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Fall Semester  
Registration  
Through August 25

Meditation  
Thursdays  
2:30 p.m.  
D 34150  
Free

Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
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6 - 7 p.m.  
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Ways of Making  
Juried Art Exhibit  
Through June 23  
Reception  
June 23  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/  
Registration/Tours  
June 12, 13  
9 a.m. to 2  
Family Dev Cntr  
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand  
Counseling Workshop  
June 21  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Engbretson Hall  
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on  
Desire  
Counseling Workshop  
June 22  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
E Lounge  
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## News and Events

### Icelandic Wanderers (04-01-10 April Fool's)



For more than a year, the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park has hosted Steinen Thorarinsdottir's *Horizons*. The unique artwork features 12 bronze figures placed in various positions on the field north of the campus pond.

In recent days, however, frequent visitors to the park have commented that the statues seem to be arranged differently. "The statues are too heavy for pranksters to move," said park director Geoff Bates. "It's almost as if they've moved themselves, which I realize is impossible."

However students and faculty observations seem to prove just that. While most accounts are unconfirmed, there have been several sightings of rogue statues in different locations on campus.

According to park docent Nick Battaglia, "I was passing the E Lounge last week and swear that I saw one of the figures hanging out with the totem poles." Rusty footprints have also been found on the treadmills in the Rec & Fitness Center and in front of the Starbuck's counter. "Maybe they just got sick of the long Chicago winter," added Battaglia. A DPS investigation is pending.



### Name That Space!

Given Illinois' recent budget woes, it's no secret that the next fiscal year will be challenging. Thanks to GSU's conservative fiscal planning through the PBAC budgeting process, the university is in a better financial position than many other State departments and institutions.

In order to stay ahead of the game, GSU will implement a new fundraising initiative this summer. The campaign will solicit donations for naming rights of various campus rooms. With the exception of the McGee Hall of Honors, almost any other space is available, according to the Advancement Office.

The first room to be named under the new program is the bathroom on the second floor of the Faculty Office Center. Faculty and staff have been pooling their money for several weeks to help honor Dr. David Curtis, who is serving as Interim Provost until his retirement in June.

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 \$50  
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 708.534.4092

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"It's a fitting tribute to David, who never puts up with anyone's crap," said a close colleague. Additional information about the new naming rights program is available by calling the Advancement Office.

## **Hooved Eco-Warriors On The Way**

Four-legged environmental specialists will soon be on the job at GSU, munching their way to a cleaner planet.



Thanks to a \$300,000 grant awarded jointly by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, GSU is preparing to purchase 50 dairy goats that will be used to "mow" grass around campus, control weeds, and reduce the university's energy needs.

In addition, the goats will be milked regularly. Cheese will be produced and sold to gourmet groceries and upscale restaurants throughout the Chicago area.

It's all part of GSU's drive to be the greenest university in Illinois, said Susan Rakstang, assistant vice president for facilities development and management. "This allows us to greatly cut down on traditional lawn mowing," she said. "That saves us money and reduces the greenhouse gases we generate. These goats are natural-born grazing machines with a minimal carbon footprint. They're well-mannered and cuddly, too."

During the day, the goats will wander throughout the campus, both around grassy areas and more natural terrain, such as the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. At night, they will be housed in a barn to be built north of the sculpture park.

Job listings for two positions – a goat herder and milking assistant – will be posted this spring.

## **How Low Can You Go?**

Producers of a reality television series will be looking for "lowdown, despicable" behavior when they hold auditions at Governors State University later this month.

*Cutthroat U* will be filmed at GSU this fall, according to a press release from Get Real! Enterprises, the show's producer. Get Real! will hold auditions for a cast of eight GSU faculty or staff members on campus, the press release states.

"Does this describe you?" the press release asks. "Sneaky. Underhanded. Lying. Cheating. Backbiting. Double-crossing. Deceitful. If so, we're looking for you. *Cutthroat U*, in the best tradition of reality show bad behavior, will blow the lid off a quiet, respectable Midwest university campus."

According to the *Cutthroat U* plotline, the university is facing a budget crunch due to the inability of state lawmakers to properly fund higher education. As a result, the show's cast members will look for every possible way to divert funds into their own departments – at the expense of other units at GSU. Cast members rack up points based on, for example, charging their use of copiers to other departments, or

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posting embarrassing information on other unit's Facebook pages.

Auditions will take place "in a week or two," the press release states.

## **Stayin' Alive at GSU**

In a foot tapping, high stepping, body-swaying move the GSU campus responded to a recent "Why Not?" suggestion by altering the carillon music that entertains the campus on the hour.

Instead of the current variety of classic, big band, and oldies music that emanates from the carillon, the anonymous "Why Not?" suggested a switch to Disco Music.

"We weighed the intellectual merits of the suggestion and concluded that it would be a good idea if we, as a community, do a little dance," responded Diane Dates Casey, chair of the Intellectual Life Committee which oversees the music selection.

All Disco All the Time will begin on April 2. A trial run of a medley of key disco tunes from the 80's brought a positive response.

"That's the way, un hun, un hun, I like it," commented Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President.



## **GSU in Stirrups**

On the heels of a successful first season for GSU's table tennis team and the formation of a women's volleyball team, the university is looking to add a third sport to its roster. Beginning in mid-April, FDM will begin manicuring the field just west of the main entry drive for use as a polo court, according to grounds supervisor Kevin Barto.

Polo was chosen due to its appeal to international students and because GSU's prairie landscape provides the perfect location as a polo grounds. The university will lease ponies from Greg Kain of ITS, who already raises horses for racing at local tracks.

Student Life is working to finalize the paperwork needed for certification by the United States Polo Association, which governs both the professional and collegiate levels of the sport. GSU will begin recruiting players as soon as certification is complete.

## **Lights, Camera, Action!**

GSU is now the Hollywood of the South Suburbs.

'Twilight' director Catherine Hardwicke has turned her attention from vampires and werewolves to the increasingly popular zombies for her next movie, "Zombies Go to College", and the location will be GSU.

Filming begins in early summer, with many of the extras enlisted from GSU students, faculty, and staff.

"I have toured the campus and find that the air of walking dead both powerful and pervasive. This campus has a stunning post life

atmosphere," added Hardwicke.

A casting call will be held in conjunction with June Commencement exercises. Graduates and university personnel interested in a part in the film need only hold out both arms as they proceed down the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance."

## **People Who Live in Glass Houses...**



A solarium that makes winter days easier? A lab for growing eco-friendly biomass? A cozy corner café?

