Fifth annual “Just Do It” breast cancer awareness rally this month

Rebecca Jones
Editor

To ensure that students and members of the community are in the pink in terms of breast health and consciousness, GC will host the fifth annual “Just Do It” breast cancer awareness rally October 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the Bridge. This campus- and community-wide, fundraise- ing event donates 100 percent of its proceeds to Woman Rock, an organization that provides monetary and emotional assistance to local men and women afflicted by cancer.

Student clubs and organ- ization are encouraged to form fundraising teams to reach this year’s $7,000 donation goal. The top money- raising team will win a lun- cheon with Vice President of Student Services Regina Organ and Just Do It spon- sors and organizers. Spon- sors like Landmark Bank are even offering to match funds raised by a participat- ing team.

The entire campus is asked to participate in this event.

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Phi Theta Kappa hosts valuable awareness week

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Student

Have you heard about Phi Theta Kappa? Well I’m sure you have after Phi Theta Kappa held its Awareness Week from September 14 – September 18. Monday we kicked things off with our CollegeFish day. Our members came up to the campus Sunday afternoon and chalked the sidewalks with all things CollegeFish. At our booth we were able to help several students set up their profiles to assist with their transfer process.

We loved having so many students on campus participa- te in our event, increasing the number of GC students who are connected to Col- legelife. This website is your “match.com” for col- leges and scholarships if you are looking to transfer. To create a profile of your own visit Collegelife.org today!

Tuesday we continued the week with our Scholarship Lunch and Learn. We had a record breaking number of attendees at this event. Eliz- abeth Taylor, the Division II International Vice Presi- dent, and Professor Mary Linder spoke at our event. We were able to share tips with students about how to request letters of recom- mendation, how to identify the best recommenders, the importance of a scholarly re- sume and tips for answering application essay questions. Hopefully we will see lots of GC scholarship winners this semester. If you would like to find out about all the scholarships available to Phi Theta Kappa members, as well as non-members, stop by our meetings to get the scoop.

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Kim Weber
Administrative Assistant to the Dean (S. Campus)

Grayson’s South Cam- pus was the ideal location for our student service event on Wednesday, September 30 with the open doors to the Viking Gate. Everyone was encour- aged to come and work as a team jersey and get into the spirit of things with the “Great Western Din- er” game. There was no test over 150 students par- ticipating, and everyone was the lone winner of the spirit award for face paint was Lacy Nix. Everyone was awarded one of the coveted South Campus T-shirts.

The t-shirts are part of the fall theme “Be Somebody’s Hero” that is coming for everyone who venously works for South Campus. Too. Each month film club were able to host an event at the most of the pocket Constitu- tions we distributed to all at- tendees. Awareness week this year was fun from beginning to end. Lots of prizes were given to all who participated in this event. We hope everyone enjoyed the event. As officers our efforts created, learned a few new facts about our chapter, which was still the domi- nant land animals at the time. The Austin Chalk, first described from the Austin Formation in central Texas, can be found on the surface in a band from south to north across Texas. It is also com- monly found in the subsurface by oil wells in southeastern Texas and Louisiana. The white limestone can be seen in outcrop mostly south of Denison through Sherman, extending east and west in the southern half of Grayson (Texas and Louisiana). The Austin Chalk rests on an older marine formation often called the East Texas Chalk, and at the contact between these two formations, some interesting fossils can be quite numerous. These in- clude the fossilized remains of marine shelly forms such as gastropods (snails and administers. Win- ders received a Follett gift card, which can be used at GC Perks. We would like to thank Great Western Din- ers, GC Perks, and all the attendees.

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The 2015 Ford Fusion also provides significant fuel savings for the Grayson College police department. "The Fusion could prove to be very efficient for police use," said Blankenship. "It can get at least 33 miles per gallon, which is quite good."

In comparison, the Ford Crown Victoria, a year-old police vehicle, produced by a cost of around $1,360.34—a savings of $2,853.98 in 2015. But, I posit that the Fusion could prove to be worth on both campuses in a variety of uses as the police SUVs already do so.

Operating a new Ford Fusion in connection with the use of a hybrid SUV or SUVs would be more appropriate for the police force. But, it is a great example of a vehicle that could be used as a hybrid police department vehicle. The Ford Fusion would be a great choice for Grayson College's police department.
Call for giant Dia de los Muertos puppets

Steve O. Black
Professor of Fine Arts

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Georgia Theatre hosts KCACTF Texas October 14-17

Both original plays are entered in the playwriting competition for KCACTF. The winners will also be considered for participation in the National Playwriting Competition. Five winners will be selected and invited to participate in the regional competition.

Productions will be performed in the Black Box Theatre at Grayson College. Special thanks are due to the students who have put in so much time and effort making this a success. The cast and crew have worked hard to put on these productions and make this event a success. The GC Theatre Department is grateful for the support of all who have attended the festival and the media coverage that has gone hand in hand with this event.

Theatre Festival (KCACTF) competition, which is sponsored by the GC Theatre Department.

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Second semester freshmen may not know, but returning students certainly did. The new schedule changed their class schedule over the summer break. Previously, classes met on Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Monday/ Tuesday/Thursday. Now, they are all 75 minutes and run on Monday/Wednesday/Thursday (with a few Friday classes and labs) in an attempt to expand the week. We at The Viking wondered: now that these changes have been made, how do freshmen feel about it?

One of the many changes is the option for students to take out an hour of the day to exercise. Nutritionist John Green explains, "She had lost her hair to the chemotherapy, but she discovered the many benefits of exercising in and out of the gym. "Most..."

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John Earwood/Dual-Credit Student

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Students Taylor Crelia, Hannah Husted and Taylor Smith work on the Gunter High School Robotics website.

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