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## News and Events

### [Tornado Drill – June 30](#)

Governors State will conduct a campus-wide, public tornado drill on Tuesday, June 30 at 10 a.m. The drill will involve all campus offices and buildings except the President's Conference Center, the Biological Field Station, and the Wagner House.

The university community will be informed of the start of the drill at 10 a.m. via a recorded warning message broadcast through the IP phone system, hallway speakers, and the fire alarm public address system.

When the warning message is broadcast, all students, faculty, and staff are to move immediately to the designated public tornado shelter area closest to their location at that time.

Members of GSU's Emergency Volunteer Team (in green and orange vests) will provide directions to shelter areas. Individuals should remain in the tornado shelters until an 'all clear' signal is given via the IP phone and fire alarm PA system. Shelters not reached by either of these systems will be visited by members of the Department of Public Safety to signify an 'all clear.'

Campus maps indicating public tornado shelter areas are available online. Prior to the June 30 drill, please view the maps to familiarize yourself with the shelter locations.

If you have any questions prior to the drill, please call 708.235.7384.

### [Energy Performance Contract](#)

In its commitment to energy and environmental sustainability, Governors State University executed an \$8.2 million dollar energy performance contract with Energy Systems Group (ESG) today.

The contract will allow ESG to implement energy conservation measures on campus saving the university hundreds of thousands of dollars in utility and energy costs annually. These savings, along with anticipated state and federal grants will go toward paying the debt service of the contract. The energy and operational savings from these projects will payback the costs of the project in less than ten years.



"Environmental responsibility is integral to GSU's role as a leader in the community," said President Maimon. "As a signer of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, I am proud that our contract with the Energy Systems Group will promote the goals of *Strategy 2015* in transforming GSU into a model twenty-first century university."

The energy conservation measures include installing energy efficient lamps and ballasts in selected light

fixtures and installing occupancy sensors in classrooms and offices. GSU will also replace its existing steam boiler system with modulating hot water boilers and will retrofit all air handling units and other mechanical system components.

## **Independence Day Closure**

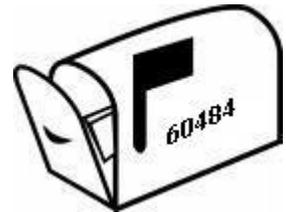
In observance of Independence Day, Governors State University will be closed from Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5. All university offices will be closed during this period and classes will not be in session.

Individuals in need of campus access during this closure are required to check in at the Department of Public Safety (C1375). To reach DPS by phone, dial 708.534.4900.

## **Reminder - ZIP Code Change**

Effective July 1, 2009, the Village of University Park, including Governors State University, will change ZIP Codes.

Please continue to review all materials (i.e. business cards, website, envelopes, stationery/masthead, forms, marketing materials) to ensure that they are changed to reflect the new ZIP code.



All departments doing business with outside entities are also responsible for informing those entities of the change for correspondence and billing purposes.

The facts:

- New ZIP Code: 60484 (Nine-Digit 60484-0975)
- The new ZIP code cannot be used and will not be recognized until July 1, 2009.
- The university must change the ZIP code on all materials between July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010.
- GSU may continue to use mail materials bearing the current code (60466) through July 1, 2010. Outbound GSU mail bearing an obsolete ZIP code as part of the return address after July 1, 2010 and found to be undeliverable-as-addressed would be considered a dead letter and not be returned sender (GSU).

For more information, contact [Paul Schwellenbach](#) at ext. 7429.

## **GSU Receives High Praise**

GSU was recently recognized for its academic practices in a recent American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) publication.

Board of Trustees Chair Lorine Samuels commended GSU for the achievement. "GSU is featured in the American Council of Trustees and Alumni recent publication for taking action in *Strategy 2015* to protect the free exchange of ideas by incorporating intellectual diversity in our strategic planning."

## He Gone!

The Student Senate will host a pre-game Patio Party at U.S. Cellular Field, as the Chicago White Sox take on the Baltimore Orioles, on Saturday, July 18. The party begins at 2 p.m., which is one hour before the 3:10 p.m. game time. All GSU students are eligible to win passes to the event.

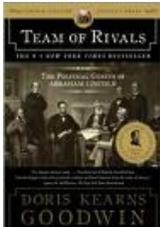
Students and their guests will be treated to an all-you-can-eat and drink menu, including BBQ ribs, fried chicken, Cajun chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and soft drinks. The patio also provides an up-close chance to view of the playing field while watching batting practice from behind the outfield fence next to the visitor's bullpen.

The food and drink portion of the party lasts ½ hour into the game after which the group will relocate to reserved seats in the stadium to enjoy the game. As a bonus, Student Life is providing free transportation to and from the game via charter bus on a first-come-first served basis.

To enter, send an email to [gsudsil@yahoo.com](mailto:gsudsil@yahoo.com) with MY WHITE SOX! as the subject. The body of the email must include the student's name, Student ID number, and home address. Entries must be received by July 2, at 11:30a.m. to be included in the drawing.

The drawing will take place on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at noon. Ticket winners will be notified that day by email and winners must pick up their tickets (or request to have them mailed) no later than Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., at the Welcome Center. Play ball!

## Summer Reading



The Intellectual Life Committee is sponsoring One Book, One University in October featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*. The book details Abraham Lincoln's choice to bring together many of his greatest political competitors to help him lead the country through difficult times.

On October 21, Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian and Lincoln expert from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, will lead a discussion on the themes found in the book.

Please save the date, read the book, and plan to join in the conversation.

