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Fall Semester
Registration
Through August 25

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

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
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

Presidential Evaluation Interviews (10-28-10)

Governance consultant Robert Atwell will conduct interviews on campus next week as part of the GSU Board of Trustees's comprehensive evaluation of President Elaine P. Maimon.

Atwell, a consultant for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB), will be at GSU November 4 and 5. During his visit, he will meet with Dr. Maimon, university vice presidents, representatives of GSU Senates and other campus organizations, elected officials, and civic groups.

In addition to those scheduled interviews, Atwell will be available November 4 and 5 for meetings with members of the university community who request time to see him. Interested persons should request an interview by contacting [Gail Bradshaw](#), Associate Vice President for Human Resources. Interviews will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

According to Lorine S. Samuels, Chair of GSU's Board of Trustees, Atwell's recommendations will be incorporated into Dr. Maimon's comprehensive evaluation. Dr. Maimon's performance is evaluated annually but, under ACB guidelines, comprehensive assessments are conducted every three to five years, Samuels said.

Access a podcast containing Atwell's explanation of the comprehensive presidential assessment process at <http://agb.org/knowledge-center/podcasts-video/robert-atwell-comprehensive-presidential-assessment>.

Thanksgiving Week Clarified

Provost Terry Allison recently issued a campus wide memo clarifying the 2010 Thanksgiving week schedule. Click to view the [memo](#).

CPR Recertification Available

Three-hour CPR recertification sessions will be offered on Monday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. These sessions are open to faculty and staff. Recertification is \$25 for the two year renewal. A maximum number of students may be enrolled. For more information, or to register, contact [Marti Gainer](#) at ext. 4042.

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IDSS Portfolio Seminar
College Credit for Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
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

Vet Readjustment Counseling

GSU student veterans, servicemembers, and their families are eligible for free, confidential readjustment counseling at GSU.

Tony Wilson, from the Gary Area Vet Center, will offer readjustment counseling for individuals and groups every Wednesday, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Academic Resource Center. Wilson, LCSW, is a Readjustment Counseling Social Worker.

For information, call 708.534.4090 or drop by the Academic Resource Center (B1215) on Wednesday afternoon to meet Tony Wilson.

Non-Trad Student Week Celebration

Celebrate your success during Non-Traditional Student Week, November 7 through 12, with activities, seminars, and information to help you continue to achieve.

The week begins on Monday, November 8 with pizza, popcorn, and GSU information tables, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Operation Green, GSU's new student club, will provide information on conservation and sustainability as well as unique giveaways on Tuesday, November 9, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

It is time to relax and have some fun at a Student Reception on Wednesday, November 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Student Commons. It is also a chance to meet your Student Senators and representatives from Student Life.

Honor veterans during *A Day of Recognition*, on November 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Engbretson Hall and the Hall of Governor. Activities include a full honor guard, information on resources and services for veterans, and presentations on issues and concerns of veterans.

For more information, call 708.534.4552.

GSU Newsmaker

Provost Terry Allison will appear on CNN Headline News *Newsmakers* program during the week of November 1 through 8. *Newsmakers* runs 24 and 54 minutes past the hour. Tune in to catch GSU's newsmaker.

Copier Service Got Ya Down?

Please remember that if your GSU copier is in need of maintenance or service, call the University Print Shop at ext. 4498.

Incorrect posting the "service has been called" sign have resulted in delays to service and repairs. For urgent copier-related matters, contact [Barbara Lane](#).

Drum Roll, Please

During a special workshop at Governors State University, art students

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and alumni will not only learn about rattles and drums as expressions of art, they will also get to make and decorate their own percussion object. Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, professor of art history at GSU, will lead the "Rattle and Drum Workshop" on Saturday, November 13, at 4 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The art of percussion instruments worldwide and historically will be discussed. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own drums. A firelight drum circle and an opportunity to perform on the newly created and decorated instruments will follow the presentation.

The \$10 fee, cash only, covers the cost of materials and refreshments. GSU students and alumni, as well as teenagers accompanied by a parent or guardian may also participate. Reservations are required. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information or to reserve, call 708.534.4128.

Analytical Chemistry Makes the Grade

Governors State University is ranked 14th among universities nationwide in the number of graduates from its Master of Science in Analytical Chemistry program according to the August 23, 2010 "Chemical & Engineering News Report. In the report, GSU placed ahead of institutions like Johns Hopkins and Harvard.

"Our impressive graduation numbers reflect the hard work and perseverance of our students and the dedication of our faculty," said Dr. Shelly Kumar, Academic Coordinator of Chemistry.

CTAT Training for Everyone

All GSU students, faculty, and staff members are encouraged to visit the GSU Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT) website to familiarize themselves with the purpose of CTAT, helpful resources and tips, threat reporting options and procedures, and contact information. Learn how to recognize and report potential threats to the health and well-being of both individuals and the community as a whole.

Please participate in [Kognito's At-Risk Online Training](#). Training will help you learn how to recognize potential threats to safety and how to report concerns using a [Red Flag Report](#). The training requires only 45 minutes and can be completed in multiple sittings.

