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The E/F renovation project has finally begun. Preliminary work by the contractors is well underway.

The F entrance (at the east end of the building complex) is closed and, beginning next week, additional barriers will be in place to restrict the university community from construction areas and activities. Please watch for signs directing you to alternative entrances.

Please note these new entrance points:
- Access to the Gross Anatomy Lab (F1690) will be from the exterior entryway located on the east side of F Building.
- Access to first floor science labs in F wing will be via the stairwell facing parking area 3 East. A sidewalk has been constructed to the stairwell entrance.
- Access to second floor science labs will be via G building bridge
- Access to all other buildings (from outside) will be directed through G building

Most importantly, there will be NO ACCESS to F building from either the F building entryway located on the east side of the university or E wing. This inconvenience is necessary to protect the safety of the university community. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For more information about the construction work, contact project manager Tim Kosiek at ext. 7451 or David Stone.

**Ten days to P-Day**

That’s how long you have to change your password before the February 29 deadline.

Changing your password is easy and free. And, if it's not done on time, you could be locked out of your computer after the deadline.

Link to Password Change Instructions to learn how to change your password.

**Vote for Student Leaders**

The Student Senate and Student Board of Trustee candidates are eager to serve you.

Be sure to cast your vote for your representatives. Voting takes place from February 27 through March 4 online at https://eBallot4.votenet.com/govst.
Scholarship Spotlight - Valencia Brown

Valencia Brown of Park Forest received the Donald Dolan Endowed Business Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration. She plans on continuing her education to receive her master’s in business degree.

Valencia’s short term goal is to become an administrator for a south suburban business. She would like to open a non-profit organization to assist underprivileged individual to get their lives back on track.

E and F Renovation Update (03-12-19)

This week, the contractor started demolishing two sets of concrete stairs. This will be very noisy, and there may be “structure-borne vibration.” Workers started today with the stairs closest to occupied areas of E-wing, and will move to the F-wing stairs after the first set is razed. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this (possibly) disruptive portion of the project.

Last week some areas experienced an unpleasant odor coming from the construction area. The smell was from sprinkler line water that had been stagnant in the sprinkler piping for most of the last 40 years. While the odor lingered for a while in some areas and was unpleasant, it was not harmful.

The demolition has exposed an interesting piece of GSU’s history. Our longtime employees and faculty will recall that the buildings were originally covered with a Cor-ten steel panel, which was supposed to form a rust coating and then last “forever.” In many locations it never stopped rusting, and within 10 years there were spots where snow would blow under the panels into occupied areas. The brick you see today was added in front of the metal panels in the mid-1980s. As walls were removed this week, we found the original panels, which apparently “weathered” better once they were covered by brick.

Stories about Dads

GSU is looking for stories about fathers.

On April 17, the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design will be taping a one-hour program with journalist and author John Fountain, based on his most recent book, Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood. Fountain’s book is a compilation of true stories written by journalists and writers about their relationships with their fathers, or lack thereof, and fatherhood in general.

Students and faculty are invited to share their own story about their relationship with their dad—good or bad. Some of the stories will be
Scholarship Spotlight – Chris Boylan

Chris Boylan of Crete received the Scholarship for Finance and Accounting Students. He is an undergraduate student in Accounting.

Chris is a laborer working for a local contractor. He believes that an ethical person will do what is right because it is right, not for any other motive.

If You’re Locked Out... (03-05-12)

Students or staff who failed to change their computer password prior to the February 29 deadline may not have access to their office computers.

If you are locked out of your computer, contact the ITS Help Desk at 708.534.4357.

According to a state mandate, students and staff are required to periodically change their passwords. GSU staff must change their passwords every 60 days; students need a new password every 120 days.

Answering Pension Questions

Whether you are recent hire or one nearing retirement, pension reform is an important issue. GSU is sponsoring an important forum to help employees understand the complex issues surrounding pension reform.

Steve Cunningham, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance at Northern Illinois University, will discuss pensions on Tuesday, March 6, at 1 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Cunningham has conducted extensive research into pensions.

All GSU employees are encouraged to attend.

Preparing for Graduation

Graduation preparation is under way with Salute to Grads on Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Graduates are able to order announcements, class rings, cap and gown, take graduation photos, and receive commencement information. Be diligent, make sure that you attend the event, and get a good start to your graduation ceremony.

