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**Tear Down This Wall (10-20-11)**

GSU celebrated a new era in science education with a ceremony marking the start of a $22.6 million renovation project. The project will bring world-class laboratories and classrooms to the university.

President Elaine P. Maimon and members of the Board of Trustees symbolically “tore down the walls” of the university’s E and F science buildings by removing paneling from the walls. They were joined by more than 150 students, university employees, community members, and dignitaries.

“Today, we tear down the walls of the 20th century and construct state of the art science labs appropriate to this model 21st century university and, most appropriate, worthy of our students,” Dr. Maimon said.

“Illinois needed a capital bill and needed to invest in those things that we share in common,” said State Senator Toi Hutchison (D-Olympia Fields). “When we make investments like this, it’s not just good for the Southland. It means that GSU can make a bigger contribution to this state.”

The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet, which will include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep and store rooms, a new lecture hall, and extensive renovations to the infrastructure.

**One Book, One University - Persepolis**

Join the discussion on *Persepolis*, this semester's One Book, One University selection. A panel discussion on *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*, by Marjane Satrapi, takes place Tuesday, November 1 in the Cafeteria Annex.

Panelists are Sandra Gandy, JoAnne Smith, and Jason Zingsheim. Provost Terry Allison will moderate the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Wise, funny, and heartbreaking, *Persepolis* is Marjane Satrapi’s memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution told in powerful black-and-white comic strip images.

The One Book, One University series is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at ext. 4116.
Direct Deposit For Students (10-10-11)

Students can now receive refunds and financial aid disbursements easily and efficiently. No more waiting for checks to be printed or in long lines to pick them up.

Refunds and reimbursements can now be deposited directly into your designated bank account. Personal banking information can be entered into the secure and confidential system through the myGSU portal.

Learn more.

Board of Trustees Meets Friday

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Family Development Center.

Agenda materials are posted this week on the BOT Bulletin Boards, as well as on the GSU website. For more information, contact Joan Maloney.

Wind turbine dedication

GSU’s magnificent wind turbine, operational for the last few weeks, will be formally introduced to the university community during a dedication event on Friday, October 14. The dedication will take place in the early afternoon, immediately following the break for lunch at Friday’s Board of Trustees meeting.

Members of the GSU community are invited to the ribbon-cutting event, which will be held in the play area behind the Family Development Center. Access to the site is limited to walking from the main university buildings and parking lots.

The wind turbine, built with assistance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, is providing power to the Family Development Center.

Mark the Date for E & F Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university’s science facilities in the E and F buildings. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

The $22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the
renovation project will have on the region’s economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU’s number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state’s construction management arm of Illinois’ state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact Penny Perdue.

**National Coming Out Day**

National Coming Out Day will be recognized at GSU with a panel discussion and sharing of stories on Wednesday, October 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Howley.

**Thinking and Writing in Psychology**

Jean Johnson, Al Tuskenis, Glenna Howell, and Kim Jaroszewski of the College of Education faculty have published an article, *Development and Effects of a Writing and Thinking Course in Psychology*, in the October 2011 issue of *Teaching for Psychology*, the peer-reviewed journal for Division 2 of the American Psychological Association.

The article deals with GSU’s new undergraduate psychology course, Thinking and Writing in Psychology. It includes a description of how the course was developed using the APA learning goals, as well as results from an analysis of the course’s effectiveness. The course has demonstrated a positive impact on the overall grade point average and thinking and writing skills of students within the course, and also in more advanced courses.

Implementing and requiring a thinking and writing course relatively early in the undergraduate psychology major was strongly endorsed by this study, which was originally supported by a GSU University Research Grant.

**Social Work Honor Society Accepting Applications**

Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Omicron Beta Chapter, an honor society for social work students, is currently accepting membership applications until January 27, 2012.

The 2012 Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, March 23, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

For more information about Phi Alpha and qualifications on becoming a member, contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Maristela Zell at 708.235.2235 or society president Nina Lee.
Nancy Lopez is one of the greatest woman golfers of all time. She had an early start at greatness when she began to play golf at eight years old. She was only 12 when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur tournament. One of the top pro golf money winners of all time, Lopez has won 48 titles. In 1989, she was inducted into the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame.

