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Friends and Family Weekend

By Brenda Torres
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Pay attention to the signs, help prevent suicide

Camiella Williams delivering a speech

For her, some days are better than others. As an activist, she wants to work with suicide prevention organizations to assist them in any way. She said she also plans to talk to Congresswoman Robin Kelly of Illinois 2nd Congressional district.

Camiella takes all the crises for help seriously. “Anybody who says ‘F*ck my life, I want to end it,’” I’m asking what’s going on? Do you need to talk? Do I need to come get you? Now I’m more conscious to talk about it. I’m going to talk to you.”

She showed The Phoenix writer a recent Facebook post of someone’s contemplation to commit suicide.

“I inboxed her and told her to give me a call… signs like that I don’t just scroll anymore or say “Oh! She just wants attention”. That (Shawn’s death) was like an eye-opener for me.”

Camiella is still trying to cope with her loss.

Out of money

By Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

The Perkins Loan program expired on Sept. 30, 2015 because Congress did not renew it. That national federal aid program was the oldest of its kind. The program was offered at 1,700 higher institutions for need-based students, according to US News.

“Reauthorizing the Perkins Loan (program) will cost $5 billion over 10 years,” said Repub. Sen. Lamar Alexander, according to USA Today, in regard to his objection of the initiative.

“Many witnesses before our committee (Alexander is a part of the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee) have said that $5 billion would be better spent on more Peril grants, which is going to result from our (legislation).”

For those who wished to receive the loan, they must be an undergraduate student or graduate student and enrolled for at least a half-time. As an undergraduate student, he or she may receive up to $5,000 per year. Graduate students may get at most $8,000 per year. The loan held a fixed interest rate of 5 percent.

Schools are not allowed to issue new Perkins Loans to students who have not received them before Oct. 1, 2014. If you have received a loan in the past, one will continue to get them until one graduates from his/her current school. If you have not got a Perkins Loan in previous years and one had missed the deadline, he/she will not get a loan at all.

Day 280
Budget Stalemate

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

GSU students and alumni are traveling to Springfield on Oct. 20 as part of a joint collection that will lobby for legislators to make progress on the budget that has left funding for higher education uncertain.

The budget crisis, as previously reported, has grown so large that lottery payments over $25,000.00 would not be issued. Now, any winnings over $600.00 will not be distributed as reported by The Daily Journal.

Jade Orus and her daughter Joaquina enjoying Happy Family Weekend, photo by Brenda Torres
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The Professor Profile this week is Dr. Reynolds Andujar from the College of Arts and Sciences, division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Phoenix: How long have you been teaching?

Andujar: I started teaching four years ago, as an Adjunct for the City Colleges: Harold Washington and Olive Harvey College. I also worked at Morton College. When I was a student in Puerto Rico I couldn’t teach because to do so, you need to have your PhD. By the time I found a job teaching I was already packing to move to Chicago. I have always worked in hotels and restaurants, since I have a Bachelor’s degree in Hospitality. This semester is the first time that I teach exclusively, sharing this profession with my writing. I am very thankful of Governors State for that opportunity.

Phoenix: What classes do you teach at the university?

Andujar: I belong to the College of Arts and Science. My courses are: Spanish Culture and Language, British Literature 1, Perspectives on Diversity and Latin American Literature. My concentration is Latin American Studies and the Caribbean, but it is exciting now to be teaching these Sociology and English courses.

Phoenix: You have published several books. Can you tell me about them?

Andujar: I started writing with a purpose way before getting into college, but I waited until graduation to try to publish. My first book is called “The Triangle Man”, a short novel. People got interested in this book because it questions the male figure in Dominican Republic military. I have written in total 3 novels, 3 short stories collections and my dissertation. My second novel is about the Dominican-Haitian issue and is written in a “Noir” style if you want, kind of a detective story with the distinction that in this case, since third world countries are so corrupted, the investigation leads nowhere in theory, but helps the writer to touch issues of class, race, economy and society in general. My third novel won the Premio ALBA de Narrativa, one of the most prestigious awards in Latin America.

Phoenix: You are a writer, poet and performer. What got you interested in these aspects?