Looking Good

The E & F Renovation Project is picking up speed. Demolition in the "t phase 1 area" is well under way and will continue for the next three to four weeks. Students, faculty, and staff can expect to see frequent traffic as debris is taken out of the
Once debris is removed, it is taken to a sorting facility where recyclable materials are removed. The goal is to divert as much material as possible from the landfill. This is one of the steps being taken to make the building as sustainable as possible.

ITS and FDM have joined forces to establish a webpage for project updates. Check on the progress of the E & F Renovation Project at www.govst.edu/renovationupdates.

**Rapid Research Event**

Present your research – or hear what your colleagues are working on – at the faculty “rapid research” event on Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The event is sponsored by GSU’s Scholarship and Teaching Center.

All research is welcome, whether it’s past or present, dissertation research, or ideas you may be developing. Under the presentation format, faculty members will be given three to five minutes to deliver a snapshot of their research. Presentations will be compiled according to discipline and department after the event, and distributed to the greater GSU community for further collaboration and mentorship opportunities.

Presentations will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

If you are interested in presenting or have more questions, please respond to Raven James with the topic of your research, and to confirm your attendance at the event.

**Successful Grant Writing**

Mark your calendar for “Writing Successful Grants,” taking place Monday, March 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The workshop is sponsored by GSU’s Office of the Provost and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

For those who are new to the grant game, this introductory workshop covers basic principles of good grant writing — starting with the phrasing of a compelling research theme to the actual construction of the proposal itself. Major differences between traditional "academic prose" and persuasive grant writing are highlighted.

Common pitfalls that can lead to early rejection of good ideas are reviewed, matched with practical strategies for better writing. Special attention will be paid to the perspectives of grant reviewers and how to write in ways that will meet their expectations.
bachelor’s degree completion programs.

At past Instant Admission Days, more than half the attending students were admitted to GSU undergraduate programs. Admission counselors and academic program advisors are available to review transcripts and provide students with an instant decision on university admission.

Attendees will learn about specific undergraduate programs and financial aid, and have the option of attending group sessions or meeting with staff on a one-to-one basis.

For more information about Instant Admission Day, contact the GSU Office of Admission or 708.534.4490.

**Hit Musical Comes to GSU**

*Legally Blonde: The Musical*, the 2012 production of the Southland Theatre Ensemble (SLATE), comes to GSU’s Center for Performing Arts for four shows beginning this weekend. Performance dates are July 28 and August 4 at 7:30 p.m., and July 29 and August 5 at 2 p.m.

Based on the hit movie, *Legally Blonde: The Musical* tells the story of Elle Woods, a college sorority president and homecoming queen who doesn’t take no for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for not being “serious,” Elle puts down the credit cards, hits the books, and heads for Harvard Law School.

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](http://www.centertickets.net) or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

**E and F Wing Renovations Move Above Ground**

After spending the spring completing demolition, and the summer digging new foundations and installing underground piping, GSU’s E and F Wing renovation project is finally “out of the ground.

Last week contractors installed the new structural system, infilling the former two-story atrium to create more usable floor space. When the project is complete, there will be new labs on the first and second floor where infill occurred. The corridor will be relocated along the north wall with views of the CSU pond, prairie, and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Bruce Crooks of ITS has been documenting the renovation with his camera. [Click here](http://example.com) for his latest images.

Jim Zumerchik, FDM’s new project manager, is pictured in one of the photographs. FDM is pleased to welcome Jim. Thanks to Bruce for his great camera work.
Scholarship Spotlight - Teri Moore

Teri Moore of Chicago received the Ralph R. and Dolores Turner Endowed Scholarship in Liberal Arts. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' criminal justice program.

Teri is a hard working student and mom, and is dedicated to helping those in need.

Much Ado About Pierre (08-06-12)

Pierre, GSU’s traveling penguin, accompanied Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English, to Stratford, Ontario, for the 60th season of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Pierre enjoyed Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing, and The Pirates of Penzance, Gilbert and Sullivan’s comic opera. In the photo, he can be seen perched on the statue of William Shakespeare – and assisting the Bard’s pen – outside the Festival Theatre.

