GSU welcomes new administrators

By Melissa Hall
Editor-in-Chief

Governors State University welcomes ten new administrators into the fold for the Fall 2012 semester. The new administrators will impact the university in various areas, from The Center of Performing Arts to Recruitment and Outreach. One new professor, Dr. Andrae Marak, looks forward to helping GSU accomplish the goals stated in the school’s mission statement.

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Phoenix kicks off new year with changes

Welcome back to another semester at GSU! On behalf of everyone here at The Phoenix, I wish every GSU student much success in their academic endeavors this fall.

With every new semester comes change. The biggest change coming to GSU is that in two years, our university will become a four-year institution. This year, The Phoenix staff will examine where GSU is at in terms of being prepared for freshman in 2014. The change from a two-year to a four-year institution will enable GSU to offer new opportunities to all of its students. At the same time, this impending change will also present GSU with new challenges. What does the presence of lower-division students mean for the school culture that is already in place? How will this change affect the student body that already exists? Is the school ready to accommodate freshmen and deal with the changes that becoming a four-year institution will bring?

These are all questions that we will explore the answers to this year here at The Phoenix. Speaking of change, there have been many changes here at The Phoenix. I am honored to introduce myself as the new Editor-in-Chief of The Phoenix. I have been a student at GSU since the Fall of 2010. I am majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a minor in English. In addition to school, I also work full time. I had previously written articles for The Phoenix in the Spring 2012 semester. My goal after graduation is to become a freelance writer, possibly even a fiction writer. Prior to my time here at GSU, I graduated from Richard J. Daley College with an Associate of Arts degree. I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be the editor of The Phoenix, and I look forward to bringing GSU students news that is informative, relevant, and interesting.

Joining me as Associate Editor is Corrie Gray. Corrie has been a student at GSU since the Fall of 2010, and has written for The Phoenix since Fall of 2011. Corrie is also majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Business. She is a graduate of South Suburban College, where she received an Associate of Arts degree in English. Upon completion of her degree, Corrie plans to pursue an MBA. Her dream is to one day start her own business. I know Corrie is just as excited as I am to be part of The Phoenix.

Also joining The Phoenix staff as business manager is Andrea Florenz. Andrea came to GSU in the Fall of 2010, and is majoring in Community Health Administration, Geriatric track, with a minor in pre-law. Andrea is a graduate of Prairie State College, where she received her Associate of Applied Sciences in nursing. She worked as an RN from 1994-2005. Upon graduating from GSU, Andrea plans on attending Loyola Law School, with a focus on Health Care Law. Corporate Compliance Andrea is thrilled to be joining The Phoenix staff as well.

The changes at The Phoenix don’t stop with the newspaper staff. I am proud to announce that as of September 5, The Phoenix will have a home on the web, www.gsuphoenix.com! The website will have all of the great content that our print edition does, as well as additional features such as videos and blogs. In addition, we will be updating the website with campus stories as they happen. We are all very excited for the chance to report news to GSU students in the timely manner that the Internet will allow us to. I would like to give a special thanks to Danyale Lucado, the former Editor-in-Chief of The Phoenix, for all of the hard work she put into making The Phoenix website a reality.

All of us here at The Phoenix look forward to bringing GSU students news about their school. Change is coming, and we will do our best to keep GSU students informed of what is happening on their campus. We can’t do it all on our own though. We welcome student submissions and ideas at phoenix@govst.edu. We are, after all, the student newspaper. We are here to give a voice to the student body. Let your voice be heard!

Again, best wishes and much success to every GSU student this semester!

Melissa Hall
Editor-In-Chief
GSU moving ahead despite tough times

By Corrie Gray
Associate Editor

Entering her sixth academic year as GSU’s president, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon proudly reported that the state of the university at GSU is strong and filled with insurmountable opportunities.

