GSU takes a bold step into the future Tuesday with the official introduction of the IRiS Project, the university’s new campus-wide integrated software system by Datatel. GSU’s entire campus community is invited to Tuesday’s kickoff celebration for the IRiS Project, slated for 2 to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. The kickoff celebration includes exhibits, prizes, giveaways, a raffle, tours of the new training room, live music, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

The new system, which replaces CARS/CX, will facilitate the delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology-enabled services for all essential services at GSU. To fully implement the new system, teams will determine its configuration and learn its operations. The teams will begin the implementation process with business process analysis (BPA) training and will examine current processes to determine how they can be improved or redesigned. GSU’s Board of Trustees approved the contract with Datatel at its June 11 meeting.

Spring 2010 Commencement Week was unprecedented in the number of activities for graduates, their families, and members of the GSU community. Due to the efforts of GSU staff and scores of volunteers, the entire week was a huge success, with every activity taking place flawlessly.

Karen Caesar-Smith, GSU’s director of special events, expressed her sincere thanks in a letter to the many people, on and off campus, who helped make Commencement Week a success.

Winners at Heart

The GSU women’s volleyball team competed in the Oak Lawn division “A” (competitive) championship tournament on June 17. The team won their semi final match in consecutive games. In the finals, GSU won the first match but lost the final two, resulting in a second place finish.

“We are disappointed by the final result, however we are not disappointed in the way the GSU women played,” said Dean Jennings Assistant Program Director of GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center. “I would like to thank all those responsible for the first GSU volleyball team and their great success this season including coaches Jill Velazquez, Jennifer Finn, and our female athletes.”
Facebook Fan Base Continues to Climb

After just three months in existence, GSU’s Facebook page has 472 fans, and counting. At GSU View, we are always excited about new ways for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the university to stay informed, and stay in touch. We are looking forward to GSU’s 500th Facebook fan signing up – which will happen in the not-too-distant future – and the ranks of fans continuing to grow. Encourage everyone you know to “like” GSU today!

Visit GSU’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/govstate.

See the Sox in Style

Faculty and Staff are invited to join the GSU Alumni Association during GSU White Sox Day at U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, August 29. Wear your black and white colors to show support of both GSU and the White Sox as they battle the New York Yankees. Mingle with co-workers and alumni during a 1.5 hour reception prior to the game. There will be unlimited food and drink including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and more, as well as wine, Miller and Pepsi products. The cost for both the reception and the game is only $84.

To order tickets or for more information, call the Alumni Office at 534.4128 or e-mail Alumni Relations.

Pierre Heads West

GSU’s vacation-bound penguin, Pierre, recently took off for the Pacific Northwest and visited a number of attractions in Seattle. Bruce Crooks, of Information Technology Services, snapped photos of Pierre at Seattle’s Space Needle, along Puget Sound, and aboard a ship in the city’s harbor. For more information on how you can submit photos for our Take Pierre on Vacation contest, go to Pierre’s webpage.