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Fall Semester
Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

Sculpture Winter Wonderland (01-28-10)



Join Park Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates for the annual winter walk of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on January 31, 2010, at 2 p.m. The quiet, often snow-covered landscape highlights the presence of each artwork.

The park collection includes 26 pieces by nationally and internationally recognized artists. The walk is along both paved and unpaved paths so appropriate cold weather gear is recommended.

Visitors should meet inside the Hall of Governors near the sculpture Art Ark by Terrence Karpowicz. For more information, call ext. 4486, [email the park](#), or visit the [NMSP website](#).

Harmonious Wail at The Center

Time to enjoy some hot jazz, cool blues, and low prices with The Cabaret at The Center. Harmonious Wail will warm these winter nights with a special, intimate performance on Saturday, January 30, at 8 p.m. in The Center for Performing Arts. Seating is very limited, as the artists and audience will be onstage in an intimate Cabaret setting.

In a special offer, tickets for members of the GSU family will enjoy a 10 percent discount off the \$37 ticket price.

Call the box office at 708.235222 for tickets and information.

On Stage with the Stars

This is your chance to be a star. On March 14, at 4 p.m., The Center for Performing Arts will present [100 Years of Broadway](#).

And two talented members of the GSU community will be on stage with the stars of Broadway showing that GSU has talent. Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome to try out and win a spot in the spotlight.

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Seminar
College Credit for
Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
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\$50
[Register](#)
708.534.4092

root for their favorite contestant.

The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars. Everyone who tries out will get a BIG discount on tickets to the show and the winners will get two free tickets each.

Applications for the audition are due no later than February 11, to The Center for Performing Arts box office. For more information, contact [Patricia Guy](#) at ext. 7489.

Chicago Southland
Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

Quint Studer at GSU

Quint Studer, CEO & Founder of the Studer Groups will speak on Tuesday, February 2, at 5 p.m., at The Center for Performing Arts. This special presentation is free and open to the public.

Studer is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and leader in developing standardized leadership practices that ensure that success last longer than individual leaders.

This event is sponsored by MetroSouth Medical Center, Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Ingalls Hospital, Riverside Medical Center, St. James Hospital, and the College of Health and Human Services.

After the presentation Health Administration alumni are invited to remain for the annual alumni meeting.

For more information, contact Dr. Rupert Evans at 708.235.2131.

DrOT Information
Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

Blood Wanted

The GSU Master's in Occupational Therapy student organization and Heartland Blood Centers are co-hosting a blood drive on February 4, from 3 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Students, staff, faculty, and community members are encouraged to donate blood.

No appointment is required. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors are reminded to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good health. Sixteen year olds may donate with parental consent. A photo ID is required.

GSU Woman's Volleyball Team

All female athletes are encouraged to join GSU's new competitive volleyball team. The team will meet every Thursday, beginning tonight, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Gymnasium. For additional information, contact [Dean Jennings](#) at ext. 4945.

Educators Career Fair

Calling all teachers and teaching assistants. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for educators. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in

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the school system are invited to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private institutions and representing all grade levels.

The Education Career Fair is on Thursday, February 18, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Attendance is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (708) 235-3974.

Buzzing Bees No Bother for Blobaum

Winter weather seemingly brings nature to a standstill. Paul Blobaum knows, however, that there is a beehive of activity outside his dining room window. Literally.

In the winter, Blobaum says, the tens of thousands of honeybees in his two hives mostly stay inside. But they are still involved in a very important enterprise.

“They cluster around the queen,” he says. “They lock their legs together and vibrate their wings at a specific frequency. That generates heat and keeps the hive warm.” The bees eat stored-away pollen and dip into the honey that surrounds them in the hive.

Paul Blobaum



Blobaum, an Associate Professor of Library Science and former GSU Faculty Senate President, has been keeping honeybees at his Park Forest home for 10 years. Beekeeping is something of a family tradition; when his grandfather retired in the 1970s, he set up hives on the family's central Illinois farm, and his father and uncle now keep bees.

Honeybees are very social animals, he says, with a highly organized way of doing things both inside and outside the hive. In the summer, they fly as far as eight miles away in search of nectar and pollen. Their honey-making activities require discipline, physical strength, and uncommon industry.

Blobaum enjoys his hobby and knowing his hives function so well. Last year the hives produced 200 pounds of honey – the most in all his years of keeping bees. That, he says, is a sign of healthy beehives. Blobaum harvests raw honey each fall, sending most of it to his father and uncle for further processing.

As the winter days get longer, Blobaum's honeybees show more interest in the world outside the hive. They start venturing outside as the sun climbs higher in the sky. In February, the queen starts laying eggs to replenish the supply of worker bees. The bees bide their time, waiting for warmer weather, and the first activity from pollen-producing plants.

Then, he says, “They are ready to begin making honey again.”

Black History Month Celebrations Begin

GSU is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with

activities, entertainment, discussions, and music. The events are free and open to the public.

Hear the sounds and feel the rhythm with "Drumming Through History." The group of traditional drummers will perform on Thursday, February 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

A discussion on "Hair – Myths, Realities, and Stereotypes" will take place on Tuesday, February 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The GSU Expressions Lounge will be open on Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Entertainment will be provided by activist poet Righteous Knowledge and vocalist Al Mack, as well as "open mic" performances. To reserve a spot on stage, contact [Crystal Richards](mailto:c-richards@govst.edu) at c-richards@govst.edu.

More events are scheduled. Watch the View and monitors for more information. These events are sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

'O Sole Mio

It's time again to send flowers to your sweetheart. And everyone else at GSU. The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its Annual Valentine's Day Carnation Sale.

A single carnation may be purchased for \$1.25. But buying in bulk saves you money. Six flowers are available for \$6 (a \$1.50 savings), and 12 are available for \$12 (a \$3 savings). Carnations will be delivered on February 11, in time for the Valentine's weekend.

