News and Events

IT Systems Unavailable Sunday

ITS has begun the first phase of the new DataTel hardware implementation. Some system downtime will occur Sunday, July 11, between 4 and 8 p.m.

There is also a possibility of very brief intermittent outages until midnight. During this time, a number of critical systems will be affected:

- WebCT/Blackboard
- Faculty and Staff e-mail (Exchange/OWA)
- Faculty and Staff personal and departmental shared drives
- Singularity
- VPN and Remote Desktop

ITS apologizes for the inconvenience. Please contact the GSU Helpdesk if you have any questions or concerns at 708.534.4357.

Farmers Market Open

Don’t let the rain stop you from visiting the GSU Farmers Market today. Pick up fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, breads, and natural products as well as various indoor and outdoor plants.

The market is located at the west side of Parking Lot C. Hours are from 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine. The market will be open every Thursday through September.

Cooking and Chemistry Demo

An herb here, a spice there, a chemical reaction, and voila! A tasty dish is created. The chemistry behind the recipes for delicious foods is investigated and enjoyed during a presentation by journalist, turned foodie Anupy Singla, at Governors State University. On July 10, at 1 p.m., in E-Lounge, Singla will present “Easily Indian,” a demonstration of how the right herbs and spices can turn an ordinary meal into an extraordinary Indian treat.
Singla, a former CLTV reporter, is the author of “The Indian Slow Cooker,” which will be released in October 2010. Her food-related work has also appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

The presentation is free and part of a Chemistry of Cooking workshop. The workshop is designed to explain chemistry as it applies to cooking for non-science majors. Cooking is something that occurs in every household. Recipes can be thought of as an experiment done at home with many observed chemical changes.

The workshop will eventually be part of a proposed three hour for credit course, which will strive to answer those nagging questions such as “Why did my brown sugar get hard?” and “Which salt should I purchase?” Course topics will include proteins, carbohydrates and fats, spices, chocolate, and beer and wine.

For more information about the presentation or the course, contact Marjorie Hummel at ext. 7696.

Job Hunters Boot Camp Today

GSU is teaming with Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) and other public and private organizations to provide resources to members of the community seeking employment and those looking to start their own business today, July 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will offer participants a chance to better prepare themselves for the changing job market with practical advice from a number of area professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on topics ranging from navigating the job market online to finance and budgeting. Participants are also encouraged to bring their resumes for review.

Veterans in particular will have an opportunity to work with the VA and Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) to explore the programs they offer to veterans of the armed services.

In addition to job seekers, small business owners and those looking to start their own business will have an opportunity to connect with representatives from GSU’s CenterPoint Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration to gain insight and information on how to get your business going and growing.

Additional event participants include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Will County Workforce Investment Board.

For more information, call 815.726.4998 or visit www.halvorson.house.gov/bootcamp.

Wojcik Named Outstanding Physical Therapist

Rebecca Wojcik, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, recently received the Illinois Physical Therapy Association’s (IPTA) Outstanding Physical Therapist Award. Presented by the IPTA since 1972, the Outstanding Physical Therapist Award recognizes members who exhibit exemplary service and representation at the national level.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Wojcik has served the IPTA in various roles, including: Eastern District Nominating Committee, Ethics Committee, Vice President, Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Chief Delegate, and Speaker of the Assembly of Representatives. She has also served on the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
Regulation’s Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board and has been a delegate to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Delegate Assembly.

Dr. Wojcik has been teaching and mentoring physical therapy students for the past 26 years; she joined GSU’s Physical Therapy Department faculty in 2000. Most recently, Dr. Wojcik assumed the position of Physical Therapy Department chair.

**Bowl-O-Rama**

Let’s Get Fit! presents the GSU Bowling Challenge on Tuesday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at Lakewood Bowl in Richton Park, and is open to faculty, staff, students, and their family members. The cost is only $1 per game and shoes are only $2.85. Individuals and departments are encouraged to challenge one another. For more information, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

**Engle Chalks Up Another Award**

Jan Engle of the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design recently received a 2010 Blackboard Catalyst Award. She was one of only 11 individuals recognized in the Exemplary Course Program category, and was specifically recognized for her exemplary online courses.

“Her outstanding development work has played a major role in developing the foundations of the graduate certificate program on online teaching and the multiple awards earned by these courses is an important indicator of the outstanding quality of this program,” noted Charles Nolley, Director of Division of Digital Learning and Media Design.

Winners will be formally recognized at BbWorld, Blackboard’s Annual Conference, on July 15. According to Ray Henderson, president of Blackboard Learn, “…thought-leadership, creativity and passion exhibited by each of these Catalyst Award winners inspires and reminds us that together we are transforming the lives of individuals, families, and the communities in which they live.”

**Roller Coaster Days**

Fly like the Caped Crusader on *Batman The Ride* or raise your hands over your head while speeding in the wooden, roller coaster *American Eagle*. Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee have collaborated to present Governors State Day at Great America.

The cashier’s office has discounted Great America tickets for sale for only $26. Tickets include admission to the theme park and Hurricane Harbor, the water park.

Tickets are valid for one day admission only on July 23, 24, August 7, or 8. Take the family and enjoy the day!

**Friends with Purpose**

The Friends of the GSU Library will hold their next meet on Wednesday, July 14, from noon until 1 pm., in the library conference room. Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch and your wonderful ideas!

New members, old members, curious visitors - Welcome!
Pierre the Penguin lives by his new motto. GSU’s unofficial mascot is enjoying his summer of vacations with students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Pierre enjoyed his recent trip to Washington, D.C. with Lydia Morrow Ruetten of the University Library. T.J. Wang of CBPA sent pictures of Pierre in Taiwan visiting Taipei 101, the second tallest building in the world.

See more of Pierre’s travel photos. Visit the GSU Facebook fan page. If you want to take Pierre on a trip, visit Pierre’s webpage to learn how you can pick up your own Pierre, submit photos to the album, and enter the GSU View photo contest.