News and Events

The Greening of GSU
GSU Facilities Department has taken another important step toward maintaining its dedication to environmental responsibility.

When it rains or snows, water runoff from impervious surfaces such as asphalt parking lots drains into underground sewers which lead to campus retention ponds. Overflow from the ponds discharges into one of Illinois’s most important waterways, Thorn Creek.

As good stewards of the land, GSU is pleased to announce that through the Deferred Maintenance Initiative, reconstruction of some parking lots will include the use of an environmentally responsible system of permeable pavers.

The permeable paver system consists of interlocking concrete pavers with gravel filled joints set over a gravel sub-base. Instead of discharging water directly into our storm sewers, the runoff polluted by dirt, oils, metals, and debris is filtered and cleansed as it flows through the paver joints and sub-base. This system not only increases the runoff water quality, but also reduces its rate of flow thereby diminishing erosion of the waterways.

Re-construction of our first lot, parking lot B, will begin after mid-August. The contractor is currently developing his schedule and will notify us of a firm date when the lot will be closed for this new work.

Study Hard
GSU’s Library with extend its hours this coming week to best serve students studying for finals. Extended hours will be as follows:

Friday, August 8
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, August 9
8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Please keep in mind that quiet study time will be available on both days (with no reference service) between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m.

For more information, visit the Library’s website.

Entrepreneurial Investment
Working closely with over 450 new entrepreneurs and in-business clients this year, The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs at GSU has played a vital role in the continuing economic development of the region.
Through owner’s investment, CenterPoint 504, (our SBA Certified Development Co.) and other forms of financing arranged by The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs, clients have invested more than $3,500,000 in 2008 in their businesses. Area business that are clients of The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs have reported this year creating and retaining over 825 jobs in the GSU region.

Many clients formed new businesses this year, ranging from a small tailor shop in Oak Lawn to a Chicago inventor developing products to improve mobility of the elderly.

A variety of entrepreneurial training seminars held at GSU this year brought more than 200 area residents to GSU, including veterans and veterans’ families attending the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp. CenterPoint business analysts also worked with 25 of GSU’s Physical Therapy students through cross-curriculum entrepreneurship training, introducing them to entrepreneurial opportunities related to starting a private PT practice.

For more information on The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs, call 708.534.4929 or visit the CenterPoint website.

**No August SUAA**

Just a quick reminder that the GSU chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association will not meet during the month of August. Contact Kathy Miller with questions. See you on a September morning (still can make me feel that way).

**Facilities Update**

*(A regular feature of the GSU View to update the University community on the status of ongoing facilities projects)*

- Hantack House remodeling to serve as the Grants Office for the College of Health and Human Services completed.
- Swimming pool infrastructure reconstruction completion by August 31
- Classroom furniture & equipment upgrade completion by September 2
- New carpeting for the E & F wing classrooms, corridors, and offices completion by September 2
- Fitness re-carpeting and replacement of workout equipment completion by September 2
- Air quality monitoring undertaken by an independent and licensed environmental services firm, random air sampling campus-wide. Project started in September, 2007 and is ongoing; lab results so far have all come back negative (i.e. clean) except samples taken from the Photo Lab on the second floor of the E-wing. Remediation work by a licensed contractor was completed last weekend and lab studies of post-remediation air samples from the entire wing have come back negative.
- Deferred Maintenance Initiative Projects:
  - Concrete repair and cladding completion by September 15
  - Rehabilitation and upgrade of air handlers, water softeners system, Motor Control Center, electrical distribution system, lightning protection, and interior lighting controls are ongoing with varying completion dates
- Building C elevator reconstruction and upgrades completion by September 15
- Elevator reconstruction and upgrades Buildings A, B, E, F, CPA, and FOC varying completion dates
- Parking Lot B reconstruction with permeable pavers. Work scheduled to start by mid-August for completion by mid-November
- Cafeteria/Coffee Bar expansion project to provide additional food and coffee service area. Work scheduled to start the third week in August for completion by September 2.
**Online Voter Registration**
The GSU Votes Committee reminds the GSU community that we are as strong as our vote, and you can’t vote unless you register first. Registration is quick and easy in Illinois. Visit [www.elections.il.gov/](http://www.elections.il.gov/) for information and registration forms. To be eligible to vote in the November presidential election, you must be registered by October 8.

**Here’s Your Weekly Dose of Trivia**
Take your dose of trivia with a spoonful of sugar and get ready for the GSU Votes Trivia Contest.

**Presidential Terms**
William Henry Harrison, the ninth President of the United States, died of pneumonia one month to the day after making, in the falling snow, blowing wind, and chilling temperatures, the longest U.S. presidential inauguration speech on record in 1841. His vice president was Martin Van Buren.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the thirty-second president, was the only one to serve more than two terms. He was re-elected three times, serving from 1933 to 1945. He died during his fourth term. His vice president was Harry S. Truman.