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New One Book One University selection

GSU bookworms are gearing up for another fascinating selection for the campus One Book One University reading initiative.

Every year the GSU Intellectual Life Committee sponsors the program to promote the discussion of literature among the GSU campus and community. This year’s selection is “Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood” by Marjane Satrapi.

In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah’s regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq.

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New wind turbine unveiled

By Corrie Gray
Staff Writer

A dedication ceremony was held on Oct. 14 to formally introduce GSU’s new wind turbine to the campus community.

The ribbon cutting took place during a recess of Friday’s Board of Trustees meeting.

GSU President Dr. Elaine Maimon praised Trustee Lois Mayer for her leadership in bringing the wind turbine to campus, and Susan Rokstang, former Vice President for Facilities and Design Management, for “always keeping us operationally focused on the environment.”

The university received a $153,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to fund the project.

The wind turbine stands 125ft tall and is expected to produce 141,650 kWh annually, about 36% of the total annual power consumption of the Family Development Center.

“Children at the center are learning an important lesson about the environment,” said Dr. Maimon.

On a perfect day, with all things considered, the wind turbine can supply 100% of the Family Development Centers power.

The turbine begins to supply green energy when its propellers begin rotating at 7.5 miles per hour and tops out at 52 miles per hour.

“Additional wind turbines can generate more energy for the university, but the economics need to be considered for this type of investment,” Continued on Pg. 4

Pell Grant changes present more challenges for students

By David Lipowski
Associate Editor

Recent changes to the Pell Grant program will put more financial strain on college students in the future.

This, in combination with a poor economy and rising tuition fees, will make paying for higher education more difficult—and experts say that there are more cuts yet to come.

During efforts to cut government spending, lawmakers made several changes to the Pell Grant program, which offers federal loans to undergraduate students.

They maintained the maximum borrowing limit at $5,500 per year, but ended the subsidies that paid the interest on these loans for graduate students, effective Jul. 1, 2012.

This means that future recipients of the Pell Grant will have a larger bill to pay for these loans if they desire to continue on to graduate school.

Also eliminated were the Academic Competitiveness Grant, the National Smart Grant and the part of the Pell Grant program that provided financial aid for summer studies.

Despite all of these cuts, the major shift still leaves a $1.3 billion dollar gap in funds for the program, which means more cuts are likely to come.

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The Phoenix welcomes new staff members

The Phoenix is happy to welcome two new talented students to the Phoenix staff. Lauren Ashley White will serve as our new Business Manager. Lauren recently worked for two years as an Office Manager for a non-profit organization. She completed the MBA program at GSU this summer and is currently working on the master’s in Media Communications. Lauren will be in charge of administrative functions for the Phoenix including information management and ad purchasing.

We are also welcoming David Lipowski as our new Associate Editor. David is an undergraduate student studying Communications. He has worked on high school and college newspapers before (including the Glacier at Moraine Valley Community College). As Associate Editor, David will take on the layout and design of the Phoenix and will also be instrumental in the implementation of the Phoenix’s online presence beginning with our new Twitter and Facebook pages. We are excited to have David and Lauren on the team and look forward to all that their talent and abilities will bring to the growth and enhancement of your student newspaper.

We’re on Facebook & Twitter

To better promote student involvement and to better reach the Governors State community, the Phoenix now has both a Facebook and a Twitter page. If you are on either Facebook or Twitter (or both), following or liking the Phoenix will open a whole new world of ways to get involved with the Phoenix and GSU.

Both sites will feature updates about happenings at GSU and notifications of what students and staff will find in the current issue of the Phoenix. In addition, both pages will offer supplemental content for the articles we print including photos, updates, and links leading to more resources.

The new outlet, however, will also give a chance for the Governors State community to weigh in. Content on both sites will be interactive, giving you the chance to post and respond. You can also send us links to anything you find online involving Governors State students or staff. This includes photos, posts, or YouTube videos. We are extremely excited about this new medium, and look forward to hearing from you.

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Meningitis Notice
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.

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.
Autumn @ GSU

By David Lipowski
Associate Editor

Fall is in full swing. The football season is up and running; the days grow shorter and shorter. Midterms are either already here or just around the corner, and Halloween is just a few weeks away.

However, as shorts and lighter clothing goes into the deep recesses of the closet and sweaters and jackets come out, there is one sign of the season’s presence that sometimes goes unnoticed:

The pathway winding through the Nathan Manilow sculpture park (left) runs through some brilliant foliage. The scene in front of the school (above) is likewise gorgeous as the trees slowly lose their leaves.

The GSU campus during fall is gorgeous.

From the A building to the E, from the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park to the new wind turbine, the Governors State campus teems with radiant foliage.

If you show up a little bit early or have a few minutes of free time between classes—or if you just simply need some time away from textbooks and computer screens—feel free to take a stroll around.

You won’t be disappointed.