This spring, Pierre gave his official “wing-tips-up” to International Penguin Day, April 25, during a fifth grade health class at James Hart School in Homewood. Jim Murray, a GSU student studying Human Performance and Training, snapped a photo of Pierre standing on a jar containing contest slips; students who wore only black and white to class that day were entered in a drawing for a video or a poster.

Send your pictures of Pierre’s summer travels to GSU View and you will be eligible for fabulous prizes in our Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest. For information on picking up your own GSU penguin for travels near and far, and how to enter the contest, visit Pierre’s webpage.

Take a Tour of E and F Wing Project

You don’t need a hard hat to see the steady progress in E and F Buildings, where crews have completed the first phase of their construction project. When the project is finished, GSU students will have state-of-the-art science classrooms and labs.

Follow this link for a video tour of the E and F renovation in progress.

Convocation 2012 Coming Next Week
persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy
• Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military
• Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims
• Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Election Issues In Spotlight

On Monday October 29, GSU will host a community forum on the Issues of the 2012 Elections from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Panelists include Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; Dr. Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; and Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

The forum is free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

Giovanni Here on November 7

Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. She will speak on The Courage for Equality: Love, Work, Society.

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.

Nikki Giovanni’s appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

E & F Winging to Completion

It was one year ago when GSU “tore down the walls” at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the E/F Renovation Project.

Great progress has been made:
• The F atrium infill is complete
• New drain lines are installed beneath the slab
• Duct work is hung
• Copper lines for hot and cold water, plus science gases, are being
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installed
• New windows on the second floor offer a panorama to GSU’s lake
• Metal stud walls are framed
• Classroom F1622 is gutted
• Tons (literally) of new mechanical equipment have been installed on the roof

A committee of stakeholders is meeting regularly this fall to finalize furniture, equipment, and technology needs to coordinate orders, deliveries, and movers for occupancy of Phase 1 next Spring.

See Bruce Crooks’ photos of the renovation progress.

One Book, One University – Quilting the Black Eyed Pea

In honor of Nikki Giovanni’s appearance at GSU on November 7, the Intellectual Life Committee has chosen her book Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea for this semester’s One Book, One University selection. Copies of the book are available at the University Library.

Before Giovanni’s 7 p.m. performance at the Center for Performing Arts, everyone is invited to join the discussion of her book and hear some of her poems recited at the One Book, One University program beginning at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Members of the discussion panel include Dr. Christopher White, Assistant Professor of English and Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Assistant Professor of History. Dr. Rashidah Muhammad will serve as moderator. Dr. Muhammad will also lead students in a choral reading of the title poem. Individual students will read selected Giovanni poems.

Refreshments will be served. Both this event and the evening presentation are free and open to the public.

Reclaim the Prairie! – November 11

It is a perfect time of the year to spend some time outdoors doing something good for the earth that does not involve raking leaves or cleaning gutters. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University is seeking willing volunteers to help “Reclaim the Prairie!,” on November 11.

This event is perfect for everyone, old and young, as we expand our prairie flora. No experience is necessary. If you can pick a flower, rub it between your fingers, and scatter the seed, you can do this.

The activity begins at 1 p.m. in the University’s Cafeteria Annex with a short introduction on how and why of prairie restoration by GSU Superintendent of Grounds Kevin Barto. Participants will then fan out in a specified area of the sculpture part to harvest, then sow prairie seed.
Civil Service Shopping Extravaganza – November 15

Just in time to help you get your holiday shopping done early, the GSU Civil Service Senate is sponsoring the GSU Annual Fall Vendor Fair. The shoppers’ paradise will feature arts and crafts, perfect gifts, and unique creations on Thursday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The event is free and open to the public.

Interested vendors and crafters are encouraged to participate. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7559.

Hunger Awareness and Action

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10 to 18, is co-sponsored by National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Student Life is sponsoring a special food drive, which involves all of the GSU student clubs and organizations competing to take a stand against hunger. During the food drive, members of the GSU community are also asked to take a stand against hunger by bringing in non-perishable foods and placing them in the food bins located in the Hall of Governors, A-wing, E-wing, and on the third floor of D-Wing. All donations will support the GSU Food Pantry.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events include:
- Hunger and Homelessness Poster Presentation November 12, Hall of Governors
- Hunger and Homeless Documentary and Discussion Facilitated by Dr. Phyllis West November 14, 5 p.m., TBD
- GSU Food Pantry Grand Re-opening November 15, 3 to 6 p.m., Student Commons

The events are sponsored by Student Life and Student Senate. For additional information contact Christopher Cook. Events are free and open to the public.

