There aren’t too many places in the Chicagoland area that are both family-friendly and budget-friendly. The Lincoln Park Zoo, however, offers fun for everyone regardless of budget. Chicago area residents may not be aware, but Lincoln Park Zoo offers free admission to everyone, 365 days of the year! The zoo’s website, lpzoo.org, boasts that Lincoln Park Zoo is open 365 days a year and is FREE every day! Lincoln Park Zoo is home to a variety of animals, and is a fun way for anyone from families to college students to spend a day in the city. Zoo visitors will get to see new arrivals such as Sahar the African Lion, Lily the Red River Hog, and Sai the white-cheeked gibbon.

By Melissa Hall
Contributing Writer

Money doesn’t buy happiness. In fact, a recent study by U. California-Berkeley researchers finds that respect actually impacts happiness more than economic circumstances. The study — published by Haas School of Business Associate Professor Cameron Anderson on June 20 in Psychological Science, a journal of the Association for Psychological Science — attempts to determine the effect of monetary circumstances and social standing on general happiness for a total of 787 participants from diverse backgrounds.

“It’s just that you have to look at the right form of status,” Anderson said. “Respect and admiration in the eyes of others around you, or your sociometric status, matters a great deal, even if income or wealth does not.”

Anderson also studied the relationship between the respect subjects in the study received and their general happiness, to find out if respect directly influenced happiness. The results of the study showed that sociometric status — the amount of respect, prominence, and admiration a person has in their social group — is much more important than socioeconomic status in determining happiness for an individual. According to Anderson, the study was conducted by observing different groups including campus ROTC, fraternities, sororities, student clubs, MBA students and a national sample of adults using an on-line recruitment system. Anderson said that he used “peer-ratings of status, ‘objective’ indicators such as whether (subjects) had occupied positions of authority, as well as self-reports.”

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Respect brings more happiness than cash study shows

By Meg McCabe
Daily Californian, U. California-Berkeley via UWIRE

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Thank you GSU & a fond farewell

By Danyale A. Lucado
Editor-in-Chief

I can’t believe it’s finally here, my last semester at GSU—it’s an amazing journey.

When I enrolled online for the fall of 2009, I had no idea what to expect. I was nervous about the coursework—would it be too difficult? Would the schedule prove too demanding? How would I balance it all with work and family? Though it proved to be very difficult at times, my determina-
tion and the encouragement of GSU faculty helped me to keep pushing and discover abilities in myself I never knew existed.

I would like to thank some of the instructors here who made a lasting impact on my journey at GSU. They taught me lessons I will take with me far beyond my academic career.

First, Marilyn Yirku, who hands down is THE most phenomenal academic advisor I have ever known. She works extremely hard for her students, has a wealth of knowledge, and is sincerely passionate about the success of those who sit in her office.

Dr. David Rhea! OMG! Dr. Rhea’s class was one of the most challenging and by far the most rewarding. He stretched and challenged us in ways I didn’t know my mind could handle. Thank you Dr. Rhea for your well organized, and intellectually insightful courses. I owe my research abilities to you!

Although no longer with GSU, Nancy Lalantus was one of the most knowledgeable instructors in communications studies. She brought an enormous amount of real world experience to public relations and crisis management.

Her personal stories gave true insight into the PR field and helped us to apply textbook knowledge to real life corporate issues—not to mention she taught me everything I know about desktop publishing. She is a fun spirit with a great heart and I miss her dearly on the GSU campus.

Linsay Savage, who is GSU’s BEST kept secret--an all around great guy who is so smart and intuitive that my classmates and I wanted to sit in his class and pick his brain for hours. We were intrigued by his insight and always left his class wanting to hear more.

Sheree Sanderson—who wears far too many hats on campus for anyone to count. She taught us the importance of NETWORKING, NETWORKING, NETWORKING. As I complete my work as a station relations intern for NBC Universal, this could not be more true.

And last but certainly not least—Victoria Pierce. I struggle to gather words for everything she has meant to me while at GSU. It was Professor Pierce who helped me discover my love for media. Her direct and professional approach to teaching news writing gave me respect and technical knowledge of the profession. She is passionate about her work as a reporter and as a teacher of news reporting.

