News and Events

Get Crackin’ with The Center

The Center for Performing Arts will offer GSU buy one get one free tickets for the 5 p.m. performance of The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 11. The production features soloists from the American Ballet Theatre, the Chicago Youth Symphony, and the Salt Creek Ballet.

The offer is not good on previously purchased tickets and is available for the platinum seats only, which are normally $40 for adults and $35 for children 16 and under.

The offer begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 10 and ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 11.

Tickets are available by visiting the box office in person, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by calling 708.235.2222.

ITS Schedules Multiple December Maintenance/Upgrade Dates

ITS has scheduled several types of system and software upgrades for the end of December. All campus computers and user accounts will be affected.

These updates are necessary to ensure that our systems run as smoothly as possible and will also provide users with a better computing experience.

Please download the memos below for specific information on each of the upgrades/updates:

- Desktop Software Update (Office, SPSS, Adobe Acrobat, Internet Explorer)
- GSU login/e-mail address change
- Server Maintenance – December 19
- Student iMail Upgrade

Contact the Helpdesk with questions at ext. 4357.

Celebrate the Holidays

It’s time to celebrate a year of accomplishments at the annual GSU holiday party. Join President Maimon and the Board of Trustees on Friday, December 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
**On with the Show**

After playing to acclaim at festivals around the world, *Chicago Heights*, an independent feature film, produced with only a $1,000 budget and a volunteer cast and crew, will screen at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago from December 10 to 16.

GSU associate professor Daniel Nearing and assistant professor Sanghoon Lee adapted *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, shifting the story from rural Ohio to suburban Chicago Heights. They produced *Chicago Heights* using students and resources from the GSU Master in Fine Arts in Independent Film and Digital Imaging program.

GSU students, faculty, staff, and board members are invited to see the film with other members of the GSU community on Friday, December 10. Tickets are $25 and include a special pre-theater reception, coach bus ride to and from the Siskel Film Center, and a theater ticket. For those not wishing to ride the bus, tickets for the reception and film only are available for $10 each.

To reserve a seat, contact Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

**Window Reminder**

Occupants of the FOC are reminded to shut their office windows after work hours. Open windows may result in frozen heating pipes, which may fracture and cause flooding. Collateral damage would not only occur in that office but in the offices adjacent to and below as well. Remediation is very costly in time, money, and loss of materials.

FOC occupants are advised to check the windows at the end of the work day and turn heating units to “low heat.”

Please be aware that all costs for remediation of damage resulting from an open window will be the responsibility of the college or department unit.

For more information, contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

There is no better gift for a child than a new book. The Family Development Center is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair today and tomorrow, from 9 to 7 p.m. The FDC is located across the street from parking lots A and B. All proceeds support the FDC library and classrooms. Cash, check, or charge cards are accepted.

**Green Initiatives Recognized**

*An Excellence in Engineering* award was given to Energy Systems Group (ESG) and their engineer Phil Spagnolo for energy conservation measures in their GSU performance contract. The award was given by ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers), an organization devoted to the advancement of indoor environment and control technology and promoters of research and development of efficient and environmentally friendly technologies.

GSU’s sustainability efforts are currently on exhibit in the display case adjacent to the FDM offices. The display features information about campus-wide sustainability initiatives and the plaque honoring GSU as a recipient of the Governor’s Sustainability Award.
Spring Semester Book Cards

As the Fall semester ends, students are reminded that Book Card distribution for the Spring 2011 semester will take place on Thursday, January 13, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Tuesday, January 18, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Book Cards will also be available in the Office of Financial Aid, Room C1310, during regular office hours on January 14 and January 19 through 21.

The Office of Financial Aid offers a $300, $500, or $700 book card advance to assist students with the purchase of books and supplies.

Students that meet the following criteria are eligible:
• Completed a 2010/2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and awarded financial aid;
• Admitted to a degree-seeking program at GSU;
• Registered for at least six (6) credit hours;
• Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
• Have enough financial aid to cover tuition and fees, plus the $300, $500, or $700 book card advance.

Book card amounts are based on the registration hours at the time each card is picked up. Students are only eligible for one card in one denomination per term and are not allowed to increase the amount on the card.

Please note that students who have not been awarded financial aid but have submitted a financial aid application, including all required supporting documentation and meet the criteria listed above, are eligible to receive a book card advance.

Going. Going, Gone

Civil Service Day came and went and a good time was had by all. Welcoming remarks were made by Civil Service President Laura Owens, GSU President Elaine Maimon, and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees Kristi DeLaurentiis.

The Civil Service Employee of the Year was awarded to Mary Jones of FDM.

The Leroy Morrison Awards were given to Deirdre Webb of the Registrar’s Office, Scott G. Smith of FDM, and Donna Rutledge, formerly of ARC.

The Civil Service show, Going, Going, Going, Gone, delighted attendees with jokes and songs performed by some of GSU’s most talented (and outgoing) staff members and special guest performer, Dr. Mort Maimon.