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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

Spring is in the air with the coming of the robins and Daylight Savings Time helps brighten up our days! Did you know GSU is celebrating its first-ever Spring Break this week? The semester will soon be over and registration will open March 21 for our summer term.

The Alumni Association is planning some fun events this spring. If you like to dance (or would like to learn how to dance), be sure to sign up for our new Alumni Dance Club. Classes will be forming soon. Our new Book Club will be meeting in late April. Several other events are being planned for this summer, so stay tuned for announcements in next month's e-blast.

Read on and stay connected to your alma mater. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the e-connections newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Rosemary D. Hulett
Associate Vice President
Advancement and Alumni Relations

ALUMNI DANCE CLUB NEWS

There is a lot of excitement about the launch of the new Alumni Dance Club. The dance club met and we are now in the process of setting up a series of dance classes in a variety of areas. We need to hear from you. Go to www.govst.edu/alumni, complete the form telling us which dance lesson(s) you want to take and the time of day that is best for you, and send it to the Alumni Office. This will help us as we pursue possible dance sites. Once we have compiled this information, we will

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send you a class schedule via email. So get those dancing shoes ready and sign up today!

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB NOW FORMING

The new Alumni Book Club will hold its first meeting toward the end of April. Have you signed up yet? If not, visit www.govst.edu/alumni/, go to "Alumni Clubs" and complete the "sign-up" form.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The GSU Alumni Association will soon be holding its annual election for the Board of Directors. This year, there are openings on the Board for the following college representative positions:

- **College of Arts and Sciences**, (includes CAS, IDSS, SIDL, BOG, CCS & EAS)
- **College of Business and Public Administration**, (includes CBPA & CBPS)
- **College of Education**, (includes COE & HLD)
- **College of Health and Human Services**, (includes CHHS, CHP, & SHP)

You must have premium member status in the Alumni Association in order to serve on the Alumni Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being considered for one of the available positions or for more information on how to receive premium member status, please call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128. The nomination deadline is April 15, 2011. A copy of the Alumni Association constitution is available on-line at www.govst.edu/alumni/.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER FAIR - MARCH 24

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs in criminal justice and related fields on Thursday, March 24 from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Alumni and community members are invited to attend this free event. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

The Office of Career Services is available to assist GSU Alumni. Visit www.govst.edu/careerservices for more information.

NEW STUDENT CENTRAL IS NOW OPEN

GSU's new Student Central (D1400 in the Main Entry Atrium) is the one-stop-shop for many of the university's most popular student services.

The following services are now available in the new location:

- Office of Admission
- Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDSS)
- Welcome Center/Information Booth
- Office of Financial Aid

In addition, limited cashier and academic advising services will be available in the near future.

SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION MARCH 21 - MAY 28

Registration for summer session is open from March 21 through May 28. Classes begin on May 23 and end on August 7. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

Students may take classes during the shorter summer term at convenient times to fit busy schedules. Classes are generally offered Monday through Thursday leaving the long weekend open for summertime activities. A full range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is scheduled.

GSU's summer term is ideal for student continuing a GSU degree program. It is also the perfect time for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

For more information, call (708) 534-4490 or visit the [GSU website](#).

"39 STEPS" CELEBRATION AT GSU

GSU is hosting a thrilling and funny celebration of the Alfred Hitchcock film, "The 39 Steps." Key to the festivities is the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit play, "Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps," at The Center for Performing Arts for one night only, at 8 p.m. March 26.

Tickets are \$31, \$39, and \$46, and are available by visiting www.centertickets.net or calling 708.235.2222. "Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps" is sponsored by First Midwest Bank.

This comic, suspenseful retelling of Hitchcock's classic film "The 39 Steps," is full of laughs and thrills as a wrongly-accused hero crosses England to clear his name, only to encounter murderous spies, an icy blonde, and other unforgettable characters. The action never stops as four actors perform 150 parts in this highly-acclaimed show.

Free film screening - March 25

The film version of "The 39 Steps" will be shown at a free screening –

complete with popcorn – on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m., in Hall of Honors. Following the film, a panel will discuss the film’s comedic and thrilling aspects, and the hidden meanings in Hitchcock’s work.

Panelists include GSU Assistant Professor Rosemary Johnson, GSU instructor Tinker Parker, and The Center for Performing Arts Director Burt Dikelsky. This event is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

FREE LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

The University Library offers free workshops on campus. GSU alumni are welcome to attend. Register in person at the Reference Desk.

Walk-ins welcome.

