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## News and Events

### **Sculpture Winter Wonderland**



Join Park Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates for the annual winter walk of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on January 31, 2010, at 2 p.m. The quiet, often snow-covered landscape highlights the presence of each artwork.

The park collection includes 26 pieces by nationally and internationally recognized artists. The walk is along both paved and unpaved paths so appropriate cold weather gear is recommended.

Visitors should meet inside the Hall of Governors near the sculpture Art Ark by Terrence Karpowicz. For more information, call ext. 4486, [email the park](#), or visit the [NMSP website](#).

### **Harmonious Wail at The Center**

Time to enjoy some hot jazz, cool blues, and low prices with The Cabaret at The Center. Harmonious Wail will warm these winter nights with a special, intimate performance on Saturday, January 30, at 8 p.m. in The Center for Performing Arts. Seating is very limited, as the artists and audience will be onstage in an intimate Cabaret setting.

In a special offer, tickets for members of the GSU family will enjoy a 10 percent discount off the \$37 ticket price.

Call the box office at 708.235222 for tickets and information.

### **On Stage with the Stars**

This is your chance to be a star. On March 14, at 4 p.m., The Center for Performing Arts will present [100 Years of Broadway](#).

And two talented members of the GSU community will be on stage with the stars of Broadway showing that GSU has talent. Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome to try out and win a spot in the spotlight.

Auditions will take place February 18, beginning at 2 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. Each contestant must sing two minutes of a Broadway song. They must bring their own music and/or a piano player. Callbacks are on February 25. Fans are welcome to attend to root for their favorite contestant.

The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars. Everyone who tries out will get a BIG discount on tickets to the show and the winners will get two free tickets each.

Applications for the audition are due no later than February 11, to The Center for Performing Arts box office. For more information, contact [Patricia Guy](#) at ext. 7489.

## **Quint Studer at GSU**

Quint Studer, CEO & Founder of the Studer Groups will speak on Tuesday, February 2, at 5 p.m., at The Center for Performing Arts. This special presentation is free and open to the public.

Studer is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and leader in developing standardized leadership practices that ensure that success last longer than individual leaders.

This event is sponsored by MetroSouth Medical Center, Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Ingalls Hospital, Riverside Medical Center, St. James Hospital, and the College of Health and Human Services.

After the presentation Health Administration alumni are invited to remain for the annual alumni meeting.

For more information, contact Dr. Rupert Evans at 708.235.2131.

## **Blood Wanted**

The GSU Master's in Occupational Therapy student organization and Heartland Blood Centers are co-hosting a blood drive on February 4, from 3 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Students, staff, faculty, and community members are encouraged to donate blood.

No appointment is required. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors are reminded to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good health. Sixteen year olds may donate with parental consent. A photo ID is required.

## **GSU Woman's Volleyball Team**

All female athletes are encouraged to join GSU's new competitive volleyball team. The team will meet every Thursday, beginning tonight, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Gymnasium. For additional information, contact Dean Jennings at ext. 4945.

## **Educators Career Fair**

Calling all teachers and teaching assistants. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for educators. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the school system are invited to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private institutions and representing all grade levels.

The Education Career Fair is on Thursday, February 18, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Attendance is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (708) 235-3974.

## **Buzzing Bees No Bother for Blobaum**

Winter weather seemingly brings nature to a standstill. Paul Blobaum knows, however, that there is a beehive of activity outside his dining room window. Literally.

In the winter, Blobaum says, the tens of thousands of honeybees in his two hives mostly stay inside. But they are still involved in a very important enterprise.

“They cluster around the queen,” he says. “They lock their legs together and vibrate their wings at a specific frequency. That generates heat and keeps the hive warm.” The bees eat stored-away pollen and dip into the honey that surrounds them in the hive.

Blobaum, an Associate Professor of Library Science and former GSU Faculty Senate President, has been keeping honeybees at his Park Forest home for 10 years. Beekeeping is something of a family tradition; when his grandfather retired in the 1970s, he set up hives on the family’s central Illinois farm, and his father and uncle now keep bees.

Honeybees are very social animals, he says, with a highly organized way of doing things both inside and outside the hive. In the summer, they fly as far as eight miles away in search of nectar and pollen. Their honey-making activities require discipline, physical strength, and uncommon industry.



Blobaum enjoys his hobby and knowing his hives function so well. Last year the hives produced 200 pounds of honey – the most in all his years of keeping bees. That, he says, is a sign of healthy beehives. Blobaum harvests raw honey each fall, sending most of it to his father and uncle for further processing.

As the winter days get longer, Blobaum’s honeybees show more interest in the world outside the hive. They start venturing outside as the sun climbs higher in the sky. In February, the queen starts laying eggs to replenish the supply of worker bees. The bees bide their time, waiting for warmer weather, and the first activity from pollen-producing plants.

Then, he says, “They are ready to begin making honey again.”

## **Black History Month Celebrations Begin**

GSU is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with activities, entertainment, discussions, and music. The events are free and open to the public.

Hear the sounds and feel the rhythm with “Drumming Through History.” The group of traditional drummers will perform on Thursday, February 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

A discussion on “Hair – Myths, Realities, and Stereotypes” will take place on Tuesday, February 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The GSU Expressions Lounge will be open on Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Entertainment will be provided by activist poet Righteous Knowledge and vocalist Al Mack, as well as “open mic” performances. To reserve a spot on stage, contact [Crystal Richards](mailto:c-richards@govst.edu) at [c-richards@govst.edu](mailto:c-richards@govst.edu).

More events are scheduled. Watch the View and monitors for more information. These events are sponsored by the

Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

## **'O Sole Mio**



It's time again to send flowers to your sweetheart. And everyone else at GSU. The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its Annual Valentine's Day Carnation Sale.

A single carnation may be purchased for \$1.25. But buying in bulk saves you money. Six flowers are available for \$6 (a \$1.50 savings), and 12 are available for \$12 (a \$3 savings). Carnations will be delivered on February 11, in time for the Valentine's weekend.

The deadline to order is February 5. Place your order today with [Sandi Kawanna](#) at ext. 4011.

## **Calling All Business Grad Students**

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, February 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration, management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Breakfast will also be served.

For more information and to RSVP, call 708.534.4391 or e-mail [bpa-info@govst.edu](mailto:bpa-info@govst.edu).

## **Arts Midwest and GSU Help Seniors Enjoy the Show**

Thanks to a \$3,500 grant awarded by the Arts Midwest Performing Arts Fund, more than 35 senior citizens enjoyed the performance of the opera *Die Fledermaus* on Sunday, January 17, in The Center for Performing Arts. The seniors were residents of The Park in Olympia Fields and the Jesse Jackson Senior Building in Harvey.

Prior to the performance, they joined others at a pre-performance workshop facilitated by Philip Seward of the Lyric Opera Company. Mr. Seward discussed the plot, music, and intricacies of the opera to enhance the enjoyment of the performance.

The Arts Midwest Performing Arts Fund supports the inter-state touring of professional performing artists specializing in the fine arts of dance, theater, music, youth and family entertainment, and other meaningful performing art forms appropriate for communities throughout Arts Midwest's nine-state region. These engagements include public performances and in-depth educational activities reaching audiences that lack access to the performing arts.

## **Can We Talk?**

Relationship problems often stem from communication difficulties. The Academic Resource Center is hosting a free, one-hour workshop on *Communication and Relationships* on Thursday, February 11, from noon to 1 p.m. in room B1241.

The conversation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.



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