The deadline to order is February 5. Place your order today with [Sandi Kawanna](#) at ext. 4011.

Calling All Business Grad Students

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, February 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration, management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Breakfast will also be served.

For more information and to RSVP, call 708.534.4391 or e-mail bpa-info@govst.edu.

Arts Midwest and GSU Help Seniors Enjoy the Show

Thanks to a \$3,500 grant awarded by the Arts Midwest Performing Arts Fund, more than 35 senior citizens enjoyed the performance of the opera *Die Fledermaus* on Sunday, January 17, in The Center for Performing Arts. The seniors were residents of The Park in Olympia Fields and the Jesse Jackson Senior Building in Harvey.

Prior to the performance, they joined others at a pre-performance

workshop facilitated by Philip Seward of the Lyric Opera Company. Mr. Seward discussed the plot, music, and intricacies of the opera to enhance the enjoyment of the performance.

The Arts Midwest Performing Arts Fund supports the inter-state touring of professional performing artists specializing in the fine arts of dance, theater, music, youth and family entertainment, and other meaningful performing art forms appropriate for communities throughout Arts Midwest's nine-state region. These engagements include public performances and in-depth educational activities reaching audiences that lack access to the performing arts.

Can We Talk?

Relationship problems often stem from communication difficulties. The Academic Resource Center is hosting a free, one-hour workshop on *Communication and Relationships* on Thursday, February 11, from noon to 1 p.m. in room B1241.

The conversation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

Singing with the Stars at GSU (01-25-10)

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Come One, Come All

All commencement volunteers and employees working to help make Commencement a great success are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, February 2, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the Mezzanine Level.

If you have not volunteered already, there is still time. Contact

Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at p-kinney-smith@govst.edu or call 534-7466.

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Winter Walking Tour of Sculpture Park



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Leading the Way

Dr. Lucianne Brown, a Chicago area pioneer in the use of computers in the classroom, recently took her expertise in educational technology overseas. Dr. Brown presented her paper, *Using Mobile Learning to Teach Reading*, at last October's Handheld Learning 2009 conference in London, England. The annual conference on learning, teaching and mobile computing attracted thousands of participants from all around the world.

According to Dr. Brown, a lecturer in the College of Education, the conference marked the first time she presented her entire paper, written as a doctoral dissertation. The paper is based on research on cell phone learning that she conducted with a group of students at Lincoln-Way Central High School. Dr. Brown gave the students cell phones loaded with vocabulary words to determine if they would benefit from "electronic flash cards." Another group of students worked on vocabulary lists without the cell phones. Her research indicated that the students with cell phones learned the vocabulary words and showed high motivation levels.



At the London conference, Dr. Brown was one of six presenters of long papers in the research strand, and the only research presenter from the United States. She said her paper was well-received and that she came back from the conference with "lots of new ideas" on how to use new technology in training teachers.

At GSU, Dr. Brown teaches her students in Internet use – specifically digital offerings through the Library of Congress – and how to conduct online primary source research.

Educators in other countries are making substantial progress in furthering teaching applications for cell phones and other handheld

devices, she said. "In India and South Africa, there is much more going on (with handheld devices) than in the United States. In those countries, children as young as kindergarten age are learning with the help of cell phones."

Dr. Brown's paper appeared in the Fall 2009 edition of the *Journal for Computing Teachers*.

Access Limited

The driveway leading to the F Wing dock will be closed Monday, January 25 through Friday January 29. The kitchen dock will remain accessible.

DPS Recognized for Generous Efforts

GSU's Department of Public Safety has been recognized for its fundraising efforts on behalf of the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run Committee. Chief Debra Boyd accepted a bronze plaque from the committee at this month's Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference in Tinley Park.



In 2009, the DPS raised \$8,393 for the Special Olympics Torch Run. Officer Crystal Richards coordinated fundraising, distribution of items, and the university-wide picnic after the run. Numerous members of the department volunteered their time to raise funds, work at the barbecue, solicit donations for the picnic, and serve after the run. Several people outside the DPS also assisted in fundraising efforts. The department is grateful for everyone's help and contribution.

Officer Johnny McDowell has been the department's leading fundraiser for several years. Last year, he singlehandedly raised more than \$4,000 through the sale of hats, t-shirts, and pins. That exceeded his previous yearly fundraising amount by about \$500.

Community Campaign a BIG Success (01-21-10)

The success of the 2009 Campus Community Campaign was celebrated last week in the cafeteria with popcorn, prizes, and lots of well-deserved thanks to both contributors and CCC volunteers. The grand total raised through the generosity of the GSU community in the 2009 Campus Community Campaign was \$72,511. Fifty percent of the campus community contributed.

Much of the credit for the success of the CCC goes to the hard work of the Campus Community Campaign volunteers. They include: Sonja Anderson, Gail Bradshaw, Keith Briggs, Lisa Carra, Kyusuk Chung, Judy Ferneau, Kevin Graves, Viola Gray, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Nicole Harrison, Mary Hession, Carolyn Machura, Nancy Miller, Margaret Neumann, Kevin



O'Shea, Tracey Paynes, Sheree Sanderson, Scott Smith, Danella Soeka, and Karol Woodward. Each volunteer was recognized with a framed certificate.

