? Without a doubt, ARTFEST!

- True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil. True, of course! You could sauté shoe leather in it and it would taste heavenly.

- A really great night out for me is... A great movie and a new restaurant find. I'm a dedicated film buff and foodie!

- My favorite spot in the Chicago area is... I could say Michigan Avenue because I love to shop, but my heart would say the jagged rocks along the lake at 67th and Lake Shore Drive. It was the site of a final date with my greatest love, my mother.


- Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Explain. It's the newest one in the collection, not listed the brochure, right outside the window in the main entrance foyer. It's surrounded by grey rocks and looks like an ancient symbol. You should see it in the morning sun with snow. Beautiful!

- My five all-time favorite movies are... Independence Day, The Joy Luck Club, Forrest Gump, Julie and Julia, and The Day the Earth Stood Still. (The original, with Michael Rennie, 1951!)

- Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly? Invisibility. Sometimes we all would just like to disappear.

- What’s a vacation spot you’d recommend to others? London. I enjoy history and every step is like a flash to the past.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. I was born in New Orleans and make a serious gumbo from a 150-year-old family recipe. It is taught to one family member from each generation and I'm currently teaching it to my son.
To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan.

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“Statistics show that about one in four adults in the United States suffers from a diagnosable mental disorder,” said Tamekia Scott, ARC Outreach Counselor. “We want the public to know conditions like depression and anxiety are highly treatable and that people with these illnesses can lead productive, fulfilling lives.”

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**Pierre at his Best (09-20-10)**


GSU’s favorite penguin, Pierre, traveled to all these destinations – and more – during 2010’s whirlwind vacation season.

When GSU View announced the *Take Pierre on Vacation* contest on May 13, we had no idea where Pierre would go or who would take him. Before long, he was off to the Great Wall of China, Stonehenge in the U.K., and the White House. Pierre traveled in boats, cars,
and planes. He visited Elvis’ digs at Graceland, toured a battleship in Seattle, splashed on beaches from Michigan to the Caribbean, and marveled at the Grand Canyon and the Grand Tetons.

About 400 photos were submitted by close to 50 members of the GSU family. At GSU View, we are humbled by the magnificent response, and thank all of you who included Pierre in your vacation plans.

With so many great entries in the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, it is little wonder that the GSU View had a tough time choosing the images that best captured our fun-loving, adventuresome, lens-hogging, unofficial mascot. In true beauty contest fashion, we begin our announcement with the five runners up. These are photos that were just too good not to include amongst our winning entries. These winners will receive a pair of GSU binoculars to help them keep an eye on Pierre.

- Jackie Small of Institutional Advancement for Pierre in Egypt
- Sudipta Roy of CBPA for Pierre at Niagara Falls
- Cheri Garey of the Alumni Association for Pierre at the Acropolis in Greece
- Nancy Kaczmarczyk of SXL for Pierre touring the Alaskan Glaciers
- Selina Ward of the Business Office and Monique Doyle of the Cashier’s Office for Pierre on the town in New Orleans

The two First Place winners will receive a GSU blanket and the book, Pierre the Penguin, A True Story about a real, live Pierre.

- Carlos Ferran of CBPA for Pierre in the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru
- CHHS student Anna Jannak for Pierre’s visit to the Hollywood star of a very close family friend, Burgess Meredith

The Grand Prize winner will receive two tickets to interact with live penguins in the Penguin Experience at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and the book, Pierre the Penguin, A True Story.

And now (drum roll, please) the Grand Prize winner is...
Lydia Morrow Ruetten for Pierre traveling through the precarious waters of Louisiana’s Pearl River

GSU View still has a stockpile of great images of Pierre, which we will continue to run. And, while the contest is officially over, we know Pierre still loves to travel. If you catch him apple picking in Michigan or skiing in Vale, send us some photos. We will be pleased to post Pierre updates in the View.

**CFI Team Meets IRiS**

As IRiS Project training continues this week, the Curriculum & Faculty Information (CFI) Process Team is participating in three full days of Best Practices training.

During training, CFI team members are learning how to create and maintain courses, create and manage scheduled course sections, assign rooms, and create academic programs. Training also includes faculty record creation, instructor and advisor assignments, tracking committee membership/sponsorship, and the maintenance of office hours.

The course is designed to provide a solid foundation for managing institutional curriculum and faculty assignments, and implement recommended best practices designed to maximize the efficient and effective planning and managing of course catalog and course section schedules.

Participants will focus on these course topics and outcomes:

- Discussing institutional hierarchy and its importance in creating courses and academic programs.
- Creating academic programs and assigning catalog years.
- Defining and maintaining course descriptions, effective dates, and requisites and restrictions.
- Creating and publishing course section offerings, maintaining instructor assignments, and scheduling section meeting times and locations.
- Creating course and section blocks for block registration.
- Discussing the impact of equating courses and determining when courses should be equated.

CFI team members include Colleen Rock, Shannon Dermer, Colleen Sexton, Debbie Kappel, Bonnie Simpson, Michelle Smith-Williams, Jackie Johnson, Bonnie Lunde, Diane Jones, Bill Yacullo, Belinda Hudson, and Veronica Hunt.

