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Fall Semester  
Registration  
Through August 25

Meditation  
Thursdays  
2:30 p.m.  
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Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
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Thursdays  
6 - 7 p.m.  
A2150

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  
[Register](#)

## News and Events

### **IRiS: HR Starts Project Best Practices Training (08-30-10)**

On Wednesday, the Human Resources team begins three days of best practices training. Colleague Human Resources software is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of information management needs for prospective, current, and former employees.



This course focuses on using Colleague HR to strategically attract, recruit, and hire the best personnel for meeting GSU's faculty and staffing needs. The best practices training runs through Friday and includes these topics and outcomes:

- Defining how to maintain position information, including wage, salary, and funding sources
- Creating, processing, and monitoring faculty teaching assignment contracts based on user-defined workload limits and various payment methods
- Learning about Verifications, Inc.'s employment screening services
- Identifying how work-study students' employment records are maintained with wage updates to the student's financial aid record
- Maintaining applicant/employee/faculty information such as education, experience, degrees, skills, certifications, and institutions attended
- Devising employee benefits, deductions, and leave plan information

IRiS Project training will be in full swing next week. Three Datatel consultants will be on campus training three teams: the Portal Development team, the Finance Operations Process team, and the Student Recruitment and Admission Process team.

### **Chicago Heights – Smash Hit**

*Chicago Heights*, a film made by students and faculty in the Master of Fine Arts program, will make its Chicago debut at the 2010 Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center on Saturday. The film earned rave reviews from the audience including three stars from [Roger Ebert of the Sun Times](#).

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College Credit for Prior Learning  
June 23  
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D1496  
\$50  
[Register](#)  
708.534.4092

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012  
June 29  
7:30 p.m.  
Cntr Perf Arts  
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information Session  
June 30  
2 p.m.  
G127



There are still tickets available for an additional screening of *Chicago Heights* on Wednesday, September 1, at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students and are available through Ticketmaster. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street in Chicago.

For information on the Gene Siskel Film Center, visit [www.siskelfilmcenter.org](http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org). For information on the film, visit [www.923Films.com](http://www.923Films.com).

### Welcome Days Fall 2010

Welcome Days at GSU give students the chance to learn about student service related resources available to them at the university. Visit the many tables and displays on August 30 and 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Refreshments are also served.

### Home Stretch



Start the semester with a homerun! Students can win tickets to the White Sox vs. Cleveland Indians baseball game on Saturday, October 2, at 6:05 p.m. Visit the Student Senate table during Welcome Days, on Monday, August 30 or Tuesday, August 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Enter the lottery and win seats to the best game in town.

### Cyberdrive Illinois On Campus

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 31, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

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## **Go Team!**

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Fall tryouts will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. If possible, alternate time arrangements can be made. Contact team coach [TJ Wang](#) with special requests.

Team candidates must complete and submit an [application form](#) to [TJ Wang](#) by Friday, September 3.

## **GSU Marks National Suicide Prevention Day**

GSU will mark National Suicide Prevention Day on September 8 with a presentation on the warning signs of suicide and an information table. The presentation is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The information table will be located in the Hall of Governors from 2 to 5 p.m.

"More than 14 percent of college students have reported feeling so depressed that it is difficult to function," said GSU Outreach Counselor Tamekia Scott. "As a university, and as students and staff, we need to do everything possible to save the life of someone who is dealing with thoughts of suicide. That's what we want to accomplish through this presentation and information table."

During the presentation, participants will learn the warning signs of suicide, along with facts and myths about suicide and prevention measures. Information will be distributed during the day's activities, including suicide prevention cards that include warning signs, and contact information for the national suicide prevention lifeline. Brochures on depression and stress management will also be distributed.

The GSU Academic Resource Center is sponsoring the National Suicide Prevention Day presentation and information table. Activities are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served during the presentation.

For more information, call 708.235.2228.

## **All the Right Moves**

Learn the etiquette skills needed when meeting potential employers and clients in social settings at the Etiquette Luncheon for GSU students. The Office of Career Services is again sponsoring this very informative lunch workshop on Tuesday, September 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Receive manners instruction as you enjoy a full meal. Learn about appropriated and professional attire. Gain tips on social etiquette – a valuable skill set needed for professional settings.

To be eligible to attend the follow up Business Leaders Luncheon on October 19, you must attend this Etiquette Luncheon or have attended a Career Services etiquette event in the past. Participants in the Business Leaders Luncheon will have the opportunity to network with community leaders, practice their etiquette skills, and learn from people already successful in the business world.

Registration for the Etiquette Luncheon at GSU is required and the fee is \$5. Contact the Office of Career Services for more information at 708.235.3974.

## **ArtPrize: September 22 - October 10**

Carrie Ohm, a lecturer in the Art Department, will exhibit her work at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from September 22 through October 10. Ohm teaches ceramics at GSU and is pleased to display her work at such a creative venue. Visit the [ArtPrize website](#) for more information.

## **On the Road**

You can't keep a good penguin down. Pierre took to the road recently with Ann Manning Nagel of Financial Services, driving along the Mississippi until they arrived at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona.



