News and Events

Farewell to Summer Hours
Cleaning the garage. Finishing War and Peace. Wallpapering the guest bedroom.

As summer hours come to a close, GSU employees have exactly one more Friday – tomorrow – to complete all those projects that were planned for three-day weekends this year.

Regular hours return next Monday as we prepare for the start of the Fall Semester on August 22.

For the record, Friday’s weather forecast calls for temperatures in the low 80s, mostly cloudy skies, and a 20 percent chance of showers. Enjoy!

Two More Shows
Enjoy the best in music, dance, and theatre at Ragtime’s final performances this weekend. Tickets are still available for shows on Saturday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 7, at 2 p.m.

Forty-six cast members from 23 communities, mostly in Chicago’s Southland, bring Ragtime to life in this summer’s powerful production by the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE).

Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for students and can be purchased at the Center’s website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

Read the SouthtownStar’s rave review of Ragtime.

Song and Dance at GSU
You have the talent. You have the interest. Now you have the two new courses at GSU to help develop your creative side.

You can dance at GSU in World Dance (DNCE-390). The three credit hour course that helps you explore dance traditions from around the world through beginning level recreational dances from various regions, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America. The cultural values, religious beliefs, and social systems of the countries where the dances originate will also be studied. The class will meet on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

You can sing at GSU in Choral Performance (COMS 509-4). The three credit hour course teaches you to raise your voice in a class that prepares you for site singing and performing choral music in a variety of genres from around the world. Here is your chance to experience the joy of vocal expression. The class meets on Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.
Registration for these exciting new courses is currently being accepted.

Convocation Coming Soon
Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to attend Convocation 2011, on August 18, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address.

Dr. Maimon will announce this year’s Baysore Award recipient, recognizing the GSU employee who best demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. She will also announce the 2010-2011 Excellence Award winners.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Picnic Time at GSU
It’s time to have some fun with friends and colleagues. The GSU summer picnic for faculty and staff will be held on Friday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food, games, prizes, and a fun-filled day in the sun are on the agenda. Mark your calendar and don’t forget to RSVP to gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please contact Gina Ragland-Owolabi at ext. 7559.

The picnic is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost’s Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

Runway Models Needed
Be one of the Real Men of GSU. Students are needed to walk the runway in the Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show. The fashion show will take place on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are only $12 or two for $20.

The men of GSU will show off their fashion sense and their giving spirit at the show to help the GSU Student Senate raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood.

Students interested in joining the fun should contact Sheree Sanderson at 708.534.4552 by August 12. All names will be put in a lottery and the winners will be notified by August 16.

Cool Menu Ideas
Cool your meals down with farm-fresh fruits and vegetables from the GSU Farmers Market. Enjoy fresh-picked tomatoes, corn, peaches, and everybody’s favorite – zucchini – when you visit the Farmers Market on Thursdays, from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

The outdoor market brings locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products to GSU every week through September.

On Campus Secretary of State Services
Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 23, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with
disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards. For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

**Scholarship Spotlight – Denise Henry**

Denise Henry of Richton Park received the Rich Township Community Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Education and is studying to become a high school teacher.

Denise wants to be able to influence the lives of young adults so they become successful adults.

**2011-2012 Annual Friends Meeting**

Calling all Friends of the GSU Library. The annual Friends of the GSU Library meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Library Administration Conference room. Officers for the 2011-2012 year will be elected. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend of the GSU Library is welcomed to attend as well. Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch.

**Cloud Seminar at GSU**

GSU is sponsoring an informative, free seminar, *High Performance Computing and Innovation Cluster Workshop*, on August 8, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Honors. This workshop will provide an opportunity for representatives of small to medium businesses in the Chicago Southland to learn what cloud computing is and how it can benefit their businesses.

Topics to be discussed include technology innovation, cloud computing, and cloud computing security. Intel Directors Stephen Wheat, Senior Director High Performance Computing, and William Feiereisen, Senior Scientist and Corporate Strategist in High Performance Computing, will present.

The morning also includes presentations on cyber security and an introduction to the Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Services Center. Refreshments will be served.

The seminar is sponsored by GSU, CAS, Midwest Academic & Resilience Cloud Computing Consortium (MARC3).

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Shih at ext. 4547. Advance registration is required at http://gsucloudcomputing.eventbrite.com.