News and Events

Power Down and Power Out

Contractors will upgrade electrical equipment serving A and B wings. In order to complete the project, a scheduled power outage will be required on the first and second floor of A Wing and the second floor only of B Wing during Memorial Day weekend. The outage is slated from 11 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to 11 p.m. Monday, May 31.

Employees in the affected areas are asked to power down their computers and equipment in prior to leaving campus tonight.

Please note, this power outage will affect the Recreation and Fitness Center and Student Affairs and Academic Services on the first and second floor of A Wing. ACESSS, Upward Bound, the Latino Center for Excellence, Student Life, Student Senate, and Career Services will be operational but temporarily displaced during the outage. Visit the Information Booth in the Hall of Governors for assistance with any of these services.

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.”