Andujar: The way I work, is isolating myself from the world or a specific situation. I need to write from distance, so all my other activities are related and separated from writing. It is a conflict that has no resolution. I go out and perform plays and monologues, write for film and theater or reciting poetry in order to get re-inserted into the world I have to leave behind when I write.

Phoenix: What else would you like readers to know about you?

Andujar: I am thrilled to be teaching at Governors. Classes are great and the students seem to be pretty engaged. I love it here because as a professor in campus I am surrounded with a lot of things with great intellectual value and that, for those who write fiction, is heaven.
Project Salone Update

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer

Project Salone has raised a lot of money in addition to medical supplies for Ebola patients in Africa and Sierra Leone. Last semester, the group held multiple events to raise funds and is now expanding to help the people of Sierra Leone in a longer lasting campaign. In a recent interview, Project Salone Co-Chairs Brianna Stelmaszek and May Salmon discussed the plans to expand the success of last spring’s fundraisers and provided an update on the progress of Project Salone’s efforts.

The group is also now branching out their efforts to address another crisis facing Sierra Leone. “Ebola was our main concern, but there is still malnutrition going on in Sierra Leone, so if we’re able to get this stuff to them, let’s give them stuff that they’re going to be able to use, even after the Ebola crisis. That’s why we went for anything to help with their nutrition over there. The Ebola crisis is now at a standstill in Sierra Leone. We’d like to think we had something to do with that and our medical supplies.”

When asked what inspired them to helm Project Salone as an Honors project, Stelmaszek said, “We were involved in SWASO, the Social Work Student Organization, and our advisor did her Peace Corps work in Sierra Leone, and we had a meeting with her and brainstormed different ideas of how we could help the people in Sierra Leone because they were facing Ebola and that’s where our inspiration came from, Dr. Phyllis West of the Social Work Department.”

When asked what kind of Project Salone events were done in the spring and summer, Stelmaszek said, “During the school year, first and foremost, we teamed up with Social Science Assistant Professor Dr. Ellen Walsh and we went into her three freshmen classes and talked to her students about what Project Salone was all about, collecting medical supplies to send over to Africa, and it’s also educational because we wanted to inform the entire Governors State population about the facts of Ebola, causes and different aspects of Ebola. We got the freshmen involved and part of their grade was to come up with different projects. Some made boxes they put around campus, we had a medical supply drive, some made posters, some of the students took it outside and went into dental or medical offices if their parents worked there and asked for supplies.”

Additionally, Salmon and Stelmaszek mentioned that the GSU dance team organized a flash mob dance while GSU student Justice Watson did a skateboard fundraiser in Homewood known as Shred with a Purpose. “We also had a Party with a Purpose with different dances, where an actual social work student volunteered their time and was a DJ. Party with a Purpose was our kickoff for our fundraisers,” Stelmaszek said. Project Salone also had a symposium where the group collected medical supplies that were delivered to the United Africa Organization (UAO), and, from there, UAO shipped them to Africa and Sierra Leone.

Several students worked a concession stand as part of the project to raise funds in addition to organizing a Prairie Place movie night that showed a movie related to the Ebola epidemic. Further, Stelmaszek and Salmon both said, “We also did a smoothie and bake sale where we had some students from Dr. Walsh’s class either make or buy baked goods. Some students volunteered their time for the Gender Matters Conference. Dr. Walsh was actually in charge of the conference and we thought it would be a great idea to set up the table and raise funds.”

Salmon brought up the fact that “it was a good awareness piece; too, because we were able to get into contact with people who usually aren’t on the campus because it was open to the public so that was really good. We got to raise a lot of awareness.”

When asked how much was raised as a result of all the fundraisers, Salmon said, “About $500. We raised a lot more in products. We didn’t really take the products into account for a monetary value, but we filled up our truck three times. Stelmaszek also mentioned Integrity Medical Supplies’ donations to their cause.

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Governors State responds to false bomb threat

By Andrew Kriz and Brenda Torres
Intern Reporter, Associate Editor

Families and Friends week had a scare on Friday when an anonymous person called in a bomb threat at 10:58 AM to the campus police department’s dispatch center indicating that a bomb was in one of the parking lots on campus. GSU officials described the threat as “low-level” and did not call for an immediate evacuation.