**Temporarily Off Line**

All Governors State Jenzabar products, including CX (Cars),
MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from 6 p.m. on Friday, September 24 through approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 26. IT apologizes for the inconvenience.

For more information, contact the HELP desk at ext. 4357.

**No Line Book Advances**

GSU Students now have an alternative to standing in line for their book advance cards.

Beginning this fall, eligible students can authorize a direct deposit of a $700 book advance into their bank account. Students are eligible if they receive financial aid and have enough aid to cover tuition and fees plus the amount of the book advance. This week, students will be notified by mail about the new program.

To take part in the new, direct deposit program, students must complete the form that is mailed to them, and return it, along with a voided check or savings account slip, to the GSU Cashier's Office by November 30. The form must be returned in the pre-paid envelope that is sent to students.

Book advance money will be deposited into the student’s account during the first week of January. Students will receive notification that the direct deposit has been processed in an email to their GSU iMail address.

For further information, students should contact the Cashier's Office at 708.235.7424.

**Converse with the Provost**

Join Provost Terry Allison for an informative discussion on academic matters and other university-wide topics. All members of the GSU community are invited to attend the Student, Faculty, and Staff Forum on Thursday, September 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall.

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**Understand the Issues**

Constitution Day will be observed with a panel discussion, *Controversies in the Constitution*, on September 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Panelists include GSU faculty members Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of Social Sciences; Dr. Will Kelley, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies; and Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, academic coordinator of Criminal Justice program. Dr. Larry Levinson, director of the University Honors program and academic coordinator of Political and Justice Studies, will contribute and moderate the discussion.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and Student Life. For more information, call ext. 4552.

**Restorative Justice Week Activities**

Restorative Justice comes to Governors State University during a weeklong series of informative presentations. Demonstrations and discussions will define restorative justice and explain how it works, how to initiate restorative justice practices, victim offender conferencing and the peer jury, and its importance in helping create more effective conflict resolution procedures in schools, at home, at work, and in communities.

Presentations are from September 20 through 23, from 3 to 4:20 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Each presentation is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not necessary.

Restorative Justice Week is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Joanne Smith at ext. 2233.

**Open House for CBPA Graduate Programs**

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Hispanic Heritage – Nancy Lopez

Nancy Lopez is one of the greatest women golfers of all time. She began to play golf at age eight. She was only twelve when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur tournament. Lopez has won 48 titles and is one of the top pro golf money winners of all time. In 1989, she was inducted into the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame.

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Vaccinations at GSU

Free Flu Shots will be given at GSU on Thursday, October 28, to all insured employees and insured retirees. Dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, students, and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are not eligible for this free flu shot.

Information on times and location will be announced soon. Contact Julia Jamison at ex. 7468 with questions.

Convocation 2010 (09-16-10)

Governors State University is like “a strong sailing craft in increasingly troubled waters,” President Elaine P. Maimon said at Wednesday’s Convocation.

In her annual State of the University address, Dr. Maimon said GSU is making steady progress toward becoming a model university for the 21st century – even as Illinois struggles through the worst fiscal crisis in state history and its public universities are suffering from an ever declining level of support.

Despite severe challenges on the state level, GSU has recorded significant achievements during the past year, Dr. Maimon said. Among the bright spots:

- The Higher Learning Commission continued GSU’s accreditation through 2020.
- The university awarded its first doctoral degrees in June 2010.
- The Illinois Board of Higher Education and HLC approved a fourth doctoral degree program, in Counselor Education and Supervision.
- The university received $16 million in federal grants that will be used for teacher training, Early Head Start, and training health care professionals.
- This fall, undergraduate student credit hours have increased 8.23 percent.
- With the awarding of new data processing contracts this year, and the start of the IRiS Project, GSU is undergoing a dramatic transformation of all key university functions.

Dr. Maimon announced that the Illinois Capital Development Board has
given GSU the green light for the long-awaited renovation of the E and F science wings. The state has released $23.5 million for the project and GSU has received an additional $2.3 million from the National Science Foundation. “So, with over $25 million to work with, we are building state of the art science teaching and research facilities for our students and our faculty,” she said. Construction is scheduled to begin early in the new calendar year.

Kathy Miller, Institutional Research Data Coordinator and former Civil Service Senate President, received this year’s Gerald C. Baysore Award, the university’s highest honor.

Dr. Maimon presented Excellence Awards to three faculty members: Taida Kelly, Assistant Professor in the College of Education; Marilyn Yirku, Academic Coordinator of Communication Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Daniel Nearing, Academic Coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging Program, in CAS.

Sweet Campaign

It is very sweet that members of the GSU community have the opportunity to support the many facets of the university - from the scholarship funds to The Center for Performing Arts - through the Campus Community Campaign.

The annual campaign kicks on Thursday, September 16, at noon, in the cafeteria with music and sweet treats. A dessert bar, open to participants, will be offered in the cafeteria annex. Qualified new and continuing donors will receive a sweet gift from the GSU Foundation.

For more information, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

Provost Forum – Sept. 23

Join Provost Terry Allison for an informative discussion on academic matters and other university-wide topics. All members of the GSU community are invited to attend the Student, Faculty, and Staff Forum on Thursday, September 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall.

