WTTW Plans ‘Reflections on Fatherhood’ Broadcast

Reflections on Fatherhood, a production of GSU’s Division of Digital Learning and Media Design, will be presented on WTTW-Channel 11 early next year.

The one-hour program was videotaped in April, and features stories by GSU students and faculty members. The project is based on journalist John Fountain’s book, Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood, a compilation of true stories about relationships with fathers. WGN-Channel 9 anchor/reporter Robert Jordan hosted the program.

“This is a major accomplishment and a tribute to the united efforts our staff, faculty and administration,” said DLMD Director Charles Nolley. He said the airing of the program will show GSU in the best possible light.

The project began as an Intellectual Life Grant proposal from Keisha Dyson, program developer and adjunct faculty member, and graduate assistant Blake Labriola.

Board of Trustees Meeting Friday

The full Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Friday, October 5, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

GSU will honor retired Trustee Lois Mayer with a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will begin after the breakfast, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Sergio Gomez Chosen as Featured Artist

Congratulations to GSU alumnus Sergio Gomez, who has been chosen as one of 18 featured artists during Chicago Artists Month 2012.
You can read his profile at the Chicago Artist Month website.

**GSU Library Supports Information Literacy Month**

October has officially been proclaimed Information Literacy Month in Illinois. The gubernatorial proclamation stresses the importance of information literacy skills in education, career, and citizenship.

As a strong advocate for information literacy, the GSU Library is providing a workshop series in October to help students brush up on skills needed for accessing, evaluating, and using academic information. GSU students and clubs can also arrange a customized workshop that meets their needs.

Visit the Library Workshop Schedule for upcoming workshops, or Request a Workshop page to set up your made-to-order workshop.

**Forums Examine 2012 Elections**

The Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring two community forums on the 2012 elections.

The first, *The Changing Political Terrain of American Elections* will be held Monday, October 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists include Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; Dr. Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Daniel Cortese, assistant professor of political and justice studies; and Dr. Debbie James, assistant professor of media and communications.

The second open community forum, *Issues of the 2012 Election*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists are Levinson, Culverson, Haring, and Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

These conversations are free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

**NMSP Hosts Iron Pour Saturday**

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University is hosting a full day of exciting activities at its inaugural Iron Pour Jamboree, a family event from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6.
The Iron Pour Jamboree is a unique opportunity to see how metal sculptures are created, to produce your own art, and to witness spectacular results when fire and iron come together.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can join artists and students as they create sculptures by using scratch molds, small molds for making simple relief sculptures.

As darkness falls, NMSP is hosting the Iron Pour Spectacle, a once-in-a-lifetime visual experience. It is free of charge and takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Boston-based artists Marjee Levine and Dan Kendall will pay homage to the Great Chicago Fire, whose anniversary falls on October 8.

Tickets for the Iron Pour Jamboree are $25 before October 6 and $35 on the day of the event. Scratch molds cost $20. For more information, to make reservations, or to buy tickets, contact NMSP director and curator Geoffrey Bates at 708.534.4486 or sculpture@govst.edu.

**SLATE Show Chronicles Proposition 8 Battle**

“8,” a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California’s Proposition 8, is coming to Governors State University for two performances in Sherman Hall, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26.

“8,” written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, is a production of the Southland Area Theater Ensemble (SLATE).

The play is an unprecedented account of the Federal District Court trial in Perry v. Schwarzenegger (now Perry v. Brown), the case filed to overturn Proposition 8, which stripped gay and lesbian Californians of the freedom to marry.

Admission to “8” is free with reservations. To reserve tickets, contact the GSU Center for Performing Arts at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

**Chicago Live! Coming to GSU**

Tickets go on sale Monday for *Chicago Live!,* a stage and radio show that’s coming to GSU on November 1. The show, which will be broadcast on WGN-720 AM, was created by the Chicago Tribune and Second City. It is hosted by veteran Chicago reporter, author, and radio/TV personality Rick Kogan.

*Chicago Live!* features guests from the worlds of arts, entertainment, sports, and popular culture, as well as Chicago’s top newsmakers.
Tickets are $20. Follow this link for more information on tickets and guests at the show.

**Nikki Giovanni to Speak at GSU November 7**

Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. She will speak on “The Courage for Equality: Love, Work, Society.”

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni’s presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.

Nikki Giovanni’s appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

**Sculpture Exhibit at GSU Gallery Ends Saturday**

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery presents *Ways of Making: Sculpture* through October 6. The exhibition is being presented in conjunction with events at the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

The exhibition features featuring Chicago-area artists Juan Angel Chavez, Barbara Cooper, Bob Emser, and Vivian Visser. It is the fourth in the series that focuses on the art program’s offerings at GSU. The exhibit was curated by gallery director Jeff Stevenson.

The closing reception, on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., will honor the artists. It will also coincide with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Iron Pour Jamboree and the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago. Convention attendees will be bused to GSU’s campus to enjoy the festivities.

**Campus Community Campaign Plans Magical Kickoff**

The 2012-2013 annual Campus Community Fund starts Tuesday, October 9 with a gala kickoff event at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. This year’s theme is Making a Greater Individual Commitment – M.A.G.I.C.
President Elaine P. Maimon will speak at the kickoff. A magician will perform amazing feats and audience members will get a chance to do a magic trick. Door prizes will be offered during random drawings at the event, with an iPad available as the grand prize. Refreshments will be served at the end of the event.

All employees who want to participate in these drawings should have their Campus Community Campaign forms filled out and submitted before 12 noon on October 9.

To sign up for the M.A.G.I.C. campaign or for more information, employees may contact their respective Campus Community Campaign volunteer, come to the Development Office in room D34200, or contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

LGBT History Month Events Continue

October marks the 18th annual celebration of LGBT History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating moments in the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during the month of October.

The GSA will host a presentation by Erin Davies on October 9, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Davis was the victim of a hate crime when her VW Beetle was vandalized because she sported a rainbow sticker. Her subsequent 45-state, 58-day tour of the country is chronicled in the documentary Fagbug.

National Coming Out Day Forum will be held on October 11, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The forum will include Gay, Lesbian and Ally speakers who relate their personal coming out stories followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

GSA meetings are held every Wednesday, at 3 p.m., in E2590.

For more information, contact gsa.govst@gmail.com or visit http://gsagsu.weebly.com.

Discount Tickets for Fright Fest This Weekend

Have a frightfully fun day at Great America this weekend -- and save while you’re enjoying yourself. The GSU Alumni Association has arranged for discounted tickets on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7.

You’ll receive tickets for only $30 each when you order tickets at
www.sixflags.com/greatamerica and use the discount code GSUAlumni2012.

**Civil Service Sells Sweets**

The Civil Service Affy Tapple/Bake sale will take place on Wednesday, October 24, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds will go to the GSU Educational Assistance Fund.

If you would like to place a preorder you may do so by contacting Andrea Dalpolo at ext. 4582 before October 17.

**IT Improvements to Affect Online Systems**

Online systems will be affected by power improvements at the university’s IT Building between 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 6 through 6 a.m. on Sunday, October 7. The improvement is necessary in order to ensure continued service in the event of a power outage.

This implementation will affect all GSU systems, including e-mail, the GSU website, Blackboard, and Colleague.

For further information, contact the GSU Helpdesk, at 708.534-H-E-L-P (4357).

**Forum Examines Deployment Family Challenges**

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.