Nancy Gallegos a graduate student in the Communication Disorders program, said the campus seemed relaxed, “I’m a little bit nervous to tell you the truth because we were not getting any other kind of information. It feels like were trapped almost. No one really is giving us information about what’s going on, just text messages. Those messages are really general.”

Due to the believed location of the bomb, students and faculty who were already on campus were allowed to stay in the buildings. Many students who were now stuck at school chose to congregate at the

in DePaul University’s O’Hare Campus. Neither threat uncovered a bomb and classes were allowed to resume after being given the all-clear.

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In light of Hurricane Joaquin being the most rapid as well as the strongest hurricane to-date of the 2015 hurricane season, according to the Weather Channel, the Phoenix wanted to find out how GSU is prepared for natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and all severe weather.

Keisha Dyson, Director of Marketing & Communications, said, “GSU maintains an Emergency Response Team that reviews emergency preparedness plans and procedures, and implements new procedures to ensure a safe and secure campus.”

Dyson continued, “In the case of an emergencies such as severe weather, the ERT would follow standard operating procedures that have been outlined and approved in the GSU Campus Emergency Operations Plan. We prepare for these emergencies by having a response plan, services, and supplies for all facilities, as well as personnel ready to ensure the safety and supervision of students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus.”

Dyson’s reply to how GSU would respond to man-made disasters such as shootings and, in particular, the recent bomb threat: “The response would be the same (as natural disasters). The GSU Campus Emergency Operations Plan has procedures in place for man-made disasters, too.”

Dyson concluded the interview by stating, “Our goal is always to respond to emergencies promptly and appropriately, while coordinating with local emergency partners, who can help aid in disaster recovery.”
Following the 2016 campaign trail
The Republican campaign

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

Donald Trump

Trump had a lot of criticism for his Democratic counterparts, saying their show would be “boring” and “not nearly as viewed” as they geared up for their first nationally televised debate of the year Tuesday night on CNN. The Republicans enjoyed a massive viewer rating with 24 million people tuning in on the Aug. 6 debate hosted by Fox News and 23 million people watching candidates speak on the Sept. 16 debate led by CNN according to data from Nielsen Media Research.

Polls: Trump surged again, this time by four percent, over the week to 27.7 percent according to the Huffington Post’s latest data.

Ben Carson

Carson, who is a devout Christian, was asked by former CBS reporter Sharyl Attkisson about his faith and how he feels about political events, natural disasters and omen as related to the Bible. He had this to say, “You do have people who have a belief system that sees this apocalyptic phenomena occurring and that they are a part of it, who would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons if they gained possession of them.” However, Carson did say that he believes that people have the power to stop apocalyptic scenarios from happening if Iran and other radical countries never obtained nuclear capabilities.

Polls: Carson was gaining on Trump as the businessman was falling in favor but Trump’s latest upsweep has left Carson behind still in second place at 17.4 percent.

Jeb Bush

Bush told CNBC that he would be unveiling his “Republican” answer to Obamacare on Tuesday that includes a tax credit for the purchasing of affordable, portable health plans that would protect Americans from catastrophic medical events. He would also be replacing the 40 percent tax of the most expensive employer-sponsored health coverage set to take effect in 2018 with a cap on the employer tax exclusion (it would be a tax-free system of health benefits as a way to lower insurance premiums)

Polls: Bush is still in fourth place after being surpassed by Rubio. Rubio, latest numbers have him at 7.9 percent.

Marco Rubio

Rubio has stayed out of the headlines while on a trip to New Hampshire. He will also be visiting Philadelphia and will be campaigning across Ohio on Friday according to his latest itinerary.

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Germany and its Transit Zones

By Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

Germany is considering setting up “transit zones” on its borders, where migrants would be kept while their asylum claims are assessed, according to the BBC.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said the proposal would work only in certain cases, and would “not help thousands and thousands of refugees.”

Some Germans have not received the influx of refugees into their country positively, according to the BBC, a fireman and an accomplice are under investigation over an arson attack on a migrant’s hostel in Altena, a town in northwestern Germany.

The seven Syrians present at the hostel in Altena were evacuated quickly before anyone was injured.

The fireman admitted to police that he had broken into the hostel via the cellar, spilled gasoline on roof beams and set fire to it, German media reported.

