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News and Events

Power Down and Power Out (05-27-10)

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Facilities at ext. 4515 or Information Technology (IT) at ext. 4357.

Pierre Hits the Links

It seems that Pierre the Penguin joined GSU Golf League members for their weekly outing at Golf Vista. He dazzled the competition, shooting a blazing score of 29 to par the course, according to Hollie Campbell of SAAS who submitted this photo. Rumor has it he was also seen at the infamous 10th Hole, joining fellow golfers for a tall, cool one.

To learn how you, too, can take Pierre on a special outing, tour, or vacation this summer and submit a picture, visit the GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website.

Convocation Date Change

At the request of the Faculty Senate, the date for the Fall 2010 Convocation has been moved forward to Wednesday, September 15. An ice cream social is planned for 2:30 p.m., with the Convocation program
beginning at 3 p.m. Dr. Elaine P. Maimon will present the State of the University, and the Baysore Award winner will be announced.

Students Present at Conference

The 16th annual GSU Student Research Conference was held on May 26. Twenty-two podium presentations and six poster presentations of student research projects were made.

Students representing all four colleges presented the results of their work and answered audience questions. Topics ranged from labor and media relations to the synthesis and analytical evaluation of folate conjugates as diagnostic tools, and from barcode-based information management systems to exploring the correlation between video game plan, depression, and substance abuse.

Dr. Stephen Hill of Northwestern University was the keynote speaker. He gave a brief tutorial on Ethnomusicology and taught the audience Mganda, a dance originating in Tanzania.

Dr. Shelly Kumar of the College of Arts and Sciences coordinated the successful event. He had the additional pleasure of watching his children, Sushane and Himani, participate in the conference as presenters. The 16 and 13 year olds presented Space-Dimension Accommodation Concept, which provided a visual explanation of molecular geometries predicted by valence-shell electron pair repulsion.

Peter Schjeldahl on Art

Peter Schjeldahl, chief art critic for The New Yorker, will visit GSU to receive an honorary degree at Spring Commencement and present a guest lecture on art.

Schjeldahl will speak on Friday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. His understanding of modern art comes from years as an art critic. Using his keen insight and clear eloquence, he will invite the audience into the world of art.

In addition to The New Yorker, Schjeldahl has contributed to ArtNews, The New York Times, The Village Voice, and 7 Days.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, June 12, Schjeldahl will be the honorary degree recipient at Governors State University’s 2010 Spring Commencement.
Calling All Commencement Volunteers

All commencement volunteers and employees working to help make Commencement a great success are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the Mezzanine Level.

If you have not volunteered already, there is still time. Contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466.

The 2010 Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Go Blackhawks!

GSU celebrates the Blackhawks on Friday. Show your support for the Western Conference Champions by wearing something black, white, and red on May 28. Let’s turn the campus into Blackhawk country!

And on Wednesday, June 2, at 6 p.m., come to the Student Commons for the third game of the playoffs. Get ready for a win with a pre-game rally followed by the game on the large screen TV at 7 p.m. Join the fun and excitement of – almost – actually being there. There will be food and prizes and lots of cheers for the Chicago Blackhawks.

The festivities are sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness Center. For additional information call ext. 7662.

Regalia Deadline Nears

Faculty and staff participants in Spring 2010 Commencement activities need to notify the planning committee that they will be taking part in either the June 12 graduation or the historic, first-ever doctoral hooding ceremony on June 10.

Participants who need seats or regalia for either event must contact Colleen Rock, ext 7384, by noon on Wednesday, June 2. Persons taking part in the Commencement ceremonies as a marshal or a faculty/staff participant are entitled to one guest ticket to Saturday’s graduation. Please let Colleen know if you want a guest ticket. She will send out an email with more ticket information within the next week.

To alleviate parking concerns on graduation day at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Convention Center, the planning committee has arranged for satellite parking at Central Junior High School, 18146 Oak Park Avenue. Shuttle buses will be available to take persons to and from the convention center. This “park and fly” option is a good alternative to the sometimes crowded parking conditions at the graduation site.

Summer Sol-a-bration
Celebrate the beginning of summer on June 19 at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park with Summer Sol-a-bration 2010. The sculpture park will have something for summertime fans of all ages from 2 to 5 p.m.

Admission and parking are free and a number of exciting events are planned including:

- Performances by the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, the Prairie State College Jazz Band, and the South Suburban Dulcimer and Folk Music Society
- Kite-flying, with kite kits provided
- Snow Cone Sculptures out of shaved ice
- Drawing materials for young people will be available
- Photographers can enter their pictures of NMSP sculptures in a contest
- Sculpturing opportunities for kids
- Croquet
- A body rolling derby on one of the sculpture park hills
- Bob Emser, an internationally recognized artist, will assemble a temporary sculpture

Food will be available for purchase at the GSU cafeteria, which will be open during Sol-a-bration. Water and soft drinks will be also be sold in the sculpture park. Golf carts will be on hand for persons who have trouble getting around the sculpture park.

