Freshmen at GSU?

President Maimon discusses possible changes for GSU campus in this year’s convocation address

By Corrie Gray
Staff Writer

With the finances of our state and nation still experiencing turbulence, GSU President, Elaine Maimon, in this year’s convocation address on Aug. 18, assured students and faculty that GSU is looking to the future with positive changes on the horizon.

Entering her fifth academic year as president, Dr. Maimon was happy to report to the crowd gathered in Sherman Hall that the state of the university is excellent. She highlighted the university’s achievements and discussed ways in which GSU can keep building on its momentum.

“We have accomplished a great deal in many areas but a university in its essence is a place of change,” she said. “Changing lives, examining the status quo, and moving forward in new directions.” Maimon believes it is extremely important that the university act as master of its own fate.

“The environment in the state of Illinois is challenging but so long as we work together, demonstrate creativity, stay nimble and entrepreneurial we will remain on course to fulfill our mission,” said Maimon.

commuter campus is becoming a thing of the past. Living Learning communities have enhanced the impact of many universities that started without student housing,” said Maimon.

Auditions for GSU Twaggers

Always been told you have a great speaking voice? Do you have a great on-air presence?
If so, TWAG is looking for you.

This Week at GSU (TWAG) is Governor State’s student run daily news broadcast. The team produces the show to keep students in the know about upcoming campus events, and is now looking for new hosts.

Auditions will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Digital Learning and Media Design Department’s TV studio from 10am-noon and from 1-3pm.

The process will be simple and quick. The TWAG team will ask you to read a sample script from the teleprompter and provide any needed direction.

Auditions are open to all students.

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Twaggers should present a professional attitude and a natural presence on camera. If you would like to audition for the show, please contact the TWAG team via email at ThisWeek@govst.edu to reserve an audition spot.
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For more information or to express interest, email us at phoenix@govst.edu or stop by the Phoenix office in room E1500 on any Wednesday, during any semester, between 4:30 and 7:30pm.

The Phoenix welcomes our new staff writer

Corrie Gray is an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (minor Business). She is a resident of Calumet City and is an active member of her community. She is currently employed by South Suburban College where she also received an AA in English. Upon completion of her bachelor studies, Corrie plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Administration.
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The president cited GSU’s rival Purdue Calumet which is attracting many students that she believes would otherwise attend GSU and credits student housing as being the catalyst of the transformation that occurred at Purdue Cal.

According to Maimon, GSU is moving cautiously in its development of student housing. Fearing that the process could take up to 10 years, the university is opting not to ask the state of Illinois for housing funds nor will it use funds from tuition and fees. As an alternative, Maimon says GSU will work out a sound business arrangement that will enable students living in off-campus housing to bring those funds to the GSU campus. The on-campus housing revenue is expected to make a profit which will be reinvested to improve the overall student housing to bring those funds to the GSU’s image.

Professor of Math Education in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Pamela Guimond, Assistant Professor of Biology Education and Advisor for Secondary Education in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Roberta O’Shea, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy in the College of Health and Human Services.

Raising the
GSU image

By Corrie Gray
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The GSU administration is working hard this year to raise the profile of the university in the academic community as well as the general public. Three exciting events are taking place which are sure to send the university’s image soaring to success.

National Education Rally

As a result of its commitment to college completion, GSU has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to host its rally, Education and the Economy “Investing in Education.” The rally will take place on Friday 9/9/2011 from 2-4p at the Center for Performing Arts. Undersecretary of Education Martha Cantour will be in attendance as well as a representative from the White House. GSU President Maimon jokingly suggested that someone may be an intern, or a particular couple wanting to come home for the weekend—referring to the President and Mrs. Obama.

Maimon believes this is a huge honor for GSU and can help to increase the university’s visibility.

Stepping up GSU’s marketing efforts

Although events like the rally can boost the university’s image, GSU has struggled to maintain a strong presence in the academic community in the past. GSU’s greatest challenge in this area is that for-profit universities spend 20-25% of their operating budget on marketing and 30-40% on recruitment which creates a lot of static in the system.

President Maimon stated that GSU is “one of the best kept secrets in higher education”. However, the university only spent a little over 1% of its operating budget on marketing last year. “We have a particular issue that for-profits don’t always have and that is that we have to spend the bulk of our operating budget on quality instruction” said Maimon.

New Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing, Courtney Sanders has been brought on board to help combat the issue. The highly recommended Sanders will be heading up the university’s new marketing campaigns and assisting with efforts to increase the visibility of the university.