Team networking helps students get the job

By Bob Roth
The "College & Career Success" Coach

Most college students will learn to network in order to gather employment information and learn about companies that may be hiring. Savvy students understand that their personal networks contain people who have the information they are seeking. Therefore, to learn about employment opportunities that have never been advertised or made available outside world, students should systematically contact everyone in their networks.

Team networking is a concept that few college students have heard about. And yet, it is a practical and effective way to identify more employment opportunities. When two or more students tap their individual networks and then share the information and job leads with team members, each member of the networking team will benefit.

Team networking requires four things:

- Team members who seek similar jobs or jobs in the same field
- Team members who have similar education and experience levels
- Team members who diligently contact the people in their networks
- Team members who share everything they learn (information and job leads)

When groups of students work together and openly share information and job leads, they can cover more ground faster and learn about many more employment possibilities. It means that each member of the team may learn about many more jobs than they could possibly find on their own. That significant difference can prevent months of frustration and disappointment.

We all know that teams can do more than any individual. We also know that finding a good job is not easy. Therefore, wise students who are looking for ways to increase their chances for job hunting success should turn to team networking. It is a simple approach that can pay off big for everyone on the team and should be used more often by college students.

College is the perfect place for team networking, since every college produces groups of students who have taken the same classes and have the same majors. Natural groups can easily be formed by students who major in Accounting, Chemistry, Computer Science and many others.

Individual students who form a team, effectively tap their networks and work together throughout the senior year are bound to learn about employment opportunities that would have remained unknown to them. Therefore, the time for college seniors to form a networking team is now.

Why not get started today?

Bob Roth, a former campus recruiter, is the author of four books: writes articles for various publications, and has been interviewed on numerous radio programs and publications across the country.


Turbine

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said Interim Director of Project Management and Plant Operations, Timothy Kosiek.

GSU’s commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability extends beyond the wind turbine. “We just recently completed the East Entry Road Project...a small paver parking lot, recycled 75% of the existing asphalt road and used it as part of the base and the clay/dirt material was used to fill in the eliminated road sections,” Kosiek said. “By being proactive in sustainable projects, we were able to save landfills of good materials and monies.”

The university will be seeking LEED Silver Commercial Interior status upon completion of the E & F wing renovation. Points are distributed across major credit categories such as Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality.

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Celebrating National Coming Out Day
By Corrie Gray
Contributing Writer

In observance of “National Coming Out Day” (NCOD), GSU’s Gay-Straight Alliance club held an open discussion, raising awareness and providing support to gay, lesbian, and transgender members of the campus community. The event, held in Engbretson Hall on Oct. 11 was moderated by Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and chair of the Gender steering committee, Dr. Jason Zingheim.

“National Coming Out Day affirms the rights of all people to name and claim their own identities and live their lives openly and honestly,” said Dr. Zingheim.

Founded in 1988 by psychologist Robert Eichberg and openly-gay political leader John O’Leary, NCOD is an internationally observed civil awareness day celebrating individuals who publicly identify themselves as bisexual, gay, lesbian, or transgender. The October 11 date marks the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

“Having this panel is important because GSU has not had a history of such discussions. We want to let LGBT students and staff know that there are others on campus who share their experience,” said GSA’s faculty advisor, Interim Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Dr. James Howley.

The five member panel included Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies, Dr. Daniel Cortese, and GSU students Carrie Parks (Art), NaTasha Dillard (Criminal Justice), Julie Bryar (Elementary Education), and Lauren White (Communication and Training).

Each of the panelists shared his/her “coming out” story and later the group fielded questions from students and faculty in the audience.

“Auction for Cancer Awareness
By Tolupe Afolabi
Contributing Writer

October is breast cancer awareness month and GSU joins the rest of the world to raise awareness and funds for patient services with a silent auction taking place on campus from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20 in the Hall of Governors.

The Cancer Awareness Silent Auction, hosted by Vanessa Newby, Director of Student Life and Student Development, began at GSU nine years ago. Newby, who has had several family members to battle cancer, hosts the event in partnership with the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Mokena, IL. The Fallick Center provides free services to people that are cancer survivors or families who know people living with the disease.

“It is my way to give back to the community and my way to heal personally,” Newby said. “In starting this, my personal journey was that I lost my grandfather to cancer. About a year ago, I also lost my auntie to cancer, and my last living brother is a three- month survivor of cancer.”

Newby says because of her own personal experiences with the disease, the work that she does with the auction is from the heart. “I enjoy doing it...It is a healing process for me because when you go through so many traumatic experiences with so many people close to you, you are like what is going on?” she said. “This is just a way that I chose to be able to heal, and it helps me know that I’m helping someone else to deal with this process, when I didn’t have any support dealing with the death of my grandfather,” Newby added.

A wide variety of items will be included in this year’s auction ranging from a gift certificate for a massage to books and many other items large and small. Participants can view the items and write down their bids throughout the two-day auction.

“I have people donate items to me, from the Village Door in Homewood to individual students, staff and faculty,” Newby said. “It is called a silent auction because I don’t yell out the bid,” she explained.