Raffle prize winners are:

- Paula Levickas – Grand Prize, Designated parking spot in lot of winner's choosing for one year;
- Lillian Jung – 1st Prize, One year member to the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center, includes a GSU Spirit Pack;
- Donna Rutledge – 2nd Prize, Overnight hotel accommodations at the Matteson Holiday Inn; 2 tickets to The Millers at the CPA and dinner for two at Scrementi's;
- Kathleen Miller – 3rd Prize, Overnight hotel accommodations at the Empress Casino in Joliet and a certificate for two to the buffet;
- Gail Bradshaw – Guest passes for two at the East Bank Club and a \$50 gift card to Maxwell's;
- Sharon Browne – Cooper's Hawk wine tasting for ten;
- Donna Finn – 2 tickets to Die Fledermaus at the CPA;
- Rashidah Muhammad – 2 tickets to Winter Dance Party at the CPA;
- Pat Thompson & Chuck Klaas – 2 tickets to Hubbard Street at the CPA;
- Prisca Collins - 2 tickets to 100 Years of Broadway at the CPA; and
- Deb Bordelon and Gladys Turner - 2 tickets to Glenn Miller at the CPA.

Semester Explanation Resources Available

Beginning in Fall 2010, GSU will operate on a new semester-based academic calendar. Members of the surrounding community may be interested in additional information about how the new academic calendar will affect their partnerships with GSU.

- Off campus partners, such as internship sites and practicum supervisors, may need information about and explanation of possible adjustments to their work with GSU students.
- Understanding the new GSU academic calendar may also impact the ways that community college faculty and staff advise their students who are planning to transfer to GSU.
- Community members who participate in programs and events presented or hosted by GSU may also be interested in understanding the new calendar.



It is critical for GSU personnel to work with their off-site partners, community college colleagues, and other community members toward understanding the characteristics and impact of the new semester-based calendar. To assist GSU personnel, templates of letters explaining the semester calendar are available on the new semester website. These letters may be adapted to meet the requirements of specific programs, partnerships, and purposes.

To view the letter templates or for more information about the [new semester calendar](#), visit www.govst.edu/semesters. This website also includes a FAQ with answers to questions about the change and the academic calendars for the next three years. Specific questions about the change can also be submitted via this site.

Wanted - Commencement Volunteers

GSU staff, faculty, and students are needed to help make commencement a very special time for GSU graduates, their families, and friends.

The 2010 Winter Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Volunteers are needed for setup, to answer questions, provide directions, to assist with coat check, to assist with robing faculty and students, and to assist with guest entry and seating. Volunteers play such an important role in making commencement a most memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Please consider assisting with this very important university event. Contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466 by Wednesday, January 27.

All commencement volunteers and employees working the event are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, February 2, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts on the Mezzanine Level.

On Their Toes



The Center for Performing Arts is offering a special buy one ticket, get one free ticket offer for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, on Saturday, January 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are limited for this exuberant, athletic performance by a renowned dance company.

The offer begins on Friday, January 22, at 10 a.m., and ends on Saturday, January 23, at 7 p.m. Call ext. 2222 or visit the CPA box office.

Docents Learn and Lead

Volunteer docents at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park help visitors to the park understand its 26 pieces of art, and the meaning and motivations behind the art and the artist. Training for the 2010 class of docents begins February 4. Volunteers interested in learning about art and sharing their knowledge are encouraged to join.

"Docents lead tours, host programs and receptions, and act as ambassadors of the park," explained Geoff Bates, director and curator of the park. "This is a great way to get involved, to learn about contemporary sculpture, and meet lots of interesting people."



Docent orientation consists of seven evening sessions spread over a 12-week period and a morning tour of the sculpture park. Session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park.

Docent training sessions are conducted on Thursdays, beginning February 4 and continuing through April 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The final session is a tour of the park on Saturday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments and materials are provided. Advance registration and a \$30 fee are required.

For more information on the park docent program and other volunteer opportunities, call ext. 4486, [email the park](#), or visit the [NMSP website](#).

Nothing But Net!

Student Life is sponsoring a student trip to the Chicago Bulls vs. Miami Heat game, on Saturday, February 6, at 7 p.m. To ensure equitable distribution of the available tickets, Student Life is sponsoring a raffle. Students are eligible to win two tickets. Raffle winners also receive transportation via charter bus to and from the game (space is limited), and a mini Chicago Bulls poster.

To enter the raffle, submit an email entry to gsudsil@hotmail.com. The subject line of the email should read *Let's Go Bulls!* Include your name, address, telephone number, and Student I.D. Number. All entries must be received by Thursday, January 28, by 11 p.m.

The drawing will occur on Friday, January 29, at noon. Winners will be notified via email the day of the drawing.

DFI Graduate Student Scholarships

The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Program Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) recently announced the release of the 2010-2011 application for the DFI Fellowship Program. The DFI program provides competitive need-based financial awards to underrepresented students in graduate degree programs in participating Illinois higher education institutions. Program funding for the 2010-2011 academic year (FY2011) is contingent on the availability of funds appropriated by the Governor and Illinois General Assembly.

Completed application materials must be submitted to [Dean Sherilyn Poole](#) in C1330 on or before February 19, at 5 p.m. For more information and application forms, visit www.ibhe.org/DFI/application.htm.

Social Work Students Research Community Preparedness

GSU Social Work students were recognized recently for their participation in *The Maturing of Illinois*, a community preparedness report assessing local readiness for the aging of the baby boomer generation. Thirteen communities throughout Illinois were surveyed in the report.



Students conducted the research as part of Dr. Lorri Glass's Social Work 530—Urban Dynamics class in Winter 2009. Dr. Glass, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and her 27 students collected data for AgeOptions, the suburban Cook County agency on aging. The report was prepared in partnership with Bloom Township and Chicago Heights, where students polled older adults to determine whether the city is currently meeting their needs and whether it is on track to provide future services to a growing senior population.

"Dr. Glass and her students went above and beyond the initial assessment questions to evaluate how community characteristics could impact the quality of life of older residents," said Rebecca Burgstahler, Planning Specialist with AgeOptions. "Their feedback and observations demonstrated an understanding of the changing needs of residents as they age."