Great Idea!

Dr. Anthony Andrews of CBPA was recognized for his winning Why Not? suggestion, which was to create a backdrop with the GSU logo so it can be used at public events and announcements to help further university name recognition. Dr. Andrews idea has already been put to good use. The backdrop was unveiled at Convocation.

At a brief ceremony in the cafeteria, Dr. Maimon acknowledged both Dr. Andrew's excellent idea and his generosity. Dr. Andrews donated his $100 prize to the GSU student scholarship fund. Joining Dr. Andrews and Dr. Maimon at lunch were Dr. Terry Allison, Provost, and Dr. Sandra Mayfield, Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of the Why Not? program.

Everyone present in the cafeteria was invited to enjoy a piece of cake and to submit their good ideas to Why Not?.

GSU Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

A number of Hispanic Heritage Month events at GSU are taking place between now and October 15. The annual celebration will feature music, food, a Distinguished Lecture, and other activities.

- During the Flag Contest, the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee invites you to test your knowledge. Entry forms are available at the Welcome Center; completed entries must be received no later than September 30.
- On Thursday, September 16, the Latin American Countries Poster Presentation and Taste of Latin America will take place from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- On Wednesday, September 22, from 5 to 6:15 p.m., Latin Dance with Maribel Vazquez is slated for the Hall of Governors. Learn new moves and have some fun.
- Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz of DePaul University will present a Distinguished Lecture on The State of Latinos in Higher Education on Tuesday, September 28, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.
- On Thursday, September 30, the ALAS Club will sponsor a taco sale from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- On Tuesday, October 5, Mexican folk dancers will perform from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- A program on Wednesday, October 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, will examine the influence of Latin music and the history of Hispanic contributions to music. The program will include a live performance by a Latin music group.

Hispanic Heritage Month activities are sponsored by Student Life, Association of Latino American Students, and the Latino Center for Excellence.

New IRB Leadership
Dr. Robert Druzinsky recently announced that he will step down as co-chair of GSU’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) to devote more time to scholarship. Druzinsky assisted in the process of securing the first Federal Wide Assurance for the IRB and has played a key role in addressing Federal compliance and human subjects’ protection. Thanks to Robert for his many years of service.

Effective immediately, Dr. James "Chip" Coldren will act as co-chair of the IRB, with current IRB co-chair Dr. Becky Nugent, Coordinator of the Writing Center. Coldren is the Academic Coordinator for the university’s Criminal Justice programs and is co-director of the GSU’s Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration. Nugent is the coordinator of GSU’s Writing Center.

2010 Restorative Justice Week

Restorative Justice comes to Governors State University during a weeklong series of informative presentations. Demonstrations and discussions will define restorative justice and explain how it works, how to initiate restorative justice practices, victim offender conferencing and the peer jury, and its importance in helping create more effective conflict resolution procedures in schools, at home, at work, and in communities.

Presentations are from September 20 through 23, from 3 to 4:20 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Each presentation is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not necessary.

Restorative Justice week is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Joanne Smith at ext. 2233.

New Deal Films

Two classic documentaries from the New Deal era will be presented Wednesday, September 22, at 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The River (1938) and The City (1939) are the first films to be shown as part of a GSU film series, Archiving the 1930s: Art, Politics, and Early Documentary Filmmaking. Additional film screenings are planned during the series.

Running time for the two films is 75 minutes. Dr. Christopher White of the English Department will introduce the films and lead the discussion after the screening. Refreshments will served.

The film series is coordinated by Dr. White and Dr. Rosemary Johnsen of CAS, and funded by an Intellectual Life Grant.

Constitution Day Conversation

Constitution Day will be observed with a panel discussion, Controversies in the Constitution, on September 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.
Panelists include GSU faculty members Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of Social Sciences; Dr. Will Kelley, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies; and Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, academic coordinator of Criminal Justice program. Dr. Larry Levinson, director of the University Honors program and academic coordinator of Political and Justice Studies, will contribute and moderate the discussion.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and Student Life. For more information, call ext. 4552.

**GSU Distinguished Lecture**

The GSU Distinguished Lecture Series presents Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz on Tuesday, September 28, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Dr. Ortiz, Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity at DePaul University, will discuss *The State of Latinos in Higher Education*. The lecture is being presented as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

An expert with more than 20 years of experience in higher education, Elizabeth F. Ortiz was promoted to vice president for Institutional Diversity and Equity in 2006 after serving as senior executive for institutional diversity for four years.

This event is free and open to the public.

**A Green Revolution**

*Chemical Reaction: The Story of a True Green Revolution* will be presented Saturday, October 2, at 1 p.m. in Sherman Hall. The film explores how the elimination of lawn pesticides transformed one Canadian community and impacted the chemical lawn care industry in North America.

The film is sponsored by GSU, the Park Forest Environmental Commission, and the Thorn Creek Audubon Society. GSU students with a university ID can attend the screening for free. A $10 donation from other viewers is requested.

A panel discussion on natural lawn care will follow the film screening.