Participants in the training must create their own user name and password. First time users must first select a course. All GSU participants will use the faculty training module, therefore, all faculty, staff, and students should select *At Risk for University Faculty*. Enter the required information: name, email, create username, and password. Enter the enrollment key: [govst51](#). The training takes only about 45 minutes.

If you have questions or suggestions for CTAT, email ctat@govst.edu.

BSU Membership Drive

The Black Student Union at GSU is seeking new members. The BSU offers leadership opportunities,



service learning projects, educational events, community service opportunities, and social events. Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the cafeteria annex. All students are welcome.

For more information, contact [Tina Hughes-Burke](#).

Twenty Questions, Plus One - Margarite Crivellone

Margarite Crivellone - Teacher Quality Partnership Coordinator

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** My foreign language teacher in high school
- **A really great night out for me is...** A nice dinner and a good movie!
- **Sox or Cubs fan? Explain.** Sox fan – ever since I can remember my family has been Sox fans. Then I married an avid Sox fan. What else can I be?
- **What's the best book you've read in the last year?** *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
- **Right now I am driving a...** Buick Lucerne
- **What's your most memorable moment at GSU?** Completing the masters program in Educational Administration
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** XM Satellite Radio – the Love Station (channel 23)
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** *Gone With the Wind, Good-bye Mr. Chips, The Miracle, Bridges of Madison County, and The Holiday*
- **What was your first job?** Telemarketer for the Chicago Tribune
- **What's a vacation spot you'd recommend to others?** Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. I owned a small business with a retired GSU professor at one time.

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

Call for Tournament Volunteers

Table Tennis has come to GSU with a new team and the first major competition of the year on November 20. The NCTTA Regional Tournament will be held at GSU with teams from colleges and universities competing in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym.

To help make this a successful event, volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, registration personnel, runners, and scorekeepers. You don't need to know how to play table tennis to help. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt to wear on the day of the event and are asked to pair it with black pants and tennis shoes.

Volunteer orientation will be held at 8 p.m. before the start of the tournament. Students, faculty, and staff are all eligible to volunteer. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Caesar Smith at 708.534.6360.

Big Thanks to IRiS Team (10-25-10)

While many IRiS teams are working to complete training, others are preparing to dive headfirst into their respective modules. Between team meetings, completing module workbooks, and daylong sessions with our consultants, GSU's diligent IRiS team still manages to find time to complete their regular work tasks. Needless to say, team members are working harder than ever.



This week, the university applauds their efforts. All IRiS team members are invited to attend a special Fall Appreciation Luncheon, on Wednesday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

While at this luncheon, group photos will be taken of each team. Be on the lookout for IRiS Team Members in their green project shirts, and thank them for their efforts to make GSU's implementation of the Colleague System a success.

Busy Friday

The GSU campus was alive with activity on Friday as three different conferences were held.



The Civil Service Council of Councils brought together representatives from 11 Illinois state university campuses, the State Universities Annuitants Association, and the State Universities Civil Service System. State Representative Lisa Dugan spoke with the representatives and answered Rep. Lisa Dugan questions. President Maimon welcomed them to the campus.



Dr. Elaine Maimon

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU hosted a conference highlighting GSU research related to healthcare inequity with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations. More than 150 attended the daylong event.

GSU was also the site of the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday. The summit was attended by more than 250 business and community leaders.

Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and a GSU graduate, gave the keynote address. President Maimon offered opening remarks. CBPA Dean Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis moderated a business panel discussion.



Joseph C. Szabo

The hard work of the organizers, as well as GSU staff from Facilities Development and Management, the Department of Public Safety, Institutional Advancement, and food service provider FSI, made all three events a success. A special thanks goes to the many students who volunteered to help register and direct conference attendees.

Education through Dance

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance, a special presentation and live performance by DanceArt, illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. The presentation is on October 26, from 5 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A reception celebrating DanceArt's 10th anniversary will be held at 6 p.m., immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

The event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Debaters Discuss – You Decide

The GSU Forensics Team will host a debate on October 26, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The topic of the debate is the *Proposed Amendment to Add Section 7 to Article III of the Illinois State Constitution*. At the conclusion of the debate, the audience will be asked to vote on the inclusion or exclusion of the amendment. The event is free and open to the public.

Funds for Volunteers

GSU recently received a \$9,056 AmeriCorps Grant from the Illinois Campus Compact (ILCC) to fund service learning opportunities for GSU students.

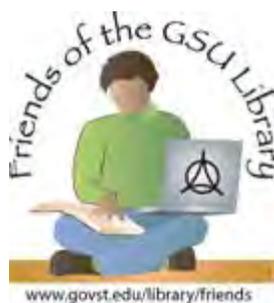
The ILCC was awarded to 100 part-time AmeriCorps slots from Washington Campus Compact for the Students in Service (SIS) program. GSU was one of 12 institutions awarded funds to support student participation this year in the SIS program.

The Students in Service program supports the recruitment of college students to volunteer in their communities. Students help to increase the capacity of local nonprofit agencies and schools and meet critical needs in communities. In return for 300 hours of volunteer work in underserved communities, eight GSU students will each earn a \$1,132 education award to help offset their education expenses upon

successful completion of their term of service.

For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Friends Sell Books



The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring a book sale on October 28, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library may preview the sale collection from 11 a.m. to noon. The sale collection includes donated books and media materials not added to the library collection.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Those interested in donating an hour of their time should contact [Pam Taylor](#).

