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News and Events

Penguins on Vacation

GSU's official unofficial mascot, Pierre the Penguin, wants to go on vacation – with YOU!

The GSU View is sponsoring the first ever *Take Pierre on Vacation Contest*. The contest, open to students, faculty, and staff, will run from May 24 through August 15. Members of the GSU community can pick up their very own Pierre the Penguin from the Office of Public Affairs (rooms G369 and G370).

Take the GSU Penguin with you on vacation and send your best photo of him in a fun, unique, or exotic locale to the GSU View. All images become property of the university and will be shared via the university's Facebook account and occasional features in the GSU View.



On August 16, one grand prize winner will be chosen and two runners-up will receive exciting GSU prize packs. Judges decisions are final.

And now for the rules and regs - All entries must be submitted via email and must be accompanied name, phone, email address, and GSU status (student, faculty, or staff).

Only one photo per entry. Multiple entries accepted. Penguins available while supplies last. Limit one per person. Signed photo release forms may be required.

Bon Voyage, Pierre!

Darkness on the Edge of Town

Contractors will upgrade electrical equipment serving A and B wings. In order to complete the project, a scheduled power outage will be required on the 1st and 2nd floor of A Wing and the 2nd floor only of B Wing from 11 p.m. Thursday, May 27 to 11 p.m. Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day weekend).

Employees in the affected areas are asked to power down their computers and equipment in prior to leaving campus on Thursday, May 27.

Please note, this power outage will affect the Recreation and Fitness Center and Student Affairs and Academic Services on the 1st and 2nd floor of A wing. ACESSS, Upward Bound, Latino

Center for Excellence, Student Life, Student Senate, and Career Services will be operational but temporarily displaced during the outage. Visit the Information Booth in the Hall of Governors for assistance with any of these services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Facilities at ext. 4515 or Information Technology (IT) at ext. 4357

Soaring to Greatness



The Annual GSU Fly In was a great success with paper airplanes soaring through the air in the Hall of Governors.

Winning this year's *Longest Flying Distance - Individual* were student Chris McMahel in first place with 77'5", staff member Ann Manning-Nagel in second place with 59', and staff member Jan Haan in third place with 58'. Winning the *Longest Time Aloft* contest, in first, second, and third places, was faculty member Dushan Cui whose planes stayed aloft for as long as 7.29 seconds.

The winner of the team competition was Team PR with a flight of 28'. Eric Matanyi, Lindsay Gladstone, and Tom Houlihan were able to record a flight of 86', but it landed out of bounds. With the win, comes the right to proudly display the GSU Fly In trophy in their office. This is the fourth win for Team PR.

Start folding those planes to meet the challenge next year.

Are You In the Mood?

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The Center for Performing Arts presents The Glenn Miller Orchestra as its season finale concert on Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m.

GSU buy one get one free tickets are available for the platinum section of the theatre. These tickets are regularly priced at \$43, but will be offered for only \$21.50. The offer begins on Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

After show dining at Scrementi's restaurant in Steger is also still available for \$25 per person, which includes a full course family style dinner.

Visit The Center box office or call 708.235.2222 to make reservations for show and dinner or to simply purchase show tickets.

Ride the Paths

Enjoy a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park from your bicycle. Bike the pathways of the park and enjoy a guided tour of many of the 26 pieces of renowned artwork.

The bike tour is on Saturday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Riders will meet outside behind the Hall of Governors. There is no charge. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders must wear helmets. There will be some riding on public roads.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call ext. 4486 or visit the NMSP [website](#).

Seeking Commencement Volunteers

Once again, GSU staff, faculty, and students are asked to help make commencement a very special time for all of everyone by volunteering. The 2010 Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

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

For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466 by Wednesday, June 2.

Rain Delays Grill Out

Today's rain will render it impossible for FSI to grill outside. Have no fear – the weather is looking up for next week. Plan to nosh on grilled goodies next Tuesday, May 18 instead.

Char-grilled food will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. In order to take advantage of the new grilling station, patrons can purchase food tickets from the cafeteria cashier to be redeemed at the grill outdoors.

Brainy Art



The Intellectual Life Committee is sponsoring a national juried art competition, *A Whole New Mind 2010 BRAINSTORM*, from May 24 to June 24, in the Visual Arts Gallery.

Eighty-one artists from 22 states submitted 289 pieces of artwork to compete for \$2,000 in prize money. The jurors selected 59 art works by 45 artists that best

represented the theme of the show.

Susan Aurinko (artist, photographer, independent curator, and former owner of FLATFILEgalleries, Chicago) and Tricia Van Eck (Associate Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago) are serving as the competition's jurors.

A reception and award ceremony will be held on Saturday June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For an appointment contact the [Gallery](#) at ext. 4021.



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