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News and Events

Campus Computers Go Green

With the flip of a switch, GSU's Information Technology Services will save the university a whole lot of money and a whole lot of energy. With the implementation of new power management settings, all on campus university computers will shift into sleep-mode after one hour of inactivity. With the press of a key, the computers will spring to life and be ready for use. The only effect users will see will be the deactivation of their current screen savers. No data will be lost when the computer goes to sleep.

The estimated energy cost savings of this initiative is conservatively \$50,000 and optimistically as much as \$100,000 per year. With this initiative, the university is preparing to apply for acceptance in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Low Carbon IT Pledge.

Contact the [ITS Helpdesk](#) at ext. 4357 with questions related to this change.

Celebrate Earth Week

Don't miss the fun at the campus-wide celebration of Earth Week on Thursday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in B parking lot. The celebration will include displays, demonstrations, music, and activities focusing on environmental sustainability, including the dedication of GSU's permeable paved parking lots at 2 p.m.



Enjoy the spring weather and eat lunch outside. The Civil Service Senate will be grilling and selling hotdogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers.

Also in the parking lot will be a Farmers Market featuring eco-friendly products, a display of hybrid vehicles from local Toyota, Chevrolet, Ford, and Saturn car dealers, and demonstrations on composting, sustainable dining practices, and solar powered garbage cans.

IDOT will be on hand with a display of fuel conservation driving tips. Bloom Township High School students will display their bio-diesel bus powered by fuels they make in the classroom. There will also be natural history tours of the GSU campus by the Science Department and art tours led by Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Director Geoffrey Bates.

The GSU Earth Week Celebration is free and open to the public. In case of rain, some activities and demonstrations will be moved into the main atrium.

For more information, contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at ext. 6360.

Panel Discussion Cancelled

The panel discussion on Middle East Peace Prospects scheduled for April 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors has been cancelled. The event will be rescheduled.

It's Not Easy Being Green

Did you know...

Low flush toilets can save 2 gallons of water with every flush.

GSU has replaced most of its standard toilets with low-flush toilets.

Did you know...

Making recycled paper instead of new paper uses, on average, 64% less energy and 58% less water.

GSU uses recycled paper towels throughout bathrooms on campus.

VALIC Representative



VALIC Representative John Olson will be on campus Tuesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., in the Visitors' Center, Room D1408. VALIC is one of four vendors authorized to sign up new accounts with our employees. The other three are Fidelity, TIAA-Cref, and The Legend Group.

Coming Soon - Faculty Summer Institute

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual GSU Faculty Summer Institute on May 12 and 13. The Institute is a two-day extravaganza of workshops, speakers, discussions, and presentations on teaching strategies, learning research, and e-Learning practices and tools open to all GSU faculty.

Library Website Survey

The GSU Library is conducting a Library Website User Satisfaction survey to gain feedback from library users. Responses will help improve services offered through the website. The survey can be accessed at www.govst.edu/library/survey or through the [GSU Library website](#).