News and Events

New Portal Version Debuts Tuesday

On Tuesday, January 8, ITS will officially release a newer version of the university’s portal, myGSU. The new version is very similar to the current portal but it now is based on the latest version of Microsoft SharePoint technology.

Effective Tuesday, you can access the new version of myGSU by using either one of the following URLs:
- https://mygsu.govst.edu
- https://mygovst.govst.edu

For further information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.HELP (4357).

Board of Trustees Sets 2013 Meetings

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2013:

Friday, February 8 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, February 15 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 10 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 17 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
BOT Retreat - Sunday, August 4 to Tuesday, August 6 – Location TBD
Friday, October 4 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, October 11 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – 8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 6 - William D. McGee Hall of Honors – Time TBD

Any changes in the schedule will be communicated by the President’s Office. For questions regarding the Board of Trustees, please contact Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130, or Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.
**The Creative Woman Added to Library’s Digital Collection**

*The Creative Woman*, a feminist quarterly journal published at GSU between 1977 and 1992, is now available online in the GSU Library’s Digital Collections.

*The Creative Woman* featured the work of GSU faculty, staff, and others on a wide variety of topics of interest to women. Issues were comprised of articles, poetry, verse, biographical sketches, essays, non-fiction, fiction, book reviews, photography, and original graphics. Issue themes included women's involvement in science, religion, business, energy, politics, and psychology; and the lives of Russian women, Chinese women, American Indian women, lesbians, and women coping with disabilities.

The availability of the journal is due in large part to the initiative and dedication of Sarah Wegley, Library Operations Associate, who secured the funding needed to digitize the journal.

“Congratulations! It is a deep source of gratification to know that the magazine is in several collections (Green Library at Stanford, New York Public Library, Radcliffe Collection at Schlesinger Library at Harvard, among others) and now on the web,” said Helen Hughes, former editor of The Creative Woman. “You are expanding the breadth of possible readers and extending the lifespan. I’m 90 ... I'm glad to have lived long enough to witness *The Creative Woman* in her latest incarnation. I'm grateful.”

View *The Creative Woman*.

The LibGuide to the collection has been updated with hyperlinks.

**Student Coalition to Advance Diversity and Social Justice**

The Offices of Student Life and International Students are now accepting applications for the Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice. The mission of The Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice is to foster an accepting and nurturing environment where students can embark upon a journey of education, awareness,
and empowerment through discovering the similarities between individuals and their cultures, acknowledging and celebrating differences, and overcoming challenges.

Applicants can be either undergraduate or graduate students who are committed to diversity and social justice issues and willing to commit to a one-year term. Applications can be found at http://www.govst.edu/diversity.

For additional information, contact Vanessa Newby, Director of Student Life, at 708.534.4551.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. on February 1.

**Mileage Reimbursement Rate Goes Up**

Effective January 1, the U.S. General Services Administration has increased the mileage reimbursement rate for the use of vehicles in the conduct of official business to $0.565 per mile. This increase applies to all GSU employees who travel on official university business.

According to Illinois Higher Education Travel Control Board rules, GSU must increase its mileage rate accordingly. Any mileage reimbursement claims for travel occurring on or after January 1 will be reimbursed at $0.565 per mile. An updated travel voucher is located online.

For any questions, call ext. 7411 or e-mail gsutravel@govst.edu.

**Café’s Hot Entrees for a Cold Month**

GSU Café has posted its January calendar for special daily hot entrees. Visit the café website to view the calendar and monthly menu.