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News and Events

Panel Discussion Examines Women in Political Discourse

GSU will present “Women in Political Discourse,” a panel discussion, on Wednesday, September 26, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The panel discussion is designed to open up a dialogue on women in the political arena. Panel members will address issues such as the gender gap, how women are portrayed in politics, the need for more women in politics, and the negative rhetoric some politicians are using towards or about women.

“There is a distinct gender gap in the political process,” said Arness Krause, an adjunct professor of communications at GSU and a panel organizer and participant. “This panel will address the rhetoric of politicians and open up dialogue regarding the gender gap and how it can be improved.”

Other panel members are Debbie James, assistant professor of media communications; Marilyn Yirku, academic coordinator of communications programs; Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Tammara Winn, university lecturer, Interdisciplinary Studies; and Debbie Halvorson, former member of the United States Congress.

Krause said audience members will be an important part of “Women in Political Discourse” and will be able to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

For additional information, contact Arness Krause at akrause@govst.edu.

(Political) Party Time for Pierre



Outside the DNC

Pierre, although a completely non-partisan penguin, likes to follow politics. So he was happy to accompany student Daniel Ellington to the recent Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

He's shown outside the convention center and having lunch in the media lounge.

As an aquatic animal, Pierre does not have the right to vote in our elections. But he knows that the future depends on sound decisions by those of us who can vote. He encourages non-flipped members of the GSU community to register to vote, and to help make a difference in this November's election.



In the media lounge

Pierre is a big fan of the GSU Student Senate's voter registration drive, which continues through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

GSU Turbine Marks Its First Year



Today is the one-year anniversary of the start-up of GSU's magnificent wind turbine.

David Stone, associate vice president for Facilities Development and Management, said the turbine has produced 121,640 kilowatt hours of energy during the past year, or enough to annually power about 12 Illinois households.

Just as importantly, Stone added, GSU has prevented the release of 129,000 pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide through the use of renewable wind energy.

The wind turbine was built with the assistance of a \$153,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Broadway's Next H!t Musical Arrives for One Night Only

Get your tickets today for *Broadway's Next H!T Musical*, the smash hit that opens the 2012-2013 season at Governors State University Center for Performing Arts. *Broadway's Next H!T Musical* comes to GSU Center for one night only on Friday, September 21, at 8 p.m.

Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

Roofing Project Continues

Re-roofing of the E/F renovation area is under way. That work will be phased over approximately six weeks. As with the D-wing roofing, FDM will close fresh air intakes to limit the entry of asphalt odors. Persons with offices on the north side of G-wing should keep their windows closed for the duration of the E/F roofing; fumes drawn into the building they will be difficult to evacuate.

The D-wing roofing continues. All tear-off is complete and the contractor is now installing new insulation and roofing.

While the roofing odors are not harmful, they can be unpleasant. Like any irritant, sensitivity and reaction varies between people. There are a handful of areas in D-wing where control of odors has been especially difficult, and FDM appreciates the efforts of the Registrar to relocate classes as well as everybody's patience during the work.

If your area becomes a problem, call FDM, ext. 4515.

Announcing Theatre and Performance Studies

Theatre and Performance Studies is coming to GSU, and a spring production is planned in the Center for Performing Arts.

Learn more about Theatre and Performing Studies at an informational meeting on Thursday, September 27, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The session is for people who are interested in performing on stage or working behind the scenes, and who would like to create momentum for a new performance culture at GSU.

Your presence at the meeting will help determine how Theatre and Performance Studies will more

forward this year, including the spring show. If you cannot attend the meeting, but are still interested in becoming involved, e-mail Dr. Patrick Santoro.

Computer Science Club Varsity Jacket Sale



You can show your school colors – and look sharp – this fall in a GSU varsity jacket. The university's Computer Science Club is selling the black-on-black jackets.

The jackets are wool with leather sleeves. The GSU logo is on the back and your name will be sewn onto the front. They have quilted nylon lining.

All orders must be in by October 31 for delivery in November. For purchasing information and an order form, go to the Computer Science Club's website and click on fundraising activities. <http://www.govst-tech.com/>.

Book Drive for Africa Continues

GSU's local chapter of Sigma Delta Tau, the international nursing honor society, is conducting a Book Drive for Africa through October 1. The book drive has already collected more than 1,000 books but the children in Africa need more.

