US Air Force Academy Band to perform at GSU

By Steve Schering
Editor

Governors State University will welcome the US Air Force Academy Band to campus April 8. The band will perform a free concert which will begin at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts.

Along with the Marching Band, the Concert Band is one of the Air Force's two "premier bands." The band travels all over the country and performs nearly 600 times a year.

The performance will be narrated by Technical Sergeant Sarah Balian, a Charlottesville, Virginia native and oboe player. Balian holds Bachelor of Arts in French Studies degrees from Northwestern University. She has also performed with the Colorado Symphony, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the Richmond Symphony. Balian joined the Air Force band in 1999.

Those interested can pick up their free tickets at www.centertickets.net, at the box office, or by calling the Center box office at 708-235-2222. All tickets are general admission.

The concert is sponsored by Concept Printers, The Center for Performing Arts and the SouthtownStar Newspaper.

Where are your manners? GSU practices perfect table etiquette

By Patrick Kois
Staff Writer

Do you think that you have excellent table manners? Well you may want to think again.

Recently the Career Services department here at GSU put those very questions to the test.

"Good table manners seem to be almost a forgotten art among all of us," said Cynthia Comber, a career counselor at GSU.

The event was hosted by Executive Director of A.C.C.E.S.S/McNair, Viola Gray or as she is better known to the faculty and students as "Miss Manners."

The dinner allowed both students and faculty a chance to brush up on our etiquette for business outings and general get-togethers.

"Etiquette is a form of social and acceptable behavior," Gray said.

Gray presented the group with some humorous stories she had encountered with people during professional lunches and dinners. She also shared some pet peeves such as cleaning your nose or spitting out your food back onto the plate.

Table manners originated more than 9,000 years ago, back when our utensils were our hands. However, they were first introduced to show children the proper way to act at the table.

"Table manners are still evolving," said Gray.

The proper way to act at the table in the new millennium is very different from when they were originated, but the purpose remains the same.

When you attend a professional meal you must always remember that the host or hostess controls the table.

You must not eat until the host or hostess begins eating. This may differ at a conference because there may not be an assigned host or hostess. In this case you should wait until everyone at your table is served before you begin.

When you are first seated, take your napkin off the table and fold it across your lap. You shouldn't have the whole napkin sprawled out but instead should ensure that you have made a small pocket for any mishaps that may occur.

Always pass everything to your right and never reach across the table to get anything. "I would have to say that is my biggest pet peeve," said JoAnne Wilson-Lewis, referring to reaching across the table for food.

Believe it our not, there is a specific placement for your food on the table. The easiest way to remember this is take both hands and make the "OK" sign with your pointer finger and thumb. You will realize that your left hand makes a "b" which means bread or dry foods and your right hand makes a "d" which means drink or wet foods.

Remember to say "please" and "thank you" for everything that is passed to you. If something has been offered to you and you aren't really sure what it is, you have two options. You can take a small piece of it to test it out or you can be very polite and say "It looks very delicious, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to pass." Never simply say "no."

Now that you're feeling good and your dinner is ready to be eaten, what utensil do you use? It is always best to work outside in.
Two Certificate programs being offered by Department of Computer Science at GSU

By Dheeraj Reddy
Contributing Writer

Taking today's global market into account, and with a growing number of crimes in the field of Internet Technology where information security has become a prime concern for all corporations, the demand for various information security professions has drastically increased.

The Department of Computer Science has increased its curriculum not only to address Internet Programming like ASP.net, but is also offering long awaited courses like Information Security and Digital Forensics.

Dr. Yun-Yau Shih, Academic Coordinator of Computer Science, said the Department has always been updating and advancing the curriculum courses by meeting the student's interests.

He said that in mid 1990's the department laid emphasis on object-oriented programming and Microsoft Platform as MCSE Microsoft Certificates. In between 1998-2000 the department laid emphasis on windows systems, database design and administration on SQL Servers. As time passed Units Exposure CPSC 535 and 635 come into existence.

