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GSU REFLECTS ON POINTS OF INTEREST

- Class of 1982 Celebrates their 25th Anniversary
- Twelve Alumni Scheduled for Induction in the Alumni Hall of Fame
- Dates to Remember
- **NEW!** Alumni Relations will feature accomplishments of Alumni Chapters over the past 40 years. Chapter submissions needed by month-end.

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The CLASS OF 1982 Celebrates Silver Anniversary

During the graduation ceremony of 1982, over 200 GSU students marched across the stage to receive their degrees from Dr. Joseph Johnson, President of GSU. Do you remember all your classmates? Do you remember all the fun you had back then? Join us at Homecoming to renew old acquaintances and discover what's new at GSU. Don't Miss YOUR 25th Anniversary!



Coronation of Miss Grambling of 1982 (Above); 1982 Cheerleaders (bottom) with celebrity.

Do you recognize individuals from the class of 1982?



DON'T FORGET !

25th ANNIVERSARY 6:30 PM **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007**
Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet & 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Class of 1982
LOCATION: GSU Intramural Center

7:30 AM **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007**
25th Anniversary Breakfast
LOCATION: Washington-Johnson Complex, Room 100

Alumni Chapters Celebrate **40** YEARS of Service and Support to GSU

For Years, alumni chapters nationwide descended upon GSU every August before School Opening to pick up trash, adopt dormitories and paint different floors of dormitory halls. They also greeted incoming freshmen and their parents, showed them how much they cared about GSU

and expressed appreciation for their sons or daughters choosing GSU as their home for the next four years.

With Tiger Village Housing opening Fall 2007, alumni were able to focus their efforts on other GSU needs. The University is forever



grateful to all alumni who make GSU their #1 priority !

2007 GALLERY
OF
DISTINCTION



"Rick" Gallot
Class of 1987



Emerson
Walls
Class of 1980



Wilbert Ellis
Class of 1968



Otto Myers, III
Class of 1981



Virgil Robinson,
Class of 1971



Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Class of 1974



Dr. Richard Rayford,
Class of 1982



Ronald Childs
Class of 1982



Dr. David Jefferson
Class of 1971



Lenton Malry
Class of 1952



Dr. Mildred Gallot
Class of 1959



David Wright
Class of 1957

2007 Alumni Hall of Fame News

On October 26, 2007 at 7:00 in the evening, **Christopher Moore**, host of WQED of Pittsburgh, PA and GSU graduate will be Master of Ceremonies for the *2007 Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet*. Last year, Chris Moore was elated when he received word that he would be inducted into the 2006 Alumni Hall of Fame *Gallery of Distinction*.

Chris Moore serves as Producer/Host of WQED Multimedia for the past 26 years

which allows him to delve deeply into a wide range of topics, using his skilled, easy-going, well-versed style. He is an Emmy Award Winner for *Wylie Avenue Days*, Allegheny County Jail, *It Takes A Whole Village...*, and in 2006, *Healthier Prescription*. Moore has been nominated for Emmy awards for his documentaries *The House*, *HIP HOP Pittsburgh*, and *Torchbearers*. He is CEO of *Chris Moore and Associates*, where he works



on a variety of national and regional radio shows and teleconferences.

Chris Moore is Keynote speaker for the Alumni Luncheon, Friday, October 26, 2007 at Noon in the Grambling Black & Gold Room. Information about ticket purchases is available in the Alumni Relations Office (318) 274-6265.

2004 Alumni Nationwide Rally to Support GSU

Reflecting on the past three years, President Judson recalls a telephone call he received from Alicia Williams (President of the MD/DC/VA Alumni Chapter of GUNAA) and Autry Lexis of the Atlanta, GA Alumni Chapter stating their desire to raise \$100,000 to start a new student scholarship fund at GSU. The scholarship fund would be named the

President's Achievement Fund. The goal for the fund was to enable the president of GSU to award \$1000 scholarships to any deserving, high caliber student he came across during his travels to recruit for GSU. Their efforts are to be applauded! While they did not achieve the \$100K within their time-frame, they raised the awareness and conscience



levels of alumni about the need to "give back" financially to support our beloved Alma Mater.

Virginia & Florida Alumni Discuss Chapter Establishment



President Judson shares a meal and University update with GSU Alumni in Hampton, VA (Above) and Orlando, Florida (Right). He met with Miami, FL Alumni.



