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Through August 25

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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

CHHS Leadership Change (07-28-11)

Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has announced that she will take a leave for the remainder of the summer and for the fall semester and then resign her position as Dean at the end of fall semester. In January, she will fulfill her role as Professor of Nursing and Health Administration and pursue additional interests.

View the full [memo from Provost Terry Allison](#).

See the Show - Ragtime

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Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Through Friday, July 29, all tickets are \$17. After Friday, usual ticket prices resume. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$19 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Center's website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

Ragtime is sponsored by the SouthtownStar, the Yonover family, and Sutton Ford.

News @ This Week @ GSU

Catch up on GSU news and events every day with the new, student-produced daily news show, *This Week @ GSU*. The two-minute segments provide up to date information about current events and campus news. You can watch it on Facebook, YouTube, the [GSU website](#), and local public access cable.

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@ GSU**

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College Credit for Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
[Register](#)
708.534.4092

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

DrOT Information Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

A different host will appear each week. Departments wishing to have their event or news featured in the show should e-mail information to thisweek@govst.edu.

New Signature Cards

Effective immediately, all departments need to submit new signature cards (found on the [procurement portal page](#)), which will define access, input, and approvals for general ledger accounts.

Additionally, each time a department needs to add/change/remove access to an account, an Access and Change request form must be completed. Also, staff must have appropriate ITS approvals and have completed FERPA training before account access can be granted.

Wanted: A Few Good Men!

Here is your chance to be one of the Real Men of GSU. Volunteers are needed to walk the runway in the Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show.

Men of the GSU student body, faculty, staff, and administrators will help the GSU Student Senate raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood. The fashion show will take place on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are only \$12 or two for \$20.

Models will show off their fashion sense and their giving spirit at the show. Anyone interested in joining the fun to raise funds for this good cause should contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at 798.534.4552 by August 12. All names will be put in a lottery and the winners will be notified by August 16.

Promise Breakfast

Leaders of Chicago-area faith-based communities are pledging their support to the GSU Promise, a scholarship initiative that will provide a debt-free education to qualified students.



More than one dozen religious leaders met last week with GSU officials at the Promise Pastoral Breakfast. Following a presentation on the GSU Promise by President Maimon, several pastors said they would support the scholarship initiative through a special offering at their respective churches.

Veteran Chicago broadcaster Merri Dee, the keynote speaker at the Pastoral Breakfast, encouraged the religious leaders to support the GSU Promise. "The GSU Promise is a spectacular offer. This is a fantastic opportunity," Dee said.

In her remarks, President Maimon explained that GSU developed two programs – the GSU Promise and the Dual Degree Program – to make a



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university education more accessible to first generation and low income students. Once endowed, the GSU Promise will pay for college costs that are not covered by state or federal financial aid programs. The Dual Degree Program (DDP), established in 2010, is a partnership between GSU and six area community colleges. Freshmen who sign up for DDP at their community colleges lock in GSU's tuition rate for the next four years and can take advantage of university advising. Dual Degree Program students can apply for the GSU Promise scholarships.

For more information about the GSU Promise, call ext. 4105 or visit the [GSU Foundation website](#).

Second Annual Golf Outing

It is time to dust off your clubs and get your swing back for the Second Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. This friendly competition will be held on Sunday, September 25, at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park.

All GSU faculty, staff, and their family members are invited to join the fun. The afternoon begins at noon with a shot gun start for 18 holes of golf. The festivities continue with a dinner and awards presentation.



Cost of the event is only \$75 per person, which includes all fees, a golf cart, and dinner. The golf outing is sponsored by the GSU SPIRIT Committee.

Get some practice swings before the big event by participating in the GSU Golf League on Tuesdays, weather permitting, through September 6. Tee time is 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee. The league is open to members of the GSU community and their friends. The cost of nine holes is \$5. Add a cart for \$10, or share the cart fee to cut your costs.

For more information about the Second Annual Golf Outing and the GSU Golf League, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 6813.

Scholarship Spotlight – Darren Heldt



Darren Heldt of Monee received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. Darren is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration in the Business Management program.

Darren's long-term goal is to own his own restaurant. He believes hard work, education, and experience are the keys to business success.

Local Companies Go International

A delegation from the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at CenterPoint recently attended a reception at ABC Auto Parts in Riverdale.