You can donate unwanted books by dropping them off on the nursing lab on the third floor of C wing. All kinds of books can be donated. No magazines will be accepted.

The drive is being conducted in conjunction with Books 4 Cause, a Chicago based charity. Further information is available at www.booksforcause.com.

Graduate Business Programs Open House

CPBA is hosting a graduate programs open house on October 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Information on graduate programs in Business Administration, Public Administration, Management Information Systems, and Accounting, as well information about the new accelerated, on line MBA in Supply Chain Management will be presented. Admissions counselors, program advisors and faculty will also be available to answer questions and discuss admission requirements. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with current students and industry and civic leaders.

Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Refreshments will be served and tours of the campus will be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by Tuesday, October 1, call 708.534.4391.

Additional Motorcycle Parking

Based on increased need, additional "motorcycle parking only" spaces have been reserved in East Lot 1.

For further information, please contact Facilities at ext. 4515 or Public Safety at ext. 4900.

A Survey for New Undergraduate Students

[Permanent link](#)

In an effort to improve our support for new students, the Academic Resource Center is conducting a brief survey of new undergraduate students about your early experiences at the university.

The survey will be available through September 28. As an expression of our gratitude for your participation your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the campus Follett Bookstore. Please check your GSU e-mail for a link to access the survey.

For more information, contact the Academic Resource Center at 708.534.4090.

Forensics Team Meets Sept. 25

GSU's Forensics Team will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, September 25 at 1 p.m., in the Student Lounge in Building A.

The forensics team provides an opportunity for students to improve their public speaking, research, and presentation skills. Students are invited to participate in oral arguments and debates and to compete, if desired, against other universities in Illinois. Tournament participation is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Oral interpretation includes drama, poetry, informative and persuasive speaking, and communication analysis.

LGBT History Month

October marks the 18th annual celebration of LGBT History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating moments in the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during the month.

On October 2 and 4, GSA will sponsor bake sales from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The GSA will host a presentation by Erin Davies on October 9, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Davis was the victim of a hate crime when her VW Beetle was vandalized because she is sported a rainbow sticker. She left the spray painted words "fag" and "u r gay" where the vandals painted them, and drove the car on a 45-state, 58-day tour of the country. Davies trip and the responses of the people she met en route are chronicled in the documentary *Fagbug*. In her presentation, Davies will discuss her experiences on the trip and how she ultimately responded to the vandalism.

[View the trailer](#) for *Fagbug*.

National Coming Out Day Forum will be held on October 11, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The forum will include speakers who relate their personal coming out stories followed by a question and answer session.

GSA meetings are held every Wednesday, at 3 p.m., in E2590. Everyone is welcome to attend. The presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact gsa.govst@gmail.com or visit <http://gsagsu.weebly.com>.

Tutoring Available at GSU

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) reminds students that tutoring services are available:

- The Writing Center offers workshops, individual sessions for students, revision suggestions online, and a tutor in the library. Visit www.govst.edu/ow for more information or call 708.235.7337 to schedule an appointment.
- ARC also provides professional and peer tutoring for math, accounting, economics, finance, statistics, and some science courses. Both onsite and online formats are offered. Visit www.rich75.com/govst to schedule an appointment.

Resume Workshop

The MIS Club is sponsoring a Resume Workshop on Tuesday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Information on resumes will be presented by Dr. Christopher Ann Easley, associate professor of management.

Everyone is welcome.

Write for Reconstructed

GSU's online literature and arts journal staff is now accepting submissions for the next issue of *Reconstructed*. This student written, managed, and published online journal is a place for students from any major to showcase their creative work.

Students are encouraged to submit works of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry for publication in *Reconstructed*. Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files, and visual art should be submitted in jpeg format. Students may submit one work of short fiction or creative non-fiction with no more than 5,000 words, six poems, or five visual art images. Please include your name, e-mail address, and phone number in your e-mail. Submissions should be sent via e-mail attachment to: Reconstructed@govst.edu.



Visit <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/> for submission guidelines and more information.

Scholarship Spotlight – Christine Patterson



C. Patterson

Christine Patterson of Braidwood received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Education, working toward a master's degree in counseling.

Christine looks forward to receiving her degree and finding a position that provides fulfillment and financial security. She believes that the best way to a truly rewarding life is to help others.



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