Long vacant, GSU's F-wing Greenhouse is the university's most prominent – and interesting – empty space. At the GSU View, our offices overlook the Greenhouse and we often ponder how the space could be better used.

As a result, the university has announced the "What the Heck Should We Do with the Greenhouse?" contest. Entries should be 50 words or less and sent to [GSUview@govst.edu](mailto:GSUview@govst.edu) by April 30. The person who submits the winning entry will receive a packet of cool GSU collectibles.

## **Surf's Up**

The success of the Let's Get Fit program is apparent in the healthier, more active students and employees on campus. To increase the effectiveness of Let's Get Fit, to attract more participants, and to provide the next big challenge, an indoor wave machine was installed in the GSU swimming pool.

Specially designed pumps and propellers propel water over a stationary wave form providing the illusion of the big waves found in Hawaii. The flowing wavelike shape permits riders to carve a turn, ride up the wave surface, and hang ten.

Nurse sharks, seaweed, and other marine life were introduced to the pool in an effort to add authenticity to the ocean experience. Swimmers, however, are cautioned against ingesting the fish, as it is not sushi grade.

"This will be the ultimate GSU fitness challenge," commented Julia Jameson, director of the Let's Get Fit program. "We plan to install sun lamps and palm trees to turn our pool into a tropical paradise as soon as the State releases the funds."

## **Additional ERP Vendors Scheduled (03-29-10)**

GSU is in process of identifying a vendor to provide an updated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Two vendors were recently screened by the university community. GSU is bringing two additional vendors to campus for presentations on April 7 and 8. The presentation format will remain the same.

To satisfy student and stakeholder needs and expectations, the new ERP system will facilitate delivery of efficient, cost-effective,

technology-enabled, services. The project will enhance delivery of core services and functions by implementing an integrated and sustainable system that allows us to incorporate best business practices.

The system will affect all university processes – from admissions to registration, from employee hiring to the processing of payrolls, from budget development to expenditure management, from workload assignment to course scheduling, from on campus instruction to online learning, from graduation to alumni relations and fund raising, and more.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by the vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. Each presentation will take place over the course of an entire day and will be broken into shorter sessions addressing the needs of specific functional and service areas.

Because the selection of a new system affects every department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

### **Presentation Schedule**

Wednesday, April 7 – Vendor 3  
Hall of Honors

Thursday, April 8 – Vendor 4  
Hall of Honors

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors.)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting  
8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview  
9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission  
9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)  
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid  
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable  
11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)  
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon  
12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management  
12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting  
1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls  
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable  
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break  
2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement  
3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll  
3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni  
4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)  
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)  
4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

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### **Tresser to Speak**

The Transformations Lecture Series continues with a presentation by

Tom Tresser, community activist and creativity champion on Wednesday, March 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Tresser's topic will be *Championing Creativity and Change: Working from the Bottom Up, Outside In*. Tresser is an instructor at DePaul University who believes creativity is America's most precious natural resource. He has a long history of local activism and is the 2010 Green Party candidate for President of the Cook County Board.

The University Honors Program and the College of Arts and Sciences at GSU are sponsors of the lecture. For more information, call 708.534.4578.

## **Blending Courses**

Faculty are now able to take advantage of some of the features of online learning but still maintain the face-to-face student interaction through the development of blended or hybrid courses. 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, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab Classroom). This course is taught by Jan Engle and Yvette Brown.

To register for this workshop, email [Jan Engle](mailto:Jan.Engle@gsu.edu).

## **Prekindergarten at GSU**

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 April 8 and 14, May 12, and June 10. For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.

## **Don't Call it Ping Pong**

The university's Table Tennis Club is hosting a public meet and greet on Thursday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. They will offer tips on playing table tennis,

pose for pictures, and screen a video of championship competition.

GSU Women's Table Tennis team will compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Championship on April 9 through 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

### **Focus on Jobs (03-25-10)**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

### **Thirsty?**

Safe drinking water does not just flow from the faucet. In many parts of the world, it is a rare and precious commodity.

The Office of International Services is sponsoring World Water Day 2010, *Clean Water for a Healthy World*, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Presentations will be on the current worldwide water supply, improvements to access and quality, and projections for the future.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend. For more information, contact Vreni Mendoza at ext. 3087.

### **Start Your Day Off Right**

The cafeteria's breakfast buffet is back by popular demand. FSI will offer a hot breakfast buffet every morning from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Start your day off right with eggs, pancakes, bacon, and other delicious breakfast choices available every morning in the GSU Cafeteria.

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## Social Work Honorees

The Department of Social Work at GSU hosted an induction ceremony for the newest members of Omicron Beta, the GSU chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, the social work honor society, on Friday, March 19. ([Learn more](#))

## Early Head Start at GSU

The Family Development Center will offer Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families, beginning in June 2010. Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57. The immediate families of GSU staff and students regardless of where they live are also eligible. Participants need not be students at GSU.



A key component of the Early Head Start program is the childcare services provided free to parents who are working or in school, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Infants and toddlers in the Early Head Start Program attend the state-of-the-art, fully licensed Family Development Center. Formula, meals, snacks, and diapers are also included in childcare services. A registered nurse is on staff to monitor the children's healthcare needs.

Additional services of the program include a prenatal program for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community.

Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a two-year, \$1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information, call 708.235.7300 or visit [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children).

## Summertime Education

Vacation Education at GSU provides a unique opportunity for current GSU students, college students home for the summer, and those wishing to learn more and add to their qualifications. The courses offered during this special summer program run from June 1 through July 15 and vary in subject and content. Students need not be previously enrolled in GSU. Vacation Education courses can be taken on a non-degree seeking basis. Prerequisites are dependent on the course and tuition is determined by undergraduate or graduate student status.

For more information, visit the [Vacation Education](#) website or call 708.534.4567.

## Free Counseling On Campus

Today's individuals and families face economic and social pressures as

well communication difficulties that frequently disrupt family unity and the ability to cope.

Counseling is one of the most important tools for understanding and coping. Free and confidential individual, family, and vocational counseling is available through the Division of Psychology and Counseling at GSU as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students.

For more information, call 708.534.4545 or visit [www.govst.edu/counselinglab](http://www.govst.edu/counselinglab).

## **Sharing Success**

Save the date for this year's Faculty Summer Institute – Sharing Success. The workshops will take place on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16. Additional details will be available soon.

