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Message from the President of Arena Food Service, Inc.

On behalf of all at Arena, I want to thank you for taking the time to attend our roundtable discussion in Prairie Place as well as completing the online C-Store survey. It was a pleasure meeting with those that attended.

Your feedback and comments are very important to us. We have begun to implement many of the suggestions received and look forward to providing excellent service in the future. We always love to hear your comments and suggestions in an effort to continually improve our offerings. Please do not hesitate to submit feedback online at www.arenafoodservice.com/gsucomments or drop off your feedback in the suggestion box located on the wall by the Prairie Place receptions desk.

Shaun M. Moore
President
Arena Food Service, Inc.
C-Store Survey Preliminary Results

Thank you to the 88 students who responded to the recent C-Store Survey. Arena Food Service, Inc. is currently reviewing the survey responses to determine if there is sufficient demand to increase the number of hours the c-store is open each week. We expect to be able to make a decision on that in the next week. The following is a summary of the feedback received from the survey:

- 54.54% (48/88) of the respondents have a meal plan and 45.56% (40/88) do not have a meal plan this semester;
- Students with meal plans reported they are most likely to go to the C-store 1-2 times a week (32.35%);
- Students without meal plans reported they are most likely to never go to the C-store (40%);
- Students with meal plans reported they typically pay with meal plan monies (88.24%);
- Students without meal plans reported they typically pay with a credit card (52.38%) or cash (23.81%);
- Students offered a variety of response to the question “what other food, beverages, toiletries or paper products would you like to purchase at the c-store?”. Suggestions included: more microwaveable meals; more milk, some bread, frozen stir fries, pasta meals, fruit snacks, captain crunch cereal, hot crunchy curls, fresh cafeteria meals, gas station food;
- Students also reported the following: prices are high; better chip selection; runs out of products a lot; extremely cold in the c-store; some staff are rude; lady in c-store is too strict; can there be more vegetarian options in the freezer section; doing pretty good so far.

Betsy Joseph
Director, Auxiliary Services & University Housing
Side and Emergency Exit Doors Policy

Side Door Policy
Per the University Housing Policy, accessing known or marked restricted areas is prohibited.

As a reminder, the side door near the gated parking lot is considered a restricted area daily from 10PM to 8AM.

During this time you must enter the building through the main entrance.

If students are seen accessing the building during the prohibited hours listed above, they will be referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Emergency Exit Doors Policy
Additionally, ALL emergency exit doors are to only be used in case of an emergency. This includes the doors located at the northeast entrance (front of building), southwest entrance (back of building) and northwest entrance (back of building). This policy applies to ALL individuals living in Prairie Place (faculty, staff and students).

Please help us in keeping these doors secured by only using them when an emergency is taking place.

Laundry Room Etiquette

As members of a residential community it is important to practice positive behaviors when using common areas in the building. Doing so helps ensure that everyone that lives in Prairie Place is able to take full advantage of the amenities provided.

Listed below are some laundry room tips & tricks to help make the use of the laundry room facilities in Prairie Place quick and easy for everyone.

1) **Remove your clothes promptly** so others can use the machines (do not leave clothes in machines overnight)

   - Clothes left in the laundry room for more than 48 hours will be bagged by the housekeeper and brought to the Prairie Place office

2) **Report service issues** to ensure machines get fixed and returned to service quickly

3) **Leave the washer door open after use** to help the drum dry quickly

**Did you know that you can check the status of the machine you are using in Prairie Place by going to the following URL:**

http://www.laundryview.com/laundry_room.php?id=503731. They also have an option on this page to check the status via your Smartphone.

Please take some time to visit this page when doing your laundry to ensure you clothes are removed quickly and the machine is available for other residents to use.
Tips from the GSU Library

TIP #1
Did you know that the library has writing center tutors available at the technology desk? Stop by with your questions. They will be happy to help you or schedule an appointment for you to get the assistance that you need. Following is the schedule for the writing center tutors in the library:
*Monday 11AM-3PM
*Tuesday 12PM-4PM
*Wednesday 6PM-9PM
*Thursday 4PM-9PM
*Saturday 10AM-2PM

TIP #2
Looking for a quiet place to study, write a paper or get ready for midterms? Come to the library. There are quite study areas beyond the stacks on each side of the GSU Library. If you can’t find them, please ask the information desk.

TIP #3
We are very interested in your feedback. Check out the questions on the whiteboards around the library. Please be sure to write your answers and LET US KNOW what you think!

Spring 2018 Applications

Housing Application
Do you have a friend who is also a GSU student that was on the housing wait list for the fall 2017 semester? Are they still interested in living on campus?

If so, the spring 2018 Housing application will be available starting on Monday, October 16th! Space will be limited for the spring semester so students who are wanting to move on campus are encouraged to complete their application and prepayment early.

Meal Plan Application
Would you like to stop by the C-Store to get snacks while you’re in the building? Did you know that residents who have a meal plan do not have to pay taxes on their purchases in the C-Store or cafeteria when they use their meal plan?

If so, the spring 2018 meal plan application will be available starting on Monday, October 16th as well. Please contact the housing office if you have any questions.

Front Desk Receptionist of the Month

Please help us in congratulating CC Singleton for receiving the honor of being named Front Desk Receptionist of the Month at Prairie Place!

Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin and Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had some of the following things to say about CC’s great work ethic:

“CC is not only extremely friendly and helpful to all residents, she also goes above and beyond during her shifts to make things run as smoothly as possible! CC also takes initiative to organize and clean the desk, making it a welcoming environment for students and guests. We appreciate you CC! Keep up the good work :)”
Calling all FRESHMEN! REAL Talk Pt. 2

You’re invited to Freshmen Real Talk-Part 2 on Wed., Oct. 18th from 6-8PM in the E-Lounge. During this Real Talk, you will experience a lively discussion about your college experience with the NSP Peer Mentors...and NO faculty/staff. So, you can say what’s really on your mind and ask ANY questions you may have. You will also develop your network and gain insider knowledge about how to succeed at GSU.

Food will be provided!!! FREE giveaways!!!
Drawing for Pop-Up-Printing (free printing)!!!

Contact us with questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

New Student Programs Peer Mentors
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*Matthew Alborn, Peer Mentor, Junior Biology Major
*M’Lyssa Bauske, Peer Mentor, Sophomore Criminal Justice Major
*M. Gutierrez, Peer Mentor, Senior Accounting Major
*Izy Hollingsworth, Peer Mentor, Sophomore Communications Major
*Lester Van Moody, Peer Mentor, Senior Business-Finance Major
*Chanell Raines, Peer Mentor, Senior Criminal Justice Major
*Shannon Ward, Peer Mentor, Senior Psychology Major

Upcoming Events

1) Gender Revolution Screening, Mon. Oct. 16th from 4:30-7:30PM in Engbretson Hall, Katie Couric explores the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity. Post screening discussion led by Dr. Jason Zingsheim
2) Student Senate Town Hall Meeting, Mon. Oct. 16th at 6PM in the Prairie Place Classroom
3) Ideas Lab: The Trans Phenomenon, Thurs. Oct. 19th at 3:30PM in Engbretson Hall, Presented by Vanessa Sheridan, Director of Trans Relations at Center on Halsted
4) Brothers Speak Out About Sexuality, Thurs. Oct. 19th at 5PM in the Hall of Honors. Come share your thoughts and learn more about the Intersection of maleness, manhood, masculinity and sexuality
5) Halloween Movie Marathon, Thurs. Oct. 19th from 5-9:30PM in the Prairie Place Classroom
6) Starting Over, Sat. Oct. 21st at 8PM in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets $10 for students with ID. Contact 708.235.2222 for tickets or visit www.centertickets.com. Post-show talk with playwright and cast. This story of love, tolerance and race explores acceptance of transgender relationships in a journey from a small town to the city. ADULT CONTENT AND NUDITY
7) Reverse Trick or Treating, Thurs. Oct. 26th and Fri. Oct. 27th in Prairie Place. RAs will go knocking on doors and handing out treats!
8) Policy Trivia Halloween Edition, Thurs. Oct. 26th at 7PM in the Prairie Place Classroom
9) Spirited Away Movie Showing at Marcus Theatre, Sun. Oct. 29th
10) Hall Council General Assembly Meeting in the Prairie Place Great Hall from 8-9PM
11) Halloween Kickback, Tues. Oct. 31st from 7-10PM in the Prairie Place Great Hall/Classroom

SAVE THE DATE: Advocate Health Care Center and the Faculty-in-Residence program are proud to announce a Sexual Health Education program on Monday, November 13th at 7PM in the Classroom at Prairie Place. There will be interactive games, prizes, a panel discussion and PIZZA. The event is FREE, but registration is requested. More details to follow. Please contact Dr. Crystal L. Harris at charg11@govst.edu for more information or to volunteer for the event.

Prairie Place Goes to the Theatre

The Scarlett Letter

Date: Sunday, November 5th at 2PM
Tickets: $10 for students (with ID) and must be purchased in advance at the Center for Performing Arts Box Office
Pizza Party: Following the production, Prairie Place students will be treated to a pizza party as they discuss the show in the Great Hall. Ticket stubs, reflecting the Sunday performance only, are REQUIRED for entry

Students wishing to walk over to the theatre together should meet near the Prairie Place front desk no later than 1:40PM
Dining Specials: What’s Cooking?

Tailgate Party
Thursday, October 19th

Chili $2.90
Traditional Game Day or Vegetarian Black Bean

Slaw Dog with 1 Side $5.05
BBQ Chicken Wings with 1 Side $5.05
Buffalo Chicken Wings with 1 Side $5.05

Sides:
Coleslaw, Housemade Kettle Chips,
Sweet Potato Fries, Petite Corn on the Cob

Arena Food Service, Inc.

Governor’s State University
BUILD YOUR OWN PASTA DAY
Tuesday, October 24th

Choose your Pasta
Rigatoni, Fettuccine or Whole Wheat Penne

Choose your Sauce
Garlic Alfredo, Traditional Marinara, Meat Sauce,
Basil Pesto or Wisconsin Cheese

Choose your Topping
Sliced Italian Sausage, Grilled & Sliced Chicken Breast,
Meatballs, Sautéed Peas & Mushrooms or
Caramelized Peppers & Onions

all served with a Garlic Breadstick

$5.95

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