Owner Jim Watson conducted a facility tour identifying products and

processes and highlighting the company's current export strategies, which led to discussions to expand opportunities for exports to additional markets.

Hongxia (Mary) Ma, Director of the Trade Center said that it was great to work with dynamic companies like ABC Auto Parts. "GSU's International Trade Center specializes in supporting the growth of exports. We can bring more resources to help companies like ABC Auto Parts expand further into more overseas market, with help in marketing research, logistics management, and export financing."

The International Trade Center is supported by a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Ragtime Preview on Tuesday (07-28-11)

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Free Reading Tutoring

The GSU graduate program in reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 6 through November 22, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

The Literacy Zone is a 12-week, one-to-one program that pairs students experiencing reading problems with teachers who have the

skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU 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 available. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4122.

Soda Time

The delicious ice cream sodas served by the Civil Service Senate in June are back by popular demand.

Enjoy the Ice Cream Soda Repeat on Wednesday, July 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Each soda is only \$1.50. Choose from a variety of soda flavors to add to your vanilla ice cream. Reduced sugar soda options are also available.

Parent and Educator Workshop

The GSU Family Development Center is sponsoring a free presentation by early childhood educator Lisa Murphy on August 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Murphy, known as the "ooey goey lady®," is an advocate of play-based learning. She has taught and worked with children in various educational settings for more than 20 years and has authored four books and created dozens of teacher training DVDs.

Lunch is not provided. For more information or to register, visit the [Family Development Center](#) website or call ext. 7300.

St. Louis Art Adventure

Art enthusiasts will travel to St. Louis for a weekend of art, architecture, and award-winning design during the 2011 Autumn Art Odyssey sponsored by the GSU Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP).



Places are still available for this year's pilgrimage to Midwestern venues for masterworks of sculpture, painting, and other unforgettable art. The Art Odyssey departs for St. Louis on Friday, September 9, returning to GSU on Sunday, September 11.

The Art Odyssey includes the Fall Preview Reception and Cocktail Party at the St. Louis Contemporary Art Museum, and visits to the Mildred Land Kemper Museum, the Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Pulitzer

Foundation for the Arts, and the St. Louis Citygarden. Two art experts – Michael Dunbar, the recently-retired Director of the Art and Architecture Program for the State of Illinois Capital Development Board, and Marilu Knode, Executive Director of the Laumeier Sculpture Park, will address the group.

Travelers will stay two nights at the boutique Moonrise Hotel in St. Louis' fashionable Delmar Loop neighborhood. Sunday brunch and dinner, as well as lunches on Friday and Saturday, are included in the cost of the trip. Friday and Saturday night dinners are planned, but optional for an additional charge.

The deadline for signing up for Art Odyssey is August 12. The cost per person is \$549 (double occupancy) or \$649 (double occupancy). The price includes round trip luxury motor coach service from either GSU or Valparaiso, IN, and all admission fees to scheduled locations.

For more information visit the [NMSP website](#) or call 708.534.4486.

Farmers Market Takes a Break (07-21-11)

Due to the heat wave, today's Farmers Market is cancelled. The market will open as usual next Thursday, July 28, from 1 to 6 p.m. just outside the main entrance.

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Generator Testing

Facilities will test the emergency generators on Friday, July 22, from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. A through G buildings, OTS, and the FDC may be affected with power interruptions as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and certain outlets). Since most wall outlets are on standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. Just in case there is a problem, please save your work often.

For more information, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

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Parent U. Classes Continue

Parent University, a series of free workshops designed to enhance parenting skills, continues this August with two classes to help parents understand and cope with issues and concerns affecting their children. Classes are conducted by members of the GSU Division of Psychology and Counseling faculty and are open to parents, students, educators, counselors, and therapists.

Dr. Jennifer Beebe will lead the presentation on *Bullying and Cyber Bullying* on August 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

On August 29, Dr. Tim Pedigo and Dr. Al Tuskenis will present a workshop on *Attachment and Parenting*, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Attendees can earn 1.5 CEUs or CPDUs. The workshops are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Free Seminar on the Cloud

GSU is sponsoring an informative, free seminar, *High Performance Computing and Innovation Cluster Workshop*, on August 8, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Honors. This workshop will provide an opportunity for representatives of small to medium businesses in the Chicago Southland to learn what cloud computing is and how it can benefit their businesses.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from experts in business, entrepreneurship, and emerging technologies. Topics to be discussed include technology innovation, cloud computing, and cloud computing security.

