A great man once said "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." It's amazing to think about how far we've come. While there still is the long road called life ahead, don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss we can make a rest stop and enjoy our accomplishments.

The short answer would be no. The long answer would be, "Are you kidding me? This was probably one of the most comfortable and easiest thing. Heck, I couldn't tell you the number of times I wanted to quit, but I stuck to it."

Speaking from my own personal experience, there have been times when I was pinned to the floor with an unpleasant position and I asked myself probably the most dangerous thing of all. "Can I do this?"

There were many times when giving up would have been the most comfortable and easiest way to solve a problem. Just push those books aside and ask some TV or go and hang out with your friends. However, you did something that a lot of people in this world can't say that they did. You stuck to it. A true measure of success is to overcome. Sometimes the best thing isn't always the most comfortable thing. Heck, I couldn't tell you the number of times I wanted to quit, but I stuck to it.

We've known many people along this great academic journey that we've taken. Some stood right by our sides as we walked towards the finish. Some gave up after the first quarter. At the end of the day it isn't how you want to graduation. "Sometimes the address includes topics such as what the speaker would like to achieve in the next five years or it may describe the most rewarding experiences at GSU and what was important or memorable," Appel says. "However, the topic is entirely up to the speaker." Those interested in becoming the commencement speaker can pick up an application packet at the GSU Welcome Center (D1429) or print out an application form at www.govst.edu. Simply click on the "Student Services" tab, then "Student Life." The application is in the section titled "Forms." Applications are due to the committee by Monday, April 28 by 5 p.m.

Applicants will be asked to give a 10-minute presentation on Wednesday May 7 to a committee of faculty, staff and students. Following the presentation and a short interview between 12 and 5 p.m., the candidates are graded and the committee votes on the top candidate.
Spring ice cream social with the provost

By Steve Schering
Editor

GSU President Elaine Maimon acknowledged that she was becoming known as the ‘ice cream president’ not long ago. Well students, faculty and staff can get another helping of their favorite frozen treat in the Hall of Governors on April 22 from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The spring ice cream social will allow attendees to participate in a question and answer session with the new Provost, Dr. Jane Hudak and President Maimon.

“I’m looking forward to the event,” Dr. Hudak said. “I hope a lot of people show up and I’m looking forward to the questions everyone has to ask.”

Dr. Maimon will introduce Dr. Hudak and the informal Q & A session will begin. Hudak, who previously worked at Georgia Southern University, took office as GSI Provost on March 17.

“My time as provost here has been wonderful,” said Hudak. “The people are kind and helpful, the students have been wonderful and the faculty has been great.”

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at GSU

By Sarah Silhan
Contributing Writer

In an effort to provide services to develop, grow, finance and improve businesses in the South Chicago suburbs, the CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs at Governors State University will be hosting a Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on Thursday, May 8 from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event will be in room C-3300.

CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw says the Boot Camp will offer an excellent combination of resources tailored specifically to address the needs of military personnel, and is the first of its kind in this area of the country.

“Similar programs were being offered around the nation, but when we investigated further, we found there were none being offered in the Chicago Southland region at all,” she said.

The event will consist of seminar programs for military men and women who already own their own businesses, as well as for those who may only be considering starting a business and other potential business owners.

CenterPoint has secured Patrick Rea, Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Association, as the keynote speaker. Rea is a U.S. Army Reserve General and a long-time Trustee of the Village of Tinley Park.

A panel of veterans who have started their own businesses will also be available during lunch to answer questions and share their own experiences with event attendees.

Following lunch, there will be time for one-on-one counseling with experts on all aspects of business operations, the Patriot Loan, human resource management, financing and cash flow management, legal matters, accounting, strategic planning and other business development topics.

“We really feel strongly about showing support for service men and women in our area,” Burkinshaw said. “One way to show support is to offer services and expertise to veterans by making it easy for them to access a lot of information in a short period of time and at no cost.”

While CenterPoint typically charges a fee for admittance to a program of this kind, the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp is free. However, pre-registration is required by May 6, and attendance is limited to the first 100 reservations.

“This event is a great opportunity for veterans to network and consult with people who can assist them in their business ventures,” Burkinshaw said.