**Tasty Culture**

Taste the culture and history of the Caribbean on October 5, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

The College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring a presentation by Ann Marie Webster, former educator in Jamaica. Learn how culture, food, and history are connected. Taste three traditional Jamaican dishes, and view *Life and Debt*, a documentary film on the impact of the IMF, the World Bank, and current globalization policies in Jamaica.

This event is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Johnson at ext. 7531.
**Education Speakers Bureau**

In order to foster a more collaborative relationship with the local school districts in GSU’s service area, the College of Education is creating an Education Speakers Bureau. Regional schools and school districts interested in a speaker or a specific topic will be able to tap into the expertise of a GSU faculty member. Speakers will appear free of charge.

Anyone who wishes to be a member of the Education Speakers Bureau should contact [Dr. Joseph J. Matula](mailto:matula@gsu.edu) with the following information: topic of speech, target audience, length of the presentation, and contact information.

For more information on the program, contact [Dr. Matula](mailto:matula@gsu.edu) at ext. 2122.

**Get Inked**

Get ready for international mystery and intrigue with this fall’s One Book, One University program. One Book, One University will feature *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson.

A panel of faculty and staff experts will discuss this New York Times Bestseller on Wednesday, October 13, from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Provost Terry Allison will moderate the panel which includes Rosemary Johnsen (CAS), David Green (CBPA), Cheryl Mejhta (CHHS), Shannon Dermer (COE), and Tom Houlihan (Institutional Advancement and a former newspaper editor).

Panel members will discuss the book’s themes from the perspective of their subject expertise, followed by questions, and an open conversation with the audience. Join the conversation!

One Book, One University is sponsored by GSU’s Intellectual Life Committee.

**Three Art Shows**

Jeff Stevenson, university lecturer, will present his artwork at three Chicago-area galleries in coming weeks.

*Splitting Squares*, at the Christopher Gallery at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, opens with a Thursday, October 7 reception, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition continues through November 4.

*Man’s Ideal* by Jeff Stevenson

Stevenson’s work will be displayed at Jackson Junge Gallery, 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. A reception is scheduled for Friday, October 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition continues through November 7. The Regional University and College Art Faculty Exhibition at GSU’s Visual Arts Gallery opens with a reception on a Wednesday, October 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibition continues through October 28.
Twenty Questions, Plus One - Kyla Darling

Kyla Darling, Office of the Registrar

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Handler, my high school teacher. Mrs. Handler believed in me, encouraged me, and molded me into the person that I am today.
- **What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?** Civil Service Day
- **A really great night out for me is...** Walking along the lakefront with that special someone.
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Dining at Fornello Trattoria Italian restaurant.
- **Right now I am driving a...** 2007 Toyota Camry
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Smooth Jazz
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** Purple Rain (saw it twice), Medea Goes to Jail, Drag Me To Hell, Coming to America, and Avatar.
- **What was your first job?** Jewel Food Store
- **What’s a vacation spot you’d recommend to others?** Hawaii
- **Have you ever kept a New Year’s resolution? Explain.** Nope. I tried my best, but just couldn’t do it.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. I’m an award-winning videographer.

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

Early Head Start for Babies and Infants

The Family Development Center (FDC) at Governors State University has positions open for infants, toddlers, and their parents to enroll in the new Early Head Start program.

The funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a two-year $1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. According to Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the Family Development Center, the grant will enable Governors State University to serve 72 families from Will County.

The Early Head Start program at GSU is a free, comprehensive program for low-income families. It provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, south of Joliet.

A key component of the Early Head Start program is the childcare services provided to parents who are working or in school, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional services of the program include a prenatal program 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.
For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

**Hispanic Heritage - Little-Known Facts**

Horacio Rivero of Puerto Rico was the first Hispanic American to become a four-star admiral. He achieved his four-star status in 1964.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is providing little-known facts about the contributions of Hispanics in the United States.

**IRiS Project Update (9-13-10)**

With three Datatel consultants on campus last week, three training teams learned much about the new Colleague software system and GSU’s new portal.

The teams made substantial progress toward IRiS Project goals:

- The Portal Development Team has built the shell framework for GSU’s new portal – myGSU.
- The Recruitment and Admissions team focused on best practice processes and procedures for the entire admissions cycle.
- And the Finance Operations Process Team learned how to maintain internal control standards and establish an easy-to-follow audit trail through integration.

This week, the Advancement/Alumni Team will complete four days of training. Today, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the team will learn how to manage individual and organization demographics, about privacy and security codes in Colleague, and how to segment constituents. On Thursday, the CORE Team joins the Advancement team to learn about and discuss Data Custodianship in Colleague.

Also this week, Data Migration sessions commence. Preparation to move GSU’s "legacy" data begins as Human Resources and Advancement attend remote consulting sessions.

**Convocation – This Wednesday**

Don’t miss Convocation 2010 on Wednesday, September 15, in Sherman Hall. Everyone is welcome to come a bit early for a mini ice cream social. The event will start promptly at 2:30 p.m.

President Maimon will discuss the exciting year ahead in her State of the University address. The campus will also have the chance to meet the new Provost, Dr. Terry Allison, who will MC the event. This year’s Baysore Award winner will be announced to the employee who best demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility.

