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News and Events

Running Low on Trays

Like the old song says: you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

Modest and unassuming, brown cafeteria trays never attract much attention. Unless, of course, they're gone.

With an increasing number of trays missing – and presumably scattered all over campus – the cafeteria is requesting that any member of the GSU community currently in possession of a tray return it immediately. The supply of trays is running low, cafeteria officials say.

Persons removing trays from the cafeteria may have the best of intentions; they may believe that dining in their offices allows them to work harder on behalf of GSU and its students. A noble thought. None of us, however, want to see a lunch or dinner distribution crisis due to a tray shortage.

Please look around your work space and locate any trays that may be covered by raincoats, academic papers, tropical plants, or random layers of clutter. When you return trays to the cafeteria, you'll help make life around campus better for all of us.

Blips on the Horizon

On Friday, August 6, Facilities Development and Management will test all of its emergency generators from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. The tests may affect A to G wings, OTS and the Family Development Center with one or two anticipated "blips" of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power, such as specific light fixtures and certain outlets. Since most wall outlets are on the standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. Just to be on the safe side, however, you should save computer work often during the test period.

Please direct questions to extension 4515.

Table Tennis Team Try Outs

With tournament dates fast approaching, it is time for GSU to put together the best table tennis team in the Midwest. Team tryouts are the first step to developing a winning team.

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to pick up the paddle and compete for a spot on the team.

Tryouts will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. If possible, alternate time arrangements can be made. Contact team coach [TJ Wang](#) with special requests.

There is no limit to the number of players on the team. A certain level of technical skills, such as forehand and backhand drills, and the ability to handle spins, is sought. However, Coach Wang adds, "We are seeking highly motivated team members. No one was born with the skills. We will provide the training."

The criteria for the selection include student's academic performance, table tennis skills, and behavior and conduct. Tryouts will take place at the beginning of each semester.

To satisfy the academic performance criteria, graduate students must maintain a minimal GPA of 3.0 and enroll for a minimum of six credit hours per semester. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimal GPA at 2.0 and enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours. Students who are graduating at the end of the semester are exempted from the credit hour requirement and students who just begin their study at GSU are exempted from the GPA requirement.

Team candidates must complete and submit an [application form](#) to [TJ Wang](#) by Friday, September 3. For more information, contact [TJ Wang](#).

In the Heights

Chicago Heights, a film made by students and faculty in the Master of Fine Arts program at GSU, will make its Chicago debut at the 2010 Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center on Saturday, August 28, and Wednesday, September 1, at 8:15 p.m. (both screenings).

Chicago Heights is an award-winning, short, experimental, black and white feature film made with a \$1,000 budget for food, equipment on loan from Governors State University, and during the free time of the all volunteer cast and crew.

The film is based on Winesburg, Ohio, Sherwood Anderson's classic 1919 collection of interconnected short stories. The story is transposed ingeniously to a predominantly African American community in the present-day south Chicago region. It is a gorgeously photographed, beautifully scored film, shot, and edited in and around the region.



Director Daniel Nearing, associate professor at GSU, and actor Andre Truss, will be present for audience discussion after the screening on Saturday night. Producer-cinematographer Sanghoon Lee, assistant professor at GSU, will participate in the audience discussion on Wednesday.



Nearing will also participate in a panel discussion on "How to Get a Movie Made," on Sunday, August 15, at 3 p.m., at the Gene Siskel Film Center. The conversation is free and open to the public.

Tickets for the film screening are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students and are available through Ticketmaster. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. For information on the Gene Siskel Film Center, see www.siskelfilmcenter.org. For information on the film, visit www.923Films.com.

Twenty Questions + One

Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Academic Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs



- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Mason, my high school history teacher.
- **Who was your most memorable GSU student?** Edgar Casillas.
- **A really great night out for me is...** Dinner at Shaw's Crab House and dancing afterward.
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Wrigley Field.

- **Sox or Cubs fan? Explain.** Cubs. I used to live next door to Wrigley Field; that's what turned me into a baseball fan.
- **What's the best book you've read in the last year?** "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman: Adventures of a Curious Character."
- **Any current research or conference presentations you'd like to share with the GSU community?** Just putting the finishing touches on an anthology (with Professor Vincent Jones) on the death penalty; also, I am just beginning a national project on "Smart Policing" which I hope to introduce to GSU next year.
- **What's your most memorable moment at GSU?** Dancing the cha-cha at "Dancing with the Stars."
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Latin dance music.
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World; The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming; Father of the Bride; Fantasia; The Deer Hunter.
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Yes – he was our governor.
- **What was your first job?** Very first job – babysitting during church services for a Korean Church. The payment was free Korean food afterward.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. At home, I am a lazy person.

To participate in GSU View's Twenty Questions Plus One, contact [Tom Houlihan](#).

Good Health Workshops

Promoting good health with information and conversation is the focus of a day of workshops at the Healthy Families, Healthy Communities event on August 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at GSU.

The event is free and includes workshops on asthma, obesity, mental health, diabetes, STI/HIV, heart disease, yoga, substance abuse, men's health, oral hygiene, and entitlement programs and healthcare benefits. Important information on these and additional topics will be provided as well as opportunities to ask questions.

Participants may attend only the workshops in which they are interested. Lunch and snacks are provided and there are opportunities to win an iPod and other prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Chicago Southland Health Conference, a collaboration between Aunt Martha's Health Center in Chicago Heights, TCA Health, Inc in Chicago, Family Christian Health Center in Harvey, and Christian Community Health Center in South Holland. GSU is pleased to host this important community event.

To registration or for more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4551.

Students Present at National Conference



Presenting at a national conference is a great achievement for any professional. For GSU graduate students Eric Melton and Mike Crane, their presentation at the convention of the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology in June was the culmination of their studies and research and a great experience.

Melton of Lombard and Crane of New Lenox are both students in the Master of Arts in Counseling, School Counseling sequence at Governors State University. Their poster presentation was entitled Win Them Over: Adlerian Methods Applied to Contemporary Adolescent Issues.

"Their presentation grew out of two wonderful papers they did in the course of their graduate studies," said Dr. Julia Yang, professor of school counseling. "This is a high achievement

considering all the other presenters were either long-time Adlerians, new professionals, or doctoral students.”

Zone in on Literacy

The graduate program in reading is again sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 14 through November 30, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. A refund of \$30 is made to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call 708.534.4129 or email [Mary Hession](mailto:Mary.Hession).

On the Go with



Sara Acton found GSU's Pierre the Penguin, the perfect on her recent trip west. Pierre waters of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the slots. We haven't heard lost).



Pierre

unofficial mascot, traveling companion enjoyed the cool and tried his luck on how much he won (or



Pierre also joined CHHS student family on a cross country began the trip stowed with the luggage, but soon became a prominent traveling companion. leading the way down the Colorado River and on a hike through Arches National Park in Utah.

Anna Jannak and her adventure. Pierre



There are so many friends to travel minute of it. He is that the Take Pierre been extended until



places to see and so many with. Pierre is loving every having so much fun, in fact, on Vacation photo contest has September 6, 2010.

Pierre the Penguin to Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).

For information on how you can pick up your own take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take

