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News and Events

Pierre at his Best

How's this for a travel itinerary? New York and London, San Francisco and Taipei. Cruises to Alaska, Mexico, and Turkey. Mountain treks in Colorado and Peru. Fishing in Michigan, surfing in California, and driving down Route 66.



GSU's favorite penguin, Pierre, traveled to all these destinations – and more – during 2010's whirlwind vacation season.

When GSU View announced the *Take Pierre on Vacation* contest on May 13, we had no idea where Pierre would go or who would take him. Before long, he was off to the Great Wall of China, Stonehenge in the U.K., and the White House. Pierre traveled in boats, cars, and planes. He visited Elvis' digs at Graceland, toured a battleship in Seattle, splashed on beaches from Michigan to the Caribbean, and marveled at the Grand Canyon and the Grand Tetons.



About 400 photos were submitted by close to 50 members of the GSU family. At GSU View, we are humbled by the magnificent response, and thank all of you who included Pierre in your vacation plans.

With so many great entries in the *Take Pierre on Vacation* photo contest, it is little wonder that the GSU View had a tough time choosing the images that best captured our fun-loving, adventuresome, lens-hogging, unofficial mascot. In true beauty contest fashion, we begin our announcement with the five runners up. These are photos that were just too good not to include amongst our winning entries. These winners will receive a pair of GSU binoculars to help them keep an eye on Pierre.



- Jackie Small of Institutional Advancement for Pierre in Egypt
- Sudipta Roy of CBPA for Pierre at Niagara Falls
- Cheri Garey of the Alumni Association for Pierre at the Acropolis in Greece
- Nancy Kaczmarczyk of SXL for Pierre touring the Alaskan Glaciers
- Selina Ward of the Business Office and Monique Doyle of the Cashier's Office for Pierre on the town in New Orleans



The two First Place winners will receive a GSU blanket and the book, *Pierre the Penguin, A True Story* about a real, live Pierre.

- Carlos Ferran of CBPA for Pierre in the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru
- CHHS student Anna Jannak for Pierre's visit to the Hollywood star of a very close family friend, Burgess Meredith



The Grand Prize winner will receive two tickets to interact with live penguins in the *Penguin Experience* at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and the book, *Pierre the Penguin, A True Story*.



And now (drum roll, please) the Grand Prize winner is...

- Lydia Morrow Ruetten for Pierre traveling through the precarious waters of Louisiana's Pearl River

GSU View still has a stockpile of great images of Pierre, which we will continue to run. And, while the contest is officially over, we know Pierre still loves to travel. If you catch him apple picking in Michigan or skiing in Vale, send us some photos. We will be pleased to post Pierre updates in the View.

[CFI Team Meets IRiS](#)

As IRiS Project training continues this week, the Curriculum & Faculty Information (CFI) Process Team is participating in three full days of Best Practices training.

During training, CFI team members are learning how to create and maintain courses, create and manage scheduled course sections, assign rooms, and create academic programs. Training also includes faculty record creation, instructor and advisor assignments, tracking committee membership/sponsorship, and the maintenance of office hours.



The course is designed to provide a solid foundation for managing institutional curriculum and faculty assignments, and implement recommended best practices designed to maximize the efficient and effective planning and managing of course catalog and course section schedules.

Participants will focus on these course topics and outcomes:

- Discussing institutional hierarchy and its importance in creating courses and academic programs.
- Creating academic programs and assigning catalog years.
- Defining and maintaining course descriptions, effective dates, and requisites and restrictions.
- Creating and publishing course section offerings, maintaining instructor assignments, and scheduling section meeting times and locations.
- Creating course and section blocks for block registration.
- Discussing the impact of equating courses and determining when courses should be equated.

CFI team members include Colleen Rock, Shannon Dermer, Colleen Sexton, Debbie Kappel, Bonnie Simpson, Michelle Smith-Williams, Jackie Johnson, Bonnie Lunde, Diane Jones, Bill Yacullo, Belinda Hudson, and Veronica Hunt.