Mr. Zimbalist Chalk of Hollywood, FL and Lisa Eady of Sunrise, FL invited President and Mrs. Judson to **Miami, FL** to meet and greet GSU alumni living in Southern Florida. At that time, several had not realized President Horace Judson is a native Floridian. Forty alums attended the reunion and made plans to meet more often. Richard and Charlie Richardson decided to co-host their first official meeting August 2006.

Alumni & Chapters Establish Endowments



Shreveport Alumni Chapter Establish \$100,000 Endowment



Rev. & Mrs. Jones with President Judson (Shreveport 2006)



2004 (below) and 2006 (above) Endowment Donors and Honorees pose with President Judson.

Individual Alums and Alumni Chapters nationwide support GSU monetarily.



Mrs. Eleanor Lowery (Los Angeles Chapter) plans a gift of \$100,000 for GSU. Friends send donations.



During his 2006 vacation in Florida, President Judson visited Alumni in Orlando and Miami. While having lunch at a Disney World restaurant, President Judson learned it was GSU Summer Interns who serenaded Deja singing the birthday song in honor of her 9th birthday.

Endowments, Special Recognition, R&R



Dallas Alumni Chapter establish Endowed Professorship in 2005 (above); Windy City Alumni Chapter presents plaque to President Judson (right).



Deja encourages a little R & R for Granddad Judson; so they enjoy a ride together on DUMBO while vacationing at Disney World in 2006.



GBGF Board Set Strategic Direction to Involve Alumni

Be a University partner and leader with colleges and academic departments in mobilizing the alumni nationwide, key national and local business leaders as supporters, volunteers, and the University community to help strengthen the University's fiscal foundation.

Strategic goal (for alumni)
 ♦ Foundation Board Members will

expand their reach to accomplished alumni nationwide in an effort to strengthen alumni support and involvement in life of the university.

♦ As University partners, board members will lead by example.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

♦ Embrace special events and public relations efforts to recognize and honor supporters.

♦ Establish community partner-

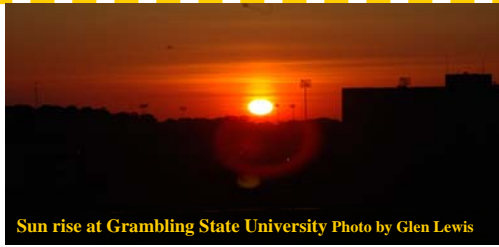
ships at all levels with government, businesses, nonprofit organizations and major donors focusing on the University's core values and mission.

♦ Strengthen our financial stability and donor base through collaborative fund-raising efforts and by building local fund-raising capacity.

For Full document, see web link:
http://www.gbgefoundation.org/docs/GBGF_Strategies_2007.pdf



Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, President of GBGF Board of Directors



Sun rise at Grambling State University Photo by Glen Lewis

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**Reclaiming Our Legacy and
Claiming Our Place**

Mission

The Alumni Relations Office assists Grambling State University (GSU) in promoting good relations with alumni, students, parents, friends and supporters of GSU, while strengthening the ties of loyalty and devotion to GSU in furthering the interest of the University.



Contact Us

For information about recent and upcoming events for Alumni, contact Mrs. Glenda Jones, Ms. Debra Johnson or Mr. Ralph Wilson in the Office of Alumni Relations, Grambling State University

[www.gram.edu/
alumni/news.asp](http://www.gram.edu/alumni/news.asp)

2007 Dates & Celebrations To Remember

Saturday, October 13, 2007 8:00 a.m.

**Meet, Greet Alumni and Dine with GSU
President Dr. Horace Judson**

*Hilton Little Rock Metro Center, University Suite, 925
South University Ave., Little Rock*

October 26, 2007 - GSU Homecoming

Alumni Luncheon—NOON

Black & Gold Room—Favrot Student Union

Alumni Hall of Fame—6:30 p.m.

*~Class of 1982 Celebrate 25th Anniversary~
The Assembly Center - Donation \$75 pp*

November 9, 2007— 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

“An Evening to Remember with GSU”

*Monroe Civic Center, Monroe, LA
Donation: \$20 per person*

November 24, 2007—6:00 p.m.

**“Reclaiming Our Legacy and Claiming
Our Place”: Campaign Kick-Off Gala**

*JW Marriott, Ile De France Ballroom, New Orleans
Donation: \$150 ~ Attire: Formal*

**Congratulations
Grambling
ALUMNI CHAPTERS
Upon Your 40th
Anniversary**



**In recognition of 40 years of Service and
Support to Grambling State University,
President Judson will recognize the
Chapter with the highest attendance at
the Alumni Hall of Fame and the
Campaign Kick-Off Gala.**