Ready for Work?

The GSU Psychology Club sponsored *Workplace Readiness Workshop* on October 25, at 3 p.m., in room D2442. The event is open for all students. Topics include the transition from college to the workforce, skills employers look for, how to stand out from other applicants, and how to navigate the admissions process to a graduate program.

Webinar on Student Vets

A webinar on student veterans and the problems they may face as first-time or returning students will be discussed at a webinar on October 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., in room B2203.

The free webinar, *Student Veterans: Alcohol and Substance Abuse*, is sponsored by Student Life. Student veterans, faculty, staff, and students studying in related fields are encouraged to attend. William Smith, health educator at the University of Kansas City – Missouri, will lead the webinar.

Additional topics include identifying risk factors associated with veterans and alcohol/substance abuse and strategies to address these issues, the structure of the U.S. Armed Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the potential impact a vet's military experience has on academic success.

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Advisory Council and the Gender Studies Steering Committee.

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Take a Chance

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Remember to see your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office on the third floor. Good luck!

One Last Chance

There is still time to get some fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Farmers Market will return to GSU for one last hurrah before the frost takes hold. The Farmers Market will be open on Thursday, October 28, from 1 to 6 p.m., west of main entrance.

China Connection Presentation

GSU's exchange program with Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT) in Guangzhou, China, has expanded beyond the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, of the College of Education and this year's faculty representative to GDUT, will describe her teaching and research experiences at GDUT on November 10, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

To illustrate the international collaboration the exchange program makes possible, Dr. Ruiz will discuss her research that focuses on Chinese culture and global approaches to psychology.



President Maimon, will speak about her experiences in China this summer, specifically her visit to GDUT. Visiting Chinese faculty and students will also be introduced at the event.

Advanced SPSS Workshop

COE will sponsor a workshop entitled *Advanced*



Use of SPSS on Friday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Room D34115. Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator for the workshop on SPSS, a computer program used for statistical analysis. The workshop is open to GSU faculty and staff.

Topics to be covered include ANOVA (factorial and ancova) and multiple regression.

Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact [Dr. Jean Johnson](#).

Blowin' in the Wind (10-21-10)

GSU Thursday got the green light for an important environmental initiative when Warren Ribley, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, announced a \$153,000 grant for the 50 kilowatt turbine, to be located on campus.

"Sustainability and efficiency have gone far beyond being buzzwords," Ribley said. "They are now part of our way of life. We need to develop an energy policy that recognizes and takes care of the environment."

The wind turbine will provide a clean, renewable source of energy, and also be incorporated into the university's academic programs, said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. Students in GSU science classes will be able to monitor the turbine's performance through a television hookup, and learn about renewable technology.

Dr. Maimon said GSU's wind turbine exemplifies the university's commitment to sustainability. She noted that children attending the Family Learning Center, adjacent to the wind turbine site, will see it every day, and learn a valuable lesson about sustainability and environmental stewardship early in their lives.



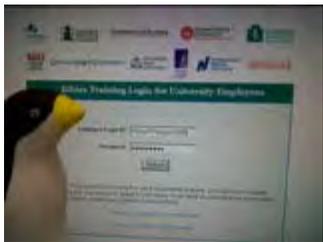
State Senator Toi Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields, said she is pleased to be a partner in GSU's environmental initiatives. GSU, she said, is a center for positive, forward-thinking action in the Southland region.

"We can make anything, grow anything, that we need and we can do it right here," Hutchinson said. "A university is supposed to be a portal to the future. When GSU opens doors, you can go anywhere you want."

Construction of the 120-foot-tall wind turbine will begin in January 2011 and is expected to take six to nine months. When operational, the turbine will provide 35 percent of the power for the Family Development Center and save about \$14,000 a year in energy costs, according to Susan Rakstang, associate vice president for facilities development and maintenance.

With the installation of an oncampus wind turbine, GSU will continue reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, and move toward its goal of becoming Illinois' greenest university.

2010 Ethics Training



Pierre sets a good example by taking his 2010 Annual On-Line Ethics Training early. Have you completed your Ethics Training yet?

Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training Administrator, reminds all university employees to be sure to complete the mandatory State of Illinois employee training requirement. Tymkow points out, "Employees have been notified by regular mail and by campus e-mail that the training link is active from October 20, through the close of business on November 18. Be sure to participate as soon as possible."

Transportation Opportunities

GSU will host the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday, October 22, at 9 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. The summit will provide a comprehensive look at the business opportunities that can be created through the Southland's unique access to national and world markets via rail, expressway, air, and waterway networks.

Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and a GSU graduate, will give the keynote address.

Opening remarks will be provided by Mike Scholefield, Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation chair; Crete Mayor Michael Einhorn; and GSU President, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Scholefield will moderate a transportation panel discussion and Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration, will moderate a business panel discussion.

The summit is sponsored by CN Railway. It is co-hosted by GSU, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

Undergraduate Program Open House

A GSU Undergraduate Program Open House and Instant Decision Day will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors and Cafeteria Annex. Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services, and undergraduate program advisors will be on hand to answer questions. Applications will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25.