Spouses, business partners and family of those currently serving in the military are encouraged to attend. The event is co-sponsored by Phoenix Business Solutions, The Horton Group and The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

For more information, visit www.centerpointgsu.com or call (708) 534-4929.
Student Senate Appreciation Program

Date: Monday, April 21, 2008

Time: 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Location: Cafeteria Annex

Come and join the Student Senate in welcoming the new Senators and thanking the outgoing ones while celebrating the end of the trimester!

*Food *Music *Prizes *Awards Presentation

Guests include:

President Elaine Maimon

Dr. Gebe Ejigu

Provost Jane Hudak

Dean Sherilyn Poole

Contact person: Sheryl Yarbough at syarbough@mail.govst.edu
Happy Birthday to a 30-year-old baby at GSU...The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park

By Pooja Joshi
Staff Writer

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, earlier known as the Governors State University Center for Monumental Arts, is celebrating its 30th year of itsarty existence.

Born in the hands of Mark di Suvero, an internationally known artist, the park had its first piece of sculpture, “Yes! For Lady Day,” in the summer of 1968-1969.

The park was renamed later in 1978 as a mark of remembrance for Mr. Nathan Manilow, who was Chicagoland’s leading home builder and developer.

Right after World War II Mr. Manilow developed the new towns of Park Forest and University Park (formerly Park Forest South). Mr. Manilow’s vision for new towns encompassed not only housing, but a 1,000-acre forest preserve, a new commuter terminal and a great university, to each of which he contributed significantly.

Following his death in 1971, his son Lewis Manilow worked towards enriching his father’s vision. With a keen inclination towards art, Lewis wanted to honor his father’s vision by providing the community with a place to appreciate and enjoy different works of art.

Sharing their excitement for the emerging new city and sculpture alike, Lewis Manilow and GSU’s founding president Dr. William Engbretson developed a good friendship. Mr. Manilow’s growing relationships with artists and Dr. Engbretson’s excitement in the new emerging city provided a perfect atmosphere for the gathering of renowned Chicago sculptors like John Henry, Richard Hunt, John Chamberlain and Jerry Peart. Both Hunt and Chamberlain were also lecturers in the early days of the university.

During the last 30 years, each of the 26 pieces of Art has walked into the University from different parts of the country. Some of the pieces, namely “Frame” (2005), “Paul” (2006) and “Working on the Failed Utopia” (2006) have been created especially for GSU by Richard Rezac, Tony Tasset and Christine Tangen respectively.

Artists of international repute, namely Martin Puryear, Mark di Suvero, Mary Miss and Richard Hunt have contributed to the park through their works of Art—“Bodark Arc,” “Yes! For Lady Day,” “Field Rotation” and “Outgrown Pyramid.”

“Untitled” by Joel Shapiro, “Illinois Landscape No.5” by John Henry and “House Divided” by Bruce Nauman are other significant works of art that grace the GSU landscape.

Sited across the university’s 750-acre campus, 21 of these sculptures are owned by GSU and 5 of them have been loaned from museums or the sculptors. Unlike many other outdoor collections, this park is open year-round.

“These sculptures, each occupying and dominating its own space, without interference from any other manufactured object, are as stunning under a blanket of snow as they are in the brilliant sun of summer,” said Bill Dodd, former CEO GSU Foundation.

“In the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, nature and art may well be revealed in a new and evocative environmental synthesis.”

All you need to do is take a walk around the campus and enjoy the beauty of art and nature.

For more information on activities related to the park, please contact Mr. Geoffrey Bates, the Director and Curator of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. You can e-mail him at sculpture@govst.edu.
Annual GSU Art Student Exhibition

By John Conrad
Associate Editor

The annual GSU Art Student Exhibition took place in the Visual Arts Gallery from March 18-31. This exhibition was open to all GSU students who have taken an art course.

DeKalb artist Kimberly Mullarkey, MFA, served as the events juror, selecting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place pieces, as well as honorable mention.

"I feel this year's exhibition was particularly strong," commented Javier Chavira, GSU assistant art professor. "We had a diverse range of media from painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking and printmaking."

The winners are as follows:

**Honorable Mentions:**
- Michael Smith (graduate student in photography/digital imaging)
- Sarah Cundari (undergraduate in sculpture)
- Hector Hernandez (undergraduate in painting)

**3rd Place:** Alonso Balderas

**2nd Place:** Michael Costanza (graduate in painting)

**Best of Show:** Christopher Clark (undergraduate in printmaking)

Student Senate Corner: A message from Student Senate President, Rosa Moran

This is my last column as student senate president. I would like to pay special recognition to some of the most memorable people I have met here at GSU and people you should know!