Dr. Glass attended AgeOptions' annual volunteer recognition luncheon in November, where agency officials noted her students' contributions. Dr. Glass's students conducted the ethnographic research and observation portion of the study, which was more qualitative in nature. Students also broke up into teams to observe and analyze programs and services, including transportation, public safety, shopping, parks and recreation, and a host of other factors related to quality-of-life issues for older adults.

In Winter 2010, students in Dr. Glass's Social Work 320 class will conduct census work for AgeOptions and the Urban Dynamics class will do a community needs assessment of GSU's Family Development Center.

Celebration of Life for David Drechsel

The GSU community is invited to celebrate the life of Dave Drechsel on Monday, January 25, at 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Human Resources is seeking pictures of Dave for a video photomontage. Please email photos to [Loretta Jones](#) or drop them off at the Office of Human Resources by January 22. Please label photographs with your name. All photographs will be returned.

Time-Saving Strategies: Organizing Online Content

Learn how to better use Blackboard CE-8 during an important, timesaving workshop. Instead of making additional copies of the course syllabus, lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations, and other content materials, educators can make them available to students online

through Blackboard CE-8.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering *Time-Saving Strategies to Organize Online Content*. This hands-on workshop will discuss best formats to save, publish, and organize materials online for students.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in D2438 in the ACS lab. To register for this workshop, contact [Barb Mandel](#).

Toward a Healthy (01-14-10)

Let's Get Fit is back for another year of improving lives through exercise. Persons who didn't take part in last year's health and exercise program can sign up for *Let's Get Fit* at the Human Resources office. If you participated last year, pick up your fitness record card before you start exercising.

During the program, members exercise three times per week for a minimum of 30 minutes, or a total of nine times during January. Participants can qualify for prizes by having fitness record cards validated following exercise sessions.

Participants can choose from a number of exercise options, including walking through the university halls or, weather permitting, the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park; using the fitness machines and equipment or taking an exercise class at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center; attending a *Let's Get Fit* educational outreach session; or joining Weight Watchers and attending meetings. These all count as health/exercise sessions.

In addition, participants can go to the doctor for an annual check-up and get a receipt for validation. It is important to set health goals and follow a proper diet. A visit to the doctor counts as a health session and will be validated on the fitness record card.

For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4100.

Be Involved

Come one, come all to the Student Involvement Fair on Wednesday, January 20, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Learn about the many clubs and organizations working to learn more, contribute more, and have more fun at GSU.

Clubs and organizations wishing to have representation at the fair are asked to register by contacting [Chay Wilson](#) at ext. 7653. This event is sponsored by Student Life.

Call for Commencement Volunteers

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For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466 by Wednesday January 27.

Harris Bank Supports the NMSP

The value of contributions to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park can be seen every time visitors to the park look across the pond and see *Horizons*, the 12-figure sculpture by Steinunn Thórarinsdóttir. The sculpture, which will be on display until October, was made possible in part by a generous donation by Harris Bank.



Harris Bank also sponsored the recent NMSP recognition dinner featuring a presentation by Thórarinsdóttir. More than 100 guests attended the event in which the contributions of Lewis Manilow, Dr. Stuart Fagan, Dr. Ora Fagan, and Dr. William H. Dodd, vice president of development at GSU, were acknowledged.

The distance we have traveled in the past 30 years is significant and it was important to recognize the actions and the people who have brought us to where we currently stand," said park director and curator Geoffrey Bates. "Contributions by so many individuals and by corporations like Harris Bank have made this progress possible."

Celebrating Literacy

Readers are needed for the 21st annual African American Read-In, which will take place at GSU on February 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The Read-In, a national event, celebrates literacy as a significant part of Black History Month. Across the country, more than a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds will take part in the event.

Participants should select an excerpt of a book, poem, or other literary work written by an African American author, and read the excerpt at the Read-In.

To sign up for the Read-In or receive further information, contact [Dr. Rashidah Muhammad](#) at ext. 6974.

Professors Offer Services in Thailand

Half a world away, Thailand is ancient and exotic, its culture steeped in Buddhism and unbroken by Western influences. According to Dr. Jon Carlson, University Professor of Psychology and Counseling, our modern world increasingly poses challenges to traditional social systems rooted in family or tribal relationships.

Dr. Carlson will soon return from a visit to Thailand, where he again offered his skills as a mental health practitioner. It is the 10th straight



year he has travelled to the Southeast Asia nation to meet with people needing care and local health care workers seeking ways to help them.

On this year's trip, Dr. Cyrus Ellis, Associate Professor of Counseling, accompanied Dr. Carlson. Their planned itinerary took them to the remote Golden Triangle area in the north of Thailand, the source of much of the world's opium, as well as Thammasat University in Bangkok.

"I always leave with a set itinerary," Dr. Carlson said. "But it always changes. The basic plan is to meet with teachers and medical professionals, and to offer assistance to people looking for behavioral change."

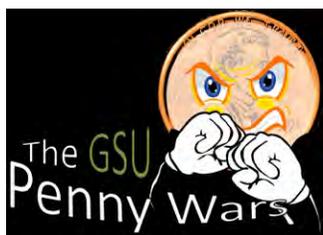
As a psychologist specializing in Adlerian therapy, Dr. Carlson espouses an approach based on understanding an individual's characteristic lifestyle choices prior to their taking steps that lead to change. He believes Adlerian principles fit in very well with the traditions of Thai society.

Thailand is a poor country and has few services promoting mental health. Many persons seeking advice turn to nurses or pharmacists with no mental health training. Drug addiction is widespread and often untreated.