No Flu Allowed

Free Flu Shots will be given to all insured employees and retirees on Thursday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. 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.

Contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468 with questions.

Employment Opportunity Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for those interested in careers in business administration, public administration, and communications. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

The 2010 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, November 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

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The presentation includes commentary by DanceArt founder and social entrepreneur, Maria Gebhard, and performances by DanceArt's classically trained dancers, students from Clinton Elementary School in Chicago, and accompanying musicians. The performance illustrates how DanceArt uses dance to motivate, instruct, and inspire school children in a way that fosters a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

A reception celebrating DanceArt's 10th anniversary will be held at 6 p.m., immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

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For more information, contact [Chelsea Haring](#).

What's in a Pi(e)?

Where's the best place to get pie?
And what the heck is "pi" about, anyway?

So many questions and so little time. In our newfangled information age, new questions keep popping up with the speed of those machines that attempt to calculate pi. We are left rolling our eyes and wishing for a nice piece of pie.

If you are undaunted by questions, consider sharing your insights on matters great and small with the GSU View. Our "Twenty Questions Plus One" feature gives you an opportunity to tell the rest of the GSU community what you really, truly consider to be important.

To participate, contact Twenty Questions Plus One impresario [Tom Houlihan](#).

Q and A with the President (10-18-10)

Tomorrow, President Maimon will answer questions during two separate discussions.

A conversation with members of the GSU staff will take place at the Civil Service Town Hall Meeting, on October 19, at 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Students are also invited to ask questions and share ideas at a special, student-focused discussion on October 19, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

IRiS Update 10-18-10

As the IRiS Project moves ahead, the Data Standards Support Team has started addressing a number of important questions: Which of the tables from the current CX database should be transferred to the new Colleague system? What about data that doesn't conform to what's allowable, such as a misspelling listing a faculty member as an "adunct" instead of an "adjunct"? What data is being extracted from the current system and how do we ensure it is accessible after the transition to Colleague is finished?



The Data Standard Support Team began its work long before Datatel Colleague was chosen; team members started meeting weekly in April. Their main goal is to maintain an orderly centralized function to maintain data integrity and security.

The team is currently focusing on four projects:

- Data cleaning oversight, including the preparation of translation tables so GSU codes can be mapped to those that will be used in the new system.
- Completing the Datatel-provided CORE workbook, which includes identifying GSU's hierarchical structure for the new Colleague system and how all university offices fit together.
- Creating a master list of GSU abbreviations and acronyms to help users maintain consistency in the new system.
- Creating a report inventory in which every current CX user indicates what data they're extracting from the current system. Team members can then work to ensure that this information is available after the transfer to the Colleague system.

While all of this adds up to a huge amount of work, team Chair Linda Buyer is delighted to report that members have risen to the tasks at hand and are working to resolve issues as promptly as possible. Their team is already well ahead of the Datatel migration schedule. As important questions are answered, other IRiS teams will be able to proceed with the transition to Colleague.

Team members are Omolola Adesanya, ITS Support Associate, Financial Aid; Nick Battaglia, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management; Buyer, Director of Institutional Research; Marge Godowic, ITS Associate Director, Application Development; Sandi Gieson, IRiS Project Director; Jeanne Hagen, IT Technical Associate; Lisa Hendrickson, Administrative Coordinator, CAS Dean's Office; Greg Kain, ITS Director, Application Development; Bonnie Lunde,

Coordinator, CBPA Dean's Office; Jean Malloy, Director of Advancement Services; Kathy Miller, Institutional Research, Data Coordinator; Colleen Rock, Assistant to Associate Vice President, Student Affairs; Linda Samson, Dean, CHHS; and Veronica Williams, Director, Extended Learning.

Campus Community Campaign Raffle

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COE Program Open House

The College of Education is hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Program information will be offered on bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Psychology; and master's degrees in Counseling, Reading, Educational Administration, Early Childhood Education, Education, Multicategorical Special Education, and Psychology. Information will also be available on the new doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Admission requirements and financial aid opportunities will be discussed. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators and have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 708.534.4050.

Veterans Assistance Webinar

A webinar on student veterans and the problems they may face as first-time or returning students will be discussed at a webinar on October 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., in room B2203.

The free webinar, *Student Veterans: Alcohol and Substance Abuse*, is sponsored by Student Life. Student veterans, faculty, staff, and students studying in related fields are encouraged to attend. The webinar will be lead by William Smith, health educator at the University of Kansas City – Missouri.

Additional topics include identifying risk factors associated with veterans and alcohol/substance abuse and strategies to address these issues, the structure of the U.S. Armed Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the potential impact a vet's military experiences have on academic success.

Workplace Readiness Workshop

The GSU Psychology Club sponsored *Workplace Readiness Workshop* on October 25, at 3 p.m., in room D2442. The event is open for all students. Topics include the transition from college to the workforce, skills employers look for, how to stand out from other applicants, and how to navigate the admissions process to a graduate program.

Save a Book



The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring a book sale on October 28, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library may preview the sale collection from 11 a.m. to noon. The sale collection includes donated books and media materials not added to the library collection.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Those interested in donating an hour of their time should contact [Pam Taylor](#).

