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Events		<h2>GSU Students Collect the Trash</h2>					
Production Procedures		University Park, IL, April 22, 2011 – In preparation for Earth Day – and because it was badly needed – students from the Governors State University Biology Club recently braved the pouring rain and chilly temperatures to clean up the drainage ditch along Dralle Road and Thorn Creek, which runs through the University Park campus.					
Image Standards		The students filled bags with discarded bottles, plastic bags, cans, and paper -- all of which they expected to find. They were surprised, however, when they hauled up a porcelain toilet complete with water tank, a queen size mattress, old tires, a hot water tank, and yards of metal fencing, fence posts, and coiled wire.					
Font and Typeface Guidelines		Perhaps the most surprising trash find, and the most ironic, was a blue recycling bin, which wasn't even filled with recyclables. It was just tossed into the creek, blocking the flow of water and harming the natural environment.					
Editorial Style Guide		"This is a part of the campus usually only seen by our biology students conducting field work, but all this trash has an adverse effect on the environment. It clogs the flow of water and impedes water run-off. This effects local farms as well as the animal and plant life in the area that need the water," explained Dr. John Yunger, professor of biology who worked with his students to collect the trash.					
Downloads		The fruits of their labors – the piles of refuse – were on display during the GSU Earth Day celebration on April 21.					
Photography		Students who participated in the clean-up were Rodney Balitewicz of Chicago, Peter Gladstone of Park Forest, Angie Tapley of Homewood, Fannie Stanfa of Tinley Park, and Jessica Woodman of Country Club Hills.					
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