Also new this year, the Excellence Award winners will be announced at the event, rather than beforehand. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.
How Sweet It Is!

It is very sweet that members of the GSU community have the opportunity to support the many facets of the university - from the scholarship funds to The Center for Performing Arts - through the Campus Community Campaign.

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For more information, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

Dealing with Anxiety

Are you stressed out? GSU will present a stress management workshop, Dealing with College Anxiety, on Tuesday, September 14, from noon to 1 p.m., in room B1241, and 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1215. Workshop participants will have access to written materials and other information on time management, study skills, and test anxiety.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the GSU community. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Tamekia Scott at ext. 2228.

Learn From the Experts

Hearing from experts in the field is often the best learning opportunity. The Master of Public Administration Club is sponsoring a panel discussion by village managers on their roles in communities they serve.

The discussion will be held on September 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. It is free and open to the public.

Panel members include Thomas Mick, village manager of Park Forest; Mark Franz, village manager of Homewood; Scott Niehaus, village manager of Tinley Park; and Bridget Watchel, village manager of Flossmoor.

Bump, Set, Spike

The GSU’s Women’s volleyball team is conducting player tryouts to finalize their team roster. All currently enrolled GSU female students with volleyball experience are encouraged to attend the evaluation session in the gymnasium on Thursday, September 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Dean Jennings in the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4945.

Computer Science, At Your Service

The Computer Science (CS) program at GSU has an offer for you. The program is seeking computer science projects for students. Any unit on
campus or business off campus with a programming problem or procedure that would benefit from a computer science solution may be eligible to have eager GSU students working to develop the answer.

According to Dr. Steve Shih, no problem is too big or too small. If the proposed computer science project is deemed eligible, CS students and professors will work with the client to determine the scope of their work and the desired result.

Projects need not be limited in length to one semester. The goal of the CS students is to gain valuable hands on experience and the goal of the client is to improve and streamline a procedure and achieve an effective “paperless” process as a result.

The CS students’ work is not in competition with the new IRiS system currently in development. The Computer Science program is seeking projects that fall outside the realm of IRiS.

For more information, or to make a proposal, contact Dr. Steve Shih.

**Refinancing Tips**

The intricacies and benefits of refinancing a mortgage will be discussed at a seminar on September 15, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. This event is free, open to the GSU community, and co-sponsored by Student Life and Citibank.

**Restorative Justice Week Presentations**

Restorative Justice at GSU is a weeklong series of informative presentations, demonstrations, and discussions that define restorative justice. Participants will learn how it works, how to initiate restorative justice practices, victim offender conferencing and the peer jury, and its importance in helping create more effective conflict resolution procedures in schools, at home, at work, and in communities.

Presentations are from September 20 through 23, from 3 to 4:20 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Each presentation is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not necessary.

Restorative Justice Week is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Joanne Smith at ext. 2233.

**Global Preparation**

Working for companies and organizations in the 21st Century requires employees to be globally competitive. To help prepare students to work in a global environment, the Office of International Services is sponsoring a workshop on Thursday, September 23, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

*How to Gain International Experience While on Campus, Abroad While at School and Outside the School Environment* will explore the global competencies and explain how to assess and apply them in a work environment.

Students are encouraged to attend and professors are asked to
encourage their students to explore new horizons. This event is free and open to the public.

**Playing the Market**

The Office of Economic Education of the College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a workshop to prepare teachers of grades five through 12 to lead their classes in the Stock Market Game.

The Stock Market Game is an online investing simulation in which teams of students start with $100,000 in imaginary money. They can buy and sell stocks, bonds, and mutual funds during the game. According to Sheryl Soltz Gallaher, Director of the Office of Economic Education, the Stock Market Game is a great way for students to enhance their reading and math skills through real-life experiences.

The workshop is on Tuesday, September 21, from 1 to 4 p.m., on campus. The workshop is free. There is also no cost for participation in the Stock Market Game.

**Volunteerism Learning on Campus**

GSU is hosting the Illinois Campus Compact Regional Dialogue on September 23, from 3 to 6 p.m., in E Lounge. The discussion will bring together 43 representatives from colleges and universities from across the State to discuss volunteerism and service learning in higher education.

The main focus of the meeting will be globalization and service learning with addresses by Dr. Deb Bordelon, Dean of the College of Education at GSU, and Dr. Mick Sanders of Elmhurst College. This meeting is open to students, faculty, and staff.

**Family Fun Fair**

Family fun is coming to GSU on September 25. Students can bring their families and enjoy activities that include games, arts and crafts, balloon sculptures, and caricature drawings, from 4 to 7 p.m., in D Lot. At 7 (or sundown), pull the car into E Lot, roll down the window, and enjoy *The Karate Kid* starring Jackie Chan and Jaden Smith, with your family.

**Drive by Book Drop Off**

Tired of looking at those dusty books in your bookcases? Or tripping over boxes of books stored in the garage?

Put those books to good use on Thursday, September 23. The GSU Friends of the Library is providing curbside collection of donated books from noon to 5 p.m., in the circle drive, front entrance. The Friends will lift the books from your car and cart them away. They will even provide a donation slip for those who would like a letter from the GSU Foundation for tax purposes.
The Friends will use the donated books in several ways. Volumes may be added to the library collection, sold in the book sale or on Amazon.com, or recycled. All funds raised are used to benefit the GSU Library.

