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News and Events

[CAS Cruises to Penny Wars Victory](#)

The cherished Abraham Lincoln doll and giant penny are headed to the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office following a convincing victory by CAS in this year's GSU Penny Wars.



CAS finished the competition with 18,778 points, nearly twice as much as the nearest competitor, the College of Business and Public Administration. CBPA and the College of Health and Human Services made a final push at the end of the competition but couldn't come close to CAS. The GSU Library also collected a handsome sum of money but much of it was in silver coins and paper, which sent the Library deep into negative territory.

A total of \$547.40 was collected in this year's Penny Wars. It will be split between Student Life and the Civil Service Senate.

Many thanks and kudos to all who played, especially to the top three earners. A special thanks goes out to Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton, who had to lug all those pennies to the bank each week.

The final Penny Wars vote totals:

3rd Floor: -275

CenterPoint: 173

CHHS: 1,956

CAS: 18,778

CBPA: 9,863

COE: 816

Financial Services: 135

HR: 925

Institutional Advancement: 3,237

Library: -1,413

Student Life: 1,155

Register for Summer Classes

Registration for summer session is open from March 21 through May 28. Classes begin on May 23 and end on August 7. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

Students may take classes during the shorter summer term at convenient times to fit busy schedules. Classes are generally offered Monday through Thursday leaving the long weekend open for summertime activities. A full range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is scheduled.

GSU's summer term is ideal for student continuing a GSU degree program. It is also the perfect time for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU [registration website](#).

Teach In – Middle East Events

The GSU Honors Program is hosting *Community Teach-In: Changes and Directions in the Middle East*, on Tuesday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The panel discussion will investigate the causes and impact of recent events in the Middle East. It is free and open to the public.

Discussion panel members include Dr. Donald Culverson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies at GSU; Dr. Larry Levinson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies at GSU; Dr. Khalil Marrar, Professor of Political Science at DePaul University; Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago); and Dr. Farouk Shaaban, Professor of Business Administration at GSU.

"The situation in the Middle East is changing daily. It is important to understand what is happening half a world away not only for its impact on the United States, but because it represents a major shift in the political character of a key part of the world," says Levinson, who is also coordinator of the GSU Honors Program.

This program is part of the GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. It is free and open to the public.

Assessing Math and Writing Skills

Faculty members will discuss exams and rubrics that assess undergraduate math and writing skills at a Wednesday, March 23 conversation session. The session takes place from 3 to 4 p.m., in room D34115.

Discussion topics include:

- Which exams/rubrics are used to assess math/writing in GSU undergraduate programs and courses?

- Does the current directed self-placement in math/writing lead to optimal outcomes for GSU undergraduates?
- Are there alternatives to directed self-placement in math/writing that could lead to similar or better outcomes?
- What benefits and difficulties exist to developing and implementing a university-wide rubric/examination to assess undergraduate math/writing skills?

No preparation or RSVP is required for the session. The conversation is sponsored by the GSU Committee on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO) and will be facilitated by members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team.

New Business Reply Format Required

The U.S. Postal Service is making an important change to the format of its business reply mail that will impact many campus departments. Beginning on May 1, all currently printed business reply and courtesy reply envelopes will no longer be useable by the university or its constituents.

The format changes include the addition of an Intelligent Mail Barcode above the address block. The USPS will also not accept modifications to older envelopes (i.e. placing labels over the current design elements).

Please begin working with your department heads immediately to take stock of current inventory and plan for redesign and reprinting needs. Once you've determined your needs, please contact the Office of Public Affairs to begin the redesign/reorder process.

GSU's Public Affairs, Graphics, and Auxiliary Services departments will work to ensure that the campus' needs are met prior to the May 1, 2011 deadline.

Women Meeting Today's Challenges

Today's women are complex, multifaceted, and dynamic individuals who don't want to be boxed into simple categories like "housewife" or "career woman." Today's women want the freedom to choose what defines them.

Join the discussion about challenges facing today's women at the Women's History Month workshop, on Wednesday, March 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room B1241. You'll hear about the challenges facing women attempting to balance work, family, and other issues in our complex world and you'll be able to share your ideas on how to best meet those challenges.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the university community. Refreshments will be served.

Further information is available at 708.235.7334.

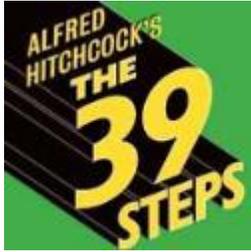
The 39 Steps in Film

The film version of *The 39 Steps* will be shown at a free screening – complete with popcorn – on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m., in Hall of Honors. Following the film, a panel will discuss the film's comedic and thrilling aspects, and the hidden meanings in Alfred Hitchcock's work.

Panelists include GSU Assistant Professor Rosemary Johnson, GSU instructor Tinker Parker, and The Center for Performing Arts Director Burt Dikelsky. This event is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Hitchcock's The 39 Steps at the CPA

GSU is hosting a thrilling and funny celebration of the Alfred Hitchcock film, *The 39 Steps*.



Key to the festivities is the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit play, *Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps*, at The Center for Performing Arts for one night only, March 6, at 8 p.m.

This comic, suspenseful retelling of Hitchcock's classic film *The 39 Steps*, is full of laughs and thrills as a wrongly-accused hero crosses England to clear his name, only to encounter murderous spies, an icy blonde, and other unforgettable characters. The action never stops as four actors perform 150 parts in this highly-acclaimed show.

Tickets are \$31, \$39, and \$46, and are available by visiting www.centertickets.net or calling 708.235.2222. *Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps* is sponsored by First Midwest Bank.

Interoffice Envelopes

Somewhere out there, beneath the fluorescent lights, empty, unused interoffice envelopes are languishing, waiting for the day when they can be used again. Don't let them fade away with disuse.

Send your unwanted interoffice envelopes to the Mail Room for redistribution to other, envelope-deprived departments. Let's put these envelopes to work!

URG Deadline

University Research Grants (URGs) are funded by the Provost's Office to encourage scholarly research within the GSU community. All faculty, staff, and students are eligible to apply. Students must have a faculty mentor. Student applications will be considered once all faculty applications have been reviewed. All URG projects must take place between July 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012.

Applications for 2011-12 are due on March 21. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than April 30. For more information, contact [Margaret H. Neumann](#), chair of URG Committee at ext. 4968.

[Download the URG Application 2011](#)

Criminal Justice Jobs

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in criminal justice and related fields. The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on March 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

Collecting Cell Phones for Our Troops

Student Life is collecting all makes and models of cell phones, chargers, and accessories to help U.S. Armed Forces personnel. Drop off your donations at the Welcome Center located at Student Central, room D1400, weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donations will be collected until May 31 and will be used to purchase calling cards for U.S. troops.

Support our troops and recycle those old phones. For more information, call Student Life at 708.534.4550.

Safety Issue

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, and other large items by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom/office.

Copyright Regulation Webinar

Join members of the University Copyright Committee in viewing the pre-recorded webinar, *Copyright Regulation and Fair Use* on Tuesday, March 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, or Wednesday, March 30, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be in D2401C in the Library.

Employee Honors

The Employee of the Month recognizes the outstanding service of a GSU Civil Service employee. Each year, employees who are selected for the monthly honor are eligible for the Civil Service Employee of the Year Recognition.

The GSU community is reminded that nominations can be made by completing the nomination form and returning it to Stephanie Juarez in the Human Resources by the 23rd of each month.

Each nomination will be considered by the Employee of the Month Committee.

[View Employee of the Month Award Criteria](#)

[Download Employee of the Month Nomination Form](#)

