News and Events

FY 10 Carry Forward

In the next few days, the Financial Services and Comptroller’s office will carry forward any funds remaining in 10-accounts after all FY’10 expenses were paid and any year-end adjustments were made. The carry forward account number is the same number for each unit that was used last year when FY’09 funds were carried forward.

Consistent with the directives from executive management, these funds can be used at your discretion as long as expenses are in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations. These funds are to be used for expenses that your unit will incur within this fiscal year only, and not for expenses that require the obligation of these dollars for future years. For example, the monies from this account cannot be used to hire permanent ongoing full time employees. Additionally, these monies cannot be transferred to your FY’11 Operating Budget account. Expenses should be charged directly to your 21 account.

The process used to expend the carry forward monies remains the same as for all other university purchases. Purchase requisitions are issued from each department with the proper authorizations, and forwarded to Procurement for approval and processing prior to placing an order.

To facilitate a smooth transition, unless otherwise instructed, the Procurement department will allow those individuals who currently have authorization to sign on your FY’11 Operating Budget accounts to also sign on the carry forward account.

To change authorization designation, contact Lisa Carra at ext. 7443 in Procurement.

Questions should be directed to Cathy Casson at ext. 4034 or Barry Ryan at ext.7401. They are also able to provide Jenzebar information access training.

Fill the Food Drive Boxes
From now until December 19, there will be boxes located around campus, ready to be filled with non-perishable food items. Please check your cabinets or pick up a few items at the grocery store to help fill the boxes before the holidays.

All food items will be donated to local food pantries. The food drive is sponsored by Student Life. For more information contact Vanessa Newby at ext. 4551.

**Beat the Drum**

The Center for Performing Arts brings back the grand spectacle of *Drumline* on Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m.

Based on the 2002 film, this show brings students from historically African American Colleges all over the country together for an evening filled with spectacular music and dance.

There are only a few tickets left. The GSU 10 percent advance sale discount still applies. Visit or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

**Holiday Shopping at GSU**

The Civil Service Senate Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair provides the perfect opportunity to get a jump on your holiday shopping and find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on November 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds from this event are used for the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Lynne Clayton or Karen Stuenkel at ext. 3978.

**Get in the GSU Spirit**

The entire GSU community is encouraged to wear black and white on November 18 to show support for the university and the GSU Table Tennis Team.

In preparation for the NCTTA Regional Tournament at GSU, the GSU Table Tennis team is moving their tables into the Hall of Governors on GSU Spirit Day. As part of the festivities, the team will play all challengers, from 4 to 7 p.m. Challengers may also pit their skills against the robot.
Join the fun – Wear black and white – And play table tennis. Support our team!

**Follow the Bouncing Ball at GSU**

Eleven tables, seven teams, 50 competitors, and one day of rapid, high level table tennis competition. It all takes place at GSU when the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Regional Tournament is held here on Saturday, November 20.

The competition of Midwestern colleges and universities will bring together some of the best players in the region. Adding to the excitement of the day, former world table tennis champion, Guozheng Liu, will attend the opening ceremony and the tournament. Liu won the 2001 U.S. Open Singles Championship and the 2001 Men’s Team World Championship, and was a quarter finalist in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sidney. He is currently a coach for the Chinese National Table Tennis Team.

“Everyone has been working hard to increase the level of play. GSU’s team is only in its second year, but we are already seen as a major competitor,” says Dr. T.J Wang, coach of the GSU team and associate professor of accounting. "I hope everyone comes to GSU for this great chance to witness an exciting level of play.”

The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. the opening ceremony and will last all day with a break at noon for lunch. During the lunch hour, 16 young table tennis players will compete in the 2010 GSU Fall Youth Tournament in the GSU gymnasium.

Spectators are welcome to both the NCTTA Regional Tournament and the youth competition. Admission is free.

**Delicious!**

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a diet-busting bake sale on Tuesday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – or while supplies last – in the Hall of Governors.

Volunteers and donations of baked goods are needed. Contact Renee Rainey at ext. 7525.

**Mentors Matter**

The Latino Center for Excellence is seeking graduate students interested in helping undergraduate students find academic success at GSU. Student mentors will serve as a resource, and listen, counsel, and motivate
Mentors must be registered in any graduate program at GSU, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be able to commit the necessary time. They will receive the support needed to ensure a beneficial experience for the mentor and the mentee and the opportunity to make a difference.

For more information, contact Monica Teixeira, Transition Coordinator at 708.235.7609.

**Debt Strategies Workshop**

Managing your money is difficult even in the best of times. During a bad economy, effective financial management requires discipline to keep spending under control so you can pay the bills and set money aside for the future.

Learn how to structure your spending at *Strategies for Managing Debt in Troubling Times*, an informational workshop on Tuesday, November 16. Sessions will take place from noon to 1 p.m., in Room B1241 and from 6 to 7 p.m., in Room B1215.

At the workshop, participants will learn economic strategies to start debt cancellation, basic money management, and budgeting tips. They will also learn about the relationship between debt and stress.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the university community. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Tamekia Scott at ext. 2228.

**Great Taste Treats**

Satisfy your hunger with churros and tamales. The Association of Latin American Students is sponsoring a churro and tamale sale on Wednesday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., (or while quantities last), in the Cafeteria Annex.

Tamales are $1 each and come in pork, chicken, or cheese. Churros are only $1.50 and come in blueberry, chocolate, plain, and strawberry.

Preorders must be submitted by Monday, November 15. On campus, see Monica Teixeira in A2132, ext 7609. Payment may also be made in advance. To order by phone or e-mail, contact David Corcoran at 630.347.2862.

**Who’s on Your Tree?**
The Library is hosting *FamilySearch.org*, a genealogy workshop, on November 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., in A2438 (ACS Lab).

This workshop is for people with basic computer skills and a love of genealogy and for those wishing to begin exploring their family history. The workshop is free and everyone is welcome. Even Pierre the Penguin hopes to discover some long hidden ancestors!

**Got Credit?**

*Understanding and Raising your Credit Score*, a financial seminar sponsored by Student Life and CitiBank, will explain the importance of your credit score, how to check it, and how to raise it. The seminar is on November 17, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. It is free and open to the public.