The theme of Maimon’s address “insurmountable opportunities” derives from a Pogo comic strip phrase that she remembers from her youth. “We are faced with insurmountable opportunities, not insurmountable obstacles, but opportunities; very ambitious opportunities,” said Dr. Maimon.

Maimon then shifted her focus to the important hot button topic of ethics in education. Citing the events that took place at Penn State, Maimon spoke at length about responsibility and the importance of ethical behavior in university life.

Although GSU does not have the temptations of big-time football, she feels that the university must still renew its commitment to maintaining the highest ethical standards and integrity.

“Higher education, encompassing all that we do at GSU must be first and foremost an ethical enterprise. We must always keep in mind that our purpose is to create a better world,” said Dr. Maimon.

She reminded the audience of the special responsibility that we all have to protect the vulnerable at GSU; children, students, and even lower ranking faculty.

Maimon stressed that everyone on a university campus should feel free to engage in the civil exchange of ideas and that untenured faculty members should not feel pressure to remain silent for fear of offending a senior faculty member on a tenure committee.

“Any form of harassment, racial, sexual, or just plain bullying in the classrooms, offices, hallways, or anywhere else in the university has to be ferreted out and stopped. If you see someone being bullied, please don’t look away. Step in and defend the vulnerable person,” said Dr. Maimon.

Maimon called for a zero tolerance environment, one of absolute trust so that whistle blowers do not fear coming forward as they did at Penn State.

“We must operate transparently. When we make mistakes we must own them, acknowledge them, and figure out ways to do better,” Dr. Maimon said. “Cover ups are particularly reprehensible at a university because covering up goes against the core academic values of the academy.”

Maimon believes that we at GSU have an ethical imperative and also an insurmountable opportunity to infuse ethical decision making in all that we do and teach including GSU’s new freshman program and living learning communities in our residence halls.

After reminding GSU faculty, staff, and students of their civic duty to get out and vote, Maimon went on to speak about various events that will be taking place in the upcoming year.

Maimon announced that world famous poet and social activist, Nikki Giovanni will be coming to the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. to speak on the subject “The Courage for Equality: Love, work, society.” The event is free and open to the public and was made possible due to the efforts of a cross college steering community which consisted of faculty from COE and CAS.

Under the watchful guise of GSU Executive Vice President, Dr. Gebe Ejigu, student housing will be breaking ground with a state of the design this academic year. “Students will have the opportunity to live and learn where the prairie meets the city,” said Dr. Maimon.

Maimon added, “Overall the GSU facilities from infrastructure to parking lots, classrooms to labs, technology resources to signage have been significantly upgraded driven by a commitment to serve students better by improving the teaching and learning environment.”

In response to the state’s 6% reduction in appropriations to public universities, the largest cut in many years, Maimon says that GSU’s positive momentum will not be impeded by the depressing financial situation of the nation and the state.

“Yes, the waters continue to be troubled, but our strong ship sails forward,” Dr. Maimon said. “During the new academic year with creativity, innovation, and team spirit we will, all of us together make the most of our insurmountable opportunities.”
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For those interested in computers and technology, the Cyber Defense Team could be the place for you. According to member Dan Barry, the team participates in a nationwide competition coordinated by the U.S. Department of Defense in which college students compete in securing hacked systems as quickly and efficiently as possible.

“It’s a good learning experience, because it’s real world experience,” said Barry. For more information, contact club advisor Professor Stephen Hyzyny at shyzny@govst.edu.

If computers aren’t your thing, the University has recently started Dancer International. President Nitika Sood is trained in classic, Bollywood, and belly dancing and all kinds of dancing are encouraged during meetings. “You don’t have to be a trained dancer,” said Sood. “It’s just a fun way of de-stressing ourselves.” The club will meet every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

There are many more opportunities to become involved in the GSU community, and something to fit every interest. Any student who wants to start a new club should stop by Student Life, or contact Sheree Sanderson at ssanderson@govst.edu.

“We want to encourage students to come forward with their ideas if they don’t see something that appeals to them,” said Sanderson.

