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## News and Events

### [Emergency Preparedness - Tornado Drill](#)

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.

### [Foundation Board Member Featured](#)

GSU Foundation Board member Bea Tayui was recently featured on the cover of the May/June issue of Today's African Lifestyles magazine. In the associated story, she remarked on her work with the university.

"I am pleased to be part of the wonderful initiatives at Governors State University. I was appointed as one of the [Foundation] Board Members, and I serve on the Development Committee as well. In this capacity, we support the President, Dr. Elaine Maimon, and the CEO of The Foundation, Joan Vaughan, in developing strategies that propel capital development as well as increased enrollment. This University is one of the silent jewels in the woods of the southern suburbs of Chicago. We are responsible for initiating strategies that bring visibility and corporate relations which will eventually support scholarship programs for deserving students. It is an excellent University for people who are returning to complete their undergraduate or graduate programs."

Congratulations, Bea.

## **GSU Family Matters – Luke & Kathy Helm**

Growing up in Park Forest, Luke and Kathy Helm looked upon GSU as an extension of their neighborhood. They swam at the pool, which was then part of the Governors State YMCA, and participated in other youth activities. Their father, who was working on a doctoral degree, took them along when he went to the library to do research. Their mother received her first master's degree from GSU.

Kathy and Luke come from a background in which education was always a top priority; their father was a school principal and their mother is a teacher. They are now using their talents to help a new generation of students complete their education. Luke is an external program manager in GSU's School of Extended Learning and Kathy is an outreach counselor in the Academic Resource Center.

Luke first began working at the School of Extended Learning as a student. "That was in 1996," he says. "I've been here ever since." He serves as liaison with the College of Business and Public Administration ensuring that off-campus programming functions smoothly.

Kathy has been at GSU eight years. After receiving her doctorate in psychology, she learned from her brother that GSU was looking for persons to counsel students and signed on as a volunteer. Now, she is on campus two days a week, counseling students and supervising interns from other colleges and universities. Kathy also works as a full-time psychology professor at Lewis University.

"Students get the counseling assistance they need at GSU and interns gain the necessary clinical hours," says Kathy.

Years after their childhood trips to GSU, Luke and Kathy see the university as a unique school of higher learning. "It was designed to serve an adult population long before that idea was popular," Luke says.

## **Put it on the Board, YES!**

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, 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 at 4:30 p.m., at the Welcome Center. Play ball!

## Plants for Sale



Bring the beauty of season into your office, decorate your yard, or season your food with a pot full of flowering impatiens or kitchen garden herbs. Each clay pot is only \$4.

Contact [Pam Taylor](#) at 7527 or [Lydia Morrow-Ruetten](#) at 4116. The funds raised will support the programs and projects of the Friends of the GSU Library.



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