E & F Groundbreaking Ceremony

In addition, the long awaited groundbreaking of GSU’s E & F renovation will take place midmorning Tuesday, October 18. The celebration will also observe the creativity and entrepreneurial achievements of our wonderful science faculty headed by Dr. Karen D’Arci, who won a 3 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation. The National Science Foundation grant is highly coveted and extremely hard to get.

During the renovation, two modular buildings will go up to accommodate classes that are being affected by the construction project. The modular buildings will be located in an open area directly north of the fitness center and west of the Performing Arts Center. The temporary stations will create four 40 seat classrooms and are expected to be in place by October 15.

“These facilities are not our grandfather’s temporary buildings, they are actually efficient, serviceable, and attractive. As we grow they are likely to be of use to us for several years,” said Maimon.

These efforts are sure to raise the image and increase the degrees of success for the university.
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Meningitis is the inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord and is caused by bacteria or a virus. This extremely serious illness can be deadly and appears in several different forms including spinal, bacterial, viral, and fungal meningitis.

Preventative vaccines are available. Contact your healthcare provider for additional information or visit [www.cdc.gov/meningitis](http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis).

GSU Drug and Alcohol Policy

Governors State University students must adhere to the university's Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Copies of the act are included in the Student Handbook, available from the Information Booth in the Hall of Governors.

Counselors in the Academic Resource Center provide referrals for students needing assistance with drug and/or alcohol issues. The Academic Resource Center is located in Room B1215 and can be reached at 708.235.2228.
New student clubs promote diversity, culture

By Tolulope Afolabi
Contributing Writer

Looking to join new social groups on campus? Two new groups, the Gay Straight Alliance and Capoeira, have been added to the list of clubs offered on campus, offering a richness in culture and diversity.

The Gay Straight Alliance is a supportive group for lesbian gay bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students. Straight students who have family members or friends in the gay community and want to show support are also welcome to join the group.

"Gay Straight Alliance's mission at Governors State University is to raise awareness and fight against homophobia and discrimination," says group President, Eric Vironet.

In efforts to reach out to the community, the group also wants to provide resources and donate gifts to both high school and middle school children. Vironet hopes that bringing everyone together in a place of friendship and support will eliminate bullying and name calling.

His own experiences with derogatory comments on campus is what Vironet says motivated him to start the GSU chapter of the alliance.

The original founders of the group are all social work students. "Social work talks a lot about social justice, and this is a chance to put those words about social justice into action," Vironet said.

Group meetings will be held on Thursdays, with the first meeting scheduled Sept. 8 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room E2590.

Thrive through and beyond trauma

Courtesy of GSU PR

Gary Karp, author and Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame inductee, will speak at Thriving Through and Beyond Trauma on Monday, September 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Karp's appearance is presented by GSU's Physical Therapy program and sponsored by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center.

Karp, who suffered a spinal cord injury in 1973, has spoken extensively at rehabilitation facilities. During his insightful, engaging, and enjoyable talk, he will draw from his own experiences as a wheelchair user. Among the questions he will address:

- How do people respond to traumatic change and disability?
- What are the adaptive processes people draw upon?
- What is the social context for how we all view disability and adjustment?
- How does the experience and services of acute rehab make a difference?
- What is the optimal relationship for a clinician with a patient to best draw on their capacity to thrive?
- How did he learn to be such an incredible juggler?

For more information, contact Dr. Robbie O'Shea.

The other new group Capoeira is teaching the Afro-Brazilian fighting art that involves martial arts, dance and music. Capoeira involves acrobatics movements like slow and fast kicks, knee strikes and take downs. "It is like a fun game and you can also get a great work out from it," said club president Danny Rio, who first became interest in Capoeira as a high school student.

Rio said the purpose of the group is to spread the rich afro Brazilian culture. Capoeira was originally created by African slave descendants.

"I want to be able to teach and share the rich history and culture of Capoeira because most people are not aware of it," Rio said.

The group meets twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Sherman Recital Hall E1530, although that locale may change in the future.

GSU students interested will pay $10 a month for instruments and guest instructors. non-GSU students will pay $5 per class.

Students can interact with both clubs on Facebook by searching out the Facebook page for Governors State University Capoeira Club or contact Danny Rio at GSUcapoieracub@gmail.com for more information.

Students can also visit their Facebook page Gay Straight Alliance at Governors State University or contact Vironet via e-mail at Gsa.govst@yahoo.com for more information.

