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## News and Events

### **President Talks the Talk**

In what has become a regular feature of the current administration, President Maimon and other top administrators held an open forum with the university community on Tuesday evening. The informal chat sessions allow students, faculty, and staff to get answers to their important questions and discuss university-related issues.

In a testament to the ongoing improvements at GSU, several students opened the event by praising the academic quality, updated facilities, and upgraded facilities. Question topics ranged from internship opportunities to rehabbing the science labs, and from academic quality to fundraising. As always, the group was also treated to pizza, popcorn, and soda. Additional chats will take place as the academic year progresses.

### **Creating Opportunity, Ensuring Success**

It's no secret that one of the university's greatest strengths lies in its employees. Each faculty and staff member plays an important role in ensuring the success of our students.

Join friends and co-workers on Thursday, November 20, in The Center for Performing Arts lobby for an exciting celebration of past success and future opportunities at the kickoff for this year's Campus Community Campaign. Samba artists *Bossa Tres* and Chicago's Samba King (and GSU's own) Marlin Exton will entertain the crowd. Dr. Maimon will briefly discuss the need and importance of internal philanthropy and refreshments will be available.

With your help, the GSU Foundation is planning on 100 percent employee participation, regardless of the size of your donation. Over the past four years, GSU employees have contributed nearly \$115,000. Donation amounts have steadily increased and so have levels of participation. Two years ago, 48 percent of GSU employees contributed and last year, that number rose to 60 percent.

Don't want to wait until the campaign officially starts to do your part?

Visit the [Foundation donation](#) webpage today or call Ext. 4105.

### **Smokey Joe's Café Serving a Good Time**

Two-for-one seats will be available for Smokey Joe's Café at the CPA on Saturday, November 15, at 8 p.m. Enjoy pop standards like Elvis's *Jailhouse Rock* and *Hound Dog*, Peggy Lee's *Is That All There Is?*, the Drifters' *One Broadway*, the Clovers' *Love Potion #9*, and the Coasters' *Yakety-Yak* in the longest-running musical revue in Broadway history.

Regular Price of these tickets is \$39. The two-for-one offer begins at 10 a.m. on Friday and ends at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Call 708-235-2222 or visit the CPA box office to buy tickets.

### **Pop-Culture meets Entrepreneurship**

The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs encourages the entire university community to participate in the Global Entrepreneurship Week activities planned for next week.

Students can win big prizes by participating in any or all pop-culture related contests. Staff and faculty are also welcomed to play along, but are ineligible for prizes. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 21. Contact CenterPoint at 708.534.4929 with questions.

### **Nouns, Verbs, Eponyms?**

Achoo – Please hand me a Kleenex. Little did you know that “Kleenex” is actually a brand name that has fallen into general use to refer to all similar products – also known as an eponym. Make a list of as many product eponyms as you can and win big. Submit your list to CenterPoint via e-mail by Friday, November 21.

### **Corporate Logo Recognition Contest**

We'll give you the “golden arches,” but how many other corporate logos can you identify? Log on to the CenterPoint website, download the logo sheet, and try your hand at identifying 49 other business icons. Completed answer forms can be returned to the CenterPoint office, Room C3300 by Friday, November 21. E-mail entries are also permitted.

### **Entrepreneurial Film Quiz**

At 17, he was handed the keys to his father's tool company after the old man died. But it's where he followed his dreams later that made him a legend and ultimate serial entrepreneur. He put the tool company in the charge of Noah Dietrich while he pursued Hollywood dreams, becoming a director, producer, and eventual head of RKO Pictures in the late '40s. At

the same time, his interest in aviation took flight. What film depicted his story?

Check out the other brain-boggling film descriptions on the CenterPoint website. Completed entries must be e-mailed to CenterPoint by Friday, November 21.

### **Philanthropy Matters**

Proving the positive effects of philanthropy, GSU's Center for Performing Arts benefitted greatly from the generous spirit of others this week.

An anonymous group of donors contributed funds that will assist a Homewood Girl Scout troop to attend a performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Center.