Chemistry Faculty Tours New Facilities

The chemistry faculty - Drs. Walter Henne, Joong-Won Shin, Shelly Kumar, and Karen D’Arcy, and Stephen Kent, university lecturer - recently toured the E and F Wing reconstruction site. Ron Bachus, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, led the tour. Jennifer Morehead of OSPR and Dr. Mary Carrington of Biology also toured the construction site.

Faculty members were eager to see the office layout, have the opportunity to select offices appropriate for the program coordinator and faculty advisor, and envision the new lab facilities. Dr. Henne selected an office close to the new biochemistry lab. Dr. Joong-Won Shin, a new professor, viewed the new teaching and research labs for the first time.
As the new office space and labs are readied over the next few months, the Science and Health Science Faculty will prepare for the move by reducing their “footprint” in their existing offices and labs. Thanks to E and F transition team, more confidential document disposal boxes are available and an additional trailer is ready to be loaded with obsolete and surplus equipment destined for the State of Illinois auctions in Springfield.

The December/January break between terms will be a busy time for faculty and staff as they identify equipment that will be moved into the new labs and items that are headed for disposal. FDM has already begun removing surplus lab benches from the F-Wing.

Pre-Thanksgiving Skating Party – November 17

Before you enjoy all that turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie, have fun roller skating with the GSU Veterans Club. The social event and fundraiser will be held on November 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Tinley Park Roller Rink, 17658 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. Admission is only $10 and proceeds will be used to support programs assisting members of the armed forces.

For more information, contact Eric Williams at 708.439.1999.

Students Receive Mathematics Teaching Scholarships

Timothy Conrath and Donald Sachnoff, students in the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Teacher Education program, are recipients of the Mathematics Student Teaching Scholarship. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded to qualified students who are enrolled in student teaching and have earned a B or higher average in all mathematics and statistics classes.

Football at GSU!

The Chicago Bears are shaping up as a team that never gives up and consistently finds ways to come out victorious.

You can take advantage of Bears fever at two upcoming events, both sponsored by the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

At the Monday Night Bears Bash, on November 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Game Lounge, you can cheer your team to victory as the Bears play the San Francisco 49ers. Food, games, and prizes are on the evening’s agenda as the Bears move closer to the playoffs.

On November 28 and 29, you can take the helm as quarterback during the Go Mad With Madden Tournament. Competition takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Game Lounge. You must register to participate and the competition is open only to current GSU students with a current university ID. To register, contact Jason Zelek.
E & F Building Disconnect – November 21

A scheduled outage affecting all computer systems and Cisco office phones in the E and F buildings will take Wednesday, November 21. Outages are planned in E building from 6 to 10 a.m. and in F building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please make arrangements to shut down office computers in these locations prior to the outage. Remote access into office computers from off-campus will NOT be available during or after power outage until the computers are manually restarted.

For more information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

Registration 2013 Continues


Registrants are reminded that the new course renumbering system is now in use. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion. A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

To register, students should visit the GSU registration website. Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Scholarly News from Baden-Baden

Dr. Winfried K. Rudloff, retired GSU faculty and IIAS Distinguished Professor of Internet-Based Global Education, attended InterSymp'2012, the 24th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics, and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics, in Baden-Baden, Germany.

During the Opening Plenary Session, he presented a keynote address on Minds and Memories of Men and Machines II: How will High-Tech Influence our Lives.

At The Symposium on Cybernetic, Logic, Mathematics, Informatics, and Artificial Intelligence, he delivered a second keynote address on The Mind-Body Problem from the Viewpoint of Computer Science, Cognitive Science, Philosophy, and Modern Biophysics.

His third keynote address was a contribution to the Symposium on Computer Science, AI, Systems Research, and Engineering Cybernetics on Use of Multimedia and Information Technologies in the Hybrid Classroom I.

Professor Rudloff organized and chaired a Special Focus Symposium on Global Education, Managerial Cybernetics, Risk Analysis, and Risk Management in combination with a Workshop on Global Education and
Team Illinois members in Illinois and across the nation.