For more information, contact Pam Taylor.

**Graduate Student Panel**

The Psychology Club is sponsoring a Graduate Student Panel to answer questions about what it takes to get into graduate school and what to expect once you are a student on Wednesday, September 22, at 5 p.m., in room G262. Cookies will be served.

**Pierre Courts Danger**

Pierre had an exciting time vacationing with Dr. Terry Allison, GSU’s new Provost. He courted danger as he traveled through Pasadena’s Huntington Gardens where a statue tried to eat him and cacti needles barred his way.

Pierre remained intrepid. He did not let a little thing like a “Do Not Enter” sign deter him. The bear in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, who mistook him for lunch, however, did make him pause.

Finally, Pierre took some time out of his Jack Bauer-like existence. He relaxed and smelled the flowers, recuperating and preparing for his next adventure.

We hope you continue to enjoy the photos of Pierre on vacation. While the contest is over, GSU will continue to run images of Pierre so keep sending them in – just for the fun of seeing what he’s up to.

Contest results should be in soon. There were so many great entries that the judges are still deliberating.

**Renovations to GSU (09-13-10)**
In order to serve our students better, GSU is embarking on an ambitious construction project to create new spaces for Student Enrollment Services and a Welcome Center in the D Building main entry atrium. The project will include a welcome/information area, student lounge, student computing areas, advising areas, financial aid assistance, cashier's window, and other student support offices.

Renovations are slated to begin in the next couple of weeks and will involve the temporary relocation of several departments, including the Dean of Students and Interdisciplinary Studies offices, which will be temporarily located in F1617. The Office of Admission will be located in a temporary structure outside of the C Building entrance (near HR and the Department of Public Safety).

It is anticipated that the project will be completed before the end of the year. **The university’s main entrance will remain open during the entire construction period.** Additional information will be available as the project progresses.

### Mail Pick Up

Effective immediately, the afternoon outgoing mail will be picked up approximately one hour earlier in accordance with the requirements of the Postmaster at University Park’s Post Office. For more information, please contact Barb Lane.

### College Anxiety Workshop

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### Table Tennis for Anyone and Everyone

The GSU table tennis facility is open to the GSU Community every Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Recreation and Fitness Center gym. Use your lunch break to pick up the paddle, and play a game or two or just volley and practice your serve. Members of the newly formed GSU Table Tennis Team will be on hand to give you a game or give you some tips. Gym shoes required.

### Community Comes to GSU

GSU is bringing the community to campus in the first annual Student Community Resource Fair on Monday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Information tables on a variety of community products, services, and resources including healthcare, banking, insurance, communication services, senior services, and shopping clubs, will be on hand.
### Student Club Officers and Advisors Lunch

Student organization and club officers and advisors are invited to an informational luncheon sponsored by Student Life on September 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the hall of Honors. The lunch will include comments from Tracy Sullivan and Lisa Carra from Procurement and Ann Manning Nagel from Financial Services.

They will share information on new procedures and guidelines for student organizations.

All officers and advisors are encouraged to attend. Club advisors and officers must pre-register. Email Sheree Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement.

### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated at GSU from September 15 to October 15 with activities and festivities. Events range from an art display to a poster presentation, to a Taste of Latin America. There will also be the opportunity to learn Latin dances, enjoy Mexican folk dancers, and Latin Music. For more details, check the View events listing.

### Constitution Day

GSU observes Constitution Day with a panel discussion on *Controversies in the Constitution* on September 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Panelists include GSU faculty members Dr. Chelsea Haring, co- academic coordinator of Social Science programs, Dr. Anthony Andrews, associate professor and research director of IBGTRI, and Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, academic coordinator of Criminal Justice program. The discussion moderator is Dr. Larry Levinson, director of the University Honors program and academic coordinator of Political and Justice Studies.

This event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Administration and Student Life.

### Tournament Volunteers Needed

Table Tennis has come to GSU with our own team and a first major competition on November 20. The NCTTA Regional Tournament will be held at GSU with teams from colleges and universities competing in the GSU Rec and Fitness Center gym.

To help make this a successful event, volunteers are needed to serves
as greeters, registration personnel, runners, and scorekeepers. You don’t need to know how to play table tennis to help. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt to wear on the day of the event and are asked to pair it with black pants and tennis shoes.

Volunteer orientation will be held before the tournament begins, on November 20, at 8 a.m. Students, faculty, and staff are all eligible to volunteer. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Caesar Smith at 708.534.6360.

**Spence Photography Exhibit**

The Visual Arts Gallery is pleased to present *Hidden Splendor of Color*, an exhibit of photographs by Jeremy Spence, a recent graduate of GSU’s Master of Fine Arts program.

This solo exhibit will open on September 13 and run through September 22. A closing reception will be held on Wednesday, September 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The images in *Hidden Splendor of Color* explore aspects of life that are frequently overlooked. Spence’s panoramic works turn everyday landscapes into vivid habitats that become eye candy for the viewer. Through the use of richly saturated colors, Spence reveals the beauty of hidden colors that exist only at night.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. It is located adjacent to E Lounge. For more information, please visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call 708.534.4017.