In the meantime, faculty are encouraged to start thinking about what they have been doing in their online, hybrid, or web-enhanced courses that would be valuable to share with colleagues. A call for presentation proposals will be distributed to faculty on April 5.

## **Civil Service Scholarships Available**

Applications for civil service scholarships are being accepted until May 8, 2010. Four applicants will be chosen to receive awards of \$250 each. Applicants need be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours and must be a civil servant at GSU or married to or a dependent of a member of the GSU civil service.

For more information and an application, contact [Senantha Jenkins](#) at ext 4484.

Download the [application instructions](#).

## **Are You a Fan? (03-22-10)**

Students, faculty, and staff are quickly becoming fans of the university's new Facebook page. The page will provide exclusive updates and university news. Help us reach 100 fans this week by becoming one today. Remember, the 100<sup>th</sup> fan will receive an exclusive GSU prize pack! Visit [www.facebook.com/govstate](http://www.facebook.com/govstate).

## **Help Haiti**

GSU Social Work students and Student Life are hoping to help victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti with Helping Hands for Haiti awareness bracelets. Donations of \$2 (or more) will be accepted on March 24, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds will be donated to UNICEF.

For more information, contact [Launae Butler](#).

## **Bon Appétit!**

Looking to make your GSU dining experience even better? Then share your comments and suggestions during FSI's *Dining with the Director*.

Shannon Lauridsen, Executive Chef Manager of GSU's cafeteria, welcomes you to pull up a chair at the University Perk Coffee Shop in the dining room, and share your thoughts about the current food service. She will be seated at a designated table in the dining room on Thursday, March 25, from 2 through 4 p.m.

## **Science and Art Everyday**

Why waste spring break in front of the television? Children from kindergarten through sixth grade can spend the time having fun, learning from science experiments, creating through art activities, and playing games outside and inside.

*Science and Art Everyday* at the Family Development Center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 1, 2, and 5 through 9. The fee is only \$40 a day and includes lunch. Before and after care is also available. Registration required.

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## **Serving GSU**

The Student Senate elections are approaching fast. It's time for GSU students to stand up for what they believe in and what is important to them. The GSU Student Senate is the student's voice in the university. Learn more about what it means to be a GSU Student Senator, Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, or Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee representative and what it takes to put your name on the ballot. For more information, visit the [Student Senate website](#) or call 708.534.4552.



To be on the ballot, applications must be submitted by March 24. Remember, Student Senate elections are from April 5 through 9.

## **I Feel a Discount in the Air**

The Center for Performing Arts announced a special \$10 discount per

ticket on remaining seats now available for Lisa Williams, Internationally Acclaimed Medium and Clairvoyant. Williams has an amazing ability to communicate with loved ones and friends who have passed on to the "other side."

The show is on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. The discount is \$10 off of the regular \$58.50 main floor ticket price or \$38.50 balcony seat tickets.

Discount is not available on previously purchased tickets. To receive the discount, visit The Center box office and mention the word "Beyond" or enter the word "Beyond" online at [The Center website](#).

## **Table Tennis Scores at GSU**

GSU's first intercollegiate sports team is headed for national competition. The GSU Women's Table Tennis team will compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Championship on April 9 through 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.



"Given that the table tennis team started less than a year ago with just one table available for practice and with limited coaching, our women players have indeed accomplished so much," said team coach Dr. T.J. Wang, associate professor of accounting at GSU. "Our women players have placed GSU on the map at the national level."

The GSU Women's Table Tennis Team, ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> by the NCTTA, earned the invitation to compete at the national level after a strong showing at the 2009-2010 Upper Midwest Regional NCTTA Tournament at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on February 20.

The team is hosting a public meet and greet on Thursday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. They will offer tips on playing table tennis, pose for pictures, and screen a video of championship competition.

## **Area Students Achieve "Greater Success"**

Four student participants in the university's Greater Success 4 U Upward Bound Program were inducted into the National Honor Society at Bloom High School - Gerrardo Flores, Sade Gibson, Stacie Hopkins, and Kayln Steed. Congrats!

## **Calling All Facebook Friends (03-18-10)**



GSU moved further into the digital age this week as it rolled out its [new Facebook page](#). The page will feature posts pertinent to students, employees, and community members alike. Keep an eye out for exclusive Facebook contests too.

Visit [GSU's Facebook page](#) and become a fan today. The 100<sup>th</sup> fan will receive a special gift!

## **Summer Hours Return**

GSU's Human Resource department announced yesterday that the university will continue its Summer Hours program this year. The alternate work schedule will be in effect from Monday, June 13 through Friday, August 13, 2010. Summer hours will provide employees the opportunity for more time off during the summer months, save in transportation costs, and will enable the university to realize other operational savings.

Download the documents below for additional information.

**[Summer Hours Work Schedule Memo](#)**

**[Summer Hours FAQ](#)**

## **Keep On Dancin'**

Break Time! The Student Senate is sponsoring a dance and celebration on Friday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. There will be music, a DJ, dancing, refreshments, and giveaways. Prizes include Netbooks, iPods, and individual recorders.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP required. Contact [studentsenate@govst.edu](mailto:studentsenate@govst.edu) and bring a date!

## **Centerpalooza**

A few great seats are still available for [Centerpalooza](#) at The Center for Performing Arts, on Saturday, March 20. See three great bands - Los Lobos Acoustic, Backyard Tire Fire, and MoJo Daddies for one low price. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

To sweeten the experience, Governors State students, faculty, and staff, are eligible for two for one mezzanine tickets (regular price \$49) from 10 a.m., Friday, March 19, to 6 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Tickets may be purchased at the center box office or by calling 708.235.2222.

To purchase regular price tickets, visit the web site at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

## **Degree Audit Update**

Degree Audit (GAP Report) implementation is well on its way. Ninety-three percent of all new undergraduate students who started this term have GAP reports available for use by their advisors. This achievement is remarkable because it is only the 10th week of classes.

The Degree Audit team will now begin work on the GAP reports of new Spring/Summer 2010 undergraduate students. Registration for new Spring/Summer 2010 students begins Monday, March 22.

Although there remain areas to tweak and improve, it is important to note the ongoing success of the project. This important innovation improves customer service for new undergraduate students at GSU.

## **Lighting Replacement Continues**

Thanks to a grant from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation shedding brighter, better, and more efficient lighting on the stage of The Center for Performing Arts recently got a boost. The \$4,946.10 award enabled The Center to replace old, energy hungry light fixtures with new energy efficient ones. As a result, total consumption was reduced by 8,776 watts. In addition to the energy savings, the old light fixtures were recycled. Bravo!

