IRiS Team Flows Through Mapping

IRiS Project team leaders last week participated in a “Process Mapping” workshop with Dr. Dave Oehler, a Datatel consultant, from Northeast Missouri State University. This Business Process Analysis is the first step of many leading to implementation of the Colleague software system. Training was intense as team leaders created practice flowcharts based on simulated university processes. Dr. Oehler complimented team leaders, stating he was “impressed with level of involvement and engagement of the project teams.”

This week, individual teams from the functional areas of the university will meet with Dr. Oehler to create the flowcharts of processes in their respective departments. Starting today (Monday), Institutional Advancement leads off this phase of the training, followed by Human Resources on Tuesday, Financial Aid on Wednesday, and Registration and Records on Thursday.

Next week, the remaining teams are scheduled to create their process flowcharts, with Finance and Billing on Aug. 9 and Admissions on Aug. 10. On Aug. 11, leaders and individual teams will gather throughout the day to discuss their progress and any issues they may have encountered.

ITS Reminder

ITS reminds all GSU faculty and staff that official notifications related to GSU email or network accounts will come from Information Technology Services (ITS) Department through the ITSNEWS email account only.

Several fraudulent emails have been sent to GSU faculty and staff recently, which are designed to acquire sensitive information such as usernames and passwords. These are fraudulent (phishing) emails and should be deleted immediately.

Please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.4357 with any questions.
Seats at the Wedding

*The Wedding Singer* opened at The Center for Performing Arts to rave reviews last weekend. There is still time to see this rollicking musical, based on the hit movie about the joys and heartaches of finding true love.

Tickets are still available for August 6, and 7. Tickets are affordably priced between $16 and $21. Reserve your seats today at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

Great Tickets to Great America

Great discount on tickets to Great America and Hurricane Harbor are still available for August 7 and 8 through collaboration between Student Life and the GSU SPIRIT Committee. Take the whole family and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and splashing in the water park.

The cashier’s office has Great America tickets for sale for only $26. Tickets are valid for one-day admission only to the theme park and the water park.

Batter Up!

Students can win free tickets to Wrigley Field for the Cubs-Pirates game on Wednesday, September 1. GSU’s Student Senate is giving away 60 pairs of tickets to the ball game, which starts at 1:20 p.m.

Students can sign up for a ticket lottery by sending an email to studentsenate@govst.edu. Only current GSU students are eligible and only one entry per student is allowed. The email must include student name and ID number, email address, phone number, and if you wish to reserve a seat on the bus to the game. Free bus transportation will be provided by GSU.

All entries must be received by August 13. Winners will be announced August 18.

Name that Team


All proud names in Chicago sports. But did you ever think that, long ago, someone had to come up with all those hallowed names?
Now you have the chance to help GSU find names for its sports teams and university mascot. As GSU’s table tennis and volleyball teams enter their new seasons, the university is picking an official team name, along with a university mascot name. While the team name and university mascot can be related, (e.g. NIU’s teams are the Huskies and the university mascot is a husky), or unique, (e.g. the Chicago American League baseball team is the White Sox, and the mascot is Southpaw).

Submit your entry to GSU’s Name our Teams contest through August 16. The contest is open to all members of the GSU community. Entries should be submitted to Student Life at saasnews@govst.edu and should include the proposed team and/or mascot name, participant’s name, phone number, and email address.

$50 gift cards will be awarded for the winning entries.

GSU’s team name will be introduced at a table tennis tournament hosted by the university in November.

Farmers Market Growing

GSU’s Farmers Market continues to grow each week. Parmesan’s Wood Stone Pizza of Frankfort has joined the vendors. They are providing delicious, fresh baked goods including breads, sweets, and pizzas.

Produce vendor Lyons Farms is now accepting Illinois Seniors Farmers Market coupons and Women in Crisis (WIC) vouchers. They cannot accept Illinois Link cards or credit cards.

The next Farmers Market is this Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., on the west side of parking lot C. Don’t miss it.

Art on Display

GSU graduate student Monique Doyle will exhibit her thesis work from August 2 to August 12, in the Visual Arts Gallery. A reception celebrating her achievement will be held on August 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. The show and reception are free and open to the public.

Doyle’s series of work “Remnants” captures the remnants of once habited structures and discarded personal possessions. The images are a documentary of neighborhoods, homes, and personal possessions that were once a part of a full and functioning life now left as part of the present landscape. These “Remnants” have become part of the landscape due to our present economic recession, and show the deprivation of land and life.

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is located adjacent to E-Lounge, and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Pierre defines his favorite pastime – vacation – several ways. Vacations are adventures, relaxing, educational, fantastic, wet, wild, and wonderful. This summer, having the time of his life thanks to everyone who with them on vacation.

With CBPA Assistant Professor Carlos Ferran, Washington, D.C., Thomas Jefferson. He also had a frightening dino-Mall, but managed to escape just in time for vacation. Fortunately for Pierre, he was able to relax on Colleen Rock of Student Affairs and Academic Support. He enjoyed the water and the beach (oil free) in Mississippi. After a day in the sun, he cooled off with a New Orleans specialty.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre’s webpage.