Dr. Carlson said he sees many persons looking for relatively short-term strategies on how to lead more fulfilling lives. "People are really moved by this type of therapy," he said. "I met one woman who lost everything in a mudslide. She lost her family, too, and was living in the streets, collecting cans to make money. I treated her as someone who was filled with energy. When she left, she had a different outlook, and was determined to become a local entrepreneur. You could see that she walked out differently. She was ready to face the world."

Prepare for Battle

GSU's Penny Wars are about to begin. Prepare to have some fun and raise money for the Civil Service Scholarship Fund and Student Life.



From February 1 to 26, the Penny Wars competition will pit department against department. Each participating department establishes its own sealed container, such as a plastic gallon milk jug. Each container must be labeled with the name of the department. Containers should be placed in a central location, accessible to everyone, but also

supervised for security.

Employees, students, and visitors may feed the bank with pennies to support the cause and the department. One point is earned for every penny gathered by the department. However, competing departments can sabotage the bank by adding nickels, dimes, quarters, and folding money to the container. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points in that container by the amount of the coin or bill.

Containers will be emptied and points tallied every Thursday. Totals will be posted in the Monday edition of the GSU View. The department with the most points for that week will display a rotating jumbo Lincoln penny. At the end of the competition, the department with the greatest number of points will be awarded the jumbo penny to display for the next year.

Contact [Lisa Carra](#) at ext. 7443 by January 25 with your department name and a contact person's name and phone number.

Pre-Kindergarten On Campus

The Family Development Center (FDC) is now accepting enrollment in the three-day-a-week, half-day pre-kindergarten program, as well as the five-day-a-week, either full or half day, pre-kindergarten program. Both programs serve the educational needs of three, four, and five year olds. Drop in care is also available for pre-registered children.



Tuition adjustments based on eligibility are available. For more information, visit the [FDC website](#) or call ext. 7300.

Faculty Seminar – Nontraditional Students in Math

Many of GSU students are considered nontraditional based on their age, education background, family background, and part time status. Dr. Dianna Galante of the College of Arts and Sciences will present a faculty seminar on *A Profile of the Nontraditional Student Majoring in Mathematics* on Tuesday, January 19, at 3 p.m., in E1582.

Substitute Teacher Preparation

GSU is hosting a one-day Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources workshop on February 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The workshop teaches new subs what to expect, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans.

The State of Illinois offers substitute teacher certification to those with a bachelor's degree in any subject. Instruction on how to apply for the certificate is also included in the presentation.

While no special skills are required to get a substitute teacher certificate, many school districts encourage their subs, whether certified teachers or not, to take special substitute teacher workshops, such as this one, to familiarize themselves with the process and pitfalls of subbing.

Participants must hold a bachelor's degree and register by February 15. Registration is limited to 40 participants. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch and materials.

For more information and to register, call 708.534.4024.

Announcing Semester Calendar (01-11-10)

Beginning in Fall 2010, GSU will adopt a semester-based academic calendar. The semester-based calendar coincides with the academic schedules of most universities throughout the country. This updated schedule will ease student transition from community colleges to GSU, better serve returning students with families and employment, and make GSU summer courses more accessible to students from other institutions.



For the past 40 years, GSU has operated under a trimester-based academic calendar. "The trimester system that has served GSU through its first decades will now give way to a more flexible calendar that will address the needs of our current and future students through the decades to come," said Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President of GSU.

The new academic calendar offers 15-week Fall and Spring semesters and an 11-week Summer session. The Fall 2010 semester begins August 30 and ends December 12, 2010. The Spring 2011 semester begins January 18 and ends May 8, 2011. The Spring semester will also include a week long spring break, which is new to GSU. The Summer 2011 session begins May 23 and ends August 7, 2011.

Applications are accepted and processed for each new semester up to the conclusion of the open registration periods. Registration dates have been modified to fit the revised academic calendar and best serve students' needs.

For more information about the new semester calendar, visit www.govst.edu/semesters. This website includes resources for communicating information about the change to community partners such as site supervisors and community college program advisors. It also includes a FAQ with answers to questions about the change and the academic calendars for the next three years. Specific questions about the change can also be submitted via this site.

IT Service Upgrade

The following online services will be unavailable from noon on Sunday, January 17 through approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, January 18 during a Jenzebar CX system upgrade:

- My GSU
- Student View
- Faculty View
- Registration
- Application
- Schedule of Classes
- Student Bill Payment

Math and Sculpture Become One

What can Paul Bunyan's giant foot teach us about mathematics? And how can teachers use GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park to show the relationship between numbers and art?

Dr. Dianna Galante, Associate Professor of Mathematics, believes the

sculpture park is filled with practical lessons about numerous mathematical concepts. During the fall trimester, she assigned students in two Math Methods courses to devise lessons involving sculptures on GSU's campus. Dr. Galante's classes are required for students seeking to become certified math teachers in grades six through 12.

"Every time I drive to work, I look at the sculptures," said Galante. "One day, I thought, 'Aren't they beautiful? And look at all the math that's here.'"

As a result, Galante assigned her students to come up with one-page worksheet lessons based on a piece of art in the sculpture park. The lessons were meant to be incorporated into field trips to the sculpture park.



Paul, GSU's depiction of the larger-than-life folk hero Paul Bunyan, can be used to demonstrate ratios and proportions. One proposed lesson asks young mathematicians to measure the lumberjack's foot, compare it to their own, and calculate the height of the statue through the use of a simple equation.

Another student proposed measuring the triangles in *Art Ark*, located in the Hall of Governors. Yet another suggested that students make drawings, envisioned from above, of the multiple planes and angles of *Illinois Landscape No. 5*. The spirals of *Passage*, located in GSU's interior courtyard, can teach a lesson about Fibonacci sequences found in Nautilus shells and other natural phenomenon.

"I was very pleased with the students' response to this assignment," Galante said. "They developed ways to teach mathematical concepts. They also showed how middle and high school students visiting the sculpture park can connect with art, which is a valuable experience."