Intel Directors Stephen Wheat, Senior Director High Performance Computing, and William Feiereisen, Senior Scientist and Corporate Strategist in High Performance Computing, will discuss the "missing middle," which refers to businesses that need high performance computing but encounter barriers in adopting it. Seth Jansen, Field Representative for Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-11) will also present.

The morning includes presentations on cyber security and an introduction to the Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Services Center at GSU. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A with the speakers and networking. Refreshments will be served.

The seminar is sponsored by GSU, CAS, Midwest Academic & Resilience Cloud Computing Consortium (MARC3).

For more information, contact [Dr. Steve Shih](#) at ext. 4547. Advance registration is required at <http://gsucloudcomputing.eventbrite.com>.

Scholarship Spotlight – Sandra Gustafson



Sandra Gustafson of Markham received the Percy & Elizabeth Wagner Endowed Scholarship in Business/Finance.

Sandra is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration. She loves mathematics and is pursuing a career in business finance.

MPA Information in Oak Forest

GSU will host an information session on the Master of Public Administration Program for prospective students on Thursday, August 4. The free presentation will begin at 5 p.m. GSU representatives will accept applications and answer questions from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. The graduate application fee will be waived for students who apply to the Master of Public Administration Program at the event.

The free event is open to the public and will be held at South Suburban College University Center, located at 16333 S. Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois.

For more information or to RSVP, call 708.534.4088.

Show Time! (07-18-11)



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Retirement Savings

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, July 19, in the Library Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Appointments are not required. He is here to discuss 403(b) plans.

Employees may choose to open a 403(b) account and begin pre-tax deductions for additional retirement savings at any time with the approved vendors. To open an account, contact vendors directly.

GSU has authorized the following vendors, under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The approved vendors are:

- John Olson, VALIC, 800 892-5558 x89470
- Patrick Windle, TIAA-CREF, 800 842-2005 x5666
- Fidelity, 800 343-0860 (hit "0" if you do not have an account)
- Neil Meldgin, The Legend Group, 800 835-2158

Business Expertise

Learn more about the Master of Business Administration (MBA) at an open house on Tuesday, July 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

College of Business and Public Affairs faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss the program. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission.

The free event is open to the public. The Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Convention Center is located at 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park.

For more information, call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

In the Know

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Job Hunt Help

Helping people in the community find employment is the mission of

the Mobile Workforce Center. The mobile unit will be parked near the university front entrance every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Center services include resume development, access to online job boards and websites, instruction on conducting online job searches, and assistance from staff. The mobile unit has 11 computer stations equipped with Internet access, printer and copy machines, and wheelchair accessibility.

The center, housed in a large bus, travels to various Will County locations offering free services. Job search assistance is available to everyone and is not limited to Will County residents.

For more information, contact the Workforce Services Division of Will County at 815.727.4980.

Couples Therapy Workshop

Sex in the Sand: Play Therapy Techniques with Couples will be held on July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at GSU. The workshop is designed for psychology and counseling students and psychologists, therapists, and counseling professionals.

Attendees will learn the benefits of play, the importance of movement and touch in relationships, recent research on creative therapies, and how to utilize play assessment and intervention techniques to help couples bring the fun back into their relationship.

The workshop is presented by Dr. Catherine Ford Sori, associate professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Five CEUs are available. The cost of the daylong workshop is \$65 for professionals and \$20 for students. Advance registration is necessary. Contact [Raquel Rios-Aquirre](#) at 708.534.4516.

Childcare While You Study

Students of GSU can benefit from the availability of childcare services at the GSU Family Development Center for their children while they are in class. Children, ages 3 to 12 years old, enjoy the safe and enriching environment of the Family Development Center. Childcare is available Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The GSU Family Development Center also offers a 75 percent discount on evening childcare services for the children of GSU Pell Grant recipients. To take advantage of this discount, a copy of the student's financial aid award letter is required.

For more information, call 708.235.7300.

