Summer Construction

The first of three phases of summer construction work began today, June 1, and include reconfiguration and construction of the D-Main entry walkway, the adjacent circular round-about road, and the connecting roads on the east and west sides of the bell tower carillon.

These roads will be closed until approximately mid-August. D-Main entry will also be closed with anticipated completion of the walkways by mid-July. Alternate entries to the building and traffic flow directions will be designated with signage. Subsequent phases of work will be announced throughout the summer.

Also beginning today, Pace Bus pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the F-wing entry. The GSU Shuttle pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the north end “B” Parking Lot.

Additional summer construction projects roadway lighting, landscaping, site amenities, and a new parking lot for the Family Development Center. For more information, call ext. 4515.

Be A Star!

Auditions for the GSU produced summer musical, Into the Woods, will be today and Tuesday, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call ext 2244.

Distinguished Lecture - Michael Beschloss

Presidential historian and best-selling author Michael Beschloss will provide insight and information as part of the CAS Distinguished Lecture Series on Friday, June 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.
Beschloss is the author of eight books including *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America* and *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman, and the Destruction of Hitler’s Germany, 1941-1945*. NBC recently appointed him NBC News’ Presidential Historian, the first such position at any major network.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 708.534.4497. Books by Michael Beschloss are also for sale in the GSU bookstore, which will remain open during and after the lecture.

On June 6, Beschloss will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the university at the graduation ceremony. Commencement will be held at 11 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center in Tinley Park.

**Culture of Panama**

Learn about Panamanian culture, community, and art in a presentation by Professor Edgardo de Leon Madaiaga on Thursday, June 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

This event is sponsored by the Latino Center for Excellence and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Monica Teixeira at ext. 7609.

**University Honors Nominations**

Faculty are asked to nominate at least two undergraduate students for the University Honors program. The University Honors program provides additional opportunity for students to learn and network. For more information, contact Dr. Larry Levinson.

**Camping in the Sculpture Park**

This summer, children and their parents will have the opportunity to sleep under the stars and under one of the monumental sculptures of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

The overnight camping experience begins on Saturday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m. when campers meet to pitch their tents and concludes after breakfast on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. Campers will enjoy pizza, stories around the campfire, tours of the park, swimming in the GSU pool, and breakfast overlooking the lake.

Participants need to supply their own tent, sleeping bags, and flashlights. All children must
between eight and fifteen years old and accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. All participants must sign a waiver of liability.

The registration deadline is June 15. The fee is $45 per person. Registration and pre-payment is required. For more information, email or call ext. 4486.

**Veterans Entrepreneurs at GSU**

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, CBPA Dean, recently welcomed more than 60 military veterans to GSU’s CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs third Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp.

Participants, representing all branches of the military and their family members, learned from CenterPoint advisors and experienced entrepreneurs about the dos and don’ts of developing a business concept into a successful venture.

More than 175 veterans or family members have attended entrepreneurial boot camps at GSU. Many attendees continue to access the advising and educational services provided by CenterPoint.

**V-Team Wants You**

The 2009 Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center in Tinley Park.

To help make the event a success, GSU staff, faculty, and students are asked to join the GSU’s Volunteer Team (GSU V-Team). Volunteers are needed to answer questions, provide directions, assist with robing faculty and students, and assist with guest seating. Volunteers help ensure the overall success of commencement and assume an important role in facilitating this most memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466.