**Grab Your Clubs**

There is still time to take part in the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The final registration and payment due date has been extended to Tuesday, September 14.

This afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie is open to everyone, including members of the community, regardless of skill level or golfing experience. 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 SPIRIT Committee. For full information and to register, contact Hollie Campbell at ext. 7595.
Twenty Questions - Plus One

Bonnie Gregg, Academic Advisor/Counseling, Division of Psychology and Counseling

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** My first grade teacher Mrs. Olson – well into adulthood she continued to inspire me.

- **A really great night out for me is...** Any time spent with family and friends.

- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** The Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza.

- **Sox or Cubs fan? Explain.** Sox fan. I have been going to Comiskey every season since I was about 11 years old. My dad is a die-hard fan.

- **Right now I am driving a...** 2006 Toyota Corolla.

- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Brad Paisley or Dierks Bentley.

- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** Star Wars (New Hope), The Empire Strikes Back, Return of the Jedi, The Wedding Singer, and When Harry Met Sally.

- **Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?** Ability to fly – I could shorten my commute from 40 minutes to two seconds.

- **What was your first job?** I worked as a busboy at a local country club when I was 16.

- **What’s a vacation spot you’d recommend to others?** New Mexico; great weather and history.

- **The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** I frequently get caught singing enthusiastically while driving.

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

Education Video in the Making

A new innovative multimedia project, **Three Approaches To Psychotherapy: The Next Generation**, is in production at GSU. The American Psychological Association, Dr. Jon Carlson of the Department of Psychology and Counseling, and the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design are collaborating to produce the project.

The DVD under development is designed to provide an updated, interesting, and informative demonstration of three distinct, classic approaches to psychotherapy. It will echo the original video, **Three Approaches to Psychotherapy**, which featured Carl Rogers, Frederick Perls, and Albert Ellis.

The current production will be hosted by Dr. Jon Carlson and include renowned therapists Dr. Les Greenberg, Dr. Judith Beck, and Dr. Nancy McWilliams. It will also contain educational commentary in the form of interviews with therapists and clients, as well as bonus voiceover tracks for each session.
Three Approaches To Psychotherapy: The Next Generation continues a long partnership between the APA, Dr. Carlson, and DLMD, which began 10 years ago with the production of individual APA therapy training DVD's for international distribution. GSU psychology and counseling students often benefit from the visits of guest therapists through special lectures and in class instruction.

Brush Up Your Shakespeare

For more than ten years, Tony Labriola, Coordinator of Instructional Development in the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design, has helped coordinate a performance exchange between the Chicago Heights Drama Groups and the Stables Theatre Company of East Sussex-Hastings, England. Some years the exchange takes Labriola and members of the local theater group to England and others, like this year, the British troupe performs here.

This year, marking the 80th anniversary of the Chicago Heights Drama Groups, the British troupe will perform “Celebrating Shakespeare” from September 16 through 19, at The Drama Group Theatre in Chicago Heights.

“Everybody is so excited about this opportunity,” said Tony Labriola. “I always want people to walk away from a performance proud of our community and our theater. I also want them--our audience--to be excited about live theater.”

For more information, contact 708.755.3444.

Summer Fun Continues

The Take Pierre on Vacation contest is over and the judges are reviewing the many wonderful entries that poured into the GSU View. In fact, there are so many great photos, that the View will continue to run Pierre pictures. Submissions may still be made for publication in the View and on Facebook, although they will not be eligible for the contest.

Tiffani Malvin of IDSS took Pierre to The Wisconsin Dells and where he enjoyed the waves and water from the safety of his own inner tube.

The icing of the wedding cake was delicious according to Pierre who had a quick taste before the bride and groom began cutting. Pierre went to the wedding with Lillian Jung of HR and Jocelyn Jung of the Latino Center of Excellence.

Sandy Gandy and Pierre went shopping for kiwi in a market in Machida, Japan. Having made a
friend, Pierre found it hard to enjoy eating the fruit.

Pierre also enjoyed the view of the Golden Gate Bridge as he crossed the San Francisco Bay on the trip to Alcatraz Island with Bonnie Lunde of CBPA.

Dr. Maimon Welcomes Fall Students (09-02-10)

President Maimon welcomed students to the fall semester with a special message discussing the new semester schedule, campus improvements, university goals, and an invitation to convocation on September 15.

Download Dr. Maimon’s Letter to Students.

And a One, And a Two

It is time to face the music, toot your horn, tickle the ivories, get in the mood. It’s time to join the GSU Spirit Band.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to help add music to the GSU community. The GSU Spirit Band is seeking players of all instruments interested in performing a mix of classical, contemporary, and standards with friends and colleagues.

Musicians at all skill levels are asked to take a brief survey designed to determine interest, instruments, and a possible practice schedule. Be sure to include your contact information. No strings attached.

Threat Assessment = Safety

GSU recently formed a Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT). CTAT is concerned about the safety, health, and well-being of students, faculty, and staff. Policies concerning behaviors that are threatening, potentially harmful to self or others, or disruptive are in place to ensure the safety of the campus community.