FY12 Budget Numbers Released (7-14-11)

President Elaine P. Maimon this week released details on the operating budget for major university units in the 2012 fiscal year. The new budget was formulated following PBAC hearings this spring.

In her memorandum, Dr. Maimon discusses the importance of a

growing enrollment as GSU continues to fulfill its mission and provide top quality higher education to a broad range of qualified students.

View Dr. Maimon's [memorandum](#) and the new [budget numbers](#).

A Knight to Remember

Hear ye, hear ye! Students, come one and all to witness jousting, swordplay, and other acts of chivalry at Medieval Times on Friday, August 26, at 6 p.m.

Student Life is sponsoring a trip to a dinner and live show at Medieval Times, in Schaumburg. The price is \$30 for the evening's festivities. Transportation is included.

Students must register for the outing by August 4 in the Student Life office, A2100. Payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 708.235.7362.

Farm Fresh to You at GSU



The GSU Farmers Market is open today from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance. The outdoor market brings locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products to the university every Thursday. Stop by and pick up some fresh food for dinner.

The Farmers Market will be open through September.

Scholarship Spotlight – Sharon Gunn

Sharon Gunn of Matteson received the Matteson Rotary Club Scholarship. Sharon is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Sharon is currently a physical therapist with the Chicago Public Schools. Her goal is to help children function physically at their highest possible level.



Time to Picnic

It's time to have some fun with friends and colleagues. The GSU summer picnic for faculty and staff will be held on Friday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food, games, prizes, and a fun-filled day in the sun are on the agenda. Mark your calendar and don't forget to RSVP to gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please contact [Gina Ragland-Owabi](#) at ext. 7559.

The picnic is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost's Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Just a few more days to enter the drawing for White Sox baseball tickets. The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a trip to U.S. Cellular Field and the chance to see the White Sox trounce the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday, July 27. First pitch is at 1:10 p.m.



Students interested in entering the drawing for two tickets and transportation to and from the park should send an email to saasnews@govst.edu with the following information:

1. Subject line: White Sox tickets
2. Name
3. Student ID number
4. Phone number
5. Email address
6. Bus transportation - yes or no

Entries must be received by July 15 to be considered. Only e-mail sent to saasnews@govst.edu will be entered in the drawing. Phone calls will not be accepted. Only current GSU students are eligible to participate.

Information on MBA

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Check your Pay Stub

GSU's payroll services in Colleague, the new Datatel system, will begin operation with the July 15 payroll. One of the features of the new system enables online access for all employees to bi-weekly pay details (i.e. salary, benefits, and deductions, etc.). All employees will be able to access this information at any time.

GSU Payroll will discontinue the use of a paper direct deposit advice after June 30.

Beginning with the July 15 payroll, all employees will be able to access their online pay advices on the new GSU portal by taking the following

steps:

1. Go to <http://mygovst.govst.edu/facultystaff/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Click on the tab labeled Online Services located on the right hand column
3. Click on the drop down tab labeled Employee Profile and choose Pay Advices

If you have questions, contact the GSU Help desk at ext. 4357.

Interim Director and Interim Coordinator Named (07-11-11)

Provost Terry Allison recently announced leadership changes in the GSU Library:

I am pleased to announce that beginning July 15 Ms. Nancy John will be joining GSU as the half-time Interim Director of the Library. Ms. Lydia Morrow Ruetten will be Interim Library Program Coordinator.

After several years at the National Gallery of Art, Ms. John had a long and distinguished career at the University of Illinois-Chicago, eventually serving as the Associate University Librarian and Acting University Librarian. For the past several years, Ms. John has been Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Illinois-Chicago and has taught at Benedictine University. She continues to serve as editor of *LIBRI* and also serves on her local library board.

Professor of the Library, Ms. Lydia Morrow Ruetten will work closely with Ms. John to coordinate the daily activities of the Library until we have hired a permanent replacement for our recently retired Dean of the Library, Diane Dates Casey.

Please welcome Nancy John to GSU and Lydia Morrow Ruetten to her new responsibilities.

State of the University 2011

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ScholarShip - Emmanuel Alozie

Emmanuel Alozie, associate professor of media communications, was

quoted in a July 24 story appearing on CNN. The story, *Can 30-second TV ads survive in a digital age?*, investigated the shift from the jingles, catchphrases, and slogans popular on television commercials to a new forms of advertising now used on the Internet. The story lamented the loss of those catchy tunes and phrases.