The two alleged perpetrators were released after questioning, according to state prosecutor Bernd Maas.

“The motive was personal conviction, not political” - a finding that angered some politicians. “A far-right mentality consists of more than hatred of foreigners,” Maas said.

Dirk Wiese, a politician affiliated with the Social Democratic Party, called Maas’s opinion wrong.

“Whoever sets fire to a house where Syrian refugees live is acting out of anti-foreigner motives,” said Omid Nouripour, a Greens MP, also accused Maas of “playing down such actions.”

The German government says there have been almost 500 attacks on homes intended for asylum seekers this year - three times more than last year.

Despite a great debate last month, Fiorina has been surrounded by controversy and has done little to improve her image. Her statements on Planned Parenthood went viral and her misguided facts regarding abortion circulated to all major news networks. She has lost support of potential candidates like Rubio. Fiorina announced that she was right about how evil abortionists are.

Fiorina dive bombed to fifth place at 7.8 percent where she now trails the stuck Jeb Bush who has not budged in months.

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Carly Fiorina

Dr. Khalil Marrar, GSU’s expert on foreign policy, offers his perspective: “The German approach, while commendable, doesn’t address the cause of the crisis: turmoil in Syria that will only get worse now that Russia is involved in destabilizing activities. There needs to be a global summit which includes all world powers, Russia included, in order to discuss and implement next steps on addressing crises contributing to global refugee explosion. Syria is only one part of this. Not since World War II have we had this many displaced crossing international boundaries.”

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Integrity also gave them a discounted rate to buy medical supplies with the money that they raised for Project Salone. Orbis went on to mention that “one of the students had a connection with a medical supplies store who donated an immense amount of medical supplies for Project Salone as well.”

Stelmasked, “To put it into perspective of how many medical supplies that we donated, it was a very significant amount, and what we did with the medical supplies that Integrity gave us as well as our funds, was we went to Wal-Mart and bought things that we felt we didn’t have enough of like bandages, first-aid kits, multivitamins, a lot of Neosporin, Ensure, and more.”

Salone

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The Democratic campaign

By Miro Hlavaty
Assistant Editor

The Democratic presidential candidates attended their first debate on Oct. 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Anderson Cooper, host of Anderson Cooper 360°, moderated the discussion.

CNN partnered with Facebook to give potential voters an opportunity to ask the panel questions. Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen. of Virginia Bernie Sanders, Former US Senator Jim Webb and Former Governor of Rhode Island Lincoln Chafee introduced himself or herself, and then the questioning began.

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Freshman Tutorial

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

On Monday, tutors will be available only between 2:00pm-5:00pm and Prairie Place from 6:00pm-9:00pm. For Wednesday, only the library will have volunteers on hand between 11:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-3:00pm, and 6:00pm-9:00pm. Prairie Place has posted the hours between 6:00pm-9:00pm.

At the library on Tuesday, tutors are available only between 2:00pm-5:00pm and Prairie Place from 6:00pm-9:00pm. For Wednesday, only the library will have volunteers on hand between 11:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-7:00pm. The library is the hub for tutors again on Thursdays with hours starting at 7:00pm and closing at 10:00pm.

Prairie Place will be offering tutoring services on the weekends starting at 6:00pm on Saturdays until 10:00pm. On Sunday, tutors will be ready at 3:00pm through 10:00pm.
A Glimpse of Latino American History

By Brenda Torres
Associate Editor

Dr. Andrae Marak held a documentary and discussion on “Foreigners in their Own Land” in the Lecture Hall of the F wing. Dr. Marak is the Chairperson of the division of Humanities and Social Sciences. He is also a historian and political scientist of Latin America with a specialty focusing on the U.S.- Mexico border.

Dr. Marak began by asking the audience to partner up with someone and discuss what they knew about the Alamo. “What was it, what happened there, why is it important?” Afterwards the audience came together with Dr. Marak leading the discussion on the Alamo. Many responded with where the Alamo was located in San Antonio, Texas; General Santa Anna and his troops tried to take over it; Davy Crockett and James Bowie were participants on the American side. Dr. Marak afterwards asked, “Why are we suppose to remember the Alamo?” Many did not know and Dr. Marak answered with that General Santa Anna went in the Alamo and killed just about everybody. They allowed women and slaves to leave. The showing of the documentary was funded by The American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities Grants.

