News and Events

Holiday Closing and Power Outage

The university will be closed for the holiday break from 5 p.m. on December 23 through January 1. During this time, ongoing maintenance and upgrading of electrical, water, and IT systems will be performed. Access to campus will be limited.

Personnel needing access to campus for any reason must sign in at the Department of Public Safety, C-1375, and should not expect heat, electricity, or water during the holiday closure.

Faculty and staff are asked to clean-out refrigerators by Friday, December 19 so that there is time to empty trashcans. As a precaution, on campus computers should be also powered down.

With the exception of a yet unscheduled IT maintenance period, the power outage will not affect off campus access to online GSU computer systems including WebCT, Blackboard, GSU email, student iMail, the library's online catalog and databases, and the GSU website.

For additional information, contact the Department of Public Safety at ext. 4900.

FOC Entry Closure

Due to the severe cold weather and the recent freezing rain, the Faculty Office Center’s south steel stairway and ramp (adjacent to D lot) and north steel entry ramp are temporarily closed until further notice. The concrete stairs on the north/back side of the building will remain open.

By the Light of the Silvery Moon

On Saturday, January 10, by the light of the full moon, visitors will be able to tour many of the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates will lead the tour, providing insight on the works and the artists who created them. The fee for the Full Moon Nighttime Tour is $5 and advanced registration is required.

The tour begins at Art Ark by Terry Karpowicz, in the Hall of Governors at 6:30 p.m. Participants will also visit the giant Paul by Tony Tasset, the mysterious Flying Saucer by Jene Highstein, and many other favorite works in the park. The tour ends at 8 p.m., at Bruce Nauman’s House Divided, with a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

Adventurers should bring a flashlight, dress warmly, and wear comfortable, waterproof shoes since some of the paths are uneven.

For more information or to register for the Full Moon Nighttime Tour, email the park or call ext. 4486.
Secretary of State Unit on Campus

The Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on January 6, from 2 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State I.D. card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards.

For information, visit the Cyberdrive website.

Holiday Blowout

Imagine seeing the whole family greeting the New Year in GSU sweatshirts. Follett Bookstore has the apparel students, faculty, and staff need to make this holiday season very special for everyone on your list.

While supplies last, selected apparel is discounted by 25 percent – or more. This offer is valid in-store and online on select items only and may not be combined with any other offer.

For more information, call ext 4558, or just drop by and shop.

Welcome Days at GSU

Welcome Days at GSU provides new and returning students faculty, and staff access to important services and information. Information tables will be set up in the Hall of Governors on January 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Representatives of the American Cancer Society will also be on campus providing information and enlisting volunteers. Information about university facilities and programs, including the Recreation and Fitness Center, will also be available.

For more information, call ext. 4550.