Last Year the Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration (CLETC) at GSU was established as a response to the growing need for greater understanding of and continued training in computer safety, crime and forensics.

CLETC has been developed in collaboration between GSU and local law enforcement agencies, including the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police and Representatives from both Kankakee and Will counties. As a part of this the Digital Forensics Program is coming in to existence.

"The center is a local contact point for public and private sectors on Information Security," explained Dr. Shih, Co-director of CLET. "It consists of researchers, support staff and students in multidisciplinary research capacities."

To receive Information Security Certification both Graduate and Undergraduate students must complete 15 Credit hours, including courses CPSC 581, 582, 583 and 584. The Digital Forensics Certificate Program is under final stage of approval and is likely to be announced soon. In order to receive a Digital Forensics Certificate both Graduate and Undergraduate students must complete 12 Credit hours, including courses CPSC 540, CRJ 530, 552, 584 and 662.

The above required courses for the certificate program can be taken as electives for Undergraduate and Graduate students, allowing a student to have a degree with an extra certificate.

April is Occupational Therapy Month

By Kristin Schinske
Contributing Writer

For all those who may not be familiar with occupational therapy it is a health profession that works with clients of all ages and in many different settings in the health field.

Occupational therapists are focused on approaching therapy by looking at the client as a whole. They use real life activities to rehabilitate clients and assist them with their activities of daily living. These activities can take place in the school, home, at work and even in the community.

Occupational therapists usually work in a team of other health professionals, including: physicians, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, nurses and psychologists. The role of the occupational therapist in this team is to determine treatment and environmental adaptations to keep the client an active participant in their own life.

Something else that is unique to occupational therapy is the Masters of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program seeks out students who come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds. This program seeks out individuals that come from different backgrounds including their education, ethnicity, social settings and a variety of ages. This profession prides itself on accepting these unique individuals with hopes to use the different viewpoints each person brings to provide new approaches and strategies into the therapeutic process and intervention.

If you have any questions or interest in learning more about the occupational therapy profession, stop by the OT club’s display out in front of the library or visit www.aota.org.
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Once you have used a utensil, it should never touch the table again. It should remain on the plate when you are not using it. If a utensil has fallen off the table, ask the server to bring you another one.

When it comes to finger foods it is best to remember that crispy equals finger foods and limp means utensils. Some foods like bacon and chicken can change how to be eaten simply by how they are cooked.

If bacon is limp you must eat it with a fork. The same applies to broiled chicken. If the bacon or chicken is crispy you can pick it up with your hands.

"You must maintain professionalism while you are eating," Gray said.

When you have soup, don't put the whole spoon in your mouth. Make sure that only half of the spoon enters and tilt the spoon towards you.

Always remember that your elbows should never touch the table. You can keep one hand on the table and another in your lap.

Certain beverages require different handlings. If you choose to drink red wine, you should hold the cup from underneath placing the stem of the glass between your middle and ring finger to each side. This is because red wine is usually served at room temperature. If you have something cold or chilled such as Champagne, hold the glass by the stem.

There may be times that you bite into something and you get a piece of bone or you just might eat something that doesn't taste right. In this case you take the corner of your napkin up to your mouth like you were going to wipe it and spit the food into the napkin. Don't make it obvious.

When you are done with your meal, place the knife and fork at the 10 and 4 positions on the plate as if it were a clock. This lets the server know that you are finished and they can take the plate away from you.

Now that you have learned these steps to maintaining professionalism during dinner, you may want to try it out for yourself. You might find that you too may need some help in the etiquette department.

When problems arise, the show must go on

By Cynthia Hudson
Contributing Writer

When R&B legend Jerry Butler was forced to cancel his February 27 lecture entitled "Blacks Contribution to Music," College of Arts & Sciences, Business Associate, Sheree Sanderson immediately implemented "Plan B.

Armed with the DVD "Record Row - Cradle of Rhythm & Blues," provided by Mr. Butler, Sanderson took center stage in Sherman Music Hall and assured guests they would still be treated to an informative evening of Chicago Music History.