## **Pot of Gold and a Poem**

GSU celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the Annual Limerick Contest sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. Many entries were received but only three were named winners.

### **First place - Sheryl Szot Gallaher, faculty**

Our school has a Governors' hall  
With anchor-shaped sculpture so tall  
When visitors stare  
We're proudly aware  
Of convicts adorning the wall.

### **Second place - Tony Labriola, faculty**

The plight of our state is a fright  
GSU is up for the fight.  
The budget is lean.  
We ain't got no green.  
Our shamrock has turned black and white!

### **Third place - Alysse (Lisa) Hansen, student**

The sculpture park is so endearing  
Especially the expansive clearing  
Where Paul Bunyan stands  
Big, red axe in hand  
Although he most surely needs cheering!

## **Conversations about Quality**

The Continuous Quality Improvement and Accreditation Committee (COIA) is sponsoring a faculty development workshop on *Conversations about Quality: How do we know what students have learned?* Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room D34115.

Discussion topics include:

- How do you know what students have learned?
- What is your best method for determining what students have learned?
- What do you do when you find out students have not learned?
- What do students tell you they've learned?
- What observations do you make that tell you students have learned?
- How do you communicate how much students have learned?
- When do students let you know that they have learned?

To learn more visit the [COIA website](#).

## **Good to the Last Drop**

Safe drinking water does not just flow from the faucet. In many parts of the world, it is a rare and precious commodity.

The Office of International Services is sponsoring World Water Day 2010, *Clean Water for a Healthy World*, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Presentations on the current state of the worldwide water supply, improvements to access and quality, and a look into the future will be discussed through presentations and video screenings.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend. For more information, contact Vreni Mendoza at ext. 3087.

## **Victor Declared!**

The Penny War is finally over. The combatants have laid down their weapons. The wounded are recovering and the victors are celebrating. How will historians record this conflict? Only time will tell.

Here are the final results of the war:

3rd Floor:	22,365
CAS:	15,011
CBPA:	6,059
Business Office:	2,578
ARC:	1,420
Library:	1,403
CenterPoint:	655
IA:	560
FDM:	-147
Latino Ctr:	-220
CHHS:	-844
Procurement:	-1,556
COE:	-1,731
Student Life:	-2,439
HR:	-3,303



The Penny Wars raised \$1,760.63. The Civil Service Senate donated \$880.31 to Student Life.

The Library, which lead for three weeks of the competition, suffered mortal wounds in the fourth week when \$155.00 in paper and silver were placed in its jar forcing it into sixth place. The Third Floor rallied in the fourth week getting a forceful boost with the addition of \$266.43 in pennies taking it from last place in the third week to first place in the final count making it the ultimate winner. The week three winner, the GSU Library, very graciously and sadly handed over Abe Lincoln Penny trophy to the Third Floor. Rumbblings of reprisal and revenge could be heard.

## **Job Opportunities**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

## **Batter Up (03-25-10)**

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.

## **Financial Smarts**

Student Life is sponsoring *Credit Scores Matter...Learn How to Improve Yours*, a financial literacy seminar presented by Citibank, on March 16, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Contact [Chay Wilson](#) for more information.

## **Semester Smarts**

Beginning in Fall 2010, GSU will move from a trimester-based academic calendar to a semester-based academic calendar. This new schedule will enhance the seamless transition from community colleges, serve returning students balancing families and full-time employment, and make GSU summer courses available to students from other institutions. Information, explanations, and three years of academic calendars are available at the [Semester Calendar website](#).



Faculty and staff members with individual community contacts are responsible for communicating the semester calendar changes to those contacts via hard copy letter or e-mail. Sample letter templates have been made available via the [Semester Calendar website](#).



## **Focus on Investment**

Patrick Windle of TIAA-CREF is available for consultations on Wednesday, March 17, from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m. in D2417. To make an appointment, call Leslie Kelley at 312.345.5651.

TIAA-CREF is one of four vendors GSU has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The others are Fidelity, VALIC, and The Legend Group.

## **Friends Need Your Books**

The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a book drive through the end of March. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to drop off their books that they no longer need or want. Clean out those desks and closets and bring us your books! Simply go to the GSU Library on the second floor and drop off your donations at the Friends table across from the circulation desk. All book donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contact [Pam Taylor](#) at ext. 7527 with questions.

## **Baby & Toddler Screening**

In collaboration with the Early Intervention Program and Child and Family Connections #15, the Family Development Center is offering free screenings for children from birth to three years old.

Screenings are available April 8, May 12, and June 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children who need further evaluation will be referred to the Early Intervention program. For more information or to schedule a screening, call 708.235.7324.

## **All Patched Up**

Carol Machura and Susan Bell, both employees of the University Library and members of the GSU Quilting Club, are currently displaying their handiwork in the B wing display case. The display includes beautiful, handmade quilts, bags, wall hangings, and quilt panels. The case is located in the B wing hallway between The Center for Performing Arts and the Facilities Development and Management Office.

## **Onto the Championship! (03-11-10)**

The women's team of the GSU Table Tennis Club has been invited to compete in the 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships organized by the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA), on April 9 to 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

According to GSU coach and club sponsor, T.J. Wang, "There are 18 divisions consisting of over 130 schools in the NCTTA. Only the top 16 women's teams qualify to go to the National Championship each year."

This is the first year GSU has sponsored an organized table tennis club. The team's success has been watched closely by rival schools in the Upper Midwest Region including University of Wisconsin-Madison,

Purdue, Northwestern, University of Chicago, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Good Luck to the GSU Women's Table Tennis Team!

## **Wii Bowling Today**

You don't need bowling shoes or great form to compete in the SEA Wii Bowling Competition today, from noon to 4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The competition is sponsored by the Student Education Association (SEA) of GSU.



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.

## **Broadway for Less**

GSU buy one get one free tickets will be available for *Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway* this weekend. Regular ticket price is \$39. The discount is valid from 10 a.m. on Friday, March 12 through 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. Call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person.

Ticket holders are invited to attend a special pre-theatre discussion about the history of Broadway with SouthtownStar theatre critic Betty Mohr.

Neil Berg presents brilliantly revived arrangements of Broadway classics, as well as thrilling numbers from Broadway's newest hit shows, featuring the actual stars of shows including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *CATS*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*.

