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News and Events

Blowin' in the Wind

GSU Thursday got the green light for an important environmental initiative when Warren Ribley, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, announced a \$153,000 grant for the 50 kilowatt turbine, to be located on campus.

"Sustainability and efficiency have gone far beyond being buzzwords," Ribley said. "They are now part of our way of life. We need to develop an energy policy that recognizes and takes care of the environment."

The wind turbine will provide a clean, renewable source of energy, and also be incorporated into the university's academic programs, said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. Students in GSU science classes will be able to monitor the turbine's performance through a television hookup, and learn about renewable technology.

Dr. Maimon said GSU's wind turbine exemplifies the university's commitment to sustainability. She noted that children attending the Family Learning Center, adjacent to the wind turbine site, will see it every day, and learn a valuable lesson about sustainability and environmental stewardship early in their lives.



State Senator Toi Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields, said she is pleased to be a partner in GSU's environmental initiatives. GSU, she said, is a center for positive, forward-thinking action in the Southland region.

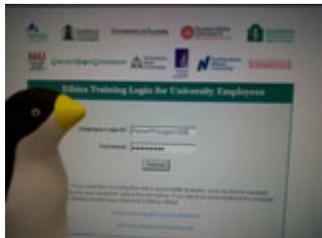
"We can make anything, grow anything, that we need and we can do it right here," Hutchinson said. "A university is supposed to be a portal to the future. When GSU opens doors, you can go anywhere you want."

Construction of the 120-foot-tall wind turbine will begin in January 2011 and is expected to take six to nine months. When operational, the turbine will provide 35 percent of the power for the Family Development Center and save about \$14,000 a year in energy costs, according to Susan Rakstang, associate vice president for facilities development and

maintenance.

With the installation of an oncampus wind turbine, GSU will continue reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, and move toward its goal of becoming Illinois' greenest university.

2010 Ethics Training



Pierre sets a good example by taking his 2010 Annual On-Line Ethics Training early. Have you completed your Ethics Training yet?

Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training

Administrator, reminds all university employees to be sure to complete the mandatory State of Illinois employee training requirement. Tymkow points out, "Employees have been notified by regular mail and by campus e-mail that the training link is active from October 20, through the close of business on November 18. Be sure to participate as soon as possible."

Transportation Opportunities

GSU will host the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday, October 22, at 9 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. The summit will provide a comprehensive look at the business opportunities that can be created through the Southland's unique access to national and world markets via rail, expressway, air, and waterway networks.

Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and a GSU graduate, will give the keynote address.

Opening remarks will be provided by Mike Scholefield, Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation chair; Crete Mayor Michael Einhorn; and GSU President, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Scholefield will moderate a transportation panel discussion and Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration, will moderate a business panel discussion.

The summit is sponsored by CN Railway. It is co-hosted by GSU, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

Undergraduate Program Open House

A GSU Undergraduate Program Open House and Instant Decision Day will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors and Cafeteria Annex. Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services, and undergraduate

program advisors will be on hand to answer questions. Applications will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25.

No Flu Allowed

Free Flu Shots will be given to all insured employees and retirees on Thursday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. Dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, students, and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are not eligible for this free flu shot.

Contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468 with questions.

Employment Opportunity Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for those interested in careers in business administration, public administration, and communications. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

The 2010 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, November 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

DanceArt Celebrated

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance, a special presentation and live performance by DanceArt, illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. The presentation is on October 26, from 5 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

The presentation includes commentary by DanceArt founder and social entrepreneur, Maria Gebhard, and performances by DanceArt's classically trained dancers, students from Clinton Elementary School in Chicago, and accompanying musicians. The performance illustrates how DanceArt uses dance to motivate, instruct, and inspire school children in a way that fosters a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

A reception celebrating DanceArt's 10th anniversary will be held at 6 p.m.,

immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

This event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

For more information, contact [Chelsea Haring](#).

What's in a Pi(e)?

Where's the best place to get pie?
And what the heck is "pi" about, anyway?

So many questions and so little time. In our newfangled information age, new questions keep popping up with the speed of those machines that attempt to calculate pi. We are left rolling our eyes and wishing for a nice piece of pie.

If you are undaunted by questions, consider sharing your insights on matters great and small with the GSU View. Our "Twenty Questions Plus One" feature gives you an opportunity to tell the rest of the GSU community what you really, truly consider to be important.

To participate, contact Twenty Questions Plus One impresario [Tom Houlihan](#).