Team Illinois members met with Mike Baumgartner, vice president for finance and special projects at CCA (shown at right hand corner). Team members (from left to right) are Rep. Bob Pritchard, minority spokesperson, House Higher Education Committee; Cheryl Hyman, chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago and CCA Board member; Elaine Johnson, vice-president for academic affairs and workforce development, Illinois Community College Board; President Maimon; Harry Berman, interim executive director, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Peg Lee, president, Oakton Community College; Eric Zarnikow, executive director, Illinois Student Assistance Commission; Lynne Haeffle, senior education policy director, Lt. Governor's Office; and Rep. Naomi Jakobsson, chairwoman, House Higher Education Committee.

Illinois joined CCA's inaugural alliance states in 2009. Illinois continues to pursue plans at the state and campus levels to meet the goal of 60 percent of all state residents holding a postsecondary degree or credential of marketable value by 2025.

Science Renovation Continues Over Break

The renovation of GSU’s science facilities will continue over the university’s winter break. Several construction projects in F-wing are scheduled, including:

- Connecting the hot water heating system
- Connecting the cold water/chiller system
- Connecting the domestic water
- Connecting the emergency power panels

Welding will take place in the basement of the biology offices and associated fumes and odors can be expected. No lab experiments or student activities should be planned during this time.

Dates for construction in occupied F-wing are December 26, 27, 28, and 31.

In other news the Phase 1 construction project has a May 1 delivery date. The CAS Science Division has set a goal to move all labs into the new space by May 20, the beginning of summer term. Thanks to science faculty, staff, and student workers who participated in a recent inventory project, the Science Division has identified equipment that will be moved into the new space, and items that will be turned into scrap and surplus.

Anyone who is planning to spend any extended time inside of F-wing during the construction days should contact Karen D’Arcy or Steve Shih.

Advancing Diversity and Social Justice at GSU

The Offices of Student Life and International Students are accepting applications for the Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice. The coalition’s mission is to encourage an accepting environment where students can embark upon a journey of education and empowerment by discovering similarities, differences, and challenges.
Qualified applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art, nursing, and social work, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is $25. Applicants must have completed at least 60 semester hours or an associate degree.

To see specific dates and times for Transfer Thursdays, visit the website or call 708.534.4490.

**Phase I in the Science Wing – Almost Done**

Phase I of the E and F Wing renovation project is almost complete, which means that a move-in date is fast approaching. Currently, our occupancy date is slated for May 20 – just in time for summer biology, physics, and chemistry classes to begin in the new lab settings.

As the date nears, you will see access to the renovated areas opening up. Temporary walls will come down, and doors will be opened. However, the construction area is still not open to the public. The GSU community is reminded to follow all signage and barrier indicators and not enter the construction area until it is officially open for use. Even during the first week of classes this summer, there will be a lot of activity while equipment is moved into the new labs and faculty move to their new offices.

Phase II of the renovation project is already under way. Completion of this portion of the project is slated for Spring 2014. In August, the university will officially celebrate the completion of Phase I.

**ADA Compliance and E-Blasts**

Today’s technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university’s Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the Internal E-Blast Procedure.

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact Lindsay Gladstone in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

**The Wizard of Oz Coming to CPA This Weekend**

And Dorothy

Some of the most memorable characters in American storytelling will come to life when *The Wizard of Oz* arrives at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts for one performance on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m.

As presented by American Family Theater, *The Wizard of Oz* is perfect family entertainment. It tells the
Tables will be located in the A-Wing North Study Hall (A 1105). Balls and paddles can be checked out at the Recreation and Fitness Center service counter (A1105). Valid student or employee IDs are required to check out equipment.

Registration for the tournament begins May 24. To sign up, or for more information, call the Office of International Services at 708.235.7611 or e-mail gzapolska@student.govst.edu.

Board of Trustees Meeting – May 17, 2013 (05-20-13)

The Board of Trustees meeting Friday provided an opportunity for transitions, announcements, and presentations. Newly confirmed board members Lorraine Tyson and Anibal Taboas were welcomed by Board Chairman Jack Beaupre and President Elaine P. Maimon. Chair Beaupre noted that this was the first time the board has had full membership in many years.

President Maimon reported that the recent focused visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) team was very positive. While the final report has not been filed, Dr. Maimon noted that, during the exit conference, the visiting team expressed “praise” for the way we have been planning our lower division and our general education curriculum. Dr. Maimon complimented the work of the General Education Task Force, “brilliantly chaired by Professor Ann Vendrely.”