The show also features the winners of GSU's *Singing with the Stars* competition, students Fredi Parks and Kimi Robaczewski.

## **Authors Honored**

More than 40 faculty members were honored at the Faculty Authors Reception hosted by the University Library on March 10. Dr. Elaine Maimon spoke at the reception, offering praise and encouragement for continued academic achievement and success. The variety of works on display ranged from articles and chapters to books and film, and included a wide variety of subjects in many academic disciplines.

While the View cannot do justice to the variety and achievement of the faculty in this short article, we join the University Library and Dr. Maimon in applauding their accomplishments.

## **Fin Aid & FAFSA Workshop**

Get your questions answered at a Financial Aid Workshop on Friday, March 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., in room D2430 (ACS Lab).

Learn how to complete the FAFSA form and avoid making common mistakes. Find out what makes a student eligible for financial aid, what forms of aid are available, and how to decipher the financial aid award letter.

The workshop is sponsored by Student Affairs and Academic Support and the Financial Aid Office.

### **Calling all Faculty**

The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The agenda includes a presentation by the Faculty Development Committee, administration updates and reports, and faculty committee reports. Additional information is available on the [Faculty Senate webpage](#).

### **Join SUAA**

The next meeting of the GSU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (GSU SUAA) will be held on Thursday, March 18, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

### **CenterPoint Clients Excel**

Four area businesses recently sought counseling from CenterPoint's Illinois Small Business Development Center. They collectively applied for and received microloans totaling \$115,000 to expand or improve their businesses. CenterPoint partners with Accion Chicago and Borrego Springs Bank who are both preferred SBA lenders that provide loans as low as \$500 for a credit builder loan to as high as \$50,000 for businesses located in low to moderate income areas.



An Army veteran who attended CenterPoint's Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at GSU last year received CenterPoint's first SBA guaranteed loan under the Patriot Express Loan Program to expand his Tinley Park based business. CenterPoint 504, the center's not for profit SBA Certified Development Company, also worked with a local client to complete a \$1.8 million loan and investment package for a new business.

"CenterPoint client loan and investment activity of nearly \$2 million for the first two months of 2010 has nearly equaled all loan and investment activity of 2009. Our microloan volume has never been more active," said Hilary Burkinshaw, CenterPoint Director.

During the past 10 years, CenterPoint at Governors State University has counseled over 4,000 small business clients that has lead to the creation and retention of over 6,000 jobs in the GSU region. The center has also provided or helped secure financing of over \$120 million helping 72 small businesses expand, 84 businesses start up, and 19 clients purchase businesses.

### **Help for Haiti**

GSU Social Work students and Student Life are hoping to help victims

of the recent earthquake in Haiti with Helping Hands for Haiti awareness bracelets. Donations of \$2 (or more) will be accepted on March 24, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds will be donated to UNICEF.

For more information, contact [Launae Butler](#).

## **Hardboiled Crime**



Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English at GSU, opened the discussion of the hardboiled crime fiction genre and *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett recently with a presentation sponsored by the Park Forest Public Library.

Dr. Johnsen discussed the author, the genre, and offered observations and resources to aid in analysis and understanding. Following Dr. Johnsen's presentation, Raymond Funderburk, Judge of the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County, read aloud the first chapter of *The Maltese Falcon*. A spirited discussion of the book followed.

Her presentation was part of the Big Read, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

## **Find a Job**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

## **Early Head Start at GSU (03-08-10)**

Thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, GSU will receive a two year, \$1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center (FDC).

According to Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the Family Development Center, the grant will enable Governors State University to create 20 new jobs and serve 72 families through Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families.

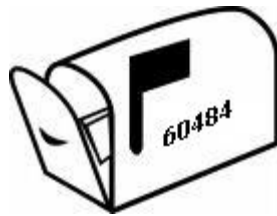
Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57, and the immediate families of GSU staff and

students regardless of where they live. Participants need not be students at GSU.

Components of Early Head Start include prenatal support for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community, as well as infant and toddler childcare.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children).

## **60466's Days are Numbered**



All GSU faculty and staff are reminded that the university's former ZIP code, 60466, was changed to 60484 on July 1, 2009.

Mailed materials bearing the old ZIP code will only be recognized until July 1, 2010. All departments are encouraged to review all materials (i.e. business cards, website, envelopes, stationery/masthead, forms, marketing materials) to ensure that they are changed to reflect the new ZIP code.

All departments doing business with outside entities are also responsible for informing those entities of the change for correspondence and billing purposes.

The facts:

- New ZIP Code: 60484 (Nine-Digit 60484-0975)
- The university must change the ZIP code on all materials between July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010.
- GSU may continue to use mail materials bearing the old code (60466) through July 1, 2010. Outbound GSU mail bearing an obsolete ZIP code as part of the return address after July 1, 2010 and found to be undeliverable-as-addressed would be considered a dead letter and not be returned sender (GSU).

## **Toast Faculty Authors**

The University Library is hosting the Faculty Authors Reception celebrating the publishing achievements of the GSU faculty during the past year on Wednesday, March 10, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Library balcony. More than 40 works will be on display. Faculty and staff are invited to view the many examples of recent works by GSU colleagues.

## **Library Friends Meet**

The next GSU Friends of the Library meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, at noon, in the Library Conference Room. Old friends, new friends, and passing acquaintances are welcome.

## **Dialing for Dollars**

The GSU Phonathon is underway and looking for student callers to assist in the university's Annual Fund campaign. Interested students should be reliable, enthusiastic, and personable. Students callers are paid and will benefit from other great incentives and a fun and friendly atmosphere. For an immediate interview, call 708.235.2188.

## **Copyright and Copy-wrong**

The University Library is sponsoring a faculty workshop entitled Copyright Compliance & the Classroom in the Digital Age on Wednesday, March 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in D2401C (Library classroom).

The session will address common questions about how to comply with copyright law in the classroom and online. For instance, can a professor download the PDF file from a library database, email it to his students through WebCT, and still comply with copyright law? Make sure you're on the right side of the digital divide.

## **Why Not? Winter Winner**

Join President Maimon as she announces the Winter 2010 "Why Not?" winner. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 16, at noon, in the cafeteria. The entire university community is invited.

Founded on the principle of new ideas, Governors State University will continue to grow with your help. Make constructive suggestions on "Why Not?" about policies, processes, and practices in the university that you think need to improve and receive a guaranteed response. Have your voice heard and your ideas implemented by submitting your suggestion to the "[Why Not?](#)" website.



