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Art dept. offers sculpture classes after long lapse

Sculpture courses will be featured in the Art department’s Winter schedule of offerings for the first time in several years. Artist and sculptor Michael Hart joins the GSU art team as an adjunct faculty member, beginning classes in January. He will teach a Woodworking sculpture class (Art 541A) and a beginning Metal sculpture class (Art 555A).

Sculpture classes were suspended temporarily after John Payne, GSU’s sculptor in residence since 1972, took ill; he officially retired in 2002. Payne, who was instrumental in the genesis of the Manilow Sculpture Park here and had three of his works featured on the GSU grounds, died this summer.

Hart is skilled in metal fabrication, casting, finishing, and patination. He has worked extensively in glass casting, fusing, cutting, and glassblowing. He also is well-versed in all types of mold-making and modeling in various clays, and creates figures, and abstracted forms.

He has taught all levels of students from basic drawing, to glass working, and has interned with and assisted numerous artists in glass and concrete. He now teaches art at Kankakee Community College.

Hart earned his BFA in glass and sculpture in 2001 at Illinois State University, and his MFA in sculptural/dimensional studies in 2004 at New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

Artist’s Statement

"I have spent over half my life doing physically exhausting labor in intolerable, inhumane conditions. The chorus of Tennessee Ernie Ford’s "Sixteen Tons" quite easily paraphrases my working life. "Muscle and blood, skin and bone, a mind that’s weak and a back that’s strong." The memories of this type of work speak through my hands as I model these tools out of wax or clay in preparation for casting in glass or bronze. The memory of physical exhaustion is evident through my use of scale and weight. It is my desire, however, to transcend the actual conditions of the work being done, and leave the job anonymous of any specific definitions. I feel this allows the individual tools to resonate solely with the strength needed to inform my audience of their potential." -- Artist’s Statement by Michael D. Hart for his 2004 exhibition, "Laboro, Ergo Sum."

Student Senators Joy Farmer (left) and Barbara O’Kennard were embraced by U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama at our state capital last month. (Photo by Ken Williams)

Senate to Senate: GSU leaders head south to see lawmakers in action

Members of the GSU Student Senate ventured to the Illinois state capital in Springfield for a two day workshop in leadership and legislature in early November. There were 16 GSU senators in all.

The first day was a leadership retreat spent in sessions discussing parliamentary procedure, leadership qualities, and two books: “7 Habits of Highly Successful People,” and “Who Moved My Cheese?”

The retreat challenged us individually as leaders,” said Pamela Thompson, “and together as an entire senate, we bonded and became a cohesive group.”

The following day began with a private audience with Senator Debbie Halvorson (D – 40th District), who is an alumni and an ardent champion of issues in support of GSU.

That afternoon, they assembled in the Senate chamber, where, during the veto session, Halvorson acknowledged their presence. The GSU senators observed sessions in both the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives.

They felt particularly privileged to be present for U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama’s formal farewell to the Illinois Senate before heading off to Washington, according to GSU Senator Thompson. “It was an historical moment,” she said. “The entire senate, democrats and republicans, gave him a standing ovation.”

Student New Year’s resolutions

“$To finish my BA and become certified in Lotus Notes.”
Louis Vician
BOG senior

“I don’t usually make New Years resolutions. I just want to be alive in the new year.”
Juanita Jamison
Psychology junior

“I don’t have any resolutions for the new year other than improving on what I did this year.”
Kavya Markani
Computer Science
freshman
Opinions

One state, two state, red state, blue state

Student commentary by John McInerney

Blue state voters are trying to figure out "how could he lose?" Red states want to know "how did we win?" The Republicans have back-to-back electoral victories, and the Democrats would like nothing more than to break that streak.

John Kerry had so much history working for him, a factor his campaign repeatedly noted to the press. The Bush administration suffered the first net job loss of any presidency since Herbert Hoover. No president has ever won re-election after having lost the electoral vote while losing the popular vote, as Bush did in 2000. In most polls, voters agreed with Kerry on domestic issues. He was a veteran. Media pundits generally agree that Kerry won all three presidential debates. John Kerry was straight out of Central Casting if you were looking for a presidential candidate.