Marine Art Museum in Winona.



On another road trip, Pierre drove down the Mother Road. He toured old Route 66 with Lindsay Gladstone of Public Affairs.

Pierre's extensive tour of Peru continues with Carlos Ferran of CBPA. Pierre visited the Koriconcha Temple in Cuzco, part of the Incan empire.



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Like so many dedicated GSU employees and students, however, Pierre also found himself doing some work on vacation. In his down time,

he was able to catch up on some much needed IRIS training at Datatel headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia, with Debra Kappel of ITS.



Don't forget to submit your vacation photos of Pierre to the [GSU View](#) before the September 7 deadline to be eligible to compete in the *Take Pierre on Vacation* contest. Photos submitted after the deadline will still be eligible for display in the GSU View and on the [GSU FaceBook fan page](#).

## **Creative Success (08-26-10)**

Several CAS faculty members deserve congratulations for recent achievements.

Javier Chavira's artwork is part of a touring exhibition of 130 works by prominent Mexican artists and artists who worked in Mexico. In addition to Chavira, *Miradas: Ancient Roots in Modern Contemporary Mexican Art from the Bank of America*, includes works by Diego Ravira, Rufino Tamayo, and Gabriel Orosco. Chavira's artwork was also chosen for the collection program cover. The traveling exhibit began in Chicago last year and will be opening soon in Anaheim and then will travel to San Antonio.

"The Bank of America Collection acquired my work for their collection last year through the National Museum of Mexican Art," said Chavira. "I am truly honored to exhibiting with these giants of art history and this will serve as the impetus to push my work forward."

Daniel K Cortese's recent publication *Are We Thinking Straight? The Politics of Straightness in a Lesbian and Gay Social Movement Organization*, highlights the strategies deployment of a straight identity by an LGBT organization. A 20 percent discount is currently being offered on the purchase of this publication. For more information, contact [Dr. Cortese](#).

Bastien Desfriches Doria's submission of a series of five photographs, *Genre Scenes*, was recently shortlisted at the London International Creative Competition™ (LICC). The LICC is a vehicle for facilitating contact between uniquely talented artists and an international audience. As a result, his work will be published in the LICC annual book and projected during the award ceremony in London on September 12.

"I competed as a professional of the photography industry," said Desfriches Doria. "It is a very nice way to start the year."

## **New Reading Tutoring Session**

Governors State University's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 14 through November 30, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. A refund of \$30 is made to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Dr. Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4129.

## **Free, Confidential Counseling**

Free individual, couples, family, and career counseling is available at Governors State University (GSU). The Division of Psychology and Counseling at GSU offers free, confidential counseling as a service to the community and as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students.

Counseling services assist clients with communication issues as well as relationship and school concerns, depression, stress management, loneliness, lack of self-confidence. The GSU counseling lab also provides preventative and growth-oriented services. For example, pre-marital counseling, career counseling, play therapy, and divorce counseling are offered.

The Counseling Lab provides individual, couple, family, and group counseling for adults. Children under the age of 18 are seen only in conjunction with their parents. Career counseling services, however, are available, with parental permission, for sixteen- and seventeen-year olds.

For more information, call 708.534.4545 or visit the GSU [counseling lab webpage](#).

## **20 Questions +1 With Shelina Jenkins**

### **Shelina Jenkins Staff Clerk, Admission Processing**

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Actually, I have two – Mr. Chung, my 10<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher and Marilyn Yirku, here at GSU.
- **What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?** Aside from Christmas break, I would have to say Civil Service Day.
- **A really great night out for me is...** Spending time with family and friends, reminiscing about old times and making new memories.
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Grant Park
- **Right now I am driving a...** Chevy Malibu, but only until I get my Bugatti Veyron back. I loaned it to a friend.
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** WNUA while sipping on a cold glass of wine.
- **Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?** I would prefer invisibility because I don't always want people to know where I am.
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Unfortunately, yes. The hall, after all, is for governors. We can't pick and choose.
- **What was your first job?** Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers.
- **What's a vacation spot you'd recommend to others?** A cruise to the Bahamas.



**The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** Until I was 16 years old, I did not, *legally*, have a name.

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

## **BSU Says Thanks**

The GSU Black Student Union would like to say "thank you" to everyone who supported this year's Back to School Back Pack drive. Thirty filled backpacks and additional school supplies were collected and distributed to students at Lincoln Elementary School in Chicago Heights. The students and staff were all grateful and appreciated the gifts and the generosity.

## **Pierre's Tuxedo Comes in Handy**



Nancy McDaniel of the Upward Bound Program captured a picture of Pierre enjoying himself at her son's wedding. Warren and Alana Stanley were happy to share their day with the "tuxedo" clad Pierre!

Pierre needed gas for his car so he stopped in Paxton, Illinois at the Route 66 museum. The road trip took him further south the Budweiser Brewery in St. Louis where he enjoyed the tour and all it had to offer. Lindsay Gladstone of Public Affairs enjoyed Pierre's company, but not his driving skills on the road trip.



