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News and Events

[The Battle Continues](#)

The second week of Penny Wars has concluded and the battle is still too close to call. As totals mount, saboteurs deposit coins and bills in opposing teams' jars to derail their efforts. Remember penny deposits count as positive additions while silver coin and bill deposits are subtracted from the team's total points.

Currently, the University Library is in the lead, but CAS is coming up fast. Procurement and Auxiliary Services has the two-week low with a point total in the negative numbers.

In the first two weeks of the GSU Penny Wars, \$348.39 has been collected.

There are still two weeks to go, so keep collecting -- and donating -- your pocket change. All funds raised benefit the Civil Service Senate and Student Life. Student Life plans to donate its portion to the Dave Drechsel Fund.

Dept.	Point Total
ARC	1374
COE	1193
CHHS	98
PAS	-824
BO	453
LCE	-121
HR	448
FDM	473
CAS	2695
SBDC	1040
Library	3205
3 rd Floor	1382
SL	7
CBPA	-174
IA	-7

[Auditions for the Next GSU Star](#)

Auditions for spots on stage in the March 14 presentation of Neil Berg's *100 Years of Broadway*, at The Center for Performing Arts are scheduled on Thursday, February 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. Seventeen members of the GSU community will compete for the chance to sing with the stars. Judging the contestants will be GSU's own Mort Maimon, Vanessa Newby, and Jim Howley, as

well as Phil Potempa of the Northwest Indiana Times, and Betty Mohr of the Southtown/Star. Audience reaction to the contestants will also be measured and taken into account by the judges. Everyone is encouraged to attend the auditions and cheer for their favorite GSU performer.

The audition schedule is posted on [The Center for Performing Arts website](#).

The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars. Everyone who tries out will get a big discount on tickets to the show and the winners will get two free tickets each.

Careers for Educators

Calling all teachers and teaching assistants. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for educators. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the school system are invited to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private institutions and representing all grade levels.

The Education Career Fair is on Thursday, February 18, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Attendance is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.

Lines in the Sand

Lines in the Sand: Loss, Fear, and Whiteness in the U.S. Media Representations of Contemporary Mexican Immigration, is a multimedia performance investigating U.S. media representations of Mexican immigration, both legal and illegal. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

Through the use of dance, sound, video, narrative, and scripted dialogue, the performance questions the various “positions” in the current debate and the many issues that are affected by it. The performers interrogate each other’s stories, fears, claims, and blind attachments to white privileges as they embrace or reject the multiple ways they find themselves positioned in the current conversation. Dustin Bradley Goltz, Assistant Professor of Performance Studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University, and Kimberlee Pérez, Instructor of Communication Studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University portrays the two parts.

A discussion following the performance features Dr. Christina Gómez, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latino & Latin American Studies Program at Northeastern Illinois University. The evening concludes with a reception in E-Lounge.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the University Intellectual Life Committee, Latino Center for Excellence, Student Life, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Division of Liberal Arts.

For more information, contact [Jason Zingsheim](#).

Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson

The Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson will present *The Freedom Movement* as part of the Distinguished Lecture series on February 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Sampson is known for his leadership in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He was ordained at the Ebenezer Baptist Church by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Presidents at Morehouse College. He is also a Governors State University alumnus.

Currently, Dr. Sampson is the Senior Pastor of Fernwood United Methodist Church and Presiding Elder of the United Methodist South End Cooperative Parish in Chicago.

Dr. Sampson's presentation is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Life, GSU Alumni Association, and Student Senate. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Event Rescheduled

The discussion on *Hair – Myths, Realities, and Stereotypes* has been rescheduled on Monday, February 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts Lobby.

Blended Courses

Would you like to take advantage of some of the features of online learning but still maintain the face-to-face student interaction? Consider developing a blended or hybrid course. Blended courses retain face-to-face contact with students while:

- Reducing the number of commutes to campus for both faculty and students
- Freeing up classroom space
- Offering flexibility for scheduling face-to-face sessions that better fit with students' schedules
- Improving learning outcomes based on research findings that suggest that blended courses achieve better learning outcomes than classes taught only face-to-face.

Learn how to blend the best online features with face-to-face contact to create a dynamic, effective learning experience on Thursday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab Classroom). This course is taught by Jan Engle and Yevette Brown.

To register for this workshop, email [Jan Engle](#).

[A New Note](#)

In recognition of Black History Month, Student Life is providing *Notes in Black History*.

Today's Note:

Agnes Wheaton (1907) the first African American woman coach and manager of the Red Diamond Athletic Club, the oldest track team in Massachusetts.

GSU is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with activities, entertainment, discussions, and music. The events are free and open to the public.

[Pen and Paper](#)

The GSU Writers Ink group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Library Administrative Conference Room. Meeting dates are March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. Anyone interested in creative writing, the publishing process, and sharing your work is welcome to attend.



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