However, John Kerry was not very likeable. He failed to make a connection with the swing voter, let alone some of the most loyal Democrats. Kerry's strength was limited to New England, the West Coast, and Illinois (read: Cook County). The states he carried in the Midwest were by very slim margins.

John Kerry won most of his states by a slim margin of victory. Bush, on the other hand had much larger margins throughout the country. Kerry's average margin was 13.015% (that includes the unusually large margin of 80% in District of Columbia). While Bush had margins averaging 19.49 (figured from results in the Nov. 4, Newsweed). With the exception of Delaware and Maine, Kerry failed to make in-roads into any red states. No state in the South or West leaned in Kerry's direction.

The red states really seem like a different world. When they see Kerry campaigning with Bette Midler, or see him whinnying or snowboarding, they know one thing: he's not one of them. He did everything to feed into their presumption of him being "that Massachusetts liberal."

The liberals in this country have lost touch with what matters to the people of those distant red states in the south and southwest. London's leading skills at Ground Zero? Was it his ability to throw a strike while wearing a bullet? Massachusetts know..."

People did not vote their pocketbooks. The pick-up seats won by the Republicans in Congress show that people voted along party lines. It all came down to the concept of the "mommy party" and the "daddy party." In uncertain times like these, the American people are looking for strength and protection. In the 2004 elections, they looked to the "daddy" -- to the Republicans. They want someone to get up in the middle of the night and "see what that noise was downstairs."

In the early 1990s, when things were more certain, the American people looked to be comforted. They wanted solutions for their everyday problems. They wanted a political party to bring the chicken soup when they were sick. The people wanted their "mommy". They voted in Democrat President Bill Clinton for two terms.

Right now, the United States is not sick. They are scared and uncertain. You can almost hear Americans telling the terrorists, "Wait until our father gets home!"

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Letter to the editor

Who's happy now?

Note: In the Nov. 11 Phoenix, student commentary was provided by Jay Dobbs, entitled "Reflection on Elections 2004. In response, this GSU alumni writes:

I would like to offer some observations that may not be in tune with the viewpoints expressed by Jay Dobbs. The majority of students I have come in contact with at GSU do not share in the joy expressed by Dobbs about the 2004 election results. In fact, I believe the election results indicate a very significant number of Americans may not share in the exuberance expressed by Mr. Dobbs. Mr. Bush was elected by the narrowest margin for a sitting president since Woodrow Wilson in 1916. It seems Dobbs feels more secure with Bush in office. This could be due to the fact that the Bush team waved the flag and used the 9/11 tragedy to play on the fears of the American people during the republican campaign.

I personally feel less secure with Bush in office. The "you're either with us or against us" approach to foreign policy has enraged most of the Islamic world and managed to unite the different terrorist factions against us.

The "shoot first, ask questions later" policy has also created strong negative feelings with the majority of Europeans. The War on Terror will not be won with smart bombs, bunker bombs, tanks, or heavy artillery. Terrorist experts have pointed out that we are faced with a war of intelligence. The cooperation of the people on the ground -- the local folks -- is crucial to the intelligence gathering so necessary to win this kind of war. The Bush doctrine has alienated the majority of citizens (continued on page 3)
Harm Reduction as a viable alternative

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Student Commentary by John Madden

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This treatment pathway works for a lot of people, but not for everyone. The addict or alcoholic has the option of going into that arena, or chucking it all and 'going back out.' This is the choice that he or she sometimes is faced with. But AA & NA are not for everyone. Some people don't feel comfortable expressing themselves in a group setting, as is suggested in A/A/NA.

Others don't want to be given a list of 'suggested steps to follow;' nor are they particularly religious, being able to speak of a 'Higher Power.' So, what happens to these people? Must they become lost and hopeless, wandering around in a limbo state? Must they wind up using drugs or drinking again, climbing back into desperation?

One of the most important things I have learned in the Addiction Studies program is that "some treatment is better than no treatment." I have never forgotten this. Some treatment is better than no treatment. This statement is quite compelling.

Don't get me wrong. I firmly believe in abstinence BUT in lieu of that, controlled drinking, clean needle exchanges, the dispensing of free condoms and/or other birth control methods are better options than doing nothing at all. Some people learn in steps. They are not willing nor are unable to cease their self-destructive behavior.

