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News and Events

Yes We Did!

Whether you voted for Obama or McCain, it was impossible to ignore the anxious and excited vibe that swept Governors State University on Election Day 2008.

The university's hugely successful, yearlong voter registration drive culminated in a celebration in the D-wing atrium on Tuesday. Complete with sweet snacks, balloons, and political conversation, the university community celebrated what is arguably the country's most important election.

President Maimon, Provost Hudak, Executive V.P. Ejigu got into the swing of things as they ate popcorn, swapped voting stories, and the discussed the issues with others. Many students, already late for class, couldn't tear themselves away from the televised coverage as the night progressed.

While most of the GSU community watched from the comfort of their own homes, others attended parties cheering on their favorite candidate, and a few braved the Grant Park crowds to be part of history in the making.

Master of Fine Arts student Keisha Dyson, who attended the rally, awoke to find her photo on the front page of the Washington Post's web edition. And rumor has it that a certain editor of the GSU View was seen teary eyed among the crowd of more than 75,000 at Hutchinson Field. Must've been allergies.

Mini-Power Outage

Governors State University will undergo a planned mini-power outage from 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, November 8 to 8 a.m. on Sunday, November 9. Because the outage will occur overnight, university services should not be affected. The outage is part of ongoing work to upgrade the university's aging electrical system.

The power outage will not affect off campus access to all online GSU computer systems including WebCT, Blackboard, GSU email, student

email, the library's online catalog and databases, and the GSU website.

Wham, Bam, Toner Scam

The Office of Procurement reminds faculty and staff to be aware of a new wave of telemarketers offering discounts on toner cartridges.

It is important to refuse these calls and/or decline any offer. Our current copier management vendor, Danka, supplies all toner to the university. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please contact Jerad Garrison at ext. 7445 with any further questions or concerns.

Bookstore Appreciates Faculty, Staff

Follett's bookstore is hosting its annual faculty & staff appreciation event on Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature refreshments and faculty and staff will be able to take advantage of a special 20 percent discount on select merchandise.

Let's Talk Quilts

On the Fly Quilters will meet Thursday, November 13, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Library Administrative Conference Room. Whether you are an experienced quilter or a complete newbie, your interest is the only qualification needed to attend. Join this informal quilting group. There is no chairperson, nothing mandatory, no stuffiness - just the joy of quilting and sharing with friends. Participants are encouraged to bring their ideas, projects, and questions.

For more information, contact Dianne Kronika at x3979.

Successful Online Teaching

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning will hold the next *Lunch 'N Learn* session on Friday, November 14, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. *Creating a Learner-Centered Course: Strategies for Success* discussion topics include how to:

- Get a course off to a good start
- Make sure that course requirements are clear to students
- Minimize the time spent on classroom administration
- Maximize the time spent on teaching
- Create an engaging community of learners

Lunches and seats are limited. Register now by contacting [Jan Engle](#).

Celebrate International Education Week

International Education Week, November 17 to 20, offers an opportunity to celebrate and promote international education and exchange. The Office of International Services at GSU is pleased to celebrate the occasion with a variety of events to welcome the world to GSU and introduce the world to our community. Students, faculty, staff, and the community are welcome to join the celebration and the conversation. Learning more about the world makes it seem much smaller and our differences fewer.

International Education Week activities include conversations with international students, exhibits, games, mehendi, dance, and music, as well as information on study and internship opportunities abroad, a Fulbright Scholar information session, and a presentation on short-term study abroad opportunities for faculty. There will be opportunities to sample delicious foods from other countries and share a cup of coffee and conversation with people from around the world.

The celebration of International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, contact [Vreni Mendoza](#) x 3087.

Book a Book on the Quilt Shelf

Work continues on the Friends of the GSU Library 34" by 64" bookshelf quilt, which will hang prominently in the GSU library. There is still space on the quilt shelf for a book that you design and the Friends of the Library create. Remember a special occasion or honor someone special by making a donation of \$50 and having a book quilted onto the shelf. You can even provide a favorite piece of fabric to be used, (3" by 12" minimum, please). Please note, however, that if the fabric is "busy" it will be more difficult to read the title.

For more information, call [Susan Bell](#) at 708.235.7500 or visit the [Friends website](#). Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Scholar Ship – Full Steam Ahead

Chemical Commentary

Dr. Shelly Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, is presenting a research paper titled "Synthesis of An Azulene Ring System by Singlet Oxygen 'Ene' Reaction, Hock's Cleavage, and Aldol Condensation; and Reaction Mechanism Confirmation by Molecular Modeling" at the American Chemical Society 60th Southeastern Regional Meeting, in Nashville, Tennessee, in November. The paper is coauthored by Sumalatha Veeramachenini and Qun Gu, who graduated from GSU with master's degree in analytical chemistry.

Professor Appointed IADDA Vice Chair

Peter Palanca, a professor of Addiction Studies at Governors State University, has been elected to serve as vice chair of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA).

IADDA represents substance abuse prevention and treatment providers across the state, and advocates for sound public policy to create healthier families and safer communities. Mr. Palanca is vice president of TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities), a statewide drug policy and service organization and a member agency of IADDA.

TPS Alum Highlighted

Linda Egnatz, Spanish teacher at Lincoln Way Community High School in Frankfort and participant in Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) professional development at GSU, was recently featured in the Library of Congress TPS newsletter for her successful inclusion of primary sources in her classes.

In her comments, Egnatz praised the program for giving her the opportunity to investigate the resources of the Library of Congress, share her discoveries with her students, and help them discover their own treasures by learning from primary sources. She also offered, "My profound thanks to both Luci Sweder and Sandi Estep, of Governors State University's TPS program, who have been very generous with their knowledge and time in helping me to complete my Library of Congress projects."