For information about Sol-a-bration events, including times for the musical performances, visit the NMSP website.

**Summer Sunday Closings**

The Recreation & Fitness Center will be closed on Sundays throughout the summer. Normal hours of operation will resume September 5.

**Burkinshaw and CenterPoint Honored**

CenterPoint at GSU this week was honored at the Illinois Entrepreneurship and Small Business Growth Association's annual meeting in Decatur. CenterPoint’s Global Entrepreneurship Week celebration, held at GSU last November, received the 2010 Roger Luman Program Excellence Award for “outstanding, innovative, and best practices in the programs and services offered by member Illinois centers and the impact the program has had on the community, region, and state.”

Also honored was CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw for her service as past Chair of the association.

Global Entrepreneurship Week activities included the semi-annual Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, Doing Business Across Cultures, Meet the Entrepreneur, and a wide variety of other activities that engaged students, faculty, staff, and area small businesses in celebration of entrepreneurship.
CenterPoint Assistant Director Bob Rakstang accepted the award on behalf of the center's staff and acknowledged the “dedication of the CenterPoint staff, volunteer presenters, and sponsors for making the Global Entrepreneurship Week program successful well beyond our expectations.”

**Farm Produce on the Way (5-24-05)**

Fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables are coming to GSU. The university's first-ever outdoor farmers market opens for business June 3, on the south end of Parking Lot D. Hours of the farmers market are 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on Thursdays through September.

Jill Stanley, who is serving as market manager, said three vendors – for produce, organic health and beauty products, and honey – have already signed up for the farmers market. She said other vendors are likely to come on board so that market offerings will expand throughout the summer. She expects that it will eventually include flowers and plants, fresh-baked goods, and other items.

The farmers market is a project of GSU’s SPIRIT Committee, which is looking for ways to increase participation among GSU community members and the outside community. Other committee proposals include a community picnic, golf league and tournament, community orchestra, and movies on campus.

**Women’s Behavioral Health Seminar**

The Addiction Studies department is hosting a seminar on women's behavioral health on Tuesday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m., in the cafeteria annex. Dr. Raven James, Dr. Cheryl Mejta, Cindy Schroeder, and Gigi Schroeder will present on a variety of topics including eating disorders, self-injury, substance abuse, depression, and suicide. A question and answer period will follow the one-hour presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

**Pierre Chills in the Sun**

Sunday was hot, bright, and sunny. Pierre the Penguin was bored, bored, bored. With no place to go and nothing to do, he sat outside to catch some rays.

Pierre is interested in one thing – travel! And he is eager to accompany you on your vacation. Take Pierre on a trip – anywhere – and take a photo of him cavorting on holiday. Enter the Take Pierre on Vacation Contest sponsored by the GSU View.

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**One Degree of Separation**
Besides their creativity and skill, the artists participating in the exhibit *Common Ground, Diverse Approaches: Works on Paper* currently on display at the Tall Grass Arts Association have another thing in common. From the curators to the exhibitors, many of them are connected to the university as faculty, students, or graduates.

Co-curators of the show are Roger Paris and Thomas Latham. Exhibitors include Mary Bookwalter, Javier Chavira, Sergio Gomez, Tyler Hewitt, Jane Hudak, Erik LaGattula, Chelise Slowik, Jerry Slowik, Jeffrey Stevenson, and Jessica VanSwol.

The exhibit runs until June 27. Tall Grass Arts Association is located at 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest.

### Dean Martin Exits Stage Left

We are not sure if song and dance will be part of the farewell reception, but all crooners, hoofers, and friends of Eric Martin are asked to join the festivities as GSU says adieu to the Dean of CAS. The farewell reception for the Dean and former assistant provost will be held on Friday, June 4, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

Good memories, good times, and good refreshments will be shared as will celebrate Dean Martin's time on stage at GSU.

### Curtis Retirement Do

Join the entire campus community as we celebrate and thank our longtime colleague and friend David Curtis upon his retirement. It is time to dust off the stories and polish up the accolades as we honor Dr. Curtis.

The event will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by June 2 to Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

### Barns of Illinois

Photographic artist Larry Kanfer is known for striking images of Midwestern scenes. As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series, he will discuss his new book *Barns of Illinois* on Tuesday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A reception and book signing will follow at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

This presentation will include the images and stories behind the barns and families featured in the book. Presenting with Kanfer will be his wife and co-author Alaina Kanfer. Alaina Kanfer is a social scientist who contributed the text that accompanies the photographs in the book.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Professor Fran Kostarelos at ext. 6986.
GSU Board Chair Honored (05-20-10)

Lorine Skulark Samuels, Chair of the GSU Board of Trustees and President of Strategic Business Services, Inc., in Flossmoor, was inducted Monday as an honorary member of Delta Mu Delta, the international honor society in business administration.