Mary Pope Osborne, author of "Magic Tree House," also donated funds to pay for 118 tickets for students from Taft Primary School in Kankakee. The schoolchildren will attend Friday's performance of hugely popular show, with the author and her husband Will in attendance.

### **Sculpture Park on T.V.**

The sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park can be viewed with commentary from the comfort of your easy chair through the end of the month. A recent filming of GSU's large treasures by Comcast has made it to the little screen.

To view the segment:

- Go to *On Demand* section of viewing menu and hit enter.
- Select *Get Local*
- Select *CN100 Comcast Network*
- Select *Community Connection*

The sculpture park is the third feature in the 30-minute show hosted by Cindy Bravos. For more information on the [sculpture park](#), visit their website.

### **Take Me Higher...**

GSU's Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee will meet in Sherman Music Recital Hall on Tuesday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Each of the five criterion subcommittees will provide an update on their work. The group will also discuss areas of concern and answer questions. The meeting is open to the GSU campus community with participation and feedback are welcome and encouraged.

## **Time to Vote Again?**

Just over a week ago, the GSU community turned out in record numbers to vote in the Presidential Election. But it's already time to vote again – for the GSU Employee of the Year.

Download the [ballot](#), vote for your candidate, and return it to Diane Jones in Human Resources by Friday, November 21. You may also contact Diane at Ext. 7470 with questions.

Although the Chicago way is to vote early and often, we have to follow the rules:

- Only vote for one candidate
- Both pages of the ballot must be submitted
- All information must be completed accurately
- Ballots will not be accepted via e-mail
- Voters must sign their ballots and print their names

## **First Friday Breakfast Café**

In a unique twist in scheduling and menu selection, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Provost Office are inviting faculty and staff to a First Friday Breakfast Café. Enjoy the company of colleagues on November 21, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the recently re-carpeted F-wing atrium.

## **Engaging Men in Counseling**

Chi Sigma Iota, ICA, and the Psychology and Counseling departments invite the GSU community to a presentation on counseling men entitled *Engaging Men in Counseling: Learning from Research How to Improve Practice*.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Presenter Matt Englar-Carlson, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Counseling at California State University, Fullerton. He has published in the area of men and masculinity, child counseling, and social justice/multicultural counseling. Englar-Carlson is co-editor of *In the Room with Men: A Casebook of Therapeutic Change and Counseling Troubled Boys*. He is also the son of renowned psychologist and GSU professor Dr. Jon Carlson.

## **It's Showtime**

And this year all are invited.

The entire campus community is invited to attend *The Civil Silver Service Anniversary Traveling Show* or *Who's 25?* scheduled for Friday, December 5, in Sherman Recital Hall. Mark Kundla is directing the show, with the amazing performances by GSU employees and students. "Every year I'm amazed by the hard work these people put in," Kundla explained, "but this year we have something really special. She is known as 'The Diva' and her melodic, nightingale tones will just astound you."

Kathleen Miller, president of the Civil Service Senate, is also excited about the show. "We have had a lot of requests from non civil service employees to see the show. We decided that this year the show is for all to see; especially after Mark had me hear 'The Diva' perform."

The day starts at 10 a.m., in Sherman Recital Hall, with the awarding of Employee of the Year and other end of year presentations. The entertainment will start immediately thereafter.

## **No stopping the ScholarShip**

The International Journal of Arts and Sciences has accepted an article by Dr. George Garrett (COE), entitled *The Birth and Death of Jim Crow*, for publication. Dr. Garrett will also present the paper at the International Conference, Social Sciences and Humanities track at the University of Central Florida in February.

## **Alumni Spotlight – Mary Maryland**

Mary Maryland, R.N., Ph.D., has been elected the new president of the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society. In this position, which is the highest medical and scientific volunteer office in Illinois, Dr. Maryland will provide leadership on the Society's core mission strategies of research, education, advocacy, and patient services. She also will serve as its chief spokesperson on all medical and scientific matters.

Dr. Maryland, who received her MSN from GSU in 1983, is currently a board certified adult nurse practitioner for NP Care of Illinois and is a staff nurse for Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. In her free time, she is a member of the Illinois Nurses Association and serves on the board of directors of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the ANA Political Action Committee.



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