Alozie, author of *Marketing in Developing Countries*, commented that television still counts for up to 80 percent of advertising budgets in nations like Kenya, Nigeria, China, India, and Argentina.

"It is still a growth area in these countries, but they are still lacking in terms of expertise and technical abilities," he said. "Television is big and with radio it is the dominant form, and I don't think we're going to see what we see in the West with the Internet."

View the [CNN story featuring Emmanuel Alozie](#).

2011 Micro-Enterprise Advocate

For the second straight year, Bob Rakstang, Assistant Director of CenterPoint at GSU, has been chosen as one of ACCION Chicago's 2011 Micro-Enterprise Advocates of the Year.



"Each year ACCION Chicago honors its outstanding referral partners, those who have generously donated their time and expertise to help us assist small business owners. Without our loyal partners, we would not be able to reach the clients who need credit so desperately in these tough times," Jill Stevens, ACCION Vice President of Lending and Marketing said.

CenterPoint at GSU has for the last four years been a Micro-Lending partner of ACCION Chicago covering the Chicago Southland region and Lake and Porter counties in Indiana. As an ACCION partner, CenterPoint has provided availability of credit for small business clients who do not have access to traditional sources of financing. Micro Loans range from \$200 (Credit Builder) to \$15,000 for a startup venture and up to \$25,000 for an existing business looking to expand.

Paycheck Statement Online

GSU's payroll services in Colleague, the new Datatel system, begin operation with the July 15 payroll. One of the features of the new system enables online access for all employees to bi-weekly pay details (i.e. salary, benefits, and deductions, etc.). All employees will be able to access this information at any time. GSU Payroll discontinued the use of a paper direct deposit advice after June 30.

Beginning with the July 15 payroll, all employees will be able to access their online pay advices on the new GSU portal by taking the following steps:

1. Go to <http://mygovst.govst.edu/facultystaff/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Click on the tab labeled Online Services located on the right hand

column

3. Click on the drop down tab labeled Pay Advices

If you have questions, contact the GSU Help Desk at ext. 4357.

Degree Info at Thompson Center

GSU will host degree program information sessions on Wednesday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 4 to 6 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago.

Advisors and administrators will be on hand to discuss degree programs including the Master of Arts in Public Administration, Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies, and Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

The graduate application fee will be waived for students applying to the Master of Public Administration Program at the information session.

Prospective students are encouraged to attend this free, informal, walk-in session. The event will be held at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, room 2-029.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 708.534.4088.

Table Tennis Professor

Dr. T.J. Wang is not just an associate professor of accounting or head coach of the winning GSU table tennis team. He was also a competitor at the 2011 UA Para Open in Milwaukee recently.



Wang represented the United States in a competition with 86 other table tennis athletes. He won one match and lost two. He was also the subject of a special television news report on the ABC affiliate, WISN - Milwaukee's Channel 12.

Comedian and impressionist Frank Caliendo takes part in the story.

To [watch the news clip](#), you must have access to Facebook.

Job Search Assistance on Tuesdays

Helping people in the community find employment is the mission of the Mobile Workforce Center. The mobile unit will be at Governors State University every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. It will be parked near the university front entrance.

Center services include resume development, access to online job boards and websites, instruction in how to conduct an online job search and improve keyboarding skills, and assistance of staff. It has 11 computer stations equipped with Internet access, printer and copy machines, and wheelchair accessibility.

The center, housed in a large bus, travels to various Will County locations offering free services. Job search assistance is available to everyone and is not limited to Will County residents.

For more information, contact the Workforce Services Division of Will County at 815.727.4980.

Student Support Services Announcement (07-07-11)

President Elaine P. Maimon announced this week that several areas of student support services will be joining Academic Affairs. Dr. Sherilyn Poole will become Associate Vice President for Student Academic Support Services while retaining her title as Dean of Students.

This reorganization will serve to strengthen the connection between curricular and co-curricular activities, linking academic programs with academic support units.

[View Dr. Maimon's announcement.](#)

Temporary Detour

GSU's east entry at Crawford Avenue will be closed due to a construction project from July 12 to August 19. The project includes a new roadway configuration, new exterior lighting, new handicap parking lot configuration, and minor landscaping.