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For additional information contact Brandon Sanders at bsanders4@student.govst.edu.
Don’t forget, you can order your textbooks online and pick them up from the GSU Bookstore, saving you time and shipping!
Save the Planet One Cup at a Time

By Samantha Kaspar
Contributing Writer

Save your money and the environment by bringing your own bottle or cup to the cafeteria. In a new program offered by the cafeteria this fall, anyone bringing their own cup can get a discount on drinks.

According to University statistics, by buying just one beverage a day in a disposable cup, you’ll end up creating about 23 pounds of waste in one year.

GSU has a long track record of being environmentally minded, and in a further effort to eliminate waste and go green, Governor’s State is now offering a green refills policy. Whether it’s coffee or soda you’re craving, by bringing your own reusable bottles you can refill them for the price of a small Starbucks drink, or the refill prices.

You can even grab some water for free, or if you forgot a bottle, purchase any size cup inside for only 20 cents plus tax. Coffee tumblers and water bottles can be purchased in the bookstore from $9 to $14, or you can use your Welcome Days bottles as well.

FDC receives NAEYC accreditation

Governors State University’s Family Development Center (FDC) has been awarded accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The FDC specializes in programs for young children, including programs for children from birth to three years of age, all-day and half-day pre-kindergarten, after school and evening child care, as well as parent education programs.

The NAEYC is the top professional organization working on behalf of young children in the nation. Established 25 years ago, NAEYC accreditation has become widely recognized as a sign of high quality early childhood education. Currently, approximately only eight percent of all preschools and early childhood programs achieve NAEYC accreditation.

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Director of the Center for Performing Arts, Dr. Aurelio Valente as Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, and James Zumerchik as Project Specialist in the area of Facilities Development and Management.

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Director of Theatre Northwest. She has a Doctorate in Performance Studies from Southern Illinois University. Rogachevskaya was the managing director as the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts. Rogachevskaya emigrated to the United States from Ukraine with her family in 1998.

Valente served as Associate Dean of Student Development at Philadelphia University before coming to GSU. He has 20 years of experience in student affairs. Valente also has experience in student development in the first year of college and institutional efforts to promote student success and engagement.

James Zumerchik, a licensed architect, previously served as a Project Manager specializing in higher education projects.

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XKCD: Too Young To Remember

WHEN WILL WE FORGET?

BASED ON US CENSUS BUREAU NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS
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ACROSS
1. Not hot
5. Brown ermine
10. Emanation
14. Competent
15. Diacritical mark
16. Winter precipitation
17. Loyalty
19. Sun
20. East southeast
21. Loathe
22. Transport
23. Reasonable
25. 3-banded armadillo
27. Cry of disgust
28. Deprive of efficiency
31. Reject
34. Slop
35. Prefix meaning "Modern"
36. Protagonist
37. Bow
38. Equal
39. Bran source
40. Avowed
41. Soup server
42. Untouched
43. Became smaller
44. Disinvest
46. Critical
47. Spanish for "Friend"
48. Style
49. Duck down
50. Small trout-like fish
52. Do without
54. Japanese apricot
55. Former Italian currency
56. Genius
58. Analogous
59. Operatic solos
60. Monster
61. Feeble
62. Gave out
63. One who accomplishes
18. Log home
22. Autumn
24. Hairdo
26. A mixture of cellulose fibers
28. Cursed
29. Sense
30. Bygone era
31. Store
32. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
33. Hives
34. Ceramic ware
37. Breaststroke
38. Breathe hard
40. Blend
41. Hermits
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51. Go backpacking
53. Largest continent
56. Angry
57. Stylish, in the 60’s

Down
1. Trainee
2. Overweight
3. Bygone
4. Floral necklace
5. Horse barn
6. "Modern"
7. Church offering
8. A feeling of profound love
9. One more than nine
10. Declare with confidence
11. Beginner
12. Lion sound
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