Some clinicians argue that if this type of alternative treatment is allowed, it just opens up a can of worms for people to continue the unhealthy lifestyles they have cho­sen. Others that some people will 'learn' from this style of treatment and incorporate into their lives rather than abstain.

And what of intravenous drug users who, for whatever reason, seem unwilling or unable to halt their drug use? Should we just stand by and do nothing about the spread of the deadly AIDS virus or other diseases that result from shared needles? If an addict cannot (or will not) halt drug use, should we, as a society, at least try to minimize some of the deadly consequences? Perhaps this small step could lead the addict to bigger steps -- or even eventually to leaps or strides.

But what about the downside? Should we still keep building more jails to house people who are there because of the results of their addictions or substance abuse behav­iors? Or should we teach a certain alcoholic how to employ controlled drinking coupled with a careful evalu­ation, a certain criteria, and a monitored course of treat­ment? Should a program be in place to dispense free or insurance-paid condoms and/or birth control pills? Or should we continue to deplete our resources and money into funding abortion clinics or fighting AIDS?

Harm reduction may be a solution or at least a partial solution for certain addictions and behaviors. This type of treatment, one-on-one or group therapy should also be used. Some may have to be guided into abstinence -- spoon-fed so to speak. But, when abstinence is ready to be learned, the student will be willing and the Teacher will appear.

In an upcoming article, I will discuss one of the most controversial harm reduction techniques: methadone.

Counterpoint -- GSU alum's not too happy with election results

(Continued from page 2)

Throughout the world. These are the people most likely to encounter or become aware of terrorist activities, and Bush has not motivated them to assist us. The War on Terror is a different kind of war. Al Qaida is now a global phenomenon and has morphed into hundreds, if not thousands, of terrorist cells worldwide. This does not make me "happy" and does not make me feel safer.

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These are the kinds of issues that the other guy — yeah the guy from out of state somewhere, the guy obsessed with guns, gays, and abortion -- managed to avoid discussing. That guy lost by a landslide. That made me very happy!

Ronald Skertich
GSU Alumnus

Ronald Skertich is a speech therapist who works with deaf and hard of hear­ing junior high school students. He earned his Master's degree in Communication Disorders at GSU, and was a member of the 1983 gradu­ating class.

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month

Ever wanted to be Santa Claus?

The Salvation Army needs helpers to come and ring bells with them to raise money for the community. Donations help provide counseling, meals, and shelter services for those in need. Volunteer bell ringers are needed for 2-hour shifts Monday thru Saturday thru Dec. 24th at the Lincoln Mall in Matteson.

Contact Gabrielle Sutton at (708) 334-4554 to help out the community.
By John McInerney

If Marcus Doornbos walks into your class with a limp, a black eye, and a bandage on his forehead, don't be alarmed. Just means he had a really good weekend at work.

It's hard to imagine that 5'6, 180lbs. Doornbos, a full-time GUSU undergrad student, performs as the suddenly taller and heavier (78, 195lbs.) professional wrestler, "XXX-Plicit" Bailey Manixx.

Doornbos has been a professional wrestler since 1998. He describes his character as "pretty much me, but with the volume turned up." Doornbos says "XXX-Plicit" is "a sarcastic, but fun-loving guy."

Doornbos has a variety of majors. First it was pre-med. But a 12-year commitment and an enormous educational price tag didn't appeal to him. So he switched to Criminal Justice. He claims Adult ADD (attention deficit disorder) is responsible for his boredom with that.

Then it was Education, while he worked as a teaching assistant. But he got frustrated with having to deal with the politics of "No Child Left Behind."

"It left me pretty turned off by teaching." He's currently settled into an International Business Administration major.

He attends GUSU part-time, while working full-time, training to wrestle, and finding time to spend with his family.

His first professional wrestling match came as a surprise even to Doornbos when he was unexpectedly thrown into the ring after only three weeks of training.

It was the opening match of a show in August 1998 at the Lenmore (Illinois) R.C. Center. In front of a raucous crowd, he was put in a "Battle Royal" with 13 other wrestlers. The only way to win was to throw all of the other combatants over the top rope.

The wrestling promoter he was working for, Larry Statkus, said it was a last-minute decision. Statkus was missing a man and needed a partner for a wrestler called Pledge Jones. Statkus looked over to Doornbos and said, "You've got an outfit. We'll call you Pledge James."