GSU Remembers 9/11 Events

GSU is commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9-11 with a series of public events on Monday, September 12.

Bells on the university carillon will toll from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and a color guard will be present the flag outside the main entrance. A public discussion is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbreton Hall.

The events are sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and Veteran's Affairs. For information, call 708.235.2228.

"Where Were You on 9-11?" stories will be read from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Commemorative stories were submitted to Reinhold Hill, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

All events are free and open to the public.

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Thursday, October 13
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Confessions of a doctoral student

By Deb Majewski
Contributing Writer

My Confession: I did it. I'm the one who submitted “Provide mandatory massage therapy after classes in statistics” in the suggestion box. But c'mon! How much can one wanna-be-counselor-educator take?!

I was starting to get loopy by mid-semester. I found myself giggling for no apparent reason - not good. Actually, it was more than an occasional chortle. I found myself bursting into fits of laughter where tears were streaming down my face and my sides ached. It was embarrassing!

The weak plot circulates around a brother and sister who explore the haunted grounds of their family's abandoned estate. Their filmed adventure turns into a nightmare when they realize the truth about the urban legend of the girl in the Garraf woods.

A standing ovation to the creators of the independent film ATROCIOUS, to their credit, I can finally say I have watched a movie that has truly lived up to its name. This "horror" film was directed by Mexican filmmaker Fernando Barreda Luna, and I must admit, it is ghastly similar to the BLAIR WITCH PROJECT - which despairingly is not a compliment.

Everything in the film practically regurgitates hand-held horror films of the past, which makes the audience feel ultimately disappointed and unimpressed.

The only thing that this film accomplished was producing an amateur look and overall vibe. Nothing phenomenal stands out about this film and nothing ever will.

If you like independent horror films, check out ATROCIOUS, but be weary of its lack of creativity and originality.
Crossword & Sudoku: Solutions on page 7

Across
1. Intense adverse criticism
5. Skewer
9. Stitches
13. Racing sled
14. Overwhelming fear and anxiety
16. Ellipse
17. Assist in wrongdoing
18. Assuage
19. Abnegate
20. Trials
22. Trader
24. Record of events on a voyage
26. Story
27. Incantations
30. Conundrum
35. Actor’s prompt
36. Dig
39. Worthless material
40. Deficiency
42. Mythological water nymph
44. Stable gear joining two draft animals
45. Be of use to
47. Virtue
49. Annoy
50. Relating to the mind
52. Not moving as quickly
54. Taxis
57. Prevarication
58. Preside over
62. Young animals
66. Mature
67. Pal
69. Stolen goods
70. Examination by word of mouth
71. Part of the ear
72. Soft drink
1. Musical notation

Down
1. Musical notation
2. Part of the ear
3. Historic periods
4. Large hemispherical drum
5. Health resort
6. Part of the hand
7. Recess
8. Jewelled headdress
9. Smooth in manner
10. Tied
11. Have need of
12. Cunning
13. Oscillation
14. Close violently
15. Oscillation
16. Exchanged for money
17. Tread
18. Halt
19. Pal
20. Trader
21. Hat’s up
22. Trader
23. Chickens
24. Narrow secluded valley
25. Narrow secluded valley
26. Narrow secluded valley
27. Smooth in manner
28. Smooth brown oval nut
29. Close violently
30. Frozen
31. Orchard
32. Merchant
33. Manufacturer
34. Peak
35. Marine mollusk
36. Compete for something
37. Corn shucked
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40. Tools for a specified purpose
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Sudoku:

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5. 8 9
6. 5 4
7. 6 1

Happenings

What’s Going on at GSU?

Farmers Market
Thursdays through September
1 - 6 p.m.
Outside main entrance

9/11
Day of Remembrance
September 12
Noon - 1 p.m.
Panel Discussion
Engbretson Hall

ARC, Student Life,
Veterans Affairs
Where Were You
on 9-11?
Reading of your stories
September 12
1 - 3 p.m.
Sherman Hall

Student chat with the
President
September 13
6 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex

PT Doctoral Open House
"The Zookeeper"
September 23
At Dusk
Parking Lot East 3

Multicultural Community:
Citizenship and Constitution Day Celebration
September 15
Engbretson Hall
Noon - 1 p.m.
6 – 7 p.m.

Faculty/Staff Picnic
September 16
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Choral Group Auditions!
September 13 and 14
11:30am - 1 pm
CPA Green Room

Family Fun Drive-in
September 15
Engbretson Hall.
Noon - 1 p.m.
6 - 7 pm

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