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News and Events

Mark Your Calendar for Convocation

Save the date for Convocation 2010. The State of the University event will be held on Wednesday, September 15, at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

This year's event will feature Dr. Maimon's State of the University address and remarks from Provost Allison; Heikki Heino, President of the Faculty Senate; Laura Owens, President of the Civil Service Senate; and David Corcoran, President of the Student Senate.

As always, one employee will be awarded with the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Endowed Distinguished Service Award.

New to this year's Convocation is the announcement of the 2010 Excellence Award winners. In the past, excellence award winners were announced prior to event, but were recognized by name. This year's winners will be kept secret until Convocation. Also, per the new UPI contract, a total of three individuals will receive the prestigious award. Winners - either tenured/tenure track faculty, full time lecturers, or academic support professionals – will each receive an unrestricted award of \$6,000.

Name Our Teams

The Bulls. Da Bears. The Cubs. The White Sox. The Stanley Cup-winning Blackhawks.

All proud names in Chicago sports. But did you ever think that, long ago, someone had to come up with all those hallowed names?

Now you have the chance to help GSU find names for its sports teams and university mascot. As GSU's table tennis and volleyball teams enter their new seasons, the university is picking an official team name, along with a university mascot name. While the team name and university mascot can be related, (e.g. NIU's teams are the Huskies and the university mascot is a husky), or unique, (e.g. the Chicago American League baseball team is the White Sox, and the mascot is Southpaw)

Submit your entry to GSU's *Name our Teams* contest through August 16. The contest is open to all members of the GSU community. Entries should be submitted to Student Life at saasnews@govst.edu and should include the proposed team and/or mascot name, participant's name, phone number, and email address.

\$50 gift cards will be awarded for the winning entries.

GSU's team name will be introduced at a table tennis tournament hosted by the university in November.

Say "I Do" to The Wedding Singer

A talented, youthful cast is putting the finishing touches on a high-voltage production of *The Wedding Singer*, this summer's presentation by the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at The Center for Performing Arts.

The Wedding Singer will be performed on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 1, at 2 p.m., Friday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$18 for adults, and \$19 and \$16 for students. Tickets can be purchased on The Center for Performing Arts website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

No Ants Invited

Food, games, prizes, and a fun-filled day in the sun are on the agenda Thursday, August 12, when the Civil Service Senate and GSU SPIRIT Committee are sponsoring the GSU Summer Picnic.

Mark your calendar for the picnic, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for GSU students, faculty, and staff.

It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a summer day, munch on a hot dog, and get together with other members of the GSU community. To reserve a spot at the picnic, RSVP to gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu.

Amusement Park Amusements

There is still time to take advantage of a great discount on tickets to Great America and Hurricane Harbor. Take the whole family and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and splashing in the water park.

Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee have collaborated to present Governors State Day at Great America.

The cashier's office has Great America tickets for sale for only \$26. Tickets include admission to the theme park and the water park.

Tickets are valid for one day admission only on July 23, 24, August 7, or 8. Enjoy a great day at the park!

Baseball in the Sunshine



You can win free tickets to Wrigley Field for the Cubs-Pirates game on Wednesday, September 1. GSU's Student Senate is giving away 60 pairs of tickets to the ball game, which starts at 1:20 p.m.

Students can sign up for a ticket lottery by sending an email to studentsenate@govst.edu. Only current GSU students are eligible and only one entry per student is allowed. The email must include student name and ID number, email address, phone number, and if you wish to reserve a seat on the bus to the game. Free bus transportation will be provided by GSU.

All entries must be received by August 13. Winners will be announced August 18.

20 Questions + 1



Who is Lynne Clayton?

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Ted Morrison, my sixth grade teacher in School District 163 in Park Forest. He introduced me to theatre, and it shaped my whole life from that moment on.
- **True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil.** Definitely true. Everything tastes better with a little garlic and olive oil – even ice cream (well, maybe not).
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** The Old Town School of Folk Music – good music, great musicians, fabulous energy.
- **What's the best book you've read in the last year?** Being a storyteller, I read a lot of young adult fiction. *The Golden Compass* series by Philip Pullman, has been some of the best stuff I've read in a long while. (It was even better than the movie!)
- **Right now I am driving a...** Plum colored 2004 PT Cruiser – my dream car!
- **Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Explain.** *Horizons*. They all have names. I first went out and mentally said, "Hi, I'm Lynne, what's your name?" and they told me! I go out and visit them as often as I can, giving some big bear hugs, others, not so much. Some of them tend to be a little standoffish.
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** The greetings from my dogs when I come home from work.
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** Camelot, Roman Holiday, Lord of the Rings (all three), *You've Got Mail* and any of the *Harry Potters*.
- **Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?** The ability to fly – can you imagine soaring over lakes and mountains!!
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Unfortunately, yes. We have several crooks adorning that wall and he was elected governor, twice I believe! That's all that is required to have a plaque hung in the HOG, although many probably wish they could hang him!

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. My grandmother was born in England but raised in India. She became a medium and regularly conducted séances, although she had to give it up for health reasons – it weakened her physically.

To participate in GSU View's Twenty Questions Plus One, contact [Tom Houlihan](#).

Information for Veterans

Lynn Salkeld, a representative from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to answer veterans' questions concerning employment, disability services, and other related topics. She can be found in room D1408, from 1 to 4 p.m. on August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Pierre at Work



On a recent trip with Jamie Tadsen of Sponsored Research and Graduate Studies, Pierre drove a 1948 Farmall Cub tractor on a farm in Peotone.

Pierre had a working holiday helping Dianne Kronika, assistant to the General Counsel, with basement renovations.



Margaret Brady of CHHS also put Pierre to work blueberry picking in Michigan. Unfortunately Pierre packed more in his mouth than in the box.

Burt Dikelsky from The Center for Performing Arts put Pierre to work encouraging everyone to buy tickets to see the SLATE production of *The Wedding Singer*.



After all his hard work, Pierre had the opportunity to relax in the sun in Cabo St. Lucas, Mexico, with Karen of Special Events.

Caesar Smith, Director

For information on how you can

pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).