## **Rock On**

Break Time! The Student Senate is sponsoring a dance and celebration on Friday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. There will be music, a DJ, dancing, refreshments, and giveaways. Prizes include Netbooks, iPods, and individual recorders.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP required. Contact [studentsenate@govvst.edu](mailto:studentsenate@govvst.edu) and bring a date!

## **Let's Get Fit Workshops**

The Let's Get Fit program is sponsoring free workshops to help enhance good health and well-being. Workshops are free and open to anyone interested in learning more and improving their health.

A discussion of Neck and Back Pain will be held on March 10. A workshop on Nutrition will be held on March 23. Healthy Heart is the topic on March 30 and on April 13 osteoporosis will be discussed. All workshops are from noon to 1 p.m. in D34115.

For more information on Let's Get Fit workshops or to join the program, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468.

## **Talking 'Bout Learning**

Faculty and staff are invited to attend *Conversations - How Do We Know What Students Have Learned?* on Wednesday, March 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The workshop, sponsored by the Committee on Quality Improvement and Accreditation (CQIA), will be formatted around both small and large group conversations on the topic.

## **Student Senate Elections**



The GSU Student Senate is as strong and active as students want it to be. Get involved. Run for office. Vote in the election. Let your voice be heard.

Candidates are currently being sought to run in the April Student Senate elections for one-year terms. Students interested in serving as a senator are encouraged to visit [www.govst.edu/student senate](http://www.govst.edu/student senate) to review the duties and responsibilities of a student senator.

Election packets are also available [online](#). Completed, time-stamped candidate petitions are due to the Interim Director of Student Engagement and College Relations (A2103) on Monday, March 15, by 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 31, candidates will meet for an election forum and campaign speeches, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The elections will be held online at <https://eballot.votenet.com/GOVST> from April 5 to 9. Any computer or electronic device with Internet access can be used for polling.

If you have any election questions, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) (Interim Director of Student Engagement and College Relations) at 708.534.4552.

## **Workshops in Kankakee**

GSU is conducting professional development workshops on a variety of topics at the GSU Kankakee Education Center this spring.

Workshops include *Time Management*, offered on Saturdays, March 20 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The instructor is Lori Townsend.

*Supervisory Fundamentals* will be offered on Saturdays, April 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The instructor is Lynita Gebhardt.

Workshops may be taken for credit or non-credit. Each course is one credit hour if taken for university credit. There are no prerequisites.

The GSU Kankakee Education Center is located at 187 S. Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois. For more information or to register, call (800) 478-8478, ext. 4099 or visit [www.govst.edu/sxl/workshops](http://www.govst.edu/sxl/workshops).

## **CBPA Students Excel**

Four students from the College of Business and Public Administration participated in the 2010 APICS Great Lakes District Annual Student Case Competition held on February 19 and 20, in Downers Grove.

John Anderson, Bharat Kumar Chandra, Katherine Schippits, and Chun Tin Wong were given a case about a company in decline, and they presented their analysis and strategy to the professionals of the APICS organization. Several universities Midwestern universities competed. GSU's team was placed third, and won a cash award of \$480, which will be used to support GSU's APICS Club.

## **Rhymes with GSU**

The Civil Service Senate announces the Third Annual St. Paddy's Day Limerick Contest.

Our limerick contest is keen.  
The topic's the GSU scene.  
No more than three  
And make sure that they be...  
No worse than PG-13

All limericks should be sent to [Lynne Clayton](#), Room G256, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 10. They will be pre-screened by a panel of impartial judges. Finalists will be asked to read or have someone read their entries on Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The top three winners will be chosen by the audience in attendance.

There are three rules: \*

1. Limericks must reference GSU and/or the GSU community and environs
2. No more than 3 limericks per person
3. And please - KEEP IT CLEAN!

\*The pre-screening committee reserves the right to disqualify any limerick that they deem inappropriate.

## **Decide on GSU**

GSU will host Instant Decision Day: An Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is open to all students looking to transfer into one of GSU's bachelor's degree completion programs.

Prospective students are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts. Admission counselors and academic program advisors will be on hand to review transcripts and provide students with an instant decision on whether or not they could be admitted to the university.

General information about the university, specific undergraduate



programs, and financial aid will be available. Prospective students will be able to meet with faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors.

For more information, contact the GSU Office of Admission at 708.534.4490.

## **Chicago Heights**

*Chicago Heights*, a film produced, directed, and acted by members of the GSU community, was screened as part of the Jubilee Film Festival in Selma, Alabama on Saturday, March 6. The festival is part of the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee in Selma, which commemorates 'Bloody Sunday,' the day when a long line of peaceful demonstrators were brutally attacked by Alabama state troopers as they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Sunday, March 7, 1965.

*Chicago Heights* included contributions both in front of and behind the camera by GSU MFA in Independent Film & Digital Imaging students and graduates including Keisha Dyson, Seth McClellan, and Mercedes Kane, with additional cinematography by Dirk Fletcher and lighting by Don Winter and contributions from Leah Shortell, Benny Stewart, Stephanie Portner, Homer Talbert, Victor Collazo, Lynn Werth, Barbara Hogu, and Robin Thompson. The film was directed by associate professor Daniel Nearing, academic coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, and produced by Sanghoon Lee, assistant professor of Independent Film and Digital Imaging.

## **PC Gala**

The Psychology and Counseling Annual Gala will be held on April 17, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the University Golf Club, in University Park. The celebration is open to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and includes dinner, DJ, and dancing.

This event is sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota, Illinois Counseling Association, the College of Education, and the GSU Alumni Association. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required.

For more information or to register, email [ica-sci@govst.edu](mailto:ica-sci@govst.edu).

## **Invitation to Participate in the ERP System Selection (03-04-10)**

GSU is in process of identifying a vendor to provide an updated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

To satisfy student and stakeholder needs and expectations, the new ERP system will facilitate delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology-enabled, services. The project will enhance delivery of core services and functions by implementing an integrated and sustainable system that allows us to incorporate best business practices.

The system will affect everything we do – from admissions to registration, from employee hiring to the processing of payrolls, from budget development to expenditure management, from workload assignment to course scheduling, from on campus instruction to online

learning, from graduation to alumni relations and fund raising, and more.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by the vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. Each presentation will take place over the course of an entire day and will be broken into shorter sessions addressing the needs of specific functional and service areas.