Alas, all good things must come to an end. The Take Pierre on Vacation contest ends in a little more than a week. Submit your Pierre photos to the Office of Public Affairs before the September 7 deadline to compete for valuable prizes.

## **Educated Educators (08-23-10)**



As a member of the Editorial Board for the Northwest Indiana Times, President Maimon is a semi-regular contributor to the newspaper. Last week, Dr. Maimon addressed how an "a-ha" moment with her granddaughter relates to the need to ensure that tomorrow's educators are well-educated themselves.

[Download full article.](#)

## **IRiS: Advancement Nears Mapping Completion**

The Office of Institutional Advancement (IA) will be one of the first departments to experience a live simulation of the new Datatel Colleague software system.



As the IA team works to complete their Business Process Analysis, the mapping of departmental procedures is nearly complete. Team members are Cheri Garey and Rosemary Hulett, alumni relations mapping; Gina Ragland, Jean Malloy and Christine Radtke, development mapping; and Myisha Meeks, Karen Caesar-Smith and Joan Vaughan, event mapping.

"The mapping process has really made us think about our everyday tasks that might seem so routine," said Radtke, GSU's Director of Development. "We have learned that Colleague will truly help us better track our alumni, better engage our alumni and friends of GSU, as well as provide Institutional Advancement with a strong and sound database to allow us to raise funds for the GSU Promise, scholarships, and many other needs at GSU."



IA has been working hard to meet its deadlines. This week the team is participating in a Datatel Colleague preview to introduce the IA staff to the system. Staff members will learn what the system is, how to log in, search the database, and open a record. With only a few loose mapping ends to tie up, the Advancement Implementation Advisory Team this week will be brought up-to-date on the department's IRIS Project progress.

Radtke gave credit to her hard-working team, but also to three "armchair quarterbacks" — Sandi Gieson, IRIS Project Executive Director, who helped to ensure IA was provided with the materials and assistance to complete the mapping; Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President, who helped make sure the mapping made sense and the format was correct; and Datatel consultant, Dr. Dave Oehler, who was also instrumental with his time and guidance.

## **Historical View**

The [GSU Historical Society](#) meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon in the Library conference room. The organization is dedicated to preserving the history of GSU and the surrounding communities.

One of the society's current projects is digitizing and transcribing the land survey's of the 19<sup>th</sup> century of Will County, Illinois, specifically Monee Township. Although quite a bit of work still needs to be done, visible progress in this project has been accomplished in the past year.

The Historical Society also wished to thank the [Friends of the GSU Library](#) for starting a local history and genealogical collection of books at the GSU Library. This collection is available for checkout with a GSU library card.

## **Figures in Abstraction**

The Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University is pleased to present *Figures in Abstraction*, an exhibit of oil paintings by Karen Keorpes of Orland Park. This solo exhibit will open on August 31, and run through September 8. An opening reception celebrating the art and the artist will be held on Friday, September 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and



reception are free and open to the public.

Keorpes' oil paintings evolve from her large collection of spontaneous sketchbook ink drawings. Shapes and forms are used instead of words to create a visual story. Keorpes' recently received a Master in Arts in painting at GSU and is a graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a teacher of art at Thornwood High School.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information, please visit the [art gallery webpage](#) or call ext. 4017.

## **GSU Health Inequity Conference - Call for Abstracts**

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of health inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.

The conference takes place on Friday, October 22. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submissions from GSU faculty, staff, and students, community-based organization staff, healthcare providers, staff of local health departments, and faculty and staff from colleges and universities in the region are being sought. Abstracts are not to exceed 500 words and should include title, objective, background, methods, results, conclusions, and name, organizational affiliation, and contact information.

All abstracts should be submitted to [Penny Havlicek](#), no later than September 10. Abstracts will be peer reviewed based on significance of the research, originality, and clarity of content. Applicants will be notified in writing no later than September 20 whether their abstracts have been accepted. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

## **Try Outs - GSU Table Tennis Team**

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a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. If possible, alternate time arrangements can be made. Contact team coach [TJ Wang](#) with special requests.

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## **Tee Time for GSU**

All Governors State University faculty, staff, their family and friends, and the public are invited to participate in the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The event is named after Dave Drechsel, former HR benefits manager and the founder and longtime member of GSU's summer golf league.

Don't miss an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to take part regardless of skill level or golfing experience. The event provides an excellent chance to celebrate summer and get to know your co-workers in a casual, fun environment.

The outing will take place on Sunday, September 19, at the University Golf Club in University Park. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is only \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (four-person, best ball format), a golf cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet, golf contests, trophies, a goodie bag, and door prize tickets.

The event is sponsored by the university's SPIRIT Committee. For full information and to register, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 7595.

## **Welcome Fall Semester**

Welcome Days at GSU provides new and returning students, faculty, and staff access to important services and information. Information tables will be set up in the Hall of Governors on August 30 and 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information about university facilities and programs, including the Recreation and Fitness Center and the Family Development Center, will also be available.