In her address, Ms. Samuels told the business students that leadership in the workplace depends on successfully facing life's challenges and making the most of opportunities that come our way. She decided to pursue a degree in business administration in an era when few women made such choices. When she established her firm in 1985, female business ownership was definitely not the norm, Ms. Samuels said. Strategic Business Systems is a management and consulting firm that assists clients with systems analysis, personnel and financial review, policy and procedure development, and establishing for profit and not for profit entities.

"I am happy to say that I learned from all these experiences, and that they helped to shape me into who I am today,” she said. “My core values are integrity, high quality, excellence in service, and continuing education.”

Twenty-seven Governors State University business students were also inducted into Lambda Delta Chapter of the business honor society, formed last year at GSU. Dr. William C. Wilkinson, Professor of Marketing, was inducted into honorary membership of Delta Mu Delta. Dr. Wilkinson, who has taught marketing and management courses in GSU’s College of Business and Public Administration for the past 23 years, also addressed the business students.

Road Construction Delays

Two simultaneous IDOT road resurfacing projects will be occurring at the east and west sides of the GSU campus.

West of the campus, Illinois route 50 (Governors Highway) is undergoing 2.06 miles of milling, resurfacing, striping and other work.

East of campus, University Parkway (Crawford) will undergo patching operations between Steger-Monee Road and Stuenkel Road. On Thursday May 20, paving will begin. No construction will occur on University Parkway/Stuenkel Road north of campus.

For each operation, roads may be limited to one lane with flaggers controlling traffic. The roads will remain passable, but this work is expected to result in traffic delays. Paving operations are slated to continue for a period of at least 7 to 10 days. Please allow for extra time to reach your destination.

Student Speaker – Bryce Johnsen

At Spring Commencement, GSU will award
bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees to 500 graduates. When his name is called, Bryce Johnsen will be join his fellow graduates as they cross the stage and meet the future.

Johnsen has the additional honor of serving as the voice of the Class of 2010. As student commencement speaker, he will share his observations about what it means to earn a degree. Johnsen is earning his bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He has already enrolled in the Master of Arts in Communication and Training at GSU. He currently works in the Office of Admission.

Governors State University Spring Commencement will take place on Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois.

Pierre Takes a Vacation

Everyone loves Pierre the Penguin and has asked this popular unofficial GSU mascot to go on vacation with them. He is the perfect travelling companion. He doesn’t snore, steal the covers, or emit rude noises at inappropriate times. His compact size means he won’t take up much room and he certainly knows when to keep his mouth shut. Pierre is also very photogenic and loves to have his picture taken.

So take Pierre on vacation with you and enter the first ever Take Pierre on Vacation Contest sponsored by the GSU View. Send your best photo of him in a fun, unique, or exotic locale to the GSU View. All images become property of the university and will be shared via the university’s Facebook account and occasional features in the GSU View.

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Buen viaje, Pierre!

Two-Wheeled Touring

Enjoy a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park from your bicycle. Bike the pathways of the park and enjoy a guided tour of many of the 26 pieces of renowned artwork.
The bike tour is on Saturday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Riders will meet outside behind the Hall of Governors. There is no charge. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders must wear helmets. There will be some riding on public roads. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call ext. 4486 or visit the NMSP website.

#1 Table Tennis Coach

Fresh off the university’s Table Tennis Team’s amazing inaugural season, the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association has named GSU’s own TJ Wang as Coach/Manager of Year. Wang was both surprised and honored by the award. He modestly gave credit back to the team members. “I want to thank our student-athletes and commend on their excellent conduct during the competitions in the past year,” said Wang.

Congrats again to TJ and the entire team.

Commence the Volunteering

GSU staff, faculty, and students are needed to help make commencement a very special time for GSU graduates, their families, and friends.

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Volunteers are needed for setup, to answer questions, provide directions, to assist with robing faculty and students, and to assist with guest entry and seating. Volunteers play such an important role in making commencement a most memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Please consider assisting with this very important university event. Contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466 by Wednesday, June 2.

All commencement volunteers and employees working the event are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts on the Mezzanine Level.

Hit the Notes in L.A.

For Eddie Rodgers II, last weekend’s 2010 Superboy singing competition was the latest in a long string of worthwhile learning experiences. Rogers, a GSU math major, was pleased with his performance but failed to advance beyond the North American Superboy finals. Only four of the 70 singers who competed in Los Angeles last week were picked for the next round of the competition, sponsored by...
Rogers speaks limited Chinese but has gained a loyal following singing in that language at Chinese-American events throughout the Chicago area. The *Superboy* competition has been called China’s version of *American Idol*.