To present their lessons to the class, students used curriculum enhancing technologies provided by a grant awarded to the GSU Foundation by ComEd in support of the Mathematic Teacher Education program at the university.

Glass Ceiling Broken



The CBPA's own Dean Ellen Foster Curtis was recently mentioned in the Chicago Tribune. Foster Curtis attended a luncheon at Roosevelt University with female leaders from other area universities. They discussed their success and the challenges they faced on the way.

View the full article on the [Tribune website](#).

Let's Get Fit in the News

The January edition of *Family Time Magazine* includes an article about GSU'S *Let's Get Fit* program with comments from several of GSU's own. Julia Jamison of Human Resources explains how the program got started and several participants share their success stories.

Copies of the magazine are available for free at various locations around the university and around the south suburbs.

University Quality Childcare

Don't forget to register your child for the excellent and convenient childcare services offered at the GSU Family Development Center.

The FDC offers childcare Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m., for children ages three to 12. Supervised activities include homework and computer time, indoor gym and outdoor play activities, and use of creative play materials, books, and videos. Nourishing snacks are provided.



The cost is only \$20 per child per evening. There is no registration fee. Prepay for 12 evenings and receive an additional three evenings for free, a savings of \$60. Multiple child discounts are also available. Children of Pell Grant recipients are eligible for a 75 percent discount. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, visit the [FDC website](#) or call 708.235.7300.

A Day On -- Not A Day Off

While the university may be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Celebration Committee is sponsoring a celebration of Dr. King's life, achievements, and message on January 18, at The Center for Performing Arts. The pre program begins at 10:30 a.m. with the formal program beginning at 11 a.m.

The keynote speaker is Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson, Pastor, Fernwood United Methodist Church of Chicago. Rev. Sampson was actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement and was ordained by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1966. He is also a Governors State University alumnus.

This event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Harry Wong on Campus

The definitive voice on classroom management, Dr. Harry Wong, will review strategies and offer insight to educators on January 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

Dr. Wong is one of the most admired educational speakers of our times and author of *The First Days of School*. Wong's presentation is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) of the College of Education.

Pre-registration is required. The fee for this daylong presentation is \$50 per person. For more information and to register, visit the [MILE website](#) at www.gsu-mile.org or call 708.534.4024.

Welcome Winter 2010

Winter 2010 Welcome Days will be held today, January 11, and Tuesday, January 12, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students are encouraged to visit the display tables to learn about the many organizations and services available at GSU.

Secretary of State Services for Everyone

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3. Registered in at least six credit hours;
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
5. Have enough financial aid to cover tuition and fees, in addition to the \$300, \$500, or \$700 book card advance.

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9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Office of Financial Aid - Room C-1310

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9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13

9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 15

9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For places and times, visit the office of [Financial Aid website](http://www.govst.edu/finaid), www.govst.edu/finaid or call 708.534.4480.

Docents Lead the Way



Volunteer docents at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park help park visitors to the park understand its 26 pieces of art, and the meaning and motivations behind the art and the artist. Training for the 2010 docent class of docents begins February 4. Volunteers interested in learning about art and sharing their knowledge are encouraged to join.

"Docents lead tours, host programs and receptions, and act as ambassadors of the park," explains Geoff Bates, Director and curator of the park. "This is a great way to get involved, to learn about contemporary sculpture, and meet interesting people."

Docent orientation consists of seven evening sessions spread over a 12-week period and a morning tour of the sculpture park. Session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park.

Docent training sessions are conducted on Thursdays, beginning February 4 and continuing through April 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The final session is a tour of the park on Saturday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments and materials are provided. Advance registration and a \$30 fee are required.

For more information on the park docent program and other volunteer opportunities, call ext. 4486, [email the park](#), or visit the [website](#).

GMAT Prep Class

The College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) at Governors State University is offering GMAT preparation courses. The non-credit courses prepare students who plan to take the GMAT, an admission requirement for many graduate programs.

The GMAT Basic Math Refresher Series helps students relearn math concepts and skills such as fractions, decimals, basic algebra, and basic geometry. The class will be held on Saturdays, January 16, 23, and 30, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for all three sessions is \$150.

The GMAT Prep Series concentrates on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GMAT. Topics to be reviewed include data sufficiency, ratios and proportions, word problems, fractions, and percentages, as well as reading comprehension, critical reasoning, sentence correction,

and analytical writing. This series will be offered on Saturdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room B2202. The cost of the six sessions is \$300.

Both the Basic Math Refresher and the GMAT Prep Series may be taken for \$425. Classes are taught by GSU faculty.

Registration and payment is required before the first class. For more information or to register, contact the [CBPA Advising Office](#) at ext. 4391.

Dr. Terry Allison Named as Provost (01-07-10)

On Wednesday, January 6, President Maimon announced that Dr. Terry L. Allison has been named as the next Provost of Governors State University. Dr. Allison will join the GSU staff in early July. Dr. Maimon noted, "As a result of an exemplary search, we have attracted a first rate academic leader to join us. I look forward to a smooth transition and to working with Terry for many years to come."



With nineteen years experience and multiple leadership roles at two California State University campuses, Dr. Allison is exceptionally qualified for the Provost's position at GSU. Upon his appointment, Dr. Allison said, "I am so pleased that the Provost Search Committee as well as President Maimon and her management team have placed confidence in me to serve as Provost during the next phase of GSU's growth. I look forward to working with the GSU university community to expand access to high quality education in the region the campus serves. If you watched the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, you know I'll miss California weather. But having lived in New York City and the Los Angeles area, I look forward to enjoying all that America's Second City and the surrounding area have to offer."