Alumni Spotlight – Jill Wokurka-Hagan

Jill Wokurka-Hagan recently won the *Outstanding Leaders under the Age of 40* award from the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. Jill is currently Vice-President for the Government Banking Group at Charter One Bank. Prior to that she spent 13 years at MB Financial Bank (formerly Oak Brook Bank) and was named "Rookie of the Year" in 2002 for Business Development and "Top Sales Performer"

in 2003.

Jill received her bachelor's degree in 1995 from the College of Business and Public Administration. She is an active member in the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, South Suburban Mayors and Managers, Will County Governmental League, and holds board positions for Rich Township Food Pantry and the Chicago Chamber of Commerce.

Civic Reflection Project

A three-member team has been formed at GSU as part of the Civic Reflection Pilot Project, a component of the Illinois Campus Compact. The team will develop a discussion series that will involve students, faculty, and staff. The series will encourage civic reflection on service learning and volunteerism. A major component of the discussion series will be to encourage faculty to develop ways to include service learning in their curricula. The discussions will also strive to promote volunteerism in the community by students.

Ultimately, the committee will establish an on-going steering committee, which will include GSU faculty, students, and community organizations. The steering committee will assist the underserved in the region and create volunteer opportunity partnerships for GSU students.

Members of the team are Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science, academic coordinator of political and justice studies, and director of the University Honors Program; Dr. Lorri Glass, assistant professor of social work; and Sheree Sanderson, director of student engagement and college relations.

Convocation 2010 on the Web (10-7-10)

Missed Convocation 2010? Don't worry – the video of the awards ceremony and Dr. Maimon's *State of the University* address is now available for view on the [GSU website](#).

Got Questions?



Next week, President Maimon will engage the university community during two separate discussions.

Join the conversation at the Civil Service Town Hall Meeting, on October 19, at 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Students are also invited to ask questions and share ideas at a special, student-focused discussion on October 19, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Chart Topping Vassar at CPA

Phil Vassar has written number-one hits for country music legends such as Tim McGraw, Alan Jackson, Jo Dee Messina, and Collin Raye, and he boasts many chart-toppers of his own. With



unparalleled energy and boundless talent, Nashville singer-songwriter Phil Vassar is a legend in his own right.

See Phil Vassar at The Center for Performing Arts, on October 16, at 8 p.m. Good seats are still available. And be ready for some fun before the concert with free line-dancing lessons in the Hall of Governors beginning at 6 p.m.

For tickets, visit the Center box office, call 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Admission Office Temporarily Relocated

During the renovations to the student services area in the front entrance atrium, the Office of Admission has been relocated to the modular adjacent of the C wing west entry. Service hours and contact information remain the same. For more information, call 708.534.4490 or email gsunow@govst.edu.

BSU Elections

Elections for new officers for the Black Student Union (BSU) will be held on Wednesday, November 17, from 12:30 to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The deadline for nominations to appear on the ballot is Friday, October 15. Nominations should be submitted via email to [Tina Hughes](mailto:Tina.Hughes).



Elections will be held for president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The winners will be announced by Friday, November 19. Students must be members of BSU to vote. Students interested in joining BSU should attend the next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Transportation Opportunities in Spotlight

GSU will host the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday, October 22, at 9 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. The summit will provide a comprehensive look at the business opportunities that can be created through the Southland's unique access to national and world markets via rail, expressway, air, and waterway networks.

Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and a GSU graduate, will give the keynote address.

Opening remarks will be provided by Mike Scholefield, Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation chair; Crete Mayor Michael Einhorn; and GSU President Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Scholefield will moderate a transportation panel discussion and Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration, will moderate a business panel discussion.

The summit is sponsored by CN. It is co-hosted by GSU, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, and the Chicago

Southland Chamber of Commerce. [Conference registration](#) is available online.

DanceArt at GSU

The mission of DanceArt is to bring high quality, inclusive dance education to children in the Chicago region. Their dedication to serving the underserved and their commitment to providing accessible arts education for all children will be celebrated at a special presentation and live performance at The Center for Performing Arts on October 26. The event also celebrates DanceArt's 10th anniversary of serving the Chicagoland community.

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. It includes commentary by founder and social entrepreneur, Maria Gebhard, and performances by DanceArt's classically trained dancers, students from Clinton Elementary School in Chicago, and accompanying musicians. The performance illustrates how DanceArt uses dance to motivate, instruct, and inspire school children in a way that fosters a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

The presentation is from 5 to 6 p.m. at the CPA. A reception will be held immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

This event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

For more information, contact [Dr. Chelsea Haring](#).

Election Issues Forum

Understanding the issues is a key component deciding which candidates in an election best reflect your values and interests. The GSU graduate Political and Justice Studies program is sponsoring *America at the Crossroads and the Issues of the 2010 Election*, on Monday October 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors, to help clarify the issues and spur discussion.

The community forum will include a short presentation by the panelists on the key issues of the 2010 midterm elections and an open community discussion. Panelists include Assistant Professor Daniel Cortese, Associate Professor Donald Culverson, Assistant Professor Chelsea Haring, and Professor Larry Levinson.

The program will be followed at 7:45 p.m. with an open house on the graduate Political and Justice Studies program at GSU. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 4570.

Open House - COE

The College of Education is hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the E wing atrium.

