

Update

The Brenau University Newsletter for Faculty and Staff

Ghosts, goblins help make fall a festive time

As the weather cools and the leaves turn to brilliant hues of gold and red, there are numerous events to “chill” and entertain you. Take advantage of one of the following activities coming up.

Ghost Walk baaaack Oct. 27-28



The Brenau Ghost Walk, featuring local ghostly legends expertly told by experienced storytellers, will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct 27-28.

The event, now in its third year, is a fundraiser to support the programs offered by the Northeast Georgia History Center. The walk begins and ends at the History center and lasts about 1½ hours. Be sure to wear

comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. Tours leave every 20 minutes, starting at 6 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for Center members and \$10 for nonmembers.

A large crowd is expected, so reserve your spot today by calling Lauri at 770.297.5900. Groups are limited to 20-25 persons each. Not suggested for children under school age or for persons with limited mobility.

Costume contest helps you get in ‘spirit’

The Staff Development Committee is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31.

The prize for best costume will be awarded at 4 p.m. in the Thurmond McRae Lecture Hall. All faculty and staff may participate

Even if you don’t enter the contest, all employees may wear a Halloween costume that day (just please be sure your costume is appropriate for a university setting).



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Tri your hand at this team competition Oct. 30

If you have ever had an inclination to attempt a triathlon but were not sure you could handle three events in a row, or if you just want to have some fun with your coworkers, the Brenau Athletic Department has just the event for you – a three-person triathlon to be held on Oct. 30.

Teams of three will compete in a 2000-meter row (on a rowing machine), quarter-mile swim (16 lengths of the Brenau pool) and a two-mile



run. One member of the team competes in each event, and the team with the lowest overall time wins.

Put your team together now. Each participant receives a free T-shirt, and there will be a free cookout following the event.



Entry deadline is Oct. 20. Get your entry form at the fitness center or the athletic department office. For more information, contact Athletic Director Gordon Leslie at ext. 6230 or gleslie@brenau.edu.



Director of Online College named associate VP

President Ed Schrader recently announced the promotion of Heather Gibbons to associate vice president for Online Studies.

Gibbons is now in her seventh year as leader of Brenau University’s online education efforts. She was hired as the full-time director in fall 2000. In the years since her hire, the Online College was formalized by the Board of Trustees, and the unit is now a pedagogically and financially necessary part of the institution.

From the beginning, Brenau’s online efforts were designed to maintain the quality education that the institution offers on-ground. Brenau chose to grow the online program slowly with a quality product, not pursuing massive enrollment like some for-profit institutions.

Online studies are an inevitable and positive growth area in Brenau’s future. The unit has reported to the Office of the



Heather Gibbons

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CDC hosting annual Halloween parade

The Child Development Center is planning its annual Halloween Parade. If you would like for the children stop by your office or building, please call Ms. Thompson at ext. 6106 and let her know. They will parade around campus on Halloween beginning at 3 p.m. There will be about 65 children participating.



Join Big Fall Festival Bash Oct. 29

The Office of Student Development is hosting a "Big Community Fall Festival Bash" 3-10 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 featuring a carnival, trick or treating, costume party and haunted house, and a guest appearance and music by Star 94 FM's "Nudge" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The event kicks off in front of the Owens Student Center at the corner of Washington and Prior streets. Trick or treating, sponsored by the Resident Life Department, takes place 3-5 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m., the carnival – sponsored by the Student

Activity Board and student organizations – features "inflatable fun," games, face painting, relays, and raffle prizes. It continues until 8 p.m.

A costume block party kicks into gear from 8-10 p.m. and the haunted house, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, runs 8-11 p.m. A \$1 donation is requested for admission.



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President for some time, and Gibbons will now represent the college at meetings of the President's Cabinet.

Gibbons earned her Ph.D. in educational leadership, with minors in business administration and educational technology, and an Ed.S. in educational leadership from the University of Alabama. She also holds masters and bachelors degrees in management from Troy State University and Auburn University, respectively.

Oct. 24 program intended to foster discussion of world's major religions

Atlanta actress/playwright Suehyla El-Attar will present "The Perfect Prayer: An Inter-religious Dialogue," at Brenau University's Thurmond-McRae Lecture Hall on Oct. 24 starting at 7:30 p.m.

The excerpted reading, which also includes Robin Hale, Ann Wilson and Sean Keene, will be followed by a question-and-answer session with believers of some of the world's major religions.

"Our objective (with this event) is to promote cultural sensitivity and discuss the commonalities among different faiths," said Dovile Budryte, associate professor of international studies at Brenau. "Tolerance is impossible without understanding."

The presentation is based on El-Attar's first play, "The Perfect Prayer," an account of a young Islamic woman's struggle to balance the teachings of her religion against the temptations of the modern world.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution theater critic Wendell Brock describes the play, which debuted at Atlanta's Horizon Theatre this summer, as "a wise and affecting cross-cultural dance with universal appeal" that "does more to dispel ignorance about Islam than any piece of theater in recent memory."

