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News and Events

Hoop Dreams

Tryouts for a new competitive men's basketball program at GSU are taking place today, Tuesday, and Thursday, May 17, 18, and 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on May 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Recreation and Fitness Center gymnasium. Prior to trying out, interested persons should contact [Donell Ausley](#).

Two Cents Needed

GSU needs your help! We've pioneered innovative campus programs and procedures like Why Not? and PBAC. Now it's time to put on your thinking caps again because we need your two cents.

Thursday's GSU View will contain exclusive details about an exciting new program to be unveiled next week.

Fond Farewell



Join the entire campus community as we celebrate and thank our longtime colleague and friend David Curtis upon his retirement. The open event will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by June 2 to [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130.

Show to Help Haiti

Supporting the rebuilding and empowerment of Haiti after the devastating earthquake is the goal of the *All Nations for Haiti* Fashion Show on May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

GSU students, representing many different nations, will take part in the fashion show. Styles representing various cultures from around the world as well as current fashions will be presented.

All the proceeds will go to The Joseph Assignment, which works closely with relief and development organizations in Haiti. The show is hosted by the Black Student Union and the Department of Social Work. Sponsors include J. and D. Fashion Design, Chicago; Just Human, Dr. Yemonja Smalls; Takara, Oak Park; ITIAH, Chicago; Tribal Ware by Vincent Fleming, Chicago; Geraldinehaute couture by Geraldine Howard; and Flashy 44's by Terrell Gholston.

Advance tickets are only \$10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15. For ticket information, call ext. 3969.

Event Scheduling Made Easy

Let someone else's fingertips do the walking. Making a room reservation for an upcoming event at GSU has gone high tech. GSU recently implemented an online events calendar and scheduling system. View the [GSU events calendar](#) on the web. The calendar provides the what, when, and where of campus events.

Only authorized event schedulers are able to schedule events using the new online system. Staff members were appointed by their unit heads to learn how to use the system and serve as authorized event schedulers. To find out who in your unit is able to schedule events, visit the [GSU Intranet](#) to review the list of event schedulers by unit.

"Grant"-ing Wishes

Applying for grants is a little like trying to solve a mystery, says Dr. Penny Havlicek. But, she adds, "the more you work on grants, the less mysterious they become."



Dr. Havlicek, the Director of Administration and Operations in the Center for Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations, is one of three principals in GSU's Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR), which supports faculty and staff in the pursuit of external funding for research and sponsored programs. Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, Interim Vice-Provost of Research and Graduate Studies, and Writing Center Director Becky Nugent, who is co-chair of the Institutional

Review Board, reviews grant applications. Donna Rolih also serves as a grants accountant for OSPR. "This is definitely a team effort," she says.

OSPR offers assistance to any faculty or staff members seeking funding through grants. University policy states that anyone pursuing grants must follow specific steps. Filling out grant applications is a time-consuming process that involves "a lot of paperwork," Dr. Havlicek says. Applications, especially for federal grants, require close attention to numerous rules. It's advisable for applicants to personally contact project officers in the agency offering the grant. Many applicants work on grants right up to the filing deadline and the time for reviewing applications is often extremely short.

Dr. Havlicek says OSPR works with grant applicants to make the process go smoothly. "Our role is to help manage the information," she says.

In the first four months of 2010, GSU received three federal grants totaling more than \$13 million. The College of Health and Human Services was awarded a \$4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that will help provide training to unemployed, dislocated, or low-income workers so they can pursue healthcare careers. The Family Development Center was awarded a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish an Early Head Start program. The DOE also awarded a \$7.1 million Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant to GSU for a teacher residency program that will be jointly administered by the College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Havlicek was the primary writer for the Department of Labor grant. She has worked on five other grants in the last six months. The Early Head Start and TQP grants were written without assistance from OSPR. Dr. Havlicek praised Carol Morrison, of the Family Development Center, and the leaders of the TQP writing team – Dr. Pam Guimond and Dr. Karen Peterson – for putting together exceptional grant packages.



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