Her advice has helped to guide me through my graduate and undergraduate programs and she continues to be a sounding board as I transition into new career possibilities.

I will never forget how she has enriched my life. Above all things she believed in me and in doing so, gave me the opportunity to serve as your Editor-in-Chief.

I have worked hard to bring the GSU campus a news publication that was fresh, interesting, and more importantly, relevant to the issues that matter to you most. We’ve had a few blunders during my watch, but the Phoenix staff and myself never stopped giving you our best.

As you move forward to the fall semester, the Phoenix will launch its new website. I hope it will serve as a valuable tool in making campus news more accessible and more interactive for our readers—as well as provide a platform to enhance the communication studies program.

Thank you so dearly GSU, for helping me find myself. I leave you more confident, more intelligent, and ever more sure of my eminent greatness. Blessings to you all!!

Respect brings more happiness

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Anderson then looked at the link between these results and the self-report of happiness of each particip-
ant. Caitly Knowlton, a 2011 UC Berkeley graduate and former President of Delta Phi Epsilon, a campus co-ed foreign service frater-
nity, said that respect is more rele-
ant to happiness than money is “perhaps because of the tight knit bonds we form in college, particular-
ly in professional fraternities, and the pressure to be successful and a respectful member of the commu-
nity.”

Beyond student life, respect also plays an integral role in the profes-
sional world, according to the study. Don Moore, also an associate pro-
fessor at Haas, said that in terms of business, and more specifically in terms of employee motivation in the workplace, money is not always the best incentive.

“The most important thing that business executives want to know when they come to Haas, is how to motivate their employees,” he said. “Money comes with problems, (and it) does not provide lasting satisfac-
tion.”

Anderson said he hopes to continue his research, focusing specifically on the theory that sociometric status is more important to happiness than socioeconomic status, because people adapt to socioeconomic status, but they do not adapt to sociometric status.

He also said that people may never become accustomed to being respected, although they can get used to how much money they have.
**Honor Students Participate in National Rebuilding Day**

By Stephanie Snow
Contributing Writer

This spring students from the GSU University Honors Program participated in National Rebuilding Day, a house rehabilitation program that is held throughout the country on the last Saturday of April every year.

National Rebuilding Day is a nationwide program that focuses on home restoration and implementation of safety measures for houses in low-income communities. This year the Chicago chapter of Rebuilding Together focused on the Englewood community in Chicago, and the city of Harvey in south suburban Cook County. GSU has participated in the Rebuilding Together program for the past eight years.

The National Rebuilding Day project was a rewarding experience that provided students from the honors program an opportunity to serve in the local community and build a long-lasting camaraderie with one another.

Led by co-House Captains Stephanie Snow and Sharon Lewis, the group of volunteers included GSU students and alumni: Aurora Basha, Abby Brackins, Carrie Bregar, Donna Brooks, Beatriz Carrillo, Monica Clanton, Jerold Dennis, Kishauna Hampton, Karen Lewis, Mariemonica Murray, Allysa Reils, Althea Ross, and Kevin Zickerman. Professor Larry Levinson, Director of the Honors Program, acted as advisor to the team and as a participant in this project.

The home improvement services provided on April 28th included painting, cleaning, and gardening. The homeowner, a widow in Harvey, was excited about the opportunity to have her home environment enhanced and was pleased with the results of the students’ hard work.

Co-House Captain Stephanie says that the National Rebuilding Day experience was one that was worthwhile not only because of the leadership principles that it developed in her, but because it was also an opportunity to participate in a team-building exercise that was personally, professionally, and educationally satisfying. Both Sharon and Stephanie look forward to an opportunity to work on this project again in the future.

**GSU under construction**

**Building for the Future**

By Anthony Ross
Contributing Writer

If you walked over to the E/F wing right now, chances are you wouldn’t recognize a thing. Construction is well underway and everything is torn up with walls, floors and even some ceilings removed. By next fall you wouldn’t recognize a thing. Construction is well underway and everything is.