In addition to the positive review of the university’s progress on student assessment, Dr. Maimon reported that the HLC team gave full approval to the operational change to admit freshmen. “The team noted that this was not a change in mission. GSU was founded as a comprehensive regional university; admitting freshmen helps us fulfill our mission.” The HLC Team also praised the extensive planning in progress for the first-year program at the same time the university is expanding to meet the needs of transfer students through innovative programs such as the Dual Degree Program.

“Many thanks to the campus as a whole for the great work that has led to this outside validation,” added Dr. Maimon.

In response to board inquiries, Dr. Maimon provided an overview of recent efforts by the Council of Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors (IPUPC), a statewide organization that Maimon serves as a convener, to offer research-supported solutions to issues of pension reform in Illinois. IPUPC has been engaged in constructive discussions with the legislative leadership to ensure that our employees’ interests are protected while ensuring the solvency of the pension system, explained Maimon. Towards this end, the IPUPC has been advocating the adoption of the “Six Simple Steps”, the position paper developed by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, as a guide in reforming the state’s pension system. “The IPUPC solution is a responsible, constructive position,” Maimon added.

Dr. Maimon acknowledged several transitions at GSU, announcing the appointment of Lydia Morrow-Ruettgen as Dean of the Library. (See related story) She also noted that this was Provost Terry Allison’s final board meeting. “As GSU gains prominence nationally, executive search firms become interested in our top administrators.” Dr. Maimon thanked Provost Allison for his many accomplishments and service and
wished him well in his new position at Indiana University, South Bend.

Looking forward, Dr. Maimon said that the new provost will join GSU at a remarkable time. “As I complete the sixth year of my presidency, I am pleased to see our goals come together in what we are calling Renaissance 2014.” Dr. Maimon cited the success of DDP and the GSU Promise, expansion to a full-service university, construction of student residences, and the renovation of E and F wings, among many other developments and accomplishments. “Renaissance 2014 means the rebirth of our founding principles of innovation, diversity, and student-centeredness in the shape of a 21st Century model university.”

In his report, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu reported that the first phase of the E and F wing renovation project was almost complete, adding 75,000 square feet of badly needed science labs, classrooms, and faculty offices. Classes will be held in the new spaces this summer even as work begins on Phase II of the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board members and members of the GSU community toured the renovated areas. Dr. Walter Henne, of the chemistry faculty, led the tour and answered questions.

Additionally Dr. Ejigu introduced the preliminary FY14 budget, which the board approved. In other business Friday, the Board approved the promotion to associate professor, with tenure, of the following faculty: Carlos Ferran, CBPA; Barbara Gormely, COE; and Robin Washington, CHHS. CHHS’s Susan Ji was also awarded tenure.

The Board of Trustees honored student Trustee Erin Fletcher, who will be graduating on June 8, with a resolution read by Trustee Eileen Durkin. Fletcher was recognized for her academic success and her contributions to GSU. She chaired the Sustainability Committee, helped organized the First Annual Student Sustainability Conference, and represented GSU at the 2013 Association of Governing Boards Annual Meeting as a panelist on the topic of Today’s College Students.

New Dean of the Library - Lydia Morrow Ruetten

President Elaine P. Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Interim Dean of the GSU Library and tenured faculty member, to Dean of the GSU Library. Professor Morrow Ruetten holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Governors State University. She began her career with the GSU Library in 1989 as a Serials Librarian.
from $10 to $20 depending on plot size, and agree to the rules and policies of the community garden. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a University Sustainable Garden plot, contact the Facilities Department at 708.534.4515 or visit www.govst.edu/garden.

**First Phase of Science Wing Renovation Complete, GSU’s East Entrance to Re-Open (05-23-13)**

With the completion of the first phase of E & F wing renovation, GSU’s east entrance will once again be open to students, faculty and staff. Starting Tuesday, May 28, the east entrance, located in F building, will be open. The stairway silo, just south of the east entrance, will be open only to construction workers for the remainder of the E & F project.

Construction of Phase II of the E & F project begins Tuesday. It is likely that the Phase II project will be completed in the summer of 2014.