Workshop	Date/Time	Room
<i>APA Formatting</i>	March 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m.	D2401B
<i>APA Formatting</i>	March 24, 2-3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Finding Those Vital Records in Your Genealogy Research</i>	March 31, 4:30-6:30 p.m.	D2435
<i>Unlocking the GSU Vault</i>	April 14, 2-3 p.m.	D2401A
<i>APA Citations</i>	April 30, 2-3 p.m.	D2401C
<i>Breaking Down Those Brick Walls Your Genealogy</i>	April 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m.	D2435

If you have any questions about the workshops, contact [Judy Hanacek](#), Workshop Coordinator.
Phone: 708.534.4114.

DISCUSSION OF MID EAST EVENTS - MARCH 22

The Governors State University Honors Program is hosting “Community Teach-In: Changes and Directions in the Middle East,” on Tuesday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The panel discussion will investigate the causes and impact of recent events in the Middle East. It is free and open to the public. “The situation in the Middle East is changing daily. It is important to understand what is happening half a world away not only for its impact on the United States, but because it represents a major shift in the political character of a key part of the world,” says Dr. Larry Levinson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies, who is also coordinator of the GSU Honors Program.

Discussion panel members include Dr. Donald Culverson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies at GSU; Dr. Khalil Marrar, Professor of Political Science at DePaul University; Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago); and Dr. Farouk Shaaban, Professor of Business Administration at GSU.

This program is part of the GSU Honors Program community lecture series, "Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions," is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests.

Advance registration is not necessary. For more information, call 708.534.4578.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE - APRIL 14

The GSU Friends of the Library will host their next annual book sale on Thursday, April 14 from Noon to 7 (11a.m. to noon pre-sale for *Friends of the Library* members) in the Hall of Honors at GSU. All proceeds help support the GSU Library.

Do you have books, videos, or DVD's collecting dust in a corner or taking up room on your bookcase that you no longer need? The GSU Friends of Library will gladly accept these items throughout the year. Simply drop them off at the GSU Library and fill out a simple donation form for tax purposes. That's all there is to it!

PARENT UNIVERSITY AT GSU CURRENT FREE SEMINARS

The Family Development Center and the College of Education's Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The workshops are offered **free** to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and are held at the Family Development Center, located on the main campus.

<i>Grief and Loss for Children</i>	April 4 6-7:30 p.m.	Darlene Wright
<i>Dangers of Technology</i>	April 13 6-7:30 p.m.	Collette Bakley
<i>Serious Business of Play: Using Non-directive Play to Help Your Children Laugh, Love, and Grow</i>	May 11 6-7:30 p.m.	Kate Sori
<i>CPR for Parents and Grandparents</i>	May 28 1-4 p.m.	Martha Gainer
<i>Rewards and Challenges to Step- Parenting</i>	June 8 6-7:30 p.m.	Kim Snow
<i>Winning the Whining War with Your Kids</i>	June 27 6-7:30 p.m.	Shannon Dermer

To register to attend a workshop or for a full list of all the Parent University workshops, visit www.govst.edu/children.

GENDER MATTERS CONFERENCE - APRIL 8

Governors State University will host Gender Matters, an academic conference highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality, on Friday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of the day-long conference is to bring together students, activists, and researchers in the Chicagoland and Midwest regions to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society. The conference will include 16 panel discussions and more than 50 paper presentations. The research presented spans academic disciplines and historical periods.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Karma Chávez, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Conference contributors will present work on all matters of gender and, more specifically, work that explains how gender matters and continues to matter in society. Panel topics include “Cultural Links to Gender Activism,” “Sporting Identities: From Flamingos to Garters,” and “Applying Gender to Pedagogies.”

Conference attendees must register by April 5. Discounted registration rates are available for students. The registration fee, (\$25 for students, \$40 other attendees) includes access to all conference proceedings, including paper and panel presentations, keynote address, continental breakfast, lunch, and post conference reception with cash bar.

The GSU Gender Matters Conference is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information and registration, visit www.govst.edu/gendermatters or call 708.235.7493.

GSU SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

Young singers and dancers will have a “Glee”-ful experience at this summer’s Jukebox Musical Theatre Camp at Governors State University. Local school-age children will learn and perform songs from the hit TV show “Glee” during the four-day camp, from June 20 to 24, at GSU. The camp concludes with a one-night-only show at 7 p.m. Friday, June 24, at GSU’s Center for the Performing Arts. “Jukebox Musical Theatre – Glee” will feature songs including “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Proud Mary,” and “Lean on Me.”