Program information will be offered on bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Psychology; and

master's degrees in Counseling, Reading, Educational Administration, Early Childhood Education, Education, Multicategorical Special Education, and Psychology. Information will also be available on the new doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Admission requirements and financial aid opportunities will be discussed. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators and have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 708.534.4050.

Parent University at GSU

The Family Development Center and the COE Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The workshops are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Several workshops will be offered each month. Topics include dealing with technology, bullying, step-parenting, coping with stress as a parent, nutrition, and much more.

The next workshop is *Winning the Whining War* led by Dr. Shannon Dermer on Wednesday, October 27, from 5 to 7:30 pm., at the Family Development Center. The workshop will assist parents with managing annoying, intolerable, and/or dangerous behaviors using easy-to-understand and easy-to-apply techniques.

For a list of all the Parent University workshops, visit the [Family Development Center website](#).

GSU/China Connection



The *GSU/China Connection* presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz of COE has been changed to November 10, beginning at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Dr. Ruiz will introduce visiting Chinese faculty and students. Dr. Maimon will speak about her experiences in China this summer, specifically her visit to Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT). Dr. Ruiz will speak about multi-cultural psychology based on her interactions with colleagues at GDUT this summer. Everyone is welcome.

Regional Art Faculty Exhibit

Area art professors and educators will have the opportunity to show off their creative endeavors at the 2010 Regional College and University Art Faculty Exhibition at the Governors State University Visual Arts Gallery through October 28.

Local college and university art instructors will be exhibiting their current work, including photography, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, digital imaging, drawing, and mixed media. Art faculty from

Trinity College, Lewis University, Prairie State College, Saint Xavier University, Joliet Junior College, College of DuPage, South Suburban College, University of Saint Francis, Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, and Governors State University will exhibit their work.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. 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, visit the GSU [Visual Art Gallery website](#).

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Registrations will be processed based on available space. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

VALIC Representative Available

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, October 19, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in C3300 (CenterPoint conference room). Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

VALIC is one of four vendors Governors State University 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 TIAA-CREF, Fidelity and The Legend Group.

Board of Trustees Meeting 10-08-10

Friday, October 8, marked the first Board of Trustees meeting of both the new academic year and the first GSU semester.

The meeting began with the approval of the consent agenda, which included several resolutions of great interest to the university community. Resolutions included the FY11 Operating Budget; employment contracts with clerical workers, maintenance laborers, and building service workers; contracts to increase vision and hearing services to students; and construction contracts to replace and improve existing air handling units and fire water main system.

The consent agenda also included a resolution granting one personal day off for non-negotiated employees who rated "generally exceeds expectation" or "superior" on their FY10 performance evaluation, to be taken in FY11.

In recognition of their scholarship and service, Professor Emeritus status was awarded to Professors Russell Carter (formerly of CHHS), Reino Hakala (formerly of CAS), and June Patton (formerly of CAS).

In the absence of Board Chair Lorine Samuels, Vice Chair Kristi DeLaurentiis chaired the Board meeting and presented remarks on her behalf. DeLaurentiis welcomed everyone to the new academic year and the first GSU semester. She noted that GSU continues to put the students' best interests first. She offered a quick review of the previous years' achievements, and congratulated Baysore Award winner Kathy Miller, the winners of the faculty excellence awards, and the new and tenured faculty. DeLaurentiis also observed that despite the failure of the State of Illinois to pay the \$11 million it currently owes the university, the GSU community continues to exhibit positive momentum.

In her report, President Maimon echoed DeLaurentiis' remarks, noting that despite great uncertainties at the State level, GSU continues to move ahead - citing the massive transformation of the IRIS Project, renovations to the Student Services area, and the impending reconstruction of E and F wings. Because of the State's failure to pay GSU, Dr. Maimon reinforced the need for the university to monitor expenses and remain cautious during these financially uncertain times. She noted the university's commitment to increase undergraduate enrollment through community college partnerships, the Dual Degree program, and the dramatically improved undergraduate retention rate. Dr. Maimon concluded with a quote from *Pogo* cartoonist Walt Kelly, "We are confronted by insurmountable opportunities."

Brief reports were made by Dr. Heikki Heino, Faculty Senate President; Laura Owens, Civil Service President; and Student Trustee Brendan Hollandsworth, on behalf of Student Senate President David Corcoran. Dr. Heino encouraged the university to pay attention to enrollment declines in GSU's graduate programs. Owens mentioned the upcoming 12th Annual Council of Councils to take place at GSU on October 22. Hollandsworth explained the determination of Student Senate members to be active in creating programs and events designed to encourage student involvement on campus.

Registration and Early Voting on Campus 10-07-10

GSU is a designated site for voter registration and early voting.

Voter registration Voter registration for any resident of Illinois will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 12, and continuing through Tuesday, October 26. Location and voter registrar contact information is available at the Welcome Center.

Early voting

The GSU early voting site is able only to accommodate registered voters from Monee Precinct #5. Voting will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 12, and continuing through Tuesday, October 26. Location and contact information is available at the Welcome Center.

