Fall 2011 Registration Date Change

Fall 2011 Registration dates have changed. Registration will now begin on Monday, June 6 and continue until August 27.

The university is moving to a new online registration system; beginning for the Fall semester, students will be able to register by using the new myGSU portal. The date change for fall registration will help ensure that students are provided with an optimal user experience when they log into the new system.

Initially, only student registration will be available in the new system. However financial aid and student account functionality will be available in July. Additional features will be added over the 2011-2012 academic year.

Students will receive additional communication via mail, e-mail, and other electronic mediums. Faculty and staff received a memo from President Elaine P. Maimon on Monday, formally noting the new date for the beginning of fall registration. Online tutorials and help documents will provide all users with step by step instructions for the new online registration process, as well as other uses for myGSU.

Download President Maimon’s Memo.

Sculpture returns to GSU

*Spiral* has returned to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The piece, a masterwork by Australian-American sculptor Clement Meadmore, was removed from NMSP for conservation work. On Wednesday, it returned to campus, and in a new location.

Vector Custom Fabricating Co. of Chicago supervised the conservation. The firm is known for creating high-end architectural detail work for exclusive Chicago projects, such as the Poetry Foundation’s new building, as well as for area sculptors. After assessing Spiral’s
condition, Vector and NMSP determined that major sections of the sculpture should be replaced.

Following the conservation work, *Spiral* is returning to the sculpture park with bright orange in sections where the original Cor-Ten steel was replaced. NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates says the new material will quickly rust to match the “mauve-lavender-brown” patina on the rest of the sculpture.

*Spiral* is also being sited in a new location, near the turn-off from the main drive just south of GSU’s north entrance. The new location provides greater visibility for visitors and easier accessibility during NMSP tours.

*Spiral* was a gift of the Art Institute of Chicago through a prior gift of Montgomery Ward and Co.

**Advice From the Principals**

A panel of six area school principals, all GSU graduates, shared advice last week with Educational Administration graduate students at a College of Education internship seminar.

Panelists shared their perspectives on the role of the school principal in a question and answer session designed to help Educational Administration students better understand the top job at elementary and high schools.

A sample question: as a principal, how do you lead teachers in content areas or grade levels outside your own experiences as a teacher? Panelists said principals must learn to trust their teachers, work with teacher leaders, show passion for the job, and “work like heck to scale yourself up” as quickly as possible.

Panelists included Jim Duggan, principal at Nathan Hale Primary and Intermediate Elementary Schools in South Cook District 130; Maricela Ruiz, principal at Griffin Early Childhood Center in Chicago Heights School District 170; Joe Matise, assistant principal and athletic director at Washington School in District 170; Dorith Johnson, co-principal at Thornridge High School in Thornton High School District 205; Tony Ratliff, principal at Thornton High School in District 205; and Beth Reich, principal at Quin School in North Palos School District 117. The panel was led by Dr. John Cook, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration.
Gender Matters Conference

GSU will host Gender Matters, an academic conference highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality, on Friday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of the day-long conference is to bring together students, activists, and researchers in the Chicago area and the Midwest region to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society. The conference will include 16 panel discussions and more than 50 paper presentations. The research presented spans academic disciplines and historical periods.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Karma Chávez, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Conference contributors will present work on all matters of gender and, more specifically, work that explains how gender matters and continues to matter in society. Panel topics include Cultural Links to Gender Activism, Sporting Identities: From Flamingos to Garters, and Applying Gender to Pedagogies.

Conference attendees must register by April 5. Discounted registration rates are available for students. The registration fee, ($25 for students, $40 other attendees) includes access to all conference proceedings, including paper and panel presentations, keynote address, continental breakfast, lunch, and post conference reception (cash bar).

The GSU Gender Matters Conference is sponsored by CAS. For more information and to register, visit the Gender Matters website or call 708.235.7493.

Oui Oui Pierre

Intrepid traveller and GSU View co-editor Lindsay Gladstone vacationed in England and France over the past two weeks. As always, GSU’s unofficial mascot Pierre the Penguin was by her side. Our trusty travel sidekick was seen trying to get an invitation to William and Kate’s nuptials. Turned away by a guard in a furry hat, Pierre ventured into the French countryside undaunted. That’s where he was caught in this photo near a country chalet.
Question of Safety

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

Meanwhile, in the Vending Machines...

New options are available at vending machines around campus. Starbucks canned coffee drinks are now available in vending areas on the third floor of C and D wings and on the second floor of E wing. Rockstar energy drinks are also available in various machines.

Look for new Mountain Dew flavors in machines near the main cafeteria. Additional healthy snack options have also been added.

The Cafeteria has added several fun options in the Grab and Go cooler, such as strawberry flavored milk and Jello cups with fruit.