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## News and Events

### **GSU Powers Down**

Governors State University will undergo a planned power outage on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12. There will be no access to on campus facilities and university services, including food service, bookstore operations, the fitness center, library, and ACS lab.

On campus courses, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 11, have been either relocated or cancelled depending upon each individual instructor's preference. All students and faculty attending a regularly scheduled course should report directly to the new course location only.

All other faculty, staff, students, and community members are encouraged to refrain from visiting campus during the outage. However, the university will not prohibit on campus visitors. All individuals visiting campus during the outing do so at their own risk and should not expect normal operations, electricity, or heat. Individuals visiting campus are required to check in with the Department of Public Safety on the first floor of C-wing, room C1375 (entrance near Department of Human Resources).

The power outage will not affect off campus access to all online GSU computer systems including WebCT, Blackboard, GSU email, student email, the library's online catalog and databases, or the GSU website.

#### **A few important reminders:**

- Please empty refrigerators by Thursday, April 9. This will give Facilities Development and Management time to dispose of the trash prior to the outage.
- Personnel are reminded to save all computer work before leaving campus on Friday, April 10. ITS recommends that all campus computers be powered off prior to the outage to prevent loss or damage to files and individual units.

If you have additional questions and concerns regarding this closure, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900.

### **Instant Decision Day**

It only takes an instant to open the door to a bright future at GSU. On Saturday, April 4, prospective students can discover GSU's 25 undergraduate degree programs. Learn about financial aid opportunities, and get on-the-spot admission to most programs. Immediate review of resumes submitted during this special GSU open house sponsored by the Office of Admission enables prospective student to plan their future instantly.

GSU's Instant Decision Day is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. There will be plenty of food and giveaways as well as important information. To learn more, call 708.534.4490 or visit the [Admission website](#).

## **Spring 2009 Commencement Speaker Nominations**

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the Summer Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Two separate nomination forms found on the Student Life web page under [Applications, Documents, and Forms](#), must be completed and submitted to Sara Appel, no later than Friday, April 17. The student applying to be speaker must be graduating at the ceremony.

The nominated student is required to meet for an interview on Monday, April 27, between noon and 5 p.m. For more information, contact [Sara Appel](#) at ext. 4552.

## **Von Stade at GSU**

World renowned mezzo-soprano, Frederica von Stade will perform with baritone Richard Stilwell and the Chicago College of Performing Arts Chamber Orchestra conducted by Stephen Squires on Sunday, April 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at The Center for Performing Arts. This special concert is sponsored by Roosevelt University and is free and open to the public.

## **Parking Lots Happenings**

With winter hopefully over, the parking lot contractor will complete work on parking lots B and C. On Friday, April 3, 2009 parking lot C will be closed so the contractor can stripe the parking spaces. At about noon, half of the parking lot will be completed and re-opened. The lot will be fully open by 3:30 p.m.

During the week of April 6 and 13, the contractor will cordon off portions of parking lots B and C to sweep, replace damaged pavers, and install landscaping. Other portions of the lots will remain open.

Weather permitting, all work will be completed within two weeks. For more information, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

## **Baseball + GSU = Fun in the Sun**



GSU alumni, friends, Drs. Elaine and Mort Maimon, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joan Vaughan enjoyed a beautiful day together under the Arizona sun recently. They shared a delicious brunch hosted by the Maimons and then watched as the Cubs trounced the White Sox in a game at the new Sox spring training facility in Glendale. While some did not enjoy the outcome of the game, everyone enjoyed making new friends and reconnecting with old ones.

## **Energy Auditors**

Over the next few weeks, Performance Contractor ESG will be assessing GSU's buildings as they inspect our utility systems, lighting, and mechanical infrastructure. They are careful and courteous, however, their activities may interfere with your operation. In this case, please notify Facilities so a more convenient time may be scheduled for them to survey your area.

From the findings they observe on site, ESG will prepare an energy audit so GSU can determine the best conservation measures needed to become more energy efficient and sustainable.

For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

## **No Bowling Shoes Required**

Here is a great opportunity to show off your expertise in the lanes or just have good time looking a little foolish. Wii bowling is for everyone. Absolutely no skill is required, no bowling balls, and no special shoes. It is time to have some fun.

The GSU Student Education Association (SEA) is sponsoring a Wii Bowling competition on April 9, from noon to 3 p.m., in the hall of Governors. Students compete for \$2 and faculty and staff compete for \$3. Funds raised support the SEA.

For more information or to register, contact [Katie Mayo](#) or Joe Cardinal.

## **Friends Big Bargains**

The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a bargain hunters dream come true on April 15. In addition to the book sale and bake sale, there will also be a mini silent auction. Items open for bid include two certificates for a dental exam, which includes bitewing x-rays, dental cleaning, and consultation (valued at \$250 each); a gift basket; and several handcrafted lazy Susan's. More items are being added daily.

The mini silent auction will be held in conjunction with the bake sale and book sale from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. A preview of the books is open to members of the Friends from 11 a.m. to noon.

## **Treasured Friends**

Approximately 50 Friends attended the *Treasured Friends* reception for Friends of the GSU Library on Wednesday, March 25. Invited guests included donors and members of the Friends of the Library.

Receiving the *Treasured Friends* honor this year for their service and contributions to the Friends were Susan Bell, Elizabeth Green, Alexis Kennedy, and Pam Taylor. Ralph Ginn was the only recipient of the *Treasured Friends* honor in 2007. *Treasured Friends* receive framed certificates and their names are engraved on a plaque on display in the library. Refreshments and door prizes were a part of the festivities.

## **Women's Challenge Winners**

The team of Jim Howley and Rosemary Johnsen won the first *Women's Challenge: Who Wants to be in the Know?* on March 30. They each win a Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirt and \$50 Visa gift card. Four teams competed in front of a lively audience. Questions covered a variety of categories and varied in difficulty. The event was sponsored by the Academic Resource Center and the College of Arts and Sciences. Plans are already in the works for next year's competition.

## **Alumni Spotlight – Diana Muhammad**

As a two-time U.S. Olympic team member, Diana (Williams) Muhammad was a track and field star. In her autobiography, *True to Me: An Olympian's Victory Over Steroids*, she tells the painfully candid account of the inner workings of the track and field establishment and her struggle to regain her dignity and form after her bout with steroids. For more information about her book, contact [Diana Muhammad](#).

Diana is a 2002 graduate of the Board of Governors Degree program at GSU.

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