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News and Events

Adding Courses for Winter 2009

Students are reminded that courses may be added any time during the registration period for Block 1, 2, and 3 courses. Courses may NOT be added after the registration period ends. For Winter 2009, the following registration deadlines apply:

The last day to add a Block 1 or 2 class is Saturday, January 10, 2009.

The last day to add a Block 3 class is March 4, 2009.

Classroom assignments are available online. Students can view and print their schedules and check room assignments using the computers outside of the Registrar's Office during the first week of the Winter 2009 Trimester.

GSU Welcome Days

Welcome Days at GSU provides new and returning students, faculty, and staff access to important services and information. Information tables will be set up in the Hall of Governors on January 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Representatives of the American Cancer Society will be on campus providing information and enlisting volunteers. Information about university facilities and programs, including the Recreation and Fitness Center, will also be available.

For more information, call ext. 4550.

Secretary of State Mobile Service Unit on Campus

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on January 6, from 2 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Services available at the Mobile Service Unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State I.D. card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards.

For information, visit the [Cyberdrive](#) website.

Let's Go Bulls

Student Life is sponsoring a student trip to the Chicago Bulls vs. San Antonio Spurs game, on Saturday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. Students are eligible to win two tickets. Winners also receive transportation via charter bus to and from the game (space is limited), and a mini Chicago Bulls poster.

To enter, submit an email entry to gsudsil@yahoo.com. The subject line of the email should read "Let's go Bulls!" Include your name, address, telephone number, and Student I.D. Number. All entries must be received by Thursday, January 8, by 11 p.m.

The drawing will occur on Friday, January 9, at noon. Winners will be notified via email the day of the drawing and tickets will be mailed to their home addresses.

Full Moon Sculpture Park Tour

On January 10, by the light of the full moon, visitors will be able to tour many of the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates will lead the tour, providing insight on the works and the artists who created them. The fee for the Full Moon Nighttime Tour is \$5 and advanced registration is required.

The tour begins at *Art Ark* by Terry Karpowicz, in the Hall of Governors, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will also visit the giant *Paul* by Tony Tasset, the mysterious *Flying Saucer* by Jene Highstein, and many other favorite works in the park. The tour ends at 8 p.m., at Bruce Nauman's *House Divided*, with a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

Adventurers should bring a flashlight, dress warmly, and wear comfortable, waterproof shoes since some of the paths are uneven.

For more information or to register for the Full Moon Nighttime Tour, [email](#) or call ext. 4486.

Learning eLearning

GSU's Center for Online Teaching and Learning will present a WebCT Orientation for students. Sessions are designed to provide an overview of GSU's eLearning system including how to access the system, basic navigation, directions on how to access tutorials for tools, and how to get help if a problem is encountered.

All students are invited and the orientation. All sessions will be held in the Cafeteria Annex.

Tuesday, January 13

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

School and Community Safety Events

GSU, Prairie State College, the Jane Addams Juvenile Court Foundation, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and a coalition of other groups, will convene two free school and community safety events at Prairie State College in January.

These events will focus the public's attention on restorative justice approaches to conflict resolution and violence reduction by demonstrating how these programs work in school and community settings, and explain how to implement them successfully.

The Administrators' Forum on School and Community Safety is on Wednesday, January 14, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. This event is designed for school administrators, law enforcement executives, social service program administrators, and members of faith based organizations, the courts, and other agencies concerned with youth and community safety.

A follow-up Public Summit on School and Community Safety will be held on Saturday, January 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This summit is designed for south suburban parents and children so they too can learn about restorative justice and the possibilities for promoting violence and delinquency prevention.

For more information or to register, call 312.433.7020.

The Art of the Kuba

The Art of the Kuba exhibit at Governors State University's Visual Arts Gallery will bring the intricate artwork of the Kuba to the south suburbs. The Kuba Kingdom is currently part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo although it remains the sole surviving traditional court of the many that once flourished in equatorial Africa. The artwork on display is a combination of rich textiles, intricate beadwork, overpowering masks, and photographs.

A Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences featuring Prince Ngoloshang Mbecky of the Kuba Royal family enhances the exhibit. The prince will present video recordings of Kuba art and ritual in the current social and political setting on February 6, at 6 p.m., in Sherman Music Recital Hall. A reception will follow immediately after the presentation. The exhibit will also be open for viewing that evening until 9 p.m.

The Distinguished Lecture, reception, and art exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit runs from January 20 through February 17. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext 4021.

This event is part of a yearlong celebration of GSU's 40th anniversary. Community members are welcome to attend special events throughout 2009, which exemplify the university's ongoing success.

We are Recycle Maniacs

We may not have sports teams to compete with other schools, but we are a "green" team ready for the big game and ready to vanquish the competition!

On January 18, Team GSU, which comprises the entire GSU community, will compete in RecycleMania – a challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives. GSU's efforts will focus on overall waste reduction instead of only recycling. This category is considered a "tangible action" under the Presidents Climate Commitment signed by President Maimon in April 2008.

While GSU's recycling efforts are already well established, there are ways we can improve. GSU's RecycleMania

efforts for the 10-week long competition include:

- Promoting inter-office reusable envelopes for campus mail.
- Replacing paper documents with online alternatives wherever possible (e.g. telephone directories, course catalogs, room selection, bill payment, grade distribution, etc)
- Implementing campus printing initiatives, which prohibit or discourage unlimited printing in computer labs and copy rooms (e.g. pay per sheet pricing, etc.)

Our efforts will be measured by adding the weight of our recyclables plus the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the population of GSU. Weekly and final results will be posted in the View.

It is up to us to make this number the highest in the competition. Recycle more, reuse more, and toss out less. Go Team!

Presidential Inauguration Celebration

The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a social gathering, with light refreshments, between 9 and 10:30 a.m., on January 20, to celebrate the inauguration of the new president. Students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to discuss the election, the new presidency, and future of the United States. Viewing of the inauguration ceremony at 11 a.m. will be possible on a large screen television installed in the Hall of Governors or on one of the many television monitors tuned to the Inauguration situated around campus.

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