The documentary was told through Apolinaria Lorenzena, an orphan that was sent to California and lived in the Missions and later was given land. It had a collection of historians explain the period of 1565-1880 about how Mexicans were treated as second class citizens in their own land.

Following the film was a closing discussion on thoughts of the Alamo and connections that the audience made on the documentary.

Reviewing The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

Bob Meyers
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A Rundown on the Operations of Fantasy Football Leagues

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer  

As questions spread about the growing impact of fantasy football and the amount of money it generates, other questions arise about what exactly fantasy football actually is. So, the Phoenix is providing a basic rundown for neophytes. In fantasy football, the first thing you can do is create your team name.

Next comes drafting. There are multiple formats of drafting. One is the Autopick draft, which is a computer-generated picking of teams that happen early any day in the morning. The time of the picks is set by the League Commissioner. Another draft is a live draft, where a draft lobby opens and gives league members the opportunity to determine which football players they want on their team. Members can determine a particular position, but may not get a particular player within the time set in the live draft.

Sports websites such as ESPN provide fantasy league expert rankings for people to look at prior to choosing players and positions on a fantasy team. Once the team is drafted, league participants get an email detailing their individual rank against other people.

After each draft, you, acting as the team "owner," can add or drop players through the waiver wire. The waiver wire claims are done on Mondays or Tuesdays to pick players, but the order of your ranking and waiver order determines whether or not you have first pick on a particular player. The best record in the league gets the last waiver pick and the worst gets the first choice. Following this, after the claims for players go through, members can check their team to see if their claims were processed. If a member successfully claims a player, they can put them in their lineup. Lineups depend on the format of a given fantasy league but most consist of one quarterback, 2 running backs, 2 or 3 wide receivers, 1 tight end, 1 kicker, a defense and a "flex" spot that can be a wide receiver, running back, or tight end combined along with an assortment of bench players. Only players on active fantasy league rosters can get fantasy league points. Benched players cannot.

For the first 14 weeks, there are weekly rankings of players. Owners can look at the rankings of various websites to determine actual NFL lineups. Fantasy teams can not be changed when NFL games begin. Typically, the rosters lock before the Thursday night game. Once teams lock during games, each owner plays against another owner. Every week based on the activity of a player on the field, leagues get points. In a standard league, the quarterback point breakdowns are as follows; a touchdown is worth 6 points. 1 point is given for every 25 yards and points break down differently for each roster position. The wide receiver, running backs, and tight ends gets 1 point for every 10 yards. Position players can lose points when any other mistakes are made on the field. An example of this is when a quarterback throws an interception. In that instance, 2 points are taken away. Point deductions vary based on the circumstance of any given mistake. Each player has a total number of points they gain for fantasy league owners who compete against each other for highest numbers. If an owner wins the week, their owner’s standing in the league would improve. For the owner that loses, their team’s standings decrease.

The fantasy season lasts around 17 weeks. The Fantasy League Playoffs occur at different times per league but the fantasy season is set up to match the NFL regular season. For the playoffs, most leagues play another owner for two consecutive weeks with a select number of players in a league making the playoffs. The player with the most amount of points after those two weeks advances to the next round. After week 17, the fantasy league owner with the most points wins the entire league. Most leagues are completed after the regular NFL season, but there are playoff challenges where members can pick their favorite players to fill out a standard team in an effort to see if, in reality, they go to the Super Bowl. If players advance, members get double points. If not, a new player must be selected if their team is knocked out of the playoffs. Some fantasy leagues are free and others are pay-to-play leagues. Pay league winners win a selected amount, with the top players winning money or other prizes.

Recently, FanDuel and DraftKings have come into play as websites with one-week fantasy leagues where members pick players based on salary and rankings. The team with the most points within a particular week wins money. GSU student Brandon Denton, who is a member of two different fantasy league teams, offered his thoughts on fantasy football. “Fantasy football is an opportunity for me to manage my own football team,” Denton said. “It also provides an opportunity for me to be in a competitive league with my friends. I also enjoy the friendly trash talking aspect of it among my friends.”

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