**October Board of Trustees Meeting (10-06-11)**

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

No Board meetings will take place on Friday, October 7.

Agenda materials will be posted this week on the BOT Bulletin Boards, as well as on the GSU website. For more information, contact Joan Maloney.

**So Long Old E & F Buildings**

Change is in the air. Finally, the long-awaited E and F renovation project is about to begin. Now is your chance to say so long and good riddance to the old E & F facilities.

Everyone is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the beginning of a new era in science education at GSU. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff on October 18, at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

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For more information, contact Penny Perdue.

**Campus Community Campaign Under Way**

This year’s GSU Campus Community Campaign is off to a rousing start following Wednesday’s kickoff event. Volunteers from numerous university departments were introduced, and President Elaine P. Maimon discussed the importance of on-campus charitable giving in achieving Success By Degrees at GSU.

Campaign Chair Jackie Small unveiled the symbol of this year’s effort – the Success Candle. Donors of $40 to the Campus Community Campaign will receive candles as a
business skills that artists need in a very generous way.”

Student curators of the exhibit are Sara Friedman and Raida Khamis of Tinley Park, Janet Julian of Chicago, Katherine Maksimuk and Jason Walker of Orland Park, Bridget Mitchell of Oak Lawn, Allen Moore of Robbins, James Tadsen of Peotone, Tim Vitek of La Grange Park, and Ka-EL Mycal Zakiah of Hazel Crest.

For further information, contact Tim Vitek.

More to Know

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

General Elwood “Pete” Quesada
General Elwood “Pete” Quesada helped create the Federal Aviation Agency to manage the growing aviation field and improve airline safety. He served as Administrator from 1958 to 1961. The agency became the Federal Aviation Administration in 1966.

A New Era at GSU - E & F Wing Groundbreaking (10-03-11)

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“We have waited a long time for these new science facilities that will provide opportunities for our students for generations to come,” said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. “The beginning of this renovation project marks the dawning of a new day for Governors State University and the region.”

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The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet of space. During the renovation, crews will replace HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and lighting systems. Outmoded infrastructure and equipment will be replaced with up-to-date facilities and equipment that will be energy-efficient and meet current codes and regulations. The project design calls for structural infill of existing atrium space, adding about 9,000 square feet of additional usable space.
The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact Penny Perdue.

Check Out the New GSU Homepage

The GSU homepage has a new, vibrant look with more information just a click away and easier navigation to the pages you want to visit.

Check out our new homepage and get ready for more redesigns, revisions, and updates to the rest of the GSU website.

Campus Community Campaign – 2011

The GSU community will be “lighting the path” to success by degrees in this year’s Campus Community Campaign. Each donation is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

The 2011 Campus Community Campaign kickoff is on Wednesday, October 5, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy some delicious treats and meet with the campaign representatives who will be happy to explain the various options for giving. From payroll deductions to specified gifts – there are many ways to support the university.

For more information, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

SPSS Workshops Start This Month

The College of Education is again sponsoring workshops for GSU faculty and staff on the use of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).

Per majority request, the workshops will be held in the ACS computer lab (D2430) on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshops will be facilitated by Dr. Jean Johnson, assisted by graduate student and ARC tutor Eligia Milan.

For the fall term, two workshops are scheduled:

• Introduction to SPSS on October 14: This workshop will focus on basic use of the SPSS program, including coding and entering data, recoding and transforming and importing data, running descriptive procedures, copying and pasting into Word, and making APA style tables will be the focus.
• Intermediate SPSS on November 11: This workshop will focus on comparing means (crosstabs, t-tests, anova) and basic correlation and regression.

If there is demand, the introductory workshop will be offered again in the spring and a workshop on advanced SPSS (factorial anovas and ancova, multiple regression) is also planned for the future. These workshops will be announced at a later date.

Seating is limited so attendance will be limited to the first 27 persons who sign up. Seats are going fast. Priority will be given to faculty. Please contact Dr. Jean Johnson if you plan to attend and note which workshop(s) you would like to attend. Reservations will be confirmed.