El-Attar, who Brock calls "a marvelous young playwright with a humane and wisely comic touch," acknowledges that the play is derived largely from her own life experience as an American-born daughter of Egyptian Muslim immigrants raised in Mississippi.

"The main character, Hadia, isn't me, but I'd have to say that we have a lot in common," the 30-year-old Mississippi State graduate told Creative Loafing in a May 17, 2006 interview.

"The Perfect Prayer: An Inter-religious Dialogue" is co-sponsored by Sigma Iota Rho, Brenau's International Studies Honor Society, and Students for a Progressive Society at Gainesville State University. It is the second in Brenau University's "Tolerance" series, films and discussions that focus on international and local issues related to tolerance.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Budryte at 770-538-4652 or e-mail her at dbudryte@brenau.edu.

What is an iPod/Podcast and why do I need one?

It's nearly impossible to walk more than 20 feet on campus and not see somebody listening to music on an iPod, easily the most popular MP3 player in the world.

But this ubiquitous device is capable of much more than mere entertainment. The iPod also is a flexible and powerful access device for educational content.

The Online College will hold a beginners introduction to iPods and podcasts – audio or visual content that is automatically delivered over a network – on

- Wednesday, Oct. 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

All sessions are being held in the Center for Teaching Excellence. RSVP to Rosanne Short at ext 3125.



Technology training available

Faculty and staff technology training is available the first Wednesday of every month for e-mail, security, CampusWeb, AccuTerm, CAMPUS system access, and MVQuery orientation.

If you have not been or need a refresher, feel free to attend any or all sessions. Please bring something to write with and jot down some questions related to the training that you would like to know more about. All sessions are held in Redwine 108 (Library). For more information, contact AICS.

9:30-10 a.m. — Basic IT Orientation (email, security, CampusWEB)

10-10:30 a.m. — CAMPUS System Orientation (AccuTerm, CAMPUS system access)

10:30-11:30 a.m. — MVQuery Orientation

Musical asks, did they really live 'happily ever after'?

"Into The Woods," Gainesville Theatre Alliance's upcoming musical (Nov. 7-18), takes several of the best-known Grimm fairy tales (Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, among others), blends them into one, and asks what might have happened after the traditional ending of "They lived happily ever after" – or did they?

Equity actress Jessica Phillips, who played Marguerite in Broadway's "The Scarlet Pimpernel" is cast as the Witch.

"Into The Woods" will be performed at Brenau University's Hosch Theatre (429 Academy Street, Gainesville). Tickets are available online at www.gainesvilletheatrealliance.org and range from \$18-\$22 adults, \$16-\$20 seniors, and \$14-\$16 students/children.

For the "Into The Woods" Preview Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., all seats are \$8 general admission. Further information and tickets are also available by calling 770.718.3624.

Sunday, Nov. 18, offers an audio-described performance for vision-impaired audiences at 2:30 p.m.; 20 complimentary tickets have been set aside. Call to reserve a seat, an audio-unit and order a large-print or Braille program. Hearing assistance units are also available upon request.

On Oct. 24, Hammond and his creative team will take audiences on a backstage tour. Theatre Wings volunteers will serve light refreshments. The stage tour is free and the public is welcome. It begins at 6 p.m. in Brenau's Hosch Theatre. The evening's rehearsal, beginning at about 7:30 p.m., is also open to the general public.



Jessica Phillips

Repertory Company offers free performances of 'Alice,' 'Oedipus'

Gainesville Theatre Alliance's Repertory Company is kick-starting its touring season with free performances of "Alice in Wonderland" and "Oedipus Rex," on Sunday, Oct. 22. (2:30 p.m. – "Alice in Wonderland"; 7 p.m. – Oedipus Rex). Each runs approximately 50 minutes.

The Repertory Company is a longstanding tradition within GTA, and is comprised of five of the program's strongest performers program. The company tours to schools, libraries, retirement villages and other organizations within a 50-mile radius around Gainesville.

Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" is adapted for the stage by Gay Hammond, artistic director of WonderQuest: GTA for Young Audiences. It is directed by Ann Demling, Director of Theatre at Brenau University, whose joint theatre program with Gainesville State College comprises the Gainesville Theatre Alliance.

Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex," a new adaptation by Gay Hammond, is directed by GTA Artistic Director Jim Hammond.

Performances will be held in Gainesville State College's Ed Cabell Theatre, 3820 Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood. Seating is limited. Call the box office at 770.718.3624 to reserve a seat.



Swimmers don't win, but still come away from opener satisfied

The Lady Tigers swimming team did not come away with a win in its meet against Agnes Scott, but Coach Jim Young and his squad were satisfied overall with their performance in the first swim meet of the season.

This brand new team confessed to some nervousness before hitting the pool for the opening medley relay, which was narrowly won by Agnes Scott. Khayriyyah El-Amin came away with victory in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 28.03 seconds and also the 100-meter butterfly in 1 minute, 11.56 seconds. Katie



Carpenter took the 200- meter backstroke in 2 minutes, 51.56 seconds and the 200- meter IM in 2 minutes, 39.25 seconds, followed by Clarice Brown.