The project, expected to cost $25 million, has been in the planning for more than 10 years with long awaited funding and grants released in 2011 allowing construction to begin last fall. The state is funding $23 million of the project. The remaining $2 million is from a National Science Foundation grant applied for by GSU science faculty.

“These grants usually go to the big research universities. So it was really quite an honor to get the grant,” said David Stone, Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Management.

These grants are part of the economic stimulus program which represents just part of the actual ingredients that it took to bring this whole project into fruition. Funding for these programs is very competitive which means GSU had competition from other much larger universities vying for these funds, he said.

In addition to the prestige of the NSF grant, the updated science labs could also raise the profile of the GSU science department.

“The science labs were really outdated,” said Stone, who noted that even some area community colleges had better science labs than GSU. Having updated facilities will help students learn and be better prepared for employment after graduation. It also helps attract new faculty, he said.

Updated science labs may also help attract graduate students interested in research.

“It’s going to be a pretty sophisticated and state-of-the-art facility when it’s completed,” said Karen Kissel, Vice-President for Finance and Administration.

Capital Development is the general contractor for the project and the target date for completion of number one of two phases is February – March 2013. Science classes will continue to be held throughout the construction.

The second phase is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014. At that time the university will be admitting its first class of freshman and is expected to have its first student housing on campus with 300 beds.

Kissel and Stone credited GSU President Elaine Maimon with championing GSU’s cause in Springfield which finally led to the release of the funds.

“She really made it a mission of hers to get the science labs renovated for the students,” Kissel said.

For a closer look at the ongoing construction, photos are posted online at the website http://www3.govst.edu/ef-renovation/.

**GSU days at Six Flags Great America**

**GSU PR**

This summer, GSU will again offer students discounted tickets to Great America. Tickets may be purchased from the Cashier’s Office for $25 per ticket. GSU’s Great America days are July 20, 21, and August 4 and 5. Tickets purchased through GSU may only be used on those dates.
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Bollywood Masala

Recreation center hosts spicy fitness class

By Ashley Baker
Contributing Writer

Switch up your normal workout routine and try a new spicy Bollywood style technique known as Bollywood Masala (“Spicy” in Hindi) Fitness. This vibrant and dynamic style of dance inspired by Indian folk dances mixed with belly dancing and a splash of Hip Hop makes this workout plan a must try to liven up your normal workout routine and burn carbs while doing so.

The class is taught by graduate student Nitika Sood. A native of India, Sood is the president of the International Dance Club at GSU and has been practicing the Masala dance since age 4. She brought the Bollywood Masala Fitness class to GSU this summer and gave students tips on how to switch up their normal workout routines.

“Bollywood dance is a free dance style with no specific movements,” said Sood. “I enjoy it because I can express how I actually feel through dance instead of following a set routine.”

Sood says the vigorous dance style is a great cardiovascular workout as well as tones your body simultaneously. The Bollywood Masala workout plan is a fun and effective way to burn calories and have fun while dancing the carbs away.

Classes have concluded for the Summer but Sood hopes to offer them again in the upcoming semesters. For more information, call 708.235.7362.

Family fun

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The zoo is located in Chicago’s Lincoln Park neighborhood, on Fullerton Avenue just off of Lake Shore Drive. Visitors can also get to the zoo using public transportation. The Chicago Transit Authority offers both bus and tram service that visitors can use to get to the zoo. Lincoln Park Zoo does recommend that visitors use public transportation to get to the zoo.

While there is a parking lot, visitors will be charged a minimum of $20 for stays over a half hour. Visitors who do drive may be able to luck into free street parking near the zoo, however. For more information on getting to the zoo, visitors can go to lpzoo.org/plan-your-visit.

Hours vary by time of year. During the summer months (from Labor Day to Memorial Day), Lincoln Park Zoo is open 10am to 5pm on weekdays, and 10am to 6:30pm on weekends.
Movie Review: Disney’s *Brave*

By Steve Lavoie
Contributing Writer

*Brave* is a fairy tale that may not cover shocking new ground, but has enough charm and visual splendor to still be a great animated film.

The film is set in the Scottish Highlands during the time of castles, magic, and swords. Princess Merida (Kelly Macdonald) is none too pleased about her mother Elinor’s (Emma Thompson) attempts to make her a prime and proper lady ready to be married off to one of three suitors from the neighboring clans.