A wide variety of donations have been made to the auction, from African attire to vases and plants. “My grandmother grows big beautiful plants for me every year for this auction in remembrance of her husband, my grandfather,” said Newby. People also donate gift certificates, books, and more. All the money raised is taken to the Fallick Center in Mokena.

To help fight the battle against cancer, take action, know your risks and what’s normal for you. Get screened and make healthy lifestyle choices by maintaining a healthy weight. To volunteer in the fight against cancer visit www.cancer.org, the web site for the American Cancer Society. More information about the Jennifer Fallick Cancer Support Center can be found online at www.cancersupportcenter.org.

For more information about GSU’s silent auction call Vanessa Newby at (708)534-4551 or via email at vnewby@govst.edu

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One of these changes may be ending the subsidies on federal loans during the six-month grace period after undergraduate students graduate. Another proposal for how to cut back on the program places more severe limitations on students eligible to receive the grant. The new changes omit students who attend college less than half time, students who are eligible for less than ten percent of the maximum grant money, and hundreds of thousands of other students.

While less restrictive than previously proposed plans, these limitations are still fairly severe. Congress is still only considering the plan. Officials encourage students to seek relief from tough tuition costs by taking a number of other steps, such as filling out the FAFSA (Federal Application for Financial Student Aid), purchasing used textbooks, or getting a part-time job.

Many Governors State students, however, already work part- or full-time jobs and are doing all they can to help pay for school. The Governors State website cites that $41.8 million dollars in financial aid is provided to students each year. Only a portion of that is from the Pell Grant, but the statistic still highlights how key financial aid is here at GSU.

Further cutbacks on federal financial aid could produce a significant effect on GSU students especially since community college students are expected to be hit hardest by the proposed plan to place extended restrictions on eligibility. Governors State receives a number of transfer students from local community colleges.

How much and in what ways the altered Pell Grant program will affect students is still being speculated.
Steve's Ghostly Movie Reviews

By Steve LaVoie

You're watching an episode of American Horror Story and realize that the line at the DMV is scarier and more exciting than the shiny snoozefest currently oozing out into your living room. So you think to yourself "Golly, I wish there was a list of three great ghost films to tell me what to watch this October." Well sir or madam, today is your lucky day because a list is sitting right in front of your face. But why does this list only contain three ghost movies? Because a list of five ghost movies would have caused the zombies to lose sleep, and those poor guys lose enough sleep as it is.

Monster House (2006)

"There is a vomiting house." If for some bizarre reason those words alone don't have you rushing to add this to your Netflix queue, then I can talk about the great animation, likable voice cast, or how it is a great film for just about any age group. Or I could discuss the vomiting house. It shows us that bitter old men in children's movies could have a heart of gold years before one of 'em decided to tie a bunch of ballons to his property. And what the hell, I'll give it bonus points for actually involving Halloween. And hey, lets not forget that vomiting house.

The Frighteners (1996)

More of a comedy than a horror film, this story about ghosts and the conman physic who uses them is a little uneven but fun. It also proves that casting Jake Busey can turn boring villain into a great campy villain. Oh gee look at me spoiling an obvious plot twist from a fifteen year old movie. I must say I do miss the good old days when ghosts were glowing people with a penchant for walking through walls instead of people with weird looking eyes.

Carnival of Souls (1962)

On this list of great horror films we shockingly enough have a pure horror film. A brilliant organ heavy score and great lead performance by Candace Hilligoss lend this movie its truly spine-chilling atmosphere. The lack of gore may seem like a turnoff for modern viewers, but it is a brilliant film that still holds up.

So their you have some great ghost movies to stave off Santa Claus until Thanksgiving. You can get these movies through various means like Netflix or by supporting your local vomiting h...err, video store.

One book

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A panel discussion of the book, which includes refreshments and will be moderated by Provost Terry Allison, will take place Tuesday Nov. 1, from 5-7pm in the cafeteria annex. Guest panelists include Sandra Gandy, JoAnne Smith, and Jason Zingsheim. Students interested in reading Persepolis can register to win one of 20 free copies of the book by simply sending an email with "Persepolis/Free book" in the subject line to lruetten@govst.edu.

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14. Claw
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20. A legislative assembly
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23. Very Important Person
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46. Copy
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48. Awestruck
49. Calculated
50. Beige
51. In order that not
52. Govern
53. In the center of
54. Bell sound
55. Border
56. Dwarf buffalo
57. Chilled
58. Swollen or inflated
59. Breathe hard
60. Backside
61. Adhere
62. Tall woody plant
63. Cashews and pecans
64. Row of shrubs

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1. Stair
2. Tibetan monk
3. Winged
4. Hard work
5. Invigorate
6. Put one's foot down
7. Tardy
8. Similar
9. Pertaining to the Earth's crust
10. A purified liquid produced by condensation
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October 27
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Ctr. Perf. Arts
Free