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News and Events

Up On The Roof

Over the next several weeks, crews will remove and replace the roof on GSU's D building. Work should be completed by late October, said David Stone, associate vice president for facilities and management, and Ron Bachus, environmental health and safety coordinator.

Repairs to the roof are necessary because of increased leaking and water damage, particularly in D building. The project includes replacement of the original roof drain assemblies, including those above the Hall of Governors. Indoor work will be scheduled around activities in that space.

During construction, everyone needs to keep an eye out for temporary barriers designed to protect students, staff, and the public, as well as contractor personnel.

The university and the contractor are taking numerous precautions to minimize the impact of the roof work on building occupants. These include:

- mobilizing the construction activities to minimize restrictions on pedestrian or vehicular access to the building;
- using "low odor" asphalt products; and
- sealing outdoor air dampers to limit the introduction of unpleasant odors as much as possible.

Materials used during the project, along with construction activities, are being monitored. Some of the odors involved in the roofing project may be unpleasant, even at levels far below those considered harmful.

FDM will take the lead on responding to concerns about the project. Persons with questions or concerns should call ext. 4515.

A Penguin in London Town



On the plane

Pierre the GSU Penguin continued his summer travels when he accompanied Samantha Szkola, a second year student in the Master of Social Work program, to England and Poland.



Bird's eye view

Before landing on the other side of the Atlantic, Pierre got comfortable on his airplane's travel tray. He got a great bird's eye view of Big Ben and Westminster Abbey from the London Eye. And, since it is the year of the Queen's Royal Jubilee, Pierre tried on a crown – it's actually a special decoration at the top of Wellington Arch in Hyde Park.



The crowning touch

Send your pictures of Pierre's summer travels to the GSU View and you'll be eligible for fabulous prizes.

All entries for this summer's Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest must be submitted to GSU View by September 14. For information on picking up your own GSU penguin for travels near and far, and how to enter the contest, visit [Pierre's webpage](#).

Veterans Services Take Spotlight

GSU is hosting Veterans Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 6. All events are free and open to the public.

A Veterans Employment Workshop will take place from 8:30 to 2 p.m., in room D1246. Veterans will get tips to help them find or change jobs, and learn about programs that are available to them.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Veterans Resource Fair is planned in GSU's Hall of Governors. The fair will showcase resources for veterans.

At 2:15 p.m., GSU's new Veterans Resource Center will be dedicated. President Elaine P. Maimon will speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Veterans Resource Center will be a one-stop location for veteran services at GSU.

All events are sponsored by the GSU Office of Veterans Affairs. RSVP to [Keith White](#), Coordinator of Veterans Affairs, at 708.235.2223.

Carts & Cocktails Benefits Manilow Sculpture Park

GSU is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Martin Puryear's installation of *Bodark Arc*, at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP). BMO Harris Bank is pleased to present this annual benefit fundraiser, *Carts & Cocktails*, offering guests an engaging afternoon featuring a conversation with Michael Darling, James Alsdorf Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, cocktails, and a tour of the park in golf carts. *Carts & Cocktails* will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Martin Puryear, one of the world's elite African American sculptors, lived in Chicago when his work gained international recognition. In February, 2012, President Barack Obama presented Puryear with the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States Government.

Following cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a lakeside tent, guests at the event will take a motorized tour of the

sculpture park, where a breathtaking prairie landscape is home to 27 monumental works by some of the world's greatest artists. Stops are planned at *Bodark Arc* and two other sculptures. After the tour, *Carts & Cocktails* concludes with desserts in the tent.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. For tickets or more information, contact NMSP at www.govst.edu/sculpture or 708.534.4486.

Carts & Cocktails is presented by BMO Harris Bank. Bimba is an event patron. Sponsors are Rich Township, AAA System Rentals, Leona Calvin, Debra Hooks, Jacqueline Lewis, and The Music Connection.

Dave Drechsel Golf Outing Returns September 9



Signing up for the Third Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing just got a lot easier. You can sign up for the golf outing and pay all fees at [this PayPal link](#). Additional information about the golf outing is also available at the link.

This year's outing will be held Sunday, September 9, at University Golf Club, in University Park. GSU faculty and staff, along with family and friends, are invited to take part in an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is welcome.

Registration for the golf outing begins at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. The fee for the entire day's events is \$75, or \$25 for persons only attending the banquet.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

For additional information about the golf outing, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.6813.

Robinson-Easley to appear at African Festival of the Arts

Dr. Christopher Ann Robinson Easley, associate professor of management, will discuss her new book, *Our Children, Our Responsibilities: Saving the Youth We are Losing to Gangs*, at the African Festival of the Arts, taking place Labor Day weekend in Chicago.

Robinson-Easley will appear at the festival's book pavilion at 5 p.m., on Monday, September 3. She will take part in a discussion on *The Black Church, Youth, and the Preservation of Communities*.

The African Festival of the Arts will be held at Washington Park, 5100 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago.

Learn About Alternative Certification Program

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU's Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary education (for biology, chemistry, or mathematics).

TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Tau Sigma Meeting

Tau Sigma, the transfer student national honor society, will hold its first meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year on Wednesday, September 5, at 4 p.m. in A2134. All current members are invited to attend. Officers will be elected and plans for upcoming activities and projects will be discussed.

Phoenix Launching Online Site Next Week

Starting Wednesday, September 5, you'll be able to get up-to-date stories on campus news, events and much more, online as well as in print.

The Phoenix, GSU's student newspaper, is launching its web site at www.gsuphoenix.com to coincide with the first issue of the 2012-2013 school year. In addition to news, The Phoenix will showcase the blogs of GSU students, faculty, and staff, and plans to create an online campus community.

If you have news, blogs, or other ideas to share, contact Melissa Hall, the Phoenix's new editor, at phoenix@govst.edu.

Student Sustainability Conference

GSU will host the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). The free summit will take place at GSU on Friday, September 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students from area colleges and universities will introduce sustainability efforts and initiatives. SMHEC is comprised of 12 colleges and universities that service the Chicago Southland region.

You can register at this [link](#).

For additional information, contact [Genny Boesen](#) or [Sheree Sanderson](#).

DPT Open House on September 12

GSU's Physical Therapy Department will host an Information Session/Open House for individuals interested in learning more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, September 12, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D34000.

Information will be presented about admission criteria and course curricula. GSU offers an on-campus, entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in physical therapy.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet faculty members and tour classroom and laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information is available by contacting [Mary Tracy](#) at 708.534.7290.

Minority Internship Program

The Minority Internship Program (MIP) is designed specifically for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at GSU, Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. The program is open to African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans (or Pacific Islanders), Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives.

The program provides students with the opportunity to observe and participate in the practical aspects of public policy making in a variety of off-campus settings. While the emphasis is on local and state government agencies, students may complete their internships in a number of other agencies that may be more relevant to their majors and career aspirations.

Applications for the MIP program are currently being accepted for the fall semester. The application deadline is September 10, at 4 p.m. Applicant selection is very competitive. Download an [application](#).

For additional information contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) or call 708.534.4552.

Scholarship Spotlight – Brent Panno



Brent Panno of Champaign received the Dr. Katherine Gavin Scholarship. He is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services and is working toward a Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

Brent looks forward to being able to help others. He currently works as a chemist and is an avid volunteer.

Brent Panno