Tiffany Edmondson maneuvers the ball in Golden Tigers' 2-0 win over Reinhardt College Oct. 12.

Soccer regular season finale Oct. 21 crucial

The Brenau soccer team plays its last regular season match at Allen Creek Soccer Complex in conjunction with other Family Weekend activities scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21.

A win over conference rival Emmanuel College is crucial as it will help decide Brenau's final standing in the Southern States Athletic Conference and its seeding in the conference tournament, which begins next week. The Golden Tigers' current record is 8-6-1 overall, 4-5-0 in conference play.

As part of the finale, the team will also honor its lone senior and current co-captain, Rachel Arms. Arms has made significant contributions to the Golden Tigers soccer program over the course of her career – twice being named to SSAC All-Conference teams in addition to other accolades. She currently has three goals and one assist on the season. Rachel received her undergraduate degree earlier this year and is currently pursuing a master's degree.

"The soccer team welcomes and appreciates the support of the Brenau University and Gainesville community for this match," said Coach Mike Lochstamper. Game time is 1 p.m.

Brenau student make points in Mock Mediation tourney

Brenau University students Maria Fernandez, Kimberly Pirkle and Shayla Lord-Travis received three of the six Outstanding Mediator awards and Fernandez was the highest ranked mediator in the the fourth annual Brenau University Invitational Mock Mediation Tournament held Oct. 6-7.

Following at training in mediation advocacy skills from Tyler Smith, a Gainesville attorney and member of the Brenau University Advisory Board, the students from Furman University, Middle Tennessee State University, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Drake University and Brenau University participated in

a three-round tournament.

The rounds were judged by mediators from the Ninth Judicial District Alternative Dispute Resolution office in Gainesville, members of the bar association who do mediation, as well as Brenau University faculty and staff who have had mediation training.

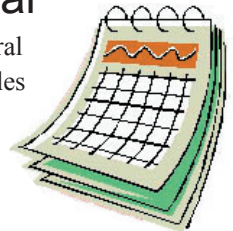
Teams from Furman University finished in first and fourth, teams from MTSU finished second and tied for fifth, the team from Drake University finished third and a Brenau University team also tied for fifth. Individually, It was the fourth year that a Brenau University team has hosted the invitational tournament, one of the three regional invitational tournaments that lead to the National Intercollegiate Mock Mediation Tournament to be held in Des Moines, Iowa Nov. 3-4.

Reminders about use of university vans

- Reservations are made only with Susan Hammon at Brenau Academy – ext. 3130 or 6140 or email shammond@brenau.edu.
- The vans are located near the tennis courts and the keys are located at the Academy front office – 620 Academy Street (next to Tea Room).
- If you are using a van on Saturday or Sunday, please pick up the keys on Friday.
- Please return the van where you picked it up and return the key promptly to the Academy office.

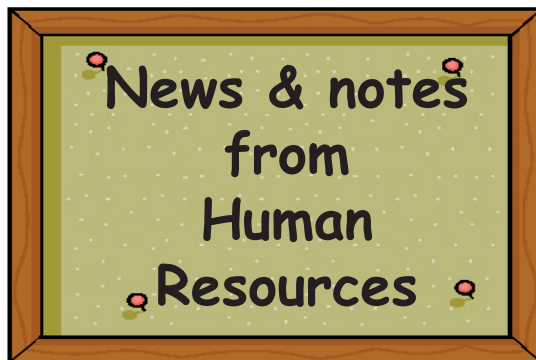
Looking for more to do? Check out Brenau's on-line calendar

Information about academic events, cultural and entertainment activities, athletic schedules and much more can be found on Brenau's on-line master calendar. Go to www.brenau.edu and click on "Calendars" link at left, then select "Master Calendar."



Happy birthday wishes go out to...

Robert Christian	10/22
Cheryl Crumley	10/22
Louise Fadina	0/22
Martha Hemphi	0/23
David Barnett	0/24
Heather Casey	0/24
Carolyn Gibersc	0/25
Donna Gibson	0/26
Stacey White	0/27
Linda Kern	0/29
Tamara Lee	0/30
Gordon Leslie	0/31
Shirley Richie	10/31



Notice of Privacy practices available

Brenau University's group health plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) maintains a Notice of Privacy practices that provides information to individuals whose protected health information (PHI) will be used or maintained by the plan. If you would like a copy of the plan's Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact Kelley Maddox at kmaddox@brenau.edu or 6270.

Important info regarding tuition waiver

The budget for Faculty and Staff tuition waiver has been exhausted for this year. If you (or a dependent, or spouse) are currently enrolled in classes, you will still be allowed to register for next semester. However, if you are not currently enrolled, you will not be able to register until after July 1, 2007.

Current Job Openings at Brenau

- Part-Time Postal Worker
 - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
 - Assistant Professor of Microbiology/Biology
- For more information, please see the Human Resources job posting site at <http://www.brenau.edu/hr/jobs.cfm>.

Send us your news!

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