After last week’s competition in California, Rogers summed up the experience. “I’ve learned seven songs, four in the last two weeks, and an excerpt from a famous Chinese opera, so I’m truly proud of myself, even a little impressed. A lot of time, energy, and resources went into this event. Overall, it was fun.”

Rogers plans to learn more of the Chinese so he can better converse with all the friends he’s made. “I’ll also continue to learn and sing songs for fun.”

**Run and Celebrate for a Good Cause**

For another year and with great pride, the Department of Public Safety is hosting the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. The event includes a fun run and a celebration. It takes place on Wednesday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the university campus. All funds raised from the event go directly to special needs children in nearby communities to help defray the cost of attending summer camp.

All members of the GSU community, friends, children, and families are welcome to take part in the run and celebration. Joggers, walkers, cyclists, and spectators should meet at the east entrance (Crawford Avenue) of the campus at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the post-run festivities, located in and outside of the cafeteria annex.

Those who have purchased a 2010 Special Olympics t-shirt are encouraged to show their support by wearing it that day. Celebration attendees wearing t-shirts, hats, or pins will receive a free lunch, compliments of the Department of Public Safety. Attendees making a $5 donation, which entitles them to lunch and a Special Olympics pin. The lunch menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, juice, water, and snacks) and a Special Olympics pin.

The Department of Public Safety, with assistance from Student Life, is looking forward to a safe and enjoyable day. To participate in the run, to volunteer to help with post-run festivities, or to donate and enjoy the fun, contact Officer Crystal Richards at 708.534.4900, to register.

**Lights Out!**

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order to complete the project, a scheduled power outage will be required on the 1st and 2nd floor of A Wing and the 2nd floor only of B Wing from 11 p.m. Thursday, May 27 to 11 p.m. Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day weekend).

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**Hoop Dreams (05-17-10)**

Tryouts for a new competitive men's basketball program at GSU are taking place today, Tuesday, and Thursday, May 17, 18, and 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on May 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Recreation and Fitness Center gymnasium. Prior to trying out, interested persons should contact Donell Ausley.

**Two Cents Needed**

GSU needs your help! We’ve pioneered innovative campus programs and procedures like Why Not? and PBAC. Now it’s time to put on your thinking caps again because we need your two cents.

Thursday’s GSU View will contain exclusive details about an exciting new program to be unveiled next week.

**Fond Farewell**

Join the entire campus community as we celebrate and thank our longtime colleague and friend David Curtis upon his retirement. The open event will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by June 2 to Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

**Show to Help Haiti**

Supporting the rebuilding and empowerment of Haiti after the devastating earthquake is the goal of the All Nations for Haiti Fashion Show on May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

GSU students, representing many different nations, will take part in the fashion show. Styles representing various cultures from around the world as well as current fashions will be presented.
All the proceeds will go to The Joseph Assignment, which works closely with relief and development organizations in Haiti. The show is hosted by the Black Student Union and the Department of Social Work. Sponsors include J. and D. Fashion Design, Chicago; Just Human, Dr. Yemonja Smalls; Takara, Oak Park; ITIAH, Chicago; Tribal Ware by Vincent Fleming, Chicago; Geraldinehautecouture by Geraldine Howard; and Flashy 44's by Terrell Gholston.

Advance tickets are only $10. Tickets purchased at the door are $15. For ticket information, call ext. 3969.

**Event Scheduling Made Easy**

Let someone else’s fingertips do the walking. Making a room reservation for an upcoming event at GSU has gone high tech. GSU recently implemented an online events calendar and scheduling system. View the [GSU events calendar](http://www.govst.edu) on the web. The calendar provides the what, when, and where of campus events.

Only authorized event schedulers are able to schedule events using the new online system. Staff members were appointed by their unit heads to learn how to use the system and serve as authorized event schedulers. To find out who in your unit is able to schedule events, visit the [GSU Intranet](http://www.govst.edu) to review the list of event schedulers by unit.

**“Grant”-ing Wishes**

Applying for grants is a little like trying to solve a mystery, says Dr. Penny Havlicek. But, she adds, "the more you work on grants, the less mysterious they become."

Dr. Havlicek, the Director of Administration and Operations in the Center for Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations, is one of three principals in GSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR), which supports faculty and staff in the pursuit of external funding for research and sponsored programs. Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, Interim Vice-Provost of Research and Graduate Studies, and Writing Center Director Becky Nugent, who is co-chair of the Institutional Review Board, reviews grant applications. Donna Rolih also serves as a grants accountant for OSPR. “This is definitely a team effort,” she says.