Because the selection of a new system affects EVERY department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

### **Presentation Schedule**

Friday, March 12 – Vendor 1

Monday, March 15 – Vendor 2

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting

8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview

9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission

9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable

11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)

Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon

12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management

12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting

1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls

1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement

3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll

3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni

4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)

4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

### **Schedule & Registration Info Online**

It's almost time to register for the spring/summer trimester. Online registration begins on Monday, March 15. The [spring/summer course schedule](#) and registration instructions are both available online. Students are reminded to check the Registration Priority Schedule in the [Registration Instruction Booklet](#).

### **Oink, Oink**

The Center for Performing Arts presents a very special performance for the whole family this weekend. Tickets are available for *If You Give a Pig a Pancake and Other Story Books*, Saturday March 6, at 11 a.m.

This TheatreworksUSA production is a mini musical based on popular children's stories such as *How I Became a Pirate*, *The Paper Bag Princess*, and *Diary of a Worm*.

Tickets are only \$10.50. Call The CPA box office at 708-235-2222 or visit [The Center website](#).

## **Singing with the Stars**

Last Thursday, GSU's five best singers vied for a chance to perform as part of *100 Years of Broadway* at The Center for Performing Arts. The vocalists, chosen by a distinguished panel of judges at an earlier audition, sang for their lives. The finalists included:

Keith Briggs (Staff/FDM) - Somewhere Over the Rainbow from *The Wizard of Oz*  
Fredrick Parks (Student) - I Could Have Danced All Night from *My Fair Lady*  
Kimi Robaczewski (Student) - Cabaret from *Cabaret*

Charlotte Smith (Student) - Tomorrow from *Annie*  
Ayita Woods (Staff/HR) - Love You I Do from *Dreamgirls*



After much debating, the judges chose two students as the winner. Kimi Robaczewski was awarded first place and will sing a solo number during the Broadway production. Fredrick Parks was awarded second place and will perform in the production as part of an ensemble number. Congratulations and thanks to all who auditioned and turned out to cheer the singers on.

Tickets are still available for *Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway*, on March 14, at 4 p.m. Visit [The Center website](#) for details.

## **Semester Information**



Fall 2010 will begin GSU's first semester-based academic calendar. The new schedule will enhance the seamless transition of students from community colleges to GSU, serve returning students who must balance families and full-time employment with school commitments, and make GSU summer courses available to students from other institutions.

Faculty and staff members with individual community contacts are responsible for communicating the semester calendar changes to those contacts via hard copy letter or e-mail. Sample letter templates are available on the Semester Calendar [website](#).

## **Tamales For Sale**

Time for a delicious tamale. Do you want chicken, cheese, or pork – or a dozen of each? Now is your chance to pre order fresh tamales at \$12 per dozen from the Spanish Reading Club. All proceeds support club events throughout the semester.

Order by Tuesday, March 9 before 7 p.m. for pick up on Thursday,

March 11. Order by Friday, March 12 before 5 p.m. for pick up on Thursday March 16. The pickup location on both days is the Hall of Governors, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Payment is due at pickup.

To order tamales, submit a quantity, ingredient type (pork, chicken, or cheese), and the day you wish to pick them up (March 11 or March 16) along with your name, phone number, and email address to the Spanish Reading Club in room A-2134, call ext. 4553, or via email at [spanishreadingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:spanishreadingclub@yahoo.com).

## **Collaborate Online**

Using online collaboration tools (CE-8 Group Manager, Wikis, Google Docs, etc.) add significantly to the success of group projects, whether you are teaching a traditional or an online class. Learn about factors that contribute to successful group projects and how to use the CE-8 Group Manager to organize and facilitate group work at a faculty workshop presented by Jan Engle on Thursday March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab classroom).

To register for this workshop, email [Jan Engle](mailto:Jan.Engle@gsu.edu).

## **Don't Spare a Strike**

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.



## **Family Matters - The Kundla Handoff**

For Lisa and Mark Kundla, "the handoff" marks both the beginning and end of the working day.



Each weekday afternoon, Mark brings their 4-year-old son Logan to GSU's Business Office, where Lisa is a specialist in student accounts. Lisa takes Logan home to Park Forest and Mark begins his evening shift in Digital Learning and Media Design. It's an arrangement that's been in place since

Logan was born.

By splitting their weekdays with Logan, Lisa and Mark can save money that otherwise would be going for childcare. But their daily handoff is about more than finances.

"We just think it is better that one of Logan's parents is always with him," Mark says. "We've been fortunate enough to be there whenever he needs us." The Kundlas' other son, six-year-old Austin, started first grade this year.

Mark, well known on campus as the producer-director of the annual Civil Service Day video extravaganza, has been at GSU 13 years. As a GSU undergrad, he was undecided on a major until someone showed

him the TV production facilities. "It was an epiphany," he says. He's earned a B.A. and M.A. at GSU and has moved from editing tape to working on computers to preparing digital material for the web.

Before coming to GSU eight years ago, Lisa worked in the banking industry and as a secretary at Bloom Township High School. Mark and Lisa, who were married in 1998, first met through a US-99 "date line."

The Kundlas say their unique work arrangement would not be possible without the cooperation of their supervisors, Jane Siefker in the Business Office and Charles Nolley in Digital Learning.

"Without them, this never would have happened," Lisa says.

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## **New Hours for CPA**

The Center for Performing Arts box office will be open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays to accommodate those who attend evening classes or work later hours. Tickets to CPA performances are also available at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net). For more information, call 708.235.2222.

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## **Taste of Wellness**

Learn the foods, therapies, and remedies for a healthier life in *Experience a Taste of Wellness*, a presentation by Dr. Juanita Santillan, CEO Aloe Plus Corp, certified natural health professional, on March 16, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Everyone is welcome. Student Life sponsors this event. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext 4551.

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## **Psych Out and About**

GSU psychology and counseling faculty, alumni, and graduate students will make presentations at this spring's Midwestern Psychological Association annual meeting. The meeting will take place from April 29 through May 1 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Participating faculty members include Drs. Christopher Dyslin, Jean Johnson, Albert Tuskenis, and Byron Waller. GSU graduate students making presentations include Christine Carlson, Donelle Feld, Cindy Fisher, Pooja Joshi, Nicholas Macak, and Erin Markase. Presenting alumni include Matthew J. Covic (now a GSU adjunct) and Matthew Abrams (Loyola faculty member and GSU adjunct). Good luck to all.