Bumps, bruises aside; Doornbos lives boyhood dream

By K. Monica Warner

The holiday season beckons, and millions of consumers are busting from store to store to store, deciding on that perfect party outfit or that special gift for that special someone.

More often than not, shoppers are deciding that the most special items are those with designer labels.

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Doornbos put on his singlet, feeling unprepared, and launched his wrestling career.

"It was unintentionally funny," Doornbos said, citing his experience level and the state of his nerves. The veteran wrestlers took full advantage of the rookie, tossing him about the ring, chopping and hitting him until his chest was bent red. In the end, Doornbos flew over the top rope, propelled by his opponent, thus losing the match.

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Statski's education and family are now the priority. He claims his character is "a buffoon."

"I've wrestled him at least eight times this year, in-state and out," says Adam Mejia, a fellow journeyman wrestler who goes by the name of A.M. Vishion.

Among the more memorable bouts between the two was a 6-person intergender tag team match involving four guys and two girls, wherein an accident occurred. A misplaced kick sent Mejia's head ricocheting off the arena floor. Mejia was left with a whopping, egg-shaped lump on his forehead at the hands (read: feet) of Doornbos.

"All the years of wrestling has slowed Doornbos a bit. He has trouble getting out of bed and his body doesn't feel as young as it used to. He still has a passion for wrestling, but constant pain and injuries have taken their toll. He suffers from a torn rotator cuff, broken nose, broken fingers, and constant knee pain. Unlike Ric Flair, he won't be wrestling well into his 50's."

Injuries and personal obligations have left Doornbos with more time to spend with his family. "I have tried to stay closer to home the past few months," Doornbos said. "Injuries are piling up, and I'm also engaged and planning a wedding."

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Holiday gift giving:

What names are most prominent on your gift list?

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GSU launches free non-credit ‘Transformations’ film series to explore provocative themes

Governors State University has launched a film series workshop that is free and open to students, faculty, staff, and the public. The workshop is entitled “Transformations” and explores provocative themes as depicted in various films. Sessions are hosted by GSU faculty guest lecturers who will address those themes. The first workshop will be presented by Dr. Todd Rohman at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in Engberston Hall. The featured film is “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” which stars Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, and Elijah Wood.

Rohman, an English and Composition professor, will discuss memory, identity, and nonlinear narrative in relation to the film. "Faulkner once wrote that ‘Memory knows before knowing remembers,’” said Rohman. “That suggests that key aspects of our identity form long before we can consciously analyze them. Storytelling not only entertains, but can form the very basis of our self-conception," said Rohman. "Director Michel Gondry illuminates this relationship between memory and identity through nonlinear cinematic narrative."

The Transformations film series presents non-credit workshop with films and discussions held periodically at the university. They are single workshops and do not require advance registration.

Safe shopping online this year

(NAPS) — Over the course of the past decade, e-commerce has evolved from a little-known concept into an essential shopping practice for millions of consumers. Convenience, high-speed Internet connections, as well as more reliable and faster delivery times, have propelled online shopping's popularity, especially during the holiday season. As consumers become more Internet savvy, unfortunately, so do hackers.

In fact, while online trade rose approximately 59 percent during the last holiday season, VeriSign, a company that secures and processes over a third of North American e-commerce, tracked a 176 percent increase in the number of probes launched by potential fraudsters. Forrest Research, a company that tracks Internet commerce, predicted that online sales will more than double from $144 billion to $316 million in 2006, and with such potentially substantial sums attracting cyber criminals, consumers need to learn ways to shop more safely online.

Here are a few tips that will help protect you from becoming a victim of an Internet scam:

Educate yourself: "Phishing" is not a sport but the latest and fastest-growing methods of perpetrating online fraud. "Phishers" create e-mails and Internet sites that copy the recognized branding of legitimate businesses and then send them to potential victims, asking them to "update" personal financial information. Unless you know about phishing, chances are, you won't be able to tell that the phisher's site is not a valid company that is free and open to students, faculty, staff, and the public. The workshop is entitled "Transformations" and explores provocative themes as depicted in various films. Sessions are hosted by GSU faculty guest lecturers who will address those themes. The first workshop will be presented by Dr. Todd Rohman at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in Engberston Hall. The featured film is “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” which stars Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, and Elijah Wood.