After upstaging the three at an archery contest, Merida ends up running off into the woods where she meets a witch (Julie Walters) who agrees to cast a spell for Merida after the princess decides to buy all the wood carvings made by the witch. Unfortunately for our heroine the witch apparently graduated from the same magic school as the Wishmaster, so hijinks and encounters with the giant, demonic, bear that got her father Fergus’ (Billy Connolly) leg ensue while Merida and her mother try to break the spell.

The first act of the film falls flat, as it feels like typical Disney Princess fare. While there are some laughs early on, it all just feels generic.

However, after the spell begins wreaking havoc, we not only get an entertaining escape sequence but also Merida and Elinor learning to communicate due to the spell. This unique take on the communication between mother and daughter mixed with a little fish out of water humor help the film be more than the aforementioned Princess fluff.

Visually the film is a beauty, all the lush forests in the film can make you feel a little disappointed upon exiting the theater to nothing but concrete. And that big demonic bear is actually pretty scary for a PG movie.

There are a lot of the usual girl power tropes, but I’ll take the “Girl likes archery” thing over the “Girl whines about two guys pining after her” thing any day of the week. With some laugh-worthy moments along with the visual flair and surprising action sequences the film saves itself from the vanilla of its first half hour.

Pierre the Penguin took time out from his busy travel schedule this summer to help GSU biology faculty members Diane Gohde and Tina Whitney collect data for the West Nile Virus Research Project in Oak Lawn.

Pierre recently assisted Gohde and Whitney as they mist-netted birds and placed a band on their leg with a distinct number. They also looked at the condition of the birds, took measurements of their weight, tail and wing length, and drew blood to test for the virus.

The photos show Pierre retrieving an American Robin out of the net and helping process a Northern Cardinal. Pierre also got acquainted with several other birds, including a Red-eyed Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, and Indigo Bunting. Pierre is always glad to take part in scientific expeditions, especially those that benefit his fellow birds. You can take Pierre along on all sorts of trips this summer. For information on how you can pick up your own penguin for travels near or far, and how to enter GSU View’s Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, visit Pierre’s webpage.
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Crossword

ACROSS
1. Respond
6. Hens make them
10. Actors in a show
14. Leafy shelter
15. Roman emperor
16. Double-reed woodwind
17. Tomb
18. Pearly-shelled mussel
19. Blend
20. Appraisal
22. Implored
23. Clairvoyant
24. Unorthodox tenets
26. Give temporarily
28. Blend
30. Historic period
31. East southeast
32. Gave temporarily
33. Broad valley
35. Daisylike bloom
39. Repel
41. Cruel
42. Therefore
46. Goddess of discord
47. Not bottom
49. Poetic dusk
50. Airhead
51. Verdigris
54. Latin name for our planet
57. Ephemeral
63. Harbor
64. Stems
65. Bog hemp
66. River of Spain
67. Chooses
68. Quaver
69. Back
70. Oceans
71. Inn

DOwn
1. Indian music
2. Makes a mistake
3. Garments of goat hair
4. Sheltered nook
5. Amount of hair
6. List
7. High ranking officer
8. Smile
9. Comfort
10. Compacted
11. Elephantine
12. Bottoms of shoes
13. Woman’s undergarment
20. Sows
21. Sows
22. Boss of Jacob
23. Jar tops
27. Norse god
28. As well
29. Mediator
30. Aviary
31. Novice
32. Wicked
33. A musical pause
34. Avidness
35. Novice
36. Novice
37. Wicked
38. A musical pause
39. Avidness
40. Aton
41. Incentive
42. Incentive
43. Sailing competition
44. Compassion
45. He plays the bagpipes
46. A musical pause
47. Avidness
48. Sailing competition
49. Aton
50. Sailing competition
51. He plays the bagpipes
52. Pueblo brick
53. Latin name for our planet
54. Latin name for our planet
55. Nascence
56. Bright thought
57. Ephemeral
58. Sexual assault
59. Tropical tuber
60. Leave out
61. Anger
62. Scream

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