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"Where everybody is somebody."



MLK, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Awards Luncheon

When Frank Kelly, Jr. was a child, he loved to draw, but his family did not have enough money to buy him art supplies.

"My mom would be in the grocery store in Safeway, and she would sometimes say, Frank, I want to buy you that, art materials, but we can't. We need to buy food," he said.

Kelley, who was one of 10 award winners at the fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Awards Luncheon on February 5, thanked Grambling State University for giving him the opportunity to pursue his passion for art.

"Without Grambling, I wouldn't be standing here, and I mean that literally because I went to a small school where there wasn't any art available, but there were people who believed in me, who gave me an opportunity to study," he said. ([read more](#))



Financial Aid Department Receives Customer Service Award



Members of the Grambling State University Financial Aid Office received the Outstanding Customer Service Award for the month of January by Interim President Dr. Cynthia Warrick. Financial Aid Director Gavin Hamms said his department was honored to receive the award. "We are glad to be commended for our customer service, because we are definitely trying to do better. We also feel compelled and inspired to do even better in the future. We value our students, and we want our students to know we value them," Hamms said.



Upcoming 2014-15 SWAC Men and Women Basketball Home Games



Texas Southern University
02.14.15
3:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M.



Prairie View A&M University
02.16.15
5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.



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President's Corner

Mardi Gras translated from French means "Fat Tuesday". It became a legal holiday in Louisiana in 1875. Its roots came from festivals in ancient Rome that were adopted by Christians as a celebration before Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday), a period of fasting for 40 days. Traditionally, Christians make sacrifices and "give up" something during Lent. Usually, I give up chocolate (that's really hard for me) and eat only fish or vegetables on Fridays. This year I'm asking all Gramblinites to "Give up a Meal for Grambling" during Lent.

GSU needs your donations because the public dollars from the State of Louisiana are getting smaller. Most of us eat out at least once per week; lunch, dinner, even breakfast. Any amount you pay for any meal will be greatly appreciated. You can give by mailing a check to the President's Office payable to Grambling State University; or on our website at www.gram.edu and click the donate button under Connect to GSU.

Your contribution helps us raise funds from other donors; knowing that our Alumni and Friends give to Grambling; even though they pay state and federal taxes. Please join me to "Give Up a Meal for Grambling" today!

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Showcasing Gramblinites who shine.



GSU ALUMNUS DONATES SECOND AFRICAN ART COLLECTION

Most people would consider a one-time donation of a rare African art collection to their alma mater to be more than generous. For Grambling State University alumni Ira Wayne McConnell, this is his second time around.

Ira Wayne, who is a managing partner for the Houston-based accounting and consulting firm McConnell & Jones, and his wife, Judy, first donated a collection of 19 pieces valued at \$318,000 in 2008. The collection is currently on display in A.C. Lewis Memorial Library.



The second collection has been valued at \$238,000. It is not yet known where the art will be displayed, since members of the Art Department have just begun to explore the additional 19 donated pieces. "The first thing is we will unpack it and check it and document. We will take photos of every piece. Then we are planning a show for next fall," said Donna McGee, an associate professor of visual arts who is responsible for reviewing the donated art collection. ([read more](#))

Former GSU Player to be Inducted into the Black Football Hall of Fame



A former GSU football player, the late Ernest "Ernie" Ladd, will be posthumously inducted into the 2015 Black College Football Hall of Fame.

Ernest "Ernie" Ladd, also nicknamed "The Big Cat", began his career attending Grambling State University on a basketball scholarship, before playing football for the school under legendary coach Eddie G. Robinson. Ladd was a standout player for Grambling, and he was eventually drafted to the American Football League's San Diego Chargers in 1961. ([read more](#))

GSU Graduate Student Earns National Recognition For Teaching

A Grambling State University graduate student and teacher intern was nominated for a National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC) scholarship award by the staff of the Alternative Teacher Certification Project at Grambling for his dedication to the field of education. The scholarship recognizes interns' successful classroom teaching and contributions to the field in their early years as educators.

Van A. Phillips, Jr. received an honorable mention in the NAAC scholarship award program. As the recipient of an honorable mention, Phillips will receive a complimentary registration to the NAAC annual conference from March 18-21 in Chicago. In addition, the Alternative Teacher Certification Project at GSU will sponsor his travel to the conference, where he will be recognized during the awards luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on March 20 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

College Of Business Hosts Seminar with Computer Science Corporation

A Computer Science Corporation (CSC) representative spoke with Grambling State University College of Business majors about employment opportunities and a successful job search on February 10 in the Jacob T. Stewart Building.

CSC University Liaison Geoff Lucas informed students about CSC, as well as what the company was looking for in prospective students seeking internships and full-time employment. ([read more](#))



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