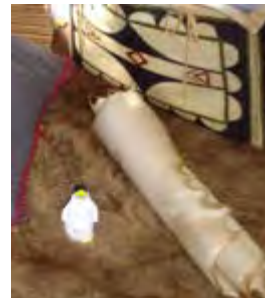
## **Pierre Enjoys the Sights**



Pierre has had a very exciting week. He traveled to Alaska with Nancy Kaczmarczyk of the School of Extended Learning - enjoying the glaciers, mountains, and air conditioned weather!

Pierre traveled back in time over 200

years to participate in The Great Fort Folle Avoine Fur Trade Rendezvous in Danbury, Wisconsin with Ann Jaso of CHHS. He resided with friends in a teepee, and participated in a black





powder musket shooting contest.

Carlos Ferran of CBPA took Pierre to Peru. He visited the market in Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu.



To be eligible for the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, images of Pierre must be submitted by September 6. For more information, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).



## **Simply the Best (08-19-10)**

Who is the best GSU employee you know?

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented each year to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities that Dr. Baysore consistently and fully embodied during his 18 years of service to the university:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, September 7. Nominations should explain how the employee includes the Baysore Award's four qualities in their day-to-day work. Written nominations should be sent to [Penny Perdue](#), in Room G334.

President Maimon will present this year's Baysore Award at Convocation on September 15. She will also announce the three winners of the Excellence Awards that afternoon.

## **Up, Up and Away**

Gerardo Flores, a high school student in the Greater Success 4 U Upward Bound program at Governors State University, has been selected to serve as a congressional page in Washington, D.C. during the coming school year.

Flores, an honor student at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, will spend his senior year working in the U.S. Congress as a page; he will have the opportunity to finish his high school education at the House

Page School. By being chosen as a page, Flores is among a small, elite group of young people from across the United States who each year are chosen for this honor.

"Congratulations to Gerardo and his entire family on this prestigious honor and the great opportunities it presents for this wonderful young man," said Albert Haskins, assistant director of the Greater Success 4 U program. "He is an exemplary model for other first generation college bound youth in America."

Following his high school graduation, Flores plans to attend college and ultimately become a doctor or physicist.

The Greater Success 4 U Upward Bound program prepares qualified students for college entrance and academic success. Participating students receive tutorial support focusing on academics, career development, and cultural activities during the school year at GSU or in the surrounding communities. They also receive assistance with study skills, test preparation, writing proficiency, and time management, as well as information related to the arts and humanities, science and technology, and business and commerce.

## Getting to Know You...

Who's your favorite Beatle? What's your favorite color? If you could choose, what type animal would you like to be?



Actually, the GSU View is NOT looking for answers to those questions in our new feature, *Twenty Questions, Plus One*. We will, however, be asking you about garlic and olive oil, the Cubs and Sox, your high school fight song, and lots more.

You'll have the option to answer any 10 of the 20 questions we've assembled, and must also to reply to our Final Question meant for everyone. We're looking for responses from both faculty and staff, in an effort to get to know one another better.

We'll share your answers to questions great and small, serious and not so serious, in future editions of the GSU View.

Participate today by contacting [Tom Houlihan](#), GSU View's *Twenty Questions Plus One* impresario, at ext. 8952. You'll receive a list of questions and we'll also ask you for a photo that can appear with your replies.

## GSU and IU to Partner

GSU's College of Business and Public Administration is beginning a partnership with Indiana University's Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER).

The partnership has its official kickoff on Wednesday, August 25, at 3 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex, when CBPA hosts Dr. Bruce Jaffe, Executive Director of IU CIBER, and LaVonn Schlegel, Managing Director. The program is part of the Globalizing Business Schools initiative sponsored by the US Department of Education.

GSU is one of 17 minority serving institutions across the country that have entered into partnership programs for the 2010-2014 cycle. The four-year program will provide great opportunities for GSU faculty and students to participate in various workshops and study abroad programs sponsored by several CIBER centers around the United States.

More information is [available online](#). For general questions regarding the August 25 event, contact [Dione Wofford](#) at extension 4930.

## **See Chicago Heights the Film**

*Chicago Heights*, a film made by students and faculty in the Master of Fine Arts program, will make its Chicago debut at the 2010 Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center on Saturday, August 28, and Wednesday, September 1, at 8:15 p.m. (both screenings).

*Chicago Heights* is an award-winning, short, experimental, black and white feature film made with a \$1,000 budget for food, equipment on loan from Governors State University, and during the free time of the all-volunteer cast and crew.



The film is based on *Winesburg, Ohio*, Sherwood Anderson's classic 1919 collection of interconnected short stories. The story is transposed ingeniously to a predominantly African American community in the present-day south Chicago region. It is a gorgeously photographed, beautifully scored film, shot, and edited in and around the region.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students and are available through Ticketmaster. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street in Chicago. For information on the Gene Siskel Film Center, see [www.siskelfilmcenter.org](http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org). For information on the film, visit [www.923Films.com](http://www.923Films.com).