Depression Screening Today

Today is National Depression Screening Day. The Academic Resource Center is sponsoring free, confidential depression screening, until 5 p.m., in Room B1215, and an information table from until 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. The questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

ARC's Counseling Center provides ongoing counseling services to GSU students. The Counseling Lab at GSU provides free, confidential services to adults, couples, and families.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

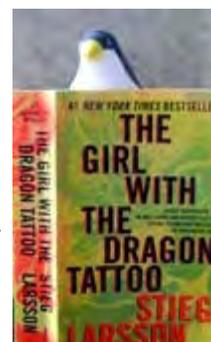
Keep Reading

There is still time to finish the book and join the conversation. This fall's One Book, One University program features *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. A panel of faculty and staff experts will discuss this New York Times Bestseller on Wednesday, October 13, from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Provost Terry Allison will moderate the panel which includes Rosemary Johnsen (CAS), David Green (CBPA), Cheryl Mejhta (CHHS), Shannon Dermer (COE), and Tom Houlihan (Advancement and a former newspaper editor).

Panel members will discuss the book's themes from the perspective of their subject expertise, followed by questions, and an open conversation with the audience. Join the conversation!

One Book, One University is sponsored by GSU's Intellectual Life Committee. The photo of GSU's Pierre the Penguin enjoying a good read was submitted by Joan Johns Maloney of the Office of the Executive Vice President.



Walk for Education

GSU teacher candidates recently showed their stamina and spirit while raising funds to support educational initiatives at Nathan Hale Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools in Crestwood. The GSU students walked 34.25 miles in the first annual walk for Nathan Hale.



The teacher candidates are enrolled in Dr. Nancy Miller's ELED 401 class (Lab II). The walk raised funds for after school programs and improved technology in the classrooms.

CBPA Graduate Programs

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, 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 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, call 708.534.4391.

Business Reply Envelopes – Important USPS Changes

The U.S. Postal Service is making an important change to the format of its business reply mail that will impact many on campus departments. Beginning in May 1, 2011, **all existing business reply and courtesy reply envelopes will no longer be useable by the university or its constituents.** All envelopes must be reprinted in accordance with new USPS design regulations.

The format changes include the addition of an Intelligent Mail Barcode above the address block. The USPS will also not accept modifications to older envelopes (i.e. placing labels over the current design elements).

Please begin working with your department heads immediately to take stock of current inventory and plan for redesign and reprinting needs. Once you've determined your needs, please contact the Office of Public Affairs to begin the redesign/reorder process. GSU's Public Affairs, Graphics, and Auxiliary Services departments will work to ensure that the campus' needs are met prior to the May 1, 2011 deadline.

Twenty Questions Plus One with Daniel Cortese

Daniel Cortese, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies

Who was your most inspirational teacher? Ms. Viaggio, my fourth grade teacher. She accepted no excuses for shortcuts and poor quality work. In retrospect, her teaching philosophy is probably closer to

mine: "The energy you spend on thinking up the many reasons for not doing your best is better spent on creating the best you can do." **What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?** Perhaps it's not yearly, but my favorite event is the Farmers Market, where we can support our communities by buying local. I buy the eggplants, celery, and onions and make "caponata."



True or false? The secret to life involves

garlic and olive oil. False. The secret to life involves *wine*, followed closely by *fresh* garlic, and *cold-pressed extra virgin* olive oil.

A really great night out for me is... An evening at the opera. It allows me an opportunity to dress up, which our culture rarely provides the occasions to do. I can enjoy the beautiful musical comedies of Mozart and Rossini and, if it's Puccini or Wagner, I get beautifully serenaded into a long, three-hour nap!

Right now I am driving a... Cat crazy with a laser light that she can never seem to catch!

Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Explain.

My favorite piece is the Paul Bunyan. I ask students in our methods courses to observe him for an in-class exercise, observing his presence on various levels of analysis. The results are astounding; he sparks passionate discussions on everything from the perception of age and ability to the cultural origins of American "manifest destiny."

Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?

I already have the ability to fly – in a plane, of course! If I were invisible, then that leads to the temptation to snoop, and I may not want to know what others *really* say about me. Could I compromise and have Wonder Woman's invisible jet instead?

Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.

Yes. I expect to see Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton, and Richard Nixon's portraits in the Smithsonian, despite the first two presidents' impeachments and Nixon's ethical lapses. We ought to learn from dark moments in history, and use them as learning opportunities. One cannot appreciate the warmth and brightness of the dawn if they didn't first experience the cold and darkness of the night.

What was your first job? My first "on-the-books" job was as a bank teller. To this day, it irks me when money comes out of the ATM or a cash drawer disorderly. My money in my wallet is always arranged correctly so that I can find the appropriate bills quickly.

Have you ever kept a New Year's resolution? Explain. Yes, I have, but they are always do-able resolutions. That's the key to success with resolutions or Lenten sacrifices. Pick something that you recognize is a weakness of yours, and create a path to success with small tasks that are both reasonable and accomplishable.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.

Most people on campus do not know that I am a meteorology buff. When I was 15, the weather station at my home was an official National Weather Service observation site. I was also trained as a "Skywarn" spotter for severe weather. Through cloud observations and the sounds of a storm, I can predict the likelihood of

a tornado touchdown, size of hail, and strength of gust fronts.