Allison is currently Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at California State University, Los Angeles, and previously served as a faculty member and administrator at California State University, San Marcos. At both universities, he has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academically rigorous, innovative programs to serve first-generation college students. Dr. Allison brings a transparent and collegial leadership style to GSU, as well as innovative thinking and a history of creative strategic planning and program building in a wide variety of subject areas to serve working and underserved students.

Dr. David Curtis, who will continue to serve as GSU's Interim Provost until Dr. Allison's arrival said, "I am confident in our selection of Dr. Allison. His breadth of experience, especially with underserved populations, will allow him to help the university successfully achieve the goals set forth in *Strategy 2015*. I look forward to working with him closely during his transition to GSU."

A Ph.D. in Literature from the University of California, San Diego, Dr. Allison is an active author, editor, and grant writer. He is particularly proud of the Quinceanera Project, which motivates fifteen-year-old Latina students to complete high school and attend California State University, San Marcos. He wrote a successful US Department of Education Title IIIA grant proposal to start health and human services programs at Cal State San Marcos. At Cal State LA he worked to

launch new programs in Korean and an interdisciplinary MFA in Television, Film, and Theatre.

The Provost Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Curtis and assisted by Dr. Jamie Ferrare of Academic Search, Inc., reviewed 78 applications, exercised excellent judgment in selecting semi-finalists, and took the lead in organizing campus visits for the two finalists. According to search committee member Dr. Chip Coldren, "Dr. Allison brings breadth and depth of experience to Governors State University. I expect he will hit the ground running and make positive contributions to the future development of our university. I have trust and confidence in him."

Campaign Comes to a Close

Thanks to the many members of the GSU community who helped make the 2009 Campus Community Campaign a giant success, raising nearly \$75,000.

The end of the campaign will be celebrated with a special event open to the entire campus community on Thursday, January 14, at noon, in the Cafeteria. A special volunteer recognition will take place and prizes will be awarded to several lucky winners, so bring your drawing ticket numbers. Prizes include:

- Grand Prize – Designated parking spot in lot of winner's choosing for one year
- 1st Prize – One year member to the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center, includes a GSU Spirit Pack (t-shirt, mug, banner, lunch for a week in the cafeteria, and other misc. GSU items)
- 2nd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Matteson Holiday Inn; 2 tickets to The Millers at The Center for Performing Arts; and dinner for two at Scrementi's in Steger
- 3rd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Empress Casino in Joliet and a certificate for two to the buffet
- Additional Prizes - Guest passes for two at the East Bank Club; A \$50 gift card towards a meal at Maxwell's; Cooper's Hawk wine tasting for ten; and lots of theater tickets.

Don't miss it!

In the Know About the Snow

The GSU community is reminded that emergency campus closures due to inclement weather will be communicated via:

1. GSU website homepage
2. GSU website [emergency info page](#)
3. Campus wide e-mail sent to faculty/staff e-mail and student iMail addresses
4. School Messenger alert system – per your personal contact preferences
5. WGN Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com), WGN TV news, WGN 720 AM radio



Students, faculty, and staff are asked to check these sources to determine if there is a campus closure and should NOT contact the Department of Public Safety with basic closure inquiries.

Who's Who in Delta Mu

Thirty-eight business students were installed recently as the inaugural class of GSU's newly-organized chapter of Delta Mu Delta, an international honor society that recognizes scholastic achievement in business.

Elizabeth Rene Green is president of Lambda Delta chapter. Other officers are Kelly N. Legner, vice president; Ashleigh Nicole Hostert, secretary; and Felisha Chivon Parker, treasurer.

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, gave the welcoming address at the ceremony. Honorary inductees included Mary Fote, of Bimba Manufacturing Company; Joseph Christofanelli, of Ernst & Young LLP; Dr. Leon Finney Jr., of Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church; and Dr. T.J. Wang, of the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Finney, pastor of the Chicago church and a longtime community organizer, was keynote speaker.

Delta Mu Delta, with more than 200 chapters at accredited business schools in the United States and abroad, promotes higher scholarship in training for business and recognizes scholastic achievement in business subjects.

To be eligible for membership, the academic ranking of business students under consideration must place them in the upper 20 percent or higher in their respective classes. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible for membership. While more than 600,000 students worldwide receive business degrees each year, less than 10 percent are elected to membership in Delta Mu Delta.

Sing With the Stars

Have you ever dreamed of being a Broadway star? GSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to audition for a singing role in Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway at The Center for Performing Arts. Watch the GSU View, campus monitors, and bulletin boards for details in the coming weeks. See the CPA box office staff for more information.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate Decrease

Effective January 1, 2010, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has reduced the mileage reimbursement rate for the use of vehicles in the conduct of official business to \$0.50 per mile.

According to Illinois Higher Education Travel Control Board rules, GSU must reduce the mileage reimbursement rate accordingly. Effective January 1, 2010, any mileage reimbursement claims for travel occurring on or after this date will be reimbursed at \$0.50 per mile.

An updated [travel voucher](#) is located online. For more information, email [GSU travel](#) or call ext. 7411.

GSU Celebrates King

Student Life is hosting a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A free program of inspiration, music, and dance will touch on the themes and issues championed by Dr. King. The Honorable Al Riley, State Representative, 38th District, will speak on the theme of *Making the Dream a Reality*.

Participants in the program also include Dr. Elaine Maimon, President; Dr. Sherilyn Poole, Associate V.P. Student Affairs; Dartina Dunlap, graduate student and member of the GSU Black Student Union; Keith Briggs, Facilities Development & Management; Cynthia Jackson, Instructor, Bloom Township; Mama Africa & the Malfric Dance Ensemble; Eric Prince; and Cynthia Jackson.

This event is free and open to the public. Students from area middle and elementary schools will also attend.