## **Farm Fresh**

GSU's Farmers Market continues to grow each week. Parmesan's Wood Stone Pizza of Frankfort has joined the vendors. They are providing delicious, fresh baked goods including breads, sweets, and pizzas.

Produce vendor Lyons Farms is now accepting Illinois Seniors Farmers Market coupons and Women in Crisis (WIC) vouchers. They cannot accept Illinois Link cards or credit cards.

Don't miss the Farmers Market today, from 1 to 6 p.m., on the west side of parking lot C.

## **On the Road Again**

Pierre, GSU's indefatigable penguin, continues his Summer 2010 cross country journeys.

During a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota with Pam



Taylor of the University Library, Pierre posed respectfully before George Washington and the other presidents sculpted onto Mount Rushmore.



While touring "The Rock" – Alcatraz – with Tracy Sullivan of Procurement, Pierre contemplated life in the Graybar Hotel.



And our feathered friend, an Antarctic native, was right at home atop the "Coolsville" sign at a water park he visited with Carlos Ferran of CPBA.

## **IRiS - First Milestone Reached (08-16-10)**

The IRIS Project Management Team has completed Colleague Core Training, the first milestone for the IRIS Project. All team members attended a lunch celebration last week and shared their thoughts about the project. Participants had positive comments about the project and Datatel's Colleague software system.



Core Training consultant Debbie Smith was impressed with the group and with the support given to them by GSU's administration. "With the administration's positive support, accomplishing the university's goals within the 15-month project timeline is definitely doable," she said.

Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller, said the training was interesting because participants learned a great deal about how departments all around GSU manage their operations. She also said she enjoyed the overall discussions.

"I cannot wait to train my staff," said Yakeea Daniels, Admissions and Records Supervisor.

With no consultants on campus this week, IRIS Project teams will work to complete their business analyses and schedule time to introduce the Colleague system to their staff.

Next week, the Finance Operations Process Team will receive training on Monday and Tuesday on how Colleague can help with the general ledger and chart of accounts. Also next week, the ITS Support Team will receive technical training for portal setup.

## **Holiday Schedule Available**

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Last Thursday, Executive Vice President Ejigu released the university's holiday closure schedule for Academic Year 2010-2011. The memo lists all paid holidays as well as the procedure for the university's closure during winter break.

[Download the full memo.](#)

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## **Summer Cookin'**

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The cafeteria may be closed, but have no fear – you can still get a fantastic hot lunch. The Civil Service Senate is hosting its Annual August Cookout beginning today through Thursday. Tasty treats from the grill will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex at very reasonable prices. Available foods include hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and chicken breast sandwiches. Pop, water, cookies, and potato chips are also for sale.

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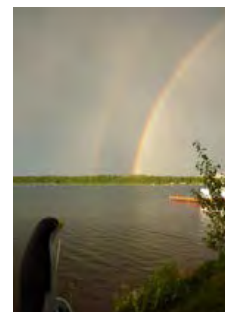
## **Pierre Still on the Move**

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Summer is winding down, but Pierre is making the most out of the last few weeks of his vacation. Fifty new photos have been added to Pierre's full vacation gallery on Facebook. [Check them out today.](#)

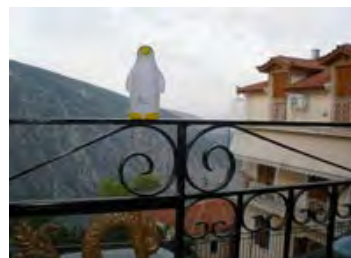


This past weekend, he visited the north woods of Wisconsin with Eric Matanyi of Public Affairs. Pierre witnessed a beautiful double rainbow and pondered if there were two pots of gold at the end.



Our flightless friend visited Bryce Canyon with CHHS student Anna Jannak and her family. While Pierre enjoyed the unmatched scenery, he didn't stay long after learning that water is not very abundant in the desert.

And so Pierre was off to the mountains in Delphi, Greece with Cheri Garey of Alumni Relations. In comparison to the desert, there was plenty to drink in Greece – Ouzo that is. Don't stand too close to that ledge, Pierre!



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## **It's Been Nice (08-12-10)**

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GSU staff is reminded that this is the last week of the summer hours schedule. Next week begins the regular five-day a week schedule. Fall semester classes begin August 30.

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## **Viruses and Worms and Trojans, OH MY!**

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Computer viruses, worms, and Trojans pose challenges to individuals and organizations, including GSU.



For the past 10 years, GSU's standard vendor for desktop anti-virus software has been Symantec. Unfortunately, during the past two years, the university has experienced an increase in cases where Symantec has failed to stop infection and spread of viruses across campus computers.

While no anti-virus product claims to be able to catch all malicious programs, some perform better than others, depending on variables such as the applications and software products running on a computer. After extensive research and testing, ITS will install Trend Micro, the new anti-virus client, to computers on the GSU campus.

The replacement of Symantec with Trend Micro will be completed in the background, while your computer is on and connected to the GSU Network. This will all be done remotely. You should experience no disruption, and you may continue to work during the process.

