News and Events

‘Do Not Miss’ Recommendation for Schjeldahl Lecture
Art critic Peter Schjeldahl’s Friday guest lecturer at GSU received “do not miss” status from Chicago Art Magazine this week. Schjeldahl, the chief art critic for The New Yorker, will speak at 3:30 p.m., Friday, at Engbretson Hall. On Saturday, he will receive an honorary doctorate at the Spring 2010 Commencement.

The magazine’s editor stated in the June 8 edition that “We almost named Chicago Art Magazine after Schjeldahl. He once wrote, ‘art is the sex life of money’ and I thought that was so outstanding I wanted to name the site, ‘The Sex Life of Money’ or ‘SLOaM.’

“But I was outvoted so we went with Chicago Art Magazine. However, Schjeldahl is that good. He’s worthy of spell check’s ‘add this word to dictionary’ good and he hasn’t been here in over a decade. So, I don’t know if we care about criticism like we say we do, let’s do some carpooling and make the one-hour trip to Governors State University.”

Friday’s event is free and open to the public.

Commencement Webcast Available

Congratulations to GSU class of 2010, including the very first doctoral students. If you’re unable to attend the ceremony or simply want to check out the action from the comfort of your own home, check out the live webcast on Saturday morning. Full details are available on the GSU Commencement website.

Commencement takes place on Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Tickets are required for entry.

Get Your Fresh Veggies

GSU’s outdoor Farmers Market is open today with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products for sale. The market runs from 1 to 6 p.m., on the south end of Parking Lot D.

The market will be open every Thursday afternoon through September. It is a project of the GSU's SPIRIT Committee.
Celebrate the Blackhawks

To commemorate the Chicago Blackhawks’ Stanley Cup win, GSU has declared Friday, June 11 Blackhawks Day.

The Hawks’ downtown Chicago rally will be televised as part of a celebration in the Hall of Governors, beginning at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. All members of the GSU community are encouraged to join in the celebration by wearing red and black.

Summer Hours Begin Next Week

GSU will roll out its Summer Hours Program beginning next week. Full details are available in the [original memo from HR](#) and the [program FAQ](#).

Basic details regarding GSU’s innovative new program are as follows:

- The Summer Hours Program will begin on Monday, June 14 and continue through Friday, August 13.
- The university will be “open” on Fridays in the same sense that it is now “open” on Saturdays. Most offices will, in fact, be closed. However, the university is open for classes which will be conducted as scheduled. The Library, Academic Computing Center, and Office of Public Safety will maintain their usual Friday hours. Those three areas will arrange hours for employees to assure they meet the needs of students and others.
- Each participating employee will work 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, within the range of time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Units and Departments will determine the hours for specific units. All timesheet related questions should be directed to individual unit heads/supervisors.
- It is important that such schedules be designed and implemented in such a way that support for and delivery of essential academic services are not diminished or compromised in any material way. As such, participation in the four-day work week Summer Hours Program will be determined by each department head based upon the operational and programmatic needs of that department. Summer hours may be suspended or modified by a unit head in order to accomplish a specific project.
- Exception requests from employees due to hardship will be considered by supervisors and unit heads in consultation with the Human Resources Department on a case-by-case basis. The university will exercise flexibility and attempt to address specific employee needs as appropriate.
**IT Server Maintenance**

Information Technology Services (ITS) will perform necessary server maintenance over the weekend that may require a restart of your campus office computer Monday morning. Restart will be necessary if you are unable to access your email mailbox or a network shared drive. You may choose to shut down your computer before leaving for the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357.

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**GSU Leg-9 Thanks**

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run was a huge success! The Department of Public Safety would like to extend its sincere thanks to the willing volunteers and many contributors. The walkers and runners carried the torch across the campus, volunteers cooked and served lunch, and everyone had a great time.

Contributions are still being accepted and shirts, hats, and pins are still available for purchase in the Department of Public Safety. Funds raised support the Special Olympics.

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**HR Services Delayed**

Due to the installation of new carpet and some new furniture in the Human Resources Department during the week of June 14, some services normally provided to faculty and staff may be delayed. Patience and understanding is requested and appreciated.

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**Pierre in Paradise**

It was a hot time for Pierre in the Bahamas recently according to Pam Stipanich of CBPA “I took Pierre to Atlantis at Paradise Island, Bahamas. He sure had a great time,” reported Pam.

If you want to take Pierre on vacation and submit a photo, visit the [GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website](#).

Party on, Pierre!
John Olson of Valic will be on campus Tuesday, June 15, from 9 am to noon, in the Visitor’s Center to discuss the university’s 403(b) plan. Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

Valic is one of four vendors Governors State University has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The others are TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, and The Legend Group.