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News and Events

Batter Up



Need a break for some sun and fun? Join GSU President Elaine P. Maimon, GSU alumni, and friends for some fun at the old ballpark...in Arizona!

The Chicago White Sox will meet the Kansas City Royals in a preseason game on Sunday, March 28, at 1:05 p.m. at Camelback Ranch Field, in Glendale Arizona. Tickets are only \$50 which includes the game ticket, light refreshments, and access to private suite. Transportation is not provided. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come, first served basis.

Don't miss the chance to see a great Chicago team in action and enjoy the company of friends at the ballgame. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call 800.GSU.8GSU, ext 4105.

Sports Come to GSU

The GSU Table Tennis Team is making its mark on intercollegiate competition after a strong showing at the 2009-2010 Upper Midwest Regional Tournament of the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday, February 20.

The GSU community is invited to celebrate the Table Tennis Team's success at a demonstration of both the team's abilities and its new uniforms on March 24 and 25, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., in the D-entrance atrium. The team will demonstrate the intricacies of the game and be available to answer questions and pose for photos.



The GSU Table Tennis Team consists of seven members with four women and three men. GSU Team members include team captain Chengwei Yu, Qianli Ma, Linfeng Xie, Yi Chen, Xiaoke Yi, Xini Zhang, and Wenyi Liang. Players from other universities are now aware of GSU both as strong competitors and as an academic institution.

At the recent competition, each member of the team played well and enjoyed the event and the interactions with players from other

universities. In addition to GSU, participating schools included University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The team competed for the eligibility in the 2010 National Championship, April 9 to 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The top team from each region is automatically invited, with invitations to other teams extended according to NCTTA rules. The invitation decision for 2010 National Championships will be made in a few weeks.

Kaching!

The third week of GSU's Penny Wars was marked by significant jockeying for position. The Library clutched the top spot by nearly doubling their contributions, while the 3rd floor administration wing went deep into the negatives. Meanwhile, the College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences are in a dead heat for second place.



This week is the final week to donate your change to this great cause. All funds raised benefit the Civil Service Senate and Student Life. Student Life plans to donate its portion to the Dave Drechsel Fund.

ARC: 1302
COE: 1597
CHHS: 583
Procurement: -384
Business Office: 952
Latino Ctr: -220
HR: 1790
FDM: 698
CAS 1528
CenterPoint: 1104
Library: 6490
3rd Floor: -1443
Student Life: -470
CBPA: -136
IA: 115

IT System Maintenance

All Governors State Jenzabar products, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from 5 a.m. through approximately 1 p.m., on Sunday, February 28. ITS apologizes for the inconvenience and appreciates your patience. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the help desk at ext. 4357.

Media Presentation - 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 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](#).

Grants Workshop

A Grants Workshop, focusing on planning for research, publications, and funding, will be held on Thursday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Nursing Lab located in the basement of FOC.

Additional topics of the workshop include types of grant programs, developing a five -year plan, components of a good application, and submitting an NIH grant application.

This workshop is presented by Richard B. Warnecke, Ph.D., former Director of the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and former Director of the UIC Survey Research Laboratory; Suzann Campbell, PT, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of the Department of Physical Therapy, UIC; and Julie C. Kong, M.Ed., RD, LDN, Associate Director of Research Services, UIC School of Public Health.

Space is limited. Boxed lunches provided. Contact [Penny L. Havlicek](#) at ext. 3982.

Perfect Frame

Back by popular demand - the Student Education Association (SEA) of GSU is sponsoring the SEA Wii Bowling Competition, on March 11, from noon to 4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place competitors. Popcorn is only 50 cents a bag. Entry fees are \$2 for students and \$3 for everyone else.



Hip Hop Therapy

Hip-hop is the voice of youth culture, and a useful therapeutic tool in treating children, adolescents, and adult family members, says Dr. Catherine Sori, Associate Professor of Counseling.



Dr. Sori and her students have been using hip-hop in sessions at GSU's Counseling Lab for the last two years. She recounts the successful implementation of rap singing as a positive therapeutic approach in her article, *Using Hip-hop in Family Therapy to Build "Rap"Port*, which has been accepted for publication in the latest version of *Favorite Counseling and Therapeutic Techniques*, edited by Dr. Howard Rosenthal.

Hip-hop works as a counseling technique for several reasons, Dr. Sori says. It is culturally relevant to clients. It allows children and their parents to tell their stories in their own words. Families can practice their rap songs together. Hip-hop can be a multiple sensory experience, incorporating dance and percussive movements to enhance the story telling.

"Getting people up so that they are moving and involved is the best thing you can do," she says. "This is a very good way to promote positive feelings among family members."

Dr. Sori introduced the hip-hop technique to students in Counseling 811- Intervention with Children and Adolescents. During one round of counseling at GSU, the technique was used with a family of four, a mother, father, and their two adolescent children. Over several weeks of therapy, family members wrote and performed two rap songs telling about their lives, their struggles, and their hopes for the future.

At the family's final session, Dr. Sori and other members of her therapeutic team performed their own rap song for the clients. They incorporated puppets as therapeutic tools to add an extra visual element and elicit positive, playful responses from the family. The therapists' rap song focused on the family's strengths and, at the finish, was greeted with foot stomping and high fives.

Dr. Sori also included a chapter on hip-hop therapy in her 2008 book, *The Therapist's Notebook, Volume 3*, co-authored with Dr. Lorna Hecker of Purdue University Calumet.

MILE Leadership Dialogue

Learning more about what makes leaders successful is integral to becoming a successful leader and understanding the role character plays in our leaders. A Leadership Dialogue discussion of “Passion and Principal: John and Jessie Fremont, the Couple Whose Power, Politics, and Love Shaped 19th Century America” by Sally Denton will be led by Dr. Paul Craig, on March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The Leadership Dialogue series, sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) of the College of Education, is designed to develop an understanding the meaning of leadership. The event is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to pre-register and be familiar with the book.

Call 708.534.4024 or visit the [MILE website](#).

2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition

GSU will host the 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, from March 4 through 26, in the Visual Arts Gallery.

This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creative work of young artists and to get a glimpse of the extraordinary talent in our region. Exhibiting artists include students from 18 Illinois community colleges including Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland Community College, and South Suburban.

Selected works of student art will include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics. All students are allowed up to three entries. The juror selects work for this exhibition based on its artistic merit.

Accomplished artist Kathleen Scarboro, juries this year’s show. Scarboro has been a practicing artist for many years, creating public work in Joliet and the surrounding region, as well as in Paris, France where she currently resides.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards will take place on Friday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. Up to \$1000 in awards will be presented including \$300 for Best of Show.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. University Park. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4017.

Preschool Screening

The Family Development Center will hold informational meetings and preschool screenings monthly for admission into prekindergarten programs beginning in Fall 2010. Children ages three, four, and five are eligible for admission into the full and half day, three and five day prekindergarten programs.

Admission is open to all students. Discounted admission is available to qualified students. Screening is required to meet qualification requirements. Children must be three years old at the time of screening.

Informational meetings and screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., on March 17, April 8 and 14, May 12, and June 10. For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.



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