OSPR offers assistance to any faculty or staff members seeking funding through grants. University policy states that anyone pursuing grants must follow specific steps. Filling out grant applications is a time-consuming process that involves “a lot of paperwork,” Dr. Havlicek says. Applications, especially for federal grants, require close attention to numerous rules. It’s advisable for applicants to personally contact project officers in the agency offering the grant. Many applicants work on grants right up to the filing deadline and the time for reviewing applications is often extremely short.

Dr. Havlicek says OSPR works with grant applicants to make the process go smoothly. “Our role is to help manage the information,” she says.

In the first four months of 2010, GSU received three federal grants
totaling more than $13 million. The College of Health and Human Services was awarded a $4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that will help provide training to unemployed, dislocated, or low-income workers so they can pursue healthcare careers. The Family Development Center was awarded a $1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish an Early Head Start program. The DOE also awarded a $7.1 million Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant to GSU for a teacher residency program that will be jointly administered by the College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Havlicek was the primary writer for the Department of Labor grant. She has worked on five other grants in the last six months. The Early Head Start and TQP grants were written without assistance from OSPR. Dr. Havlicek praised Carol Morrison, of the Family Development Center, and the leaders of the TQP writing team – Dr. Pam Guimond and Dr. Karen Peterson – for putting together exceptional grant packages.

**Penguins on Vacation (05-13-10)**

GSU's official unofficial mascot, Pierre the Penguin, wants to go on vacation – with YOU!

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Soaring to Greatness

The Annual GSU Fly In was a great success with paper airplanes soaring through the air in the Hall of Governors.

Winning this year's Longest Flying Distance - Individual were student Chris McMahel in first place with 77’5”, staff member Ann Manning-Nagel in second place with 59’, and staff member Jan Haan in third place with 58’. Winning the Longest Time Aloft contest, in first, second, and third places, was faculty member Dushan Cui whose planes stayed aloft for as long as 7.29 seconds.

The winner of the team competition was Team PR with a flight of 28’. Eric Matanyi, Lindsay Gladstone, and Tom Houlihan were able to record a flight of 86’, but it landed out of bounds. With the win, comes the right to proudly display the GSU Fly In trophy in their office. This is the fourth win for Team PR.

Start folding those planes to meet the challenge next year.

Are You In the Mood?

The Center for Performing Arts presents The Glenn Miller Orchestra as its season finale concert on Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m.

GSU buy one get one free tickets are available for the platinum section of the theatre. These tickets are regularly priced at $43, but will be offered for only $21.50. The offer begins on Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

After show dining at Screimenti’s restaurant in Steger is also still available for $25 per person, which includes a full course family style dinner.

Visit The Center box office or call 708.235.2222 to make reservations for show and dinner or to simply purchase show tickets.

Ride the Paths

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For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466 by Wednesday, June 2.

Rain Delays Grill Out

Today’s rain will render it impossible for FSI to grill outside. Have no fear – the weather is looking up for next week. Plan to nosh on grilled goodies next Tuesday, May 18 instead.

Char-grilled food will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. In order to take advantage of the new grilling station, patrons can purchase food tickets from the cafeteria cashier to be redeemed at the grill outdoors.

Brainy Art

The Intellectual Life Committee is sponsoring a national juried art competition, *A Whole New Mind 2010 BRAINSTORM*, from May 24 to June 24, in the Visual Arts Gallery.

Eighty-one artists from 22 states submitted 289 pieces of artwork to compete for $2,000 in prize money. The jurors selected 59 art works by 45 artists that best represented the theme of the show.

Susan Aurinko (artist, photographer, independent curator, and former owner of FLATFILEgalleries, Chicago) and Tricia Van Eck (Associate Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago) are serving as the competition’s jurors.

A reception and award ceremony will be held on Saturday June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the
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The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For an appointment contact the Gallery at ext. 4021.

**Soaring over GSU (05-10-10)**

It's time for soaring planes and hanging gliders. The Annual GSU Fly-In, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, will be held on May 12, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. For 25 cents, participants can enter their creations in two contests: longest distance flown and longest time in the air. For $1, teams (2 to 5 people) can enter their airplanes, in the team longest distance contest, to win the right to display the GSU Flyer for one year.

Individual plane construction is limited to one sheet or smaller of 20lb. weight paper. Scotch tape and one paperclip (supplied by the Civil Service Senate) are allowed. The team plane can be any size or type of paper with glue, tape, staples, and one paperclip allowed. All planes must have wings. See you in the air.

**Enjoy the Picnic by the Lake**

The GSU graduate celebration, Picnic by the Lake, is on Saturday, May 15, from 11 to 3 p.m. Faculty members are invited to join the celebration, interact with the Class of 2010, and enjoy lunch by the lake.

RSVP by May 13 to Sheree Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement and College Relations, at ext. 4552 or email saasnews@govst.edu.