All GSU students, faculty, and staff members are encouraged to visit the CTAT website to familiarize themselves with the purpose of CTAT, helpful resources and tips, threat reporting options and procedures, and contact information. Learn how to recognize and report potential threats to the health and well-being of both individuals and the community as a whole.

Please participate in Kognito’s At-Risk Online Training. Training will help you learn how to recognize potential threats to safety and how to report concerns using a Red Flag Report. The training requires only 45 minutes and can be completed in multiple sittings.

If you have questions or suggestions for CTAT, email ctab@govst.edu.
Baysore Award, Faculty Excellence, and Convocation

There is still time to nominate the best GSU employee you know for the coveted Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award, to be announced by President Maimon during Convocation, on September 15, at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, September 7. Nominations should explain how the employee demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility in their day to day work.

Written nominations should be sent to Penny Perdue, G334.

In addition to the Baysore Award, Dr. Maimon will also address the state of the university and present the winners of the Faculty Excellence Awards at Convocation. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Try Outs Next Week

There is still time to sign up for try outs for the GSU Table Tennis Team. Try outs will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to pick up a paddle and join the game. There is no limit to the number of players on the team.

To participate in the try outs, candidates must complete and submit an application form to TJ Wang by Friday, September 3.

Fresh Foods

Today is the day to check out the GSU Farmers Market. The market is now located along the west lane of Carillon Drive. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m., every Thursday through September.

The GSU Farmers Market has fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads, delectable desserts, and yummy pizza as well as natural products, jewelry, and crafts.

National Suicide Prevention Day at GSU

The Academic Resource Center will host a presentation National Suicide Prevention Day, September 8, on the warning signs of suicide and the facts and myths about suicide and prevention measures. The presentation will be from 4 to 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

An information table, located in the Hall of Governors from 2 to 5 p.m., will offer suicide prevention cards that include warning signs, and contact information for the national suicide prevention lifeline. Brochures on depression and stress management will also be available.

Academic Resource Center sponsors GSU’s National Suicide Prevention Day activities. Activities are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served during the presentation.
Twenty Questions Plus One

Jamie Tadsen
Assistant to the Interim Vice Provost of Sponsored Research and Graduate Studies

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** My most inspirational teacher was Donna Middaugh, strangely enough an Amish spinster who loved math. She taught gifted Calculus and Trigonometry in my junior and senior years in high school. She lived on the farm and taught in town, having one foot firmly planted in one world and the other foot firmly planted in another.

- **A really great night out for me is...** Going out to enjoy live music - acoustic, bluegrass, or C&W - with my wife and another couple.

- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Right next to my wife.

- **What’s the best book you’ve read in the last year?** I am partway through *Perelandra*, the second book in the C.S. Lewis’ *Space Trilogy*. It strongly reminds me that one can travel anywhere by diving into a book. Reading does not require one to stay on this planet, thankfully.

- **Right now I am driving a...** 2002 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ ton truck. We truck farm for fun. We also love going to auctions, especially farm auctions, so it comes in very handy both for produce transport and to haul treasures home.

- **Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park?** My favorite “pieces,” in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park are the living ones. They fall in two groups. The first group consists of the biped visitors. I love watching people look at a sculpture, then read the descriptive plaque, and then step back a couple of paces and take a good, hard, second look at the piece. The second group consists of dragonflies. They own the path between Hantack House and the main campus building.

- **What’s your most memorable moment at GSU?** I am taking post-graduate courses in art. On a whim, I entered two three-dimensional pieces in the Spring 2009 Student Art Show. One of them took second place. I was overjoyed, shocked, and amazed that the jurist, a professor and professional painter, chose a sculpture over some really excellent, two-dimensional work. I was even more amazed that he asked me to sell that piece to him.

- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Inside or driving: WBEZ. A different kind of reality check. At home: The birds and pond frogs in the spring; the bugs in the fall.

- **My five all-time favorite movies are...**

- What’s a vacation spot you’d recommend to others? Amish Country in Ohio. Go to Holmes County. Accommodations are clean and inexpensive and there is lots of history and culture to see. Antiques are very inexpensive compared to the Chicagoland area. There are many inexpensive restaurants serving quality, traditional American dishes. It is a known cheese and chocolate-making area.

- The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. I have jumped out of a perfectly good airplane more than 1,000 times.

To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan at t-houlihan@govst.edu.

Pierre Sees the Sights

Open wide. Right in the middle of vacation season, Pierre had to visit the dentist. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, of the University Library, took him to see Dr. Ralph Ginn, past president of the Friends of the Library and new member of the Library Advisory Board, announced Pierre cavity free and fit to take more trips.

And Pierre did just that. With Linda Proudfit of COE, Pierre enjoyed the view of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range from Westcliffe, Colorado.

John Conrad, a graduate student in CAS, also took Pierre west. They visited the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam.

Don’t forget to submit your vacation photos of Pierre to the GSU View before the September 7 deadline to be eligible to compete in the Take Pierre on Vacation contest. Photos submitted after the deadline will still be eligible for display.
in the GSU View and
on the GSU FaceBook fan page.