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News and Events

[E and F Renovation Update](#)



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 used during the taping of the show. DLMD is also looking for people who are willing to share their story on camera.

Interested persons should submit a one or two page paper addressing these questions: What role your dad has played in your life? How has your father inspired you? Do you want to be like your father? Do you want to be better than your father?

Is there anything else you would like to share about your dad?

Stories should be submitted to ThisWeek@govst.edu by Monday, March 26. Persons who are interested in telling their stories on camera should contact [Keisha Dyson](#) at 708. 235.6870.

Tools and Toys for Faculty

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center presents *Tools and Toys for Faculty—Technology Horizons*, this semester's third Brown Bag lunch, on March 22, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Based on a survey of faculty needs, the session will focus on tools available to GSU faculty that support and reinforce teaching around, between, out of, and in the classroom.

This session, led by Yvette Brown and colleagues from the Center for Online Teaching and Learning, will provide helpful information on:

- creating audio announcements and podcasts;
- narrating your Power Point and publish it to Blackboard;
- adding video to your PowerPoint, and Screencapture using Camtasia and Captivate;
- producing and share video with your students; and
- creating a few other "high end" bells and whistles.

They will also introduce the new Faculty Technology Lab.

Bring your lunch, ideas, techniques you would like to share, and questions. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks will be provided by the Office of the Provost.

The next Brown Bag session, on April 26, will target assessment.

For more information and to register, contact [Raven James](#) or [Tony Labriola](#).

Feeding the Food Pantry

The GSU Student Food Pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the month through June. The pantry will be open on March 19.

Food collection containers are located near the elevator in the Hall of Governors and in the Student Commons (A2140).

Careers and Internships in Criminal Justice 2012

The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on March 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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 internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

Celebrating the Life of Dr. Gary Lyon



A memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Gary Lyon will be held on Tuesday, March 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. A reception will follow in the CPA Lobby.

Dr. Lyon was an admired member of the GSU faculty. He joined the chemistry department in 2001. He is remembered for his genuine warmth, compassion, and dedication to GSU and to helping his students achieve in the classroom and their careers.

Please join us in remembering a remarkable educator and friend.



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