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## News and Events

### **Unmask Your Inner Giver**

GSU employees continue to show their pride and support by donating to the Campus Community Campaign. Now there's an added incentive to giving – besides that warm and fuzzy feeling you get.

All employees are eligible for fabulous prizes – whether they've donated or not. Prizes include a two night stay for two at the West Baden Springs Resort in French Lick, Indiana, with a choice of spa services or a round of golf; a two hour cruise of Lake Michigan from Chicago Charters; and four separate sets of tickets to a Center for Performing Arts show. Winners will be announced at a celebration on February 27.

Here's how it works:

- Every employee can receive a chance to win simply by stopping in to see Joan Vaughan, Christine Radtke, Rosemary Hulett, or Jackie Small. No donation is necessary.
- Every employee who makes a donation receives one additional chance to win.
- Every employee who chooses payroll deduction as a means of donating receives two additional chances to win.

Those that have already given will be entered into the drawing appropriately.

In the meantime, visit the [Campus Community Campaign website](#) to learn why many of your co-workers have already given.

### **Commencement This Weekend**

GSU celebrates the success of another class of graduates at the Winter 2009 Commencement Ceremony, on Saturday, January 31, at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Only ticketed guests will be allowed into the ceremony. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Guests are asked to arrive early to ensure seating. Entry into the auditorium will be suspended at 10:50 a.m. until the completion of the graduation procession.

There's also plenty of time to lend a hand. Volunteers are essential to the success of many GSU events, especially Commencement. Opportunities include:

- Volunteers for Friday set-up from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. If available after 1 p.m. please call Karen at x 6360.
- Five volunteers for coat check from noon until 1:30 p.m.
- Five ushers/greeters

To volunteer, contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at ext. 6360 or [Myisha Meeks](#) at ext. 4105.

## **African American Read In**

Join more than a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month. The African American Read In brings people together to celebrate literacy and enjoy the literature, poetry, and prose of African American authors.

Volunteers are asked to select and excerpt to read aloud during the Read In on Monday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

This event is sponsored by the College of Arts And Sciences, the GSU English Department, the Black Caucus of NCTE and NCTE, and Student Life. To volunteer, contact Dr. Rashidah Muhammad at ext 6974 or Sheree Sanderson at ext 3956.

## **Weight Watchers @ Work**

Are you down because your pants size is up? Or is it time to simply get back in shape? You're not alone.

Join your colleagues on Wednesday, January 28 for Weight Watchers at Work. This preliminary informational meeting will take place from noon to 1 p.m., in room F1603. In order for the program to run, at least 20 participants are needed to commit to a 17 week session. So bring a friend or three. The cost of participation is \$186, payable in three installments (or by payroll deduction) of \$62.

For more information, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

## **Now You See Him...**

On January 22, Mike Super - Magician and Illusionist mailed a sealed FedEx envelope to CBS 2 entertainment reporter Bill Zwecker containing a cassette tape with a recorded prediction of the Chicago Sun-Times lead headline on Friday, January 30. Live on CBS 2's 11 a.m. News on Friday, January 30, Mike will meet with CBS 2 anchors Roseanne Tellez and Don Schwenneker, to open the envelope and play the tape. If Mike's Sun-Times headline prediction is incorrect, he will personally refund the purchase price of tickets bought before January 30.

Get your tickets soon. Either way you win. You get to see a great show by a master magician and illusionist with the possibility that you get to see the show for free!

For more information, call 708.235.2222 or visit the Center website.



## **Black History Month**

February is full of activities commemorating Black History Month at GSU. From conversations to music, from dance

to artistic expression, from literature to laughs, this month has it all. Student Life, the Student Senate, the Black Student Union, the College of Arts, and the Academic Resource Center and Sciences are among the sponsors of these events. Most events are free and all are open to the public.

For a complete calendar of events, see the events section of the View, or visit the GSU [calendar of events](#).

## **The Friends Meet**

The Friends of the GSU Library wish to remind everyone that meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at noon, in the Library Administrative Conference room. New members and old members are welcome.

Several discussion groups sponsored by the Friends and open to the entire GSU community meet monthly. They include GSU Writers Ink, Friends of the GSU Library Historical Society, and Friends of Mysteries.

Information about the Friends of the GSU Library is available [online](#).

## **Get Ready for Your Future**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a Career Preparation Workshop to help students nearing graduation to get ready for the future. Topics covered during the workshop will include resume and cover letter preparation, job search strategies, interview and professional image tips, stress management skills, and activities to build self-confidence.

The workshop will be on January 26, from 4 to 5 p.m., in A1121. Reservations are encouraged. Contact Career Services at ext. 3974.

## **Vote for Student Senators and Representatives**

Voting for student senators and board representatives, as well as the student advisory referendum on the proposed 2009-2010 increases in student fees will be conducted online. Online voting begins Monday, January 26 and continues through Thursday, January 29. To vote, students must go to <https://eballot.votenet.com/GOVST>. The username is the student's last name and the password is his/her student ID number.

## **Campus Art and Art Forum**

GSU abounds with displays of outstanding student art. Currently, student art is displayed Research Gallery Twelve, the Upstairs Gallery at The Center, and the president's conference room. Soon, new work will be added in the Atrium Gallery in the main entrance.

More information about art at GSU can be found on the [Campus Art Forum website](#). Everyone is welcome to visit, browse, add an email address for special alerts, and share comments and observations. The site was created to help build bridges particularly with other schools and artists. Everyone is encouraged to share and help it grow.

## **Fitness First**

Double your dedication to your New Year's resolution by joining Weight Watchers at Work and the Department of Human Resources' "Let's Get Fit" program. The program runs from February 1 through April 30.

GSU employees are encouraged to work out on campus at least three times a week for 30 minutes a session.

How to Earn Points:

- Walk through GSU for 30 minutes
- Work out at the Recreation and Fitness Center
- Attend a weekly Weight Watchers at Work meeting

Sign up in Human Resources today to begin your program and become eligible for valuable incentives. For more information, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468.

## **Prompt Impromptu Lessons**

Impromptu lessons continue this trimester with an Impromptu Overview and use of the Graduate Assistants Query, on January 30, from 11 a.m. to noon, in the ACS lab. The Graduate Assistant Query allows users to check if graduate assistants have registered for enough hours in a particular trimester to be eligible for a contract and/or to determine whether a potential GA met his/her obligation in the previous trimester(s). Additional classes on other topics will follow.

## **Mysteries Deciphered**

The Friends of Mysteries have announced the schedule of mysteries they will enjoy unraveling. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at noon, in the cafeteria annex. In February, *I Shall Not Want* by Julia Spencer-Fleming will be discussed. March's book is *The Private Patient* by P.D. James. The selection for April is *A Matter of Justice* by Charles Todd. In May, *An Incomplete Revenge* by Jacqueline Winspear will be reviewed. And in June, the mystery on the table is *The Ice House* by Minette Walters.

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