Meet the Friends

GSU Friends of the Library will hold their first meeting of 2010 on Wednesday, January 13, at noon, in the Library Conference Room. New members, old members, and interested visitors are welcome.

Secretary of State Mobile Service Unit

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU again on Tuesday, January 12, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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For information and a complete list of acceptable forms of identification, call 708.534.4550 or visit the [Mobile Service Unit](#) website.

It's All Ours

The Art Institute of Chicago recently donated Clement Meadmore's 1971 work, *Spiral*, to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The gift formalizes the presence of a significant work which has graced the university's north entrance since 1984.

"The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is deeply



appreciative of the generosity demonstrated by the Art Institute of Chicago and the confidence which they have placed in our revitalized organization," commented director and curator Geoffrey Bates. "*Spiral* is a quintessential example of Meadmore's approach to sculpture. We are very pleased that we can now call *Spiral* a part of our already distinguished collection."

"There is a terrific history of collaboration and support between the Art Institute of Chicago and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park," offered James Rondeau, Curator and Frances and Thomas Dittmer Chair, Department of Contemporary Art at the Art Institute of Chicago. "The Sculpture Park is the perfect setting for this important piece, and we are gratified that it will be cared for and seen in beautiful natural surroundings to its very best advantage."

Spiral is one of 26 sculptures on display. The park is open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Scheduled tours are also available. For more information, visit the [park website](#) or call ext. 4486.

Application Deadline on the Horizon

Applications for the Winter 2010 trimester Civil Service Scholarships are being accepted until January 22. Applicants must be registered for three credit hours and either be an employed civil servant at GSU or a spouse or dependent child of an employed member of the GSU Civil Service.

Four awards of \$250 each will be awarded. Contact Senatha Jenkins at ext. 4484 for more information.

Inquisitive Minds

The Anita M. Stone JCC, with the cooperation of GSU, will offer T.A.L.E. (The Adult Learning Exchange) enrichment classes for adults on campus this winter. The classes will be held on Fridays from January 15 through March 5. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Morning classes include *The History of Britain (Part 1)*, which uses on the acclaimed film series *A History of Britain* to focus the discussion, and *Best of the Fests- You Decide!*, which looks at both the winners and losers from major film festivals. Afternoon classes include *Socrates Café*, which uses the Socratic Seminar Method to answer some of life's most important questions. *Great Decisions* uses text from the Foreign Policy Association to enhance understanding of current international issues and events.

Discounts are offered for multiple class registration. For more information, call 708.794.1021. Registration is available [online](#).

Course Information Online

Every section of every course is available for faculty to post instructional materials, course syllabi, and links to online readings and resources. Faculty may access this system by going to www.govst.edu/elearning and logging in using GSU username and password (the same used for email).

Students will not be able to see Winter 2010 courses until the first day of classes, January 11, but instructors have access to the website and integrated tools to help create a high quality learning environment today.

Visit the [eLearning website](#) for helpful tutorials and how-to guides.

Grants of the New Year

Submission of new, renewal, resubmission or revision applications for National Institutes of Health grants on or after January 25, 2010 are required to use the new forms.

The new forms may be accessed at the [National Institutes of Health](#) website.

Proposed Revisions to Regulations

At the last meeting the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees, proposed revisions to the Regulations of the Board of Trustees related to Human Resources were presented for a first reading. The proposed revisions are now posted on the Board of Trustees bulletin boards and on the [GSU website](#). Copies of the document are also available at the circulation desk in the GSU Library.

Review of the proposed revisions and comments or questions for consideration by the Board of Trustees are welcome. Please send any written comments on this matter to the University General Counsel [Alexis Kennedy](#) via e-mail or to room G364.

The proposed revisions to the regulations will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting in February 2010 or thereafter.

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Thursday, January 7 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Monday, January 11 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Office of Financial Aid - Room C-1310

Friday, January 8 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, January 12 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Knowing Your Database



Twenty-first century accounting professionals are increasingly asked to participate in the design and development of their company's information systems. They often must create, maintain, and query their company's electronic database.

Dr. T.J. Wang teaches his accounting students to know the principles of database normalization, the process of efficiently organizing information in a computer storage

area. For nearly 10 years, he has told his students they need to be familiar with database normalization. Dr. Wang's paper explaining why this practice is essential, *Accounting for the Benefits of Database Normalization*, appears in the January 2010 issue of the *American Journal of Business Education*. He is lead writer for the paper, co-authored by Dr. Hui Du and Dr. Conni Lehman, both of the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

The paper is based on an experiment that Dr. Wang conducted with GSU accounting students two years ago. First, students completed an exam on database normalization principles, including several "forms" that serve as rules for the construction of computer storage areas. Following the exam, they learned about the normalization forms, which dictate the creation of databases that effectively and efficiently store information.

Traditionally, Dr Wang said, database normalization has been more within the realm of Management Information Systems. Accounting students learn Accounting Information Systems (AIS) but the storage of information on databases is not always part of their curriculum. AIS textbooks offer differing takes on normalization, he said, and some completely ignore the subject.

Dr. Wang believes students learning AIS need to receive consistent information on normalization and that this knowledge will give them greater confidence in their skills as accountants. Students need to know the nature of the database, including the size of its storage capacity. In striving for reconciliation – that stage of the accounting process when all the figures add up – students need to know that the numbers on the database are not redundant and how, if necessary, to locate them on the database.

Holiday Gratitude

The Department of Student Life would like to thank the many generous contributors to the December food drive. With the university community's help, more than 90 families received food for the holidays.

Special thanks go to the departments of Admissions and Alumni Relations for their extensive donations, to GSU student Justine Putnam, who contributed more than \$700 in food, and to the Student Senate for its donation of \$2,500.

The Department of Student Life appreciates the kindness and generosity of everyone involved.