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

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Fisk Mini-Grants Awarded

The first winners of *The Fisk Mini-Grant for Technology in Education* were recently announced. The grants, sponsored by the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design's Center for Online Teaching and Learning, is awarded to support improving instruction in online, hybrid, and web-enhanced courses. The mini-grant is named in honor of the late Gary Fisk, the faculty founder of the center.



The winners for the 2010-11 academic year are Jennifer Armstrong, Daniel Cortese, Dianna Galante, Jane Rhoades Hudak, Marjorie Hummel, David Rhea, and Jason Zingsheim from CAS, Melanie Ellexson from CHPA, and Patricia Robey and Julia Yang from COE.

Applications will be accepted in May 2011 for the 2011-12 academic

year. For more information on the program, please visit the [Center for Online Teaching and Learning's web page](#).

ScholarShip – Sailing with Peter Palanca

Peter Palanca, senior lecturer in CHHS and chair of the Addictions Studies Advisory Board, was named chairman of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA), a Springfield-based non-profit organization that advocates at the state government level for progressive substance abuse prevention and treatment policies.



"I am honored by the confidence that my colleagues on the IADDA board have expressed in my leadership," Palanca. "It will be a pleasure to serve as the chairman of this vital organization."

Palanca is the executive vice president at Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, Inc. (TASC), overseeing service delivery throughout Illinois and directing TASC's new business development, training services, and philanthropy. Palanca joined the agency in 2003.

TASC assesses the mental health and drug treatment needs of individuals, places them into appropriate rehabilitation programs, and provides ongoing monitoring and recovery support to help them succeed and thrive.

IADDA is the only statewide advocacy organization in Illinois focusing solely on substance use disorder issues, representing more than 50 prevention, treatment, and recovery organizations across the state.

"The current economic climate in Illinois and across the country has presented new and pressing challenges to human services," said Palanca. "This is an opportune time for all of us to strengthen and renew our collective commitment to providing quality prevention, treatment, and recovery support services where they are needed most."

Pierre - Still On the Move



Everyone has been asking "Where's Pierre?" And the GSU View has some answers. Several photos were received showing that Pierre still has the travelling spirit.

Nancy Kaczmarczyk of SXL caught Pierre on the wrong end of an encounter with a bear on her recent trip to Alaska.

Debra Boyd, Director of the Department of Public Safety, introduced Pierre to Whoopee on a recent trip to Times Square in New York City.



And in a very happy encounter, Gail Mosier of CHHS snapped a picture of Pierre looking very

dapper as the groom. No word on whom the bride is, but what a lovely veil!



IRiS Training Continues (10-04-10)

Team members of the Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts module begin their IRiS training this week. The fully integrated Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts portion of the IRiS project will facilitate the management of billing and payment functions. This three-day course focuses on using the tools necessary to process and record all payments and refunds.



Training continues through Thursday. Staff from Financial Services and Information Technology will learn to:

- Set up automatic billing for registration.
- Create system-generated reports and statements.
- Automate add/drop billing with tuition and fee forfeiture based on user-defined criteria.
- Calculate and apply finance and service charges, interest, exemptions, or discounts.
- Manage sponsorships.
- Provide tools to manage collections.
- Credit student accounts with approved financial aid.
- Generate daily cash analysis reports by cashier, location, and payment type.

Next week, three Datatel consultants will be on campus to train the Advancement Contribution Management Team, the Student Financial Aid Team, and the Human Resources/Financial Services Payroll Team.

Campus Right-to-Know

The Governors State University *Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report* is now available on the web. In accordance with the 1990 Campus Security Act (The Clery Act), this is a uniform report of crimes committed on the GSU campus from January 1 through December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

For more information, contact the [GSU Department of Public Safety](#).

Volleyball Starts Strong

The GSU Women's Volleyball team started its fall season last Thursday. They won all three games in impressive fashion with scores of 25-11, 25-7, and 25-12. The team plays on Thursday October 7, at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, at 6:30 p.m.

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Films of 1930s Britain

Britain in the 1930s will be illustrated in a screening of several documentary films on Tuesday October 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The films are *Housing Problems* (1935), *Eastern Valley* (1937), *Coal Face* (1935), and *BBC: The Voice of Britain* (1935).

Dr. Rosemary Johnsen of the English Department will introduce the films and lead the discussion after the screening. Refreshments will be served. The event is free.

The film series is coordinated by Dr. Johnsen and Dr. Christopher White of CAS and funded by an Intellectual Life Grant.

Hispanic Heritage - Ellen Ochoa

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

Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman to become an astronaut. A veteran of two space flights, she first flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1993. Ochoa is not only an astronaut but also an inventor, holding three patents.

Help for Vets

Lynn Salkeld from the Illinois Department of Employment Security will be on campus to assist veterans with questions relating to employment, disability services, and other topics on October 12, November 9, and December 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in room D1497.

Folk Art Art Show

GSU faculty members, Dr. Jane Hudak and Dr. Arthur Bourgeois of CAS, are curators of ***Americana: Folk Arts Art and Decorative Objects from Private Collections***, a major show at Tall Grass Arts Association in Park Forest. The show runs through November 28.

The exhibit features art produced by and for the



common person and includes a number of works from private collections. The exhibit is free and open to the public.



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