You will know you have the new anti-virus client on your computer when, in the lower-right system tray of your desktop, the Symantec gold shield icon is replaced by the Trend Micro globe icon.

Please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.4357, if you have questions regarding this change.

### **Pack Your Lunch**

The cafeteria will be closed from August 16 to August 20. The cafeteria will reopen on August 23.

### **Twenty Questions, Plus One**

**Dr. Serena Wadhwa, Adjunct Professor of Addiction Studies**

- ***What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?*** The Farmers Market.
- ***True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil.*** True. It's important to fend off the vampires and keep the skin smooth!
- ***A really great night out for me is...*** Anything involving my friends, family, meeting new people, trying new things, oh, and of course, great food.
- ***Any current research or conference presentations you'd like to share with the GSU community?*** I would love to share my passion for empowerment and stress management. Both are so needed, especially in the educational settings
- ***At the end of the day, I like to listen to...*** Silence or rain...depends on the day.
- ***My five all-time favorite movies are...*** My favorite American movies include *The Piano* and *Bed of Roses*. My favorite Indian movies include *Mohabbatein* and *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham*. Still looking for the tiebreaker.
- ***Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the***



**ability to fly?** The ability to fly. Perhaps it will encourage me to travel, as I don't like flying on planes.

- **What was your first job?** I worked at an Arby's during high school.
- **What's a vacation spot you'd recommend to others?** Home. It's amazing how many neat things are going on in my own town.
- **Have you ever kept a New Year's resolution? Explain.** I've resolved for several years that on January 1, I list those things I've accomplished the previous year. It helps me stay focused on my success and keep my motivation going to continue succeeding.

**The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** I am writing a vampire trilogy.

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## **Chicago Heights Film Screening**

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## **From Research to Practice - Call for Abstracts**

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of health inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.

The conference takes place on Friday, October 22, 2010. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submissions from GSU faculty, staff, and students, community-based organization staff, healthcare providers, staff of local health departments, and faculty and staff from colleges and universities in the region are being sought. Abstracts are not to exceed 500 words and should include title, objective, background, methods, results, conclusions, and name, organizational affiliation, and contact information.

All abstracts should be submitted to [Penny Havlicek](#), Ph.D. no later than September 10. Abstracts will be peer reviewed based on significance of the research, originality, and clarity of content. Applicants will be notified in writing no later than September 20 whether their abstracts have been accepted. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

## **Pierre on Vacation**



Pierre accompanied Pam Taylor of the University Library on a trip to Custer State Park in South Dakota. He made a new friend on the great prairie and also enjoyed a delectable conversation with Charlie the Tuna

– or at least someone who reminded him of Charlie.



Pierre was impressed by the Lincoln Memorial and the capital building, which he saw on his recent trip to Washington D.C. with Nick Battaglia, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Services. The extreme heat forced him to rest from his exertions on the Washington Mall. He looks like he needs a cooling swim.



If you're interested in taking Pierre to the beach or pool or anywhere, consider picking up your own Pierre in room G369 or G370. Pierre is enjoying all the trips he is taking with GSU students, faculty, and staff. He is having so much fun, in fact, that the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest has been extended until September 6, 2010.



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## **IRiS Project Updated (08-09-10)**

Core training for the Colleague software system started today (Monday) and will continue through Wednesday. The Project Management Team members are focusing on demographics, organization information, facilities profile, and staff and faculty information modules, as well as defining the campus calendar.

Project Management Team members are: Nick Battaglia, Gail Bradshaw, Linda Buyer, Karen Kissel, Pete Mizera, Christine Radtke, Michele Smith-Williams, Freda Whisenton-Comer, and Yakeea Daniels.



Following this week's training, team leaders will be able to identify key processes and modules in the Core application, convey why data is maintained in the Core application, maintain demographic and facilities information in Colleague, begin building shared codes within Colleague, and outline steps for training other users. Team leaders will also get their first look at Colleague and begin learning how to navigate the software system.

Also this week, Dr. Dave Oehler, Datatel consultant, is continuing his Business Process Analysis mapping workshops. He will meet today with Finance and Billing and with Admissions on Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday, team leaders and members will gather throughout the day to discuss their progress and any issues they may have encountered.

The IRiS Project website is up and running. New items have been added. You can visit the website at <https://gsunet.govst.edu/IRiS>.

## **Registration Dates Added**

In order to best meet students' registration needs for Fall 2010 classes, GSU will offer 16 additional registration days prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester on August 30, 2010.

The amended calendar provides for uninterrupted access to course registration through Saturday, September 4. (We have eliminated the previously published break in registration during August.)

All students are encouraged to take advantage of the additional registration dates, which will be of particular benefit to newly admitted students.

Please inform any students who you advise or have contact with of this change. All questions should be directed to the Office of the Registrar at 708.534.4500.

## **Campus Postings**

Facilities, Development Management is busy preparing the campus to welcome students this fall. As part of that preparation, many corridors are being painted. In an effort to maintain a crisp, professional, and clutter-free environment in the corridors and public spaces, Facilities and Public Relations are developing a protocol for the display of posters, notices, flyers, event signs etc.

