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## News and Events

### [Calling All Facebook Friends](#)



GSU moved further into the digital age this week as it rolled out its new Facebook page. The page will feature posts pertinent to students, employees, and community members alike. Keep an eye out for exclusive Facebook contests too.

Visit GSU's Facebook page and become a fan today. The 100<sup>th</sup> fan will receive a special gift!

### [Summer Hours Return](#)

GSU's Human Resource department announced yesterday that the university will continue its Summer Hours program this year. The alternate work schedule will be in effect from Monday, June 13 through Friday, August 13, 2010. Summer hours will provide employees the opportunity for more time-off during the summer months, save in transportation costs, and will enable the university to realize other operational savings.

Download the documents below for additional information.

**[Summer Hours Work Schedule Memo](#)**  
**[Summer Hours FAQ](#)**

### [Keep On Dancin'](#)

Break Time! The Student Senate is sponsoring a dance and celebration on Friday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. There will be music, a DJ, dancing, refreshments, and giveaways. Prizes include Netbooks, iPods, and individual recorders.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP required. Contact [studentsenate@govst.edu](mailto:studentsenate@govst.edu) and bring a date!

### [Centerpalooza](#)

A few great seats are still available for [Centerpalooza](#) at The Center for Performing Arts, on Saturday, March 20. See three great bands - Los Lobos Acoustic, Backyard Tire Fire, and MoJo Daddies for one low price. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

To sweeten the experience, Governors State students, faculty, and staff, are eligible for two for one mezzanine tickets (regular price \$49) from 10 a.m., Friday, March 19, to 6 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Tickets may be purchased at the center box office or by calling 708.235.2222.

To purchase regular price tickets, visit the web site at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

## Degree Audit Update

Degree Audit (GAP Report) implementation is well on its way. Ninety-three percent of all new undergraduate students who started this term have GAP reports available for use by their advisors. This achievement is remarkable because it is only the 10th week of classes.

The Degree Audit team will now begin work on the GAP reports of new Spring/Summer 2010 undergraduate students. Registration for new Spring/Summer 2010 students begins Monday, March 22.

Although there remain areas to tweak and improve, it is important to note the ongoing success of the project. This important innovation improves customer service for new undergraduate students at GSU.

## Lighting Replacement Continues

Thanks to a grant from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation shedding brighter, better, and more efficient lighting on the stage of The Center for Performing Arts recently got a boost. The \$4,946.10 award enabled The Center to replace old, energy hungry light fixtures with new energy efficient ones. As a result, total consumption was reduced by 8,776 watts. In addition to the energy savings, the old light fixtures were recycled. Bravo!

## Pot of Gold and a Poem

GSU celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the Annual Limerick Contest sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. Many entries were received but only three were named winners.

### **First place - Sheryl Szot Gallaher, faculty**

Our school has a Governors' hall  
With anchor-shaped sculpture so tall  
When visitors stare  
We're proudly aware  
Of convicts adorning the wall.

### **Second place - Tony Labriola, faculty**

The plight of our state is a fright  
GSU is up for the fight.  
The budget is lean.  
We ain't got no green.  
Our shamrock has turned black and white!

### **Third place - Alysse (Lisa) Hansen, student**

The sculpture park is so endearing  
Especially the expansive clearing  
Where Paul Bunyan stands  
Big, red axe in hand  
Although he most surely needs cheering!

## Conversations about Quality

The Continuous Quality Improvement and Accreditation Committee (COIA) is sponsoring a faculty development workshop on *Conversations about Quality: How do we know what students have learned?* Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room D34115.

Discussion topics include:

- How do you know what students have learned?
- What is your best method for determining what students have learned?
- What do you do when you find out students have not learned?
- What do students tell you they've learned?
- What observations do you make that tell you students have learned?
- How do you communicate how much students have learned?
- When do students let you know that they have learned?

To learn more visit the [COIA website](#).

## Good to the Last Drop

Safe drinking water does not just flow from the faucet. In many parts of the world, it is a rare and precious commodity.

The Office of International Services is sponsoring World Water Day 2010, *Clean Water for a Healthy World*, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Presentations on the current state of the worldwide water supply, improvements to access and quality, and a look into the future will be discussed through presentations and video screenings.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend. For more information, contact Vreni Mendoza at ext. 3087.

## Victor Declared!

The Penny War is finally over. The combatants have laid down their weapons. The wounded are recovering and the victors are celebrating. How will historians record this conflict? Only time will tell.

Here are the final results of the war:

3rd Floor:	22,365
CAS:	15,011
CBPA:	6,059



Business Office:	2,578
ARC:	1,420
Library:	1,403
CenterPoint:	655
IA:	560
FDM:	-147
Latino Ctr:	-220
CHHS:	-844
Procurement:	-1,556
COE:	-1,731
Student Life:	-2,439
HR:	-3,303

The Penny Wars raised \$1,760.63. The Civil Service Senate donated \$880.31 to Student Life.

The Library, which lead for three weeks of the competition, suffered mortal wounds in the fourth week when \$155.00 in paper and silver were placed in its jar forcing it into sixth place. The Third Floor rallied in the fourth week getting a forceful boost with the addition of \$266.43 in pennies taking it from last place in the third week to first place in the final count making it the ultimate winner. The week three winner, the GSU Library, very graciously and sadly handed over Abe Lincoln Penny trophy to the Third Floor. Rumbblings of reprisal and revenge could be heard.

## **Job Opportunities**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

