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News and Events

King of Rock n Roll



Celebrate Elvis Presley's 76th birthday with *The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Show*, at The Center for Performing Arts, on January 8, at 8 p.m.

Buy one, get one free tickets are available for main floor seating. The regular ticket price is \$42. This offer is valid from January 7, at 10 am., to January 8, at 7 p.m.

For tickets, visit The Center box office or call ext. 2222.

Filtering the Filters

It's time for Facilities Development and Management to change the filters in FOC heating/cooling units. The work will begin Thursday, January 6, at 11 p.m. Occupants of FOC offices are asked to remove papers, files and personal items from the floor so our engineers have full access to the heating/cooling units.

For more information, contact FDM at ext. 4515.

Diaper Drive

What better way to celebrate St. Valentine's Day than by sharing the love?

GSU students in the Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) are sponsoring *Share the Love*, collecting diapers for families in need, between January 24 and February 24.

"One in three American families has to choose between buying diapers or buying food for their families," said Tamara Lewis of Chicago, SWSO public relations coordinator. The members of the SWSO thought a diaper drive would be a great way to bring awareness to this diaper need."

Diaper donations can be made to designated boxes on the campus of GSU in University Park and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gilman. Diapers will be given to the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood and Women of Power in Chicago.

For more information, call 815.549.6450.

Winter 2011 Commencement

GSU staff, faculty, and students are needed to help make commencement a very special time for GSU graduates, their families, and friends.

The 2011 Winter Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Volunteers are needed for setup, to answer questions, provide directions, assist with robing faculty and students, and help with guest entry and seating. Volunteers play such an important role in making commencement a memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Volunteers should contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466 by Friday, January 14.

All commencement volunteers and employees working the event are asked to attend an orientation the week of January 24.

Spring 2011 Student Book Cards

Students are reminded that Book Card distribution for the Spring 2011 semester will take place in the Hall of Honors, on Thursday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; and Tuesday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Book Cards will also be available in the Office of Financial Aid, room C1310, on January 14, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; on January 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and on January 21, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The Office of Financial Aid offers a \$300, \$500, or \$700 book card advance to assist students with the purchase of books and supplies.

To be eligible, students must:

1. Have completed a 2010/2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and been awarded financial aid;
2. Be admitted to a degree-seeking program at GSU;
3. Be registered for at least six credit hours;
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
5. Have sufficient financial aid to cover tuition and fees, plus the \$300, \$500, or \$700 book card advance.

Book card amounts are based on registration hours at the time each card is picked up. Students are only eligible for one card in one denomination per term and are not allowed to increase the amount on the card.

Students who have not been awarded financial aid but have submitted a financial aid application, including all required supporting documentation, and who meet the criteria listed above, are eligible to receive a book card advance.

Expanded Childcare

GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) is now an Illinois State licensed childcare facility for infants, toddlers, and two year olds. The young children are cared for in specially equipped classrooms of eight

children, each staffed with two teachers. The infant and toddler childcare center is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The staff of the FDC has been extensively and specially trained to care for young children. The facility has been renovated to serve the needs of the new students. Licensure required extensive review by the State. The FDC facility and staff will be able to serve 48 children in six classrooms.

The FDC also offers full and half day pre-kindergarten, three or five days a week, and childcare for three to five year olds and before and after school childcare for five to 12 year olds.



Grants may be available to assist eligible families with infant toddler childcare costs. Discounts are also offered for GSU students and staff.

For more information or to register your child, call 708.235.7300.

CAPTE Accreditation Site Visit Team Meeting

GSU's Physical Therapy Department will host an open, public meeting with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education's (CAPTE) site visit team on Tuesday, January 11, at 5 p.m., in G227. The meeting is being held in accordance with accreditation standards set by the CAPTE.

Individuals planning to attend should contact Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290. Individuals who are unable to attend the meeting with the CAPTE Team are invited to submit their comments regarding GSU's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program to the CAPTE at www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CAPTE3.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the College of Health and Human Services is currently accredited by the CAPTE.

Welcome Days Spring 2011

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 January 18 and 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Refreshments are also served.

Mobile Service Unit On Campus

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, January 18, 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.

Student Senate Elections 2011

Students have the opportunity to get involved and have an impact in the governance of GSU. Student Senate elections will be held from February 21 through 25.

Graduate and undergraduate students wishing to make a difference should pick up campaign packets at the Welcome Center or visit www.govst.edu/studentssenate.

For additional information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at 708.534.4552.

Basic Skills Test Prep

COE is offering a one credit hour course in Basic Skills Test preparation for students enrolled in teacher prep programs and other professional education unit programs leading to certification that requires passing the Basic Skills exam. Coursework focuses on both the math and language arts portions of the exam.

For more information, contact [Renee Zdych](#) at 798.534.6979.

The Adult Learning Exchange Winter 2011

The Adult Learning Exchange begins a new season with classes that provide the opportunity for adults to enjoy intellectual challenges and the joy of acquiring and sharing knowledge. All classes meet at GSU, on Fridays from January 21 through March 18 (no classes will be held on February 11 or March 18). Each class is eight sessions long.

Course topics include gardening in the south suburbs; a film series investigating suspense and psychological dramas; the music history of the 20th century; and a great discussion series on international events and foreign policy.

For more information and to register, call 224.406.9257 or visit www.gojcc.org.

CenterPoint Client Recognized

Peggy Hrindak of Phoenix Business Solutions, a long-time CenterPoint client, has been selected by *The Business Ledger* and NAWBO, Chicago (National Association of Women Business Owners) as one of the

region's *Influential Women in Business*.



CenterPoint staff nominated Hrindak for her continued participation and support of the five Veteran Entrepreneurial Boot Camps, hosted by CenterPoint.

“Peggy exemplifies the true spirit of an influential women in business - not just from the standpoint of creating significant opportunities for her growing company and its employees - but in the spirit of giving freely of her time and her staff's time to help returning U.S. military veterans who are thinking about owning a business or Veterans who have a business that is struggling.”

Hrindak received her award November 4 at a reception sponsored by *The Business Ledger* and the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

In the last two years, CenterPoint has been honored by *The Business Ledger* for its Leadership in the Region's Economic Development as well as director Hilary Burkinshaw as an *Influential Women in Business* in 2008 and in 2009 for her *Outstanding Service to Entrepreneurs*. Five CenterPoint clients have been honored by *The Business Ledger* for *Entrepreneurial Excellence in Business*.



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