**What’s Cookin’?**

The GSU cafeteria is preparing for summer in an entirely new way. On Thursday, May 13, FSI will be preparing barbequed food on the charcoal grill (weather permitting). Char-grilled food will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. In order to take advantage of the new grilling station, patrons can purchase food tickets from the cafeteria cashier to be redeemed at the grill outdoors.

**It’s Never Too Early...**

GSU employees can plan for retirement at any age. GSU’s HR department and the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) will present a retirement seminar on Wednesday, May 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The event is open to all GSU employees and will be held in classroom D34115.

Lee Bridges of SURS will also take individual appointments for employees within four years of retirement only. To set up an appointment, please contact SURS at 800.275.7877. Appointments will be held in the CenterPoint Conference room (C3300).
DSST Exams Have Arrived

The Academic Resource Center is now offering DSST (Dantes) proficiency exams. Just like CLEP exams, DSST exams can help students earn credits toward their degrees. Thirteen of the DSST exams will satisfy IAI General Education requirements. Students are encouraged to contact their academic advisor for approval of each exam.

For more information, contact Donna Rutledge at 708.235.3964.

Student to Compete in Chinese American Idol

This week, GSU math student Eddie Rogers II, is learning 3 new songs that he'll perform at a music competition May 15 and 16 in California.

Rogers, of Oak Forest, will travel to Los Angeles next week to compete in the North American finals of 2010 Superboy, a singing competition sponsored by China's Hunan TV network. The competition, a search for new male singing talent, is sometimes called the Chinese equivalent of American Idol, only in the world's most populous country.

Four of 70 North American contestants will travel to China this summer for the final rounds of 2010 Superboy.” Rogers qualified for the North American finals at a regional competition last month in Chicago’s Chinatown neighborhood.

Rogers has been singing Chinese songs around the Chicago area for 10 years. He appears a couple of times a year at Chinese-American benefits and other black-tie affairs. This year, he played a small part in a Chinese opera. Those appearances, he says, were strictly for fun. In addition to his studies at GSU, Rogers is a career counselor for disabled adults at Cornerstone Services in Joliet.

“But now it’s getting exciting,” he says. "This could open up some real possibilities for me. I hope to build some momentum, and sing my way to China.”

Dr. Shenseng Zhao, Professor of Computer Science at GSU, who last year taught Rogers discrete math, is a big fan. He says Rogers’ singing surprised him, and made him proud that he is a GSU student. Rogers sang a Chinese song in class at the end of his term with Dr. Zhao.

“Eddie is the first GSU American student who has the ability and talent to cross the barriers between east and west,” Dr. Zhao says.

Rogers started singing in Chinese in the late 1990s, while a student at North Central College. He took a class in Chinese and his teacher suggested that the students learn a song. Later, she recommended him for his first singing appearance before a Chinese-American association in the Western suburbs. As a singer, he’s won praise for his command of a language in which tones – similar to notes on a musical scale – need to be mastered.
Many Chinese speakers find it remarkable that an American is able to perform in their language, Rogers says. “I know that they like my command of the language,” he says. “When I perform next week, I also want to be recognized for my singing ability.”


**16th Annual Student Research Conference**

The 16th Annual GSU Student Research Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 14, 2010. Registration and Abstract forms are available on the [conference website](http://www.govst.edu/gsuview/Default.aspx?blogmonth=5&blogyear=2010&blogid=734). There is no registration fee.

The conference provides students with an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation formats. Faculty are asked to encourage students to present their research and other scholarly work in this conference.

Lunch is provided to all registrants. All abstracts are published in the conference proceedings. Certificates of Merit are awarded to all student participants.

**Retention and Diversity**

The Title V Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a free symposium for students, faculty, and staff from across the region on May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The symposium will address the issues and concerns facing Latino and other students from diverse backgrounds.

The goal of the higher education symposium is to increase awareness of the social, economic, and cultural barriers that negatively impact student success in higher education. Increased understanding will lead to more effective teaching and academic advising at both the community college and university levels.

The keynote speakers, Dr. Christina Gomez and Dr. Frank D. Sanchez, are experts in issues surrounding access to education and equitable and fair education practices.

In addition to the keynote speakers, GSU faculty members, trained in best practices for providing equitable educational opportunities within the classroom, will share their discoveries and observations in breakout sessions.

This event is sponsored by the Title V Cooperative Grant with Morton College, the Latino Center for Excellence, Student Affairs, and the GSU Faculty Development Committee.

For more information, contact Monica Teixeira at ext. 7609 or visit the [symposium website](http://www.govst.edu/gsuview/Default.aspx?blogmonth=5&blogyear=2010&blogid=734).

