Governors State University will hold numerous events designed to showcase what it has to offer to students beginning with ‘Welcome Days’ which officially started the fall trimester.

The ‘Welcome Days’ took place all day Tuesday and Wednesday in the Hall of Governors, welcoming students to the beginning of the fall trimester.

This year’s event featured a voter registration table as well as numerous giveaways, such as free flash drives. Students also entered drawings for Chicago Cubs tickets or tickets to see shows in GSU’s Fine Arts Center.

GSU will be giving away free student planners, full of important information, in the next few weeks.

“We hope to give them away in two weeks,” said Sara Appel, Director of Student Involvement. “They contain important dates for our students like payment due dates and drop dates for classes. There will also be an abbreviated version of the student handbook in the planner.”

Also coming up is GSU Family Night which will take place September 8. The events begin at noon during a lunch with GSU President Dr. Elaine Maimon.

“We will have fried chicken, mashed potatoes and ice cream,” Appel said.

The Student Involvement Fair will take place September 24 inside the Hall of Governors, showcasing all the extracurricular activities GSU has to offer.

“The different organizations and clubs will set up tables with all kinds of information,” said Appel. “They will have information on the club and ways students can become members.”
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GSU Family Development Center: A Magical Place to Discover

By Brittany Richardson
Contributor

A child's wonderland is right within your reach. A place where children go to learn, have fun and enjoy life as being what it is...a magical journey. That very place lies on the grounds of Governor’s State University.

The Family Development Center is an enchanting place where children go to learn and have fun. They incorporate learning tools into every activity and make every experience one to remember. In developing this facility not only did they focus on every aspect of childhood development, they continue to incorporate learning techniques into the daily class activities.

A visit to this magical wonderland would open your eyes to many aspects of cognitive development that everyday childcare services overlook. Children develop based on care, teaching and their surrounding, and every aspect is focused on in the Family Development Center.

There are learning stations set up along all of the walls. Children are not only mentally, physically and emotionally stimulated; their visual interests are piqued throughout the facility. Wonder, adventure and discovery is the theme.

Children can write letter to birds. At a station with stuffed birds and pictures there is a mailbox where children can send letters to birds. They feel like they are on an adventure as they write letters and place them in a mailbox next to the pictures and stuffed birds around them.

Another learning station is where the children were asked to draw their favorite item down on paper, and then asked to bend a piece of wire to represent what they drew. Many children found they were better able to express themselves with the wire versus a pen and paper. These examples display the focus and determination that Governor’s State has not only on creating a magical experience for the children, but challenging them mentally as well.

Children use their imagination, and sense of adventure where they are, the Family Development Center gears this energy towards ways to benefit the children they are in contact with.

Whether they are playing catch in one of the indoor/outdoor atriums, or playing on gym equipment, or using the art studio designed just for them...their minds are being enhanced. The Family Development Center uses children's sense of wonder, adventure and their wonderful imaginations to make learning a fun and positive experience.

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Archie the Arachnid

Meet Archie, my backyard resident wingless arachnid. Archie, classified as a Hammock Spider, loves pesky bugs, and has consumed many times his weight in mosquitoes while spending his past summer in Crete.

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**Archie Arachnid**

Archie Arachnid

Is my favorite pet.

He’s no trouble to keep

And moves with the speed of a jet.

Climbing and spinning,

Working all night,

Archie’s home is a work of art,

A complex and silky delight.

Archie’s world is his web,

Built with purposeful weave,

Where visitors are welcome,

Though they seldom leave.

Gaze upon his pretty face,

Give him some hugs.

Archie will reward you

By eliminating your bugs.

*Al Shorey*

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Children will find animals they can feed, play with and admire throughout the classrooms. Animals have been brought in from various people who have donated them to teach the children the beauty of nature. Animals are used to create a positive atmosphere towards others and enhance children's trusting relationships throughout their lives. Classroom animals teach children to think about the needs of others around them and the importance of treating others with care and respect.

For additional information on the Family Development Center, call 708-235-7300.
Maimon Keeping Busy Since Her Arrival

By Steve Schering
Editor

New Governors State University President Elaine Maimon has been very busy since taking office July 1.

After moving into her new home in Crete she made her first public appearance July 9 in front of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce’s Regional Consensus Luncheon in Tinley Park.

Maimon also took part in an ice cream meet and greet on campus, welcomed back alumni during a formal reception July 28 and will have lunch with guests at the GSU Family Night on September 8. She will also take part in a Presidential Installation Ceremony and Celebration in November.

One of her top priorities is to get the science wing renovated and she knows it will not be an easy task.

“The science wing is a top priority,” Maimon said. “We have to find a way to get those renovations done. We have to get the governor and legislature to realize how important it is. We will strongly appeal to the state.”

Students may already notice an increase in signage on campus designed to imprint GSU into the minds of the students, an effort headed by Maimon.

“We will be working out multi-faceted strategies to raise the profile of GSU,” Maimon said. “Signs and banners will be placed around campus to create a footprint and make GSU a destination.”

Maimon also has GSU undergoing a re-organization in order to serve students better. She hopes the university will become more “student friendly” which will allow students to “navigate their careers better.”

Since moving to the Chicago Southland Maimon has done “a lot of listening and learning” and has high hopes for GSU during her presidency.

“We want GSU to be exemplary in creating access for underserved students in high quality education,” Maimon said. “We will be known for the creation and offering of professional doctorates. GSU will be widely known for being an institution that is a unifying force for the region.”

Now Maimon is looking forward to her installation ceremony on November 3, not for herself, but for the university.

“The purpose is to have a focal point for the surrounding area and larger educational area to focus on GSU’s accomplishments and future goals,” Maimon said. “It’s a tradition in the academic world, when there is a new president, to have an installation ceremony and this is part of our overall strategy.”

Since moving in from Alaska Maimon and her husband are enjoying their new home.

“Things have gone very smoothly, we love living five minutes away from campus,” Maimon said. “We are very happy.”

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Halloween: Unnecessarily Remade

By John Conrad
Associate Editor

As I sat in the theater watching Rob Zombie's much-anticipated remake of the cult horror classic Halloween, a phrase kept popping into my head and reflecting back upon Zombie's previous two efforts it became apparent that if anyone bothered to teach this phrase to a young Rob Zombie, their efforts were in vain. Throughout his career Zombie has proven that he doesn't understand that "sometimes less is more." So, we all know the story, but incase you've been under a rock for the past two decades I'll provide a brief synopsis. Halloween opens as a young Michael Myers commits murders (one in the original and multiple in the remake) in his home. He is sent to a mental institution where he doesn't utter a word for 15 years. Just prior to his transfer to another institution, Michael escapes and heads back to his home to take care of some unfinished business (namely his sister, and anyone else unlucky enough to get in his way).

With Apatow, very little of Michael's origins were shown. In Zombie's version, this took up about a half-hour of the film. We are introduced in great detail to the Myers family's torment and treat the young Michael harshly because he's a bit "different." But not to fear, his family, as well as a few newcomers, are sure to get theirascimento. In the second chapter of the film, a sense of disliking the film, and said to say this feeling remained throughout. By explaining Michael's origins and the harsh treatment he received both at home and school, Zombie seems to be trying to justify his killings. I think this really took away from the film.

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