“I’m happy to report that Phase I of the science wing renovation is complete, and that many of the labs and classrooms in E and F buildings are ready for our students,” said Karen Kissel, Vice President for Finance and Administration. “Congratulations and our deepest thanks to everyone who has helped make this project a success.”

When both phases of the $25.5 million project are completed, the renovation of GSU’s science classrooms and laboratories will comprise approximately 76,000 square feet of space and include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep/store rooms, and a new lecture hall that seats 90 students. The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

**Maria Hinojosa to Receive Honorary Doctorate**

Award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa will receive an honorary doctorate from GSU at the June 8 Commencement. Hinojosa will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Approximately 1,500 graduates will receive degrees in morning and afternoon Commencement ceremonies at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

During her 25-year career at CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, and WGBH in Boston, Hinojosa has striven to give voice to the voiceless, to make the invisible visible, and to shine light where there is darkness. Hinojosa was the first Latina to be employed at NPR, the first Latina correspondent at CNN, and the first Latina
and employee enrichment. Company approaches to communication, work-life balance, employee education, diversity, recognition and retention are among the judging criteria. Trustee Durkin’s C4 has been honored as a Back to Back Winner – for 2012 and 2013 – of Chicago’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.

Trustee Durkin is a recognized leader with diversified experience in health care, mental health and disability service. She leads an organization founded in 1972 to help people released from psychiatric hospitals into the Uptown and Edgewater communities. Organized as the Edgewater-Uptown Community Mental Health Council, concerned residents received a federal grant to open an outpatient clinic. Since then C4’s service area has expanded to Chicago’s North Side and beyond as a leading provider of mental health, substance use and family counseling clinical services delivered from five facilities.

"It is gratifying to receive this award two years in a row. As a non-profit we have limited funds, so it is particularly rewarding to be acknowledged for our innovative strategies and human resources practices. This award speaks volumes about the quality and dedication of our very capable staff," said Trustee Durkin.

Catalog Addendum Now Available on GSU Website

The 2013-2014 Catalog Addendum is now available on the catalog page of the GSU website.

Click here to view the addendum.

All American Sculpture Walk Coming to NMSP

Celebrate the nation’s birthday by walking in the shadows of some of America’s greatest artists at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on Monday, July 1, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

NMSP’s All American Sculpture Walk will focus on Mark di Suvero’s masterful Yes! For Lady Day and then discuss other works influenced by Abstract Impressionism, the first fully American movement in world art history. You’ll see how American artists used their revolutionary vision to influence art around the world.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates will conduct the All American Sculpture Walk, which is free and open to the public. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. on the patio outside GSU’s Hall of Governors.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/sculpture or call 708.534.4486.

E/FRoofing Project Commences
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Re-roofing of the E/F renovation area began last week and will continue for approximately six to eight weeks. As with other re-roofing projects in the last year, FDM will close fresh air intakes to limit the entry of asphalt odors.

Persons with offices on the north side of G-wing need to keep their windows closed to prevent fumes from entering the building. The system design in G-wing makes it especially critical that those windows are closed for the duration of the E/F roofing.

F building Phase 1 and OT/PT may have odor issues, because their fans are 100 percent outside air fans. Based on typical wind patterns, no major issues with these areas are anticipated.

While the roofing odors are not harmful, they can be unpleasant. Like any irritant, sensitivity and reaction varies between people. Please do not hesitate to call FDM, ext. 4515, if your area becomes a problem. FDM will do all it can to mitigate odors in a particular area.

Great America Offers Great Deal During GSU Days

Student Life is sponsoring GSU Days at Great America on July 26 and 27, and August 9 and 10.

Students may purchase tickets for $29 that can be used on any of the four days. The tickets include admission to the Great America water parks.

Tickets may be purchased at the Cashier’s Office. Hurry, tickets are selling fast!

Philip Moeller Speaks Tonight

This month’s Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series comes to an end tonight with Philip Moeller’s presentation on Creating a Shared Vision. He will speak from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Moeller, the former president of Holland LP, was scheduled to speak earlier this month but his appearance was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly’s Dynamic Leadership presentation, originally scheduled for June 24, was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

The series, free and open to the public, has featured speakers who discuss aspects of management and governance related to their own lives as successful leaders. The lectures have been sponsored by the College of Business and Public Administration. Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

Outdoor Dining at Grill and Chill

Grill and Chill, sponsored by GSU Café,