News and Events

Campus Evacuation Drill

GSU’s Emergency Response Team will conduct a campus-wide evacuation drill on Thursday, August 21, at 10 a.m. The evacuation will only affect the main campus and does not include the Print Shop, Hantack House, Family Development Center, Conference Center, Environmental Field Station, or OTS building.

All faculty, staff, students and university guests present in wings A through G are required to participate in the evacuation. No one will be allowed to remain in the building(s).

The drill will involve activation of emergency notification systems around the university, including the fire alarms, telephone announcement system, and public address system. Use of all elevators will be strictly prohibited during the drill.

Individuals with disabilities will be given two evacuation options. The first option involves voluntarily exiting the building 10-15 minutes prior to the formal evacuation, thereby providing use of the elevators. The second option involves full participation in the formal evacuation. Disabled individuals needing special assistance, who wish to participate in the full drill must contact Robin Sweeney, Director of Disability Services, by 5 p.m., on Tuesday, August 19, at ext. 3968.

Assisting in the evacuation will be the newly activated Emergency Volunteer Corps. Members of the team will wear bright orange vests. They will assist in the evacuation, directing individuals to designated assembly areas away from doors and entry ways. Please follow all directions given by members of the Volunteer Corps, as they have received specific evacuation training.

The Department of Public Safety will provide an “all clear” signal when it is safe to return to the building. The campus evacuation drill will allow the Emergency Response Team to evaluate and improve upon the university’s evacuation procedures. Additional evacuations and drills will be scheduled throughout the academic year to help the university prepare to respond to a variety of emergency situations.

Parking and Walkway Fee Increases

Beginning with the Fall 2008 trimester, employees will notice a deduction of $3.75 per pay period under the “Parking Fee” item on check stubs. Students will see a $30 “Walkway & Parking Fee” on each trimester’s invoice.

The Board of Trustees approved the fee increase in February. All parking lots, roadways, walkways, and paths on university property require significant renovation and year round maintenance. The first phase of the parking lot improvement initiative begins this month with the reconstruction of Parking Lot B using permeable pavers.
CSS Annual Cookout
While the cafeteria is closed, the GSU community can still savor a delicious lunch courtesy of the Civil Service Senate. The CSS will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, and chicken breast sandwiches, on August 25 through August 28, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and to cook, serve, take money, and clean up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers need not be Civil Service Senators. To volunteer, contact Renee Rainey at ext. 7525.

Emergency Volunteers Answer the Call
As the university’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) continues to focus on campus safety and security issues, it has assembled a corps of volunteers to assist in emergency response scenarios. The group comprises faculty and staff members from departments throughout the university.

The volunteer corps completed their first training session on Wednesday, August 13, in preparation for the university-wide evacuation drill on Thursday, August 21, at 10 a.m. Each individual was issued a basic response kit, including an orange vest, which will help the rest of the GSU community identify them in the event of an emergency.

It is the ERT’s goal to have at least two volunteers in each physical area as determined by the team. All faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the volunteer corps. There is a particular need for volunteers in the E and F wings.

For more information on GSU’s Emergency Response Team or to sign up for the Volunteer Corps, contact Sherilyn Poole at ext. 7594.

Civil Service Scholarships
The Civil Service Scholarship/Education Assistance Fund Award provides two scholarship/education assistance awards to qualified GSU Civil Service employees with at least two years of service, their spouses, and dependent children. Each $500 helps to defray the costs of tuition, books, and other educational expenses.

For more information or an application, contact Diane Jones, ext 7470.

Reading Tutoring at GSU
The GSU graduate program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through twelve, which brings students experiencing reading problems together with certified, experienced teachers.

Students meet on campus with teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. from September 16 through December 2. Faculty of the Graduate Reading Program supervise Literacy Zone sessions.

Enrollment is limited. There is a $100 registration fee. However, $30 is refunded to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Hession at 708.534.4129.