Brenda Jones-Robinson, a well known Chicago area songstress and GSU alumni who studied under Dr. Al Sherman and Dr. Warren Carter in the seventies, and longtime Chicago deejay, Richard Pegue were both present to give their perspectives of African American musical contributions.

The forty minute video, "Record Row - Cradle of Rhythm & Blues" gave an in depth account of the rise and fall of Chicago-based Vee Jay Records and Chess Records. These major independent labels were once a part of a great music mecca that ran along South Michigan Avenue from 14th Street to 22nd Street. Well known acts including, Bo Diddley, Chuck Berry, Gene Chandler, Etta James, Curtis Mayfield, the Dells and even the Beatles recorded and made music throughout the 1950's and 1960's on Chicago's infamous "Record Row."

Jones-Robinson, who is currently a seminary student, spoke on her research concerning the origins of gospel music, spirituals and the blues. According to Jones-Robinson, contrary to popular belief, spirituals may not have started on the plantations of the deep south, but rather these songs were brought with the African slaves since many were Christians as far back as the 1400's. She further asserted that the Negro spiritual was conceived on the continent of Africa, "incubated" through the middle passage and "birthed" in America.

Deejay Richard Pegue, who started "spinning records" in the sixties, and has a career spanning 40 years in the music industry, reminisced on his high school days when he worked on "Record Row" as a clerk in a music store. He elaborated on the video and discussed several other genres of music like Rag Time, New Orleans Jazz, Jump, Blues and R&B. Pegue also spoke briefly about the technology of music from "Call & Response," to record albums, to 8-tracks to cassettes and CD's. He discussed how the music industry has changed and how the independents of "mom & pop" establishments were pushed out by large music corporations. Richard also gave tips for those seeking careers in the music industry.

Even though Mr. Butler, who has been a Cook County Commissioner since the 1980's, was working at an emergency session of the Cook County Board, Sheree Sanderson provided an enjoyable presentation of the many diverse, authentic and well documented contributions that Blacks have made to the music industry.

The Ice Man would have been proud.

Correction:

In the March 19 issue of the Phoenix the second place winner in the Limerick contest was Deirdre Webb.
Student Senate Corner: A message from Student Senate President, Rosa Moran

Hello to all GSU community members! I am pleased to write two more columns as Student Senate President before I move on. I am pleased to be a member of the Restorative Justice committee and to confirm that as the official committee to review the student conduct code. If any students have some ideas regarding the student conduct code, send me an email at presidentgsusenate07@yahoo.com. I will be happy to reply to everyone. A couple of weeks ago some of the senators have also decided to join me in my interest on this committee.

We are all members of the same community and need to recognize the benefit of treating others with respect. This makes GSU a welcoming place to be. You can never be too considerate or too respectful to a fellow student or other important GSU community members. Like to encourage listening as one of my favorite subjects.

I have enjoyed writing the columns for the student newspaper and hearing from concerned students in the university. I am so pleased we could communicate in such a positive manner. I have one more column to write. Now is the time to recognize all those who have worked with me and helped me make GSU a better place to be!

I have some very special people to thank today. Let me start with the student senate and some people you should know!

Marion Kaes-Vice President-I would like to thank her for all of her support and unique ideas. Marion is a high caliber student and a welcome addition to any university! I will long remember the good relationship I have enjoyed with Marion. I respect her high standards and her positive relations with others.

Larry Bledsoe-Parliamentarian-I would like to thank Larry for all of his support and unique ideas presented to the senate. Larry is also a high caliber student and a positive productive addition to the GSU community. Larry is someone I am happy to know.

Carmine Garnica-I would like to thank Carmine for her willingness to serve on important committees in the university and her willingness to spend a lot of her own time contributing. Carmine is a very hard worker and member of the Latino Center for Excellence.

Rosa Blanco-I would like to thank Rosa for her willingness to contribute and participate in senate activities and to report the concerns of other GSU community members in their efforts to make a positive difference. Rosa is a strong student with high ideals and someone you should know.