Temporarily Off Line



All Governors State Jenzabar products, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from 6 p.m. on Friday, September 24 through approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 26. IT apologizes for the inconvenience.

For more information, contact the HELP desk at ext. 4357.

No Line Book Advances

GSU Students now have an alternative to standing in line for their book advance cards.

Beginning this fall, eligible students can authorize a direct deposit of a \$700 book advance into their bank account. Students are eligible if they receive financial aid and have enough aid to cover tuition and fees plus the amount of the book advance. This week, students will be notified by mail about the new program.

To take part in the new, direct deposit program, students must complete the form that is mailed to them, and return it, along with a voided check or savings account slip, to the GSU Cashier's Office by November 30. The form must be returned in the pre-paid envelope that is sent to students.

Book advance money will be deposited into the student's account during the first week of January. Students will receive notification that the direct deposit has been processed in an email to their GSU iMail address.

For further information, students should contact Financial Aid at 708.235.7424.

Converse with the Provost

Join Provost Terry Allison for an informative discussion on academic matters and other university-wide topics. All members of the GSU community are invited to attend the Student, Faculty, and Staff Forum on Thursday, September 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall.

Fall Tours of the Park



The prairie setting, mixed with the autumn colors and the cooler temperatures, make October the perfect time to view the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University. The park includes twenty-six sculptures by nationally and internationally recognized artists, including Mark diSuvero, Mary Miss, Bruce Nauman, Martin Puryear, and Richard Hunt. The sculptures are located along paved and unpaved pathways on the university grounds.

Free guided tours of the park will take place on Sunday, October 3 and 17, at 2 p.m. Tours begin on the patio behind the Hall of Governors in D wing at the university and last approximately one and a half hours. Comfortable footwear is recommended as there is extensive walking and occasionally the paths are uneven.

Visit the [Sculpture Park website](#) or call ext. 4486 for more information.

Understand the Issues

Constitution Day will be observed with a panel discussion, *Controversies in the Constitution*, on September 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Panelists include GSU faculty members Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of Social Sciences; Dr. Will Kelley, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies; and Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, academic coordinator of Criminal Justice program. Dr. Larry Levinson, director of the University Honors program and academic coordinator of Political and Justice Studies, will contribute and moderate the discussion.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and Student Life. For more information, call ext. 4552.

Restorative Justice Week Activities

Restorative Justice comes to Governors State University during a weeklong series of informative presentations. Demonstrations and discussions will define restorative justice and explain how it works, how to initiate restorative justice practices, victim offender conferencing and the peer jury, and its importance in helping create more effective conflict resolution procedures in schools, at home, at work, and in communities.

Presentations are from September 20 through 23, from 3 to 4:20 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Each presentation is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not necessary.

Restorative Justice Week is sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact [Joanne Smith](#) at ext. 2233.

Open House for CBPA Graduate Programs

The College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University is hosting a graduate programs open house on October 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on graduate programs in business administration, public administration, management information systems, and accounting, as well as admission requirements and financial aid will be presented. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators to have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. The \$50.00 application fee will be waived for applicants who apply and submit official transcripts at the open house. A continental breakfast will be served.

For more information or to RSVP by Thursday, October 7, call ext. 4391.

Hispanic Heritage – Nancy Lopez

Nancy Lopez is one of the greatest women golfers of all time. She began to play golf at age eight. She was only twelve when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur tournament. Lopez has won 48 titles and is one of the top pro golf money winners of all time. In 1989, she was inducted into the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is providing little-known facts about the contributions of Hispanics in the United States.

Vaccinations at GSU

Free Flu Shots will be given at GSU on Thursday, October 28, to all insured employees and insured retirees. Dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, students, and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are not eligible for this free flu shot.

Information on times and location will be announced soon. Contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ex. 7468 with questions.



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