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For Immediate Release

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University Park, IL, January 31, 2008 – Governors State University in University Park begins a month-long celebration of African American culture and history with a series of cultural, musical, artistic, and educational events designed to entertain and inform. Each event is open to the public.

The celebration begins with the African American Read-In on February 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Guest readers share passages from their favorite African American authors. The hall will be filled with prose and poetry that inspires and entertains.

“Vanessa’s Touch of Jazz with Class” featuring Al Mac will fill Engbretson Hall with the lively sounds of traditional and innovative jazz on February 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. Entrance is free and open to the public. In addition to the music, “Sara’s In Treble Now Bar” will serve non-alcoholic beverages and hors d’ourvres.

“Men Cry in the Dark” a play depicting the life of African American men, will be produced on February 9, at 5 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring “A Taste of Soul,” on February 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the cafeteria annex. A delicious sampler platter is only \$5.

Who needs the next American Idol when Governors State University students and friends are dancing, singing, and performing their way through an evening of great talent and lots of fun? The Talent Show is on February 16, from 5 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Black History Month continues with another Governors State University tradition. Teams of students, faculty, and staff will compete in the Black Heritage Challenge on February 20 and 21, in the Hall of Governors, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. While a winning team is always declared, every participant enjoys sharing their knowledge and good humor.

The Black Student Union again sponsors an evening to show off local talent at Open Mic Night, free to anyone with the courage to raise their voice in song or tell a joke. Open Mic is on February 23, from 5 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University park, Illinois. For more information about GSU Black History Month activities, call (708) 534-4552 or visit the GSU Student Life Calendar, www.govst.edu.govst.edu/studentlifecalendar, for a current list of university events.