The protocol will be distributed soon, but in the meantime, please do not post any signs, flyers, notices, brochures etc. on walls or doors. Tape, tacks, staples, nails, adhesives, and other fasteners cause permanent damage walls and doors. Bulletin boards, display cases etc., which were removed to accommodate painting work, are currently under review for appropriateness of condition, quantity, and location.

Please submit requests for all signage to FDM. Once the signage policy is complete, accommodations will be made accordingly. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

As always, postings on the 11 bulletin boards maintained by Student Life require prior approval. Submit 12 copies of the flyer, poster, notice etc. for posting at the Welcome Center.

## **Picnic Fun for Everyone**

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](mailto:gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu).

## **Holy Mackerel!**



Students 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.

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

## **GSU Team Name Contest**

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

## **Pierre on the Road**



In his own game of *Where's Waldo*, "Pierre had some fun playing hide 'n' seek with Joan Vaughan of Institutional Advancement. It took a while but Pierre was found - after making lots of new friends!



In a recent trip to D.C. with Nick Battaglia, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Services, Pierre visited his favorite home away from home, playing with the girls and Bo before returning home.

On his cross country trip with CHHS student Anna Jannak and her family, Pierre visited his good friend, Burgess Meredith, in Hollywood and then onto San Juan Capistrano for some quiet reflection on how wonderful it is to be Pierre, the unofficial GSU mascot.



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## **Running Low on Trays (08-05-10)**

Like the old song says: you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

Modest and unassuming, brown cafeteria trays never attract much

attention. Unless, of course, they're gone.

With an increasing number of trays missing – and presumably scattered all over campus – the cafeteria is requesting that any member of the GSU community currently in possession of a tray return it immediately. The supply of trays is running low, cafeteria officials say.

Persons removing trays from the cafeteria may have the best of intentions; they may believe that dining in their offices allows them to work harder on behalf of GSU and its students. A noble thought. None of us, however, want to see a lunch or dinner distribution crisis due to a tray shortage.

Please look around your work space and locate any trays that may be covered by raincoats, academic papers, tropical plants, or random layers of clutter. When you return trays to the cafeteria, you'll help make life around campus better for all of us.

### **Blips on the Horizon**

On Friday, August 6, Facilities Development and Management will test all of its emergency generators from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. The tests may affect A to G wings, OTS and the Family Development Center with one or two anticipated "blips" of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power, such as specific light fixtures and certain outlets. Since most wall outlets are on the standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. Just to be on the safe side, however, you should save computer work often during the test period.

Please direct questions to extension 4515.

### **Table Tennis Team Try Outs**

With tournament dates fast approaching, it is time for GSU to put together the best table tennis team in the Midwest. Team tryouts are the first step to developing a winning team.

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to pick up the paddle and compete for a spot on the team.

Tryouts will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. If possible, alternate time arrangements can be made. Contact team coach [TJ Wang](#) with special requests.

There is no limit to the number of players on the team. A certain level of technical skills, such as forehand and backhand drills, and the ability to handle spins, is sought. However, Coach Wang adds, "We are seeking highly motivated team members. No one was born with the skills. We will provide the training."

The criteria for the selection include student's academic performance, table tennis skills, and behavior and conduct. Tryouts will take place at the beginning of each semester.

To satisfy the academic performance criteria, graduate students must maintain a minimal GPA of 3.0 and enroll for a minimum of six credit hours per semester. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimal GPA at 2.0 and enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours. Students who are graduating at the end of the semester are exempted from the credit hour requirement and students who just begin their study at GSU are exempted from the GPA requirement.

Team candidates must complete and submit an [application form](#) to [TJ Wang](#) by Friday, September 3. For more information, contact [TJ Wang](#).

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## **Twenty Questions + One**

Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Academic Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Mason, my high school history teacher.





- **Who was your most memorable GSU student?** Edgar Casillas.
- **A really great night out for me is...** Dinner at Shaw's Crab House and dancing afterward.
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Wrigley Field.
- **Sox or Cubs fan? Explain.** Cubs. I used to live next door to Wrigley Field; that's what turned me into a baseball fan.
- **What's the best book you've read in the last year?** "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman: Adventures of a Curious Character."
- **Any current research or conference presentations you'd like to share with the GSU community?** Just putting the finishing touches on an anthology (with Professor Vincent Jones) on the death penalty; also, I am just beginning a national project on "Smart Policing" which I hope to introduce to GSU next year.
- **What's your most memorable moment at GSU?** Dancing the cha-cha at "Dancing with the Stars."
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Latin dance music.
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World; The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming; Father of the Bride; Fantasia; The Deer Hunter.
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Yes – he was our governor.
- **What was your first job?** Very first job – babysitting during church services for a Korean Church. The payment was free Korean food afterward.

**The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** At home, I am a lazy person.

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

## **Good Health Workshops**

Promoting good health with information and conversation is the focus of a day of workshops at the Healthy Families, Healthy Communities event on August 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at GSU.

