News and Events

Emergency Responders Visit GSU

The GSU Emergency Response Team hosted more than 30 representatives of area police and fire departments last week. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize first responders with the emergency response plans and facilities of the university in case their departments were asked to assist with a situation on campus or if area communities ever needed to use GSU facilities and resources. A tour of the campus was also conducted and plans for more in depth analysis were made.

The meeting was part of the university’s ongoing commitment to maintaining safely on campus. The GSU Emergency Response Team was very pleased with the participation of so many area police and fire departments.

President Maimon Receives Honorary Degree

On Saturday, May 17, President Maimon addressed the graduates of Prairie State University at their commencement ceremony. The graduates represented the college’s 50th Anniversary class.

In her address, Dr. Maimon discussed the importance of education beyond completion of an associate’s degree. She encouraged the graduates to be passionate about their life and work and to support the success of their friends and colleagues.

Dr. Maimon was awarded an honorary degree at the ceremony, acknowledging her accomplishments at GSU as well as during her entire career in education. The degree is only the 17th of its kind given by the community college.

The degree citation read: “Dr. Maimon, in recognition of your many contributions to the field of education; your dedication to helping students, especially first-generation, college-bound students, empower themselves through education; and your commitment to making university education accessible to all; we present you today, with an Honorary Degree.”

Closed Doors and Parking Lots

The GSU swimming pool infrastructure and shower rooms are currently under renovation and a crane is required to lift mechanical equipment to the roof over the pool at A wing. On Tuesday, May 20, a crane will be stationed in the parking lot adjacent to Human Resources Offices. The parking lot will be closed from 6 a.m. through early afternoon. The doors at A and B wings will also be closed to general traffic, and will be accessible for emergency exit only. The nearby entry doors at C wing and A North (on the north side of the building) may be used in the interim.
Facilities Development and Management regrets any inconvenience. For more information, call x 4515.

**Town Hall Meeting for A & P Staff**

Dr. Maimon is hosting a town hall meeting with A & P staff on May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The exchange of ideas and questions is an important tool in understanding and addressing issues important to the university community.

R.S.V.P. by May 16 to Penny Perdue at extension 4130.

**Two for Tuesday on Tuesday**

Geoffrey Bates, curator and director of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, will discuss two of its most popular sculptures, Edvins Strautmanis’ “Phoenix” and Mark diSuvero’s “Yes! for Lady Day,” on May 20, at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m., in room D-1497.

**Student Research Conference Wednesday**

The 14th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 21, in Sherman Hall. This daylong event exhibits the many accomplishments of GSU students from a wide variety of subject areas and specialties. Dr. Theodore L. Steck, M.D., founder and chair of the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Chicago and a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the U. of C., is the keynote speaker.

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the conference, enjoy lunch, and learn about the research projects of GSU students.

**Friends of the Library Meeting Rescheduled**

The Friends of the Library meeting originally scheduled for May 21 has been rescheduled for June 4, at noon, on the library balcony.

**GSU-SUAA Presents**

Pam Woodward, Certified Financial Planner, Vice President, and Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley will present information on retirement and savings plans on May 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The GSU State University Annuitants Association sponsors the program. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. to Lynne Hostetter at 708.534.8043.

**Splish, Splash – Pool Artwork Deadline Extended**

GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center (RFC) is seeking a talented artist to create a permanent mural alongside the university’s newly renovated pool. The RFC has extended the artwork submission deadline to Friday, May 30.

Draft submissions should be completed in colored pencil and should have a beach and/or nautical
theme (e.g. volleyball, sandcastles, sailboats, swimmers). Entrants must be at least 18 years of age.

The winning artist, chosen by the RFC Artwork Committee, will be asked to complete the mural on a canvas of five concurrent Plexiglas panels, each measuring 60 inches by 15 inches. The winner will also receive a one year membership to the fitness center (or the equivalent cash value).

For more information, contact Victor Griffin in the RFC at 708.534.4556.

**Employee Service Recognized**

Since 1977 it has been the tradition at GSU to recognize employee service anniversaries at five-year increments, from five through 35 years. On May 15, approximately 60 GSU employees were recognized at a breakfast program. They were honored and congratulated by Dr. Elaine Maimon, board member Kristi DeLaurentiis, Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, Dr. Jane Hudak, and Dave Drechsel from Human Resources.

**Benefits Fair Benefits Benos**

Gallagher Benefit Services and Prudential Life Insurance held a raffle during the benefits fair on May 13. Helen Benos of the University Library won an IPod Shuffle.

**Annual Inventory Approaching**

The GSU annual equipment inventory will begin in the next couple weeks. To prepare, departments are encouraged to remove any surplus equipment this week so that unit inventory lists can be updated. Contact Barb Lane at x7426 to request replacement inventory tags, make arrangements to remove surplus equipment, or to discuss other needs related to the property control.