**Fashion Show for Haiti**
Supporting the rebuilding and empowerment of Haiti after the devastating earthquake is the goal of the All Nations for Haiti Fashion Show on May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

GSU students, representing many different nations, will take part in the fashion show. Styles representing various cultures from around the world as well as current fashions will be presented.

All the proceeds will go to The Joseph Assignment, which works closely with relief and development organizations in Haiti. The show is hosted by the Black Student Union and the Department of Social Work. Sponsors include J. and D. Fashion Design, Chicago; Just Human, Dr. Yemonja Smalls; Takara, Oak Park; ITIAH, Chicago; Tribal Ware by Vincent Fleming, Chicago; Geraldinehautecouture by Geraldine Howard; and Flashy 44’s by Terrell Gholston.

Advance tickets are only $10. Tickets purchased at the door are $15. For ticket information, call ext. 3969.

**New Internal E-Blast Procedure (05-06-10)**

Today’s technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts, are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university’s Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the Internal E-Blast Procedure.

Please note that all internal e-blast must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact the Office of Public Affairs at ext. 4044.

**Doors Closed**

The university will be closed to faculty, students, staff, and visitors from 11 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, to 6 a.m. on Friday, May 7. Contractors will core through the floor in B-wing and will x-ray the slab in order to locate reinforcement bars and other cables. To accomplish this work safely, all non-essential personnel must vacate the main building A through F wings. The Department of Public Safety will help ensure that the building has been evacuated prior to the commencement of the contractor’s work.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

**Up in the Air**

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Help Children Succeed

The GSU Black Student Union is sponsoring a backpack and school supplies drive to help students in area elementary schools prepare for a successful school year.

Individuals and/or departments are asked to fill a new backpack for a boy or girl with the following school supplies: 2 spiral note books, 4 folders, 4 report covers, 2 packs of loose leaf paper, glue, markers, pencils, pens, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, and highlighters.

BSU will include a note encouraging to students and distribute them to Coretta Scott King Magnet School in University Park, Lincoln Elementary in Chicago Heights, Medgar Evers in Ford Heights, Wilson Elementary School in Chicago Heights, and Beacon Hill in Chicago Heights.

Participants are asked to drop off backpacks with school supplies to room A2126, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, until August 6. For more information, contact Jestina Hughes at ext. 3969.

See the Light

The window washers are scheduled to begin their work at the Faculty Office Center today and Friday. In order to clean the inside windows there must be a cleared path to your window as well as a cleared windowsill.

Please accommodate the crew so they can work safely and efficiently. If there is not clear access to these areas, the window washers will not enter the office. The GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

If you have any questions, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

Bike the Park

Enjoy a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park from your bicycle. Bike the pathways of the park and enjoy a guided tour of many of the 26 pieces of renowned artwork!

The bike tour is on Saturday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Riders will meet outside, behind the Hall of Governors. There is no charge. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders must wear helmets. There will be some riding on public roads.

“This is the only way to see the sculpture park!” exclaimed one of our
bikers last year as the group pedaled throughout the park. Spend two hours and see the entire collection of work – north and south. Park Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates will lead this popular tour.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call ext. 4486 or visit the NMSP website.

**Got Envelopes?**

Be green and let Auxiliary Services redistribute your department’s extra inter-office mail envelopes. Simply leave the extra envelopes for the Mail & Distribution staff to pick up. If you have any questions or need inter-office envelopes, please contact Vickie Carra at ext. 7425.

**Gallery Showing**

The Visual Arts Gallery presents You Never Get a Second Chance, the thesis exhibition of graduate degree candidate Christopher Clark of Kankakee. The exhibit will be on display from May 3 to 17. A public reception will be held on Friday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. The events are free and open to the public.

You Never Get a Second Chance is a series of multi-layered, photographic screen prints in which the artist scrutinizes the minutia of small-town culture. By translating his photography into elaborate screen prints, Clark conveys the affection he feels for the commonplace sights and everyday people of modern Midwestern America.

A lifelong resident of the Midwest, Clark holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from GSU. As the founder of captivewerewolf.com and organizer of The Littlest Print Exchange, Clark is actively involved in developing collaborative, web-based, creative projects designed to bring together artists from around the world to cooperate in the achievement of common creative goals.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 to 4 p.m. For more information please visit the gallery website or call ext. 4021.

**What’s Cooking?**

The Civil Service Senate is seeking volunteers to donate baked goods or volunteer for the Civil Service Spring Bake Sale on May 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds support Civil Service programs and scholarships.

Please contact Renee Rainey at ext 7525.

**Picnic Reminder**

The GSU faculty is reminded that the GSU graduate celebration, Picnic by the Lake, is approaching fast. Join your students and their families as they celebrate their success and achievement.