The event is free and includes workshops on asthma, obesity, mental health, diabetes, STI/HIV, heart disease, yoga, substance abuse, men's health, oral hygiene, and entitlement programs and healthcare benefits. Important information on these and additional topics will be provided as well as opportunities to ask questions.

Participants may attend only the workshops in which they are interested. Lunch and snacks are provided and there are opportunities to win an iPod and other prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Chicago Southland Health Conference, a collaboration between Aunt Martha's Health Center in Chicago Heights, TCA Health, Inc in Chicago, Family Christian Health Center in Harvey, and Christian Community Health Center in South Holland. GSU is pleased to host this important community event.

To registration or for more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4551.

## **Students Present at National Conference**

Presenting at a national conference is a great achievement for any professional. For GSU graduate students Eric Melton and Mike Crane, their presentation at the convention of the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology in June was the culmination of their studies and research and a great experience.



Melton of Lombard and Crane of New Lenox are both students in the Master of Arts in Counseling, School Counseling sequence at Governors State University. Their poster presentation was entitled Win Them Over: Adlerian Methods Applied to Contemporary Adolescent Issues.

"Their presentation grew out of two wonderful papers they did in the course of their graduate studies," said Dr. Julia Yang, professor of school counseling. "This is a high achievement considering all the other presenters were either long-time Adlerians, new professionals, or doctoral students."

## **Zone in on Literacy**

The graduate program in reading is again sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 14 through November 30, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. A refund of \$30 is made to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call 708.534.4129 or email [Mary Hession](#).

## **On the Go with Pierre**



Sara Acton found GSU's unofficial mascot, Pierre the Penguin, the perfect traveling companion on her recent trip west. Pierre enjoyed the cool waters of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and tried his luck on the slots. We haven't heard how much he won (or

lost).

Pierre also joined CHHS student Anna Jannak and her family on a cross country adventure. Pierre began the trip stowed with the luggage, but soon became a prominent traveling companion. leading the way down the Colorado River and on a hike through Arches National Park in Utah.



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## **IRiS Team Flows Through Mapping (08-05-10)**

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This week, individual teams from the functional areas of the university will meet with Dr. Oehler to create the flowcharts of processes in their respective departments. Starting today (Monday), Institutional Advancement leads off this phase of the training, followed by Human Resources on Tuesday, Financial Aid on Wednesday, and Registration and Records on Thursday.



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## **ITS Reminder**



ITS reminds all GSU faculty and staff that official notifications related to GSU email or network accounts will come from Information Technology Services (ITS) Department through the ITSNEWS email account only.

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## **Seats at the Wedding**

*The Wedding Singer* opened at The Center for Performing Arts to rave reviews last weekend. There is still time to see this rollicking musical, based on the hit movie about the joys and heartaches of finding true love.

Tickets are still available for August 6, and 7. Tickets are affordably priced between \$16 and \$21. Reserve your seats today at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or call the box office at 708.235.2222.



## **Great Tickets to Great America**

Great discount on tickets to Great America and Hurricane Harbor are still available for August 7 and 8 through collaboration between Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee. Take the whole family and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and splashing in the water park.

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

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## **Farmers Market Growing**



GSU's Farmers Market continues to grow each week. Parmesan's Wood Stone Pizza of Frankfort has joined the vendors. They are providing delicious, fresh baked goods including breads, sweets, and pizzas.

Produce vendor Lyons Farms is now accepting Illinois Seniors Farmers Market coupons and Women in Crisis (WIC) vouchers. They cannot accept Illinois Link cards or credit cards.

The next Farmers Market is this Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., on the west side of parking lot C. Don't miss it.

## **Art on Display**

GSU graduate student Monique Doyle will exhibit her thesis work from August 2 to August 12, in the Visual Arts Gallery. A reception celebrating her achievement will be held on August 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. The show and reception are free and open to the public.

Doyle's series of work "Remnants" captures the remnants of once habited structures and discarded personal possessions. The images are a documentary of neighborhoods, homes, and personal possessions that were once a part of a full and functioning life now left as part of the present landscape. These "Remnants" have become part of the landscape due to our present economic recession, and show the deprivation of land and life.

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is located adjacent to E-Lounge, and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

## **Pierre Defines Vacation**



Pierre defines his favorite pastime – vacation – several ways. Vacations are adventures, relaxing, educational, exciting, fun, fantastic, wet, wild, and wonderful. This summer, Pierre is having the time of his life thanks to everyone who has taken him with them on vacation.



With CBPA Assistant Professor Carlos Ferran, Pierre toured Washington, D.C., visiting with Thomas Jefferson. He also had a frightening dino-encounter on the Mall, but managed to escape just in time for another vacation.

Fortunately for Pierre, he was able to relax on vacation with Colleen



Rock of Student Affairs and Academic Support. He enjoyed the water and the beach (oil free) in Biloxi, Mississippi. After a day in the sun, he cooled off with a New Orleans specialty.

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](#).



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