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## **Mind Your Manners**

Students have the opportunity to learn real life skills needed when meeting potential clients or employers in a social setting at the Etiquette Luncheon sponsored by the Office of Career Services. The lunch is on Tuesday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The event includes a full meal with manners instruction for each course and tips on social etiquette skills for professional settings.

Registration is required. The fee is only \$5. For more information or to reserve, contact the [Office of Career Services](#) at 708.235.3974.

## **And the Penny Wars Winner Is...(03-01-10)**

Not so fast. As Penny Wars entered its final collection day on Friday, the competition heated up to a white hot glow as departments across campus jockeyed for the top spot. With thousands and thousands of pennies collected on Friday alone, Penny Wars officials noted that it could be more than a week before all the money is tallied and a winner is formally announced.



In the meantime, thank you to everyone who participated in any way. Stay tuned to the GSU View for the official announcement.

## **Courses Get Graphic**

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering *Adding Images and Graphics to your Online Course Materials* on Thursday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438. This hands on workshop will offer practical tips on locating suitable graphics, sizing and editing images, and uploading them to course shells.

Workshop topics include:

- Graphics with purpose
- Finding suitable image sources
- Copyright considerations
- Integrating images into text files
- Producing Course Icons

Contact [Barb Mandel](#) to reserve your seat!

## **It was a Dark and Stormy Night ...**

What do dark nights, sinister gunmen, smoke filled rooms, and mysterious ladies have in common? Why Sam Spade, of course.



Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English at GSU, begins the discussion of *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett on Saturday March 6, at 2 to 4 p.m., in the Board Room of the Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Dr., Park Forest.

Dr. Johnsen will discuss the author and the crime fiction, particularly the hard-boiled mystery genre. Her presentation is part of the Big Read, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional programs include a book discussion, film screenings, jazz concert and a murder mystery.

The event is free and open to the public.

## **Latino Professional Speakers Series Begins**

The Latino Reading Club presents Marcelo Galetovic as part of its Latino Professional Speakers Series. This free event is open to the public and will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 5 p.m., in

Engbretson Hall.

Galetovic will speak about occupational therapy topics including professional technical terms (assessment diagnosis treatment), resources (Latino professional associations & international events), and linguistic tools (websites & dictionaries).

For information, e-mail [nietohilario@yahoo.com](mailto:nietohilario@yahoo.com).

## **Dr. Easley Expands the Conversation**

A diverse global society requires more than general, one-size-fits-all approaches to bringing about change in communities facing economic and social challenges, says Dr. Christopher Anne Easley, Associate Professor of Management.



In her article, *Expanding a Conversation: Is How We Live As a Culturally Diverse Society Congruent with Our Underlying Assumptions, Methodologies, and Theories Regarding Change?*, Dr. Easley examines whether researchers and intervention strategists need a different awareness when working to evoke change within diverse cultures, organizations, and communities.

Dr. Easley's paper will appear this year in the *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science* and will be included in a special issue devoted to organizational discourse and change. She made presentations on the paper at the International Cultural Research Network in Antalya, Turkey in 2008, and at the Seventh International Conference on Organizational Discourse in Amsterdam in 2006.

Dr. Easley believes existing intervention strategies toward implementing change may be grounded in generalized theory and practice based on the concept of a larger, mostly Eurocentric society. In dealing with the challenges facing African American communities, such strategies fail to take into account the structure and experiences of unique social units with concerns that cannot be addressed through generalized approaches.

The paper suggests it is time to evoke a more culturally sensitive approach to change built upon discourse strategies addressing individual characteristics of specific environments, giving privilege to diversity and culture.

Dr. Easley conducted some of her research in New Orleans in 2006, shortly before Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. That experience, she says, reminded her once more that African American communities across the country have distinct differences and should not be treated as a homogeneous entity.

Dr. Easley also contributed to a book scheduled for release this year. Her chapter, *Easing the Path for African American Women in Leadership: The Spiritual, Cultural, and Healing Aspects of African American Women Dialoguing* will appear in *Women of Color: Taking Their Rightful Place in Leadership*, edited by Richard G. Johnson III and G.L.A. Harris.

## **Rhyme Time**

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The Civil Service Senate announces the Third Annual St. Paddy's Day Limerick Contest.

Our limerick contest is keen.  
The topic's the GSU scene.  
No more than three  
And make sure that they be...  
No worse than PG-13

All limericks should be sent to Lynne Clayton, Room G256, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 10. They will be pre-screened by a panel of impartial judges. Finalists will be asked to read or have someone read their entries on Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The top three winners will be chosen by the audience in attendance.

There are three rules: \*

1. Limericks must reference GSU and/or the GSU community and environs
2. No more than 3 limericks per person
3. And please - KEEP IT CLEAN!

\*The pre-screening committee reserves the right to disqualify any limerick that they deem inappropriate.

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## **MILE Presenters**

On March 16, Ron Patton, Dr. Dor Fitzgerald, and Rhona Israel (Principal of Bloom High School and MILE mentee) will present on the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education's (MILE) use of the Leadership Performance Planning Worksheet before the State of Illinois authorized new principal mentoring entities on March 16, in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Leadership Performance Planning Worksheet was developed from a review and synthesis of principal leadership protocols and assessment instruments developed by the New York City Leadership Academy to help new leaders identify, organize, and effectively lead instructional improvement in their schools. The MILE Mentoring Program uses this worksheet to enhance the mentoring experience and clarify the behaviors that new leaders need to master. The philosophy supporting this worksheet development is that new leaders, during their first years of leadership, should focus on developing mastery of key leader behaviors found to develop instructional leadership skills.

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## **Jump Shot**

Student Life is sponsoring a student trip to the Chicago Bulls vs. New Jersey Nets game, on Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m. To ensure equitable distribution of the available tickets, Student Life is sponsoring a raffle. Students are eligible to win two tickets. Raffle winners also receive transportation via charter bus to and from the game (space is limited), and a mini Chicago Bulls poster.

To enter the raffle, submit an email entry to [gsudsil@hotmail.com](mailto:gsudsil@hotmail.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, March 11, by 11 p.m.

The drawing will occur on Friday, March 12, at noon. Winners will be notified via email the day of the drawing.

### **Book It to the Library**

During the month of March, the Friends of the GSU Library will be sponsoring a book drive. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to drop off books that they no longer need or want. Clean out those desks and closets and bring us your donations!

Simply go to the GSU Library on the second floor and drop off your donations at the Friends table across from the circulation desk. All book donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contact Pam Taylor at 708.235.7527 for additional information.



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