To RSVP, faculty are asked to contact Sheree Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement and College Relations, at ext. 4552.
**Student Honors**

Faculty are encouraged to nominate at least two undergraduate students for the University Honors program.

In order to complete the University Honors Program students complete advanced work within their program for greater depth, take an interdisciplinary course for greater breadth, and complete a final project related to their major.

For more information, contact Dr. Larry Levinson.

**Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion (05-03-10)**

Twelve presidents from Chicago-area institutions of higher learning met at GSU on Friday to announce the formation of an alliance aimed at boosting community college and baccalaureate graduation rates. The Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion will engage in collaborative programs, efforts, and activities that facilitate and enhance student success toward matriculation and degree completion.

President Maimon and regional community college presidents agreed to hold their next meeting in June at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. They will work together to simplify the transfer process for bachelor’s degree completion by engaging in curricular articulation, dual admission, and the establishment of degree completion centers.

By establishing the alliance, Dr. Maimon said, the presidents were creating an access road for students. “Let’s build that road so students can travel wherever their success takes them,” she said.

Community college presidents taking part in Friday’s summit were: Dr. John Avendano, Kankakee Community College; Dr. Jose Aybar, Richard J. Daley College, Chicago; Ghingo W. Brooks, Malcolm X College, Chicago; Dr. Crawley; George Dammer, South Suburban College, South Holland; Clyde El-Amin, Olive-Harvey College, Chicago; Dr. Charles P. Guengerich, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago; Dr. Gena Proulx, Joliet Junior College; Dr. Eric Radtke, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights; Dr. Lynn M. Walker, Truman College, Chicago; and Dr. John R. Wozniak, Harold Washington College, Chicago.

**Facebook Fans Unite**

GSU’s presence on Facebook is growing with more interesting bits of information and comments from our growing legion of fans. The page features posts pertinent to students, employees, and community members alike. Keep an eye out for exclusive Facebook contests too.

Join the conversation at www.facebook.com/govstate.
**Senate Officers**

The new Student Senate was sworn in last week, and elected new officers. The new senate president is David Corcoran of CAS. Vice president is Lisa Wallace of COE. The new secretary is Betty Campbell from CAS, and the treasurer is Michael Coglianese of CAS.

Congratulations to the new Student Senate officers.

**Breathing Deeply**

The Recreation and Fitness Center is sponsoring a free Meditation Class, which is open to all students, employees, and community members. The workshop series, taught by GSU professor Dr. Maristela Zell, will be offered on May 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and June 1 and 3, from noon to 12:30 p.m., in room B2203. Attendees are asked to arrive on time as each session will begin promptly at noon.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

**Symposium Presentations**

Retention and Diversity, a free symposium sponsored by the Title V Latino Center for Excellence is open to students, faculty, and staff from across the region. The symposium will be held on May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The symposium will address the issues and concerns facing Latino and other students from diverse backgrounds.

Among the many presenters, are GSU faculty members who bring their expertise to the discussion of student retention and diversity.

- Carlos Cantu (LCE), Susan L. Gaffney (CBPA), and Elizabeth Ruiz (COE) will present *Latino Center for Excellence Student Survey*.
- Cynthia Carr and Prisca M. Collins (CHHS) will discuss *Left Behind, A Snapshot of the Marginalized Potential Workforce in PT and OT*.
- James R. “Chip” Coldren and Caron Jacobson (CAS) will present *Hispanics/Latinos and the Justice System*.
- Sandra Gandy (COE) will discuss *Academic Vocabulary*.
- Linda Huerta (CHHS) will discuss *Recruitment and Retention of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in the Field of Speech Language Pathology*.
- Rosemary Johnson, Rashidah Muhammad (CAS) and Kim Brian Lovejoy (Indiana University) will conduct a panel discussion on *Latino Retention and Diversity in the English Curriculum*.
- Larry Levinson (CAS) will present *Cross-Cultural Mentoring in Academic Development*.
- Maristela Zell (CHHS) will present *Achieving a College Education, The Psychological Experiences of Latina/o Community College Students*.
- Jason Zingsheim (CAS) will discuss *Performance Pedagogy and...*
*the Intersectional Workings of Whiteness.*

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**I Get Around**

Getting around GSU is about to get easier. The university is embarking on a new campus signage improvement project to help students, faculty, staff, and visitors navigate the campus. The project will help make the campus more welcoming to prospective students, help the university to reach its enrollment goals, and ensure that the campus signage is more user friendly and accessible to community members attending special events.

Before final designs are completed, the university is seeking the input of the entire campus community. Presentation boards illustrating interior and exterior signage concepts are currently on display in the Hall of Governors.

You can submit your comments by e-mail to signage@govst.edu or online at [www.govst.edu/signage](http://www.govst.edu/signage). The deadline to submit feedback is Friday, May 7.