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News and Events

[Honoring Honest Abe](#)

The GSU community will receive an honest to goodness day off to honor one honest guy – President Abraham Lincoln.

The university will be closed on Thursday, February 12 in observance of Lincoln's birthday. There will be no access to on campus facilities and university services, including food service, the bookstore, the fitness center, library, and ACS lab.

As part of the ongoing infrastructure upgrades, the Faculty Office Center will also experience a power shutdown and wings A-F will be without heat. All staff members visiting campus must check in and out with the Department of Public Safety. As a precaution, on campus computers should be powered down.

[Maimon Joins Will County CED Board](#)

President Maimon was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Will County Center for Economic Development (CED). The CED is a not-for-profit organization, funded primarily by the private sector, to attract and retain business investments and jobs in Will County. Over the years, the CED has been cited as one of the top 20 economic development organizations in the U.S.

"I'm honored to be selected as a CED Board member," said Dr. Maimon. "One of the primary goals for GSU, articulated in our strategic plan, is to serve as an economic catalyst for the region. My service on the CED Board will allow me to work with Will County leaders to fulfill that mission."

[Donate...and Experience Chicago](#)

The incentives to donate to the Campus Community Campaign continue to increase.

Spring is coming – we promise. And what a better way to spend a beautiful spring day than by exploring the cultural gem that is Chicago.

The *Experience Chicago Tour* will allow the winner to enjoy the best of the city, including:

1. A two hour cruise of Lake Michigan from Chicago Charters
2. A pass for four to the Chicago History Museum
3. The Chicago Chocolate Tour
4. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Quartino in River North

All employees are eligible to win prizes – those who donate receive even more chances. The Campus Community Campaign continues through March 16. Contact Joan Vaughan, Christine Radtke, Rosemary Hulett, or Jackie Small for additional information.

Referendum Voting Continues

Voting for the student advisory referendum on the proposed 2009-2010 increases in student fees will be conducted online. Online voting continues through Monday, February 9. 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.

Carnations Sale Continues

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a carnation sale just in time for Valentine's Day. The ordering deadline is February 6 or while supplies last. The payment deadline is February 9. All orders must be prepaid. Delivery is on February 11. Carnations are only \$1.25 each, six for \$6, and a dozen for \$12. Contact [Mary Rothenberg](#) at ext. 2239 to order your bouquet.

Distinguished Lecture and Art Exhibit

The Art of the Kuba, currently on exhibit at the Visual Arts Gallery, brings the intricate artwork of the Kuba to GSU. A Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences featuring Prince Ngoloshang Mbecky of the Kuba Royal family enhances the exhibit. The prince will present video recordings of Kuba art and ritual in the current social and political setting on February 6, at 6 p.m., in Sherman Music Recital Hall. A reception will follow immediately after the presentation. The exhibit will also be open for viewing that evening until 9 p.m.

The Kuba Kingdom is currently part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo although it remains the sole surviving traditional court of the many that once flourished in equatorial Africa. The artwork on display is a combination of rich textiles, intricate beadwork, overpowering masks, and photographs.

The Distinguished Lecture, reception, and art exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit continues through February 17. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4021.

[Still Beating Strong](#)

The Office of Human Resources is sponsoring a Heart Disease Prevention Seminar on Monday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. This seminar is presented by the Cook County Department of Public Health and is part of the *Let's Get Fit!* Educational Outreach Series. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own brown bag lunch to the event.

[Be Prompt, Too](#)

The next class in the series on using Impromptu, *Identifying New Students*, will be held on February 13, at 11 a.m., in the ACS Lab.

Participants will learn how to determine when students started in a particular program(s) and in a particular trimester or academic year. Age, gender, ethnicity, and other demographic information are also available for these students. Additional classes on other Impromptu topics will follow.

[Data Diving Pool](#)

Be in the know with easy access to GSU's new [Institutional Research website](#). This site has links to three very important data sources:

- Brand-new **2007-08 GSU Fact Book** -- data on students, faculty, facilities
- **Profiles of Academic Majors** (10 years worth of student-related data)
- **Enrollment Reports** (the official numbers for the current and previous academic year)

[Student Software Savings](#)

Students can now save big on software at the Follett's Bookstore. For a limited time, through March 6, GSU students can purchase a copy of Microsoft Office Professional 2007 for only \$119.99 – an \$80 savings. The Office suite contains Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Publisher. Visit the Bookstore today to pick up your copy. A valid student ID is required for discounted pricing.

[Alumni Profile – Bob Sterba](#)

GSU Alum Bob Sterba is a top cop. Mr. Sterba was recently named the new Police Chief for the village of New Lenox. His 32 years in public service prepared him for his new position. Mr. Sterba formerly served as the deputy chief in Palos Heights, and prior to that, was a detective, sergeant, and lieutenant.

Mr. Sterba is a 1994 graduate of the Interdisciplinary Studies program.



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