To complete this project on schedule, the road will be closed. Detour signs and road closed signs will be strategically placed to direct traffic to the west entry road.

Parking lot E will still be accessible to the public but from the west entry road only. The handicapped parking area located by F building entrance will be closed. Alternate handicapped parking can be found in parking lot D.

For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

Play Therapy for Couples Workshop

Sex in the Sand: Play Therapy Techniques with Couples will be held on July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at GSU. The workshop is designed for psychology and counseling students and psychologists, therapists, and counseling professionals.

Attendees will learn the benefits of play, the importance of movement and touch in relationships, recent research on creative therapies and how to utilize play assessment and intervention techniques to help couples bring the fun back into their relationship.

The workshop is presented by Dr. Catherine Ford Sori, associate professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Five CEUs are available. The cost of the daylong workshop is \$60 for professionals and \$20 for students. Advance registration is necessary. Contact Raquel Rios-Aquirre at 708.534.4516.

All Tied Up

The Center for the Performing Arts received an important and necessary renovation last week with the



installation of new rigging ropes. Gone are the old manila ropes installed in 1995 that could only hold 4,000 lbs. and gave stagehands splinters.

The new rigging is made of nylon and boasts a tensile strength of 17,600 lbs. – more than enough, according to the Center's



Technical Director Michael Krull, to handle the raising, lowering, and shifting of scenery and lights on stage.

Installation of the new ropes was managed by Chicago Flyhouse, Inc. with assistance from Krull, and Center stagehands Kevin Rosenhagen and Jonathan Ortiz.

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SUAA 2011 Luncheon



More than 80 SUAA members gathered for the annual SUAA luncheon last week at GSU. Retirees and current employees met to discuss the issues affecting SUAA members in Illinois.

State Senator Toi Hutchinson addressed the meeting. On behalf of the GSU chapter of SUAA, Jane Wells, president of the chapter, presented a \$250 donation for the GSU Promise to Provost Terry Allison. The lunch was sponsored by the president's office.

Continue Meditating

Summer meditation sessions continue every Thursdays, from noon to 1 p.m., in room E1590. Sessions are facilitated by Dr. Timothy Pedigo. All sessions are free and everyone is welcome. Sessions continue through August 4.

Put it on the Board!

The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a trip to U.S. Cellular Field and the chance to see the White Sox trounce the Detroit Tigers. The game is on Wednesday, July 27, at 1:10 p.m.

Students interested in entering the drawing for two tickets and transportation to and from the park should send an email to saasnews@govst.edu with the following information:

1. Subject line: White Sox tickets
2. Name
3. Student ID number
4. Phone number
5. Email address
6. Bus transportation - yes or no



Entries must be received by July 15 to be considered. Only email sent to saasnews@govst.edu will be entered. Phone calls will not be accepted. And remember – you must be a current GSU student to participate.

Scholarship Spotlight - Nakia Frazier



Nakia Frazier of Calumet Park received the Dr. Peggy Williams Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Nakia is an undergraduate student in the College of Education pursuing a degree in Elementary Education, specializing in language arts.

Nakia's long-term goal is to receive her master's degree and work with underperforming schools in Chicago.

ooey gooey lady® Workshop

The many different ways children learn are celebrated and explained by the *ooey gooey lady®*, Lisa Murphy, at a free workshop sponsored by the GSU Family Development Center. The workshop will be held on August 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Murphy is an early childhood educator and a strong advocate of play-based learning. In her presentation, she uses humor and real life anecdotes to engage workshop attendees and share information and activities that combine learning, laughter, and play. She offers inspiration and a wealth of hand-on activities for early childhood educators to use to create child-centered, play-based learning environments.

This workshop will benefit early childhood educators and students as well as childcare providers and parents and grandparents. The FDC is committed to offering excellent educational opportunities to the region. School districts are encouraged to register staff members for this free workshop.

Lunch is not provided. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](#).

Register Now for Free LSAT Classes

GSU is offering a free Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation class. The course begins with a mandatory pre-test on Saturday, August 20, at 9 a.m., in room B2203. After the pre-test, classes will be held on Mondays, beginning August 22 and through April 30, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., in room B2203.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation class for the LSAT. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, contact [David Sparks](#) at 708.235.3963.



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