Maria Crews-I would like to thank Maria for her astute observations and her willingness to be frank, respectful and contribute to the senate as a new member.

Laura Capetillo-I would like to thank Laura for her willingness to work hard and contribute all that she could on the student senate.

Laura is a very likeable and hard working senator and member of the Latino Center for Excellence.

I also want to thank Michael Bonslder for his astute observations and his willingness to step forward in times of need. Michael is a new senator whom I have found to be a very fair minded and respectful individual. I only regret that I will not stay on to know him better.

Darlene Alexander is a senator that I have known for my entire position as senate President. Darlene was always a pleasant person who was easy to work with. I would like to recognize Darlene for her productiveness and her straightforward ideas which are useful to anyone she knows.

Audrey Givens-I would like to thank Audrey for her refreshing and mature attitudes and her objective outlook on problems and concerns. It has been nice to work with her.

Elizabeth Green-as a BOT representative, I would like to thank Elizabeth for her consistent and positive attitude. Elizabeth is someone I can respect and someone I can talk to when I need a smile.

Christopher Otten-I would like to thank Chris for all of his support and unique ideas as well as his willingness to put in a lot of time on an important committee. Chris is a real friend and just a friendly person.

Last of all but not least; I want to thank our administration and other staff members as follows:

I would like to thank President Maimon for her outstanding achievements for the GSU community, for her respectful and positive manner and for her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty! Dr. Maimon is a blessing to the GSU community.

Another warm welcome is extended her way from me. Vice President, Chief of Staff and Treasurer Dr. Ejigu-I would like to extend a big thank you to Dr. Ejigu for being an outstanding and exemplary Vice President who cannot be beat! This VP is a gentleman and a scholar who evidently comes from heaven!

I also want to draw the attention of all the students to the positive changes both of them have made since they came to this school last summer! Have you noticed the new signage going up? I am sure you have already noticed the lounge in front, the new carpet and the banners. There is a lot more going on and a lot more coming. This makes your school, our school, a great place to be. If you read some of the newspaper articles within the last six months you will know that is true. We all need to thank them!

Karen Kissel-a nice friendly staff member I had the opportunity to work with on making GSU more welcoming. Karen is someone you would be happy to know!

Lastly, I want to thank the hard working advisors Sarah Appel and Vanessa Newby for all the things they have done and will do for the student senate.

My last column will give special recognition to my professors and some others you should know!
A brief chat with...

1. When did you start working at GSU?
   January of 2005, I just finished my third year.

2. What brought you to GSU?
   I was looking for an opportunity to teach.

3. Favorite thing about GSU?
   The students.

4. Do you own any pets?
   We have a cat named Flo.

5. Last big purchase you made?
   A used car.

6. Cubs or White Sox?
   Cubs.

7. Last movie you watched?
   August Rush

8. Three words that best describe you?
   Overextended, romantic, flexible.

9. Toughest thing about your job?
   Scheduling classes. We have a lot of classes, a lot of adjuncts and I'm on four different campuses. I never seem to get it right.

10. Do you have any hobbies?
    Cooking, dancing and running.

11. How often do you dance?
    My wife and I are just fans and occasionally we take classes. It's how we met in the summer of 1980.

12. Any plans for the summer?
    Writing two books and three articles. I'm also running the Chicago Distance Classic with my daughter. It's a half marathon.

13. What would your dream vacation be?
    Family camping at Carpinteria Beach, California.

14. If there is one person you would love to meet, who is it and why?
    Stephen Hawking, just to talk to him about the origins of the universe.

15. Where would you like to retire?
    The great Northwest.

16. Do you have a family heirloom?
    My father's wardrobe.

17. Who are your role models?
    Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Richard Toub (my mentor) and my wife.

18. What is the most rewarding part of your job?
    Working with students.

19. What is your favorite color?
    Maroon.

20. What is one thing you have always wanted to do?
    Visit Machu Picchu in South America. I lived in Mexico when I was younger and learned Spanish. My dad and I visited central Mexico and I always wanted to travel a little further south.
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