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Rohman, an English and Composition professor, will discuss memory, identity, and nonlinear narrative in relation to the film. "Faulkner once wrote that ‘Memory knows before knowing remembers,’” said Rohman. “That suggests that key aspects of our identity form long before we can consciously analyze them. Storytelling not only entertains, but can form the very basis of our self-conception," said Rohman. "Director Michel Gondry illuminates this relationship between memory and identity through nonlinear cinematic narrative."

The Transformations film series presents non-credit workshop with films and discussions held periodically at the university. They are single workshops and do not require advance registration.
National organization traces roots to GSU

Y-Me' breast cancer support group founder dies at 72

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Inventive guy 'games' for tuition $$; turns to Bin Laden in Afghanistan

The telephone in the kitchen would ring and Ann Marcou would leave the pot on the stove or get out of bed at 4 a.m. to counsel a terrified fellow-sufferer of breast cancer.

From that humble beginning Mrs. Marcou and her friend Mimi Kaplan went on to found the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, bringing information and support to tens of thousands of women across the country and around the world.

Marcou beat breast cancer. But she had smoked for years and gave it up too late. She died Nov. 6 at her Olympia Fields home of advanced small cell lung cancer. She was 72.

A fighter to the end, she had been hospitalized but made it out in time to attend the Y-ME fashion show Oct. 23 "and she was radiant," said her husband of 49 years, William Marcou.

Mrs. Marcou had started work on a graduate degree in therapeutic counseling when her four children were in high school and she decided she didn't want to be a housewife anymore. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy.

When she went back to Governors State University, 'One of her friends said, 'You ought to meet Mimi Kaplan (a university librarian) because she has breast cancer also.'

One year ago, Shane Messer released a WMD (weapons of mass destruction) riddle book and global treasure hunt to pay for his college tuition and help teach others more about the facts on the Iraq war.

Within a few days, buzz from the game spread around the world to and Messer had not only succeeded in paying for law school, but he had created a cult-like following of gamers as well.

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"The new game will prove a bit more difficult than the last one," Messer claims. "The last game had a few complex riddles, but overall it was pretty easy. A few people have now solved both the complex and simple versions of the riddle book, and it took them only about 100 total hours of tinkering. This game is much, much more complicated and will require some serious thinking outside the box to solve. You have to go as far as figuring out what you aren't given in order to solve it."

When asked whether Messer had a political agenda, "not really" he says. "My position has always been that people should make their own decisions based on what they know about the facts and not what they are led to believe by the media."

Messer credits the game's peculiar riddle patterns to his life as a venture capitalist, "I spend 10 to 20 hours a month looking at new business ideas from friends and colleagues in addition to another 50 hours helping to constantly implement systems and processes in existing companies that I already have a vested interest in. The challenge is always the same: to find recurring patterns that squeeze out cash."

Back then, there was little information available to the public about breast cancer and virtually no support services. They believed learning about the disease and discussing their feelings could help ease the isolation and difficulty of their diagnosis. They invited other breast cancer survivors to an informal coffee and knew they had found an unmet need when more women attended than they had been invited.

Soon, Mrs. Marcou began running a hotline from her kitchen, answering questions and providing support.

After Mimi Kaplan's death in 1982, Mrs. Marcou kept expanding services to help anyone touched by breast cancer, starting with a 24-hour Y-ME National Breast Cancer Hotline staffed entirely by breast cancer survivors, with interpreters available in 150 languages.

Today it handles more than 25,000 calls a year, a number expected to double since new technology was installed in September. Its newsletter reaches 175,000 people. The Web site, www.y-me.org, generates 500 e-mail questions a month. The organization's annual race against breast cancer along Lake Michigan on Mother's Day has become Chicago's largest cause-related event, with 25,000 participants.

"She's been a role model of how to take your experience and turn it into something that has helped literally thousands of us," said Margaret C. Kirk, Y-ME CEO. "She continued to be a role model until the very end with her luminous spirit and inner strength."

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They just hit it off immediately. Ann had a wonderful gift for counseling people. Mimi had this wonderful capacity for research and organizing the office," Marcou said.

When the two women founded their support group for women with breast cancer in 1978 they called it "Why Me." The Park ForestYWCA gave them their first office space, and in honor of the Y, they changed the name to Y-ME, Marcou said.

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