Dr. Michael Purdy: I would like to thank Dr. Purdy for his flexibility in accommodating me as a student. I would also like to thank him for his expertise and knowledge as I learned a lot in his classes. Most of all, I want to thank Dr. Purdy for talking with me about listening, my favorite subject, and his.

Dr. Peggy Woodard: I would like to thank Dr. Woodard who served as an interim provost when I was the president of the student senate. I found her to be a very easy person to relate to and one who is also concerned about students here at the school.

Chuck Connolly: I would like to thank 'the Chuckster' for his affirmations and understanding of my experiences as well as his ability to be creative and accommodating.

Kathy Miller: I would like to thank Kathy, the civil service senate president, for her welcoming and caring attitude. Kathy is a good friend who will be long remembered.

Eric Mannay: I would like to thank Eric for his guidance and information service as well as his cheerful attitude.

Dr. Marilyn Yirku: I would like to thank Dr. Yirku for her interest in the students and her enthusiasm for teaching and learning. This was one of the best classes I had at GSU.

Dr. Kong: I would like to thank Dr. Kong for her professionalism and her welcoming attitude. I was apprehensive about research and Dr. Kong made it seem great! She is definitely an expert in her field.

Dr. Catalina Ramos: I would like to thank Dr. Ramos for her friendly and professional attitude and her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to support all students.

Professor Krasnodebski: I would like to thank Professor K for her sense of humor and her willingness to make something difficult seem easy.

Many regards to the GSU community, it has been so nice to write to you. Don't forget to watch for all the good things the new administration brings to GSU!
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Jesse White • Secretary of State
A brief chat with...

1. When did you start working at GSU?
   June 2007

2. Favorite thing about GSU?
   The campus. It’s gorgeous.

3. Do you own any pets?
   A pit bull

4. Any hobbies?
   Basketball, I love basketball.

5. Cubs or White Sox?
   Cubs, the North side and the friendly confines.

6. Last big purchase you made.
   My watch. It has a 5k diamond, I love that watch.

7. Last movie you watched?
   Meet the Browns

8. Favorite color?
   Blue

9. What is one thing you have always wanted to do?
   I have never flown in an airplane, ever. I would like to.

10. Where would your dream vacation be?
    Waikiki

11. Any plans for the summer?
    I want to go to South Beach for a weekend. Only three days, I don’t have the money for more.

12. Any role models?
    Michael Jordan

13. What is the toughest part of your job?
    Dealing with attitudes

14. Where would you like to retire to?
    Hawaii

15. Do you have a family heirloom?
    My grandmother’s school ring, it is very significant to me. I’ve lost it many times, but it always comes back. I lost it in a field once and I found it when I was walking my dog.

16. What is your favorite restaurant?
    Benihana

17. Favorite TV Show?
    The Simpsons

18. What is the most popular thing in the cafeteria?
    I would say the chicken strips.

19. What is your favorite thing to make?
    The easiest thing to make, and that is a grilled cheese sandwich.

Solutions for Crossword & Sodoku found on page 8.
Jonathon Kozol at GSU April 22

GSU's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) has confirmed that Jonathan Kozol will speak at a free public lecture on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Mr. Kozol will be available to sign copies of his new book Letters to a Young Teacher immediately following the program.

Two for Tuesday Series

Join Nathan Manillow Sculpture Park director & curator, Geoff Bates, for an informal 1/2 hour presentation of 2 of the parks works. Room D-1497, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 12:30 and 3:45 p.m. For more information email sculpture@govst.edu or call 708-534-4486.

Visiting Photography Exhibition

Lee Bauchsbaum
April 11-May 9, 2008
Public Reception: Wednesday, April 16, 6-8 p.m. Visual Arts Gallery

Research Conference

14th Annual Student Research Conference, May 21, 2008. Sherman Recital Hall 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

SIDL Portfolio Workshops

Portfolios workshops are open to the public. Our next workshop will be presented in GUS's Hall of Honors on Saturday, June 28, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. To sign up, please call the SIDL office at 708-534-4092 or e-mail sidl@govst.edu.

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