Register for Summer Session
Registration for the summer session continues through May 26. The term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

Students may take classes during the shorter summer term at convenient times to fit busy schedules. A full range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is scheduled.

GSU’s summer term is ideal for students continuing a GSU degree program. It is also the perfect time for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

Registration for the Fall 2012 semester is from April 26 to August 25. Classes begin on August 20.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU registration website.

Buy a Good Book
Friends of the GSU Library will host a giant blowout of a book sale Thursday, April 12, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds of the sale help support the Friends’ projects supporting the Library.

Thanks to a huge donation this past winter, the Friends will have a tremendous assortment of psychology, spirituality, and meditation books to offer for sale, in addition to its regular collection. The book sale will be held in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends can view the book collection and make purchases from 11 a.m. until noon.

Earth Day 2012
GSU is hosting its Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Earth Day at GSU offers something for everyone. The event includes music, exhibits, demonstrations, wild animal exhibits, a children’s theater production, and organic food served on eco-friendly products. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit and demonstrations will be held on the patio and along the pathway next to GSU’s lake. They include a range of Earth friendly products and processes such as composting, bee keeping, products created from recyclable materials, sustainable gardening, herbs, and organic foods. Big Run Wolf Ranch will also provide a display of wild animals, including wolves and a bear.

The Kidworks Touring Theater will present an interactive performance celebrating conservation, from 11 a.m. to 11:45, in the Center for Performing Arts. In the Hall of Governors, an exhibit will feature student artwork made from recycled materials.

In addition, natural history tours will take participants to the university’s biology field station. Tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park will also be offered.

Earth Day at GSU will also include recycling stations for batteries, pharmaceuticals, and cell phones.

GSU Earth Day events are free and open to the public. Events are sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the GSU Sustainability Committee, and the General Education Task Force. For more information, contact 708.534.4524.

**Sustainability Presentation**

Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of the Sustainability Integration Office, Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, at Governors State University.

Byrne will discuss his work with a wide range of sustainability projects including green building designs, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, local foods, renewable energy, and transportation initiatives. He is the co-founder of the non-profit Foundation for Our Future at the Center for a Sustainable Future. He oversaw Education for a Sustainable Future, a six-year $18 million U.S. Department of Education project.

This event is part of GSU’s celebration of Earth Day. For more information, call 708.534.4524.
Faculty Spotlight – David Rhea

David Rhea, assistant professor of communications, is serving as an officer in the Mass Communication Division of the National Communication Association. NCA is the largest professional organization of communication scholars with more than 8,000 members. The Mass Communication Division is NCA’s fourth-largest division, serving more than 1,400 scholars around the world.

Rhea is chair-elect of the Mass Communication Division’s Research Committee and will be chair of the committee next year. The Research Committee is responsible for planning the competitive paper sessions for the Mass Communication Division at the annual convention, which takes place each November.

The committee’s work involves planning around 35 conference sessions, managing over 225 paper submissions, and recruiting over 165 scholars to work as paper reviewers, session chairs, and respondents. Rhea’s colleagues on the Research Committee are from Texas A&M University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Louisiana State University.

Rhea is also co-author of an article, Investigating personality and viewing motivation correlates of reality television exposure, that recently appeared in Communication Quarterly (60, 80-102).

GSU Recognized for Community Service Programs

GSU was recently named to the 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Corporation for National and Community Service recognized more than 600 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

GSU was named to the President’s Honor Roll for engaging students, faculty, and staff in substantial, relevant, and meaningful service to communities.

Housing for Feathered Friends

With spring officially here, birds are returning to GSU in force. Thanks to a bird nesting box program, some seasonal visitors already have residential property waiting for them.

Since 2003, GSU has hosted sites for bluebird nesting houses. With involvement from FDM and CAS, the majority of the
program and work is accomplished by community member Kathy Dehn, of Crete, who monitors and records on nesting activity.

At the beginning of 2011, additional boxes were placed on campus, including several at the edge of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Almost all of the boxes were utilized by nesting bluebirds or tree swallows. Only one box was empty for the whole season.

According to Dehn, 31 bluebirds and 40 tree swallows “fledged” – developed sufficient wing capacity to leave the nest – in 2011. Records show this was the largest population of bluebirds and tree swallows nesting and fledged at GSU in one season.

For more information on the bluebird nesting program at GSU, contact Kevin Barto in FDM or John Yunger in CAS.