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News and Events

Ready to Budget

Members of the PBAC Council 2010-2011 were announced recently in a memo from Dr. Elaine Maimon. This Council serves in an advisory capacity to the President, supporting the design of the processes, systems, and structures for the strategic allocation of resources.

View the President’s memo. View the PBAC Council membership.

Generator Test This Friday

Facilities Development and Management will test all emergency generators on Friday, November 5, from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. A to G buildings, IT, and the Family Development Center may be affected with one or two anticipated “blips” of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and certain outlets). Since most wall outlets are on our standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. However FDM recommends that computer users save their work often just to be on the safe side.

Contact FDM at ext. 4515 with questions.

Ethical Reminder

Not that we are nagging, but have you completed your Ethics Training yet?

Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training Administrator, reminds all university employees to be sure to complete the mandatory State of Illinois employee training requirement by close of business on November 18. Complete it soon and get us off your back.

Discount on Dance

Buy one, get one free tickets are available for the Ailey II Dance Company’s performance on Saturday, November 6, at 8 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The regular price for each Platinum Price Range ticket is $53. With the special GSU discount, tickets are $26.50 each when purchased two at a time.

This offer begins at 10 a.m., Friday, November 5, and lasts until 7 p.m., on Saturday, and is open to students, staff, and faculty.
For tickets, call the CPA Box Office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Friday or Saturday.

Watch ABC-Channel 7 news at 11 a.m., Friday, to see Ailey II promoting its GSU performance.

**Celebrating Parent University**

Jesse Jackson, Jr., U.S. Congressman, (2nd District, IL) will join the GSU Board of Trustees, President Elaine Maimon, and the staff of the Family Development Center to celebrate the opening of the FDC’s Parent University, on November 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representative Jackson was integral in acquiring the funding for Parent University from the U.S. Department of Education. Parent University provides free workshops for parents on a variety of topics ranging from behavior management, to child enrichment, to effective parenting.

The celebration will include remarks by Representative Jackson, Dr. Maimon, and Deborah Bordelon, Dean of COE, as well as a ribbon cutting, tours, children’s performances, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

**GSU and China**

GSU’s exchange program with Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT) in Guangzhou, China, has expanded beyond the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, of the College of Education and this year’s faculty representative to GDUT, will describe her teaching and research experiences at GDUT on November 10, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

To illustrate the international collaboration the exchange program makes possible, Dr. Ruiz will discuss her research that focuses on Chinese culture and global approaches to psychology.

President Maimon, will speak about her experiences in China this summer, specifically her visit to GDUT. Visiting Chinese faculty and students will also be introduced at the event.

**Time to Eat**

GSU’s Food Service extended hours to better serve students. The cafeteria will be open Monday through Thursday until 8 p.m. Friday hours remain unchanged.

For more information, contact Bill Reich.

**Motivating your Child**

The Family Development Center and the COE Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The next workshop, *Motivating your Child*, lead by counseling professor Dr. Jon Carlson, will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from 6 to 7 p.m.
The free workshops are offered through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For a list of all the Parent University workshops, visit the Family Development Center website.

**Student Success Celebrated**

Celebrate Non-Traditional Student Week, November 7 through 12, with activities, seminars, and information to help you continue to achieve.

The week begins on Monday, November 8 with pizza, popcorn, and GSU information tables, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Operation Green, GSU’s new student club, will provide information on conservation and sustainability as well as unique giveaways on Tuesday, November 9, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

It is time to relax and have some fun at a Student Reception on Wednesday, November 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Student Commons. It is also a chance to meet your Student Senators and representatives from Student Life.

Honor veterans during *A Day of Recognition*, on November 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Engbretson Hall and the Hall of Governor. Activities include a full honor guard, information on resources and services for veterans, and presentations on issues and concerns of veterans.

For more information, call 708.534.4552.

**Commencement Speaker Nominations Needed**

Recognize the worthy, exemplary, soon-to-be graduating student! Nominations are now being accepted for Commencement Student Speaker for the winter commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011.

Nomination forms are available at the Student Life website. Both nomination forms must be completed and sent to Sheree Sanderson, no later than Tuesday, November 30. Students must be available for an interview.

**Faculty Workshop**

*Managing Problematic Students in the Class Room*, a workshop for faculty, will be held on November 16, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Included in the workshop will be information on *At Risk Training* and *the* Campus Threat Assessment Team. Faculty are encouraged to attend. Presenters are Dr. Katherine Helm and Tamekia Scott.

The workshop is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and the Academic Resource Center.

**Business and the World**

Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2010 will be celebrated at GSU from
November 8 through 18.

The celebration begins with several contests: Compete in the Logo Identification contest, the Name the Entrepreneur contest, and the Scavenger Hunt. Information is available at the CenterPoint website or offices, C3300.

Add your smile to the All Smile in the Same Language display in C building by contributing your smiling photographs to the International Services Office, C3370.

Learn all about the GSU/China Connection on November 10, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

On November 15, enjoy a cultural fair and GSU open house and get on-the-spot passport application services and small business assistance - all from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Also, on November 15, participate in a workshop on Becoming an Entrepreneur in Today’s Society, at 7:30 p.m., in G227.

Enjoy a cup and conversation at the Small World Coffee/Tea Hour on November 16, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. At 2 p.m. in Engbreton Hall, learn how to translate study abroad experience into a workplace advantage.

On November 17, CenterPoint hosts the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. On the same day, learn about study abroad opportunities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and about international volunteerism from 1 to 2 p.m., both in Engbreton Hall.

Three events are scheduled on November 18. They include a discussion of the legal aspects of post-education employment options for foreign students from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and a presentation on travel through Switzerland, Austria, and Germany from 1 to 2 p.m. Both events are in Engbreton Hall.

The events conclude on November 19, with an open house at CenterPoint, C3300, at 2 p.m. Completion results will be announced, prizes given, and refreshments served.

Everyone is welcome to these free events, which are co-sponsored by CenterPoint, and the Office of International Services.

**Student Scholarships Available**

The GSU Foundation and Alumni Association’s list of scholarships and the application form are now available online.

Interested students must apply for scholarships by November 19. Students are not eligible if they are:

- Community College Honors Scholars recipients
- University employees
- Fall 2010 Foundation scholarship recipients

Call 708.534.4105 for information.

**Dude, Show Your Gratitude**

Donors to GSU provide resources for scholarships, on-campus improvements, and other important additions to the university’s overall quality of life. You can show your thanks to donors for their generosity during the annual Gratitude Attitude Day on November 11, from 2 to 6 p.m.
The entire campus community is invited to participate to call donors and offer thanks. Volunteers are needed to make calls during one hour sessions. Gratitude Attitude Day includes free refreshments.

To volunteer, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

**Narratives of the Secret Darkroom**

The Visual Arts Gallery will host the graduate exhibit of Joe Baltz, *Narratives of the Secret Darkroom*, through November 10. An opening reception celebrating the artist and the exhibit will be held today, November 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in E-Lounge. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The exhibit explores the relationship between the language of visual reality recorded on black & white film and the language of inner emotional experience. Baltz used the silver gelatin process to produce postcards. *Narratives of the Secret Darkroom* is a two year photo project that allowed him to present a unique collection of personal observations and reminiscences captured on film and in text.