During the camp, students will learn songs, choreography, and scenes from “Glee” and other rock and roll musicals. Professional coaches will work with campers on scene study, voice, diction, improvisation, singing, and dancing.

The Center is currently accepting registration for children ages 8 to 15. To register a camper, contact Burt Dikelsky, The Center’s executive

director, at (708) 235-2238. Parents should act quickly to enroll their youngsters – registration is limited to 48 campers.

Camp is six hours a day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The weeklong camp costs \$235, which includes materials, a camp t-shirt, and four tickets to the final performance. Additional tickets to the Friday night performance are \$10.

The Center hosts the camp in conjunction with park districts in Crete, Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Oak Forest, and Matteson.

This year's camp will again be conducted by Emerald City Theatre, a Chicago-based non-profit theatre organization dedicated to producing family theatre experiences that serve as child's gateway to the arts and prepare them for a world of opportunities. Emerald City Theatre conducted its first Jukebox Musical Theatre Camp at GSU in 2010.

"Over the past eight years we have worked with the best theatre companies in the Chicago area to give our kids an excellent summer camp program," Dikelsky said. "We look forward to our second show with Emerald City Theatre to provide a great experience for our kids, their families, and patrons of the show."

Now in its 17th season, The Center for Performing Arts is dedicated to presenting the finest in performing arts entertainment and education in Chicago's greater metropolitan area and the south suburbs. The Center features a 1,200-seat, state of the art facility for world-class fine arts presentations and theatrical productions.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. or by appointment. It is located adjacent to E Lounge.

For more information, call 708.534.4021.

WAFAA BILAL AND MAJOR CHICAGO ARTISTS EXHIBIT - NOW THROUGH MARCH 25

The Governors State University Visual Arts Gallery will host "Regard – Resist – React," a major exhibit of artists' creative reactions to the issues that affect them personally, emotionally, and/or intellectually.

The exhibit runs from through March 25. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"One of our goals for this exhibit is to give artists and the public an opportunity for discourse around otherwise avoided issues like war, politics, religion, immigration, and sex," said Jeff Stevenson, Gallery Director and co-curator of the exhibit with Susan Aurinko. Stevenson is also a university lecturer in the GSU art department. "We hope the show will tour to other campuses and venues when it leaves GSU."

Artists contributing work to this exhibit are some of the most prominent developing voices in the artistic world. Most of the artists are based in Chicago but draw from international roots and influences.

Chief among the exhibitors is Wafaa Bilal, Iraqi born artist noted for his unique forms of expression. His video "4th of July" will be shown at the exhibit.

Bilal is assistant arts professor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He has a camera mounted in the back of his head, capturing images of where he has been. Bilal uses the images in his art to illustrate what has past. He also has an intricate tattoo on his back honoring the U.S. and Iraqi war dead.

Additional exhibitors include Jane Fulton Alt, Nick Azzaro, Lynn Basa, Holly Cahill, Alexander Bruehl, Cleveland Dean, Frederick Holland, Riley Henderson, Salvador Jimnez, Jessica Munguia, Yva Neal, Roland Oria, Jennifer Traff, and Monica Wulfers. Sioban Lombardi of Chicago will exhibit an installation of nine paintings called "The Secret Life of Men."

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPS ONCE AGAIN

The Governors State University Table Tennis Team has done it again. In another outstanding performance, GSU's co-ed team won the Spring NCTTA Regional Tournament held at the university.

This win follows the team's success in November at the Fall Regional Tournament, at which they also took first place. This time, GSU defeated teams from University of Wisconsin-Madison, UIC, Purdue, Northwestern, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The women's team, coached by visiting professor Hongliu (Connie) Cao, from GDUT, China, won second place in the Spring tournament, improving on last Fall's performance. UW-Madison's women's team won first place.

"Thanks go to GSU's co-ed and women's team members for their outstanding performance and representation for the school in these two regional tournaments," said head coach, Dr. T.J. Wang, associate professor of accounting. "Team members have successfully demonstrated GSU spirit."

Co-ed team members include Captain Wenjie (Neo) Nie, Yuanfei (Vergil) Cai, Yuefan (Penn) Lin, Lishun (Leeson) Lu, Rahul Pinninti, and Ravikiran Yerabolu. Women's team members are Captain Jie (Jassie) Wang, Xue Hong (Carmen) Chen, Shuyu (Zoe) Guo, Jing (Jackie) He, and Emily Leary.

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