**News and Events**

**Armed Forces Tribute**
GSU is sponsoring a salute to United States Armed Forces today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

The Armed Forces Fair includes a special program at 3:30 p.m., *From Struggle to Success: A Tribute to the Spirit*. A Color Guard will open the program, and President Elaine P. Maimon will welcome guests. The program also includes presentations by veterans, faculty, and community members.

The event is free and open to the public. More information is available at 708.235.2223.

**Early Childhood Education Presentation**
Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from GSU at Spring Commencement on June 4.

She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication.

**Very Cherry and Chilla’ Vanilla**
With warm temperatures on the way, the GSU Cafeteria is stocking up on refreshing frozen treats. Polar Shock flavors are now available in the cafeteria. Frozen treats will change on a rotating basis; the first offerings are Very Cherry and Chilla’ Vanilla Cappuccino.

Prices are $1.69 for a 16-ounce serving and $2.29 for a 24-ounce serving.

In other cafeteria news, you can now choose a small soup or small salad as a side item when you order an entrée or deli special.

**Friends Honoring Best Friends**
Friends of the GSU Library acknowledged five Treasured Friends at a reception in their honor on May 19. Those recognized for their contributions were Diane Dates Casey, Beth Hansen, Carol Machura, Diane Nadler, and Jeffrey Slovak. Recipients were given certificates of appreciation and their names are engraved on the plaque on display in the library.

For more information, visit the Friends of the GSU Library website or stop in the library for a brochure.
Youth Swim Program Starting
It is time to get those kids off the couch and into the pool. This summer is the perfect time for children to cool off in the water and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children five to 17 years old. Children receive 12 weeks of Saturday swim instruction. Classes begin on June 4, at 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required. The fee is $20 for the children of GSU students, $25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members, and $50 for non-members.

Limited space is available so contact the Recreation and Fitness Center today at 708.236.7662.

Dr. Johnson Named to Committee
Dr. Jean Johnson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was recently appointed to the Public Relations Committee of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP). The Public Relations Committee is part of STP’s Executive Committee.

Dr. Johnson continues to serve the Society for the Teaching of Psychology as a member of its Small Grants-Promoting Partnerships Committee. She is also chair of the STP Capstone Project for Undergraduate Psychology, for which GSU serves as the base institution.

STP functions as Division Two of the American Psychological Association. Its mission is to promote excellence in the teaching and learning of psychology.

Take Dad to the Ballpark
Father’s Day is fast approaching. Why give dad another tie he won’t use? Instead - take him and the whole family out for a wonderful day of baseball. The Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium is sponsoring a fun evening at the ball park.

Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers game on June 19 for only $10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.

Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win the jersey.

All proceeds help the Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Andrea DalPolo at ext. 4582. Checks must be made payable to the GSU Foundation.

Scholarship Success - Nick Billone
Nick Billone of Tinley Park received the Dr. Daniel Bernd Endowed Scholarship in English and Literature. Nick is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences’ English Literature program.
His goal of teaching secondary English was reinforced while teaching a 10-week Creative Writing Workshop at a local middle school.

**Alt Cert June Info Session**

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 8, in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master’s degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are also reduced salary teacher residency opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years of work experience after receiving a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit [www.govst.edu/altcert](http://www.govst.edu/altcert).